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Launching the Killarney Soroptimist Pancake Morning at the Killarney Avenue Hotel are Bridie Brosnan, Catherine Gleeson, Teresa Irwin, Emer Moynihan, Denis McCarthy, Manager Killarney Avenue Hotel, Anne Lucey, Kevin Purcell, Head Chef, Killarney Avenue Hotel, Doreen Brosnan, Anne Wrenn, President Killarney Soroptimist, Eileen Foley and Sheila Casey. The coffee morning takes place on Tuesday next March 4th from 10.30am. Tickets are €15 each and all proceeds go to the Kerry Hospice and Irish Kidney Association.









A Note from the DITOR



With Pancake Tuesday taking place next week, the Soroptimist Club are holding their annual fundraiser in the Killarney Avenue Hotel in aid of the Kerry Hospice and the Irish Kidney Association, a remembrance walk/run is taking place in memory of Mary B. Walsh and Ballyfinnane students are enjoying the joy of reading. Killarney has been officially recognised as an autism-friendly destination, a fundraising guiz is taking place in Glenflesk and students at St. Oliver's NS are celebrating a National Film Award.

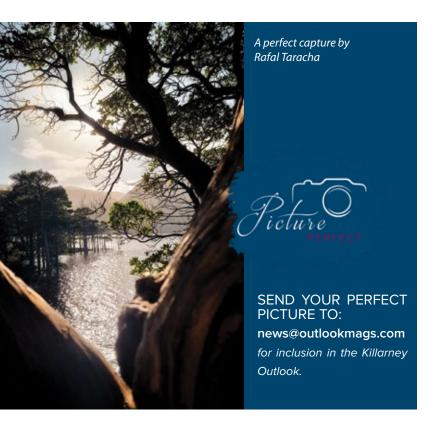
Killarney mourned the passing of a true GAA legend as Johnny Culloty was laid to rest, high flying students have big plans for the future and the Lions Club are getting ready to scrap.

There was great news at Killarney Celtic with funding secured under an Erasmus+ Youth Mobility Scheme, Michael Flatley has been honoured at the IHF Conference and a €2,274,988 Lottery win was celebrated at Keane's Supervalu, Killorglin.

Sarah Leahy has powered to glory, claiming the National Irish 60m indoor title, Kerry Ladies were in action winning their away game, while the men also claimed victory in National League.

All this and so much more in this week's Killarney Outlook!

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WALK/RUN TO REMEMBER MARY B

he family of the late Mary B Walsh are holding a Memorial and Birthday Remembrance event to raise funds for the Irish Road Victim's Association (IRVA).

This week they gathered at the Castlerosse Hotel where the walk will begin to launch the event.

Mary died in a road traffic accident on the 4th January 2024.

"We want to remember Mary on what would be her 54th Birthday on the 9th of March with a 5k Run & Walk" Mary B's sister in law, Mary O'Riordan told Killarney Outlook.

The walk will start at the Castlerosse Hotel at 11am on Sunday 9th March and Registration will open at 10am on the morning.

Adults: €10 and a family will cost €20

If you would like to donate to the memorial, you can do so by scanning the QR Code below.





Bringing the Joy of Reading to Ballyfinane National School

Ballyfinane National School, Firies, has been awarded the prestigious Robert Dunbar Memorial Library Award and will now take part in Children's Books Ireland's 2025 Every Child a Reader programme. As part of this initiative, children's author, illustrator, and Art Psychotherapist Dr. Katie O'Donoghue has been named the school's Champion of Reading, helping to inspire a love of books among students and foster a lasting reading culture.

The programme kicks off with a library launch, during which Ballyfinane NS will receive a diverse collection of 300 books. These carefully selected titles will offer something for every child—reflecting their own experiences while also opening windows to different cultures and perspectives. The school will also receive classroom resources and access to expert-led webinars to help teachers make the most of their new library.

Winning the Robert Dunbar Memorial Library Award is a significant milestone for Ballyfinane NS, recognizing the school's commitment to fostering literacy and access to quality books. Through this programme, the school community—including students, teachers,

and families—will be encouraged to embrace reading as a joyful and enriching experience. As Champion of Reading, Dr. O'Donoghue will engage students through creative workshops, discussions, and storytelling, drawing on her expertise to ignite a passion for literature. Beyond sharing her own work, she will work closely with school staff to build a sustainable reading culture that lasts well beyond the programme's duration.

Children's Books Ireland will measure the

impact of the project, focusing on increased student engagement with reading, greater confidence among teachers in using books in the classroom, and stronger involvement from the wider school community—including parents, guardians, and local supporters.

Running from January to November 2025, the Every Child a Reader project promises to leave a lasting legacy at Ballyfinane NS, ensuring that every student has the opportunity, access, and encouragement to become a lifelong reader.



Dr. Katie O'Donoghue pictured with students at Ballyfinnane National School.

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AUTISM FRIENDLY KILLARNEY

WINS COVETED AWARD

illarney has become one of only three towns in the country to be officially recognised as an autism-friendly destination.

Delighted members of the Killarney Autism Friendly Committee received the prestigious award at a ceremony in the Mansion House in Dublin at the weekend and the accolade marks a significant milestone in the town's ongoing efforts to foster inclusivity and support for the autism community.

The committee, established last year and spearheaded by Kevin Leahy, has worked tirelessly to implement autism-friendly initiatives throughout the town.

With the guidance of AsIAm, the national autism-friendly body, the committee has made remarkable progress in integrating best practices into daily life.

While the initiative is still in its early stages, Killarney has already achieved significant milestones with more than 30 local businesses embracing autism-friendly practices, ensuring greater accessibility and understanding for individuals with autism.

Additionally, the committee has been instrumental in creating sensory-friendly areas at all of Killarney's festivals and local events, providing welcoming spaces for those who may experience certain sensitivities.

A key component of Killarney's autism-friendly journey has been the organisation of specialised training for local businesses and organisations, equipping them with the knowledge and tools to better serve autistic individuals and their families.

The committee is also actively working on an inclusive playground project, further enhancing accessibility and support for children on the autism spectrum.

"This award is a massive achievement for Killarney and we are incredibly proud of the progress we have made in just one year," said Jessica O'Connor, chair of the Killarney Autism Friendly Committee.

"Our journey is far from over but this recognition is testament to the dedication of our entire community in making Killarney a welcoming and inclusive place for everyone."

The award underscores Killarney's commitment to fostering an environment where autistic and neurodiverse individuals and their families can thrive.

The committee remains dedicated to expanding its efforts, continuing to collaborate with businesses, schools and local organisations to further enhance autism-friendly initiatives in the town.

Clonakilty in Co Cork and Maynooth in Co Kildare are the other towns designated autism friendly.



Killarney Autism Friendly Committee members Kevin Leahy, Louise Byrne, Emilia Rypalska, Caroline Neenan and Matthew Aber receive the award from Adam Harris and representatives of the AslAm organisation.



Emilia Rypalska of the Killarney Autism Friendly Committee received the award from AsIAm CEO Adam Harris.

John Heal

NEW LEGISLATION WILL REQUIRE MOTORISTS TO PROVIDE DRIVER NUMBER WHEN TAKING OUT MOTOR INSURANCE

From March 31 st this year new rules will require all insured drivers to provide their driver number before cover can be confirmed. This data forms part of the Road Traffic Acts

2023 and will assist Gardaí at the roadside and ultimately reduce uninsured driving in the state.

The data will be collected by insurers and brokers and will be validated and verified before cover can be confirmed. The data will be transferred to the Irish Motor Insurance Database (IMID)

This is an important development from a road safety perspective as the key aim of the IMID database is to remove uninsured drivers from Irish roads. An Garda Síochána have access to the Irish Motor Insurance Database through their Mobility Devices, and can currently detect drivers operating without insurance on Irish roads.

Speaking about this development, An Garda Síochána Assistant Commissioner - Roads Policing and Community Engagement Paula Hilman said: "For Gardaí, having access to the Irish Motor Insurance Database on their Garda Mobility Devices puts them in a stronger position to detect those breaking the law by driving without insurance. The

additional feature of having a person's Driver Number data available to Gardaí through the Irish Motor Insurance database will further strengthen our ability to keep road users safe. This new development underscores the considerable progress that is being achieved when we improve the technology available to members of An Garda Síochána, when we work in partnership with stakeholders and share data."

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Fundraising Quiz Night at Kerry Way Pub

he Glenflesk Community Defibrillator Group are excited to announce a fundraising quiz night taking place at the Kerry Way pub on Friday, 28th February at 8:00pm. The purpose of this fundraiser is to raise essential funds for the maintenance of the seven life-saving defibrillators in Glenflesk, Knockanes,, Clonkeen and Raheen areas and to resource the local community first aider groups with the necessary equipment.

The quiz master for the evening will be none other than Radio Kerry's Brendan Fuller. Attendees can look forward to a night filled with fun, spot prizes, and a raffle. A team of four can participate for €40, with registration starting at 7:30pm.

Speaking about the event, Padraig Sullivan, committee member and Killarney First Responder, emphasized the importance of the fundraiser:

"The funds are needed to go towards the upkeep of these defibrillators. Defibrillators are crucial to increase the chances of survival of a patient during a cardiac arrest emergency and maintaining them is vital for our community's safety."

Additionally, there will be an opportunity on the night to sign up for free CPR and AED training, further empowering the community with life-saving skills. Anyone interest in this training please email glenfleskmeitheal@gmail.com

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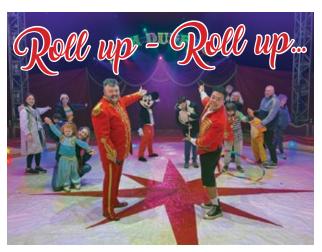
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Glenflesk Community Defibrillator Group committee members, along with members of the Killarney First Responders, unveiling one of the newest public AED units installed in Glenflesk Parish by the Community Defibrillator Group"



Pictured at the 'Night with the Retirement Specialists' evening in the Dromhall Hotel on last Monday hosted by Gallivan Financial & Standard Life were from left to right standing, Darren McGarry - Regional Manager Standard Life, Olive Kingston | Business Manager Standard Life, Fergal Smith – Managing Director Gallivan Financial, Dee White | Marketing Specialist Standard Life, Vincent Casey – Retirement Specialist Gallivan Financial. Seated Sonya Lennon – Retirement Specialist Mentor and Brian Mooney - Retirement Specialist Mentor



David Duffy, Duffy's Circus, left, and Maycon the clown, were on hand in Killarney, this week to help promote 'Ablefest' - along with children from St Francis Special School, Beaufort, Volunteer, Stella Maloney and Fiona Carroll, St. Francis Special School. The new addition will take place on March 16, from 12pm to 4pm, at this year's Festival Hub, located at Beech Road car-park. Ablefest promises a day of music, creativity, and entertainment, where everyone can fully participate and enjoy. An all-inclusive music and arts festival, designed for people with additional needs, their families, and friends which will form a key part of this year's St Patrick's Festival this year.



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illarney woman Kate O'Connell has been honoured at Irish Cancer Society Research Awards for project that developed nurse-led clinic for women postcancer treatment.

She is one of the people who are involved in ground-breaking research projects around the country who were honoured at the Irish Cancer Society Research Awards on Thursday, February 20th at Irish Cancer Society Head Office in Ballsbridge, Dublin.

In 2024 alone, the Irish Cancer Society funded over 25 new research projects and over 180 cancer researchers across the country.

The event, hosted by the Irish Cancer Society's Head of Research, Dr Claire Kilty, celebrates some of the amazing work in cancer research being carried out by nominees around Ireland, funded by the Irish Cancer Society.

Among those to claim top honours was Kate O'Connell, as part of a team of researchers

HONOUR FOR KILLARNEY RESEARCHER

KATE O'CONNELL

from University College Cork who scooped the Survivorship Project of the Year Award. The project by Kate O'Connell, Prof Josephine Hegarty, and Prof Roisin Connolly, was developed as part of the Women's Health Initiative. Called 'Linking You to Support and Advice' (LYSA), the project looked at the feasibility of introducing a clinic for women post-cancer treatment into routine care at two Irish cancer centres.

One of the clinics featured was nurse-led and also featured input from a dietitian, while the second clinic consist of the usual medicalled follow-up provided after completing cancer treatment. Over a 12-month period, the researchers surveyed the women in both clinics and found there were less conditions like fatigue, depression and anxiety among women attending the nurse-led group. However, the researchers noted that a larger study would need to be carried out to confirm if that was as a direct result of the nurse-led survivorship clinic.

Welcoming her Survivorship Project of the Year Award as part of the LYSA team, Kate O'Connell, originally from Killarney and now based in Cork, and who works in Cork University Hospital (CUH) as the Women's Health Initiative Clinical Nurse Specialist said: "I am delighted that the LYSA team has been recognised for the hard

work and perseverance that we gave to this survivorship project. I believe it is a project that has had a massive rippling effect locally and nationally.

"It has had an enormous clinical significance and impact on the participants and now the women I see as part of my role. It was the first academic study of its kind in the CUH/UCC Cancer Centre. The patient voice was crucial throughout and shaped this study, making it more meaningful and impactful. I am honoured to be a member of the LYSA award-winning team."

Congratulating the winners, Irish Cancer Society Head of Research Dr Claire Kilty said: "Cancer research in Ireland has a huge impact on the lives of people affected by cancer. It is a driving force in improving not only treatments and outcomes, but in quality of life beyond cancer. It was fantastic to get an appreciation of the amazing cancer research projects currently happening right across the country.

"We are proud to be the largest voluntary funded of cancer research in Ireland. However, none of the vital research we fund would be possible without the support of the public, especially on days like Daffodil Day. We would encourage everyone to please get out there and support Daffodil Day in whatever way you can on March 28th."

Lights, Camera, Action....

ST. OLIVER'S CELEBRATE NATIONAL FILM AWARD

St. Oliver's Christmas video of 2023, called 'The Old Bike' has won a National FÍS Award for Outstanding Achievement in Filmmaking recently. Students Dara, Rian, Derek, Ava and Ellie starred in a moving short film about student's looking after one another. They travelled to the Helix Theatre in Dublin as nominees and were delighted to receive the award for 'Best Story'. The video also featured an original song penned by teacher and director Noel O' Sullivan, which was performed by teacher Sinéad Flynn and school principal Colm Ó Súilleabháin. The video was filmed and produced by Oisín O' Connor, while the story was created by Elaine Price, Noel O' Sullivan and Oisín O' Connor.

"It was a great day out for everyone and the students (and adults) felt like movie stars travelling to the Big Smoke for an awards ceremony! The award was brought to our attention by our good friend Catherine Mangan who is a Killarney woman and a specialist in Digital Learning", Noel O'Sullivan told Killarney Outlook.







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Anne Lucey looks at the positive news happening in Killarney

A "NEW LOOK" FOR KILLARNEY **TOWN CENTRE BADLY NEEDED**

The New Look closure in Deerpark is a sad: yards. The good loss in a town that badly needs new shops. There is an ongoing saga with New Look and how badly handled the closure has been with people with vouchers being left high and dry.

The cynic in me whispers they harvested a lot in Christmas vouchers all over Ireland and the UK before shutting shop!

The queues outside New Look on Sunday had to be seen to be believed. Staff were always more than helpful and the Killarney shop was welcoming and well managed. But that matters little when the owners are part of an overseas chain.

It reminds us of the volatility of the retail sector - and the need for more home-grown shops in Killarney.

Killarney town centre, alas, seems devoid now of variety. It is not looking good. Souvenir shops, betting and vape shops make up too much of the retail centre and there are not enough cafes and ordinary services like cobblers, people say.

The Covid provisions - cafe seats in parking spaces, bollards everywhere - are scattered around still. The road surfaces not least in the Muckross Road, are embarrassing.

Of course we must look at the stars, but we must also glance at the gutters, is my view. Take the new plaza at Kenmare Place out, Killarney is far from picture postcard pretty. This is not just my opinion. Citizens concerned about their town are giving out

news is there are plans being drawn for every street - but they have yet to be brought to the Niall O'Callaghan councillors. These



are not before time and Niall O'Callaghan says "there has to be more openness" about plans for Killarney that concern the people of Killarney. Councilors are kept in the dark until it is a fait accompli, Niall says.

By the way, that suggestion last week for a notice board for Killarney is growing legs. Niall thinks there should be an old style physical notice board, outside the Town Hall where the map is, along with the digital to tell people about activities like card games and charity runs and draw the town together. We have been over reliant on social media and social media is fragmented now.

THEATRE CAN'T BE TOO SMALL

There was unanimous backing for planning for the redevelopment of Aras Phádraig last Friday. The theatre and other works will form part of a 22 million Euro redevelopment to include a primary care centre.

The Aras was donated by the friars in 2009. The new three-storey theatre, with public plaza and community building can be built in advance of the accompanying six-storey primary care centre - which we all want to see situated at St Finan's.

Work is expected to start on the theatre in about six months.

The grant funding was tied to the HSE's preference for the Lewis Road site for primary care centre, councillors were told.

At long last Killarney which had a great tradition of drama and the arts would have a small theatre Councillor Marie Molonev said, while Mayor Maura Healy-Rae, said it was "nonsense" to suggest the only site for the primary care was Lewis Road when it emerged St Finan's was to be used temporarily for primary care.

But a real question hangs over the theatre and this is about the number of seats necessary to make it viable. Its design is for 230 seats. Tim O'Shea musician and formerly of the Killarney Arts Co-op made a key submission. He and Dolores Lyne, a theatre professional, are suggesting amendments.

Tim said Killarney lacked a small arts venue "for far too long". The proposal would have to be state-of-the -art with the highest modern standards of lighting and acoustics to enable it to meet Arts Council funding criteria - the key to getting performances. It also has to seat 300.

Meetings are taking place with town engineers on the redesign and this column is keeping an eye. If it is to be done, it has to be done right.

We are all too aware how the maple floored town centre town hall theatre with its fine stage, acoustics used for dances and shows and elections was sold off in the 1980s. The town is still haunted by that decision.

AT LONG LAST AN INTERPRETIVE CENTRE FOR THE PARK

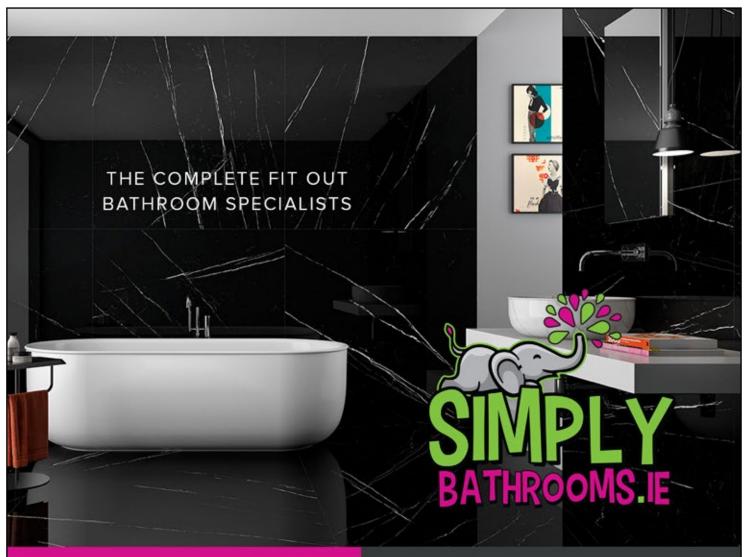
Killarney National Park may finally get an interpretive centre with grand plans for the Knockreer and Killarney House zone. (Each area now of the park is in zones). Killarney House, the seat of the Kenmares built in the 1870s was burnt down in 1913 and never rebuilt, was the grandest big house in the whole of Ireland. You can see remnants of it still in the Italianate gardens. The good news is these are to be recreated. Not in full, but somewhat. The Kenmares they were good to Killarney and much more involved than the more aloof Herberts out in Muckross - moved to Killarney House and then Beatrice Grosvenor whom I knew moved back up the hill and built Knockreer.

Around a half a million euro is to be invested in Knockreer to turn it into the interpretive center for the park that we have long called for. Around half the money is from the Historical Buildings Fund. Meanwhile the replanting of the oak forest only cut down in the 1970s is already taking place, Eamonn Meskell divisional manager said. The spot near the Deenagh alongside Ballydowney would have been ideal as a dog park, a lot of people, including myself, felt. But the oaks are already going in as part of the zone's restoration. I can see the argument. The photographs from the early 20th century show the extent of the forest. Like the town hall ballroom sold when the public finances in Killarney were broke, the forest was cut down as the Kenmares needed the few bob. That was the 1970s and 1980s. Not so long ago.

Meanwhile, perhaps there is another acre or so site nearby that could be used for the dog run? We'll keep barking.



Original woodland from Killarney House and Knockreer which existed up to the 1970s where the football pitch now is along Port Road. Area near Ballydowney now being replanted.



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Killarney Innovation Centre

Advances Plans for New Build Project

The Killarney Innovation Centre (KIC) has taken a significant step forward in its expansion plans, hosting a key meeting with elected representatives to discuss its muchanticipated new build project.

Present at the meeting were KIC Chairperson Mr. Sean Counihan and board members Mr Bill Thorne, Ms. Caitriona Roberts and Mr. Michael Coughlan. Also in attendance were Minister Michael Healy- Rae, Deputy Danny Healy-Rae, Deputy Pa Daly, and Councillor Anne O'Sullivan, who represented Minister for Education Norma Foley.

Discussions were focused on the critical role KIC plays in supporting the local business ecosystem by providing high-quality workspaces and business supports that contribute to sustainable employment in the region. With increasing demand from entrepreneurs, SMEs, and larger companies seeking second-site locations, the need for modern, adaptable office space with high level supports in Killarney and the greater Kerry has never been greater.

KIC Chairperson Sean Counihan emphasised the importance of the new build project in addressing this demand. "The requirement for high-quality, flexible office space with integrated business supports continues to grow, and this project is crucial in ensuring that Killarney remains a hub for innovation and enterprise," he stated.

Conor O'Leary, KIC Centre Coordinator, also highlighted the significance of the project, saying, "Killarney has a strong reputation as a world-class destination, and we need to ensure that our infrastructure matches this standard for businesses looking to establish and expand here. This new development will provide the space and support necessary to drive innovation, investment, and job creation in the region."

The Killarney Innovation Centre remains committed to working alongside government representatives and key stakeholders to advance this project, ensuring that local businesses have the resources they need to thrive.



From L to R: Ms Caitriona Roberts, Deputy Danny Healy-Rae, Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine Michael Healy-Rae, Mr Sean Counihan, Mr Bill Thorne, Councillor Anne O Sullivan, Mr Michael



Pa Daly, TD with Sean Counihan



Centre manager Conor O'Leary





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Ryan Giggs & Paul Scholes are two of the most iconic players ever to play for Manchester United, in an exclusive evening like no other they will be appearing at the Gleneagle

An Evening with Ryan Giggs & Paul Scholes

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final remains iconic.

Paul Scholes was the heartbeat of United's midfield, renowned for his pinpoint passing, vision, and spectacular long-range goals. A key player in the Treble-winning squad, he played a vital role in securing multiple league and European titles.

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Sadness at the passing of a GAA Legend

KILLARNEY MOURNS THE LATE JOHNNY CULLOTY

here was a palpable air of sadness in Killarney this week when the news broke that popular local man, Johnny Culloty had passed away.

Known throughout the GAA scene in the County and beyond, playing for his County and his own Club Killarney Legion, Johnny passed away peacefully surrounded by his family.

Killarney Legion PRO, Enda Walsh, on behalf of the club, paid tribute to Johnny in a statement which said that they were saddened to hear of the passing of Johnny Culloty. A current Club Vice President, he held the position of President and took pride in passing on the honour to neighbours the late Weeshie Fogarty and Tommy Regan thereafter . And while that honour fell to Johnny in later years it was his lifelong achievements that made him stand out as arguably the town's greatest achiever in the colours of Kerry.

He won five All Ireland Senior Football championship medals and was the winning captain for Kerry 21st triumph in 1969. He was part of a Kerry team that won eight Munster titles in a row from 1958 to 1965 and added four more in the years outside that to bring his total to 12.

Although he won the majority of his medals as a goalkeeper it was in the forwards that Johnny initially made his name playing in the 1954 All Ireland minor final alongside Tom Long and the great poet Brendan Kennelly . A call up soon followed to the senior team in 1955 , which culminated in a surprise win for the Kingdom with Johnny praised for his performance in the full forward line .

A serious knee injury the following year saw him make the transition to goalkeeper and he got his chance when Marcus O Neill (once of Killarney Legion) was unavailable. He would make a few outfield appearances thereafter but the move to between the posts became permanent from 1958 onwards . His haul of five medals would surely have been greater were it not for the emergence of the Down team of 1960/61 and the great Galway team of 1964/65/66.

Winning four County Championships with East Kerry opened the door for Johnny to captain



Photo: Donie Whitty O'Sullivan, Moments In Time

Kerry, a huge honour in 1969. The year finished on the steps of the Hogan Stand after beating Offaly in the final, the first Killarney Legion man to bring the Sam Maguire to Beautys Home. The following year Johnny collected his fifth medal defeating Meath in the final. He also accumulated five National league titles in that time

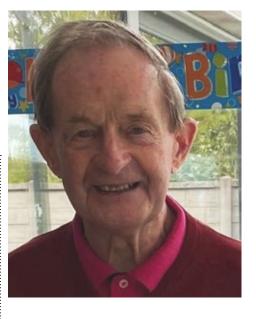
Johnny did not confine his inter-county talents to Gaelic Football . He won National Hurling league titles with Kerry and an All Ireland Junior Medal in 1961. with the late great Mick Mackey once speaking glowingly of the goalkeeper's talent. At club level, with Killarney and St Pats, he won one Senior County Hurling Championship, three Minor championships and four Intermediate championships.

When his playing career finished he took to management, managing Kerry to three national League titles and one Munster Championship, before handing the reins over to Mick O Dwyer. He would later return as a selector under Jack O Connor in the mid 2000s helping the Kingdom annex another two All Irelands and two National Leagues.

An all round sportsman who could put his hand to any game Johnny was also a part of the Busby Babes, the Killarney basketball team who won numerous town leagues and championships, peaking in 1967 when they won the Senior County Championship. Playing alongside his great friends and neighbours Weeshie Fogarty and Tadghie Fleming they went on to represent the county and defeat the famed Neptune in the Munster Championship. A keen golfer and cyclist he rarely rested and upto the winter of this year was a regular user of the Club Gym.

And while all his achievements at National level are well documented it would be incalculable to even attempt to measure his influence within Killarney Legion. This writer remembers a period when the club U14 boys team won 7 East Kerry titles in a row in the 1980s, all coached by Johnny. At the time the juvenile players may not have been aware of the enormity of their coaches reputation throughout the country and Johnny certainly didn't broadcast it either, given his modest and unassuming manner. But what he did pass on was his huge understanding of the game and his astuteness always stood out.

He was an ever present every day in the club grounds in Direen and was always on hand to lend advice to any player or coach. He was involved in numerous teams all his Legion life and served as Club chairman too. In later years he was a driving force, alongside his partner in crime Pat Healy, in the clubs Development Committee, and the current facilities are the fruits of the work Johnny and his cohorts put in



A genius on the field and a gentleman off it

Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce has expressed its condolences to the family, friends and club mates of the late Johnny Culloty, a true GAA legend and one of the greatest sportsmen the town has ever known. Johnny was immensely proud of Killarney and its people and he contributed in no small manner to the development and encouragement of young players, anxious to learn the skills of the game, inspiring many of them to go on to represent their clubs and families at a county level.

Chamber said the Culloty family is well-respected in the commercial life of Killarney with sons, Donal and Seanie, both running their own successful businesses in the town centre.

"Everybody of a certain vintage will know all about Johnny Culloty's prowess as a footballer, a hurler, a basketball player, a rower in regattas and as a golfer. No doubt, those that are still too young, will read all about him in the sporting annals in the years to come".

"He was undoubtedly one of the greatest sportspeople this town has ever produced and we don't see his likes too often," Chamber stated.

"Many tributes have been paid to Johnny since his passing and it is clear that he will be remembered as a true genius on the field and a pure gentleman off it".

The business representative organisation expressed sympathies to Johnny's wife, Joan, sons Donal and Seanie, daughters Brid and Orla, his in-laws, grandchildren, relatives, his friends in Killarney Legion and his many friends. Beloved husband of Joan and much loved father of Brid, Donal, Orla, Seán and the late baby Marie. Sadly missed and dearly loved by his family, son-in-law Kevin Griffin, daughtersin-law Lynda and Anne, his grandchildren Bryan, Kyle, Emma, Conor, Ana, Evie, Lauren, Matthew, Jack, Fionn and Cillian, his sister Joan Cronin, brother-in-law Noel, niece Siobhán, nephews Pat, John Mark, relatives, neighbours, his many friends and his beloved Legion GAA Club. Predeceased by his brother Michael.

Following Requiem Mass on Thursday morning at 10.30am Johnny Culloty was laid to rest in Aghadoe Lawn Cemetery.







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Pre-accredited humanistic integrative therapist Carole Moran has opened her own Counselling/Psychotherapy in recent weeks.

Carole, from Killarney has an honours degree in Counselling and Psychotherapy from Cork Counselling Services, validated by Coventry University.

"I work under the ethical framework of the IACP, of which I am a member. My training was blended, balancing theory with practical experience. I have experience working with trauma, grief, depression, anxiety, low self-esteem and relationship issues", Carole told Killarney Outlook.

"People seek psychotherapy and counselling for different reasons. Maybe for you, it's a time of crisis, change or you're feeling stuck, unfulfilled or overwhelmed. You may feel life is out of kilter. Or you might be carrying

something a long time and now feel ready to talk to someone about it. Taking that first step can be daunting and takes courage", she added.

Ernest Hemingway once said "In our darkest moments, we don't need advice", I believe what we need is the power of human connection and a reminder that you are not alone.

Carole offers a safe, confidential, non-judgmental space where you as the expert of yourself can explore your difficulties. "I will, with compassion and respect, support you to gain awareness and understanding of your needs", Carole said.

If you would like to inquire more you can call Carole on 087 9471336 or email – carole.moran@icloud.com for a free 15 minute consultation -

Carole's private practice is located at unit 10, 4 Park Business Centre, Farranfore, Co. Kerry V93F862.



UPCOMING TALKAT KILLARNEY LIBRARY

A talk on an Introduction to Landscape Astrophotography in association with Irish Astronomy Week will take place in Killarney Library.

The speaker on the night will be Goran Loncar, originally from Croatia. Goran is a landscape photographer who aims to capture the beauty of our planet through the lens.

The talk will take place on Thursday 6th March at 7pm at Killarney Library.

More information on Goran's work can be seen at: https://www.loncarphotography.com/

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Minister Foley confirms that KEY RESPITE CENTRE IN KERRY WILL RE-OPEN NEXT MONTH

Minister for Children, Disability and Equality and Kerry T.D Norma Foley has confirmed that a key respite centre in the county will reopen next

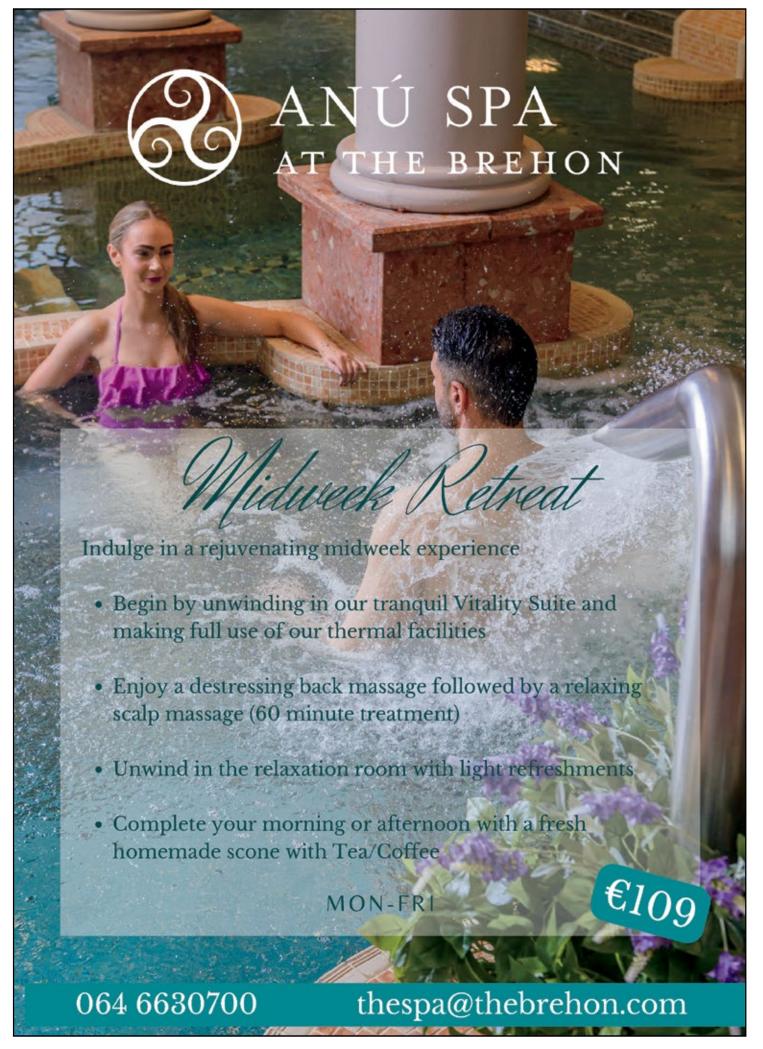
The Cois na Féile respite centre in Kilmorna was closed in February last year when Kerry Parents' and Friends' Association (KPFA) transferred the centre to the HSE due to staffing issues.

Minister Foley said that she had received confirmation from the HSE that the respite centre would reopen next month.

"I know the provision of respite is a vital resource for families and the absence of this service in the Cois na Féile respite centre in Kilmorna over the past year has been a source of both disappointment and distress

for everyone. I am pleased to confirm that a contract for restoration of respite will commence by the end of March. I have worked closely with HSE on this issue and I want to acknowledge their support in resolving the matter."

The HSE is commissioning a new service provider to deliver the respite services that had previously been provided in Cois na Féile Respite Service. The HSE procurement service is now notifying the service provider of the successful outcome of the tendering process. The HSE has confirmed to the minister it is confident that the restoration of respite will commence by the end of March. Further details will be confirmed once the contract for services has been formally awarded.



LIONS Ready to Scrap

Killarney Lions Club will be running a scrap metal collection in partnership with KWD Recycling on Saturday, 8th March, at Killarney Racecourse.

Money raised through recycling the metal will go towards improving facilities for families attending the children's cancer unit in Cork University Hospital.

The Club is asking people to bring non-ferrous scrap metals such as aluminium, copper, brass, zinc and stainless steel (no white goods such as fridges/cookers washing machines). Volunteers will be on hand to take donations of scrap from 9am until 4pm, as part of an overall fundraising drive being coordinated by Lions Clubs all over Munster.

"Children with cancer and their families face a tough journey and should have the best of facilities to help them get through it all" said Jason Higgins, President of Killarney Lions Club.

"Through other Lions Clubs in Munster we heard about the need to improve facilities at CUH, and we were delighted when KWD Recycling agreed to help us raise funds towards this cause. If anyone who has scrap metal lying around at home or on the farm or work could bring it to the Racecourse on the day we'd really appreciate it"

Tadhg Healy, Sales Manager at KWD Recycling added that "High quality scrap metal can be valuable, and it's better to see it recycled than going

to waste. We're looking forward to seeing what people might be able to donate on the day and helping to raise vital funds for care of children with cancer in collaboration with the Lions Club".



Tadhg Healy, Sales Manager at KWD with Jason Higgins, President, Killarney Lions Club and Paul Keating, Killarney Lions Club





HIGH FLYING ROCKET SCIENTISTS

HAVE BIG PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

A group of enterprising Engineering Students in UCC have spent the last twelve months organising a elite group of members to set up an Engineering Group within the college with the plan to design, build and launch rockets! One of the driving forces behind the group is Leo Healy from Listry.

Speaking to Killarney Outlook this week, Leo, the son of Bridget Gleeson Healy and Liam Healy said that they now have about 20 members from disciplines such as Engineering, Physics, and Computer Science.

"We started designing our launch vehicle, named Icarus, in late April. We got lots of help from the Irish Rocketry Society, other rocketry teams such as the ones in UL and Queens, and the UCC School of Engineering, who are currently providing all our funding", Leo said,

The actual build process didn't take very long, I'd say just about a month, and we were lucky enough that the owners of Curraghmore Estate gave us permission to launch on their land. The launch was pretty much a perfect success, other than the fact it landed in a tree, but there isn't really much you can do about that", Leo said and thankfully the rocket itself was recovered essentially unscathed.

Since then we have been full steam ahead with launch vehicles for both the Irish Intervarsity Rocketry Competition in Roscommon and the Mach-25 Rocketry Competition near Glasgow in Scotland.

Leo, who is a second year electrical engineering is joined as Project Lead by Darren Moynihan, who is from Macroom and is in 2nd year Physics and Michael Moynihan, from Farranfore, who is in 3rd year Maths and Physics.

The students have all agreed among themselves that if there was an option to study Aerospace engineering in UCC, they would have picked that course, such is their passion for it.

"We learn an awful lot from our courses that is very applicable to both this work and other thigs we might do in our careers", Leo said. The boys current gameplan after college is to hopefully do a masters in Aerospace Engineering somewhere in Europe and start their careers in the aerospace industry.

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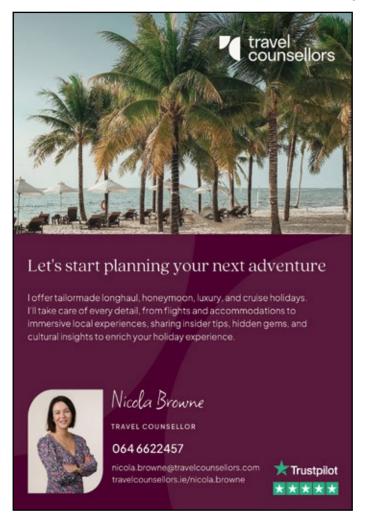


Mamour AI THE TY BALL

The Killarney, ISK, Milltown & Kenmare TY Ball took place on Thursday 20th February in Ballyroe Heights Hotel with over 350 students attending.

There was a 3 course meal, ballons arch, awards ceremony, a photobooth and a DJ and the students had a great night. The event was organised by "DebsGuru.ie





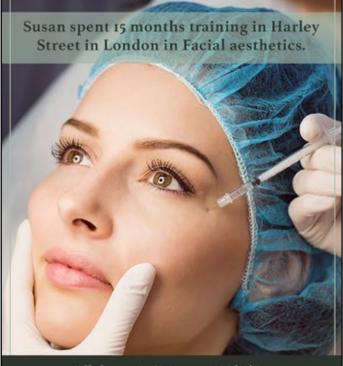




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Erasmus+ funding boosts Celtic's Italian links

Reigning Kerry league and cup senior title holders Killarney Celtic FC have secured very significant funding for an exchange programme under the Erasmus+ Youth Mobility Scheme provided through Léargas.

It will enable members of the club to travel to Verrès, in the Italian Alpine province of Aosta, for the second time in three years, with the Italians having brought medieval pageantry to Killarney for last year's St Patrick's Day.

The 2025 exchange will strengthen the connections between the two towns and, on this occasion, the project is a youth mobility exchange established between Killarney Celtic and Verrès college ISILTEP.

An action-packed programme of cultural, social and physical activities will be organised for the Italian youths and the visitors, drawn from six Killarney Celtic teams at Under 13 and Under 16 levels.

The project was launched at Celtic Park this week with Ireland South MEP, Seán Kelly, joining club executive members and coaches to welcome the Erarmus+ funding.

Léargas manages international and national exchange programmes in education, youth and community work and vocational education and training and the value of the funding secured by Killarney Celtic-Verrès project is in of the order of €50.000.

This will be the first time an Irish sports club has availed of Youth Mobility Erasmus+ funding and the trip will see 30 Killarney Celtic children, group leaders and accompanying adults travel to Italy, via Switzerland, during the first week of the Easter holidays.

The exciting programme is being planned with great cooperation from Mayor of Verrès, Alessandro Giovenzi, and a group of Italian organisers, including local soccer club ASD River Plaine Evançon, working alongside Celtic executive members and coaches.

Killarney Celtic FC Chairman, Philip O'Callaghan, remarked: "We are extremely grateful to the Irish national agency Léargas for the opportunities it has provided to our club to apply for this funding strand, making this exchange a really exciting prospect".

MEP Seán Kelly said he is delighted to see his hometown involved in an Erasmus+ mobility



MEP Seán Kelly in Celtic Park, Killarney for the confirmation of Erasmus+ funding for Killarney Celtic FC with, Philip O'Callaghan, club chairman, project committee members Brian Looney, Paul Sherry and Davide Mosca (right) and flying the Killarney Celtic flag are young club members Mark Looney, Elisa Mosca and Kitty O'Callaghan. *Picture: Tatyana McGough*

activity.

"I'd encourage other clubs and youth organisations in Kerry to follow the Killarney Celtic project closely with a view to establishing Erasmus opportunities of their own," he said.

A small group of Killarney Celtic officials will travel to Verrès in early March as part of a preparatory visit to put the final logistical arrangements in place for what promises to be the trip of a lifetime for the boys and girls involved.

ISILTEP Principal, Antonella Dallou, is looking forward to more learning and partnerships for formal and informal learning with Killarney: "It is great to partner with Killarney town and Killarney Celtic in this Erasmus+ project and we hope it leads to many more opportunities for the youth in both our communities to learn from each other and to work out how they can

tackle common problems and advance common opportunities".

Verrès native but long-time Killarney resident and Celtic FC coach, Davide Mosca, said he hopes the Erasmus project will continue to strengthen the



Davide Mosca

links between his native Aosta Valley and Killarney.

"There is so much benefit for both communities from making this relationship endure," he remarked.

Killarney Celtic's U16A boys' coach, Brian Looney, has expertly guided the club through the Erasmus+ application process and securing funding.

"The project represents a great opportunity for our young people to have life-enhancing experiences. Erasmus+ is a great programme and full credit to people like MEP Seán Kelly who saw that Erasmus had potential beyond formal education," he said.

"Although the application process can seem difficult, the training we got from Léargas was of huge value in building a funded project and we appreciate their encouragement," Mr Looney added.



Philip O'Callaghan, Club Chairman.



Committee member Brian Looney

Cruinniú na nÓg 2025 -

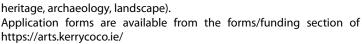
Open Call for Proposals for young people's creative activities in Kerry

Creative Ireland Kerry is pleased to announce a call for proposals for Cruinniú na nÓg 2025. This open call is for events and activities that take place across Kerry as part of Cruinniú na nÓg, the national day of free creativity for children and young people, Saturday 7th June 2025. Applications can also be accepted for a series of events in the lead up to Cruinniú na nÓg. This programme is funded by Creative Ireland and supported by Kerry County Council. 'On this day the nation celebrates creativity of children & young people. Events are for all ages to enjoy', stated Kate Kennelly, Creative Ireland Kerry Coordinator.

Last year, more than 1,200 children and young people participated in Cruinniú nan Óg, and over 60 creative practitioners were supported.

We are inviting applications from artists, creative practitioners,

professional bodies, cultural organisations and community organisations. The facilitators should have the capacity to devise, facilitate and deliver creative content and activities for children and young people in any medium (examples include performance, street art, fashion, photography, digital arts, literature, architecture, coding, biodiversity, folk life, heritage, archaeology, landscape).



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Shining Star A Chat with Leading Lady Lily

rom Rehearsals to a Revolution, Lily MacMonagle Shannon gives us an insight into the exciting journey she finds herself on as she prepares for her role of Eva Peron in Killarney Musical Society's upcoming staging of Evita in the Gleneagle INEC Arena, March 11th., 12th. & 13th.

Here Lily's enthusiasm for her role is clearly evident and we hope you find her truthful, heartfelt and personal answers a lovely read.

Q. Lily what's the first thing you do to get into the character of Eva Peron ?

A. As Eva's songs are so intense it is vital to do a really good vocal warm up. Then I definitely try and embody her in the sense of, how would she move, her accent which I feel is so important to bring her character to life.#

Q. If you could describe Evita in three words, what would they be?

A. Powerful, Moving and Thought Provoking.

Q. What's your favourite song in the show and why does it stand out to you?

A. Rainbow High, it really shows Eva's character in full, a proud Argentinian who has made a name for herself, but also we see a little of her wicked side. When you hear it I hope you'll agree.

Q. How does it feel to bring such an iconic role to life in front of your hometown audience on the INEC stage Killarney?

A. Evita is such a well known musical, and her story is just so renowned. Even the other day I met a very close family member who told me he had been to her grave in Buenos Aires, and I just thought...wow, it's going to be so amazing to bring this story home.

Q. Do you have a pre-show ritual or good luck charm?

A. Deep breaths, and lots of chats and moments with everyone involved in the show, buzzing off the cast excitement because without them

all there would be no magic.

Q. What's one thing you've learned about Eva Peron that surprised you?

A. She got a bad rap from Andrew Lloyd Webber (I'll be shot for this...) but I firmly believe it, they say she's a social climber, but I think she had a very tough childhood and tried so hard to make something of herself. She was fighting a battle, firstly as a woman and secondly being from such a poor background. And then she goes on to become one of the most famous actress' of her time and marries the president of Argentina, Juan Peron, so she's a bit of a hero in my book.

Q. If you could swap roles with any other character in Evita for one night, who would it be?

A. Ooooh God, I'll be honest, I wouldn't swap her for the world.

Q. What advice would you give to young performers dreaming of starring in a musical like Evita?

A. Study, Study, Study. No matter what character you're auditioning for, prep the lines, research your character, know the music and go for those top notes. Your director wants you to audition well so don't ever forget that, after all it makes their job much easier in the end.

Q. What's your go-to snack after a long rehearsal?

A. A glass of Red and some Keogh Cheese and Onion crisps....oooh and mini eggs now that we're in Easter vibes.....(I could lie and say peppermint tea and a satsuma.....)

Q. Finally, why should everyone book their tickets to see Killarney Musical Society's upcoming production of Evita?

A. Evita is going to be a show you will remember forever, I can promise you this. You may question your emotions leaving the theatre, it's a poignant, moving, respectful yet



Lily MacMonagle pictured at rehearsals



Lead Lily's favourite after rehearsal snack - A glass of Red and some Keogh Crisps.

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MICHAEL FLATLEY HONOURED AT THE IHF CONFERENCE IN KILLARNEY



Former professional performer and choreographer Michael Flatley, was honoured with the Irish Hotels Federation (IHF) President's Award 2025 at the IHF's Annual Conference, held at the Gleneagle Hotel & INEC in Killarney, Co. Kerry. Michael Magner, President, IHF presented him with a painting of 'The Point Depot' in Dublin by artist Peter Pearson.

The President's Award is the highest accolade that the IHF can bestow on anyone and was presented in recognition of Mr. Flatley's immense contribution to Irish tourism and culture. Renowned for revolutionising Irish dance, his productions, Riverdance, Lord of the Dance, Feet of Flames, Celtic Tiger Live, and Michael Flatley's Christmas Dance Spectacular have captivated over 60 million people worldwide.

Speaking at the Awards Ceremony during the IHF's Annual Gala Dinner, IHF President Michael Magner said, 'Michael Flatley has made an enormous contribution to Ireland, to Irish society, to enriching and creating world awareness of our culture and Irish tourism. 'His legacy as a transformative figure in dance and entertainment remains unparalleled'.

The IHF President's Award - Each year at the Annual Conference the IHF President's Award is presented to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to tourism and Ireland. Previous recipients of the IHF President's Award are Dr Martin Naughton, Dr Tom Kavanagh, Professor Mary McAleese, Paul Carty, Anna Mae McHugh, Donie Cassidy, JP McManus, Mícheál Ó Muircheartaigh and Michael Noonan.





















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It's an All-Ireland win for Keane's SuperValuSells Winning Lotto Jackpot Ticket Worth €2,274,988

It's another All-Ireland Win for former Kerry GAA Manager Peter Keane, as his shop, Keane's SuperValu in Killorglin, Co. Kerry is announced as the store that sold Wednesday, 19th February winning Lotto Jackpot ticket worth an astonishing €2,274,988.

The player purchased their Quick Pick ticket from the popular store nestled on The Ring of Kerry on the day of the draw. The winning numbers from Wednesday's Lotto draw were: 2, 27, 28, 29, 38, 44 and the Bonus was 20.

The National Lottery is urging all players in the Killorglin area in Co. Kerry to check their tickets carefully and if you're holding the winning ticket, be sure to contact the National Lottery prize claims team on 1800 666 222 or email claims@ lottery.ie to arrange the collection of your prize. Speaking on the win, Peter Keane, Store Owner, said: "This is like Kerry winning an All-Ireland for our SuperValu customers and our community here. We have been operating here on the Ring of Kerry for the past 30 years and this by far the biggest win we have had! I wish the very best of fortune and happiness to the winner."

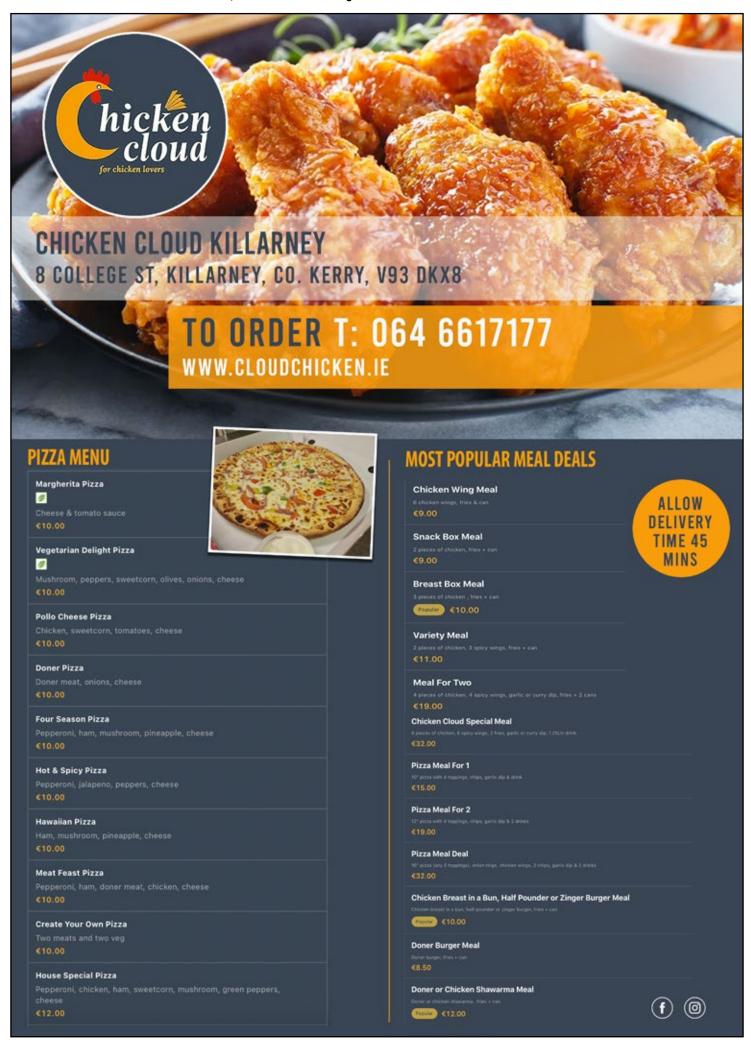
Darragh O'Dwyer, National Lottery spokesperson, said: "The Green and Yellow County colours are certainly in full swing on the Ring of Kerry today as Keane's SuperValu, Killorglin, Co. Kerry is announced as the store that sold the winning Lotto Jackpot ticket worth €2,274,988! We're now urging all players who bought their Lotto tickets from Keane's SuperValu on Wednesday, to carefully check their tickets – you could be sitting on a fortune of €2.2m and not even know it yet!"



Former Kerry Football Manager and current Clare Senior Football Manager Peter Keane was jubiliant at his Supervalu Store in Killorglin, County Kerry on Friday after it was announced he sold a €2,274,988 winning lotto ticket in Wednesday night's draw. Photo shows Peter with his wife Siobhan, sons Peadar, Barry and Micheal and staff members, Teresa Carey, Sharon o'Sullivan, Susan Brennan, Francis O'Sullivan, Mags Gaynor, Geraldine Clifford and Darragh Kane from The National Lottery celebrating in on Friday afternoon. Photo: Don MacMonagle - Mac Innes Photography



Photo shows Peter with his wife Siobhan and sons Peadar, Barry and Micheal with Darragh Kane from The National Lottery celebrating in on Friday afternoon. Photo: Don MacMonagle - Mac Innes Photography



NEWS BITES...

TIM MOOORE MEMORIAL OUIZ

The annual Tim Moore Memorial Quiz with the Irish Pilgrimage Trust bring children with special needs to Lourdes at Easter. A fundraising quiz will be taking place at The Killarney Avenue Hotel on the Tuesday 11th March, 2025 at

7.30pm. Adult teams €40 and Primary/ Secondary Teams are €20.Everyone welcome.

CYSTIC FIBROSIS IRELAND'S 65 ROSE'S DAY, OUR NATIONAL

FLAG DAY: Cystic Fibrosis Ireland are looking for volunteers to help them with their collections in Dunnes Stores: Killarney on Friday, 11th April 2025from 10am to 2pm or 2pm to 7pm on this date and would like to help with our collections by sitting at a table with another volunteer. Link to:https://65roses.ie/, email 65roses@cfireland.ie or call 01 4962433 and as e would love to hear from you. Thank you so much, CFI Fundraising Team

GLENFLESK QUIZ

This Friday 28th at 8pm in The Kerry Way in aid of Glenflesk Community Defibrillator Group. Quiz Master Brendan Fuller. Team of four €40. Defibrillators save lives, so please come along to support this great initiative!

THE NO NAME CLUB MEETING

We are a volunteer led youth organisation who provide a safe social space for teenagers aged 15 to 18 years

We respect the dignity and uniqueness of all young people by safeguarding their right to enjoy life, feel respected and to mature without a reliance on alcohol and other drugs

If you would like to learn more about The No Name Club or you would like to volunteer, we would like to invite you to an informal meeting

Venue: The International Hotel, Killarney, Eircode: V93PXK3

Date: 4th March 2025 Time: 7:30pm (19:30)

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KILLARNEY VALLEY AC BOMBSHELL SARAH LEAHY BLASTS TO VICTORY WITH A POWERFUL RUN

> arah Leahy from Killarney Valley AC claimed the National Irish 60m indoor title with a powerful run at the NIA (National Indoor Arena) in Dublin on Sunday. This was the second time Sarah won the title which is a testimony the ability of the flying Killarney woman. Sarah was joined in the national arena in the 60m by her club mate Keelie O'Connor who qualified for the national championships as the Munster champion for 2025 and achieving a PB (personal best) in her first major national finals at this level.

Sarah negotiated the rounds with composure and winning her semi-final in 7.37 seconds. Previous winner Ciara Neville from Emerald ac was deemed to have false started in the lane beside Sarah, but was allowed to reenter the race as the heavy hail on the roof she felt instigated the violation. Having been kept on the line for more time than normal the Killarney valley ac rocket flew to 7.39 seconds winning time.

The club members who watched from track side and from the live stream were proud of their prodigy, having re placed herself on the top of the podium for her second indoor national 60m title in three years. Only two hundreds of a second was between 1st and 2nd places.

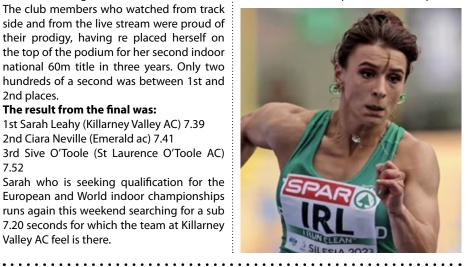
The result from the final was:

1st Sarah Leahy (Killarney Valley AC) 7.39 2nd Ciara Neville (Emerald ac) 7.41 3rd Sive O'Toole (St Laurence O'Toole AC) 7.52

Sarah who is seeking qualification for the European and World indoor championships runs again this weekend searching for a sub 7.20 seconds for which the team at Killarney Valley AC feel is there.

Other notable performances from Killarney Valley AC was Keelie O'Connor in the 60m also with a PB. Conor Kissane ran a sublime race winning his heat in 9 mins and 02 seconds for the indoor 3,000m. Jack O'Leary barely missed out in a place in the hotly contested final by only one place and the young u23 athlete will be delighted with his performance gaining massive experience at this level. Also last Friday night in the USA young Oisin Lynch, who is on athletics scholarship in Adam's state college in Colorado ran a superb 2nd place in the 800m at altitude and progresses brilliantly.

Incidentally, Sophie Becker from the Ireland 4x400m relay team trained with Killarney Valley AC this week. With the development of the track facility and under the sprints coach's tutelage Tomas Griffin the future is very bright. Also this year the team achieved 9 gold medals at the Munster championships and 16 podium finishes this year alone. New talents are in development in all disciplines.



DEPUTY DANNY HEALY RAE RAISES DISABILITY **ISSUES IN DAIL EIREANN**

On Tuesday of this week, Danny Healy Rae, TD raised the issue of disabilities in the Dáil and questioned the long delays for assessments and shortage of speech and language therapists in Kerry. "I also raised the lengthy wait for domiciliary care and disability allowance applications. I again highlighted the shortage of respite places in Kerry and that St Mary of the Angels is being closed by stealth resulting in offers of places up the Country which is not fair on the people of Kerry.", Deputy Healy Rae said, Disability Statements Danny Healy Rae

"I wish to raise the issue of many parents in County Kerry whose children have been diagnosed with autism, ADHD and other intellectual disabilities. While the numbers continue to increase, the services are not readily available. Waiting times for assessments and diagnoses are taking way too long. There is a huge shortage of speech and language therapists. Many parents have to go down the route of private assessments for their children. This is a huge burden on families, and many cannot afford it. Applications for domiciliary care and disability allowances for children are taking way too long. We have no respite places; hardly any at all. The St. Mary of the Angels centre, which was given over voluntarily and put in place by many volunteers, including parents, back over the years is being closed by stealth. I want the Ministers to address this issue. It is not fair that children with disabilities have to go up to County Meath, up against the Border with the Six Counties. That is not fair for people in County Kerry.

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KILCUMMIN PARISH

Written by: Helen Moynih

KILCUMMIN CCÉ

Sult na nÓg - we extend our very best wishes to all of our members, and their tutors, who are competing in Sult na nÓg on Saturday 1st March at MTU. Tralee.

Fleadh Cheoil Chiarraí Programme - If any youth member of the branch wants to give a youth contribution for inclusion in the Fleadh programme in May, please contact the branch secretary Geraldine for details.

KILCUMMIN RURAL DEVELOPMENT GROUP AGM will take place in the Kilcummin Rural Development Office on Tuesday 11th March at 8pm. New members welcome.

2025/2026 ENROLMENT: KILCUMMIN NATIONAL SCHOOL

2025/2026 Enrolment: Kilcummin National School is currently accepting enrolment application forms for September 2025. Please contact the school by email at kill43163@gmail.com or 0646643163. Enrolment application forms are now available on our school website www. kilcumminns.com. Kilcummin Open Day for new Junior Infants will take place on Thursday, 10th April from 2pm -3.30pm.

2025 CONFIRMATION DATES

Confirmation will take place in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kilcummin on Friday 28th March at 11am.

KILCUMMIN GAA By Donal Barry PRO

East Kerry Super League - For the second week in a row, a postponement meant that the Senior team had no game in the East Kerry Super League. Their game against Gneeveguilla was postponed due to the difficult weather conditions at the weekend. The game will be rescheduled.

Coiste Na nÓg - The Club will hold an information/registration night to attract new members on Thursday 13th March from 6.30-7.30pm at the club hall. With an ever increasing academy practically among the Under 6's and Under 8's we hope to recruit some additional mentors ahead of the start of the Academy in April.

Well done to the clubs under 15 boys who completed their 16 week athletic development programme with other Eoghan Ruadh clubs. Many thanks to Vince Cooper East Kerry GDC in the smooth running of the event along with thanks to Emmet Finnan and Josh Coffey for delivering the excellent sessions.

Primary Schools - Congrats to both Kilcummin NS and Coolick NS who competed in the INTO mini 7s Killarney rural section at Spa GAA. It was great to see them all play so well for their Schools.

Kilcummin NS claimed the winning place and move onto the next section. Big thanks to all the Teachers, SNA's and parents for their help with both teams.

Fundraising - The National Club Draw is back for 2025. Running a Club comes at a cost so we are asking all Club Supporters and Members to consider purchasing a ticket which can be done by logging onto your Foireann.ie account. Tickets are €15 and all proceeds go to Kilcummin GAA Club. There are numerous prizes on offer including cash, holiday vouchers and football and hurling packages for 2025.

Ladies Football - Membership for Kilcummin LGFA for the 2025 season is now open for existing and new members. Membership is accessed via Foireann App or website. Membership for u-10s, u-12s, u-14s, u-16s, u-18s, Senior and Gaelic for Mothers & Others are now accepted. Please make sure that you choose Kilcummin LGFA when in Foireann.

Reward Scheme - Kilcummin LGFA are participating in the Lidl Plus LGFA Club Rewards Scheme. From Mid-February, Lidl customers in Kerry can register through the Lidl Plus app and sign up to be part of the rewards scheme to earn rewards for their local club

We would really appreciate your support. Just download the Lidl app and follow the steps set out on our social media sites. Thanking everyone for their continued support.

Well Done - Well done to Sadbh O' Halloran who came on in the 20th minute for Kerry U16s against Waterford in the opening round of the Munster championship played at Lewis Road on Saturday and scored a point. Indeed, Sadbh was unlucky that her effort at goal rattled the crossbar during the game which ended in a 1-8 all draw. Kerry are away to Cork next Sunday.

GAA Lotto - There was two winners of our lotto on Monday 24th February for the Jackpot of €16,250. Numbers drawn were 05,08,19,21. Congratulations to John & Margaret Lenihan and Diarmuid O'Callaghan, Rathanane. Our next draw will be on Monday 10th March for Jackpot of €2,500.

Kilcummin GAA Shop - Keep up to date on all your Kilcummin GAA Club gear by following the link www.oneills.com/shop-by-team/gaa/ireland/kilcummin-gaa-club.html

Notes - If anyone has anything they want to add to our club notes please contact Donal by emailing pro.kilcummin.kerry@gaa.ie or Text/ WhatsApp 087-7023681 before 8pm on Sundays.

MASTERGEEHA FC

Lotto - There was no winner on Friday 21st February 2025 of the Jackpot €4,800. Numbers drawn were 02, 06, 11, 26. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Lucy Brosnan, Killarney; Anne McSweeney, Glebe; Samantha McGillicuddy, Tiernaboul; Simon Clifford O/L. The next draw will be on Friday 28th February for Jackpot of €5,000.

SPA PARISH

By Leanne Cronir

ACADEMY

Academy returns this Saturday 1st March, our academy is open to boys and girls from 3+ years. We focus on developing fundamental movement skills in a fun, supportive environment. We offer free membership for U5s & U6s, making it even easier to get involved! At Spa GAA, we pride ourselves on being a friendly, inclusive club where every child feels welcome.

While training is underway our coffee doc will be open and our barista volunteers will be busy providing a wide variety of tea, coffee and treats. All money made from the coffee doc goes back in to our Cóiste na nÓg supporting the Academy and Juvenile teams throughout the year.

SCÓR

Our Senior Scór quiz team are out on Friday 28th in the county final in the Austin Stack pavilion, the team consists of Seamus Clifford, John O' Donoghue, Jimmy O' Sullivan D'Arcy, Michael Aherne and sub Eileen Aherne.

Scór sinsir on stage competitions are on in Dochas Tralee on Saturday 1st March, where we have a set dancing team consisting Liam Spillane, Kianan O Doherty, Darragh Brosnan, Diarmuid O Donovan, Meghann Cronin, Katie Cronin, Anna O Connor, Katie O Connor. We also have

Rhea O Sullivan, who will be competing in the solo singing.

EAST KERRY LEAGUE

Our senior men's game against Listry was postponed due to pitch conditions following heavy rain at the weekend. Please keep an eye out on social media for any fixture updates.

2025 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Registration is available on the Spa website via Clubforce or on foireann.ie Deirdre and Ger will also be in Spa every Monday night for the next few weeks from 7.30-8.30pm to assist with registration for the coming year Any items for our notes please contact Leanne 085-7762411

LISTRY PARISH Written by: Colette Lesl.

SENIORS EAST KERRY LEAGUE

Best of luck to the Listry senior team and management away to Firies on Sunday 2nd March at 1pm

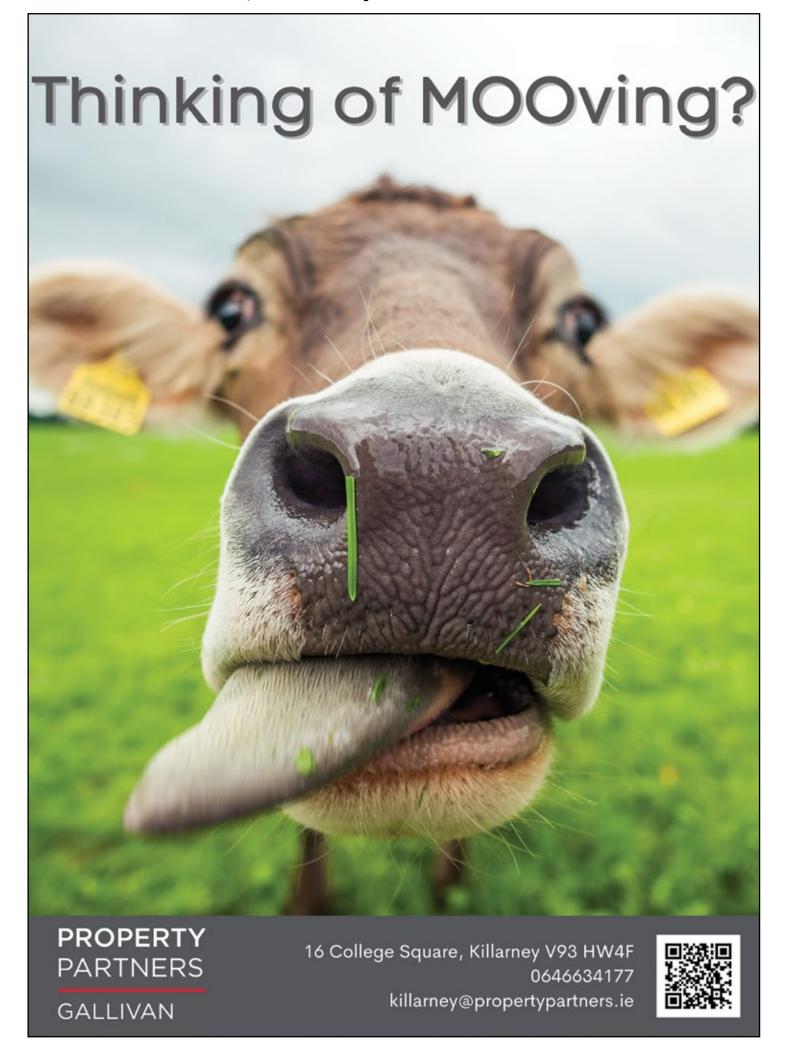
LOTTO

February 23rd. Jackpot €7,500. Winning Numbers 15, 19, 26, 28. Not Won. €100 Noreen D O'Sullivan, Listry. €50 Linda Murphy, Coolbane, Killorglin. €50 Ciara Kennedy, Kilbonane, Beaufort. €25 Colin & Ronny Miller, Faha.

€25 Lorraine Kennedy, Ballymalis. Jackpot next week: €7,650. Next Draw: March 2nd

MINORS

Best of luck to our Listry minors who play their first game in the Keanes super value minor football cup Saturday the 1st March v Ardfert in Listry at 3pm.





GLENFLESK PARISH Written by: Sean Da

RAMBLING HOUSE

Date for your diary! Glenflesk GAA will host a Rambling House on Easter Sunday 20th April to help raise funds for the Lenihan Family from Killaha whose home was destroyed by a fire recently. You can also donate online via the GoFundMe website 'Help the Lenihan's Rebuild their House'

QUIZ NIGHT

This Friday 28th at 8pm in The Kerry Way in aid of Glenflesk Community Defibrillator Group. Quiz Master Brendan Fuller. Team of four €40. Defibrillators save lives, so please come along to support this great initiative!

ALL STARS

Congratulations to Glenflesk players Eoin Moynihan, Daniel O'Brien, Tommy Bowler & Dylan Roche who have been nominated for The Kerryman East Kerry All Star team for the 2024 O'Donoghue Cup. Awards will be presented at the East Kerry 2024 All Stars Gala Night on the 7th March in the Gleneagle Hotel.

LOTTO

There was no winner of the Glenflesk Lotto which took place on 18/02/25. Jackpot €5,000. Numbers drawn: 3, 8, 20, 25. Consolation prizes of €50: Pádraig Lucey, Ironmills, Ciarán Loughnane, Clonkeen, Maria Buckley Clonkeen (Sellers Prize), Mary McCarrick Barradubh. Next draw will take place on 3/3/25. Jackpot €5,200. Thanks to all who support our Lotto, our

sellers & Diarmuid Lynch Plumbing & Heating for sponsoring tickets.

RING OF KERRY

The Social Action Group Rathmore have been selected as a Main Beneficiary for the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle 2025. Please consider cycling for this group which provides vital services to the local community. Register on www.ringofkerrycycle.ie

KERRY U16'S

Well done to Megan O'Reilly who was part of the Kerry team who took on Waterford in the Munster Championship. They were held to a draw 1-8 to 1-8

CUMANN NA MBUNSCOIL

Congratulations to Barraduff National School who won the Cumann na mBunscoil Mini Sevens last week. They beat Loughithane, Coolick and LoretO NS's. They now go through to the next round in March. Well done to all!

MEMBERSHIP

Club membership is now due and can be purchased on the Clubforce App. Membership can also be paid at O'Briens, Glenflesk and O'Donoghue's, Barraduff. Forms and envelopes in store.

NOTES

If you would like anything added in the notes, please email to pro. glenflesk. kerry@gaa $\,$

BEAUFORT PARISH

By Bridget Hartnett

FIXTURES

Beaufort minor men will be home to Currow, Saturday, 1st March at 3pm in Group E, round 1, Minor Club Championship

Beaufort senior men will be away to Cromane next Sunday, 2nd March at 2pm. in round 3, Mid Kerry senior league.

LOTTO

The next draw for a jackpot of €4,800 will be on Sunday, 2nd March. Tickets are available from usual sellers, shops, and public houses and online at www.beaufortgaa.com. Thank you for supporting our lotto.

SPORTS PREDICTION QUIZ

Entries can be done in the month of March. Predict the score of 24 sporting events of 2025. Sheets will be available from usual sellers, shops and public houses or any committee member.

IRELAND LIGHTS UP

Ireland Lights Up is continuing from 6.30pm to 8.30pm week nights in the G.A.A. pitch.

MEMBERSHIP

Club membership for 2025 is now open. Prices are: Family with 2 Adult family members using gym is €100. Individual gym and Club is €100. Senior player €100.

Student €60. OAP €30 or €60 per couple. Membership can be paid online or by cash. It can be paid on www.foireann.ie or beaufortgaa.clubforce. com/products/membership.

For more information, please contact Patie at 087 2515311

MINISTER CALLS ON THE PUBLIC TO PROTECT OUR BIRDS AS NESTING SEASON APPROACHES

The bird nesting season for our garden and countryside birds is upon us. During this time wildlife, notably birds, will begin constructing their homes and bringing new life into their habitats. Minister for Nature, Heritage and Biodiversity, Christopher O'Sullivan T.D. has called on the public to protect our birds and nature as the Spring season begins.

Minister O'Sullivan said: "At this time of year we all love to hear and see our birds as they go about building their nests, finding a mate, preparing to breed and fledge their chicks. Hedgerows are a unique feature of the Irish landscape,



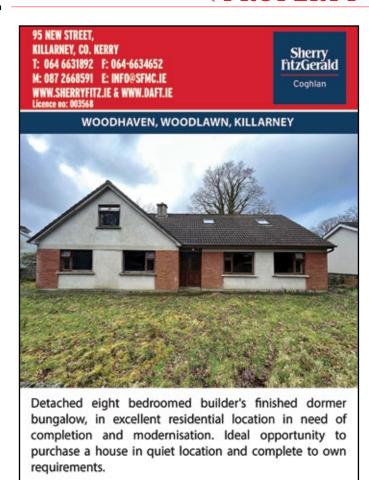
playing an important role in biodiversity, agriculture, and cultural heritage. Good quality hedgerows are especially important to provide food and shelter for our birds and protect their nests and eggs from predators. By protecting our hedgerows, we are ensuring that our most precious birds and wildlife are protected at a time when they are at their most vulnerable."

Under Section 40 of the Wildlife Act 1976 the cutting, grubbing, burning or other destruction of "vegetation growing in any hedge or ditch" between 1st March and 31st August is prohibited to safeguard nesting birds and other wildlife during their critical breeding season.

Irish legislation recognises that there may be some circumstances when hedge cutting is required for specific and important reasons. These exemptions from the restricted hedge cutting season only apply in a limited range of circumstances. Hedge cutting may be allowed to ensure public safety, such as preventing obstruction of public roads or maintaining sightlines at junctions.

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RATHMORE | GNEEVEGUILLA PARISH

By Michael O' Mahony

AWARDS NIGHT

Rathmore GAA Club invite you to Fabulous Award night on Sunday March 16th at Killarney racecourse from 7-30pm. Honouring the 1984 & 2014 & 2024. Our unique Centenary Cup winner's: 1984. Finger food and music on the night Also presenting: Minors medals East Kerry League Div 1 champions and County club championship shield winner. Admission €10. Available from O' Keeffes & club officers

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 Sheila O'Donoghue. Tickets cost €2 each or 3 for €5. They are available at Teach Fáilte and can be bought online at https://tinyurl.com/y2ade5om. or in local businesses where you see the Green Share the bucket.

Your support is greatly supported and all funds will go towards our new proposed community facility. We would like to thank our local businesses, shops and pubs who continue to support our project and thanks too to everybody who purchases tickets every week.

RATHMORE ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

Sunday March 9th @2pm. Lead by Grand Marshall Danielle O'Leary Rathmore & Kerry Ladies Footballer & Kerry Camoige. This year's Theme Follow your Dreams. Best Overall Float will be awarded the Frank Bluckley Memorial Cup plus prizes for Best Vintage Vehicle, Commercial Float, Best Organisation Group Float, Window Display, Best Dressed Buggy/Pram, Agricultural Float, Best Dressed pet! Kindly supported by Kerry county council and supported by Our local businesses

GNEEVEGUILLA LADIES GAA WILL CELEBRATE THEIR 40TH

ANNIVERSARY on Friday 28th of February with Mass at 7pm in Gneeveguilla Church followed by refreshments and entertainment in the Club. Music on the night by Mike Dillane. Looking forward to seeing all past and present members for an evening of catch ups, fun and a lot of craic

SHANE'S FRIEND'S OF LATE SHANE O' KEEFFE have come together to challenge themselves while raising money for Kerry Mental, health association. On May 17th Dan, Mikey, Tim, Clarke and Cathal are taking on individual challenges, either completing a half marathon or climbing Carrauntoohil. All Proceeds to Kerry Mental Association. Sponsorship cards available in businesses locally Or Donations welcome via Revolut - 087 295 0042.

SYMPATHIES to Mary Linehan, Sheila Chase & Anna Dunworth & families on the death of their brother Denis Breen, Church View, Knocknagree. Denis funeral took place on Monday 17th February in Knocknagree.

To Sarah and Jessica (Palmer) & families on the death of their mother & grandmother Rose Palmer, Bounard, her brothers, sisters & extended family. Roses Requiem Mass took place in Rathmore on Monday 17th February. May Denis & Rose rest in peace

SUPPORT KNOCKNAGREE NATIONAL SCHOOL

Knocknagree Parents Association are holding a used clothes collection in March. Location: Knocknagree Community Centre. Drop off times: Thursday 6th: 7-8pm. Friday 7th: 7-8pm.

RING OF KERRY

The Social Action Group Rathmore are delighted to have been chosen as a main beneficiary of the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle 2025. Please consider cycling for us and help share the news with your family and friends. We would really appreciate your support. Registration open from Friday 21st February. For any queries, please contact rokcc@sag.ie or call 087-0324826. Thank you

EAST KERRY 2024 ALL-STARS GALA NIGHT

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The Carols At Christmas in St. Mary's Cathedral raised an amazing €7,200 for Kerry Hospice Foundation and this week, organisers of the event presented the proceeds to members of the Kerry Hospice Foundation.



Linda O'Mahony Logan (Leadership360), Colleen Shannon (AIB), Roisin Smullen (MTU), Emily Reen (President of Network Ireland Kerry), Aisling Foley (The Rose Hotel) and Amy O'Sullivan (National President of Network Ireland) pictured at the Network Ireland Kerry 'The Power of Influence - Transforming Marketing Ideas into Action' in The Brehon Hotel, Killarney on Wednesday evening (February 12th). Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography





MONEY MATTERS.

By Dermot Cronin, Financial Advisor



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Yes, because some of the Irish mortgage lenders have much lower mortgage interest rates compared to others. There has been a lot of discussion recently in the media recently as regards mortgage switching this is because there can be a very substantial difference in interest rates and monthly repayments between lenders. For example on a mortgage of €250,000 over 30 years based on a property value of €350,000 and comparing current 4 year fixed interest rates. One lender is as low as slow as 3.40% (4.18% APR) which costs €1,108 per month whereas another lenders 4 year fixed rate is as high as 4.85% (APR 4.49%) monthly repayment €1,320 per month. The monthly repayment for the lender with the higher rate is a staggering €212 per month more expensive. Over the term of the mortgage you could pay €76,320 (approx) more in interest, this figure will change depending on interest rate changes in the future. Of course you would need to qualify for the mortgage with the new lender and also there are many other considerations and information you need to know before proceeding further. Many lenders will also cover the cost of paying the legals fees for switching your mortgage. An experienced mortgage broker with access to many lenders should be able to discuss your options with you in plain simple english and answer any queries you may have.

If you have any other queries regarding the above or any other matter you can contact Dermot Cronin QFA at 0646622775 or dermotcroninifa@gmail.com



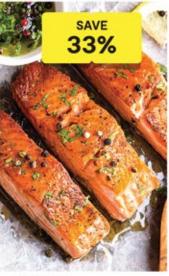
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HOW TO CREATE NEW EMPOWERING BELIEFS

A belief is just a thought that we have repeated thousands of times. It doesn't make it true. It simply makes it feel as if it's true. Many beliefs often go unquestioned and yet we act as if they are true for us. Beliefs are the drivers of our life. We will take action on what we believe we can or can't do. For example, if you believe that it's too late for you to start a new venture, course or business after the age of 60, you probably won't do anything to make this happen.

Change your beliefs, change your life

- Many beliefs run silently in the background of your life and yet they have enormous power. Become more aware of what you are thinking by noticing the areas in your life where you have a negative or self-limiting view.
- Stop and question your belief by asking yourself if it is really true? For example, is it really true that you can't start a new business after the age of 60?
- Write down what is true, for example, I can start a new business and I can seek out help to begin this idea.
- Repeat this new belief over and over again and take action to bring it to life.

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occur when hair curls back or grows sideways into the skin causing inflammation pain and sometimes infection. The dark spots on the legs filled with oil, dead skin and bacteria from shaving disappear, so no more strawberry legs. This is a longterm solution for reducing body hair and is worth the investment.

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UNDERSTANDINGMACRONUTRIENTS AND THEIR ROLE IN FITNESS

Fats are often misunderstood, but they are an essential component of a well-balanced diet. They provide a concentrated source of energy and aid in absorbing fat-soluble vitamins (A, D, E, and K). Additionally, fats play a critical role in hormone production and regulation, including hormones like testosterone and estrogen, which are important for muscle growth and overall health.

In a fitness context, healthy fats, such as those found in avocados, nuts, seeds, and olive oil, can enhance your performance by providing sustained energy for longer-duration exercises. It's essential to incorporate these fats into your diet smartly, ensuring that they complement your carbohydrate and protein intake for optimal performance.

Balancing Macronutrients for Your Goals

Finding the right balance of macronutrients can significantly impact your fitness results. Here are some tips on how to adjust your macronutrient ratios based on specific fitness goals: Weight Loss

If weight loss is your goal, consider adjusting your macronutrient intake to include a higher proportion of protein and healthy fats while moderating carbohydrates. A common approach is the 40/30/30 ratio (40% carbs, 30% protein, 30% fats). This not only helps in preserving muscle mass while losing weight but also keeps you feeling fuller for longer. Muscle Gain

For those looking to build muscle, a higher carbohydrate intake is often recommended, as they provide the energy needed for intense workouts. A suggested macronutrient ratio may be 50% carbohydrates, 30% protein, and 20% fats. This helps maximize energy for workouts while ensuring adequate protein is consumed for muscle recovery and growth. (continued next week)



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BLURRED VISION

When you have blurred vision, ! your eyesight is less sharp and objects, images and words seem to be out of focus.

Who is affected by blurred vision? Anyone can be affected by blurred vision. It could be a sign of getting older and/or needing new glasses, tiredness, or too much sun. But there are many other causes, and it could be one of the symptoms of a range of conditions including:

- Short-sightedness (myopia), long-sightedness (hyperopia), astigmatism and presbyopia
- · An eye injury which may have scratched
- the cornea
- Foreign object in the eye
- Eye drops
- Dry eye
- Cataracts
- Age-related macular degeneration
- A migraine

Blurred vision can also be a symptom of non-optical conditions such as a diabetes, a stroke and preeclampsia (a condition caused by high blood pressure in pregnancy).

What are the symptoms of blurred vision?

Blurred vision is hazy and

unfocussed, as though you were looking through an oily film and you feel you need to rub your eyes to get things back into focus.

It can affect your entire field of vision or your peripheral vision (the edges of your vision), and can occur in one eye or both. You may not realise that you have blurred vision in one eye until you do something that requires shutting your other eye – for example, doing your make up. This is because your brain provides compensation.

How do you treat blurred vision? As blurred vision has many possible causes, the treatment will depend on the condition. If the blurring is recurring or ongoing, you should book an eye examination. This will investigate the cause and recommend suitable treatment or refer you to an appropriate specialist.

If you think it may be one of the symptoms of a serious medical condition such as stroke or preeclampsia, you should seek urgent medical help.

For more information and honest advice contact us for an appointment.





Torc Brownies had their Enrolment Ceremony on Monday night last. The group are pictured with their leaders. If you are interested in joining the Brownies please contact Jennifer on 087 7918130





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ARAS PHADRAIG LOOKS GREAT ON PAPER BUT WHERE WILL PEOPLE PARK?

The Aras Phadraig in Killarney is undeniably overdue redevelopment to enhance the town however Cllr Martin Grady believes the new proposed plans shows its going to be overdeveloped, with the Primary Care Centre providing over 100 clinic rooms and a Theatre with a capacity with 350 people, the development will result in a loss of 59 car parking spaces, where will people park?. Cllr Grady stated this will clearly be chaotic in terms of parking which is already an massive

issue in the Town. The scale of Theatre fits with the area however the plans show the Primary Care Centre is proposed to be five stories which is far too high, its unsightly and unfair on the residents of Lewis Road and surrounding areas. Now the site is chosen for the Minor Injuries Clinic this leaves The District Hospital vacant which is owned by the HSE this could have utilised to facilitate the Primary Care Centre. He stated, giving away the towns assets to the HSE is wrong when they have plenty of other



land and properties in the area, I'll be seeking Killarney will get something back in return", Cllr. Grady told Killarney Outlook.

MINOR INJURIES CLINIC SITE CONFIRMED

Cllr Martin Gradys wants to welcome the fantastic news that St. Columbanus Home is the chosen site for the Minor Injuries Clinic, this is vital for the town and surrounding area's. With Killarney's population consistently growing each year and numbers at KUH increasing in

the Accident and Emergency Dept this will take massive pressure off, while providing a more efficient service to the people of Killarney and South Kerry, Cllr Martin Grady raised the need for the clinic at his very first Municipal meeting back in 2023. The clinic will provide treatment for injuries such as broken bones, minor cuts, minor burns, sprains and strains. This will also create more jobs in the sector and benefit many.

DEPUTY DANNY HEALY RAE RAISES ISSUE OF BACK YARD PLANNING IN DAIL EIREANN

Speaking to the Dail las week, Danny Healy Rae said he was delighted by the news today that the Government is planning to exempt cabin-style units at the back of family homes from planning. This is a wonderful idea. brother, Deputy Michael Healy-Rae, and I have been looking for this for many years never more so than now. It is a great idea and I thank the Government. This is a real attempt at housing people that can happen very quickly.

In tandem with that, many people are being denied planning permission in respect of sites at their parents' homes. They deprived being because of something called urban-generated pressure. "Urban" to me means town or village. These people never lived in a town or village. They lived in their parents' house in the country. Why are they being disallowed planning permission? These people will cost the Government nothing. They want to build the houses themselves and all they are asking for is the green light.

The Taoiseach responded: The issue of exempted development was raised and we dealt with it at the Cabinet sub-committee at the beginning of the week to set in train measures to facilitate that. I welcome what appears to be a broad welcome from the Opposition as well in respect of that. Perhaps the Social Democrats are not in favour of it but Sinn Féin seems to be welcoming it anyway. We will have to move the issue quickly. As I have said here repeatedly, every avenue has to be looked at in terms of increasing housing supply. Regarding the Deputy's point about people in rural Ireland who can develop housing on their own land or their parents' land, we have to look at existing guidelines facilitate capacity for young couples, in particular, to do that. I will come back to the Deputy on that.

BROAD WELCOME FOR FUNDING FOR KERRY

Kerry TD's Michael and Danny Healy Rae and Fianna Fáil TD Michael Cahill have welcomed the announcement of almost E2 million by the Minister for Social Protection, Community Development and the Gaeltacht, Dara Calleary under the Community Recognition Fund 2025.

The successful applicants in the Killarney area are as follows:

- Killarney Killarney Asylum Seekers Initiative (Killarney Immigrant Support Centre) CLG Outdoor event equipment €90,000
- Killarney Killarney Chamber Festivals / Christmas in Killarney Festival equipment and lighting €78,085
- Killarney Killarney Autism Friendly Group Killarney playground- sensory dome €93,379
- Killarney Killarney Technology Innovation Ltd Upgrades to offices €71,422

MINOR INJURY CLINIC FOR KILLARNEY

Danny Healy Rae TD and Cllr. Maura Healy Rae welcome the news that following a recent parliamentary question to the Minister for health they have been informed that the new Minor Injury Unit for Kerry will be located in the grounds of St. Columbanus Home, Killarney. Both Danny & Maura have been campaigning for this very necessary injury unit for a very longtime and this is great news for the people of Killarney, and all of Kerry. Works are to commence on site once the Killarney CNU is completed and residents and staff have transferred. While both Deputy Danny Healy Rae and Cllr. Maura Healy Rae are delighted with the news, they are still seeking answers regarding the future of the District Hospital and St. Finan's Hospital.

DOG ATTACK IN KILLARNEY

Cllr Martin Grady has made a statement following a brutal attack on a gentleman in the Killarney area lately (18th) an Alsatian Dog attacked a man in his 50's as he was returning home, the dog was roaming freely unmuzzled, under the Control of Dogs Act 1986 this breed of dog should be on a lead and muzzled, in this case neither of the two rules under the act were abided to. Cllr Martin Grady is encouraging people to report any dogs sighted that come under the act without a muzzle or lead to the Dog Pound Unit at Kerry County Council or the Gardai. This man had a very lucky escape, if it had been a child or an elderly person, they mightn't have walked away from such a vicious animal. Since the incident it's been highlighted to Cllr Grady this is an issue in both urban and rural areas where animal's such as sheep often come under attack.





DANNY **HEALY-RAE**td

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SPORTS NEWS

MUCKROSS ROWING CLUB

CORK HOR

Congratulations and well done to all who took part in last Saturday's Cork Head Of the River, held in sunny conditions at the city Marina. The club had 31 crews in action from Junior 14 to Masters and there were two category wins for the club. Congratulations to Aine O'Sullivan and Khim Fleming, winners of the Womens Junior 18 Pair and to the winning Mens Junior 18 Quad crew of Cillian Leslie, Senan Kennedy, Cian Scannell and Ronan Fahy. Well done also to Rachel Fuller, who finished second in the Womens J18 Single and to the second placed Mens Masters Quad crew of Ed Lyne, PJ Walsh, Jeremy Kenny and Noel Kelleher. There were also two third place finishes - well done to Marko Tot, who finished third in the Mens Intermediate Single and to Ronan Fahy and Cian Scannell, third in the Mens J18 Double. **NATIONAL TRIALS**

After a number of postponed efforts, the next round of national water trials for the Irish rowing squad of 2025 are set for the weekend of March 8-9th at the National Rowing Centre in Cork.

EVENTS

Skibbereen HOR (rescheduled), Sun March 9th, River Ilen (Skibbereen); Shandon HOR (rescheduled), Sat March 22nd, Cork Marina; Kilmacimon Coastal Scull HOR, ,Sat April 5th, Kilmacsimon; Skibbereen Grand League Regatta, Sat-Sun 12-13th; NRC, Farran.

FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB

RESULTS 20TH FEBRUARY

N/S

1st: Ron Carron & Maura G Moynihan 2nd: Pauline Lyne & Phyllis O' Regan E/W

1st: Tim & Mai Corcoran 2nd: Evelyn O'Leary & Mary Gleeson Congratulations and well done.

KILLARNEY VALLEY ATHLETIC CLUB

The National Indoor Senior Championships were held in Dublin last weekend. Killarney Valley AC had 4 athletes competing and all did very well. Jack O'Leary was 3rd in his heat of the 800m with a time of 1.55.06. Conor Kissane won the C final of the 3000m in a time of 9.02.07. Keelie O'Connor was 6th in her heat of the 60m with a PB time of 8.04secs. Sarah Leahy ran a fantastic race to win the final of the 60m in a time of 7.39secs.

Our Easter Camp will run 22-25th April. We also have a summer camp (21-25 July, 28-1 Aug and 11-15 Aug). All of these camps are now open for bookings on our website.

All relevant information on our club is on our website www.killarneyvalleyac.ie.

KILLARNEY BADMINTON **CLUB**

Another hugely successful night of badminton for our Club last night as we celebrated no less than 6 new County Champions! First up in Tralee were Niamh & Maeve, who achieved the incredibly difficult task of winning the Div. 1 County Championship .Outstanding girls, well

Next up were the dynamic duo of Alvin & Rahad, winning the Div. 3 County C'ship. Well done bovs!

Killarney 4 th title on this night went to Leah winning her first County C'ship in the Div. 5 Doubles. Well done Leah.

Our 5th winner in Tralee was Caroline with partner Jessica who successfully defended her Div. 3 County C'ship title. Congratulations

On Sunday the Moyvane tournament in memory of Timmy Noonan and John McGrath was held... The winning streak continued for Rahad today, winning the Moyvane Div. 3.

Well done to Hasib Achmad on reaching final in Moyvane.

The Grade C, E & G Munster intercounty took place last Sunday. Killarney Badminton Club were well represented on the Kerry teams. It is a great honour and achievement to be selected on the Kerry team so congratulations to everyone.

The Grade C team finished 2nd to a strong Cork team. Congratulations Maeve Twomey & Niamh Hickey who were part of the C team.

Well done to Adele O Brien, who was part of the E team and Soairse Murphy who was a member of the G team.

Ongoing league matches at club this week home and away, all support welcome.

This Friday sees the county div2/4 ladies and men's doubles championship, good luck to all competing.



Racewalker David Kenny, Farranfore Maine Valley AC, won his fifth National Indoor title over 5000 meters in a very fast time of 19mins 04secs.

This time is just 14secs off the Irish National record.

Leading from the start, he pulled away in the last two km finishing well clear of the second placed Oisin Lane,

Now coached by three time Olympian Jamie Costin from Waterford, this win is David's third victory in as many starts.



Fossa Bridge ClubPresident Pauline Lyne presenting the proceeds of €900 from the fundraising event recently held by Fossa Bridge Club on the 30th January last to Cara, Sam, Bridget and Kevin from Killarney Cardiac Response Unit (KCRU) who are community volunteers "First Responders".

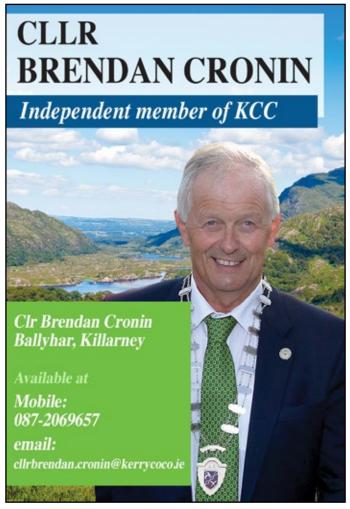
Well done to these volunteers who respond to 999/112 emergency incidents in conjunction with and under the direction of the National Ambulance Service.



Killarney Badminton Club members Niamh Hickey and Maeve Twomey



Killarney Badminton Club members Rahad and Alvin Rahman







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SPORTS NEWS

DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB

SUNDAY DRAWS

Unfortunately, the weather put pay to our draws last Sunday. They will be on again this Sunday at the usual times of 9am and 10.45am.

MEMBERSHIP

Please note that membership for 2025 will be due as of March 1st. Prices the same as last year namely-Single Adult-€150, OAP-€100, Juvenile-€80 Family-€300. Club Registrar Bobby Kelly will be available over the coming weeks after the Sunday morning Fourballs for anyone wishing to sign up for the year.

2025 FIXTURES

Please note these are currently being finalised and will be announced in due course. We advise anyone seeking to play in Pitch & Putt Ireland events in the early part of the year to ensure they are joined up by April 1st next.

ALL IRELAND DARTS TOURNAMENT

This coming weekend see's the Gleneagle playing host to the Irish National Darts Organisation (INDO) ran event of the All Ireland Inter Counties Championship and INDO Ranked ladies and men's singles events.

Friday evening 28th February kicks off with the singles of both ladies and men's events. This is a INDO ranked event open to all.

Saturday morning 1st March sees the group stages of 25 counties battle it out to qualify for Sunday's knockout section.

The 25 counties will be broken up into five groups of five. Draw for these groups will be done on Saturday morning, with the first of the games commencing at 11:00. After that games throughout the day will commence at 1:00, 3:00, 5:00 and 7:00 pm.



BADMINTON: Eileen Roche presenting her own perpetual cup to the division 5 ladies doubles winners.

Sunday games get away at 11:00 and other games throughout the day will be on every 2 hours also at 1:00, 3:00, 5:00 etc

There will also be counties entering the ladies competition as well. Same times for the ladies. Men's teams have thirteen on the team with some subs. While the ladies have seven with some subs.

Kerry County have both a ladies and men's team entered and hopefully go all the way. On the weekend Mr. Darts Tony Hickey will have a darts shop available at the venue.

Kerry Ladies team

Mary Donnelly, Captain Rosa O'Shea Rachel Coughlan Tanya McCormick Clodagh McCormick Moriarty Geraldine "Jo Jo" O'Sullivan Maura Clifford Sally Reeves
Manager: Maureen McCormick
Kerry Mens Team
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John McCarthy
Dale McCarthy
Damien McCormick
Dave Stack
Edmond Kelliher
Jake Reenstierna
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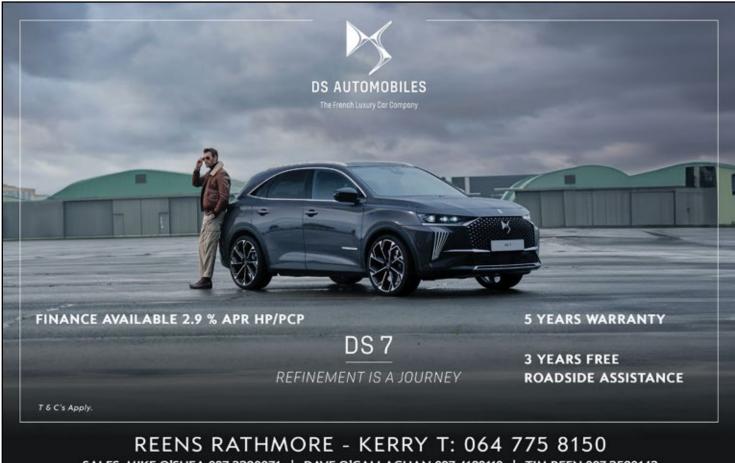
St. Vincent's Basketball Team pictured in 1976

Included are: Back row: Paudie O'Connor, Seamie O'Connor, Denis Coffey, Sean Coleman and Michael Courtney.

Front:Mick O'Connor, Rory Flaherty Laurence O'Donoghue and Billy Healy.

In the years that followed, the team were joined by American Basketball Players who continue to play basketball in Killarney with local teams.



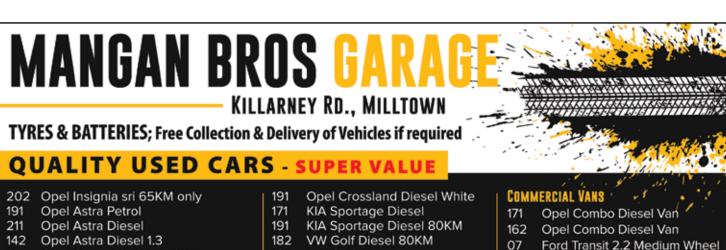


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MUNSTER U16 A CHAMPIONSHIPALL SQUARE AT ROUND ONE

Waterford 1-08 Kerry 1-08

The A fixture that threw in at 2pm saw both sides share the spoils in a low scoring encounter. Jessie Lynch opened the scoring for the home team before Waterford scored two on the bounce to go into an early lead. Alana Kirwan from play and Saorlaith Mernin from a free. Just like the seniors these sides have had tough battles over the years and Saturday was no different. Little separated the sides as the half wore on. Kerry began to get on top of the game in the final period of the first half with points from five different players. Jessie Lynch, Lily Riordan, Doireann O'Neill and substitute Sadhbh O'Halloran all getting on the scoresheet. The crucial score coming with one minute of normal time remaining. Kelsey Cummins after a fine run dispatching to the back of the net as Kerry went in at the break with a seven-point lead. Much like the first game the second have failed to live up to the same as the first for the kingdom. Waterford dominated the scoreboard in the second half allowing them to claw back the seven point gap. Kerry didn't look in danger of losing this game but a goal by Waterford with seven minutes remaining gave



them hope of causing an upset. Kerry did have chances late on take all three points but failed to capitalise on them. Kerry were reduced to fourteen in the closing stages when captain Leah Griffin received a yellow card.

Kerry: C O'Mahony, N O'Connor, E Dillane, E O'Sullivan, M O'Reilly, T O'Sullivan, S Flynn, L Griffin (0-01) (C), A Brosnan, L O'Riordan (0-01),

J Lynch (0-03 2f), K Kirby, L Ní Chiobháin, D O'Neill (0-01), K Cummins (1-01) Subs: S O'Halloran (0-01 for L O'Riordan, N

Murphy for L Ní Chiobháin, I Wynton for K Kirby, S Chute for S Flynn, E Larkin for E Dillane Referee: Mairead Dullea (Cork)

MUNSTER U16 SHARON O'KEEFFE TOURNAMENT VICTORY FOR KERRY IN ROUND ONE

Waterford 1-06 Kerry 3-11

This round 1 fixture that got moved to Dr Crokes in Killarney on Friday as Ardmore was deemed unplayable saw Kerry come away with the victory. Kerry were the better team in the early exchanges in the first half and opened up a six point lead with only ten minutes gone in the game. Grace O'Sullivan with four points as Waterford struggled to contain the full forward. Amy Moriarty and Erin Evans (free) also getting on the scoresheet. Grace O'Sullivan was alert in the Kerry goals to prevent a Waterford goal chance just before they registered their first score in the twelveth minute with a free from Ali Lyons but it did little to stem the tide as Kerry kept dominating the scoreboard. Captain Grace O'Sullivan with a further 1-01 saw the Kingdom open up a twelve-point lead with four minutes of normal time remaining. Both sides exchanged points before the interval, Doireann Power for the Déise and Erin Evans for Kerry. The second half failed to live up to the same intensity of the first. Kerry were reduced to fourteen players in the seventh minute of the second half when Katie Griffin received a



yellow card. It spurred Waterford on when they scored a goal shortly after. They had a chance of another goal but Grace O'Regan pulled off another fine save. The sides exchanged points in what was turning out to be a scrappy end to the game. Kerry's first have exploits and the performances of forward Grace O'Sullivan and keeper Grace O'Regan proving decisive in victory for the Kingdom.

Kerry: G O'Regan, E Greaney, L O'Sullivan, E

Allman, K Griffin, A Bowler, C McNamara Moore, C O'Sullivan, A O'Connor, S Dowling, E Evans (0 – 02 – 1f), M Eilís Nic Gearailt, H Ryan (0 – 01), G O'Sullivan (3 – 06) (C), A Moriarty (0-02) Subs: C Heasman for A O'Connor, A Sweeney for S Dowling, A O'Sullivan for E Allman, A Noonan for M E Nic Gearailt, K Crowley for C McNamara Moore, M O'Connor for A Moriarty, H Burke for H Ryan, E Quill for K Griffen, A Kelly for G O'Regan Referee: Conor McCarthy (Cork)



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Utility Trust St Pauls vs

Portlaoise Panthers

Womens Superleague Basketball Sunday February 23rd St Marys Hall Portlaoise

Portlaoise Panthers 41 Utility Trust St Pauls 47

Report by Enda Walshe

Jeff Van Gundy, the basketball coach and commentator once said "Defence is about making your opponent earn every point they score." He would have seen a prime example of that mantra in St Marys Hall on Sunday afternoon. The defensive effort Utility Trust St Pauls put in this team was nothing short of incredible as they limited Portlaoise Panthers to 41 points, a team with recognised scorers such as Amy Dooley, Lynn Tunnah, Alyssa Velles and Jessica Fressle. Their rearguard action, especially in the paint, was phenomenal forcing the Laois side to shoot low percentage shots from outside.

Mathilde Diop and Lorraine Scanlon put in a serious shift but it would be unfair to single out anyone as everyone carried their weight. Eventhough her name didn't feature on the scoresheet Leah McMahon put in serious hustle in her court time while Captain Denise Dunlea led by example. Callie Cavanaugh, who only joined the squad this week as cover for the injured Alex Wittinger, was instrumental in the win, netting some crucial scores and grabbing some serious rebounds. It was a display not lost on Rheanne O'Shea afterwards ." Callie came in and you could immediately tell she was going to fit in perfectly into the team's style of play. She had a massive defensive game, with 19 rebounds."

The win was St Paul's fourth on the spin and saw them go through February unbeaten. It has been an exemplary response to that agonising National Cup defeat to Killester, a lesser team may have folded. And to win in St Mary's Hall is a rare feeling for the wily O Shea . " It was a tough battle , I can't say I've won many times here . But it is a huge boost to have won every game since Christmas . The pain of those close losses earlier in the season have fuelled us and we really earned this victory. It puts us in a great position for our home game on Saturday to push towards the playoffs."

The first quarter was a tight affair with the Panthers making a better start with Velles and Fressle netting their opening five points . Gracen Kerr opened the St Pauls account from the free throw line and Callie Cavanaugh announced herself to the game with two smooth baskets. Much like last week Coach James Fleming kept his five fresh introducing Leah McMahon, Denise Dunlea and Rheanne O Shea. Amy Dooley, Freesle and Lynn Tunnah



added to their sides total but Cavanaugh made it 11-8 at quarters end.

The second quarter is where St Pauls really made their move. They started it impressively with Kerr netting and then Mathilde Diop took delivery of an excellent pass from O Shea to finish. The same player hit two free throws as the pendulum started to swing . The Pauls defence now had the Panthers caged with only Tunnah able to break free. Kerr, Diop and Cavanaugh cashed in at the other end and an O Shea steal and finish was demonstrative of their hunger. Lynn Jones took advantage of an unsportsmanlike call and Portlaoise took a timeout to clear their heads. It didn't work initially as Kerr hit four points to make it 28-17 but a strong finish to the half from Megan Dunne, Amy Dooley, Fressle and Velles cut the gap to six, 30-24.

After a high scoring second quarter the game settled back into its earlier intensity and it saw St Pauls hold their advantage. Cavanaugh and Diop answered Dooley's brace and Lorraine Scanlon put her stamp at the offensive end to make it a ten point game, 38-28. Ciara Byrne helped to awaken her side from their slumber and alongside Velles and Fressle they cut the gap to five, 38-33. But Scanlon had the last and vital word of the quarter when she benefited from great work by McMahon to give her side extra breathing space.

The tension was starting to rise in the Portlaoise venue as the home crowd really got stuck into the game. Scanlon hit an early free throw but St Pauls went through their longest drought in the game. That helped the Panthers roar back into the game with Fressle, Tunnah and Dooley earning their scores against the tigerish Pauls defence. With two minutes on the clock St Pauls needed points on the board and Cavanaugh came up with a huge basket to put them in front once again. After another defensive stop Kerr followed suit with a lovely floater and with the clock against them Portlaoise attempted to prolong the game. But that only eventually succeeded in sending Kerr to the free throw line where she sealed the win, 47-41. You could argue that both sides struggled offensively but you won't hear Van Gundy complaining.

Gracen Kerr and Callie Cavanaugh top scored with 14, Mathilde Diop had 11, Lorraine Scanlon 5, Rheanne O'Shea 2, Lynn Jones 1,

Leah McMahon, Denise Dunlea.

For the Panthers Amy Dooley and Alyssa Velles shared 20 equally, Lynn Tunnah 8 and Jessica Fressle 7.

There will be another massive game in the playoff race this Saturday in Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre when Trinity Meteors are the visitors. They would appear to be assured of their place but the real logjam is behind them. Fr Matthews, the Panthers and St Pauls all sit on six wins and a win at this stage of the season is vital. The two sides have met twice already , the Dubliners winning 75-62 before St Pauls exacted revenge in the National Cup quarter final. They were defeated by Brunell last weekend but will look to Emma Merriweather, Grace Prenter, Sarah Kenny and the mercurial Morgan Lenehan for inspiration. Tip off is at 4pm.

SCOTTS LAKERS VS ULSTER UNIVERSITY REPORT

Mens Basketball League Saturday February 22nd Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre

Scotts Lakers 72 Ulster University 85

Report by Enda Walshe

A ninety second spell at the end of the third quarter which saw Ulster University go on 7-0 scoring run was crucial in deciding this Men's Basketball League clash played in the Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre on Saturday night. When Abdul Oladipupo closed the gap to five, 53-48, with 1.30 to play in the period it looked set up for a grand finale but Robert Graham nailed a three for the visitors which was then followed by baskets from Conor Liston and Curtis Larousse. It turned a manageable deficit into a little mountain and though they battled hard in the final quarter the gap could never be bridged.

2025 has been a topsy turvy year so far for the Lakers but despite not being in top form they still sit firmly in the play off spots. With Tipp Talons and Limerick Sport Eagles also losing, the chasing pack made no inroads but Coach Manuel Suarez will definitely be looking to get back to winning ways as soon as possible. There is the small matter of a local derby with the Cougars next weekend and if that doesn't stir the blood of both teams they are definitely playing the wrong game.

Ulster University came to Killarney on a good vibe after a slow start to the season and will be strong contenders in the bid for promotion to the Superleague. They won the battle under the boards, highlighted by gathering fourteen offensive rebounds and that gave them the platform to take the stranglehold. In

Robert Graham and Conor Liston they had two good guards while Nathan Karren and Curtis Larousse were strong and forceful inside.

It was Larousse and Liston that opened the scoring but Abdul Oladipupo and Eoin Carroll struck back. Mark Sheehan struck from outside and with Mikah Blackwell heating up the Lakers were soon 12-8 clear. Sheehan again struck from outside but Liston, Graham and Larousse pulled them back by the end of the quarter. Blackwell completed the Lakers scoring in the opening period with a three point play which saw the sides deadlocked at 18 each.

Jack O Sullivan, Oisin Spring and Rui Saravia may have started the game on the bench but they were soon involved with Spring introduced for his defensive intensity. Darnell Snyers hit early in the second quarter as did Saravia and O Sullivan as they replied to Adam Ryans points. Snyers was now influential but needed to be as Lorousse and Karren kept the game tied at 28 all. Graham was quiet up to now for the visitors but he burst into life scoring and assisting Liston to open up an advantage. That lead was whittled down to four by half time, 38-34, thanks to Carroll, Blackwell and Snyers.

The third quarter is often referred to as the moving quarter and Ulster University threatened to take the initiative. Larousse, Graham and Liston were the main protagonists but a combination of Oladipupo, Blackwell and Sheehan kept their feet on their tails. Eoin Carroll got in on the act and with the clock at 2.10 the game was nicely poised at 51-46. Larousse and Oladipupo exchanged baskets before the visitors hit that decisive purple patch, kick-started by a Graham three pointer. The twelve point deficit was soon fifteen with Liston netting from beyond the arc. An unsportsmanlike foul sparked a Lakers scoring burst, Snyers hitting both free throws and Blackwell wriggling in for a lay up. At this juncture the Lakers needed to put in a few



defensive stops but Larousse and Graham with a three put out that fire. A brace of Blackwell three brought it back to ten points with six minutes to go but Karren and Graham helped their side go on a 9-0 scoring blitz to put clear daylight between the sides. But the Lakers kept battling on, Carroll hit a hat trick of baskets, Blackwell netted from the charity stripe but the damage was done and the points headed north on a 85-72 scoreline.

Mikah Blackwell was the games top scorer with 27, Eoin Carroll had 12, Darnell Snyers and Abdul Oladipupo shot 10 each, Mark Sheehan had 9, Jack O Sullivan and Rui Saravia 2 apiece, Oisin Spring, Darragh O Callaghan.

The winners were best served by Curtis Larousse on 23 points, Conor Liston and Nathan Karren on 19 each and Robert Graham on 16.

It goes without saying that next Saturday night

the Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre will be the place to be for all the local basketball fraternity. It sees two sides with contrasting motives. The Lakers will be looking to get back to winning ways while the Cougars know they are standing on the trapdoor of relegation from the league. Add in the rivalry and it has all the portents for a cracker. All known form would point to a Lakers win but derby games can be very unpredictable and with the Cougars fighting for their lives it makes them a dangerous animal. One only has to look back to last season when they earned the bragging rights in the Lakers patch . The game tips off at 7.30pm and the advice is to come early with what is expected to be a bumper crowd, with no other high level men's game being played in the county that night.

KILLARNEY COUGARS BASKETBALL CLUB

It was another busy week of basketball through the Mid-term school holiday break, with a 3x3 competition and camp both at the Presentation Gym mixed with plenty of games in the Kerry League and Cup / Plate competitions for the Cougars. The National League side travelled north to Letterkenny Donegal to face Team NorthWest.

JUVENILE NEWS

U18 Girls Kerry Plate

St Colman's 35 Killarney Cougars 40

The Cougars travelled to Miltown and had to recover from a slow opening quarter trailing 16-4. An improved second quarter saw Cougars trail 22-16 at halftime. A strong third quarter saw Cougars impressing to hit the front 34-27 entering the last quarter, with Cougars holding on in tough final quarter. Good performances on the night from Amy Fitzgerald, Noaise O'Connor, Ruby Courtney and Faye Lynch.

U12 Girls Kerry League

Killarney Cougars 20 Kenmare Kestrels 19

The Cougars needed overtime to overcome the Kestrels in an exciting game at the Parish Hall. Cougars led narrowly throughout the game with the visitors drawing level late in the game to force overtime, with Eadoin Collins scoring the winning basket in overtime.

Best for Cougars on this occasion were Kate Doolan, Sally Scroope, Chloe O'Sullivan, Julia O'Gorman.

U16 Boys Kerry League

Killarney Cougars 42 Ballybunion Wildcats 50

After a good start to the game the Cougars failed to continue their momentum into the second half and a poor third quarter proved crucial and despite a final quarter comeback the lead was to great as time ran out as Wildcats held on.

Good performances for Cougars on this occasion from Fionn O'Donovan, Kevin Breen and Mark Bowler.

SENIOR NEWS

Basketball Ireland National League Div 1
Team North West 93 Killarney Cougars 73

Top scorers

Killarney Cougars: Joshua Strongman 36, Iyan Hristov 11, Andrew Fitzgerald 9, Ben Todd 8, Jack Lynch 5, Adam Linehan 4

Team North West: Shakeil Bertrand 26, Luke Cassidy 24, Tyler Mutemasango 19, Alberto Rodriguez 17

Next up for the Cougars the short trip across town to face Scott's Lakers on Saturday evening.



Killarney Cougars U12 at the Parish Hall versus Kenmare Kestrels on Friday evening.

SOCCER NEWS

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC AFC

U13 PREMIER RESULT

Killarney Athletic A 1 - 0 Killarney Celtic A Sean Quill x 1

Our boys had a very tough game in beautiful weather today away to last year's champions Killarney Celtic A. The game started with extreme intensity from both sides which is expected in a local derby. The lads played some really nice football and it payed off with some nice one touch football setting Sean Quill in on the keeper and he calmly slotted home with perfect bottom corner finish to put Athletic up 1-0. The boys fought hard all half and went into half with a narrow 1-0 lead. The second half was a nervy half of football with Celtic showing their skill all half with a lot of constant pressure. Our lads were very strong defensively at the back and any of the four defenders could have won man of the match with their constant toughness and tenacity. Celtic had a few chances to tie the match hitting the post once. Ewan Marshall was very strong and composed in net for Athletic all day to earn another well deserved shut out. The lads fought with all their hearts to hold on the victory for Athletic. Any of the 13 players could have deserved man of the match today as they all fought with desire and passion all game. Looking at all the bloody knees, legs and arms after the match from most of our players showed how hard the wanted the victory. They just refused to lose today. Man of the match today was our unbelievable U12 player Darragh O'Toole at right back who was just immense with his tenacious performance! Well done lads you should all be very proud of yourselves today. Thank you to Celtic for a very sporting game. **U15B RESULT**

Killarney Athletic 3 - 0 Killarney Celtic

James Marshall x 2 Rob Murphy x 1

We welcomed our near neighbours to Ferndale on a beautiful morning for soccer this morning. Both defences were on top first half with the sides going in level at the break, a super Darragh Lucey save the highlight of the half. The first goal was always going to be huge and Athletic's dominance paid off mid way through the half with James Marshall continuing his hot streak with a brace and Rob Murphy making the game safe for Athletic adding a 3rd with 5 minutes to go as our opponents heads dropped .

A superb team performance from our young

Blues with the outstanding centrehalf Aodghan O Sullivan marshalling his defence giving a man of the match performance.

U13 BOYS DIVISION 1

Park B 5 Killarney Athletic B 2

Sean O'Connor, Trey Hurley

The lads played out an exciting match away in Tralee and were unlucky not to get more from the game. The first half was close. Athletic took the lead through Sean O'Connor who reacted first to a rebound to continue his fine scoring form. Park pulled a goal back just before half time and the teams finish the first half 1-1. Athletic started the second half strongly and were rewarded with a free kick on the edge of the box early on when Rory Tarrant was taken down. Trey Hurley stepped up to curl in a beautiful free kick to give Athletic the lead, fantastic strike. Park scored an equaliser soon after however and the match remained tied until the final 10 minutes when Park grabbed a third. Athletic worked hard and pushed on for an equaliser but got caught on the counter a couple of times before the final whistle. Strong second half from Park but plenty of positives to take away for Athletic.

BALLYHAR DYNAMOS FC

SOUADS

The u13 B squad hosted St Brendans park FC C on Saturday last at Murt Scott Park where a 1-1 draw was the outcome with Thomas Bolger hitting the Tralee net. Evan Greensmyth, Elliot Lyne, Diarmuid Fitzgerald & Bryan Evans were in good form throughout the game.

The u15 A premier squad had a great away win against St Brendans Park in Tralee with 1-2 being the final score .Ryan Quilter with both goals with Dan Duggan, Adam Fleming, Eoin Casey & Diarmuid Casey also being influential throughout the 70 minutes.

On Sunday the U17s were defeated 2-5 by Inter Kenmare at Murt Scott Park with Jaden Muj & Ross Lally being on the scoresheet. Eoin O Mahony, Sean Brosnan, Jamie Fleming, Conor Giles, Conor Edwards & Eoghan O Sullivan played well on the day.

Well done to Killian O Sullivan of the club u14/15 squads who played a big part with a goal & an assist in Kerry's U14 emerging talent 1-5 semi final victory away to Cavan/Monaghan in the Schoolboy League Trophy competition.



SYMPATHY

The club offers its condolences to the Goulding Family, Ballyhar on their recent family Bereavement. May Michael O Sullivan rest in peace.

KERRY SCHOOLBOY/GIRL SOCCER

NATIONAL

U14 BOYS BOOK ALL IRELAND FINAL APPEARANCE IN DOMINANT FASHION

A week after the U14 Girls won their All Ireland Semi Final on home soil, the Boys made the long journey to Cootehill in Cavan and defeated Cavan/Monaghan 5-1, to advance to the All Ireland Inter League Trophy Final.

They say a first half never wins a game, but the first half display shown by the group ensured the result, dominating proceedings taking a 4-0 half time lead. The second half was a much more subdued effort and Cavan/Monaghan never gave up and battled to the end getting a consolation goal.

The impressive duo upfront Joe Joy and Kian Cronin netted a brace each to lead the charge, while Killian O Sullivan also found the net. Netminder Leni Rujvecan made some fantastic saves to thwart the opponents, including a penalty save in the second half. They now march on to meet Lisburn Castlereagh in the decider on the weekend of March 9th.

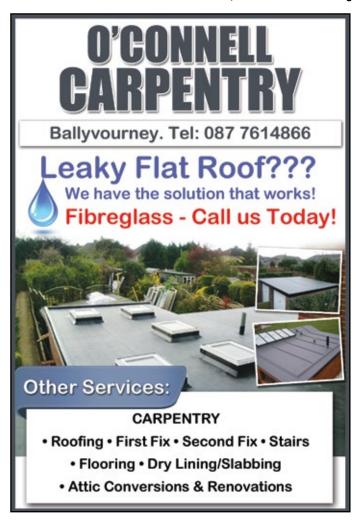
NATIONAL CUP JOURNEYS END FOR KERRY



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u17s who were defeated by Inter Kenmare on Sunday last at Murt Scott Park in Division 1 of the Kerry District League.



Killarney Celtic U13 Hoops squad vs Inter Kenmare









TEAMS

The last 16 stage proved the final stop on the National Cup journey for the St Brendan's Park U12 and MEK Galaxy U14 Girls teams, along with the Killarney Celtic U15 Boys,

In the U12 Girls National Cup, St. Brendan's Park fought bravely but suffered a 4-1 extra-time defeat to Mucklagh. Despite Caoimhe Field's goal putting Park into the lead, Mucklagh equalised and then proved too strong in the added period.

The U14 Girls National Cup saw MEK Galaxy fall to Cregmore Claregalway, who ran out 5-0 winners in a game where MEK struggled to break down the opposition's defense.

In the U15 Boys National Cup, Killarney Celtic put up a strong fight but were ultimately defeated 4-2 by Aisling Annacotty. Luke Clancy was on target for Celtic, along with an own goal in their favor, but Annacotty proved clinical to secure their spot in the next round.

GIRLS

CASTLEISLAND EXTEND UNBEATEN RUN IN 12'S NORTH

Nine unbeaten now for Castleisland as they continue to make headway in the Division, pulling further ahead now of the chasing pack, while elsewhere Fenit Samphires delivered their third win of the season.

Castleisland remained unbeaten having secured a narrow 1-0 victory at home to LB Rovers, with Ava McCarthy scoring the decisive goal. Fenit emerged victorious in a 4-2 win against Tralee Dynamos. Fiadh McElligott bagged a brace, while Siun O'Donnell and Sadbh O'Donnell also found the net for Fenit. Rosa Gordillo scored both goals for Dynamos, as they fought until the end to turn the tide.

MASTERGEEHA PULL AWAY IN GIRLS SOUTH AS MEK DROP POINTS

With ten wins from ten, Mastergeeha have set the standard in the 12's South and with MEK dropping points, Killorglin have emerged as their closest competitors after picking up a win at the weekend.

Geeha prevailed in their local clash with Killarney Athletic B with a 5-1 victory. Aine Herlihy and Mia O'Doherty both scored twice, while Lily O'Donoghue added another. Abbey O'Leary managed to get on the scoresheet for Killarney Athletic.

Killorglin edged out Inter Kenmare A with a 1-0 win, thanks to a crucial goal from Chloe O'Sullivan. Inter Kenmare B secured a 2-1 win over MEK, with Fallon O'Shea and Laoisa Smyth finding the net for the winning side.

LB PICK UP BIG AWAY WIN TO BOLSTER **TITLE AMBITIONS**

A clinical display from LB Rovers has put them right in the mix at the summit of the U14 Division 1 table, picking up points with a 4-0 win over Castleisland last Monday. Eilidh Cregan led the way with a brace, while Ruby Boyle and Bethany Purcell also found the net to seal the win.

U14 EVE O'CALLAGHAN MEMORIAL CUP GETS UNDERWAY

The preliminary round of action in the U14 Eve O'Callaghan memorial cup failed to disappoint, with high scoring games and plenty of drama along the way.

In an 11 goal thriller in Fenit, LB Rovers edged



past Fenit 6-5 after extra time, thanks to a stunning six-goal haul from Eilidh Cregan.

Tralee Dynamos secured a 3-0 win over Iveragh, with Tia Falvey, Leah Duffin, and Lucy Wynne getting on the scoresheet. Inter Kenmare were at their clinical best to defeat Dingle 7-1, with a hat-trick from Alice O'Connor, a brace from Robyn Horgan, and goals from June McCarthy and Aisling O'Shea. Hannah Farrell grabbed the consolation goal for Dingle.

Camp and Mastergeeha played out a 3-3 draw after extra time, before Camp won 4-2 on penalties, Orlaith Flynn (2) and Hollie O'Driscoll scored for Camp in normal time, while Lily O'Leary and Shauna O'Riordan were on target for Mastergeeha. O'Driscoll, Kayla O'Neill, Jemma Skinner and Flynn all stepped up to score penalties in the shootout.

BOYS

DERBY WIN FOR ATHLETIC BOOSTS TITLE AMBITIONS

A narrow 1-0 win away to local rivals Killarney Celtic was a big result for Killarney Athletic's title hopes, as they now move top of the standings. Elsewhere in the Division, Park and Castleisland also secured three points.

In a closely contested Killarney derby, Killarney Athletic edged out Killarney Celtic 1-0, with Sean Quill scoring the decisive goal in the opening half.

St Brendan's Park picked with a 4-1 victory over Listowel Celtic, Max Fitzgibbon, William Duggan, Luke Power, and Dean McElligott all found the back of the net. Despite a strong effort, Aidan Lynch's goal wasn't enough for Listowel to mount a comeback.

Elsewhere Castleisland secured a solid 2-0 victory over Fenit, with Liam Quirke and Aaron O'Sullivan stepping up to deliver the goals.

CELTIC ADVANCE IN OPENING U13 JOHN JOE NAUGHTON CLASH

Killarney Celtic B put in a commanding performance, securing a 6-0 victory over Dingle B in their opening U13 John Joe Naughton fixture. Celtic now advance into the Cup competition, while Dingle will be out to deliver an improved performance in the Trophy.

A spread of scorers highlighted Celtic's attacking display, with Cathal O'Donovan, Eoin Murphy, Kyle Fleming, Connor Randles, Mark O'Connor, and Nathan Cronin all finding the net.

DYNAMOS AND ATHLETIC BOOST TITLE **HOPES WITH HOME WINS**

A big three points at home for both Tralee Dynamos and Killarney Athletic, helped boost their hopes of fighting for the U15 Boys Division 2 title.

Tralee Dynamos B edged out Mastergeeha B in a tight 1-0 victory, thanks to a decisive goal from Cian Fitzgerald, securing a valuable three points. Meanwhile, Killarney Athletic B put in a clinical performance, seeing off local rivals Killarney Celtic B 3-0. James Marshall bagged a brace, while Rob Murphy also found the net to seal the

PENALTIES SEE PARK ADVANCE IN U16 **TUCKER KELLY COMPETITION**

A thrilling encounter between Mastergeeha C and St Brendan's Park B ended in a dramatic 3-3 draw after extra time, with Park edging the penalty shootout 8-7 to progress into the U16 Tucker Kelly Cup

Mark Fleming starred for Mastergeeha with a hat-trick, while Ewan Morris and Ibrahim Altay (2) were on target for Park B. In the end, it was the spot-kick nerves of Park B that made the difference, securing their place in the next round after a marathon shootout with Jaden Lynch firing home the winning penalty. A heartbreaking defeat for Mastergeeha as they will play in the Tucker Kelly Trophy. Elsewhere Iveragh also advanced to the Cup competition after a walkover from Ballyheigue.

BOYS TEAM OF THE WEEK

- 1. Cillian Doody (Castleisland U13)
- 2. Darragh O'Toole (Killarney Athletic U13)
- 4. Jamie Downing (Killarney Celtic U12)
- 5. Adam Duffy (Fenit Samphires U15)
- 3. Aodghan O Sullivan (Killarney Athletic U15)
- 6. Oisin Teahan (Killorglin U13)
- 7. Tadha Gilligan (St Brendan's Park U13)
- 8. Mark Fleming (Mastergeeha U16)
- 9. Fionn Smith (Tralee Dynamos U13)
- 10. Dean O Donoghue (Castleisland U15) 11. Shay O'Connor (Inter Kenmare U13)

GIRLS ROLL OF HONOUR

- 1. Caoimhe O'Connor (Killorglin)
- 2. Mia McKenna (LB Rovers)
- 4. April Kerins (Tralee Dynamos)
- 5. Jenna Crean (Camp Juniors)
- 3. Aoife Carey (Fenit Samphires) 6. Leah Duffin (Tralee Dynamos)



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11. Orla O'Connor (St Brendan's Park)

U12 GIRLS SOUTH

Inter Kenmare A 0-1 Killorglin Mastergeeha 5-1 Killarney Athletic B MEK 1-2 Inter Kenmare B

U14 GIRLS DIVISION 1

Castleisland 0-4 LB Rovers

U14 EVE O'CALLAGHAN MEMORIAL CUP PRELIMINARY ROUND

Fenit 5-6 LB Rovers AET lveragh 0-3 Tralee Dynamos

Camp 3-3 Mastergeeha AET (Camp won 4-2 on pens)

Dingle 1-7 Inter Kenmare Castleisland 0-3 Killorglin w/o

U16 GIRLS PREMIER

Camp 3-0 Mastergeeha w/o BOYS

INTERLEAGUE: ALL IRELAND SEMI FINAL

Cavan/Monaghan 1-5 Kerry U14 Boys U15 BOYS NATIONAL CUP LAST 16

Aisling Anacotty 4-2 Killarney Celtic

U13 BOYS JOHN JOE NAUGHTON SHIELD/ TROPHY ROUND 1

Dingle B 0-6 Killarney Celtic B U12 BOYS PREMIER KILLARNEY

Celtic 2-0 Fenit Samphires

Castleisland A 2-0 Fenit A

U13 BOYS PREMIER
Park 4-1 Listowel Celtic
Killarney Celtic 0-1 Killarney Athletic

U13 BOYS DIVISION 1

Park B 5-2 Killarney Athletic B LB Rovers 2-7 Inter Kenmare

U13 BOYS DIVISION 2 (SOUTH)

Killorglin B 3-4 Mastergeeha B Inter Kenmare B 2-6 Killarney Celtic C Iveragh B 1-3 Killorglin C Dingle B 3-0 Killarney Athletic C

KILLARNEY CELTIC

CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 2,39,19. No jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €25. Next jackpot €15,000 on Monday March 3rd. Jackpot is capped at €15,000 with the additional €200 going on to the 1st jackpot after the next jackpot win.

CHARLEVILLE CHEESE PREMIER A

Killarney Celtic 2-2 Killorglin AFC

Stephen McCarthy, Matej Vrljicak

Celtic remain unbeaten in the Premier A after a draw with Killorglin. Celtic found themselves 1-0 down after 4 mins and it took 42 mins for Celtic to draw level. Celtic hit the front on 66 mins but Killorglin gained a point with a late equaliser.

SFAI SUBWAY U15 NATIONAL CUP

Aisling Annacotty 4-2 Killarney Celtic Luke Clancy, OG

Celtic battled bravely against a fine Annacotty squad before bowing out of the National Cup. Aisling led before Luke Clancy brought Celtic level. Aisling hit the front again to be 2-1 ahead at the break. Another Aisling goal saw the task become very difficult for Celtic but Celtic came

again to narrow the gap to 3-2 before Annacotty sealed the win with a late goal.

U15 DIV 2

Killarney Athletic 3-0 Killarney Celtic
Celtic B battled gamely but came away e

Celtic B battled gamely but came away empty handed.

U13 PREMIER

Killarney Celtic Green 0-1 Killarney Athletic

Celtic had plenty of possession and applied good pressure but it was Athletic who scored the only goal of the game to take the points.

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Killarney Celtic White won over Dingle B

Conor Randles, Cathal O Donovan, Eoin Murphy, Kyle Fleming, Mark O Connor, Nathan Cronin, George Nomikos, Josh O'Donoghue

Celtic White had a comprehensive win over a spirited Dingle to move onto the next round.

U13 DIV 2

Inter Kenmare 2-6 Killarney Celtic Hoops

Richard Ivan 2, Josh Buckley, Jake Scannell, Noah Keogh, Max Opala

Celtic Hoops stormed to the Div 2 League title with a fine win in Kenmare. **U12 PREMIER**

Killarney Celtic 2-0 Fenit Samphires

Sam Fleury 2

A brace from Sam Fleury was enough to take all the points for Celtic Green as they stayed in touch with the league leaders.

BEST WISHES to Amelia Carroll Kelly and Niamh Fitzgibbon who have signed for Kerry FC U17 team.

CONGRATS to Jamie Downing U12 who made the KSBGI Team of the Week.



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

David Clifford's hat trick captured brilliantly by Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans

SARAH LEAHY WINS NATIONAL 60M TITLE



All eyes were on Killarney Valley's Sarah Leahy in the women's 60m final and her sparkling run of form held as she produced yet another brilliant display to regain the women's national sprint title in 7.39, finishing ahead of 2020 champion Ciara Neville (Emerald AC) in 7.41. Sive O'Toole (St. L. O'Toole AC) rounded out the podium in third in 7.52.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Kerry 3-13 (3-0-13) Tyrone 2-13 (2-3-7)

Since ye won't like my overall opinion on this one, I may as well get it out of the way early. The better team lost. I won't say that Kerry were lucky. David Clifford scoring a hat-trick hardly belongs in the realm of fantasy and they were well-crafted as well as superbly executed. Kerry's late surge of 1-5 without reply was class. Kerry were controlled, calm on the ball, making good decisions. Tyrone were ragged and panicking at that stage.

But the hard truth is that they had us on the ropes for most of this game and they left the door open rather than us pushing through it. I was critical on Kerry coughing up an 12 point lead last week (very critical, and still am),



second half wind or not. Tyrone were five points up with just over ten minutes left on the clock. You shouldn't be losing any game at that stage, not even if they had fifteen David Cliffords. Kerry threw away a win last saturday week, and last Saturday Tyrone did the same. I don't want to be 'glass half-empty' guy, but I saw more to worry me than to celebrate last weekend.

As for the preparations? Pure cat altogether. I know it's tough to make fixtures with the inevitable weather at this time of year. But could Croke Park maybe look up the word 'inevitable'? Because I know people who booked accommodation in Tyrone based on seeing a double-header. I debated going myself, I had a potential lift driving up at six in the morning. But I had a fair of typing to do so I spent Sunday with the fire lit, kettle and TV on, and classic Kerry GAA moment or no, I'm glad I didn't travel. Ye make proper arrangements to play games in advance; I'll make proper arrangements to watch them. If ye can't do that, why should I bother?

Pomeroy. It actually sounds like a World War I battleground in France.

Great start by Kerry. David Clifford gathers a quick pass in and lifts it over the bar. Brian Ó Beaglaíoch wrongfoots the cover neatly and cuts inside for another. Black card for Eoin McElholm, a bit silly, and Paudie Clifford uses the solo and go to great effect before laying off to Dylan Geaney. Paudie is clearly the fulcrum for Kerry, maybe a little bit too much so, and he makes it 0-4 to 0-0.

Then it all starts to go wrong. Good controlled play by Tyrone to open up a two marker and Michael McKernan executes it perfectly. That was a practised move.

Mattie Donnelly goes for goal with Shane Ryan out of possession. The wind takes it away, but we couldn't have complained if they got the goal. It is not merely staid conservatism that makes me prefer goalkeepers to concentrate on their primary function. If every player gets the basics right, you will have a winning team. Winning and losing at the top level is more about the rarity of mistakes that the moments of perfection.

A poor pass by Paudie is easily intercepted but Kerry recover well. Kerry are slowing down, though, and taking that bit too long to assess their options in possession. Passing backwards to Shane Ryan shouldn't be the best option for a free kick, either.

A Graham O'Sullivan effort drops short and out come Tyrone, with McKernan kicking another two pointer. Level pegging that easily. Under the new rules, scoring feels a bit more like a basketball game than soccer - and I say that as a good thing.

Tyrone are looking the more assured side now. Conn Kilpatrick with another two pointer. Rory Brennan wasn't far away with another effort.

Good direct football by Kerry, ball moved quickly and cleverly, and Joe O'Connor pops the point. 0-6 to 0-5. They almost had another on a quick break, but Dylan Geaney took a fraction too much out of it. Unlucky.

A dangerous ball bounced over all the cover to leave Mark Bradley with an easy point. Darren McCurry was just wide with an effort. Tyrone

Action from the Kerry V Tyrone Game. Photos: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans





were opening the throttle now. McCurry punished a foul on Mattie Donnelly. From the kick-out Darragh Canavan slotted another and then added a two point free. 0-11 to 0-5. Ah lads. It was 0-4 to 0-0 in our favour. Kerry were being taken apart here, no point in dressing it

A chink of light. Paudie Clifford under pressure managed to spill the ball towards Paul Geaney. The Dingle man gathers and a quick glance allows him to spot David Clifford heading in the right direction. Geaney has possession for just a second - I want that played and replayed to every Kerry forward at every grade non-stop for the next month. Because the speed of the pass allows David to shrug off a tackle (people forget how physically imposing he is) and unleash a rocket to the net. Yes, brilliant by David, but that was equally brilliant by Paul Geaney.

Half-time Tyrone 0-11 Kerry 1-5.

We needed that goal.

Darragh Canavan opened the second half scoring from a free. Tyrone should have added more to their tally but had a couple of bad wides (I'd have bet the house on the elder Canavan nailing that chance, but weather may have been a factor). Paudie Clifford cuts along the endline (I thought he had telegraphed the move but he executed it really well) before hand passing across to his brother, whose fisted effort was brilliantly saved by Niall Morgan. A free was awarded, not sure why, and Paul Geaney made it 0-12 to 1-6. We were getting outplayed, but we were hanging in there. In fact, we were brutally unlucky. Another nice bit of composure by Paul Geaney saw him return it to David rather than snapshoot himself. David hit a rocket, but it blazed back off the underside of the crossbar. Unlucky, i ndáiríre.

Our turn for a couple of wides. I don't blame Joe O'Connor for going for the two pointer; I want players to back themselves in general.

Great move by Tyrone, Ciarán Daly carrying it up to the corner and finding Mark Bradley, who puts it across to Darragh Canavan. Good chance, clinical finish, and Tyrone lead by 1-12 to 1-6. A foul on Brian Kennedy ("put the message in the box, put the box into the car, drive the car around the world...." I hate that incomprehensible song with a raw passion, and I don't know why) saw Darren McCurry put seven points between us. I can't say that Tyrone didn't deserve it. They were just that bit more clinical than us in general.

Cometh the hour, cometh the man....once again Paul Gaeney is the key component in creating the chance, and once again it's Kerry's talisman who hits the net. 1-13 to 2-6. We still could get something from this game! Paul Geaney with a free. Diarmuid O'Connor with a superb point from play. David Clifford picks up a black card, though. Late challenge, catches him with his foot. Was that a deliberate trip? Arrah, it was certainly too late and that can be dangerous. I'd prefer those called rather than let go as a general rule. Players (and coaches) will bend every bit of leeway as far as possible so when it's late and you catch an opposition player with your foot.....yeah, I want to see the card pulled out.

Brian Ó Beaglaíoch has probably been Kerry's most impactful player over the full game, and Diarmuid has not been far behind him. In fairness, a lot of the Kerry players who struggled in the first half are getting more into the game. I would wonder if Tyrone are guilty of switching off a wee bit at seven points up, not a usual trait for them at all. And it's quite possible that I'm not giving Kerry's resilience enough credit.

One moment of madness. Once again the ball skims over the reaching hands of a bunch around midfield and falls to Darragh Canavan in open space. If you don't know what Canavans can do when gifted that kind of opportunity, ask any Crokes' supporter. On this occasion Joe O'Connor takes the black card to deny the goalscoring opportunity and concede a penalty. Up stepped Mark Bradley. Brilliant save by an offbalance Shane Ryan but Bradley followed up to finish it well - that wasn't any easy finish. 2-13 to 2-8.

Tyrone, quite rightly, started passing the ball around. No hurry now, the clock is ticking, Kerry have to chase down a five point lead. You'd fancy any Division One team to see this out at their ease, even with the new rules. Except...a Tyrone player (I know who, but I'm not going to embarrass the man) takes the most over-ambitious attempt at a score at exactly the wrong moment. Shane Ryan has a kick-out - look, for me, that's an appalling and unnecessary turnover by Tyrone. Up come Kerry, with Tyrone bottling them up. Paudie Clifford tries to lift it over - it goes fifty feet in the air, but only ten feet forward, and the keeper gathers. Kerry are pressing well, though - in fact, and very significantly, with the shackles off they look far more dangerous. Dylan Casey

with a fine point. Barry Dan O'Sullivan is on the field now and making a huge difference (I know we haven't settled on a best fifteen yet and there's no great hurry with that, but Barry Dan would be a certain starter in my half forward line). He wins a free and Paul Geaney slots over. Three points in it. Unlikely, but not impossible. Especially not with one particular lad on the field. I haven't seen him walk on water yet, but sure that's only a triviality. Kerry swept down the field. Away with strategic thinking, we are too busy playing football right now, and we sometimes forget how good we can actually be at the game. Dylan Casey floats it across and there is David. Niall Morgan dives in despair but David is never missing that one (think about the many goal chances we butchered in his absence). 3-10 to 2-13.

Kerry take the lead. Mind you, it came from another Tyrone mistake. Level pegging and time winding down. If you really fancy it, you can take your shot. But be sure, very sure, that it goes out of play even if it's outside the post, and contest the kickout. A Tyrone player went for it....and Shane Ryan rose high to gather. Superb catch, but against Kerry? Against anybody? You just handed them the game. Conor Geney fouled, and David slots it over.

Kerry have all the momentum and the confidence now. Tyrone are letting in water faster than they can bail it. Fantastic mark by Barry Dan. Brian Ó Beaglaíoch wins a free and it's moved up 50 metres. Easy for David and now Tyrone are two points down. Seconds ticking away and Kerry are holding possession. Graham O'Sullivan finally puts it over. I'm thinking that with two points, you are better off holding the ball rather than give them one last chance for a goal. Then I realise that there's only four seconds left before the hooter and Graham was dead right; I was overthinking it. Look, an incredible win for Kerry in many ways. But the fact that it needed to be incredible and that we needed a hat-trick hero......Tyrone not only could, they should have closed that out. Their failures should not be mistaken for Kerry's strengths. We were outplayed for a lot of that game, just like we were against Derry. It's a great result and probably (no guarantees) gives us a bit of leeway against Mayo. I need to see more from quite a few players and I'd like us to target two pointers a little bit more.

Kerry: Shane Ryan, Damien Bourke, Jason Foley, Dylan Casey (0-1), Graham O'Sullivan (0-1), Mike Breen, Brian Ó Beaglaoich (0-1), Diarmuid

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O'Connor (0-1), Joe O'Connor (0-1), Darragh Lyne, Paudie Clifford (0-1), Ruairi Murphy (0-1), David Clifford (3-3, 2f), Paul Geaney (0-3, 3f), Dylan Geaney (0-1). Subs: Conor Geaney (for Dylan Geaney, 46 mins), Barry Dan O'Sullivan (for Ruairí Murphy, 56 mins), Micheál Burns (for Paul Geaney, 64 mins), Paul Murphy (for Brian Ó Beaglaíoch (68)

Tyrone: Niall Morgan, Aidan Clarke, Peter Teague, Niall Devlin, Michael McKernan (0-4, 2tp), Rory Brennan, Frank Burns, Brian Kennedy, Conn Kilpatrick (0-2, tp), Mickey O'Neill, Mattie Donnelly, Ciaran Daly, Darren McCurry (0-2, 2f), Mark Bradley (1-1), Eoin McElholm. Subs; Darragh Canavan 1-4, 2f, 1tpf (for Mickey O'Neill, 21 mins), Ruairi Canavan (for Darren McCurry, 46 mins), Seanie O'Donnell (for Frank Burns, 51 mins), Peter Harte (for Mattie Donnelly, 58 mins), Kieran McGeary (for Eoin McElholm, 66 mins).

Referee: Paddy Neilan (Roscommon).

LADIES NATIONAL LEAGUE

Kerry 4-5 Tyrone 1-7

Look, I wouldn't be remotely happy with the pre-match notifications if I was a Kerry mens' supporter. But as for the ladies? This was absolutely shambolic through no fault of their own. The double header was gone with reasonable notification – just barely reasonable, fairly late for changing bookings. And I can't be the only one who was a little bit suspicious when the Tyrone mens' game was changed to a relatively unknown Pomeroy (which by all accounts casually handled matters very well). So the ladies' game was still going ahead in Healy Park...it sounded a little bit strange. I had decided not to travel anyway, but I'm now delighted that I stayed away from all of that confusion. Who knew what, and when? Because it seemed unlikely from a long way out that it would go ahead in Healy Park, but we were assured that it was. I actually texted someone at the game to confirm before paying €12 for the game - grand value providing it was actually on. Only to have the game switched five minutes later to the artificial pitch in Tyrone's Centre of Excellence in Garvaghy. I got

a text from a friend who had to leave Healy Park and head to Pomeroy, and I doubt if he was the only one who had to miss either the ladies' or mens' game entirely. That kind of notice in very predictable weather conditions? Nowhere near good enough.

Jerome Quinn, who is well-known for recording and broadcasting Ulster games, tok over the broadcast for TG4 and in the circumstances, especially on a flat surface in tough weather conditions, did a very good job but understandably struggled at times to identify players.

When I talk about weather conditions, I mean Baltic. The wind was always going to have more of an impact than any player. Mary O'Connell opened the scoring and Kerry got the perfect start as Danielle O'Leary's long effort was gusted straight into the net. Kerry were making the early running and a very industrious Niamh Carmody slotted over. 1-2 to 0-0, great start for Kerry. Tyrone were trying to work the ball in close, sometimes a little too much so (hard to blame them with the wind) but Aoife Horisk opened their account with a very good score after Aileen McHugh laid off to her and that duo soon combined for another. Caoimhe Evans kicked over for Kerry – I suspect that she thought about the goal but taking a point was the right move. Kerry also hit the woodwork. The visitors were well on top in general play but obviously, scores were at a premium. Slaine McCarroll pointed for Tyrone to make it 1-3 to 0-3. Danielle O'Leary, always looking dangerous, lobbed the keeper but it sailed just wide. Elle McNamee brought Tyrone within two points, but disaster struck soon after for them. Niamh Carmody hit the post, keeper Amelia Coyle injudiciously chased it out, only to be beaten to it (I think it was Caoimhe but I'm not sure) and the ball given fast to Danielle for a simple finish. Jadyn Lucey added a point and Kerry deservedly led by 2-4 to 0-4 at half-time. It was a very slow start to the second half, very slow. The first score took a full ten minutes to arrive. By my word, what a score!

Anna Galvin gathered in her own half and, Anna being the player she is, immediately took it forward. A slightly naive Tyrone moved to impede her progress but they were more wary of passing options than the direct route. Anna did one half dummy and surged straight into the space.....the defending might have been lax, but the attacking instincts and clinical finish....that really should be among the goal of the year

Niamh O'Neill pointed a Tyrone free but Kerry were not only on top, they were bringing awesome power off the bench as Tyrone began to tire. One of those who came on was Rachel Dwyer, and she notched our fourth goal, a lucky enough effort similar to Danielle's first. Niamh O'Neill added another free but Katie

Brosnan replied after superb work by Nimah ní Chonchúir. Tyrone did finish strongly with a goal from Sorcha Gormley (watch out for this teenager, her dad Brian and her aunt Eilish captained Tyrone teams in the past) and another O'Neill free, but Kerry saw it out comfortably.

Three wins from three for Mark Bourke's team and game minutes into a lot of players. Early days, but this is looking good.

Kerry: Mary Ellen Bolger, Roisín Rahilly, Deirdre Kearney, Ciara McCarthy, Eilís Lynch, Aoife Dillane, Niamh Broderick, Mary O'Connell (0-1), Anna Galvin (1-0), Niamh Carmody (0-1), Siofra O'Shea, Leah Boyle, Caoimhe Evans (0-1), Jadyn Lucey (0-1), Danielle O'Leary (2-0). Subs: Niamh Quinn (for Caoimhe Evans, half-time), Aisling O'Connell (for Niamh Broderick, halftime), Katie Hannon (for Mary Ellen Bolger, halftime), Kayleigh Cronin (for Deirdre Kearney, 43 mins), Niamh ni Chonchúir (for Jadyn Lucey, 43 mins), Rachel Dwyer 1-0 (for Leah Boyle, 47 mins), Katie Brosnan 0-1 (for Niamh Carmody, 50 mins), Katie Sugrue (for Ciara McCarthy, 54 mins), Kavla O'Connor (for Aoife Dillane, 54 mins). Julia Curtin (for Mary O'Connell, 57 mins), Melanie Higgins (for Siofra O'Shea, 57 mins)

Tyrone: Amelia Coyle, Jayne Lyons, Tori McElroy, Eimear Quinn, Michaela Moore, Meabh Corrigan, Áine Strain, Aoibheann McHugh, Meabh Mallon, Caitlin Campbell, Slaine McCarroll (0-1), Elle McNamee (0-1), Chloe McCaffrey, Ciara McCrossan, Aoife Horisk (0-2). Subs: Sorcha Gormley 1-0 (for Aoife Horisk, 40 mins), Niamh O'Neill 0-3, 3f (for Ciara McCrossan, 50 mins), Aoife Horisk (for Tori McElroy, 50 mins), Emer McCanny (for Meabh Corrigan, 50 mins), Ciara Colton (for Michaela Moore (57), Niamh McElduff (for Áine Strain, 60

Referee: Maggie Farrelly (Cavan).





Action from the Kerry V Tyrone game. Photo: Cathriona Gillan Photography

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NATIONAL HURLING LEAGUE

Donegal 5-14 Kerry 3-16

This one is a bit of a headliner, and not in a good way for Kerry. Donegal were considered prime candidates for relegation – that's no offence to them, but they are a Christy Ring team against a Joe McDonagh side. Frankly, pretty much everyone (myself very much included) was taking these points for granted. This is literally Donegal's first ever hurling win over a Munster team.

The fact that we dominated the first half makes it worse. Shane Nolan opened the scoring and Shane Conway swiftly clipped over two frees. Donegal hit back with a goal from Conor Gartland but Nolan and Ronan Walsh nuded Kerry two ahead. Losing Shane Conway with a knock was a bit of a blow but wouldn't really have inspired any sense of foreboding. Seán Brosnan pointed and Oisín Maunsell, Kerry captain, blasted to the Donegal net. 1-6 to 1-0, back on track.

Except on came Donegal again, with Liam McKinney firing past Louis Dee. Just a goal in it again!

Good response. Ronan Walsh with a massive free from distance and Darragh Shanahan with a fine score. Oisín Maunsell restored our six point lead. Liam McKinney and Seán Brosnan swapped scores just before the half-time whistle. Kerry ahead by 1-10 to 2-1, making hard enough work of it and turning into the wind.

A Donegal punt drops short and Peter Kelly is fastest to react, whacking it deftly to the net. Donegal are beginning to sense something here. 1-10 to 3-1. Ronan Walsh pointed a free but Gerard Gillmore clipped over in reply and Gartland notched a brace. Just one point in it now and you wouldn't need any spider-sense to feel real danger. Sure enough, Conor O'Grady split the posts and Dun na nGall were level.

Shane Nolan put us back in front but Donegal's goalkeeper Luke White lands an absolutely monster free. On the days when they go over, you always have a real chance....

Luke McKinney, and Donegal in front for the first time. Brian McIntyre with another. This one is going all the way to the wire, and everybody knows it...

Ronan Walsh trims the gap with a free, but Liam McKinney replies. 3-9 to 1-13. Ruairí Campbell and Luke Rochford exchange scores. Seán Mcveigh and Gerard Gillmore for Donegal. Four points in it now.

Oisín Maunsell with a free. Tom Doyle....goal! Nicely done by the Crokes man and we are level. A draw is just inside the bounds of respectability; I'll gladly take it. Except Donegal aren't giving it. The sliotar is sent straight down the field and Liam McKinney gives Louise Dee absolutely no chance. As the old saying has it, if Kerry had ducks they'd drown.

And there's another one. Ruairí Campbell with the finish, and Donegal lead by 5-12 to 2-15. Ronan Walsh hits a couple of frees for Kerry but Donegal always have an answer.

On paper, this isn't any disaster. We aren't going to be relegated and promotion was never on the cards – are you kidding me? I'd prefer to be relegated and rebuild rather than get eaten by the sharks in Division One. We didn't even play all that bad, Donegal were genuinely excellent. This will have no real impact on our prospects going forward. But the message it sends out..... the unfortunate reality is that there are hurling sharks outside of Division One and they will all be looking at Kerry as prey now. It's exactly what I would be doing in their place.

Kerry: Louis Dee, Kyle O'Connor, Daithí Griffin, Seamie Foran, Darragh Shanahan (0-1), Tomás Casey, Sean McGrath, Ronan Donovan, Rory Mahony, Tom Doyle (1-0), Seán Brosnan (0-2), Ronan Walsh (1-5, 4f), Oisín Maunsell (1-2, 1f), Shane Nolan (0-3), Shane Conway (0-2, 2f). Subs: Adam Segal (for Shane Conway, 17 mins), Luke Rochford 0-1 (for Shane Nolan, 48 mins), Dylan Moriarty (for Seán Brosnan, 53 mins), Conor O'Keeffe (for Tomás Casey, 61 mins).

NATIONAL CAMOGIE LEAGUE

Offaly 1-17 Kerry 0-11

A tough opener, to say the least. There was very little between Kerry and Offaly last year (we lost the Intermediate semi-final in extra-time to Kilkenny, Offaly lost the other semi-final to eventual winners Cork). I was sneakily hopeful of getting out with a result, maybe even a win, as we headed into Birr Stadium. But I hadn't factored in that Offaly were putting training sessions together while Clanmaurice were recovering from a gruelling but ultimately hugely rewarding Club Intermediate All Ireland campaign.

Patrice Diggin is fairly undisputable as Kerry's best ever camogie player and she was at her brilliant best here, opening the score with a great free from distance. Offaly served early warning signs though, with three very well-worked points in reply. And I really do mean well-worked, taken into full control with the first touch and passed accurately forward within seconds. It's great hurling to watch, even by the opposition.

That was more or less the story of the game. Kerry gave a good account of themselves, plenty of heart and battle. The little bit of finesse will come; they have proven many times over that they have it in them. And the emergence of another crop of young players like Kathryn Ryan, Sarah Walsh, and Tara Burke is another positive sign. Even so, it would be remiss to ignore the fact that Kerry were down 0-12 to 0-6 at half-time and the outstanding Clodagh Leahy's penalty effectively put the game to bed. I thought Patrice was superb – arrah, that would be kind of her default setting, anyway - and I wouldn't say that Kerry were far away from the standard I'd be expecting. It's just that Offaly, work done or not, were absolutely outstanding. If they are producing performances like this on a consistent basis, they just moved into real

contenders for silverware.

For Kerry, I would say that the first touch needs to pick up (it always does after the first game or two, the passing needs to be that small bit quicker, and, most crucially, we need scorers. Amy O'Sullivan scored a beauty and brilliantly created another for Caoimhe Spillane, but Patrice still had 0-9 of our total of 0-11. Patrice and Jackie Horgan are always good for a combination of at least twelve points, but 0-12 isn't winning any game. Where does the rest come from?

I plan on being in Lixnaw this Saturday at 2.00pm to see Kerry take on Meath (and Meath are another serious outfit, just in case you thought it would be getting any easier), and hopefully I'll find out.

Kerry: Aoife Fitzgerald, Michelle Costello, Sara Murphy, Rachel McCarthy, Áine O'Connor, Niamh Leen, Aoife Behan, Ciara O'Sullivan, Ruth O'Connor, Caoimhe Spillane (0-1), Patrice Diggin (0-9, 7f, 1'45), Ellen O'Donoghue, Amy McCarthy, Kate Lynch, Amy O'Sullivan (0-1). Subs Kathryn Ryan (for Ciara O'Sullivan, halftime), Roisín Quinn (for Áine O'Connor, halftime), Ann Marie Leen (for Ellen O'Donogue, 48), Tara Burke (for Amy O'Sullivan, 54), Sarah Walsh (for Aoife Behan, 56)

RUGBY IRELAND WIN TRIPLE CROWN

Six Nations: Ireland 27 Wales 18

It was a small bit of a strange day for me. I was on the road to a game - no secret about it, the camogie in Birr in County Offaly. Nice clear road and made nice time, arrived a bit early but I was setting up my laptop, typing up teams, asking about changes....you know yourself. Everton had just scored their second against Manchester United (I actually don't follow a Premiership team myself, but it's still a regular talking point at sports occasions in this country and this is a definite element of schadenfreude about the crimson imps - you couldn't call this lot Red Devils). Late enough in the first half of the game I was watching, some-one in the crowd with one of them magic phones announced that Jack Conan had just gone over for a try. And that was that, we all kind of assumed that Ireland had won. After all, every pundit all week, Irish and otherwise, had more or less made it clear that Wales would hardly keep a ball kicked out to us.

The second half had only started when I sat into the car for the road home. It actually made for good company, I wasn't far off the Junction 30 turn-off for Killarney on the M6 when the game ended (and sure, I had Armagh v Mayo on RTE Radio One from there). The basic point I am making, I suppose, is that most sports followers in Ireland are like me. We have one favourite sport, and are usually affiliated with a club of some sort, but we casually follow a lot of sports, especially if they intersect with Irish popular culture. The amount of people who had

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opinions on the judging at the pommel horse in the Olympics as soon as Rhys McClenaghan came along....

I formed opinions while listening to the radio commentary. That's inevitable, and you often don't realise that you are trusting the commentators rather than actually evaluating things. By the time I got home to Killarney, I was convinced that Wales had undergone a remarkable transformation, Banner into Hulk almost. Instead of the cakewalk all the experts told me to expect, it was a ferocious battle between two great teams and Ireland had just about scraped over the line.

Then I sat down and watched the game at home.

Wales attacked first but without real teeth and Ringrose booted clear. No messing; Ireland are on a mission, and sure enough they bring too much for Wales through the phases, especially with Dan Sheehan and Joe McCarthy sucking defenders in, with Jack Conan going over. Wales attacked, and you could see the difference in the lack of precision, with Ireland getting a relieving penalty that simply wouldn't have happened at the other end.

Wales were well able for Ireland in the scrum, which I certainly hadn't expected. In fact, they were winning those contests hands-down.... but that doesn't show on the scoreboard. Penalties do, and midway through the half Ireland got a simple one neatly tapped over by Sam Prendergast. 10-0. Based on all recent form, Wales are about to collapse and Ireland are going to have their bonus points in the bag before the fifty minute mark. You can trust me on this, I'm never wrong....

Gareth Thomas gave away that penalty, but made up for it by making a superb tackle on Dan Sheehan to spill the ball and Wales pushed forward. It ended in a penalty and Anscombe was never likely to refuse such a gift. 10-3. Well done to Wales, but there are no bookies adjusting their odds on the strength of that alone.

Wales broke forward on the right wing. Ireland did manage to secure it, but that was both ambitious and audacious by Wales. That really was the kind of rugby that they sang about in the valleys back in the heyday of the early seventies. Ireland were still in control, but this was a reminder of that laboured first half against England.

Wales on the attack and Ireland cough up a penalty. The ball comes out and Garry Ringrose chases it a bit too hard. He's got a definite yellow and yeah, it got upgraded to a red. That would earn sneers in the old days, except that if you ask a lot of the players from those days, they'll know an awful lot more about head impacts now than they did then. That's a definite red nowadays and a handy three points for Anscombe.

Irish penalty, and a very soft one. New coach Matt Sherratt hasn't had Wales long enough to fix everything, but players who commit that kind of silly offence had better get ready to get called out. A let-off for Wales, though,

as Prendergast bounced the kick off the post. If you believe subsequent commentators, Munster fans were screaming for Jack Crowley at that point – once again, that's a mediaconjured myth; nobody is fussed about this supposed rivalry.

Wales with a lineout. They were pressing well, but didn't look like penetrating. Except that Ireland just can't actually clear it, and Wales just keep coming. This isn't moments of genius. This isn't magical. Thisisn't Gareth Edwards in full flight or JPR at his brilliant best. This is simply rugby, pressure piled on pressure. One mistake and the attack is over....except that Wales don't make any mistake and eventually the pressure told as Jac Morgan got over. Anscombe added the conversion and Wales were ahead by 13-10. I wish I actually didn't know the subsequent result by the time I got to sit down and watch it. Would I have been worried at that point? Not really. I knew from the England game that Ireland had depth on the bench. Wales had defied expectations; Ireland had slightly underperformed (again, which is a real concern for me). Three points? No, I doubt that it was ever going to be enough in these circumstances.

Red card for Garry Ringrose confirmed. No surprise. Off we go again.

Wales haven't had this kind of lift for a long time and they looked invigorated. I don't begrudge them; we have known hard times ourselves. A poor kick by Ireland, and Wales were moving the ball fast, ending up with Tom Rogers acrobatically swooping over. They miss a difficult conversion, but even so....18-10.... there was an element of schoolyard 'next score wins' about it now.

Here's a part of the narrative that is being lost in subsequent analysis. Wales didn't score again. Ireland never hit the real heights but didn't have to as their bench began to infuse fresh energy and Wales, undeniably gallant, just couldn't stay with them. It aws not 'heroic', it was not about 'composure'. We simply had much more power to draw on.

A penalty for Prendergast and a well-taken three points. Bundee Aki on for Ringrose.

Okay, I apologise. There was one moment of genuine brilliance, a stunning kick by Prendergast. Credit where due, that precision turned defence into deadly attack. That really was world class. Gibson Park across the field, James Lowe got up high to flick it on to Jamie Osborne, and Ireland were level. Good effort at a conversion but it curls away; absolute no blame given the high level of difficulty.

Wales pressed but their energy levels were dropping and it's Ireland who make the next break. Mack Hansen is held up on the line but Ireland get a penalty. Prendergast (wisely, in these circumstances) took the three points on offer.

Bundee Aki won a great turnover and Prendergast stepped up to the kick. That was definitely 50 metres if not more, he made it look like bread and butter. 24-18, and ten minutes left.

Prendegast with a wayward kick (a bird of rare



plumage; his kicking has mostly been world class, defence could be just a fraction better) and Ellis Mee (nigh on my man of the match, I thought he was sensationally defiant) gets to the line. Did he get it down past hansen. Hmmmm....(yeah, once again, I already knew that he hadn't). My own opinion? It wasn't grounded, no doubts whatsoever about that one, the camera caught it perfectly.

One last kick for Prendergast and three more points for Ireland. In truth, the end result had actually looked inevitable from a long way out. This wasn't anything like as dramatic as pundits are pretending. Yes, it was Wales' best result for a long time, but even at 18-10, I don't believe it ever felt like they had enough to push on. A confidence booster for them, but the Grand Slam aspirants were never in danger of being derailed.

I'd be fierce worried about the France game, though. We are winning games with power, not individual quality. France have the strongest league and power alone won't do it. Ireland have slipped a little bit back, in my opinion. There is a definite sense of hubris about the Irish media. There isn't even any real feeling of celebration about the triple crown. Remember Ciarán Fitzgerald's famous exhortation in 1985 about "Where's your ----ing pride?" to drive Ireland over the finish line? It feels as if people are taking the triple crown for granted. In fact, as if the Grand Slam is practically guaranteed. I don't like it. Hubris. The Romans considered it the greatest sin of all and it eventually ended their empire.

One last point. There's a lot of commentary about how Wales' defiance against Ireland (exaggerated in my opinion) shows up how awful a coach Warren Gatland was. Gatland was never particularly nice about Ireland in his Welsh role, but he did plenty for us in his time and there's an element of upper class drawing room aristocrats criticising a miner at the coalface about the cheap digs at him. He did his best to give something to the game, and was doing so long before he got paid for it. Some of his critics never did as much.



Comhairle Contae Chiarraí Kerry County Council

Fógra Poiblí de réir Acht Um Thrácht ar Bhóithre 1994 (Alt 38) leasaithe ag an Acht Um Rialáil Iompair Phoiblí 2009 (Alt 46) agus Acht Um Thrácht ar Bhóithre 1961 (Alt 95). Public Notice in Compliance with the Road Traffic Act 1994 (Section 38) as amended by the Public Transportation Regulation Act, 2009 (Section 46) and the Road Traffic Act, 1961 (Section 95). Bearta Moillithe Tráchta / Traffic Calming Measures.

Bearta Moillithe Tráchta / Traffic Calming Measures

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to Section 38 (3) of the Road Traffic Act 1994, as amended by the Public Transportation Regulation Act, 2009 (Section 46), and the Road Traffic Act 1961 (Section 95), Kerry County Council proposes to introduce traffic calming measures on **Park Road, Killarney,** Co. Kerry as follows:

- Upgrade of existing pedestrian crossing on East Avenue Road /Park Road R876 at Killarney Outlet Centre to a wider shared crossing.
- Upgrade of existing pedestrian crossing on Park Road R876 at Ardshanavooly Estate, Killarney to a wider shared crossing.
- New proposed controlled pedestrian crossing on Park Road R876 at the Killarney Outlet Centre crossing to the Friary Church.
- New proposed controlled pedestrian crossing on Park Road R876 at the Omniplex Cinema Killarney crossing to the Circle K garage.
- All updates to the alignment of the proposed Active Travel route on Park Road as per the accompanying drawings.

These traffic calming measures will provide improved connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists in the overall vicinity of Park Road, Killarney and form part of the overall Active Travel project for Park Road.

Drawings showing the location of the proposed works may be inspected at the following locations during normal office hours, for a period from Wednesday 26th February 2025, until Thursday, 27th March 2025:

- Kerry County Council, Capital Development Unit Offices, Unit 20/21, The Reeks, Killarney, Co. Kerry V93C3WH
- Kerry County Council, Killamey Municipal District Office, Town Hall, Killamey, Co. Kerry V93KH5V
- Kerry County Council, Roads and Transportation Department, Room 115, Kerry County Council, County Buildings, Rathass, Tralee, Co. Kerry V92H7VT

It will also be advertised on the Kerry County Council website - www.kerrycoco.ie

Observations or representations in relation to the proposal may be made, in writing and marked Section 38 – Park Road Traffic Calming Measures to the Administrative Officer, Capital Development Unit, Kerry County Council, Unit 20/21, The Reeks, Killarney, Co. Kerry V93C3WH or by email to cdusouth@kerrycoco.ie and must be received by 4.00 p.m. on Thursday, 27th March 2025.

Personal Information is collected by Kerry County Council to enable the processing of your submission/enquiry.

Kerry County Council can legally process this information as necessary to comply with its statutory/legal obligations.

Such information will be processed in line with the Council's privacy statement which is available at www.kerrycoco.ie

Liam Quinlan

Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs

KILLARNEY LEGION

MINOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Keane's SuperValu Minor Football Club Championship Group F Quarter-Finals Legion B 2:13 Kenmare B 4:8

Our minor B team started their season with a narrow home loss to a decent Kenmare B team in a sporting game at Direen last Friday night.

We created plenty of chances to win the game but came out the wrong side of a 1pt scoreline. Plenty of positives and plenty to work on in training. Thanks to ref Tom Walsh and Kenmare Shamrocks for a sporting game.

Well done to the pitch committee on having pitch 2 in great shape for a match given the recent high amounts of rainfall.

KERRY LADIES

Well done to Sophie O Shea and Ali Bowler who both were part of the Kerry U16 panels who played Waterford last Saturday. Ali is the daughter of John and Niamh Bowler, while Sophie O Shea can claim strong football pedigree through her dad Kieran, who is married to Annette. We wish both girls well for the season ahead.

KERRY

Well done to Darragh Lyne and the Kerry Senior football team who produced a late late show to usurp Tyrone in the latest round of the National Football League.

SATURDAY MORNING ACADEMY

The Academy will make its return on Saturday March 15th, suitable for boys and girls from age 4 to 10 it will run from 10.30am. With a new Academy committee at the helm there are some fresh and innovating ideas coming on board so it promises to be an exciting year.

GAELIC FOR GIRLS

Killarney Legion are delighted to be the only club in Kerry helping to run a fantastic new initiative. It is aimed at young girls who have either never tried Gaelic Football before or want to give it another go. Run in conjunction with the Ladies Gaelic Football Association and with Kerry star Siofra O Shea as its ambassador, it commences on Saturday 15th March in our club grounds in Direen and is open to everyone. The cost of the programme is just 12 Euro for 8 weeks and that includes a Gaelic 4 Girls t-shirt. The course will run for eight weeks from 10-11am each Saturday morning and for more info or to register you are urged to contact either Margaret at 087 2476755 or Laura at 087 2031804. Alternatively you can contact by email at Killarneylegionacademy@ gmail.com.

SARAH LEAHY

It's great to chart the progress that Sarah Leahy is currently making on the athletics front. The Killarney Valley Athlete, daughter of Mike and Marie, is making great strides literally with the 2028 LA Olympic Games being the ultimate target. Her latest triumph was in the National Senior 60m Indoors where she clocked a winning time of 7.39 seconds. Keep up the good work Sarah!!

DEFIBRILLATOR

The past week has seen the installation of another defibrillator outside the dressing room door. Please respect this vital piece of equipment

LIDL PLUS STAMP CARD

The Lidl Plus Stamp Card campaign returns for its latest edition, and this time, we're continuing to #GetBehindTheFight in support of LGFA clubs all over the country!

With €50,000 up for grabs, it's time to show #SeriousSupport for your local LGFA club.

Each time Lidl Plus registered users spend more than €50 in a Lidl store and scan their app at the till between Monday 17th February and Sunday 16th March, they will receive a stamp on their digital stamp card. Once 4 stamps have been collected, users can submit their completed stamp card via the app where their stamp cards are then added to their chosen club's total.

Each club that achieves a minimum of 50 completed stamp cards is guaranteed a reward, starting from a set of Lidl sponsored jerseys up to €5,000 in cash funding for clubs that collect 500 or more completed stamp cards.

To keep up to date with the number of stamps each user and club has earned, go to https://www.lidl.ie/serious-support and will be updated once per week on Thursdays.

All clubs that collect at least 50 stamp cards, will be entered into the draw for €50,000, with 3 regional runners up winning €10,000.

4 Simple Steps to follow:

From Monday 17th Feb - Download/Open the Lidl Plus app and opt-in to the scheme

Select the club you want to support by following the prompts on the app

Spend over €50 in store and scan your Lidl Plus card to earn a stamp (over €100 = 2 stamps, over €150 = 3 stamps, etc.)

Collect 4 stamps and submit your completed stamp card by Sunday, March 16th 2025 - completed stamp cards will be automatically added to your club's total

Full details are available at: https://www.lidl.ie/serious-support

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

The Club extends its sympathies to the family of Bridget Mannix. Her son Patrick played for the club at all grades as did Mark. Mark is also a coach in the club and his kids in turn are now playing.

And also to the family of Aine Fleming, Pinewood Estate. Son Jojo played for the club while grandson Oisin is an active member of our juvenile club.

FOSSA

LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 23/02/2025 for a jackpot of €8,550 were 3, 11, 12, 18. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Niamh Cronin; Online, Claudia Buckley; Online, Peggy Watson, Teresa Mollahan, Nora Ann O'. 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

EAST KERRY LEAGUE

Well done to our seniors who had a great workout in testing conditions on Friday evening against Currow in the East Kerry league. Both sides played well in a competitive game but Fossa had too much for the visitors in the end and ran out winners on a score of 2-17 to 2-10. They are away to Kilgarvan next Sunday at 1pm. **MINOR BOYS**

The minors begin their Club Championship campaign next Saturday at 1pm in Fossa when they play Reenard/St Mary's/Valentia in the quarter final of the competition. All support welcome.

GAELTACHT SCHOLARSHIP

Munster GAA is delighted to announce that the 2025 Scholarship Competition for second-level students aged between 12 – 17 years, wishing to attend a Gaeltacht course this Summer is now open for applications. (minimum stay 2 weeks).

One Full scholarship per county in the province will be awarded. Scholarships will cover the full cost of the Gaeltacht course. Entry requirements are as follows:

Applicants must be a current member of a GAA, LGFA or Camogie Club in Munster.

Applicants aged 12 – 17 are required to submit a video recording in Irish of ONE MINUTE'S duration on the following Topic:

An Fhoireann is fearr liom (Based on Gaelic games of all codes)

Video to also include a brief introduction of self from the student, outlining their interest in Gaeilge and our culture.

Videos and application forms to be submitted by February 26th, 2025

LINK TO APPLICATION FORM: https://forms. qle/6jcbFqXALD6SHuvN9

Students who have already applied for a partial – scholarship in their counties may also apply for this full scholarship.

Further queries can be directed by email to respective county cultural officers: culturalofficer.kerry@gaa.ie

Winners will be announced during Seachtain na Gaeilge 2025. Please note that canvassing will disqualify.

Go néirí go geal libh go léir!

Aedín Ní Bhriain

Oifigeach Forbartha Gaeilge, CLG na Mumhan aedin.ni.bhriain.munster@gaa.ie

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following footballers who have been selected to be part of the Kerry Ladies Underage teams for the coming year. Kerry Minor Panel 2025; Seodhla Colleran, Anne O'Shaughnessy, Lily O'Shaughnessy; U16 County Panel 2025, Kelsey Cummins, Tara O'Sullivan, Naoise O'Connor; U14 County Panel 2025, Emma O'Connor. Well done girls.

Also, congratulations to Paudie and David Clifford who were instrumental in Kerry's victory over Tyrone in Pomery on Sunday. It was an incredible team performance capped by a brilliant hat trick of goals from David, well done boys.

DR. CROKES

MEMBERSHIP

Membership for the 2025 season is now due! Follow the link below https://member.clubforce.com/memberships_cart_m.asp?LL_ID=734&intMF_ID=14394#topp

SENIOR LADIES

Senior Football training has recommenced. New

QGAA NEWS

players or any past players wishing to return are most welcome. For further information contact Aine at 087 2890527.

LOTTO took place February 24th. Numbers drawn were 13, 16, 21,25 Jackpot of €9,500 was NOT WON. 9 patrons matched 3 numbers and received €45 each. Jackpot for draw on March 3rd will be €9,800. 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)

FR. PADDY'S CARDS NIGHT continues every Wednesday from 8pm in the clubhouse.

KATHLEEN'S GENTLE MOVEMENT CLASS will

take place on Thursday 27th February at 11am in the clubhouse. Classes will return to Tuesdays on March 4th. You do not need to be a member to join. All Welcome.

NATIONAL CLUB DRAW

All proceeds of the ticket sales will go to Dr Crokes. There are fantastic prizes to be won. https://member.clubforce.com/tickets_m. asp?LL_ID=734&intTE_ID=3400

DR. CROKES SHOP

You can shop worldwide on our online shop. Follow the link https://www.oneills.com/shopby-team/gaa/ireland/dr-crokes-gaa.html?p=2

BINGO

Dr Crokes Bingo continues every second Sunday in St. Mary's Parish Hall. Doors will open at 7pm with the first game commencing at 8pm. Dates for March are the 9th and 23rd.

CONDOLENCES to Dave, Angela, Eric and Shane O'Connor on the recent passing of Angela's brother Micheál O'Connor. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

NOTES

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





KERRY LADIES | | GFA

VICTORY FOR KERRY OVER A GUTSY TYRONE TEAM

Kerry 4-5 Tyrone 1-7

GOALS made the difference as Kerry claimed their third Lidl NFL victory on the spin with a deserved victory over a gutsy Tyrone team at the Tyrone GAA Centre of Excellence in Garvaghey.

The game moved was O'Neill's Healy Park from to Garvaghey just an hour beforehand following a pitch inspection, and both teams played with commendable skill and endeavour though Kerry's superior scoring threat made the difference on the day.

The reigning TG4 All-Ireland champions got off to a flying start, surging into a 1-2 to no score lead in the opening five minutes.

Danielle O'Leary got the goal, her speculative effort for a point on an extremely blustery day ended up in the back of the net with only a minute on the clock, while Mary O'Connell and Niamh Carmody added early points.

It looked like Tyrone were in for a long afternoon but they started to assert themselves and Aoife Horisk landed their first score of the day, capping off a fine attacking move.

The wind played havoc for a spell, both sides spurning opportunities, and it was Tyrone that found their range once again with another point from play from Horisk, who suffered a knock in the process and was replaced by Sorcha Gormley.

Kerry hit back with a point from Caoimhe Evans, but Tyrone didn't look at all over-awed. forcing a number of turnovers and getting the next two points, via Slainne McCarroll and Elle McNamee.

But the Kingdom struck for their second goal of the day after the Tyrone defence was left all at sea and O'Leary finished the ball into an empty net. They increased their advantage with the final point of the half, coming from Jaydn Lucey, ensuring they carried a 2-4 to 0-4 lead into the second half.

Tyrone had plenty of possession after the break but couldn't quite work the ball into scorable positions for a long stretch, and Kerry extended their advantage with a 42 minute goal from the impressive Anna Galvin.

Tyrone sub Niamh O'Neill nailed two frees but Kerry were still comfortable and got their fourth goal of the game heading into the final ten minutes from sub Rachael Dwyer.

The home side kept battling and got a deserved late consolation goal from Sorcha Gormley but ultimately they could have no complaints as Kerry recorded a deserved victory on the road.

Scorers

Kerry: D O'Leary 2-0, R Dwyer and A Galvin 1-0 each, J Lucey, C Evans, M O'Connell, N Carmody and K Brosnan 0-1 each.

Tyrone: S Gormley 1-0, N O'Neill 0-3 (0-3f), A Horisk 0-2, S McCarroll and E McNamee 0-1

Referee: Maggie Farrelly (Cavan).



Danielle O Leary, Kerry in possession of the ball during the Tyrone game last weekend. Photo: Cathriona Gillan Photography



Eilís Lynch, Kerry in action during the Tyrone game last weekend. Photo: Cathriona Gillan Photography



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.

ERRATIC PLANNING DECISIONS WITHOUT CONSEQUENCES FOR KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

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

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



A builder built an extra thirteen houses in an existing housing estate. The builder rerouted heavy traffic away from the estate and used an existing farm road at the rear of the site to access the building site. The photo shows the relief road and this road was in existence long before his company built these houses. After the houses were built the Council instructed the builder to go onto private property and dig up the relief road and turn the area into a green field otherwise Kerry County Council will take €20,000 via a bond from the builder. Kerry County Council contacted this publication stating that the heading of this article is "grossly misleading and incorrect". Nobody wants badly built estates but this example does

not entice builders to build houses.



This is a photo of a manhole that was built in 2008.

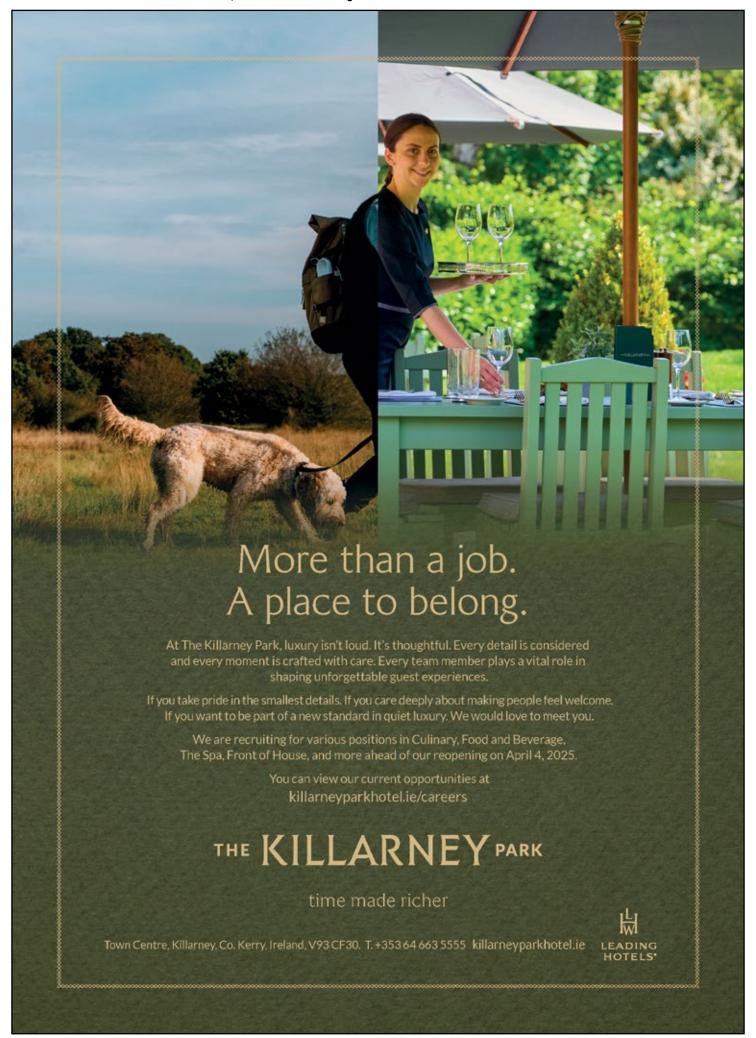
This manhole is in perfect condition after sixteen years.

The specifications on building a manhole has changed recently and Kerry County Council wants all the manholes in the estate dug up and rebuild under the updated specifications and this work will cost the builder £45.000.

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



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



COMMUNAL FIRST SATURDAY:

For those who would like to fulfil the second of Our Lady's requests in Fatima for obtaining a period of peace and salvation of souls. The Communal First Saturday devotions will be held on Saturday the 1st March commencing at 8.45am in the Church of the Resurrection, Killarney. Confession 8.45am, the Rosary, 9am followed by Holy Mass, and 15 minutes meditation after Mass. All will be done with the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

LIVING IN THE GIFT OF HIS DIVINE WILL: Conference 8th March2025

Come and deepen your spiritual life and learn how to live in and through Christ. Daniel Shiels will guide us on "Living in the gift of His Divine will and will show us how our daily lives can be

transformed through operating the gift of Divine Will in our daily lives. All will take place in Dromid conference centre Waterville 066 944782. Further info 087688412

KERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO ROME WITH BISHOP RAY BROWNE; 5 days fully escorted Pilgrimage to Rome, from the 19th of

May to 23rd of May. €1,465 pps, For further details or to book contact Nora 087 9318976. Full Itinerary available at www.marian.ie

POOR CLARES GALWAY, MONASTIC EXPERIENCE

DAY on Saturday the 15th of March from 10am to 5pm. An opportunity to experience and learn more bout the Poor Clare way of life for woman ages 18-35. For mor information contact: events@poorclares. ie

POLISH MASS at the Church of the Resurrection every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month at 6.30pm, Confession before Mass at 5.45pm.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION ENVELOPES

The Envelopes are now available from the Parish Office. These envelopes are a source of income for the parish. We would greatly appreciate if the contact people or volunteers could help with distribution, please contact the office to arrange collection of boxes, to distribute in their

particular area. If you currently do not use an envelope or are new to the Parish and would like to have a box of envelopes, please contact the Parish Office and we'll organise that for you. Your contribution to the Parish is greatly appreciated. Many thanks for your continued support.

CHAIR EXERCISE CLASS FOR ACTIVE AGING -

Mondays at 10 AM, St. Mary's Parish Hall, Killarney. Gentle movement, breathwork & strength for wellbeing. €5 per session. All welcome!" free information event, register at prolifecampaign.ie/events

TRÓCAIRE BOXES are available in our Churches & we ask that you take one to your home as we support those in the developing world this Lent.

LENT begins with Ash Wednesday 5th of March.

BINGO at St. Mary's Parish Hall, will be held on Thursdays@ 8.30pm



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Applications are invited by CV and cover letter to: ceo@sag.ie, The CEO, The Social Action Group Rathmore CLG, Rathmore, Co. Kerry

Closing date for receipt of applications Friday, 7th March 2025.



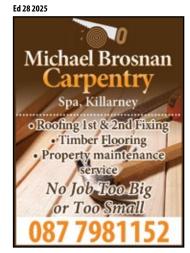


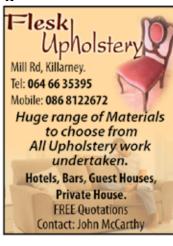


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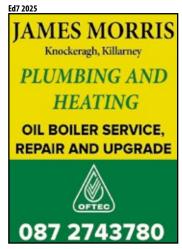






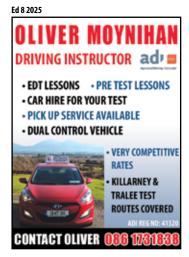
















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Fill your bowl to about one inch from the top as this will make it easier when watering afterwards. When choosing the plants start with the centre piece. An ideal plant for this would be an evergreen grass. This is an ideal plant as when you are finished with the bowl, the evergreen grass can be planted outdoors.

There are a huge range of plants with colour to fill around the centre piece. Some of the most popular to choose from are trailing variegated ivy's, heathers in flower, primroses, polyanthus, forget-me-nots and you will also still be able to get some potted daffodils

When finished planting, make sure to water the plants well, and if you decide to keep the flower bowl indoors make sure that the saucer is underneath. Keep the finished bowl in as much light as possible and this will flower well into the time for Summer bedding. As certain flowers go off before others, don't be afraid to remove them as this will keep your bowl looking good for longer.



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Hoteliers, Rebecca Brosnan, Tracy Coyne and Caitriona Whyte from The International pictured during a break from the IHF conference in the INEC -Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney on Monday. Photo: Don MacMonagle





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KILLARNEY TRAVEL SPECIALIST WINS TOP HONEYMOON PLANNER AWARD

Killarney-based travel specialist Nicola Browne Travel Counsellor, has been honoured with the 2025 Top Honeymoon Planner Award at the 7th Irish Wedding Awards, which took place on 29th January at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dublin Airport.

Nicola, who has been running her own successful travel business since 2019, specialises in honeymoons, cruises, safaris, and tailor-made holidays for families and couples. Her dedication to crafting travel experiences for honeymooners has earned her this prestigious recognition, reinforcing her reputation as a trusted expert.

On receiving the award, Nicola expressed her gratitude: "It is a complete honour to have firstly been nominated by some of the honeymoon couples I have booked and then go on to win this award. To say I am genuinely delighted is an understatement."

Nicola's passion for travel and customer service is at the heart of her business. As a Travel Counsellor, she takes pride in offering bespoke travel experiences, ensuring that every couple enjoys a honeymoon perfectly tailored to their dreams.

"My main focus is always putting my customers first and creating unforgettable experiences. I truly love my business and being recognised this year for simply doing what I'm passionate about, is an incredible honour."

As part of Travel Counsellors, an award-winning independent travel company, Nicola is supported by a global network of over 2,000 travel professionals, including 84 in Ireland. The company is renowned for its personalised approach, strong client relationships, and commitment to excellence in both the leisure and corporate travel markets.



Kerry & West Limerick Credit Unions Greener Home Loan Initiative going from strength to strength

he Credit Unions of Kerry and West Limerick are delighted to announce Solar Beo have joined the Credit Union Greener Home Energy Loan collaboration.

Customers can avail of the Credit Unions lowinterest rate Greener Home Energy Loans. The loan rates will be directly linked to the property BER starting from 4.7% (4.89APR) for an "A" rated BER. The BER must be supplied as part of the loan application with loans available for all upgrades and home energy works including Solar panels, insulation or one stop shop energy retrofits. Collaborating with Kerry & West Limerick Credit Unions expands the finance options available to customers and helps with required up-front costs. Credit Union loans also have no early repayment fees and have free loan protection insurance.

Solar Beo specialises in Domestic, Agricultural and Commercial Solar PV with their Head

office based in Dingle. They are committed to providing and promoting sustainable living by helping customers reduce their carbon footprint whilst also saving on their energy costs.

They offer free site surveys and no obligation quotations to meet the specific needs of their customers.

Visit: solarbeo.ie or speak to the team by calling 066 915 1045.

Speaking on behalf of the Kerry and West Limerick Credit Unions, Philip Lynch commented;

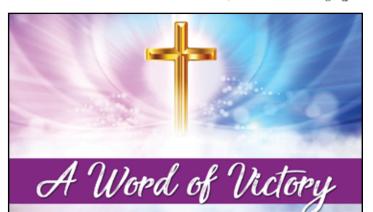
"We are delighted to add Solar Beo to our Greener Home Energy Loan collaboration. Home Energy Upgrades are a prominent talking point among members as they think ahead for winter and energy costs. Our new collaborations allow members from across Kerry & West Limerick to access the best finance options whether it be for insultation, solar panels or a full home energy retrofit.

All the companies involved can provide a referral to a local Credit Union covering all of Kerry & West Limerick. Once the upgrade works improve the BER of the property, the company can provide a referral to the local Credit Union along with an estimation of costs. The Credit Union can then complete a loan planner and explain the loan application process."

Thinking of Home Improvement works? Reach out to your local Credit Unions across Kerry & West Limerick for the best rates! Abbeyfeale Credit Union, Cara Credit Union, Killarney Credit Union, Listowel Credit Union and Rathmore & District Credit Union.



The Credit Unions of Kerry and West Limerick are delighted to announce Solar Beo have joined the Credit Union Greener Home Energy Loan collaboration. Pictured at the Rose Hotel were left to left to right: Michael Brosnan (Rathmore Credit Union), Kenneth Leen (Listowel Credit Union), Karena McCarthy (Killarney Credit Union), Philip Lynch (Cara Credit Union), Suzanne Donovan (Cara Credit Union), Pam Tracey (Sales & marketing manager Solar Beo) and Ciaran Murphy (Director Solar Beo). Photo By: Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD



".. For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. So, it is no surprise if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds"

(2 Corinthians 11:13-15 ESV).

Welcome back dear student - true or false? In today's culture we need more than ever to be able to identify the Truth from what is false. "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world" (1 John 4:1). As God's children we must 'up our game' in spotting the counterfeit. The story goes that when a person starts to work somewhere handling a lot of cash like a bank, they worry they might get caught with fake notes, but they are reassured that from constant use they will recognise the authentic - thus easily spotting the fakes. This is a Biblical principle. How do you spot a fake? You come to know the real. It takes time and commitment though, and that is why the majority of people get tricked easily. However, the bank cashier is handling cash all day long, all week long, all year long. Time, effort and experience are great teachers.

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth (John 14:17). When we cultivate relationship with God through believing in His Son the Lord Jesus, God sends His Spirit to live inside of us. He takes up residence and transforms us day by day into the image of Christ. They say you become like those you live with — so true. In the everyday life of communing with God through studying His Word, talking, and praying to Him in the Name of Jesus, and decreeing His Word and promises, the Spirit of God in His Word connects with our renewed spirits to produce fruit — good fruit – a changed life, a new outlook and mindset - no longer caught up in the old ways of the flesh (Ephesians 4:23; Romans 8:5-9). "Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires, and greed which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. You used to walk in these ways in the life you once lived. But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices, and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator" (Colossians 3:5-10 NIV).

God is looking for fruit – for tangible, visible manifestations of His Glory in our lives. There are, and always have been, false prophets pretending to be part of God's Kingdom who have lived only to please their flesh – misrepresenting God and hurting His people in the process, and they will pay if they do not repent (Revelation 22:15). "They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work" (Titus 1:16). Jesus spoke of how He is the Vine, and we are the branches, and that apart from Him we can do nothing (John 15:5-16). A broken off branch withers and dies, and becomes useless, but when our daily nourishment comes from God, His Word produces fruit that lasts for His Glory. In these days there are many voices all looking to draw followers, but God's people need discernment to know who is real and who is fake (Matthew 24:24). The litmus test is the fruit they produce (James 3:13-18).

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I now place with confidence in your hands . .

(mention in silence here)
St. Therese, help me to always believe as you did in God's great love for me, so that I might imitate your "Little Way" each day.
Amen

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & 1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF JOHN 'JACK'
DINEEN



Headfort, Killarney who died on 6th March 2024.

As we lovingly remember Jack on this first anniversary, we his family would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to all our relatives, neighbours and friends who supported us.

We wish to thank all those who visited our family home, brought food and refreshments, attended the removal, requiem Mass and burial, those who watched online, sent Mass cards, flowers, travelled long distances, and expressed condolences online.

Thanks to Fr. Jim Lenihan Parish Priest of Glenflesk, Fr. Pat O'Donnell and Fr. Gerard O'Leary who concelebrated the Mass. Thanks to our neighbour Bernadette who recited the rosary in the family home. Thanks to Thomas and Aidan Murphy Funeral Director, for their quidance and professionalism.

A special word of thanks to Killarney First Responders, Ambulance Staff, and Emergency Services. To the wonderful staff of Tralee University Hospital for the care and kindness provided to us.

Special thanks to Dr. John Geaney and staff of Cahernane Medical Centre, and the staff of Kennelly's Pharmacy, The Reeks Gateway, for their care over the years.

The family greatly appreciate the many guards of honour who lined the roadsides on Jack's final journeys. We wish to thank the many stewards who helped with the traffic management throughout the funeral.

We wish to thank Derry, Mary, Paud and John for the beautiful music at the church and to Seamus, Derry and Michéal who provided music and Songs at the graveyard. Thanks to Sacristans Denis and Patricia, Altar Server Evie, Kenneth and James who recorded the Mass.

As we cannot thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our appreciation. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.

Jacks First Anniversary Mass will take place on Saturday 8th March at 6pm in St. Agatha's Church, Glenflesk.





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