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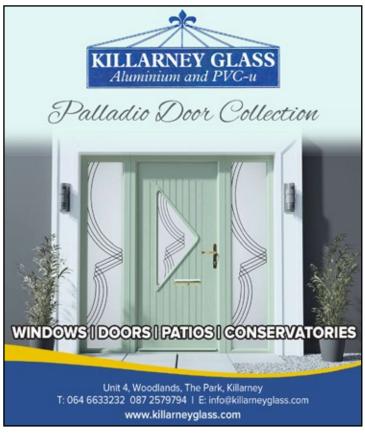
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It's a busy season with the births of the latest 'Muckross Snowdrops' - Tim Cronin, left and Bernard Sweeney, Muckross Traditional farms, are busy this week with the delivery and care of the sweetest white Lambs, Kid goats, and white calf, ahead of this years seasonal opening this weekend, Muckross Traditional Farms, Killarney National Park. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan.













As we greet yet another Bank Holiday Weekend, we welcome the fact that the clocks go forward, guaranteeing a very welcome, longer stretch in the evenings.

The Wander Wild Festival exceeded all expectations and we have a pictorial look back at this fabulous event.

The Tidy Towns Campaign is kicking off in earnest, a much loved dad and coach will be remembered this weekend at a tournament in his honour and age has no limits as Master Athletes compete in Poland.

An amazing €30,000 plus was raised on Daffodil Day on the streets of Killarney, GAA Stars are backing Recovery Haven's recruitment drive for the Ring of Kerry Charity cycle and pupils at Holy Cross Mercy are donning their Easter Bonnets.

World Down Syndrome Day was celebrated last week across schools and businesses, the Tour of Ballyfinnane has been launched and it was a family affair in Spa as they captured County Titles.

Sem boys are showing racism the red card, parade prize winners were honoured and the Pop Up Gaeltacht is celebrating its 1st Birthday.

I hope you enjoy this week's Killarney Outlook and that you all have a happy and peaceful Easter.

Aisling Crosbie



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Members of the St. Paul's Mothers & Others Group training for the tournament in memory of Skip Buckley.

# MOTHERS AND OTHERS REMEMBER SKIP IN NEW TOURNAMENT



St. Paul's Mothers & Others pictured with their tournament hoodies ahead of this weekend's event.

The daughters of one of the most significant contributors to Basketball in Killarney and around the county, are hosting The 'Mother's and Others' Tournament in his memory.

The Jeremiah "Skip" Buckley Tournament is scheduled for tomorrow, Saturday, March 30th, at the Presentation Gym in Killarney. Conceived by Patricia and Emer, this tournament serves as a tribute to their late father, Jeremiah "Skip" Buckley. Jeremiah made significant contributions to basketball in Killarney and Kerry, both as a player in the town leagues and as a coach for various teams. His enduring impact is evident in his family, with his sons, daughters, and grandchildren actively involved in the basketball community. St. Paul's, representing the Buckley family, is proud to host this tournament in his honor. Teams

from Killarney, Killorglin, Cordal, Firies, Rathmore, Bantry, and Glamire will be participating. The tournament kicks off at 9 am and continues until 6 pm.

"We invite everyone to join us for a day of fun, laughter, and impressive skills on display. Admission is free, and there are numerous spot prizes generously provided by local businesses", Patricia told Killarney Outlook.

St. Paul's Basketball Club introduced the 'Mothers and Others' initiative in November 2022, which garnered significant interest. Every Tuesday evening, 15 to 20 women, including former players and coaches, gather for enjoyable and sociable basketball sessions. The excitement among the ladies for this Saturday's tournament is palpable, as they eagerly anticipate hitting the court once again.



The late Jeremiah 'Skip' Buckley

#### EYES ON THE PRIZE AS

# TIDY TOWNS LAUNCH THIS WEEK

On the week that saw The Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, and the Managing Director of SuperValu, Mr. Ian Allen, launch the 2024 SuperValu TidyTowns competition, Killarney Tidy Towns Committee are already planning their quest for the big prize.

The committee are reaching out to various businesses and groups in the area and asking them to adopt an area of the town to look after in the run up to the judging.

This week, Michael Gleeson Chairperson of Killarney Tidy Towns Committee met with members of Mens Shed Killarney who are helping with the 2024 Tidy Towns campaign by adopting the Kings Bridge area of the Port Road as their area of responsibility.

Any other group or business who would like to help are being asked to contact Killarney Tidy Towns volunteers please. Now in its 66th year, the competition, administered by the Department of Rural and Community Development and sponsored by SuperValu



Michael Gleeson pictured with members of the Killarney Mens Shed this week.



Pictured at the launch of the SuperValu TidyTowns Competition 2024 are Minister Heather Humphreys and Ray Kelly, Marketing Director SuperValu, along with Emma Sweetman and Juno Morgan.



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# Celebrating Easter In Killarney Parish

Please note that all Holy Week Ceremonies this year are taking place ONLY in St. Mary's Cathedral so as to have a whole parish celebration

#### **GOOD FRIDAY MARCH 29TH**

Celebrating the Sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross for our salvation. A Day of Fast and Abstinence.

#### ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL

10.30 am Morning Prayer.3.00 pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion.Confessions 4pm - 6pm, 8pm - 9pm.9pm Stations of the Cross with Confessions afterwards.

#### HOLY SATURDAY MARCH 30TH

The Church, as it were, by the tomb, quietly awaiting the Resurrection.

10.30 am Morning Prayer in the Cathedral.

Confessions 12 noon - 2pm in the Cathedral.

8pm Easter Vigil with Bishop Ray and Concelebrants in St. Mary's Cathedral.

#### **EASTER SUNDAY MARCH 31ST**

The Lord is Risen, the Light of Christ has come into the world. Alleluia! Masses at the usual times to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection St. Mary's Cathedral: 8 am 10.30 am and 12 Noon. Church of the Resurrection: 11am. Church of the Holy Spirit Muckross: 9.30am.

# Age has no limits.... MASTERS CONQUERING THE MASTERS

The last week was an exceptionally successful one at Farranfore Maine Valley AC.

The club had 3 athletes competing in the European Masters Championships in Torun in Poland. Jim O'Shea came home with a silver in the Long Jump and Bronze in the High Jump. He narrowly missed out on a medal in the Pentathlon where a stumble at the hurdles cost him valuable points. Michael O'Connor competed in the 3K walk finishing second only 5 seconds behind the winner from Slovenia. He came 3rd in the 5K walk and along with St. Brendan's David Kissane was part of the Irish team that won gold ahead of Germany and France. Jerome Foley was the busiest of our athletes competing in the 200, 400 and 800 as well as being part of the 4 x 200 relay team. Jerome's best performance was in the 400 where he finished 3rd in his heat but unfortunately only 2 qualified for the semi-final.

The younger generation of athletes were competing in Athlone where our u-16 4 x 200 team were competing the All-Irelands. The team of Samuel Scroope, Conor McCarthy and the 2 Vickers

brothers were running in the 2nd heat. They were pipped for 1st place by Dublin outfit Mid-Sutton. The final was a very tight affair with the lead changing hands my times during the 4 laps. Any one of 5 teams could have won the race, our lads finished in an excellent 3rd knocking over 3 seconds off their time from the Munster championships.

Well done to all and their coach Jerome Foley. Training continues Tue 26th at 7.00 pm for the County Indoor Championships at the sports hall in Farranfore.



Jim O'Shea came home with a silver in the Long Jump and Bronze in the High Jump.



Mike O'Connor on the podium.



St. Brendan's David Kissane pictured with Farranfore Maine Valley AC Athletes Mike O'Connor, Jerome Foley and Jim O'Shea



# 30,000 Reasons Why Daffodil Day was such a Fantastic Success in Killarney

On the streets from dawn to dusk, volunteers from the Irish Cancer Association, Killarney South Kerry Branch ensured that the annual Irish Cancer Society Daffodil Day was a fantastic success raising an incredible €30,000 with donations still coming in.

"We are so grateful to everyone who donated and volunteered on the day", Eugene O'Sullivan, Chairperson of the Killarney Branch of the Killarney South Kerry Branch told Killarney Outlook.

"The response this year has been fantastic and we are thrilled to raise so much money", he added. Students at St. Brigid's Secondary School alsoheld their annual fundraiser on Daffodil Day in aid of The Irish Cancer Society.

The school went yellow for the day and students and staff wore various shades of yellow to raise awareness of the work of the charity. Great imagination and effort went into the costumes that the students wore. Prizes were given for the best dressed students. The sunshine added to the vibrancy of the day. Additionally, a bake sale was held for the whole school and was well supported with an array of -baking arriving from home much to the delight of the students and staff.

A special word of thanks to the 2 Blue class for organizing with the support of the student council.

Thank you to parents and all in our community who supported the event by donating money and spot prizes.

The money raised will stay local and the proceeds will be presented to the Killarney branch of The Irish Cancer Society.



Prize winners at St. Brigid's Daffodil Day Fundraiser L-R Zara McCarthy, Sadhbh O'Brien, Milly Spillane, Faye Lynch, Maja Chmielewska and Anna Dunlea. (missing from the photo, Nicole Murphy)



2 Blue class- organisers of the fundraiser.



Volunteer Helen Kerins collecting



Noreen Brosnan pictured collecting on Daffodil Day



Maggie McAuliffe pictured collecting on Daffodil Day



Grainne O'Callaghan pictured collecting for the Irish Cancer Society.



Pat Doolan and Mike Murphy pictured collecting for the Irish Cancer Society.



# Ava Selected for Frish Team

A huge congratulations to Killarney Rugby Club member, Ava O'Malley who has been named in the Ireland U18 womens squad for the forthcoming U18 6 Nations festival at Colwyn Bay in Wales. The festival takes place between the 29th of March and the 6th of April and games will be live streamed.

"Fantastic news for Ava and her family and we are very proud of you! Enjoy the 6 Nations festival and the very best of luck!", Liam Murphy, PRO for Killarney Rugby Club told Killarney Outlook.



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## GAA stars line out at Ballygarry Hotel Tralee for CANCER SUPPORT CHARITY'S RECOVERY

Kerry GAA stars Diarmuid O'Connor and Louise Ní Mhuircheartaigh traded their football boots for bicycles on Wednesday afternoon as they helped local cancer support charity, Recovery Haven Kerry, kickstart their recruitment campaign for this year's Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle (ROKCC).

Recovery Haven has been chosen as a Tier Two beneficiary of the renowned charity cycle which takes place on July 6th - and are now calling on the public to sign up on their behalf. The charity was thrilled to accept an invitation from Ballygarry Estate Hotel & Spa owners to use their beautiful location as the backdrop to launch their recruitment drive, with ROKCC PRO Cathal Walshe and GAA stars Diarmuid and Louise taking time out of their busy schedules to lend their support.

Recovery Haven PR & Marketing officer, Marisa Reidy, said that while several people have already signed up to cycle for the charity since is someone who described Recovery Haven as

registration opened, they really want to spread the word about the charity's involvement again this year and explain just how much people's support means to their service users.

"We are so thrilled that people have already signed up to cycle for Recovery Haven – but it's really wonderful to see Diarmuid, Louise and Cathal here with us to help us spread the word even further," she said.

"The main aim of this campaign is to show people that when they sign up to cycle for Recovery Haven, all their fundraising efforts will come directly to us, allowing us to continue to offer free supports to those dealing with

"The feedback from clients is truly touching and quite emotional - from people saying that Recovery Haven was their light at the end of a very dark tunnel; that we helped them to develop a resilience they never imagined; to

their lifeline when they were sinking.

"This is so wonderful to hear, so what we want to stress is that those signing up for the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle in aid of Recovery Haven are contributing directly to that. It's our amazing supporters who allow us to make that difference and that is what makes this event so, so special."

For those interested in signing up for this year's cycle in aid of Recovery Haven Kerry, all you have to do so is:

Log onto https://www.ringofkerrycycle.ie Choose 'Register Now'

Click 'Register for Ring of Kerry Charity Fund' Choose Recovery Haven Kerry from the drop down menu.

And this year, everyone who registers to cycle for us can also set up their own idonate page to raise even more funds for our charity.

#### **GREEN LIGHT FOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT WELCOMED**

Cllr Maura Healy-Rae has i construction of what is a welcomed the news that Kenmare Plant Hire has been granted planning permission for a 249 unit housing development at Cronin's Wood, Upper Park Road, Killarney. Cllr Healyhas continuously Rae highlighted the need further housing development particularly the Killarney area. want to wish the developer well in their

critical development for the area with a variety of housing types".

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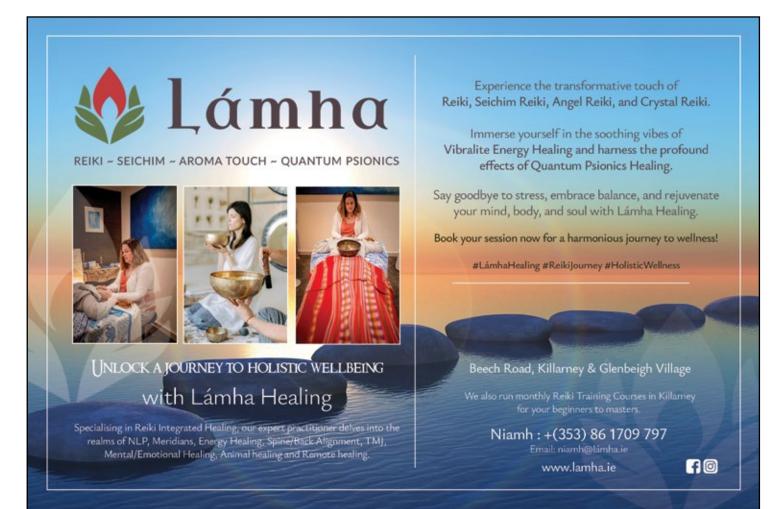
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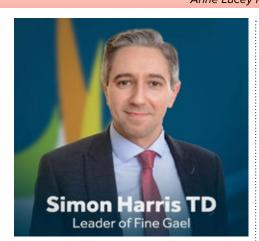
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#### Congratulations to Simon, but Heather might have been a good choice too

Simon Harris, a reader of this column, is to be congratulated. We need his energy. And his 'can do' attitude. He is a regular visitor to Killarney and Tralee and he always remembers my name - this ability to flatter will be valuable.

But the country needs more than personality. And pats in the back. And energy alone won't be enough. Fine Gael are not in charge of the two big ministries dragging the country down: health and housing. Neither are they in charge of the holy mess that is the refugee fiasco. That is the Green remit. As for roads, they are in a cul de sac there too. So, as part of a three-wheel car, there is a limit to what Simon can achieve.

Anyone with interest in politics might read a column from last weekend's Observer/ Guardian: 'Ireland Opens its Arms to Tech Titans Yet Shuts its Eyes to Failing Public Services.'

It is a devastating account of how a fearless civil servant, T.K. Whitaker, and an eager Taoiseach, Seán Lemass, managed to open

up the closed economy of the late 1950s. We now have the tax revenues to build all the affordable houses the country needs, fund a world class public health system, construct a mass transit network. But our political parties are unable to deliver and can only look to the next election, is the gist of the piece.

I would have added the inability of the public service. I recalled what the late brave Brian Lenihan said to me in the press room of the INEC in April 2009 when he addressed the Irish League of Credit Unions on the darkest days of the crash. The calibre of civil /public servant was diminishing, Brian said to me privately. Faced with a wave of retirements of senior people, Brian feared the country would suffer. And this worried him. A decade later I see it. We have a civil and public service tied up in box ticking and apparently unable to rise above simple problems. Local and national are in a cat's cradle of a knot and nothing is being solved.

Back to the politics, I fancied Heather Humprheys for Taoiseach. We need 'a bloody difficult woman' right now after the nonsense of the past referendums. Heather would have been perfect. From a Presbyterian no nonsense background, a former credit union manager, I can't imagine Heather taking guff from anyone. Or being blinded by trendy ephemeral thinking. An eyeballing from this woman with the string of pearls would quiet any nonsense from the far left or cut through any waffle. Mary Lou would quake in front of her. It is a pity we won't have the entertainment of that clash.

# Is it time to turn the Killarney courthouse into a town history museum?

A new courthouse for Tralee will be put forward for funding as part of 'a bundle' of

courthouses for redevelopment, the courts service has confirmed. The council says the transfer of the site on the western end of Tralee has been completed.

The proposal for what will be a doubling of facilities for Tralee will be among a number of venues that had so far not been modernised. A public private partnership, it is to be specifically included in the second tranche of the current National Development Plan for 2025 for funding. No money had been put aside for the 2024 parcel, to the dismay of the legal profession in Kerry.

The Kerry Law Society feared family law and other services would be transferred out of the county.

The nineteenth century courthouse on Ashe Street, which has no wheelchair, family law or other facilities, not to mind press, would cost too much to modernise, the OPW found after carrying out a survey.

The contract with the county council does not include the handing over of the existing Ashe street courthouse to the council. But all former courthouses are made available for community and council use and this will be the case in Ashe Street too.

What Tralee will do with another empty old building is another matter. There is talk of a museum. The question now for Killarney is what to do with St Columbanus and the Community Hospital when these are vacated. I have an idea the court in Killarney could be moved altogether to St Margaret's Road. There is plenty of parking and room to expand. In turn, the court building at Fairhill which is already in a historic setting would make a fine little museum. We need a museum in Killarney. There is huge history in this town and where better than the courthouse at Fairhill for a drop in display and tea room? And if Tralee can have a modern courthouse and another museum, why can't Killarney?

#### **Relief for Ross Castle**

The OPW is providing a temporary arrangement for toilets at Ross Castle, the flagship Killarney monument, it said amid complaints to this publication about the lack of toilets there.

A bit of digging uncovered how the sensitive matter of toilets was falling between two stools - no pun intended. It was high and dry somewhere between the OPW and the NPWS. Ross Castle is managed by the OPW but it is the NPWS who are in charge of Killarney House and are involved too in Muckross.

General Ludlow back in 1652 found it easier and quicker to storm Ross Castle than I could extract a statement about public toilets in the 21st century.

Between the two formidable powers there

was some running around. It took just short of three weeks for a reply.

'Ross Castle is a national monument in the ownership of the Minister of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The Office of Public Works (OPW) have been liaising with the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in relation to the provision of toilet facilities at Ross Castle. The OPW understands that temporary facilities are now in place for visitors to the Park.'

It is not clear whether this will translate into a permanent facility. We have asked and we are awaiting, patiently, a reply.

But at least there is something now.

It does seem extraordinary that such a flagship monument can be left without a

basic necessity. We will keep our powder dry for a while longer on the permanent.

Meanwhile, 'the OPW is committed to providing a quality experience to visitors at Ross Castle and will continue to work with our colleagues in NPWS to address the issues and reach an appropriate solution.'

We live in hope. But the pressure might

be put on by local politicians for Ross and for facilities at Dundag Beach too - should the rain ever stop.



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The Easter Bunny is preparing to hop to town for the fun event with great eggs-citement for all the family and a gigantic Easter egg hunt lined up.

All the fun will take place on Easter Sunday, from 2.00pm to 5.00pm, and the party-loving team at the Outlet Centre promises three hours of nonstop fun, games and sheer excitement.

The Easter Egg Hunt will get underway at 2.00pm with registration from 1.30pm but the fun won't end there as there is a fabulous and lively party lined up for the entire afternoon.

There will be a free kids' disco and magic show, face painting, balloon modelling and, of course, an opportunity to meet and greet and get a selfie with the giant Easter Bunny.

There will also be a great chance to get creative with a candle making workshop from 11.00am to 5.00pm for which a small charge will apply.



A real Easter party vibe will prevail throughout Easter Sunday and while the children have the time of their lives, the adults can avail of the opportunity to get some great shopping done under the one roof at the bustling Killarney Outlet Centre.

It will be open from 10.00am to 6.00pm on Good Friday and Easter Saturday and from noon to 6.00pm on Easter Sunday and the bank holiday Monday.

"It's going to be a fantastic day out and we're really looking forward to throwing the party of the year," said centre manager Paul Sherry who has the Easter Bunny on speed-dial to ensure everything is on order for the big occasion.



Principal Alice Davern, teachers, Ciara Spillane, Mairead Kennedy and ~Mary Coleman pictured with pupils in Easter bonnets at the annual Daffodil Day Parade in the school on Wednesday morning. The teachers and pupils wore yellow clothing in support of the Irish Cancer Society annual daffodil day. Photo: Don MacMonagle



Teacher Marie Coleman with Evie Spillane from Holy Cross Mercy National School Killarney surrounded by fellow pupils, Elsie O'Carroll, Molly Moynihan, Noah Ashe, Marnie Brosnan, Kendall O'Sullivan, Emily Brosnan, David Pietrala and Eric Burkem in Easter bonnets at the annual Daffodil Day Parade in the school on Wednesday morning. Teachers and pupils wore yellow clothing in support of the Irish Cancer Society annual daffodil day.

Photo: Don MacMonagle

## EASTER BONNETS

#### MARK DAFFODIL DAY AT THE MERCY

Pupils and staff of Holy Cross Mercy School participated in 'Lá Buí' to mark Daffodil Day in support of the Irish Cancer Society on Wednesday last. The pupils' red and grey uniform was replaced with vibrant yellow to mark this special day. The school also decided to hold their annual Easter Bonnet Parade as part of the celebration. The children very much enjoyed participating in the event, modelling their beautiful creations at the school fashion show!

All proceeds of the fundraiser were donated to the Irish Cancer Society.

Alice Davern, Principal of Holy Cross Mercy School, expressed her heartfelt thanks to all families in the school community for their "very generous donations to this wonderful cause.

We are extremely grateful to all at the Irish Cancer Society for their wonderful work," she said.

She also thanked staff members Ciara Spillane, Mairéad Kennedy, and Marie Coleman for coordinating the wonderful day's events.

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## **WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY**

#### celebrated at Firies National School



Students at Firies National School celebrating World Down Syndrome Day with colourful socks Faye Buckley, Dervla Teahan, Kate Mc Carthy, Tomasz Hyciek, Kevin Bergman, Billy Brosnan and Aislinn O' Sullivan



Students at Firies National School celebrating World Down Syndrome Day with colourful socks Frankie Bee Crowhurst, Keith Callaghan, Joanna Sheehy, Gavin O' Callaghan and Fionn Dalv.



Students at Firies National School celebrating World Down Syndrome Day with colourful socks



Students at Firies National School celebrating World Down Syndrome Day with colourful socks Jayden Foley, Rhea O' Brien, Marlo Hamerton and Elin Kate Oleksiak

ast week, students, teachers, and staff at Firies National School came together to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day, a day dedicated to raising awareness, promotina understanding, and fostering inclusivity for individuals with Down syndrome.

World Down Syndrome Day, observed annually on March 21st, holds a special place in

Students at Firies National School celebrating World Down Syndrome Day with colourful socks our hearts. It's a day when we celebrate the unique abilities, talents, and contributions of individuals with Down syndrome. It's a day to break down barriers, challenge stereotypes, and create a world where everyone is valued and included.

"At Firies National, inclusion is woven into the very fabric of our school community. We believe that every child, regardless of their abilities or challenges, deserves a nurturing supportive and environment. Students with different abilities learn side by side, fostering empathy, understanding, and lifelong friendships. Today's colourful and mismatched socks are more than just a fashion statement. They symbolise our commitment to celebrating uniqueness. Everyone participates, learns, and grows together", School Principal Claire Doyle told Killarney Outlook.



#### **ANTHONY CELEBRATES** WITH HIS WORK **COLLEAGUES AT** THE REEKS

Staff at the Centra The Reeks celebrating World Down Syndome day with their staff member Anthony O'Connor from Beaufort. Anthony, who is 26 has been working at The Reeks since before Christmas and is a valuable member of the team





#### RACHEL MAKES HER TV DEBUT

Gymnast & cheerleader Rachel Horgan made the whole of Kerry proud last week when she appeared on RTE Today with Maura and Daithi to celebrate World Down syndrome day. Rachel trains with Legacy Elite cheerleading & gymnastics club and competes in competitions around the country. We are so proud of her achievements said club coach Hayley Murphy.



Rachel is pictured at the 21CC Cheerleading championships in Dublin last December 2023



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#### **Arts Act Grants & Artist Bursaries Awarded**

is among many artists who have been awarded arts grants and bursaries.

The Kerry County Council Arts Office received great interest in their annual funding call out for 2024.

Applications were open from 30th November 2023-18th January 2024 and in that time 42 Arts Act Grant applications and 56 Artist Bursary applications were received.

The Arts Act Grant is awarded to arts festivals, events, projects, and venues in Kerry, while the Artist Bursaries are awarded to individual artists working in all artforms, who are from or based in the county, and to schools to engage artists. The Artist Bursaries are broken down into following categories: Creative Work Development, Further Arts Education, Artist Retreat, Artist in Schools, and the Eamon Kelly Bursary (for artists living in Killarney Municipal District).

independent adjudication panel were very impressed with the standard of the applications, awarding 27 Arts Act Grants

Killarney Singer Grace Foley : to the value of €35,000 and 26 Artist Bursaries to the value of €20.800. Recipients of the Arts Act **Grant include Listowel Visual** Artists Collective, Ceardlann Scríbhneoireachta Gaeilge, Beaufort Film Night, Comhchoiste Ghaeltacht Uíbh Ráthaigh for Binneas, Harp Day Kerry 2024 and the Ivyleaf Arts Centre. Artists working in the following artforms are being supported through the Artist Bursaries: literature, visual art, theatre, film, music and opera. The breakdown of artists per MD is as (1), Killarney (5), Kenmare (5) and Castleisland/Corca Dhuibhne (10). The schools which were awarded funding are St. Brendan's College, Firies N.S., Lyreacrompane N.S. and Scoil Realt na Mara. The Arts Act Grants and Artist Bursaries are funded by Kerry County Council. This financial support from Kerry County Council aids the delivery of the Kerry Arts Strategy which supports arts delivery, engagement and development in Kerry.

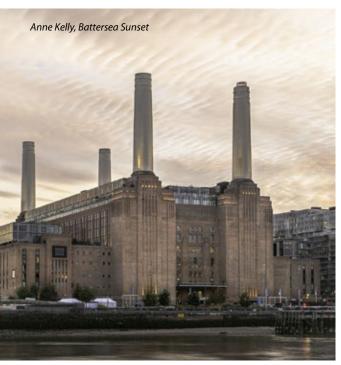


follows: Tralee (1), Listowel Grace Foley who was awarded the Eamon Kelly Bursary.



The Fanzini's were awarded an Arts Act Grant for The National Circus Festival of Ireland. Photo: Michael G. Kenny

#### **Architecture Competition Keenly Contested**



Killarney Camera Club's recent architecture competition was keenly contested, particularly in the Novice category. Both the first and second places in the category finished in a tie.

Anne Kelly and Mary O'Sullivan shared the top spot. Anne's photo of the Battersea Power Station, which is now, primarily, a shopping centre, was taken on a trip to London in September last year.

Anne told us that she did a recce in the morning and found a good spot between the trees on the opposite bank of the Thames. "I could get a nice view of the building by wedging my camera between a gap in the railings, but there was a very ugly barge parked right in front! I went back again before sunset to find the barge was gone, so I was able to get quite a few shots as the sun went down. I especially liked the juxtaposition of the solid shape and traditional brickwork of the power station and the almost futuristic buildings on either side."

Mary's photo of the Palau de les Arts Reina Sofía opera house was taken while on a visit to Valencia, a city renowned for its modern architecture.

Here are the top three in the category

Joint 1st Place: Anne Kelly, Battersea Sunset Mary O'Sullivan, Les Arts

Joint 2nd Place: John Balfry, Deenagh Lodge Liz Browne, Door to Where, Muckross Abbey 3rd Place: Maryann Heidtke, Holy Cross Kenmare



Mary O'Sullivan, Les Arts





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## **TOUR DE** BALLYFINNANE LAUNCHED

The official launch of the Cycling challenge Tour de Ballyfinnane took place on Saturday morning last.

The cycle is on the 13th of April and this will be the 9th year running this cycle in the community. The main event sponsor is Creative Bathrooms however the event has been very generously sponsored by many businesses in Kerry. We would like to thank everyone who has been so generous in supporting our cycle including the Shanty bar who host our after party, BBQ every

The Tour de Ballyfinnane cycle has two routes: Route 1 - 70km.

This route takes the cyclist west to Castlemaine and along the Dingle Peninsula to

Keel, Inch, Annascaul and returns to Ballyfinnane Via Gleann na nGealt, Camp, Tonevane,

Caherleaheen, Farmers Bridge and over the final climb of the day at Garraun. For this route the registration is €30.00.

#### Route 2 - 45km.

This is a flat route and ideal for beginners or inexperienced cyclists. The route takes you east to Currans village, Castleisland, Ballymac, Tralee and back to Ballyfinnane via the Killarney Road and Gortatlea. For this route the registration is €25.00.

Cyclists can register online at www. tourdeballyfinnane.ie or alternatively, they can register at the

Ballyfinnane community hall between 8.00 am and 9.45am prior to the cycle. The cycle starts at 10.00.am

After the cycle, a BBQ and refreshments will be available at Shanty bar for all participants.

Join us for the Tour De Ballyfinnane cycle, supporting the Ballyfinnane Community Hall andensuring that it remains a vibrant hub for our community for years to come.



Back Left to right, Andrew Flynn, Adam Scanlon, Siobhan O' Sullivan, Anne Marie Crean, Marie Edwards, Brendan Griffin, Neilus Flynn, Sean Hogan, Tadhq Kelly, Breeda Pierce, Teresa Daly, Front Row, Ruain Barton, Clodagh Edwards, Naoise Flynn, Megan Pierce, Clodagh O' Shea, Max Ryan, Robin Ryan.



Back Left to right, Brendan Griffin, Sean Hogan, Anne Marie Crean, Front Left to right, Neilus Flynn, Breeda Pierce, Marie Edwards, Adam Scanlon, Andrew Flynn, Tadhg Kelly.



The Franciscan community are delighted to be part of the Killarney Coffee Cup Project by allowing the organisers relocate their message from St. Mary's Church of Ireland to The Friary.

Photo: Johnny Maguire.



Colin Baker Muckross House Restaurant (seated second from left) presenting on behalf of the Restaurant staff and Trustees Muckross House a cheque for €9000 to St Francis' Special School teacher Colin McGillicuddy with (front from left) Daithi Carroll,, Joseph Cziedze and Eileen Blackwell of St Francis' Special School with (back from left) Elaine O'Grady SFSS, Sharon Harrington, Chloe O'Shea Muckross House, Ryan Looney SFSS, Denis Reidy General Manager Muckross House, Rozanne Murray, Anne Marie Casey Muckross House, Andrew Doheny, Sharon Lynch, Ed Neeson SFSS and Mick Gleeson Trustee Muckross House at Muckross House and Gardens Restuarant on Wednesday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin





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# A family affair as Spa Claim County Champions Title

The Spa Club set dancers were crowned County Champions of Scór na bPáistí 2024 which took place in Ballybunion at the weekend. This group was made up of four families including 3 sets of sisters.

Laura and Ciara O'Sullivan, Leah and Emma Falvey Tara, Erin and Megan Daly and Caitlin Hickey.

Its been a great year for Spa dancing in Scór at all levels, our Scór na nOg and Scór Sinsear winning All Ireland titles in 2023 and a great start to 2024 winning Scór na bPaisti, which we have won many times.

All this success doesn't just happen, it takes huge commitment and

dedication from their teachers Triona and Mairéad, the children and parents, great credit must also go to our solo dancer Grace O'Leary who put in a fine performance and to our Ceili team East Kerry winners who unfortunately could not compete in the County final due to other dancing commitments.

Senior Scór also took place this weekend and our set dancers were victorious here and our quiz team came 4th also.

All our young dancers will put on a performance this weekend at Lá na gClub among many other planned activities.



Spa, Scór na bPáistí County Champions. Pictured with the trophy are Erin Daly, Megan Daly, Ciara O'Sullivan, Leah Falvey, Laura O'Sullivan, Caitlin Hickey, Emma Falvey and Tara Daly.



Spa - Scòr Senior set County champions: Front left to right Megan Cronin, Anna O'Connor, Áine Brosnan, Katie O'Connor. Back left to right Liam Spillane, Gary O'Sullivan, Kinan O'Doherty, Daragh Brosnan.

It was Wear Red Day at St Brendan's College Killarney this week when all the students donned red to show racism the red card.

The Sem has never been more diverse and today, on Wear Red Day, we are showing racism the red card.

The school community is made up of 29 nationalities and the boys have grown up side by side and don't see nationality, colour or creed when they look left and right - just their pals!

Organisers are hoping that this, coupled with their learning in Religion, History, CSPE, SPHE, will help them be more understanding, informed and empathetic and that these attributes will weave their way into society to help Ireland remain the land of Céad Míle Fáilte.



Wear Red Day teacher Annette O'Neill Ben Kavanagh, Morgan O'Brien Oisin Doyle, Morgan O'Brien and Finn O'Neill, at St Brendan's College Killarney. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

# Sem On A Mission to SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD



Students, teachers and organisers of the Wear Red Day at St. Brendan's. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin





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#### DIOCESE HOST CEILIÚRADH NA NOG 2024



The guest of honour for Ceiliúradh na nÓg, Louise Ní Mhuircheartaigh is pictured with a student from St. Brendans.



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Students from schools in Killarney participated in the Ceiliúradh na nOg celebration day 2024, which was hosted by the Diocese of Kerry in the Brandon Hotel, Tralee on Thursday, March 14th.

Twelve schools from throughout the diocese took part. The purpose of Ceiliúradh na nOg is to celebrate the faith life of our young people. This project focuses on Transition and Fifth year students. They begin their projects by exploring various faith-based topics, they follow up by researching a chosen area, they then engage in carrying out the project. They conclude by reflecting on what worked well and what did not. On the celebration day itself, the students presented their findings via Power-Point. Many thanks to all the R.E. teachers and chaplains for their hard work with the students and for helping them along the way.

The day opened with words of welcome from Tomás Kenny, Post-Primary Diocesan Advisor for Religious Education. The students from Mercy Mounthawk choir led the singing for the opening prayer and Bishop Ray Browne welcomed students and teachers to the event. The guest speaker was Fr Joe McGrath. Fr Joe is from the diocese of

Ardagh and Clonmacnoise. Fr Joe works with the retreat group Throwfire, based in the midlands. He focused on the theme for the day: 'Hope in a Divided World.' His input was thought provoking and very engaging.

The workshop facilitators in the morning were Stephen Farley (Trócaire) who looked at Climate Change, Olivia Elliott (Diocese of Waterford and Lismore) covered her own faith journey, Aileen Murphy (Kerry School of Music) facilitated an excellent workshop on movement and dance, David Day (Kildare based Musician) led a drum workshop, Seamus Kenny (An Tobar Nua Retreats) facilitated a retreat style workshop and representatives from Youth for Christ led a workshop on faith by using their soccer cage, this was great fun and enjoyed by all who took part. Many thanks also to Fr Ger Godley, Tommy Maloney and members of the KDYS for facilitating the fun based workshops in the afternoon. guest of honour for Ceiliúradh na nÓg was Louise Ní Mhuircheartaigh. Louise presented the certificates.

A team of volunteers with teachers from the various schools made the day run smoothly - all in all a great feel good day.

# Fantastic Fundraising for Irish Pilgrimage Trust

Students in St. Brigid's Secondary School recently took part in an Easter egg raffle in aid of the Irish Pilgrimage Trust.

This is a very worthy cause, which brings 400 young people with special needs to Lourdes every Easter. The trip is free for the young people, but the volunteers pay their own fare and accommodation.

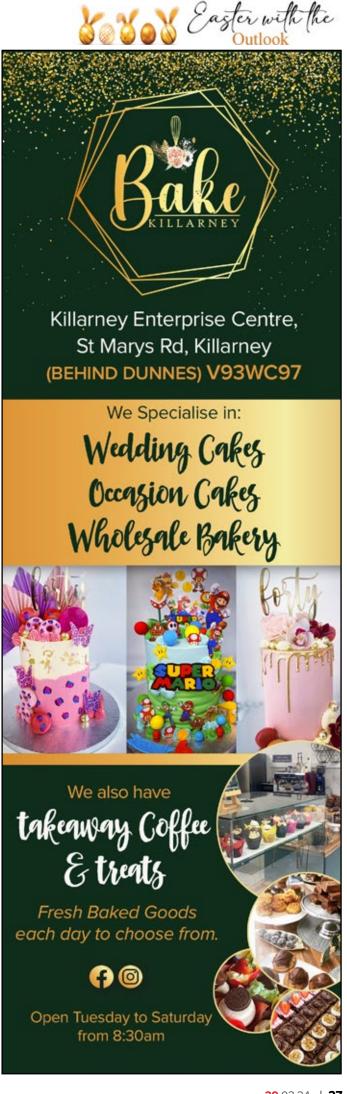
St Brigid's raised €965, an incredible amount which will fully fund one young person's trip to Lourdes.

Many thanks to those students who supported the raffle so generously and to teacher Ms Agnes Gilligan for overseeing the fundraising.

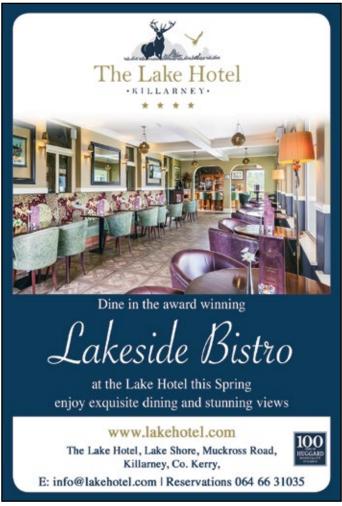


















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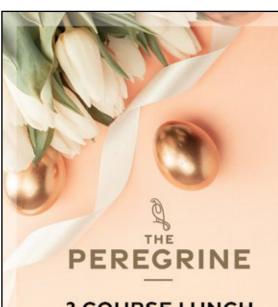






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Shane O'Riordan and representatives of Scoil an Chroí Naofa (Barraduff National School) winner of the Best School Award, with Cllr Niall Kelleher, Mayor of Killarney and St. Patrick's Festival Killarney Chairman Jason Clifford at the St. Patrick's Festival Killarney parade prizegiving function





#### arade Awards PHOTOS: EAMONN KEOGH





Killarney Valley Classic & Vintage, winners of the Most Imaginative award, with St. Patrick's Festival Killarney Chairman Jason Clifford and Cllr Niall Kelleher, Mayor of Killarney





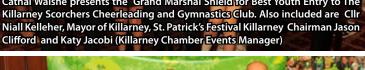
Display award winner, with Cllr Niall Kelleher, Mayor of Killarney and St. Patrick's Festival Killarney Chairman Jason Clifford



Louise Daly, Gleneagle Concert Band, Best Musical Entry award, with Clir Niall Kelleher, Mayor of Killarney and St. Patrick's Festival Killarney Chairman Jason Clifford at the St. Patrick's Festival Killarney parade prizegiving function in The International Hotel on Tuesday night









McCarthy and Cllr Niall Kelleher,



Dr Crokes GAA Club Chairman Eoin Brosnan and his daughter Susie accept the John Killer O'Callaghan Memorial award for Best Sporting Entry with from Cllr Niall Kelleher, Mayor of Killarney and St. Patrick's Festival Killarney Chairman Jason Clifford at the St. Patrick's Festival Killarney parade prizegiving function

## CARRY CAMÁN

#### wins Junior title in Student Enterprise programme

arry Camán, a made up of first students year from Presentation Secondary School in Castleisland, won first place in the Junior Category of the Student Enterprise programme at the Kerry County final held in the MTU on 15 March. The team of Marguerite Herlihy, Clodagh Buckley, Lucy Matassa and Seána Walsh have set up a minibusiness to produce holders to allow players to carry their hurleys across their shoulder. The team noticed that players often struggle to carry their hurleys by hand while also bringing school bags and gear bags.

Business teacher Edward Clarke commented "The 4 students have shown great determination and ambition to bring this business idea to life this year. They have actively promoted it, meeting the Kerry Camogie team and former Kerry Hurling Captain Gavin Dooley. It is fantastic to see the students so invested in making sales and raising their business profile".

A unique feature of the holder is the addition of high-viz reflective strips, to improve player visibility on dark nights. Mr. Clarke added "We hear all too often of terrible tragedies on our roads. The hurley holder made by Carry Camán goes some way to improving player safety as they travel to and from training and matches." The students recently spoke on Radio Kerry and go on

team to represent the county in the first Junior Category of the National from Final in Mullingar on 9 May.

Picking up another award at the County Final by students from Presentation Castleisland were Melissa Horgan and Sarah Walsh. These students set up a business called Liner Finder. The students make customised and personalised bookmarks, with the addition of a sliding arm to show on what line a reader previously finished reading. "A really unique and clever idea that proved very popular with customers" Mr Clarke noted, "with the students making special designs in recent weeks for St Patrick's Day, Seachtain na Gaeilge, Mother's Day and World Book Day". "With the amount of work the students put into their marketing and stand display, it was brilliant this was recognised when the girls won the award for Best Display Stand at the Kerry County final".

Principal Pierce Dargan congratulated both first year teams on their awards. He added "We encourage all students every year to show their entrepreneurial spirit and both of these first year teams were outstanding in their efforts". "Both business ventures are ones that the students can easily carry forward into the future. We wish Carry Camán all the best over the coming weeks as they prepare for the National Final".



Carry Camán - Clodagh Buckley, Lucy Matassa, Marguerite Herlihy & Seána Walsh winning First Place in the Junior Category of the Student Enterprise Programme in Kerry



Liner Finder - Sarah Walsh and Melissa Horgan winning Best Display at the Kerry Enterprise County Final

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As the months went on and the events continued to be publicised in the local media as well as through the powerful media of social media, the crowds began to arrive. Having to first move the crowd upstairs in O'Connor's, it was only a matter of time before a new home was needed to cater for the increased demand for the Pop-Ups. Thankfully, a very strong relationship with Courtney's of Plunkett Street began in October and has gone

from strength to strength. The new venue has allowed us to add live music, games and to allow space for more groups to join in on the craic. With attendance on the nights exceeding 100 people on multiple occasions, attendees have remarked that the Pop-Up is one of the most enjoyable and energetic that they have seen.

The first birthday celebration of the Pop-Up will take place in Courtney's of Plunkett Street on Easter Saturday (the 30th of March 2024), and the organisers hope to see the biggest crowd yet from 7:30PM onwards!

On the night there will be live music, special guests and the all the usual craic and conversation! The night will be a true celebration of the community of Irish speakers who have been brought together over the past year by the Pop-Ups and no matter your level of Irish, all are very much welcome!



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Many ever-popular activities returned this year as well as some exciting new additions - many of which sold out. These included Stand up Paddleboarding (SUP), a Dark Sky Hike, Kayaking, National Park Night Walks, Rock-climbing in the Gap of Dunloe, the Cummeenapeasta Ridge Walk, the Coomloughra Horse Shoe Hike and the Carrauntoohil Climbs, Samhradh's Sauna on Dundag beach, a full weekend of Yoga & Wellness, and an intimate evening with Bressie, George Murphy & Meadbh Walsh at the 'Pigs Lane' concert in St. Mary's Church.

The expanded evening programme was a real hit, with engaging fire-side chats with adventurers and a Seanchoiche evening featuring storytellers and writers. On-street music at basecamp over the weekend by many local performers really helped to build the atmosphere. A thumping

twilight musical set by "SHEE" had people dancing in the streets on Saturday evening! You may have spotted a Grulaffo hiding in the woods in Killarney House - the treasure hunt was just one of 17 children's activities that had little wanderers entertained over the weekend. This year's festival introduced autism-friendly festival activities in support of As I Am, including the Sensory Quiet Zone, and the Autism-Friendly Family Walk in the

The festival's educational programme included a very successful workshop on the Killarney Coffee Cup Project as well as an outreach programme with local schools which was a great success. Children learned about the beautiful ecosystem that they live in and how we can all enjoy and protect the national park.

Pat Chawke, Chairperson of Wander Wild Festival, expressed his delight with the success of the festival, thanking all involved for their support in showcasing Killarney as the outdoor capital of Ireland.

"The atmosphere around town all weekend was fantastic - expanding the evening programme

has been really successful as it offers people the chance to relax, enjoy and unwind in the company of other adventurers after a day on the mountains or on the lakes. We are delighted to have featured autism-friendly activities with AsIAm and also to expand the festival onto Main Street so that we could involve many more local businesses. The feedback from attendees is amazing and they left in awe of the place we call home.

We are incredibly grateful to Nature Valley, Fáilte Ireland, Kerry County Council, Killarney Chamber of Tourism & Commerce, the National Park and Wildlife Service, 53 Degrees North and very many local hotels & businesses and we appreciate the exceptional experiences provided by over 40 service providers and activity partners that we worked with to showcase the National Park and the Reeks at their best.

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# MINISTER FOLEY WELCOMES THE START OF CONSTRUCTION OF ASTELLAS' €330 MILLION FACILITY IN TRALEE

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The new manufacturing facility is set to create significant employment opportunities in the area, including 600 construction jobs and 100 highly specialised roles in engineering, science, and technology. The facility is planned to be operational by 2028.

Minister Foley said: "As a proud Kerrywoman and Tralee native, I am pleased to see the further development of Astellas which represents the single biggest investment in Tralee town and the county as a whole for many years. This is a phenomenal vote of confidence by Astellas in Kerry. It is, in many respects, a game changer for the entire south west region. I am delighted that we are now marking the 'groundbreaking' stage of this exciting development. I wish to thank Astellas for its vision, ambition and confidence in Tralee and county Kerry and I look forward to the project developing at pace."

Minister Foley today attended a ground-breaking ceremony at the site with Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Simon Coveney,

IDA CEO Michael Lohan, representatives of Kerry County Council, project partners and senior Astellas executives.

The new facility has been designed with sustainability at its core, will accelerate the expansion of Astellas' in-house production capabilities and ensure a stable supply of high-quality medicines to patients around the world.

On an environmental level, the building will fall in line with Astellas' ambitious sustainability values and targets, incorporating the highest national and international best practice in energy and environmental design. As a result, this project aims to cut water use by approximately half, reduce operational energy intensity by more than one-third, and produce zero waste to landfill (compared with LEED® baseline). These measures along with onsite renewable technology including solar PV panels and biomass boiler underpin Astellas' efforts in the mitigation of climate change.

Astellas recently announced further investment in Kerry, taking over the lease of the Advanced Technology Building, also at Kerry Technology Park



Mayor of Kerry Jim Finucane presents Hideki Shima Chief Manufacuting Officer Astellas with a certificate at a Civic reception held by Kerry County Council. Also pictured are Minister Norma Foley, Ambassador Norio Maruyama, Mayor of Tralee Terry O'Brien and Moira Murrell CEO of Kerry County Council. Photo By: Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD.



Pictured at the sod-turning from left to right: Michael Lohan IDA CEO, Minister Simon Coveney and Hideki Shima Chief Manufacturing Officer Astellas. Photo By: Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD

# GREEN HOME INITIATIVES ROADSHOW: Promoting Sustainability and Environmental Responsibility

Killarney Credit Union is thrilled to announce the launch of their Green Home Initiatives Roadshow, a comprehensive campaign aimed at empowering our local communities with access to information whilst promoting sustainability and environmental responsibility.

The event which will take place on the 7th of April, in The Gleneagle Hotel, 12p.m. – 4p.m, will offer people the opportunity to get information on retrofitting their homes, reducing energy bills and advice on how to improve their homes' BER ratings. Guidance will also be available on SEAI grants, reducing bills and how to access

competitive Green Loan finance from Killarney Credit Union.

Green Home Initiatives The Roadshow event will showcase leading companies providing services such as Solar Panels, Home Heating Solutions, Insulation. Windows & Doors and Thermo Homes. Each of the exhibitors will have personnel on hand to answer your questions and queries. The exhibitors attending the event include Energitec Solar, Pro Solar, The Renewable Energy Centre, Thermohouse, Senator Windows, Quilter Insulation, Kingdom Installation, Energywise Ireland, Gilroys Green Energy, Billgenie.ie, KSEC – Kerry Sustainable Energy Co-Op and Sustainable Energy Communities – SEAI.

"We are excited to host this Green Home Initiatives Roadshow for the communities of South & East Kerry," said Mark Murphy, CEO, Killarney Credit Union. "Our goal is to empower homeowners with the knowledge and resources they need to make environmentally conscious decisions, reduce their carbon footprint and also reducing household bills."

In addition to educating homeowners, the Green Home Initiatives Roadshow aims to inspire action at the community level. By fostering collaboration and sharing best practices, the

campaign seeks to create a network of environmentally conscious individuals committed to making a positive impact on the planet.

One of the key strategic objectives of Killarney Credit Union is to put environmental sustainability at the heart of our decision making, be a champion for climate change and embrace green issues in all aspects of our business.

Attendees are encouraged to bring a recent bill from their electricity provider which can be reviewed by the exhibitors when discussing your requirements.

For more information on the event please contact Karena McCarthy on k.mccarthy@killarneycu.ie.

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# KILCUMMIN

#### >ANABLA NS PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Anabla N.S. Parents Association will be holding a clothes collection on Thursday, 11th April at Anabla National School. Clothes can be dropped to school yard under canopy from Wed 10th April.

# >COUNTY CLEAN UP

The County Clean Up this year takes place on Saturday 6th April. We are looking for volunteers to assist in collecting rubbish on the roads in their area. Refuse sacks are available from the Kilcummin Rural Development office. They can be returned or left on the road side & KWD will collect after the Saturday the 6th April.

#### >FREE ELECTRICAL PICKUP

Free electrical recycling drop off day will take place in "The Mart" Tralee on Saturday 6th April from 10am to 4pm. Drop off any household electrical item with a plug, a battery or a vape.

# >MASTERGEEHA FC

#### **LOTTO**

There was no winner on Friday 22nd March 2024 of the Jackpot for €9,600. Numbers drawn were 11,12,14,19. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Bertie Curtin, Ian Millis, Niall McNally, & Conor Crowley. The next draw will be on Friday 29nd March for Jackpot of €9,800.

#### >KILCUMMIN GAA

# CREDIT UNION CO LEAGUE DIV 1 DINGLE 0-5 KILCUMMIN 2-07

Well done to our senior team who had a good win over Dingle on Saturday last in Rd 1 of the county league. Dara Stack and Keelin O Shea on their league debuts and will be happy with their contributions throughout.

Goals from Philip O Leary and Cian Foley were pivotal. Team Keith O Leary, Damien O Leary, Kevin McSweeney, James Williams, Keelin O Shea, Chris O Leary, Dara Stack, Paul O Shea, Kevin Gorman, Philip O Leary, Cian Foley, Matt Keane, Danny Cronin Noel Duggan Mark O Shea. Subs used Donal Maher, Paudie Moynihan and Mikey O Shea.

# CREDIT UNION CO LEAGUE DIV 6 KILCUMMIN B1-09 BALLYLONGFORD

Our B team will look to a fifteen minute spell when they conceded four goals and undid a lot of the good work they did early on but will have to concede that Ballylongford were the better team over the hour. Playing against the wind in the first half we had a lot of possession but found scores difficult to come by and trailed 1-04 to 0-2 at half time. Despite those killer goals they kept trying and a Cian Lynch goal gave them some reward.

#### MINOR CO LEAGUE KILCUMMIN 1-05 KENMARE 0-8

On a day when conditions were atrocious and scoring was difficult both teams need to be commended for their efforts. In the end they went away with a share of the spoils. Robbie Casey was Kilcummin's goal scorer while Oscar Lovett's two 45's were a highlight of the second half. Well done to all concerned.

#### **LOTTO**

There was no winner on Monday 25th March 2024 of the Jackpot for €10,250 Numbers drawn were 04,16,23,28. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Aine O 'Donoghue, Sean McCarthy, Maggie Doherty & Paul Cahill. The next draw will be on Monday 08th April for Jackpot of €10,500.

# **BEAUFORT**

#### >FIXTURES

Senior men will be home to Castleisland Desmonds in Division 2 and home to Milltown/Castlemaine in Division 6 next weekend.

#### >RESULTS

Beale 7.12 Beaufort 2.01 Co Minor League.

Beaufort 6.09 John Mitchel's 1.10 in County League, round 1, Division 2. St Michael's/Foilmore 2.04 Beaufort 3.10 in Co League, round 1, Division

Knock/Brosna Beaufort in U13 Boys Co League, round 1

# >LOTTO RESULTS

The next draw for a jackpot of €3,000 will be on Sunday, 31st March. Tickets are available from usual sellers, shops, and public houses and online at www.beaufortgaa.com. Please note that online lotto closes at

7pm on draw night. Any tickets purchased after 7pm are entered into the next draw.

#### >MEMBERSHIP

Beaufort G.A.A. Club membership is now due. Gym and facilities membership is also available. Please contact Patie 087 2515311. For Ladies football, LGFA membership has to be paid by 22nd March. For more information, please contact Sue 086 2632219.

#### >SCOR

Well done to all the participants in Scor Sinsir and Scor na bPáisti and their coaches. Special congratulations to Anna Mai Hughes who won the Scor na bPáistí solo singing competition and our senior quiz team who finished second in Scor Sinsir scoring 76 points out of 80.

#### **SPA** Written by: Leanne Cronin

## >COUNTY CLEAN UP

Michael Gleeson wishes to inform that County Clean-Up Day takes place on Saturday 6th April, 2024. Team Lissivigeen will meet at the School at 11 a.m. Bags and Hi Vis vests will be supplied. All volunteers are very welcome to join us and help make our beautiful area even cleaner.

# >LOTTO

Spa Lotto 25/03/24 Results: Numbers drawn: 1, 7, 11, 15. No jackpot winner. Lucky dips €50 each: Moira Kerins Online; Mary Kelly, Dingle; Sean & Mary Devane, Tullig; Mary Horgan c/o Brendan Cronin. Next weeks draw is on Monday 1st April for a jackpot of €4,000

# >CREDIT UNION COUNTY LEAGUE DIVISION 1

Our senior men played Crokes at home on Saturday last, although it was not the outcome we would have liked the lads stuck it out until the bitter end showing great fight.

In round 2 of this competition we are away to An Gaeltacht Saturday at 5pm

## >CREDIT UNION DONAL CURTIN CUP

In the opening game of the season our ladies were away to Killarney Legion last Friday. In unfavourable conditions they were glad to come away with a draw after the final whistle. The game ended 5-06 a piece. The girls have a few weeks gap before their next fixture.

# >SCOR

Congratulations to our Scór na bPáistí and Scór Sinsir set dancing teams who were named county champions after completion in Ballybunion last Saturday. A big well done to all that represented the club in solo dancing, set dancing and quiz alike. We were strongly represented with an array of talent.

### > REGISTRATION

Last call for 2024 registrations. The deadline is March 31st. Ger (0872512266) and Deirdre (0851216359) can be contacted for further information. Registration can be completed online at www.foireann.ie also

# LISTRY

Numbers drawn 11, 20, 25, 26. €100 Lyno, C/O Tim McCarthy. €50 Sinead Lucey, Faha. €50 John Conroy, Currow. €25 Frances Arthurs, Faha €25 Norma Clifford, Faha. Jackpot next week 31/03/2024 €3,600

#### >SENIORS

Best of luck to our senior team in the County league Listry v keel Sunday

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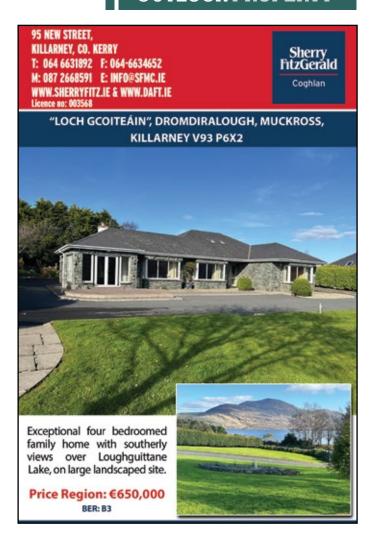
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# GLENFLESK

# >CREDIT UNION SENIOR COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 5B

Glenflesk hosted Valentia Young Islanders on Saturday 23rd. Final score Valentia Young Islanders 1-09 Glenflesk 1-07

# >LOTTO

There was no winner of Glenflesk Lotto which took place on 19/3/2024 in Glenflesk Hall. Jackpot €8,000. The numbers drawn were: 3, 4, 5, 29. Consolation Prizes of €50. Peggy Kelly, Belleview House, Ballydowney. Jerry O'Connor, Knockanes. Corner Bar (Sellers' Prize). Chris Brennan and Ann-Marie Brosnan, Clonakilty. Next draw will take place in Glenflesk Hall on Tuesday 2nd of April 2024. Lotto tickets including annual tickets can be bought from our ticket sellers, in local pubs and shops or online before 6pm on the date of the draw at: https://play.clubforce.com/play\_newa.asp?ll id=2534#Anchor.

#### >SCOR NA BPAISTI

Congratulations and well done to Olivia and Sean Angland Scór na bPáistí County Champions in Group Music.

# >ALLIANZ NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Well done to Darragh Roche who helped Kerry to a 0-15 to 1-10 win against Galway in Fitzgerald Stadium on Sunday.

# >LIDL LADIES NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Congratulations to Emma Dineen and the Kerry Ladies team who beat Galway on Sunday with a scoreline of Kerry 2-11 Galway 0-12. Kerry's win propels them to the Division 1 final for the second year on April 7th at Croke Park.

#### >MEMBERSHIP

31st of March deadline. Membership can be purchased online via Clubforce website or you can text 087 4768616 for a payment link to be sent directly to you. Membership benefits: Free entry to Home County League Games, Entry to All Ireland Ticket Draws, Free Use of Track, Free U6 Girls/U7 Boys Academy Membership (Note you must register free child / children).

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Glenflesk GAA Hall. Registration April 11th at 5pm. Classes commence on Thursday the 18th of April. For further details please contact Lisa Hegarty 087 6403828

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#### >EASTER

Glenflesk GAA would like to wish you all a Happy Easter.

## **NOTES**

If you would like anything included in the clubs weekly notes please email it to pro.glenflesk.kerry@gaa.ie

# RATHMORE GNEEVEGUILLA

By Michael O' Mahony

#### >MARIAN PLAYERS

The Marian Players extend our gratitude to all the volunteers who recently prepared and took part in each of the St Patrick Day Parades under the 'Panto in Rathmore' banner.lt marked the end of another very successful season for the group. Thanks, too, to all who participated in our 35th panto including our patrons and supporters which raised €24,000 for Kerry Parents and Friends Association. Subsequent to the show a real surprise was the receipt of a donation from an American benefactor who visited the Panto during their stay in Killarney. On their return they forwarded \$3,000 to us to advance the aims of the group. A most sincere thanks to all concerned.

# >BOOK LAUNCH

Fr Ferris's History of the Parishes of Rathmore, Gneeveguilla and Knocknagree will be launched atTeach Íosagáin, Rathmore on Friday 5th April at 6.30pm. Launch By Sean Kelly MEP. All welcome

# >EASTER MASSES

GOOD FRIDAY March 29th - The Lord's Passion: Rathmore 3.00p.m.Gneeveguilla 3.00p.m.

Stations of The Cross - Shrone: 6.00 p.m. Knocknagree 7.30 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY March 30th - Shrone: 6.00p.m.

Easter Vigil Mass: Knocknanagree 7.30pm. Rathmore: 9.00 p.m

EASTER SUNDAY March 31st: Gneeveguilla 9.30 a.m. Rathmore: 11.30 a.m. > SPECIAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY

Nora Murphy of Tureen is very well known in the Knocknagree area, and is probably also well known to others as an employee in Hickey's Supermarket, for many years. Over two years ago Nora was diagnosed with cancer, and her prognosis didn't see to offer much hope for a positive outcome. Her situation was further compounded by the untimely and unexpected loss of her husband Tony in September 2023. Through it all, Nora has displayed enormous courage and great spiritual strength. As she journeyed through these years she put some of her reflections to

As she journeyed through these years she put some of her reflections to paper and has developed them as reflection's on the road to Calvary "It is more than two thousand years since Jesus walked on earth. I am choosing

now as an appropriate time to reflect on his life and the messages he left us, not just with the parables he preached, but the suffering he endured. In this reflection I am concentrating on his suffering.

It is important to remember that Jesus was one hundred per cent human. He lived an ordinary and hidden life for thirty years. He preached for three years before his arrest.

How can I make his final journey on the road to Calvary relevant to my life today?" I am using the "Stations of the Cross" to help me meditate and pray. Jesus, guide my mind and heart as I walk to Calvary with you again. We will use this reflection for our Stations of the Cross in Shrone and Knocknagree Churches on Good Friday. Nora herself will participate in the Knocknagree Stations

>RADIO MARIA IRELAND on next Thursday morning Deacon Thady O'Connor will be in conversation with Margaret Carmody, Chairperson of the Kerry Diocesan Eucharistic Committee. Tune in on Saorview 210 on your television or on the App Breakfast Show at 8.30a.m.

# >YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO TAIZE, FRANCE

This year's pilgrimage will take place from Sunday 23rd June to Sunday 30th June 2024. Application forms are available from Parish Office. Further details from Tomás Kenny (086) 3683778.

>PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE on June 26th. Flights from Cork with Aer Lingus. Spiritual Directors are Fr. Danny Broderick & Fr. Joe Begley. For Further information please contact Tom Dennehy (087) 6468658.

## >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 €202 and the winner was Denise Fenton. 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.





# MONEY MATTERS...

By Dermot Cronin, Financial Advisor



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Yes, it can be more difficult. When you are building your family home there are more of risks of things going wrong than purchasing your home especially in relation to the overall cost. The most obvious and biggest risk is of course the risk of you going over your budget to build and finish your property and not having enough money to complete your home. Lenders when assessing your application need to take this risk into account. Lenders will put emphasis on the cost of construction of your property. If you are making your application through a mortgage broker they should spend time discussing the cost of the construction and loan amounts with you to make sure they are realistic and affordable. If these figures are incorrect and especially if they are too low then your mortgage application could be declined and more importantly you may not have enough money to finish the property. A big plus at the moment for people who are first time buyers and are building or buying a new property that is their family home is that there is a Help To Buy Scheme that you can apply for through the Revenue. Thankfully this was extended recently in the budget. There is up to €30,000 available through this scheme, there are terms and conditions attached to this Help To Buy Scheme. Obviously this is very beneficial in terms of reducing your overall cost and reducing your mortgage amount also. Each lenders criteria for self build mortgages is different & you need to know this before choosing a lender that suits your needs best. A mortgage broker who has access to many lenders and has a lot of experience with self build mortgages should be very helpful to you.

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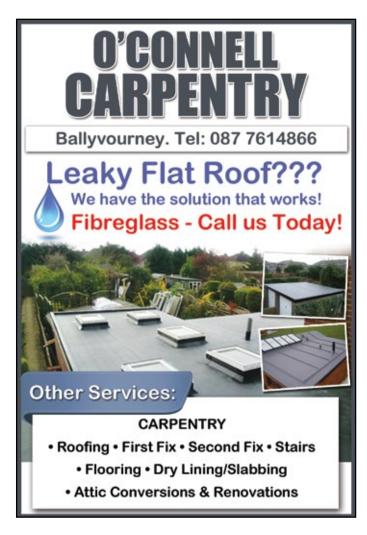
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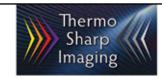






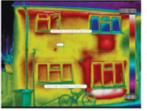
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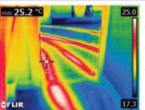


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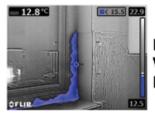
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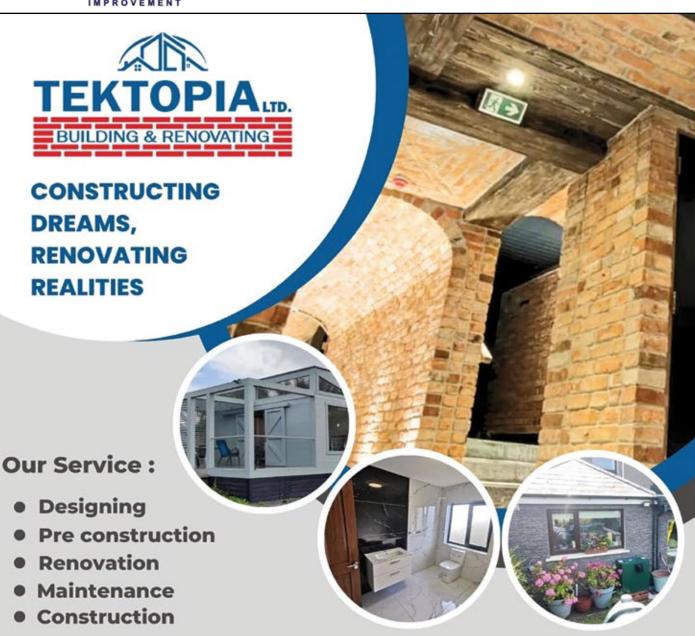
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# CONJUNCTIVITIS

#### What is conjunctivitis?

Conjunctivitis is an infection which affects the thin layer of tissue that covers part of the front of the eye and the inside of the eyelids (conjunctiva). It is not normally serious, and is sometimes referred to as pink or red eve.

There are three forms of conjunctivitis – bacterial, viral and allergic.

# **RISK FACTORS**

# **Bacterial conjunctivitis**

Children and the elderly are more at risk of a bacterial conjunctivitis. Also, people with weaker immune systems such as those with diabetes and people who don't wash their hands before inserting or removing contact lenses are more at risk.

#### Viral conjunctivitis

Viral conjunctivitis often follows a recent cold or sore throat.

# **Symptoms**

Conjunctivitis usually causes a pink or red, gritty-feeling in the eye. It often starts in one eye, usually spreading to the other. It may also cause your eyelids to stick together in the morning. And:

- Bacterial conjunctivitis normally causes a yellow or green sticky discharge
- Viral conjunctivitis normally causes a watery discharge

#### Treatment

Conjunctivitis will normally get better on its own, without any medical treatment, in around one to two weeks. Bathing and cleaning the eyelids with sterile pads and clean water, or sterile wipes, is normally all that is needed.

# **Bacterial conjunctivitis**

Antibiotic drops or ointment

may speed up how quickly bacterial conjunctivitis clears up by a few days. However, it should get better without any drops or ointment.

# Viral conjunctivitis

Antibiotic drops or ointment will not help with viral conjunctivitis. There is currently no effective treatment for this, but artificial tears, using a cold compress (such as clean cotton wool balls soaked in cold water), and a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory (NSAID) such as Ibuprofen may make your eyes feel more comfortable.

You should not wear contact lenses until the conjunctivitis has completely cleared up. When you start wearing them again, you should start a new case and, if they are disposable, with new lenses.

Both types of conjunctivitis are very contagious and easily spread. It is important to avoid sharing towels with other people to help prevent spreading the infection.

## **Treatment method**

- Wash your hands before and after cleaning your eyelids
- Rub the moistened pad or cotton wool ball firmly but gently along the eyelid edges to remove the crusts
- Take care to wipe between the eyelashes of both the upper and lower lids
- Use a fresh pad or wipe each time and do not use the same pad for the other eye as this may spread the infection
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# UCD MARIAN 96 SCOTTS LAKERS 81

Report by Enda Walshe

The curtain came down on Scotts Lakers season in the Oatlands College Gym on Saturday night when they just couldn't find any way to get the better of a stronger UCD Marian outfit. And it wasn't for the lack of effort but it was just a case of the Dublin outfit having too many aces in the pack, who managed to pull out a trick as needed and keep the Lakers at arms length. In the meeting earlier in the season Brian Clarkes side had the upper hand but the New Year arrival of Jonathan Jean to the fold gave them what could yet be deemed as the missing link in their pursuit of an immediate return to the Superleague.

UCD Marian made a rapid start to the game, running into an early 11-3 lead. Buckets from Matthew McGrath, Sasha Feench and Jonathan Jean forced the Lakers into an early

timeout. It had a slow burning effort as Jean continued to torment but the introduction of Paul Clarke heralded a response with Clarke and Bell on the mark from three point land. Laker old boy Toby Christensen fired up the engines but Bell and Washington finished the quarter strong , pairing the lead down to 25-21.

Rui Saravia and Washington hit early in the second with Sortiris Maltiadis and Jean replying to make it 29-25. McGrath and Jean hit a purple patch, stretching the lead to 12, 39-27, before Ronan Byrne hit a three. Points from the free throw line from Bell and Washington narrowed the gap but also saw the home side run into team foul trouble. It brought about a change of tack for the Lakers who started to get joy by drawing fouls but all that work was undone by accurate outside shooting by the ageless Conor Meaney and Pariac Moran. Jack O Sullivan and Bell netted more free throws as Washington hit another three but Maltiadis and Feench ensured the gap was maintained at 12, 57-45.

The Lakers needed a good start to the third quarter, Bell, Washington and Jack O Sullivan supplied that and the lead was down to seven now, 60-53. With the thought of momentum going against them UCD Marian again stepped up thanks to the promptings

of Jean who along with Paraic Moran netted from downtown. Eoin Carroll was starting to get joy inside and just when it looked like the Lakers would get a foothold again in the game, Moran and Jean slammed the door shut, taking it to 78-60 at the three quarters stage.

Mindful of any Lakers revival, UCD Marian kept Christensen and Jean on the floor for the last quarter with Leonardo Marcon playing a more prominent role also. Bell and Washington went to work on closing the gap and alongside Eoin Carroll and the two O Sullivans, Jamie and Jack they eroded into the advantage, with their best spell in the game. With 3.35 to go the lead was down to a manageable ten, 88-78 but Jean , not for the first time. took it as a cue to up the ante again and he brought Marian home on a 96-81 scoreline.

Braden Bell led the way for the Lakers with 27 points, Leondre Washington shot 23, Eoin Carroll had 11, Jack O Sullivan 9, Paul Clarke 5, Rui Saravia 4, Jamie O Sullivan 2.

Jonathan Jean was game MVP with 35 points, Sasha Feench and Paraic Moran had 11 apiece, Matthew McGrath hit 9 and Toby Christensen 8.



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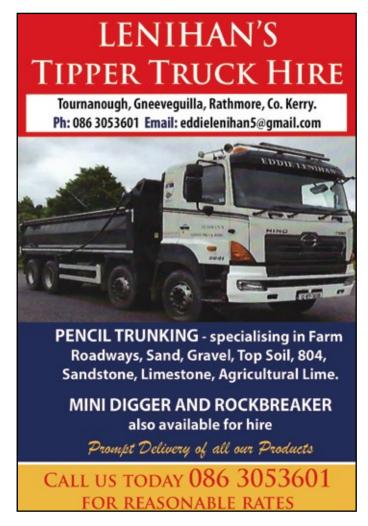
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# **MUCKROSS ROWING CLUB NOTES**

The regatta season is now almost upon us, with Bantry Sprint Regatta kicking off the first competitive racing event of 2024 for Muckross on Saturday, April 6th at Reendonegan Lake in Bantry. The 500m sprint event is a junior focused event and will be a great start to racing for our crews after a long winter of training and time trial events. The Skibbereen Grand League Regatta will turn up the dial as the first major regatta of 2024, taking palce over two days on the weekend of April 13-14th. A number of our university rowers will contest the University Championships for their third level clubs on Saturday, April 20th at Lough Rynn in Leitrim. The Courtmacsherry Coastal Regatta originally scheduled for last Saturday was cancelled.

#### **LONDON HORR**

Well done to Ethan O'Neill, rowing with UCC RC, who took on the infamous 4.25 mile Head Of the River Race course in London on Saturday last from Mortlake to Putney. Ethan rowed as part of the first UCC crew to compete at the event since 1999. The crew raced in their bid to secure their position at the Henley Royal Regatta in July. The finishing time of 18:08.4 placed UCC as the 6th fastest overseas Eight and 19th overall among university crews. Ethan also recently competed at the recent U23 national trials. We continue to wish Ethan and his UCC crewmates every success in their training and the busy racing calendar ahead.

# KILLARNEY BADMINTON CLUB

Congratulations to Brendan and Samira This concludes a very successful championship season for killarney badminton club after which we have 7 county champions and 4 county double champions . Only the league finals to go to finish off a wonderful season for all . Well to all the champions and to all who competed as well.

# **WORKMENS ROWING CLUB NEWS**

Our crews are preparing for a number of up and coming flat water slider events in April 2024. The first event will be the Bantry Regatta on the 6th April, followed by the Skibbereen Regatta on



the 13th & 14th April 2024.

Training continues as usual for all members. We are preparing for an open day at Workmens Rowing Club at Ross Castle for any potential young rowers, date and time to follow.

In the meantime, we would love to hear from 5th & 6th class boys and girls interested in trying rowing. If you are interested please contact Mary on 0868098182 or Derva on 0862040469 for fun on the water at Ross Castle.

# **KILLARNEY RFC**

# **MUNSTER CUP FINALS - DOUBLE HEADER**

We would like to wish our U16 girls and U18 girls the very best of luck in their respective finals this coming Saturday. Kick off for the U16 is at 2:30pm and at 4:30pm for the U18 girs as both aim to do the double and bring Munster Cup glory home to Aghadoe. Another hge weekend for the club and for girls rugby as we both face Clonakilty in the finals in what promises to be cracking games. So, be sure to come along to Virgin Media Park this Saturday and give these brilliant young ladies the support they deserve. Best of luck to all players, coaches and team manaers.

#### **SENIORS LOSE OUT IN MARTIN O'SULLIVAN CUP**

Hard luck to our Seniors who were beaten 23 -13 by a strong Carrick-on-Suir side last Sunday at Musgrave Park in Cork, in the Martin O'Sullivan Cup final. An enthralling match, with scores from Liam Randles (try) and Ciaran O'Brien (conversion and penalty), it was not to be our day but we are all so proud of the lads and coaches.

#### **U12 GIRLS HEAD TO SHANNON TODAY**

Best of luck to our U12 girls who head to Coonagh in Limerick City to partake in the Good Friday Tournament. This promises to be a great day with some fantastic rugby on show and our girls are looking forward to representing the Black and Red army with pride. Best of luck to all the girls and coaches Liam Murphy, Becca McGrath and Declan Woulfe.

#### **RESULTS**

Seniors (Martin O'Sullivan Cup final): Killarney 13 - 23 Carrick on Suir

#### **FIXTURES**

U16 Girls Munster Cup Final: Killarney V Clonakilty, Virgin Media Park, Cork. Saturday at

U18 Girls Munster Cup Final: Killarney V Clonakilty, Virgin Media Park, Cork. Saturday at 4:30pm

# **KILLARNEY JUDO CLUB**

Last weekend, several members of Killarney Judo Club travelled up to the inaugural Interpros against the other provinces of Ireland. This was a team ranking event with players selected to represent Munster on the National Stage.

Killarney Judo Club won 1 Gold, 1 Silver and 4 Bronzes across the day. A special mention must go towards our younger members, Danielle and Michelle Walsh who have won at least Gold, Silver or Bronze in their category across four national events since September.

For the older players, each gained experience as

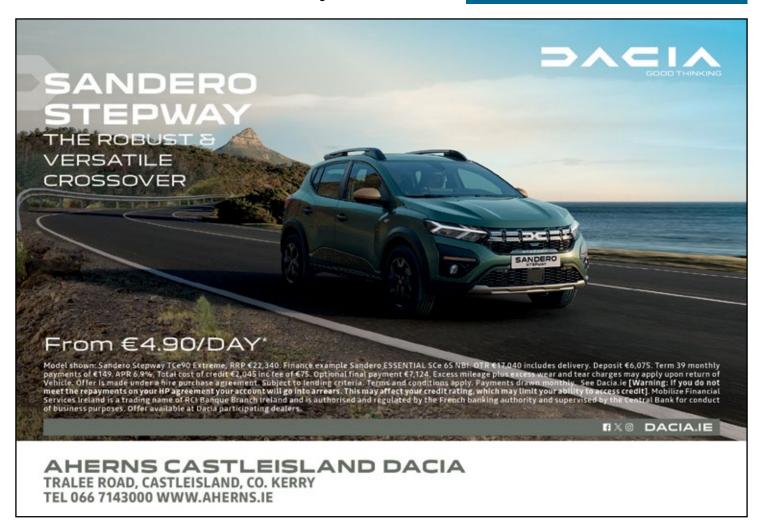


Samira Hayes and Brendan McGovern who won the Div 2 mixed county championships in Tralee last Friday night.



22 students from St. Brigid's Presentation attended an athletics competition in the Nenagh Athletics Club last week with teacher Ms A Motherway. Great performances were observed, with the Junior Team obtaining first place in the relay. Well done to everybody involved!

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four of them aim to earn their Black Belts by the end of the year.

Lastly, Tadhg Kelly, Head Coach, earned his 4th Dan from the Irish Judo Association in recognition of his contribution to Judo over the last 50 years both locally and nationally.

# KILLARNEY SWIMMING CLUB

IRISH MINOR SCHOOL NATIONAL FINALS AT THE NATIONAL AQUATIC CENTRE DUBLIN **ON SUNDAY** 

Juan Avila (Loughuittane NS) competed in the age 9 50 Back and placed in the top 10 with a new personal best.

Evan O'Donoghue (St Oliver's NS) competed in age 12 100IM and 50 Fly and had top 20 finishes with two new personal bests.

Cora Sheehan (Kilgobnet NS) finished in top 30 with a new personal best in the aged 10 50M

All swimmers had excellent swims and made

their schools and club proud at this national level.

14 KILLARNEY SWIMMERS COMPETED AT THE MUNSTER OPEN LONG COURSE SPLASH MEET AT UL LAST WEEK

Killarney excelled with all 14 swimmers having top 10 finishes! And lots of medal winners too! Raegan Browne

1st 50 Flv 2nd 50 Back Ella Cremin

2nd 50 Back 2nd 50 Fly

Kate Daly

3rd 50 Breast

3rd 50 Fly Cathal Mackey

1st 50 back

3rd 50 Fly

Lara O'Brien Leahy 1st 1500 Free

May O'Mahony



Killarney Judo Club Members (L to R): Tim Kelly, Danielle Walsh, Michelle Walsh and Aidan Forde

Katie Riordan 2nd 50 Free 2nd 50 Back 3rd 50 Breast



Killarney Swimming Club members Juan Avila and Evan O'Donoghue who competed in the Irish Minor School National Finals at the National Aquatic Centre Dublin on Sunday



Killarney Swimming Club member Cora Sheehan who competed in the Irish Minor School National Finals at the National Aquatic Centre Dublin on Sunday



Killarney Swimming Club member Evan O'Donoghue swimming Butterfly

# Labour of Love.... Fossa Rowing club give St. Lelia's A Makeover

Getting stuck in..... Fossa Rowing Club have taken on the project of re-painting the Old Church in Fossa, also known as St. Lelia's after the patron saint of the parish. This historic building holds a special place in the hearts of the community and the club is dedicated to preserving its beauty for future generations to enjoy.

Volunteers have come together to donate their time and skills to this project, and the local businesses have generously contributed supplies and materials. The club is working diligently to ensure that the church is painted with care and attention to detail, using high-quality paint that will withstand the test of time.

The re-painting of the old church in Fossa is a labour of love for the Fossa Rowing Club, and they are proud to be part of this important restoration project. The club hopes that the freshly painted church will serve as a symbol of the community's commitment to preserving its rich history and heritage.



Fossa Rowing Club members Fiona Whelton, John Talbot, Welton, Cathal and Laura Whelton, Michael Allman, Aideen Blennerhasset (back from left) Michael and Eve McCarthy, Shane Dennehy, John Allman, Steven Blennerhasset, Alison Coffey, Pat Talbot, Ray Murphy, Raymond and Kieran Coffey at the Old Church Fossa where they have plans to decorate Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

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Lidl NFL Div 1 - Kerry 2-11 Galway 0-12

# WIN SEES KERRY LADIES IN THE FINAL

**Kerry 2-11 Galway 0-12** 

By DAN KEARNEY

Hannah O'Donoghue came off the bench and struck for 1-2 as champions Kerry were made to fight all the way by Galway at Fitzgerald Stadium in this Lidl NFL Division 1 contest.

Kerry's win propels them to the Lidl NFL Division 1 final for the second year in a row where they will defend the title they claimed in 2023 against Armagh on April 7 at Croke Park. Dublin's dismantling of Armagh on Saturday meant that Kerry knew that only a win would do against a Galway side that will now go face Waterford in their refixed tie to see who will stay up in Division 1.

Kerry started in whirlwind fashion and found themselves 1-3 to 0-1 ahead after 14 minutes. Niamh Carmody got the home side off the mark in the second minute but Roisin Leonard equalised three minutes later with a brilliant free off the ground from 40 metres.

Kerry struck for a fortunate goal when Danielle O'Leary looked to be shooting for a point but it dipped into the top corner of Dearbhla Gower's net. Lorraine Scanlon pointed from the kick out and the lively Katie Brosnan popped over another to push Kerry 1-3 to 0-1 ahead.

From there on Galway started to take control of the half and they struck for four points on the bounce as they attacked Kerry in waves. Indeed, they may have had a goal in the 28th minute but for a last ditch block by Kayleigh Cronin on Emma Reaney.

Roisin Leonard pointed another free from the ground, Emma Reaney, excellent in the Galway forward line hit a brace, and then Aoife O'Riordan struck on the stroke of half time to leave the visitors just one in arrears, 1-3 to 0-5, at the break.

Substitute Niamh Ní Chonchúir and Roisin Leonard (free) traded scores at the start of the second half before Shauna Hynes gave Galway the lead for the first time in the game two minutes later.

Kerry awoke from their slumber and hit three on the trot thanks to two Louise Ní



from Anna Galvin to push the hosts 1-7 to 0-8 ahead in the 42nd minute of what was turning into an absorbing contest.

Leonard struck another free for the visitors and Emma Reaney with her third from play but then came Kerry's second goal when Ní Chonchúir fed O'Donoghue who finished expertly to the back of the net.

Both sides exchanged scores near the finish, including two from the excellent O'Donoghue, and Kerry had done enough to book a final date in Croke Park in a couple of weeks.

Scorers

Kerry: Hannah O'Donoghue 1-2, D O'Leary 1-0, N Ní Chonchúir 0-2, N Carmody 0-2 L Ní Mhuircheartaigh 0-2f, K Brosnan 0-1, A Galvin 0-1, L Scanlon 0-1.

Galway: R Leonard 0-4f, E Reaney 0-3, S Hynes 0-2, A O'Rourke 0-1, O Divilly 0-1, C Miskell 0-1. Kerry: M.E. Bolger; K O'Sullivan, E Lynch, C Murphy; A O'Connell, K Cronin, C McCarthy; M O'Connell, A Galvin; N Carmody, D O'Leary, L Scanlon; K Brosnan, E Dineen, L Ní Mhuircheartaigh. Subs: N Ní Chonchir for Dineen (25), A Harrington for Brosnan, C Lynch Mhuircheartaigh frees and a monster effort ! for McCarthy, D Kearney for O'Sullivan (all halftime), H O'Donoghue for O'Leary (46), A Dillane for Harrington (58), E O'Connor for Carmody

Galway: D Gower; M Jordan, S Ní Loingsigh, E Gavin; K Geraghty, N Ward, A Ni Cheallaigh; M Glynn, A Davoren; O Divilly, S Hynes, E Reaney; L Coen, A O'Rourke, R Leonard. Subs: A Trill for A O'Rourke (45), C Miskell for Reaney (50), M Banek for Ní Cheallaigh (54), N Divilly for Hynes (58).

Referee: Patrick Smith (Waterford).

# Kerry and West Limerick Credit Unions sponsor Kerry LGFA **Donal Curtin Cup**

Kerry LGFA are delighted to announce that Kerry & West Limerick Credit Unions have come on board as sponsors of the Donal Curtin Cup.

The Donal Curtin Cup will see 33 Clubs from across the county compete in over 200 games across 5 divisions commencing on Sunday March 24th. Nora Fealy, Chairperson of Kerry LGFA said; "The support of the Kerry & West Limerick Credit Unions is a testament to their support of local communities. The ongoing support of the LGFA is crucial to raise the exposure of the game and support LGFA clubs across the county. Best of luck to all teams involved in the Donal Curtin Cup and we look forward to a busy season ahead!"

Speaking on behalf of the Kerry and West Limerick Credit Unions, Philip Lynch commented; "We are delighted to expand our recent support of the Kerry LGFA by coming on board as sponsor for the Donal Curtin Cup. The sponsorship reflects commitment to strengthening grassroots clubs for the benefit of the people living in these communities which is central to the Credit Union ethos."

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# **BALLYHAR DYNAMOS FC**

#### TFAMS

The club u16s in a mid week fixture overcame Castleisland B in the Tucker Kelly shield competition on a 6-1 home win thanks to goals from Lee Crillo, Anthony Cremin, Conrad Long, Colby O Meara & two by Davin Quilter. The U13s team two had a merited 2-0 home win against Milltown FC. The game was scoreless at the break but second half goals from Bryan Evans & Charlie Curran sealed the win. Each of the squad played very well with Adam Quirke, Brian McMahon, Darragh McLaughlin, Brendan Flynn, Ruairi Casey, Eoin Cremin & Aaron Looney putting in fine displays.

The U15s suffered penalty shoot out heartache in a home loss to Castleisland A in the Healy cup. The game finished 1-1 after extra time with Ballyhars goal coming from Kevin O Shea. There were also fine performances by Conor Edwards, Daniel Downes, Aaron Moriarty, Conor O Leary & Kealan O Riordan. The U15s have completed their season. Thanks to the players, parents & management team of Danny & Dan for their commitment throughout the season.

The seniors on Sunday last had a fine 3-1 home win at Murt Scott Park over Castleisland B to reach the last eight of the reserve cup. Shane O Sullivan , Ger Fitzgerald & a majestic lob by Robert Kelly ensured victory with Trevor O Shea, Dan O Shea, John Power, Danny Cronin, Mike Daly, Niall Donohoe, Mike O Sullivan & Micheal Fitzgerald in good form.

#### **TEAM OF THE WEEK**

Well done to Conor Regan of the club u16s on being selected on the recent Kerry schoolboy team of the week.

# **CONDOLENCES**

The club offers its sympathy to Diarmuid, the O Neill & Dineen families on their recent family Bereavement. May Susan rest in peace.

# **MEK GALAXY**

### **GIRLS UNDER 11**

# **MEK Galaxy 1-Tralee Dynamos**

Well done to the U11 girls this morning who played out a 1v1 draw with Tralee Dynamos. The girls were excellent and showed great spirit and teamwork throughout. Thanks to Dynamos for a great game.



MEK Galaxy Under 11 Girls who played a 1-1 Draw with Tralee Dynamos

#### **BOYS DIVISION 2 PLAY-OFF FINAL**

# Killarney Celtic1-1 MEK Galaxy 1 AET (Celtic win 5-4 on penalties)

A titanic battle that was still scoreless with just a few minutes left in normal time when Celtic broke the deadlock. With a minute to go MEK equalised through a Cade Jameson back-heel. It remained level through extra-time and after five penalties each before Celtic won in sudden death. MOTM Goalkeeper James O'Reilly.

#### **BOYS UNDER15S CUP**

MEK Galaxy 4-1Camp Juniors (half time 1-1) Goals scored by Leo Allen 2 and Danny Murphy 2. Overall a great team performance. Man of the Match Danny Murphy with strong displays also from Sean Clifford, Ivan O Shea, Tadhg Clifford and Michael Griffin

# **KILLARNEY CELTIC**

#### **CELTIC LOTTO**

Numbers drawn 9,10,15,27. No jackpot winner. No Match 3 winner. Lucky Dip winners received €50. Next jackpot €6,800 on Monday April 1st. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, club members and online through clubzap.

# CHARLEVILLE CHEESE PREMIER A Killarney Celtic A 5-1 Listowel Celtic

Stephen McCarthy 3, Trpimir Vrljicak, Terry Sparling Killarney scored their 2nd wind of the week

with a result over Listowel last Sunday. Stephen McCarthy fired home 3 times to leave Killarney clear at the break. Listowel pulled a goal back but 2 further goals from Trpimir Vrljicak and Terry Sparling rubber fastened the win. Killarney Celtic are now clear at the top of the Premier A table.

# GREYHOUND BAR CUP Killarney Celtic 2-0 Killarney Athletic B

Stephen McCarthy 2

Killarney Celtic A secured their place in the next round of the Greyhound Bar Cup after beating Killarney Athletic B. Stephen McCarthy netted twice to give Celtic the win.

# U15 PREMIER

# Killarney Celtic 1-1 MEK

Jack Culloty

Celtic came from behind to gain a draw after Mek had taken a 1st half lead. Celtic pushed hard for the equaliser and gained their reward when a Luca Mosca effort came back off the post and was finished to the net by Jack Culloty. Celtic lie top of the table but must now wait for teams with games in hand to play those games.

# **U15 DIV 2 PLAYOFF**

# Killarney Celtic B 1-1 MEK B Celtic win on penalties

Jack O Callaghan

In a memorable contest Celtic B took the U15 Div 2 title last week. Celtic scored late on in



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u15s who exited the u15 Healy Cup on a penalty shoot out to Castleisland FC at murt Scott Park on Saturday last. Thanks to the players & management for their contribution to the club over the past season.



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u13s following their 2-0 home win V Milltown FC in Division 1 South of the schoolboy League.

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normal time when Jack O Callaghan was on hand to probe home. However Mek scored an equaliser to send the game into extra time. No goals in extra time so the tie went to penalties. Celtic came out on top in the penalties to claim the divisional title. Well done to the players and coaches on a fine win.

# JOHN JOE NAUGHTON U13 CUP Killarney Celtic A 8-2 Castleisland D

Cormac O Sullivan 4, Cillian Scannell 3, Conor Darmody

Celtic started well and Cormac O'Sullivan put them ahead before Castleisland bounced back to score 2 times. Celtic regrouped and Cillian Scannell levelled matters before Cormac O'Sullivan put Celtic in front again by half time. Celtic controlled the game much better in the 2nd half and further goals by Cormac O'Sullivan, Cillian Scannell and Conor Darmody ensured qualification for the next round.

#### **JOHN MURPHY U12 PLATE**

#### **Killarney Celtic Gold 1-3 MEK B**

Andrew Bilokhvost

Despite dominating large portions of the game Celtic Gold exited the John Murphy Plate. Celtic



found themselves 2-0 down after hitting the crossbar and the post twice before Andrew Bilokhvost goaled to set up a grandstand finish but Mek caught Celtic on the break to secure their place in the final.

**U11 GREEN** played Dingle Bay Rovers Blue in the U11 Cup and advanced with a win whilst the U11 White were defeated by Camp Juniors Black in the U11 Trophy.

THE U10 White defeated MEK White in the U10 Bowl and our U8 White had a win over LB Rovers White

**CONGRATS** to Cormac O'Sullivan U13 and Jack O'Grady U15 who made the KSBGL Team of the Week.

**WELL DONE** to our girls who played with the Kerry U15 ETP squad at the Costa Brava Cup.

#### FOCUS ON GOLF

#### **ROSS GC, KILLARNEY (GENTS)**

#### **RESULTS**

On March 24th we held a club sponsored 18 hole stableford competition. The winners were:

- 1: Jimmie Smith (19) 37 pts
- 2: Damian Greer (19) 35 pts.
- 3: Peter Wickham (10) 35pts.

#### FIXTURES

M D O'Shea Spring League:- The entry sheet for the re-scheduled spring league is still open and available in the clubhouse until March 31st . The draw for teams will be made after that date The spring league rounds will take place on April 6th/7th, April 13th/14th , April 20th/21st with the final round on April 28th.

# KILLARNEY GOLF & FISHING CLUB (LADIES)

THE KEANE'S SCOTCH MIXED TEAM OF FOUR EVENT ON MAHONY'S POINT ON SUNDAY 24TH MARCH 2024

Overall Winner: Josephine O'Sullivan & Padraig O'Sullivan, (14)

Kathleen O' Keeffe & Brian O'Keeffe, (20) 50pts 2nd: Kathleen Brosnan & Pat Kelliher, (18) Eileen Devane & Donie O'Shea (22) 48pts 3rd: Mairead O'Sullivan & Carty Donohue (28) Maire Murphy & Sean Murphy (23) 47pts 4th: Kate O'Leary & Ian Cronin (14) Joanne Creedon & Ronan Creedon (9) 46pts NEXT FIXTURE will be 30th & 31thMarch 2024 Ez Living Interiors, 18 Hole Single Stableford on Killeen Course

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

#### **SUNDAY DRAW RESULTS**

Two Ball Scramble- First Nett: John Looney & Dan Kiely 34, Gross: Sean Ashe & Sean O'Brien 44 and Second Nett: Noel Moynihan & Sean O'Brien



Kate O'Leary Lady Captain (front third from left) presenting first prize in the Keane's Mixed Foursomes to winning team (left) Kathleen and Brian O'Kreeffe, Padraig and Josephine O'Sullivan with (right) Helen Prendergast Club President (centre row) Pat Kelleher, Kathleen Brosnan and Donie O'Shea 2nd prize (back from left) Sean and Maura Murphy and Mairead O'Sullivan 3rd prize, Joanne and Ronan Cashman and Ian Cronin 4th prize at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club, Killarney on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

36½. We were delighted to welcome Patrick Lunning from Holland for a game last Sunday. CLUB MATCHPLAY

At the time of writing this event was subject of a course inspection in the middle of the week due to the current weather and projected forecast. The club will announce its status via social media and through club text when it is made.

#### **GOOD FRIDAY**

Draws will take place at the usual times of 9am and 10.45am on this day.

#### **CAPTAIN'S DRIVE-IN**

Weather permitting and regardless of what competition takes place this Sunday Captain Noel Moynihan will have his drive-in prior to the commencement of play.

#### **COUNTY MATCHPLAY**

Entry sheet now on noticeboard for this event

which we host on April 14th. Entries to be taken up until Sunday April 7th. Fee: €10 per player. Please ensure you are a registered member and are playing in the correct handicap grade prior to entering.

#### **2024 FIXTURES**

Please note that a complete list comprising the full 2024 Fixture List of all events of local interest is now on the website and the noticeboard for viewing.

## TIM SCANNELL MEMORIAL INTER-CLUB MATCHPLAY

Please note the County Board are starting this event on Tuesday April 30th this year and clubs are allowed enter second teams this year if interested. Anyone interested please contact Jason regarding same.

# CIIr MAURA **HEALY-RAE**

# WELCOMES THE FUNDING FOR THE FOLLOWING ROADS WHERE WORKS WILL BE COMPLETED IN 2024.

Cllr Healy-Rae will continue to work on behalf of the people on all other roads that are not on this programme of works.

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Woodlawn Park	80	€25,000	€25,000	Killarney
Knockaninane East	2,000	€5,600	€30,600	Killarney
Knockaninane East	2,000	€5,600	€36,200	Killarney
Coolcaslagh	2,000	€5,600	€41,800	Killarney
Woodline Road	2,000	€5,600	€47,400	Killarney
Ballyhar Cross to Ballydunlea Cross	20	€2,000	€49,400	Killarney
Beheenagh	1,100	€3,080	€52,480	Killarney
Cummeenavrick	2,500	€7,000	€59,480	Killarney
Killaha	1,000	€2,800	€62,280	Killarney
Listry cross to kilnarovanagh Cross - Clash Road	1,700	€4,757	€67,037	Killarney
Knockagowna - Faha	1,000	€2,800	€69,837	Killarney
Knocknaman 2nd right after listry bridge	2,000	€5,600	€75,437	Killarney
Tullig	1,250	€3,500	€78,937	Killarney
Tiernaboul	1,000	€2,800	€81,737	Killarney
Gowlane - Codds Road	1,000	€2,800	€84,537	Killarney

#### **RESTORATION MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME 2024**

ROAD DESCRIPTION	LENGTH (M)	TOTAL AREA (M2)	EST COST €	CUMM. COST €	MD AREA
Rathbeg Cross to Shrone Lake Cross	300	1,050	€5,775	€5,775	Killarney
Ballyhar Cross to Ballydunlea Cross	1,500	4,500	€24,750	€30,525	Killarney
Cockhill Cross via Knockacullig to Cullinanes Cross	1,730	9,515	€52,333	€82,858	Killamey
Barlemount Cross to Knockasarnet (KWD Road)	2,440	13,420	€78,810	€156,668	Killarney
Scartiea- Black Road	1,000	4,500	€24,750	€181,418	Killarney
Burmah Road	1,835	8,808	€48,491	€229,909	Killarney

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY RESTORATION MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME 2024**

ROAD DESCRIPTION	LENGTH (M)	TOTAL AREA (M2)	EST COST €	CUMM. COST €	MD AREA
Kilbrean	800	2,400	€13,200	€13,200	Killarney
N72 to Cloghane Cross (Crosstown)	1,500	8,250	€45,375	€58,575	Killarney
Sheans East (abere 2 mie)	1,500	4,500	€24,750	€83,325	Killamey
Thade Ryans Br. KMD Bounds to Finnegans Cross	1,500	8,250	€45,375	€128,700	Killarney
Faha Cross to Beaufort Br. N72	2,000	11,600	€63,800	€192,500	Killamey
Leamnagulla	1,100	3,300	€18,150	€210,650	Killarney
N22 to Knockanes	1,350	7,830	€43,002	€253,652	Killarney

#### RESTORATION IMPROVEMENT GRANT 2024

ROAD DESCRIPTION	LENGTH (M)	TOTAL AREA (M2)	EST COST €	CUMM. COST €	MD AREA
Ballynamaunagh (Speed limit) to Kilcummin Village	450	2,700	€119,500	€119,500	Killamey
Clashnagranne Cross to Kilcummin Village	800	4,800	€171,360	€290,860	Killamey
Cockhill Cross to Bounds	600	3,000	€76,500	€367,360	Killamey
URDE Killarney Streets - Park Road	190	1,330	€48,412	€415,772	Killamey
Drom to Lisnagrave Cross	1,100	3,850	€100,100	€515,872	Killarney
Laharan Cross to Flynn's Forge	1,750	8,750	€227,500	€743,372	Killamey
Rathbeg Cross to Shrone Lake Cross	1,600	5,600	€145,600	€888,972	Killarney
Lissyconnor Cross to Scrahanagullaun Cross	1,000	3,500	€91,000	€979,972	Killarney
Ballyhar Cross to Ballydunlea Cross	400	1,200	€43,680	€1,023,652	Killarney
Scrahan Mews	270	2,025	€73,710	€1,097,362	Killarney
Ferndale Ave	150	975	€35,490	€1,132,852	Killarney
Killarney Laneway - Dawn Diary Site	50	250	€25,000	€1,157,852	Killamey
Counts Cross to Lissyconnor Cross	1,100	5,500	€143,000	€1,300,852	Killamey
Bounard Lower Cross to Scrananagullaun Lower Cross	1,000	3,500	€92,855	€1,393,707	Killarney
Flynn's Forge Cross to Laharan Cross	1,100	4,950	€183,843	€1,577,550	Killamey
Lisheen Cross to R-563 Milltown Road	1,200	3,600	€95,508	€1,673,058	Killarney
Bounds @ Awnaskirtaun to Shrone Beg Cross	1,000	3,500	€92,855	€1,765,913	Killarney
Shinnagh Cross to Hollymount Bridge	1,000	3,500	€83,633	€1,849,546	Killarney

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## JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY

takes a look at all things sport...

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE Kerry 0-15 Galway 1-10

Kerry and Galway have served up some of the greatest games in GAA history. Both teams have always prided themselves on fearless, skillbased attacking football and trusting in man on man duels. But this game was never going to be that and the truth is that this one was more for analytical connoisseurs rather than enthusiasts. It just never really sparked to life. Kerry got game-time into a good few legs and it was good to see a few familiar faces returning to the field of play, but nobody is writing 'quod est demonstratum' at the conclusion of any match report. In fairness, the odds of the result mattering to either side were minimal before the ball was thrown in at all, and that has to have an impact on players. This was one to get out of the way before Kerry head to Portugal for a training camp.

Kerry made a great start, Joe O'Connor powering into space and neatly fisting over – that one was harder to execute than it might have looked. O'Connor has been a really assured presence all through this league campaign and has absolutely nailed a championship berth. Killian Spillane served early notice of his intentions, a superb attempt from a tight angle just clipping the top of the post and wide. Galway full forward Robert Finnerty claimed and executed a good mark. Finnerty looked good, but Tadhq Morley filled in well for the injured Jason Foley. Kerry were labouring a bit on their kick-outs, though, with Finnerty adding another mark and Cillian Ó Curráin floating over an absolute beauty from just outside the '45. Great score.

A foul on an advancing Dylan Casev saw Killian Spillane, another who really put his hand up on the day, clip over a free, but Galway were looking like the hungrier team at this stage. Paul Conroy split the posts after a great team move and Cathal Sweeney added another. Truthfully, they should have added a few more but dropped the efforts short to be safely gathered by Shane Ryan.

Killian Spillane cut the gap to two and should really have added another, but concentrated too much on accuracy and not enough on power, with Connor Gleeson gathering easily. Stephen O'Brien made no mistake and Seán O'Shea, beginning slowly to grow into the game, won and pointed a free to make it 0-5 apiece. I have to say that for me the experiment of having Seán O'Shea in the inside line although he actually played as an auxiliary in the middle third here for the most part - hasn't worked and I never wanted to see Paul Geaney in any other line. Paul didn't look remotely like his usual self here, although of course an enforced break means that a certain amount of rust is understandable. Nonetheless, while Mikev and Daithí Geanev were always good outside and Dylan can also play a nice creative role, Paul and Conor are out and out predators and I always want to see them in the dangerzone.

Johnny Heaphy sent over another long range beauty to nudge Galwy back in front, but Kerry were beginning to take control. Darragh Roche wasn't seeing a lot of ball but when Kerry did pick him out, he sjhimmied to open space and kicked a great score. Sean O'Shea added another with equal aplomb and Killian Spillane kicked his third point of the day. Kerry, without ever fully opening the throttle, were two points in front and looking like they had plenty more in the tank.

Half-time Kerry 0-8 Galway 0-6

Both sides missed some chances early in the second half, but Kerry also managed to convert a few chances. Seán O'Shea slotted a free. Armin Heinrich, who had a very good outing overall, notched a point. Galway were the ones in trouble under their own kick-out now, and Paul Geaney brought the lead out to five points. Johnny Heaney pulled one back, but Jack O'Connor started rolling the big guns off the bench, Graham O'Sullivan and the Clifford brothers coming on with intent, and within seconds of his arrival, Paudie Clifford was

driving over

In the 50th minute Galway could have had a goal, but Paul Conroy's pass to the far post was over-cooked, and instead it was Killian Spillane who raised the next flag with a Kerry point.

Brian Ó Beaglaíoch emerged to replace a very solid Paul Murphy. I rate the Gaeltacht man highly and I think his pace and power driving forward is a real asset in championship, so it's a real boost to see him back in action.

Dylan McHugh trimmed the gap back to five but David Clifford replied with a bread and butter free and Seán O'Shea pointed from play, while Gavin White couldn't guite finish a goal chance. Kerry were cruising to the finish line

Frankly, Kerry were a little too comfortable. They genuinely looked a bit complacent to me and deserved a bit of a wake-up call. John Daly boomed over a monster from long range. Nobody was too bothered – until Galway sliced through the Kerry defence with almost contemptuous ease. A short kick-out and a very deft steal, and suddenly the goal was gaping. That's a giveaway goal; you should have wrapped it and put a bow on top.

I don't care if the lead is twenty points or just

one. When you are playing for a Kerry jersey, you play for 70 minutes plus, not just until you think the job is done. I might sound ridiculous - I definitely do in a game that's pretty much in the bag and has no great significance anyway - but that goal really annoyed me. I know fast kick-outs are a requisite nowadays, but that was a risk we simply didn't have to take. There really is a time when composure is synonymous with simplicity and you slow the game down. Shane Ryan emerged from goal a minute later and was closed down. Again, just don't do it. We don't need to draw them on us; this is the time to hold them off, keep possession, slow the tempo. Shane did well and didn't waste the

Paul Conroy with a Galway point. Just two points in it now, and a Kerry side who had been

ball, but it was an unnecessary risk.



Action from the National League, Kerry V Galway in the Fitzgerald Stadium on Sunday. PHOTO: FITZGERALD STADIUM PR



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Louise Ni Mhuircheartaigh in action at the Kerry V Galway game at the Fitzgerald Stadium on Sunday. PHOTO: FITZGERALD STADIUM PR



Action from the National League, Kerry V Galway in the Fitzgerald Stadium on Sunday. PHOTO: FITZGERALD STADIUM PR

cruising are suddenly frantically bailing water. Galway are sensing blood in the water and circling like sharks. In fact, they sent one great ball whizzing high and hard into the square. Kerry got away with it in the mess of bodies, with it going wide off a Galway hand (looked like a '45 to me, but I didn't have a great view, so I'll trust the umpires). Every defender, at any grade, will tell you that a pinball like that can end up anywhere, including in the net.

If this was a championship game, there would be a lot to talk about, and not all of it positive. But it wasn't, and Kerry actually just missed out on a place in the National League Final on scoring difference with Dublin. Most importantly, quite a few players have shown that they can do a job in the crunch games later on, with two in particular (Joe O'Connor and Cillian Burke) really putting their hands up for starting jerseys. I think Jack O'Connor will be quietly happy with this year's National League. Kerry: Shane Ryan, Paul Murphy, Tadhq Morley, Dylan Casey, Armin Heinrich (0-1), Gavin White, Seán O'Brien, Barry 'Dan' O'Sullivan, Joe O'Connor, Adrian Spillane, Paul Geaney (0-1), Stephen O'Brien (0-1), Killian Spillane (0-4, 1f), Darragh Roche (0-1), Seán O'Shea (0-4, 2f) Subs: David Clifford 0-1,1f (for Darragh Roche, 49 mins), Paudie Clifford 0-1 (for Paul Geaney, 49 mins), Graham O'Sullivan (for Armin Heinrich, 49 mins), Brian Ó Beaglaoich (for Paul Murphy, 52 mins), Ronan Buckley (for Stephen O'Brien, 54 mins)

Galway: Connor Gleeson, Johnny McGrath, Seán Fitzgerald, Eoghan Kelly, Dylan McHugh (0-1), John Daly (0-1), Liam Silke, Paul Conroy (0-2), John Maher, Johnny Heaney (0-2), Cein Darcy, Cathal Sweeney (0-1), Rory Cunningham, Robert Finnerty (0-2, 1f, 1m), Cillian Ó Curraoin (0-1) Subs: Daniel O'Flaherty (for Rory Cunningham, 33 mins), Tomo Culhane 1-0 (for Cein Darcy, 47 mins), Patrick Egan (for Cillian Ó Curraoin, 47 mins), Jack Glynn (for Liam Silke, 55 mins), Kieran Molloy (for Dylan McHugh, 57 mins)

Referee: Seamus Mulhare (Laois)

# KERRY LADIES QUALIFY FOR LEAGUE FINAL

National League Kerry 2-11 Galway 0-12

If anything, the second game in the Fitzgerald

Stadium was the better of the two, as Galway really pushed Kerry hard all the way but couldn't stop Declan Quill and Darragh Long's team from reaching another league final and a chance to retain their title.

Niamh Carmody put Kerry ahead straightaway but Roisín Leonard equalised with a superbly struck free. Danielle O'Leary had what looked to be a speculative shot dip into the net – we have had a few of those against Galway in recent encounters. Lorraine Scanlon was absolutely lording the play at this stage and struck over a point of her own followed by one from Katie Brosnan.

1-3 to 0-1. Kerry looked imperious here, but suddenly they seemed to cough and splutter on dirty petrol. Roisín Leonard kicked a second free. Emma Reaney struck for a brace, including a goal chance that was well blocked by Kayleigh Cronin. The Crokes player in particular was repelling all boarders but the ball was coming back in as fast as it was going out, with Kerry struggling under pressure to find a link between defence and attack. Kerry had just one real scoring chance, and a swirling wind carried Louise Ní Muircheartaigh's free away from the posts. Just before the break Aoife O'Rourke made it four points without reply for Galway. As the whistle sounded, you'd have said that Kerry needed that break in momentum a lot more than the visitors.

#### Half-time Kerry 1-3 Galway 0-5

Olivia Divilly hauled Galway level on the restart. Kerry had rung a few changes at half-time and substitute Niamh Ní Chonchúir opened our second half scoring. Roisín Leonard replied with another free and Shauna Hynes nudged Galway in front for the first time.

Kerry looked sharper now – one suspects that there were conversations at half-time about intensity – and Louise Ní Muircheartaigh clipped over two frees and Anna Galvin boomed over a super score from long range. Roisín Leonard pointed a free in reply and Emma Reaney split to posts to level matters again. Kerry were hitting their stride, though, a good pass by Niamh Ní Chonchúir expertly finished to the net by Hannah O'Donoghue. The Beaufort star quickly added a point.

Shauna Hynes notched a Galway score – they weren't giving up here – but Niamh Carmody replied, and Niamh Ní Chonchúir did likewise in response to a Marta Benek point. Hannah

O'Donoghue closed it out with the last score of the day and sealed a place in the league final against Antrim in Croke Park. Regardless of how that goes – and in fairness, Antrim took us apart to a certain extent on their home patch earlier on – it has been a very good league for a Kerry side who have unearthed some real talent for the championship. For Galway, a relegation decider against Waterford awaits, but if they can replicate their display here, it would be no surprise to see Kerry meeting them again down the road.

Kerry: Mary Ellen Bolger, Kate O'Sullivan, Eilís Lynch, Ciara Murphy, Aishling O'Connell, Kayleigh Cronin, Ciara McCarthy, Mary O'Connell, Anna Galvin (0-1), Niamh Carmody (0-2), Danielle O'Leary (1-0), Lorraine Scanlon (0-1), Katie Brosnan (0-1), Emma Dineen, Louise Ní Mhuircheartaigh (0-2, 2f). Subs: Niamh Ní Chonchúir 0-2 (for Emma Dineen, 25 mins), Amy Harrington (for Katie Brosnan, half-time), Cáit Lynch (for Ciara McCarthy, Half-time), Deirdre Kearney (for Kate O'Sullivan, half-time), Hannah O'Donoghue 1-2 (for Danielle O'Leary, 46 mins), Aoife Dillane (for Amy Harrington, 58 mins), Eibhlís O'Connor (for Niamh Carmody (63).

Galway: Dearbhla Gower, Maryanne Jordan, Sarah Ní Loingsigh, Eimilie Gavin, Kate Geraghty, Nicola Ward, Aoife Ni Cheallaigh, Máiread Glynn, Ailbhe Davoren, Olivia Divilly (0-1), Shauna Hynes (0-2), Emma Reaney (0-3), Leanne Coen, Aoife O'Rourke (0-1), Roisín Leonard (0-4, 4f). Subs: Andrea Trill (for Aoife O'Rourke, 45 mins), Chloe Miskell 0-1 (for Emma Reaney, 50 mins), Marta Banek (for Aoife Ní Cheallaigh, 54 mins)), Niamh Divilly (for Shauna Hynes, 58 mins)

Referee: Patrick Smith (Waterford).

# CAMOGIE National League Wexford 4-15 Kerry 0-3

High-flying Wexford were always likely to be a bridge, arguably a gulf, too far for Kerry and so it proved in what turned out to be Kerry's toughest day yet. It's no secret that Kerry are missing some top guns – it would be facetious not to single out Patrice Diggin and Niamh Leen in particular.

There is very little point in a conventional match report here. Wexford were five points up in

almost as many minutes before Jackie Horgan slotted a free, and the fact that three frees were Kerry's only impact on the scoreboard over the hour tells its own tale. Kerry gave it everything they had but were simply out of their depth here, and there's no shame in that.

Overall, the picture actually looks quite rosy. Kerry's problem with players has always been quantity, not quality, and the fact that the minors won again over the weekend is a real sign of genuine progress. To be honest, this game came with a free pass.

It's next weekend, when Kerry host Down, that will decide whether we play in Division 1B or 2A next season. Like us, Down have laboured heavily in this league campaign and the loser is going down. Personally, I hope that we can stay up by our fingertips – I can see us getting that bit stronger and growing into this division as those younger players start to come through in earnest. It's worth remembering that Kerry are an Intermediate side competing against senior sides. At face value it may seem ridiculous for me to be looking forward to championship, given how much we have struggled in the league, but right now, that's where I'm at.

First things first, though. Down will be favourites on paper next weekend. Let's see what happens on the grass.

Kerry: Ciara Moloney, Michelle Costello, Rachel McCarthy, Ciara O'Sullivan, Áine O'Connor, Sara Murphy, Kate Lynch, Ellen O'Donoghue, Niamh Quinn, Annmarie Leen (capt.), Jackie Horgan (0-3, 3f), Caoimhe Spillane, Emma Conway, Laura Collins, Amy McCarthy. Subs. Julianne O'Keeffe (for Ellen O'Donoghue, 46 mins), Áine Devlin (for Niamh Quinn, 53 mins), Leonie Walz (for Amy O'Sullivan, 57 mins), Sarah Lawlor (for Emma Conway, 57 mins).

Wexford: Keeva Steadmond, Clodagh Jackman, Ciara Storey, Miria O'Dowd, Laura Dempsey (0-1), Maeve Sinnott, Katie Roche, Amy Cardiff, Orla Sinnott, Emma Tompkins (0-1), Anais Curran (0-6, 4f), Kate Kirwan, Chloe Foxe, Sarah Doyle (3-4), Ailis Neville (0-1). Subs Joanne Dillon 1-1 (for Kate Kirwan, half-time), Ciara Butler 0-1 (for Chloe Foxe, half-time), Emma Dempsey (for Maeve Sinnott), Grace Poole (for **Emma Tompkins**)

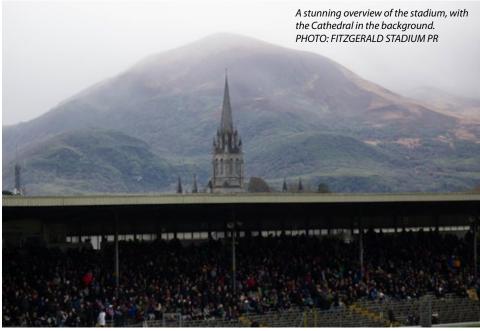
Referee: Ciarán Goff (Wicklow)

## SOCCER

#### Ireland 0 Belgium 0

2023 was one of the worst years in FAI history - let's face it, it has been the worst decade of any sporting organisation in this country, and I include Pat Hickey and the IOC scandal and even the John Delaney nose dive in that. It increasingly appears that the emperors Hill and Canham are wearing no clothes - and they are still far better than what preceded them. The search for a new manager isn't the actual problem, but it's the biggest symptom of a lack of coherent leadership and it just keeps getting worse. I have no idea who came up with the notion of selling a weekend friendly and a friendly at 7.45pm on a Tuesday night in an extremely expensive city together, but,

In these circumstances, a draw with Belgium albeit a Belgian side lacking their top guns - is actually very creditable.



Ireland started with a bit of confidence, Chiedozie Ogbene smashing an effort into the side netting. Nice bit of direct pace there, and it's easy to say that he should have seen Seamus Coleman arriving unmarked at the back post... .I think that's asking a lot, considering that Coleman was arriving from behind his line of sight and there were players in between. I think people forget that you have a three dimensional view when looking down on a game from the stand; the players effectively have two dimensional vision.

Belgium had a tame enough header themselves - to be honest, I thought he got the cross in a bit too easily and I thought Tielemans should certainly have at least hit the target. Belgium have a little bit more of the ball but Ireland aren't giving them the freedom to build. As expected, we're not exactly playing through our midfield, but we're not letting Belgium do

In the 25th minute, Ireland got a penalty. Very, very harsh, in my opinion. It literally came off his face and onto his arm....what was the player supposed to do? To me, that's ball to hand and no penalty, instead of hand to ball. Buyt the whistle has sounded and up steps Evan Ferguson. He has played well so far, combative in the trenches (he won a great ball for that Ogbene chance). I've heard talk in the aftermath that Robbie Brady should have taken the penalty. Not a chance. You have a talented goalscorer who is experiencing a little bit of a goal drought. Of course you are giving him the penalty. He finds the net and a bit of confidence, and away you go. The suggestion that some-one other than Ferguson was going to take that one....ah lads. Talk is usually cheap, but you can give that nonsense away for free. Poor penalty. Straight down the centre. He looked nervous, and that won't have helped his

nerves.

Just before half-time Ferguson flicks on and Szmodics reads it perfectly. It sits up too high and the shot is over, but in fairness, this lad is a lot more dangerous than I expected.

Beautiful cross in by Brady to start the second half, and Ferguson just couldn't quite direct the

header. On another day, a confident Ferguson is nailing that all day. Good play by Ireland. I never know what to make of Robbie Brady. He's a luxury in midfield but not really a left wing back, but he brings a potency and width that we otherwise lack.

To be fair, Belgium have a great themselves. An absolutely peach perfect long ball and welltimed run, and its headed back to Openda. Great techbnique on the shot but it's straight at Kelliher. I kind of thought that it would have been worth looping that initial header over Kelliher, but that was well-worked.

Ogbene to Smallbone to Szmodics, but he doesn't catch it right and the chance is blocked. Great build-up play though, this is genuinely impressive by Ireland.

You can say the same about Belgium, though. Great cut-back to Meunier and Kelliher had to get down very fast to get a strong hand to that one.

Penalty call. Clever little ball to Openda running towards the back post. Kelliher comes out and, to me, he does catch him. If it happened at the other end, I'd absolutely be furious if that wasn't given. It wasn't remotely malicious or intentional by Kelliher, but that makes no difference. There was very clear contact after the ball was gone, and that was a penalty for me.

No score draw. The Belgian manager stated that he thought the game was boring. Normally, the cynic in me would always gravitate towards that - RTE, understandably enough, always try to big up these games. But actually, and admittedly very much to my surprise, Ireland actually played well here. We didn't play punt and hope, not even kick and rush. We didn't keep a lone striker so isolated the best way a midfielder could communicate with him was by phone call. We actually tried to play football and at times, we succeeded. No, it wasn't polished, and our finishing was not up to scratch. And yes, That wasn't the Belgium that you'll see when it counts. But that was actually so much better than I expected that I have a weird fluttery feeling. I don't know....something called hope? Now, if the aforementioned powers that be

could stop dithering and blustering and just appoint O'Shea as our actual manager - and no, we're not doing better, Ireland is just not an attractive proposition - we would really be moving forward.

#### League of Ireland Finn Harps 0 Kerry FC 0

Kerry made their longest trip of the season on Friday evening as they took on Finn Harps in Ballybofey. Kerry picked up one point in the two visits to Finn Park last season and Conor McCarthy's side hoped that they could gather their first three points against the Donegal side since their inaugural season last year.

Harps striker Success Edugon, whom Kerry are familiar with from his great performances last season for Treaty United, has been in fantastic form so far in the opening five games this season. Kerry's back five setup were hopeful they could neutralise the striker on a chilly night in the hills.

Antonio Tuta returns to Finn Park for the first time since leaving to join Kerry at the start of the year. Tuta showed a blinding display against Kerry in the side's last meeting saving an array of great efforts and being equal to a Leo Gaxha penalty to level the game in the late stages.

Kerry FC were undefeated in their previous three games going into the battle against Finn Harps. They were looking for their first win of the League of Ireland season and were hopeful that a win in Donegal could kick-start their season

#### First Half:

The game started as a close contest with Kerry getting off the mark first through a shot from Victor Udeze. Although the shot was on target it fell easily into the arms of Tim-Oliver Hiemer. Harps got through with possibly the best opportunity of the game at the early stage. A pass fell into the path of Success Edugon, he lifted the ball over Antonio Tuta and thankfully Samuel Aladesanusi was on hand to clear the ball off the line and clear the Kerry FC line of defence.

Ryan Kelliher had the next shot at goal in the game. He received the ball on the left side of the area just outside of the box. He tried to whip his effort into the top left corner but unfortunately, it hit the roof of the net and the game remained level after the first twenty-six minutes.

Finn Harps showed the most dangerous signs towards the end of the first half. The first warning sign came as Shane McMonagle had his header saved brilliantly onto the crossbar by Antonio Tuta. The home side had another chance go begging as a scramble in the box eventually ended up well wide of Tuta's goal.

Harps would be disappointed with themselves that they could not find a way through the Kerry back line. Kerry's back five setup were well up to the challenge that the home side conveyed towards them. If they could build onto the defensive display in the second half and get a few more chances on goal, there was nothing stopping Kerry from coming away with all three points.

#### Second Half:

Finn Harps came out of the traps fast in the second half with a shot from distance being

brilliantly blocked by Ryan Kelliher and directed out for a corner. The corner subsequently was collected very calmly by Antonio Tuta.

Victor Udeze got forward again like the start of the first half to make a bit of space for himself to let fly from a decent distance. The shot had very little power on it, but the precision nearly brought it into the bottom left corner. Unfortunately for Udeze and Kerry, the shot did go wide of the Harps' goal.

Kerry dominated play from the seventieth to eightieth minutes with a free kick from Sean O'Connell going on target but not troubling the keeper. Ronan Teahan and Steven Healy also added long-range efforts in those stages but did not harm Hiemer in any sort of way.

Finn Harps troubled Kerry in a ten-minute stage of the second half where they gained eight corners in that time but every one of them was cleared by the superb Kerry defensive side.

Despite a late flurry of attacks from Finn Harps, none of them materialised and the game finished in a 0-0 draw. Kerry played their game plan perfectly and was unlucky not to come away with the three points. That is now four games unbeaten for the Kingdom as they look to make their way further up in the First Division standings. They take on Wexford FC back at home in Mounthawk next Friday where they will be hopeful to finally gain their first League of Ireland win in their home ground.

Finn Harps: 1. Tim-Oliver Hiemer, 5. Matt Makinson, 17. Shane McMonagle, 2. Jamie Watson, 22. David Cawley, 26. Tony McNamee, 8. Max Hutchinson, 7. Patrick Ferry, 4. Conor Tourish, 15. Luke O'Brien, 9. Success Edugon. Subs: Darragh Coyle, Christian Lotefa, Stephen Doherty, Ryan Rainey, Sean O'Donnell, Max Johnston, Chris Lotefa.

Kerry FC: 1. Antonio Tuta, 15. Kevin Williams, 18. Samuel Aladesanusi, 5. Andy Spain (C), 6. Ethan Kos, 3. Sean O'Connell, 21. Daire McCarthy, 8. Ronan Teahan, 7. Sean McGrath, 9. Ryan Kelliher, 22. Victor Udeze. Subs: Aaron O'Sullivan, Jack Kavanagh, Daniel Okwute, Kennedy Amechi, Steven Healy, Cian Brosnan, Finn Barrett, Graham O'Reilly, Ferdia O'Brien.

#### Ireland 0 Switzerland 1

The hunger and intensity of the Belgian game was lacking here and, to be honest, it had a little bit of the feel of an anti-climax. I didn't travel up to it - between travel, a bite to eat, and ticket, you'd be looking at the bones of €200 and that's just up and down, no accommodation.

There were a lot of empty seats in the Belgian game – again, the buy games for the price of, ahem, two games, is not exactly clever marketing and there was even more here and it made for a somewhat dull atmosphere. The bitter cold can't have helped either; it's an the unavoidable reality of any outdoor event in a country with our

climate.

The brutal fact is that the game wasn't going to be rising any hackles or goosebumps either. Now, this was a stronger Swiss team than the Belgians put out, but Ireland didn't reproduce the bit of bite. Ireland do contest the ball early on, unafraid to get stuck in, but with no sense of a goal threat either. Szmodics, on the right wing this time, is a lot less effective. Mikey Johnston is trying very hard, and Robbie Brady whom I personally had written off previously as being very good at certain things but far too limited in others; he's much better than I gave him credit for - is the most likely source of a

Mind you, Switzerland aren't dazzling any of their handful of supporters either. It's just not great soccer. Sierro is asking a few questions, but his best chance results in a very tame shot at Bazunu. Xhaka, as you would expect, is easily the best player on the pitch here, and it feels like he has a higher gear in reserve. If we had a midfielder like that, we would be an entirely different and infinitely more dangerous team. Dara O'Shea is very unlucky to cough up a dangerous free-kick - the Swiss player made a three course meal out of breadcrumbs there. Xherdan Shaqiri stands over it and catches it really well, but to be blunt, a goalkeeper needs to be doing a bit better there. Regardless, it's a goal, and maybe no harm. Force the hosts to go hunting and maybe spark a mediocre enough game into real life.

Let me cut this a little short, because in all honesty there isn't a lot more to be said. It didn't spark into life. This was more of a minor intellectual exercise than any blood and thunder epic and you could tell from a long way out that everybody involved could feel that. Switzerland could have had another -Xhaka cracked a great effort off the butt of the post. Ireland created a decent amount of half chances, but nothing you could really rue. Idah's bicycle kick effort after Doherty did well to head across the goal, maybe, but that would have been a very difficult one for more technically accomplished players than Idah. I like that he went for it, though. In fact, I thought he brought a little bit of badly needed bite onto the pitch.

Basically, John O'Shea's tenure has consisted of one really good performance and one very mediocre one, and no goal. Frankly, it's about as much as we could have hoped for.



Young supporters at the Kerry V Galway Game on Sunday. Photo: Fitzgerald Stadium PR



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#### **FOSSA GAA**

#### **LOTTO**

The numbers drawn on 24/03/2024 for a jackpot of €10,650 were 5, 20, 22, 26. There was no jackpot winner and the €40 consolation prize winners were; Geraldine Harrington Doran, Online; Rory McCann, Online; Eddie Dowling; Tara and Anissa Fleming; Thomas O'Shaughnessy. Tickets are available from our sellers and can also be bought online with the following link https://fossagaa.clubforce.com/ products/lotto/fossa-gaa-club-lotto

#### **COUNTY LEAGUE**

Our seniors began life in Division 2 of the county league against Austin Stacks on Saturday evening. The opening half was a cagey affair, both teams defended very deep and scores were at a premium. There was 10 minutes gone on the clock before Emmett O'Shea opened the scoring from a free. Stacks replied with two frees before Emmett pulled one back with another free. Kieran O'Sullivan kicked a brilliant point after a surging run from defence to leave the half time score, Stacks 0-04, Fossa 0-03.

Cian O'Shea levelled matters with a point from play after the resumption but in the 12th minute, Stacks were awarded a penalty which resulted in a black card for Kieran O'Sullivan which was a big loss for Fossa. Adam Curran scored the penalty and Stacks kicked five points on the trot to give them a foothold in the game. Fossa never gave up and in the 25th minute, Cian O'Shea flicked the ball to the Stacks net after great approach play from Fintan Coffey and Emmett O'Shea. They finished the game very strongly with two points from Emmett O'Shea and a great long range effort from Tadgh O'Shea. However, they ran out of time and the game finished, Austin Stacks 1-10, Fossa 1-07.

While Fossa will be disappointed to have lost, they played well and showed great composure, character and attitude against opponents of the calibre of Austin Stacks. Their next game is against Glenbeigh/Glencar next weekend in Glenbeigh.

#### **UNDER 13 COUNTY LEAGUE ROUND 1,**

Fossa 5-09, Glenbeigh/Glencar/Cromane 4-09 Our U13 boys kicked off their County League campaign in style with a hard earned victory at home over their Mid Kerry opponents. Eleven of the team were making their first competitive start for the club, having graduated from the underage academy and the non-competitive Go games at U11 level

This team has been training diligently under the guidance of Mairtin Driver and his coaching staff over the last 6 weeks and all their hard work paid off tonight. They played a lovely brand of open football taking advantage of the wide open spaces on their home pitch

The game was played at a frantic pace on a difficult night for football with a constant drizzle of misty rain throughout, but this did not dampen the spirits of the Fossa lads who rose above the elements

There was never more than a point or two between the sides throughout this epic encounter. At the short whistle the teams could not be separated on a score-line of 4-02 apiece. In the 2nd half the Fossa players to a man produced some heroic football, they fought like demons for every ball, like their lives depended on it and kicked some wonderful scores. When the final whistle blew it was Fossa who emerged victorious on the final score of 5-09 to 4-09.

Goalkeeper Colm O' Sullivan played excellently throughout, making a wonder save in the last few mins to deprive the visitors of a share of the spoils. Donnacha Coffey gave a swashbuckling performance at full back and was ably assisted by his tenacious cornerbacks in Cian Sheehan, Rory Salvador and Cian Riordan. The half back was led by the powerhouse Shea Driver at centre back and his 2 speed merchants on the wings were Charlie O' Meara and Sean Doyle.

At mid-field were captain fantastic Gerry Moroney who led by example throughout, lording it over friend and foe. He was ably assisted by Aaron O' Sullivan who covered every inch of grass on the field with his clever distribution and constant running, a joy to behold.

Our half forward line was led by the very impressive Johnny Myers at No 11 and his wing forwards of Ryan Lynch, George Nomikas and Luke Nott ran themselves into the ground displaying incredible work-rate and skill for the duration of the game. The full forward line was spearheaded by the work-horse that is Tristan Cryan who worked brilliantly with the razor sharp corner forwards of Mark O' Connor, Oliver **Bagi and Ross Cronin** 

Scorers on the night were Gerry Moroney 2-01,

Ross Cronin 1-02, Tristan Cryan 1-01, Shea Driver 1-00, Johnny Myers 0-02, Mark O' Connor 0-01, George Nomikos 0-01 and Ryan Lynch 0-01

A huge thank you to local business owners Mike and Martina Cronin of the MC Group and Thermo House for sponsoring a fabulous set of new jerseys for the team, we hope tonight will be the 1st of many famous wins for this group in their new kit.

Thanks to match referee John Purcell from Kilcummin who contributed to a fine game with his excellent refereeing performance, and to our visitors Glenbeigh/Glencar/Cromane who gave us a hell of a battle in a real sporting contest, and we look forward to playing you again soon.

And huge credit to our very vocal home supporters who cheered every score and tackle to ensure our boys emerged victorious.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Club membership is now due and needs to be paid before 31st March. It can be obtained on the Clubforce app or from any one of our club

#### **FIRIES GAA**

#### **U13 COUNTY LEAGUE RESULTS**

Firies Dev 5-07 vs Laune Rangers 3-06 Firies 2-12 vs Laune Rangers 1-02

**CREDIT UNION COUNTY LEAGUE DIV5 ROUND 1** 

Firies 0-07 vs Asdee 5-09

**CREDIT UNION COUNTY LEAGUE DIV3 ROUND 1** 

#### Firies 0-12 Knocknagoshel 0-08

Match Report by Robert Kelly

In the opening round of the county league, Firies came out victorious on a windy evening in Farranfore, where both teams were down many key players.

Knocknagoshel opened the scoring with Firies responding well with scores from Mike Daly and Cian Doe which helped Firies to a onepoint lead in the first quarter. Scores from Mike Daly and a Cian Doe free which won by Darragh O Donoghue helped Firies to a narrow halftime lead.

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Knocknagoshel had the better of the opening exchanges of the second half bringing the game level at six points apiece. Early into the second half Firies received a red card for two bookings. Scores from Mike Daly, John Power, and great fielding by Pat Daly helped Firies to a four-point lead heading into the last quarter. A great Individual score from Mike Daly, and then a score from Niall Donoghue plus substitute Aaron Flynn bagged three points to end the game. Knocknagoshel had a chance to draw the game late on when they raced through on goal but the subsequent free from the 21 was saved by Brian McCarthy.

Knocknagoshel tried to force a goal towards the end but it didn't materialise, and Firies were able to a close out the game and get a wellearned victory.

Referee Mike Hennessy (Ballyduff)

#### **LOTTO RESULTS**

18th March. Numbers drawn were: 6, 10, 14, 22. No jackpot winner. 5x €30" Joe Casey, Roxboro.



Pictured is Mike Cronin of Thermo House presenting a set of jerseys to the Fossa U13 Team. Also in the picture are Ross Cronin, Gerry Moroney and Pat Sheehan, Chairman of Fossa GAA.





Firies GAA Players who were in action at the weekend.

Peter Costelloe, Roxboro. Aoife Sheehan, Crag Farranfore. John Joe Spring, Cabra West. Dublin. Katie Doe, Firies. Next weeks jackpot €2700

#### **LEGION GAA**

#### **SENIOR MEN UPDATE**

After a successful East Kerry Super League campaign, there was a disappointing start to the County League when our Senior Men narrowly lost out to Ballymacelligott in Direen. Points from Ryan Grady (2), Finbarr Murphy and Darragh Lyne helped in an even first half, played against the strong wind, to see the sides level at half time 0-4 each. The visitors made a dream start to the second half, netting a goal but that was cancelled out by a Ryan Grady strike But three points in a row saw Ballymac surge clear again, with Conor Keane pointing twice to narrow the gap to one, 1-8 to 1-7. Again Ballymac made a break for home with further points but Eoghan O Sullivan and Finbarr Murphy cut the gap to the minimum. Despite a late siege, an equalising point proved elusive. Round 2 takes place this Sunday, March 31st in JP O Sullivan Park at 2pm, where Laune Rangers lie in wait.

#### **SENIOR B MEN UPDATE**

A good start for the Senior B team on Friday night in the 1st round of the County League playing Castleisland Desmonds in Direen. Next game is home again to An Ghaeltacht on Thursday night next, March 28th at 7pm Final score" Killarney Legion 3-15 Castleisland Desmonds 0-2.

#### **SENIOR LADIES**

Our senior ladies kicked off their Credit Union Donal Curtin Division 3 campaign last Friday evening at home to Spa. In a highly competitive game, in very testing conditions, the points were shared on a scoreline of 5-06 a piece.

After a series of weather enforced cancellations, our minor boys campaign finally got back underway last evening in Direen with Listowel Emmets the visitors for the Division 1A clash. We started well and scored the first three points before Listowel got on the scoreboard. We went close to raising green flags on at least four occasions in the first half as both the crossbar and posts were rattled but the visitors grew in confidence and took some nice points to leave the half time score at 0-6 to 0-4 in our favour.

Some encouragement in the half-time team talk from the coaches about composed finishing and shot selection paid early dividends as Legion finally raised a green flag early in the second half. With the Legion backs continuing to provide a solid foundation for defence and fast transition to attack, our forwards started getting space, and their finishing excelled. The finishing improves as five goals followed, and while the scoreline suggests a one-sided game, Legion had to work hard against the men from the banks of the Feale. Both teams played good football until the final whistle in what was a very sporting contest, with no cards or bad fouls.

Thanks to the referee Padraig O'Sullivan, the Listowel team, management, and the supporters from both clubs for contributing to the game. Special thanks to the Legion field committee for getting the pitch in game ready condition after incessant rainfall.

#### **U13 BOYS**

Our U13 boys had their first competitive outings on Sunday evening playing the first round of the County League at home to An Ghaeltacht. Our B team, playing in Division 11, shared the spoils on a scoreline of 2-10 to 3-07. Our A side met a physically strong Gaeltacht side but battled hard throughout before coming up short on a scoreline of Legion 3-08 An Gaeltacht 5-11.

#### ST PATRICKS DAY PARADE

A big thanks to all involved in Legions Top Class Float today, especially to Timmy o Donoghue who did awesome work on the float and all the equipment, to Brita Hegarty to take on the responsibilities of Legion Social Committee and to all the people that she gathered around her to make it a great success.

#### **LOTTO**

Results Tuesday March 18th. Numbers were 2,

8, 10, 11 Bonus No.1. No Jackpot winner. Match 3s / Lucky Dips" 1. Breda O Connor 2. Donal Donoghue 3. Seán O Sullivan 4. Esther Brosnan 5. Derek Pyne

#### **EAST KERRY GAA**

#### . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . **COUNTY FINALS SCOR**

Well done to the representatives of our clubs who took part in the Scor County Finals over the weekend.

**SYMPATHIES** to the family of Seamus Weldon Barleymount, Killarney, Kerry / Meath, on his recent death.

#### **CREDIT UNION SENIOR COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 1**

#### Milltown/Castlemaine 1-09 Glenflesk 1-17

Match Report: Michael Healy

A superb start for Glenflesk, as they started life in Division 1 of the Credit Union County League, with a superb team performance and result, highlighted with a brilliant goal before half time, and an exhibition of quality point kicking, as they left Milltown with the 2 points.

Glenflesk started fast with pinpoint passes from  $midfielder's Tommy\ Bowler\ and\ Jamie\ Moynihan,$ led to early points for Jeff O Donoghue and Patrick Darcy. Two Eanna O'Connor free's got the home side on the board. Gavin Horan was then impeded as he headed for goal. Captain Cathal Moriarty saw his penalty brilliantly saved by Eoin Moynihan, but he reacted first to the rebound and smashed it into the net. Down the other end Cormac Leane twice denied Glenflesk goal's, producing two high class smothering saves. Glenflesk though, then took over. Callum Cronin started the surge of dominance, with a superb run from inside his own half, leaving Milltown defenders grasping at thin air before



firing over the bar. Soon after he found himself 1 on 1 with Leane, after full forward Darcy had found him. With Leane rushing out again, Cronin calmly passed the ball beyond him, into the net. Bowler then split the posts with two astonishing outside of the left foot efforts, leaving Glenflesk with a deserved 6 point lead at the break.

Milltown started the second half with a lot of the ball, but without making a dent on Glenflesk's lead. Another powerful run from Horan ended with a fisted effort over, before O'Connor pointed two frees to reduce the deficit to 3. Glenflesk now needed a score to reassert their dominance. Ian Roche was the man to provide it, finding the target with ease with his right foot. With black cards for Sean Hogan and Anthony Kelliher, the home sides chances of a comeback were over. Despite seeing Ian Roche's goal disallowed for a square ball, two more O'Donoghue points plus another Bowler effort, and one from Emmett Finnan, left Glenflesk 8 clear at the end, and off to a flyer in County League Division 1.

#### **DR. CROKES**

#### **DONAL CURTIN CUP**

The senior ladies played their first game of the season on Sunday last in round 1 of the Donal Curtin Cup against Cromane in Lewis Road. In a fine team performance, we won on a scoreline of 5.15 to 2.9 with all 20 players seeing action. Next up is an away game against Corca Dhuibhne on the 14th April.

#### **ACADEMY**

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

#### **EASTER CAMP**

Our Annual Easter Camp will take place on Wednesday 3rd April to Friday 5th April from 10am to 2pm. https://member.clubforce.com/memberships\_cart\_m.asp?LL\_ID=2545&intMF\_ID=13513#topp (https://member.clubforce.com/memberships\_cart\_m.asp?LL\_ID=2545&intMF\_ID=13513#topp)

MEMBERSHIP

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

**FR. PADDYS CARD'S** continue every Wednesday at 8pm in the clubhouse. There is lots of money to be won. All you need is €5 and a partner. All are Welcome.

**LOTTO** took place March 25th. Numbers drawn were 11, 14, 21, 27. Jackpot of €8,600 was NOT WON. 7 patrons matched 3 numbers and received €60. Jackpot for draw on April 1st will be €8,900.

#### **BINGO**

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

# DIARMUID DRIVES OFF IN STYLE

Kerry Footballer Diarmuid O'Connor has been presented with a new Toyota CH-R Hybrid Electric by fellow Na Gaeil man Tim Kelliher.

"When Diarmuid was only 6 or 7 and training with Na Gaeil, my job as a struggling wannabe coach was to hand Diarmuid the water bottle..... and to make sure it was full", Tim told Killarney Outlook. "I am delighted and honoured to present Diarmuid with something a little bit more substantial here at Kellihers today. We wish Diarmuid continued success with Kerry and Na Gaeil and have great confidence that he will continue to prosper in Jack O'Connors new "Hybrid Electric" game plan!"



Kerry Footballer Diarmuid O'Connor being presented with a new Toyota CH-R Hybrid Electric by fellow Na Gaeil man Tim Kelliher on Friday last

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

#### **NOTES**

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

#### **KEEL GAA**

#### MEMBERSHIP

Get your membership paid on foireann.ie before Sunday the 31st of March. Send us a message on social media or contact any of the club officers if you need any support or have any questions! KEEL GAA EASTER BINGO:

Keel GAA Bingo is BACK. Keel GAA Easter Bingo takes place on Tuesday the 2nd of April at 8pm in Keel Community Centre. Lots of cash prizes to be won. All funds raised on the night will be for a new field for training and games especially for our underage teams. This is such an important development for our club but in particular for the young boys and girls of our community. Our online bingo was a huge success during Covid and we hope that you will all join us again for a great night of fun

#### **CLUB LOTTO**

Keel GAA Lotto Draw 18th March. Numbers drawn: 6, 12, 17, 24. Congratulations to Aileen Bonner who was the winner of our jackpot of €5,900. The jackpot will be €2,000 on Monday the 25th of March. Many thanks for all your support this week and thank you to this week's lotto team for facilitating the draw. You can purchase your tickets for the draw via Clubforce

or through the local outlets. Thank you for your continued support of our club lotto.

#### **COUNTY LEAGUE DIVISION 3**

Our Division 3 team travelled to Cahersiveen on Saturday evening for round 1 of the County League. Our first game back in Division 3 was going to be no walk over and this certainly wasn't the case versus St. Marys. Keel got off to the better start registering 3 points before St. Marys got their first score on the board which was from a well taken goal. Despite Keel having the majority of the possession in the opening half St. Marys clawed their way back into the game as the half progressed. At half time it was Keel 0-07 St. Marys 1-03. The second half was scrappy from both sides and both teams will rue the missed chances. Both sides had opportunities of hitting the back of the net but none of these came to fruition. It was Luke Flynn's point in the 29th minute that levelled the game and Keel will be happy enough to have come away with the draw especially away from home. They host Listry this Sunday at 2pm in Keel. All support welcome!

#### **COUNTY LEAGUE DIVISION 6A**

The Division 6 team were also away from home this weekend. They travelled to Gallarus on Sunday for round 1. They faced a strong An Ghaeltacht side and lost 2-13 to 1-09 however, it was a great opportunity of some of last year's minors to get their first taste of senior football. The team wore their new jerseys who are sponsored by Kitty's Food Truck Inch. A big thank you Mark and the Hussain family for their sponsorship of our B team for the year. Your support is greatly appreciated. They host Fossa B this Saturday in Keel. Throw in at 5:30pm. All support appreciated.

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#### CALL FOR MINOR ACCIDENT AND INJURIES CLINIC FOR KILLARNEY

At this months Killarney Municipal District Meeting, Cllr. Martin Grady looked for an update on a previous motion he raised in September of 2023 regarding a minor accident and injuries clinic in Killarney, to alleviate pressure of the A and E Dept at University Hospital Kerry.

'Minister Donnelly boasted in January that waiting times were down at UHK, this was regarding outpatient appointments. Not addressing the A and E Dept times or numbers. I appreciate and respect the great work of all staff at UHK and other roles in the Health Services across the county, Cllr.Grady told Killarney Outlook.

Having obtained statistics, Cllr. Grady said it shows a steady increase in numbers using the A and E at UHK each year.

2022, 39,000 patients went through

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And 2024 7,000 went through A and E in January and February.

"While all years showed August being the busiest month, clearly this is during peak tourist season, there's several suitable premises either readily available or will be available in the coming few months owned by the HSE in the Killarney Area", he added



#### DANNY HEALY RAE Raises Commercial Rates in The Dail

New valuation figures for commercial rates and properties in County Kerry became effective on 1 January 2024. This has meant a massive increase for many ratepayers, in many instances, with the demands received in recent days doubled, trebled and even four times the amounts they normally pay back over the years. Many traders appealed the increased valuations by the due date in October 2023. Approximately 260 appeals are still with the Valuation Office. Many others, however, have yet to appeal and are in the process of engagement with Tailte Éireann and with the Valuation Tribunal. Many traders in Kerry are contemplating financial ruin with the increased unreasonable demands they have received. I am asking that the Valuation Tribunal pause the demands that are being disputed until they are resolved. In reply, Leo Varadkar TD said that people are encouraged to make appeals to the Valuation Tribunal but I will check with the Minister about the delays there and if something can be done in the interim.

# **CLLR. BRENDAN CRONIN** TO RUN AGAIN IN LOCAL **ELECTIONS**

Cllr. Brendan Cronin has announced: his intentions to run inthe local elections on

"I will be putting my name forward before the electorate in the Killarney Municipal District seeking re-election. As an independent councillor, if re-elected, continue to offer a common sense approach to local government ensuring local communities remain at the core of the work I do on Kerry County Council", he told Killarney Outlook.

"I am appealing to the electorate once again, to have trust and confidence in me to continue working at council level as a vocal and local independent voice. On June 7th I am asking the public for their support so that our municipal district will continue to have an experienced councillor who works with integrity, reliability, and accountability to improve our urban and rural communities", he added.

#### BEAUFORT ROAD SET TO RECEIVE €75,000

The state of the road from Caranahone to Cappaganeen Upper in Beaufort was raised at a recent meeting of Kerry County Council by Fianna Fáil Councillor, Michael Cahill, who says that it is badly in need of surface dressing.

"I am delighted that Kerry County Council have confirmed to me in a response to my Notice of Motion that the L-11759 road from Carnahone to Cappaganeen Upper, Beaufort, is included on the 2024 Restoration Improvement Grants Programme and is scheduled to receive a sum

of €75,000. I have lobbied extensively to get this road included in this years Programme and this funding will bring this particular road which is currently in an extremely poor condition, up to a very high standard" said Councillor Cahill

Speaking at this month's Municipal District meeting, Councillor Cahill said "I have been contacted by a number of residents in regard to the shocking condition of this road and in regard to the matter of breaks to the watermains on almost a weekly basis. I have reported this to Uisce Eireann and I am calling again on Kerry County Council to engage with Uisce Eireann and ensure that the watermains is replaced prior to the road being resurfaced".

"Finally, I wish to thank Kerry County Council Roads Division and in particular the Area Engineer, John Sugrue for their assistance in this matter " added Councillor Cahill.

#### CHURCHTOWN BURIAL GROUND, **BEAUFORT**

Negotiations by Kerry County Council to purchase land at Churchtown, Beaufort, to provide additional spaces at the Burial Ground there, are at an advanced stage, according to Fianna Fáil Councillor, Michael Cahill.

"I am confident that this purchase can be brought across the line shortly, which will be a big relief to all the residents of Beaufort. The prospect of burying the remains of dearly departed loved ones outside the Parish, was a major worry for many people and I must pay tribute to both the officials of Kerry County Council and the landowners involved for engaging and progressing the talks" stated Councillor Cahill.

"I look forward to the finalisation of the agreement and I am happy to have played my part in sourcing a solution for Beaufort" added Councillor

The Fianna Fáil Councillor raised the matter at a recent meeting of Kerry County Council.





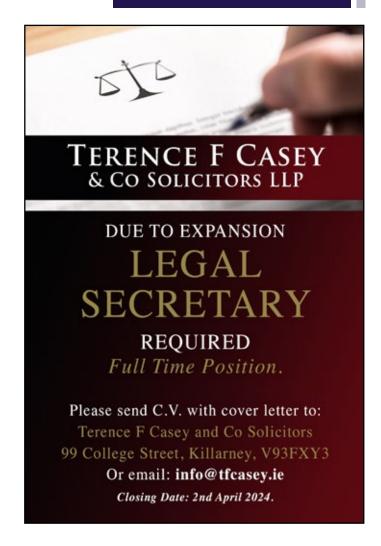
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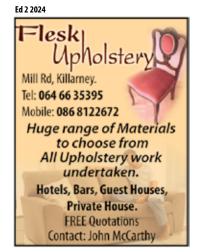
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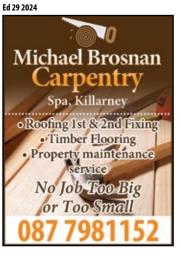






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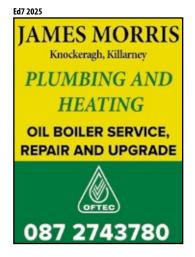






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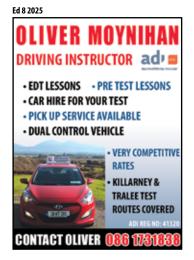






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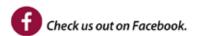
Welcome back dear student — Hosanna! This weekend we celebrate the pinnacle of our faith: the Death, Burial and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God. He died on the Cross - the perfect Lamb Who took away all our sins (Isaiah 53; John 19). He paid the debt that we all owe for our sins - "the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23). Jesus became sin upon the Cross — every small or big sin — all were put upon Him by the Father, and Jesus laid down His Life so that we could be forgiven and redeemed (John 1:29). None of us could ever pay for our sins, no matter how good we are. We had absolutely NO hope until our 'Living Hope' Messiah Jesus, stepped down and became one of us, resisted temptation and never sinned, then gave up His life so we could be saved and set free. Jesus was cursed upon the Cross: rejected, mocked, spat upon, mercilessly whipped, and crucified to satisfy God's wrath upon Sin, Satan, and Death - once for all (Hebrews 10:1-18). There is no more atonement needed because Yeshua did a perfect work at Calvary.

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#### **DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP**

Novena to the Divine Mercy in preparation for the Feast of the Divine Mercy begins on Good Friday. Devotions will take place from 2.40pm on Sunday 7th of April, n St Mary's Cathedral. Everyone Welcome

PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday, will reopen on Tuesday 2nd of April at 10.00am.

#### **EASTER BLESSINGS**

On behalf of Bishop Ray, Fr Kieran, Fr Joe & Fr Sean we wish you every blessing this Easter day and season. May the Risen Lord renew your lives and your hearts and homes bringing New Life, Hope and Peace.



A lovely shot of St. Mary's Cathedral which is hosting all the Holy Week Ceremonies this week. Picture: Johnny Maguire.

# **NOVENATO** ST. CLAIRE

Ask St. Claire for three favours, one business, two impossible and say nine Hail Mary's for nine days with lighted candle. Pray whether you believe or not. Publish on ninth day. Powerful novena.

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Mass for Michael will tkae place on the 13th April at 7.30pm in St Marys Church, Beaufort.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY BROTHER

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# **NOVENA TO THE** SACRED HEART

Dear Heart of Jesus in the past I have asked many favours.

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Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favour not mine. Amen. Say this prayer three times for three days and your favour will be granted.

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#### **1ST ANNIVERSARY**

In Loving Memory of

#### DENIOE (JOHN JOE) O'CONNOR



ALOHERT, BEAUFORT & SHEPHERDS BUSH, ENGLAND.

#### WHO PASSED AWAY ON 27TH MARCH, 2023.

To us you were someone special Gifted in so many ways. Your memory will live forever. Quietly remember every day.

Sadly missed by your Sister Kathleen and Brother-in-law Sean.

We hold you close within our hearts. And there you shall remain. To walk with us throughout our lives, Until we meet again.

Remembered by Catriona, Jamie, Katelyn, Grace and Maisie.

No length of time can take away Thoughts of you, from day to day. Though absent, you are always near still loved, still missed, so very dear.

Sadly missed by your Godchild John, Maureen and Family.

#### **1ST ANNIVERSARY**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY BROTHER

#### DENJOE O'CONNOR



ALOHERT, BEAUFORT & SHEPHERDS BUSH, ENGLAND.

> WHO PASSED AWAY ON 27TH MARCH, 2023.

Treasured thoughts of one so dear Often bring a silent tear. Thoughts of scenes long past Years roll on but memories last.

Always Remembered and Loved Your Sister Deila, John, Ava & Leah.

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In Loving Memory of

#### DENIOE O'CONNOR



ALOHERT, BEAUFORT & SHEPHERDS BUSH, ENGLAND.

#### WHO PASSED AWAY ON 27TH MARCH, 2023.

We think of you in silence We often speak your name But all we have are memories And your picture in a frame. Your resting place we visit And put flowers there with care But no one knows the heartache As we turn and leave you there.

Always Remembered by his Brother Jameso, Wife Mary. Nieces, Denise, Michelle, Nephews. Timothy, Kealan, and Grand Niece Faye.

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Life is but a stopping place, A pause in what's to be, A resting place along the road, to sweet eternity.

We all have different journeys, Different paths along the way, We all were meant to learn some things, but never meant to stay.

> Our destination is a place, Far areater than we know. For some the journey's quicker, For some the journey's slow.

And when the journey finally ends, We'll claim a great reward, And find an everlasting peace, Together with the Lord.

loved by his Sister Bernie, Donal, Jonathan and Louise.

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