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THE AFTERMATH OF THE DEVASTATING FIRE IN KILLARNEY NATIONAL PARK...

A hind Sika deer standing near the entrance of Glaishin na Marbh and the Eagles Nest, along the Long Range River.

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FROM THE EDITOR

The devastating aftermath of the fire in Killarney National Park has left everyone heartbroken with the loss of the flora and fauna and the fact that half of the land mass of our beautiful park has been scorched. In this week's Killarney Outlook, we have a comprehensive report and photographs from award winning photographer Valerie O'Sullivan who was on the scene for the whole of the weekend.

As news of the ease of restrictions begin to filter out, we encourage everyone to enjoy themselves safely and look forward to brighter days ahead.

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A VERY SAD DAY FOR NATURE

The aftermath of the devastating fire in Killarney National Park, a hind Sika deer with her family standing near the entrance of Glaislin na Marbh and the Eagles Nest, along the Long Range River.

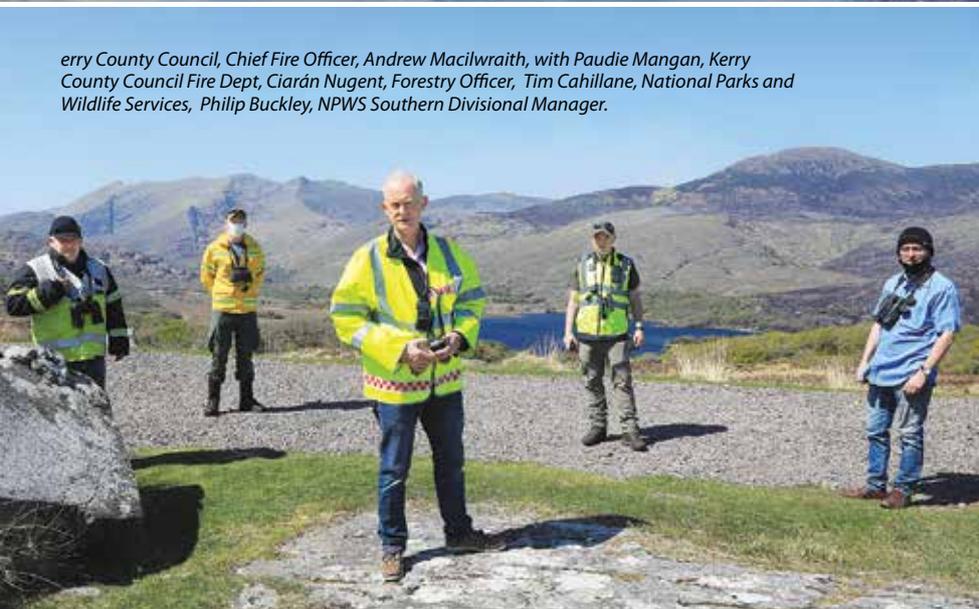
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AND FOR PEOPLE

WHO HAVE A LOVE FOR KILLARNEY NATIONAL PARK



Thousands of acres of Killarney National Park have been burnt as Kerry County Council fire crews, National Park and Wildlife Services, an Air Corps helicopter



erry County Council, Chief Fire Officer, Andrew Macilwraith, with Paudie Mangan, Kerry County Council Fire Dept, Ciarán Nugent, Forestry Officer, Tim Cahillane, National Parks and Wildlife Services, Philip Buckley, NPWS Southern Divisional Manager.

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- Peter O'Toole

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CALL FOR BAN ON GRAZING FOR FIRE DAMAGED GROUND



Malcolm Noonan TD, Minister of State with responsibility for Heritage, left, Brendan Griffin, TD, Darragh O'Brien TD, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage and Norma Foley, TD, Minister for Education, at Ladies View, Killarney National Park, on Monday afternoon, to access the damage caused by the devastating fire, which has destroyed one third of the Killarney National Park, burning since Friday night. PHOTO: VALERIE O'SULLIVAN

A devastating fire has ripped its way through Killarney National Park, damaging half of its land mass.

Fire fighters battled flames for hours over the weekend as the blaze had a devastating effect on the flora and fauna of one of the world's oldest National Parks.

Following the outbreak of fire at 11pm on Friday night officials from Killarney National Parks and Wildlife Service assisted Fire Services in battling the blaze. They were joined by The Irish Air Corps on Saturday, Sunday and Monday who doused the fire with water from helicopters.

"It was the most devastating fire in living memory" Retired Park Ranger, Peter O'Toole told Killarney Outlook. "The fire damage to natural habitats in KNP, woodlands, grasslands and bog lands and associated bird life, small mammals, amphibians, and insect life have been severely affected. I would say from my own experience that this is the most destructive fire ever to affect Killarney National Park", Peter added.

"The fire spread through the western side of KNP. The fire was started in Gortracussane (beside the Kenmare Road) then spread to Dinis and jumped the Long Range River to Glena, continue to spread in the direction of Doogary. The fire jumped the Long Range again from Glena to Gortderraree and finally burned over the top of the mountain to Gortadirra on the Tomies side", Peter added.

"Unless grazing animals such as deer, goats and trespassing sheep are excluded from those affected woodlands their chances of recovery are slim indeed. A lot of evergreens such as

Holly, Arbutus and Yew trees have also been fire damaged and again will not recover unless grazers are excluded", Peter O'Toole added.

"We need more Park Rangers and more patrols to prevent this going forward," Peter said. "It is the only deterrent to stopping the fires which have burnt through to the soil on this occasion".

Mayor of Killarney Cllr. Brendan Cronin has thanked the Kerry Fire Service, Air Corps, National Park and Kerry County Council staff, Civil Defence and Gardaí for their tremendous efforts battling what was a massive fire fighting situation over the weekend in trying to contain the devastating fires in Killarney National Park.

"There is great credit due to every person involved for their dedication and commitment.

Sadly, thousands of acres of upland habitat has been destroyed by the fires and the full extent of the devastation on the natural environment and on local wildlife in an special area of conservation is yet to be fully determined due to vast area that's involved", Cllr. Cronin told Killarney Outlook.

"Thankfully there was no serious injury reported however the gravity of the danger must be highlighted. The N.P.W.S. are working closely with An Garda Síochána to investigate the possible cause. Following the visit to the National Park today and meeting with Minister for Heritage Darragh O'Brien and Minister for State for Heritage Malcolm Noonan, I want to welcome their commitments of support and assistance

for the National park and the local agencies in combating this type of devastation reoccurring", he added.

Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce President Niall Kelleher has said that the appalling scenes witnessed during the wildfires that occurred in Killarney National Park over the weekend, leaving a dreadful trail of destruction and wiping out flora and fauna, has caused utter devastation and real upset in Killarney.

"First-hand reports from those involved in fighting the fires, and photographic coverage and video footage showing large sections of our iconic Killarney park ablaze, have been difficult to digest and the whole episode is extremely distressing", Cllr. Kelleher said in a statement this week.

"Killarney National Park is the jewel in Ireland's tourism crown and the impact the fires have had, causing extensive damage to approximately one third of the park, scorching the land and decimating wildlife, including rare and important habitats and species, has been met with shock and dismay by everybody. Overall, it is estimated that several thousand acres of the park was burned and it is impossible for anybody that loves Killarney National Park to try to come to terms with such sheer and utter ecological wreckage", the Chamber President said.



PHOTOS: VALERIE O'SULLIVAN

“As custodians of Killarney National Park, it is incumbent on all of us to work together to find solutions to avoid this happening in the future and, in the meantime, the long-term recovery of our wonderful national park must be the priority.”

- Cllr. Niall Kelleher

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“A number of ancient woodlands were severely damaged and will take a long number of years to recover but at least the magnificent wood at Tomies was protected, thanks to the phenomenal efforts of the emergency service and volunteers. In addition to putting our park and adjoining properties and households at risk, the fires also placed a huge and unnecessary burden on the emergency services who have been the true heroes throughout a very long and difficult weekend”, he added.

“No words of mine can adequately sum up the bravery and dedication of the Kerry Fire Service, the National Parks and Wildlife personnel, Kerry County Council crews, Killarney Water Rescue, Search and Recovery Unit, Killarney Meitheal volunteers, the Air Corps, private helicopter operators and all others who played their part in fighting the inferno.

That they had to leave their homes and families in the midst of a pandemic shows just dedicated they are and how much they love and want to protect our wonderful park. Their commitment was extraordinary, they toiled to the point of exhaustion and we thank them for their bravery and dedication.

Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce

believes that it is imperative now for a full investigation to be launched into the cause of this devastating incident, not only to attempt to discover who was responsible for the carnage but to identify ways to lessen the chances of it ever happening again. Whether it was a carelessly discarded match, the remnants of a barbecue or bonfire or a deliberate act of vandalism that sparked the blaze, it appears it was entirely irresponsible and reckless and it shows a disregard not only for nature but for human life”, Cllr. Kelleher added

Chamber would urge anybody with any information that may help identify what or who caused the fire to report the matter, without delay, to the authorities.

It should also be remembered that Section 40 of the Wildlife Acts 1976 prohibits the cutting, burning or destruction of vegetation, with certain strict exemptions, from 1 March to 31 August. That law is there for a reason and it must be adhered to.

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Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce welcomes proposals to double the number of rangers in our national parks and, of course, given the importance and value of Killarney National Park to the country and to the world, it is not unreasonable to expect that the majority will be based here”, President of the Chamber, Niall Kelleher added.

Malcolm Noonan TD, Minister of State with responsibility for Heritage, Darragh O'Brien TD, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage and Norma Foley, TD, Minister for Education, at the Eagles Nest, visited Killarney National Park, on Monday afternoon, to access the damage caused by the devastating fire, which has destroyed one third of the park.

Minister Noonan took the opportunity, to put on official record his thanks to the Kerry Fire Service, Killarney Water Rescue, An Garda Síochána, the Air Corps and my National Park and Wildlife Service staff in Killarney, who are working tirelessly to quench this fire. The cause of the fire is not yet known and the NPWS will be following up with authorities including the Kerry Fire Services to ascertain the circumstances surrounding the blaze once circumstances permit.



Malcolm Noonan TD, Minister of State with responsibility for Heritage, Darragh O'Brien TD, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage and Norma Foley, TD, Minister for Education, Danny O'Keeffe, National Parks and Wildlife Conservation Officer, Trevor Donnelly, Principal Officer, NPWS, at the Eagles Nest, Killarney National Park, on Monday afternoon, to access the damage caused by the devastating fire, which has destroyed one third of the Killarney National Park, burning since Friday night.

PHOTO: VALERIE O'SULLIVAN



Jimmy Sweetman, Killarney Water Rescue Search and Recover, assessing the fire burning in Killarney National Park at the moment, Eagle's Nest, and much of the Park is under fire.



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SPECIES AT THE COALFACE OF THE FIRE

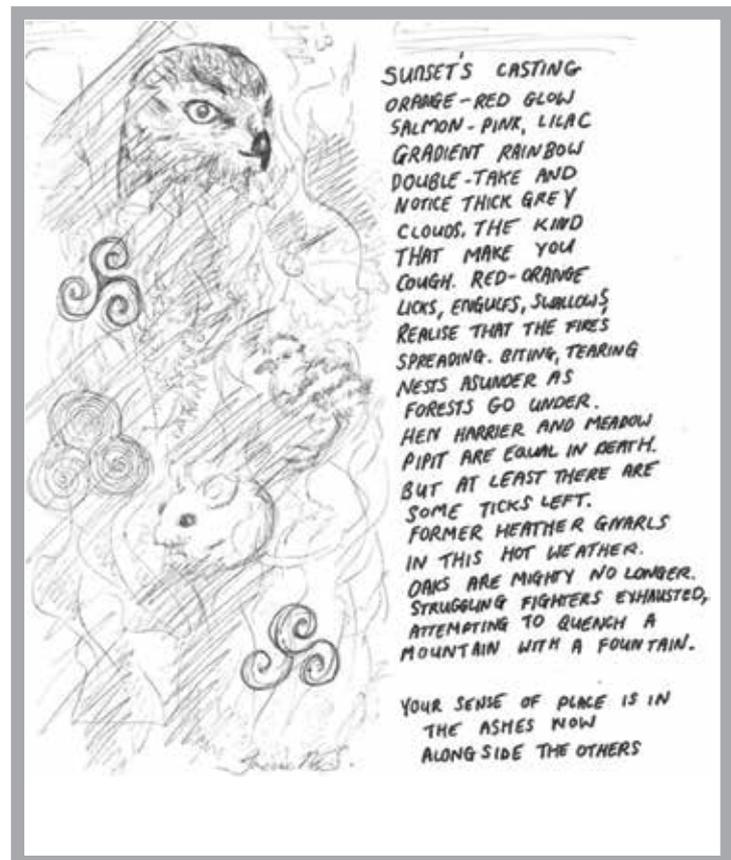
By: Killarney native and Zoologist, Irene Sullivan

The fires that raged across Killarney National Park (KNP) hurt. Not only did they cause ecological destruction, killing wildlife and leaving desolation in their wake – they triggered something in us: a recognition that we need to repair our relationship with nature. Ireland has declared a climate and biodiversity emergency, but we have yet to collectively acknowledge what this means.

The latest review of the Birds of Conservation Concern in Ireland highlights the seriousness of the situation we're in, with a 46% increase in the number of Red-listed species (those of highest conservation concern). In KNP, I dread to think what the fires have done to habitats already under stress.

The destruction of nature caused by these fires singed us because we have a connection with the biodiversity of KNP. Human beings are part of a web of life. Research has shown that time spent in nature contributes to good mental and physical health, and social cohesion. When in nature we relate to other living things, making us more compassionate. When biodiversity you associate with home is destroyed, you grieve its loss. I don't know how areas afflicted by fire will be affected long term, or what regeneration plan is needed. But I hope that now, we're starting to hear the smoke alarm.

We need to do better by nature, and by each other in the process. KNP isn't just a tourist attraction. It provides us with clean air, water, carbon sequestration and a multitude of physical, mental and cultural benefits. Going forward, we must assess what we value. Economy can't exist without society, which in turn can't exist without ecology. Will we pursue a future for KNP which reflects that?



Each fire that burns in KNP biodiversity is diminishing, resulting in impoverished wildlife habitats where there will be fewer and fewer plant and animal species.

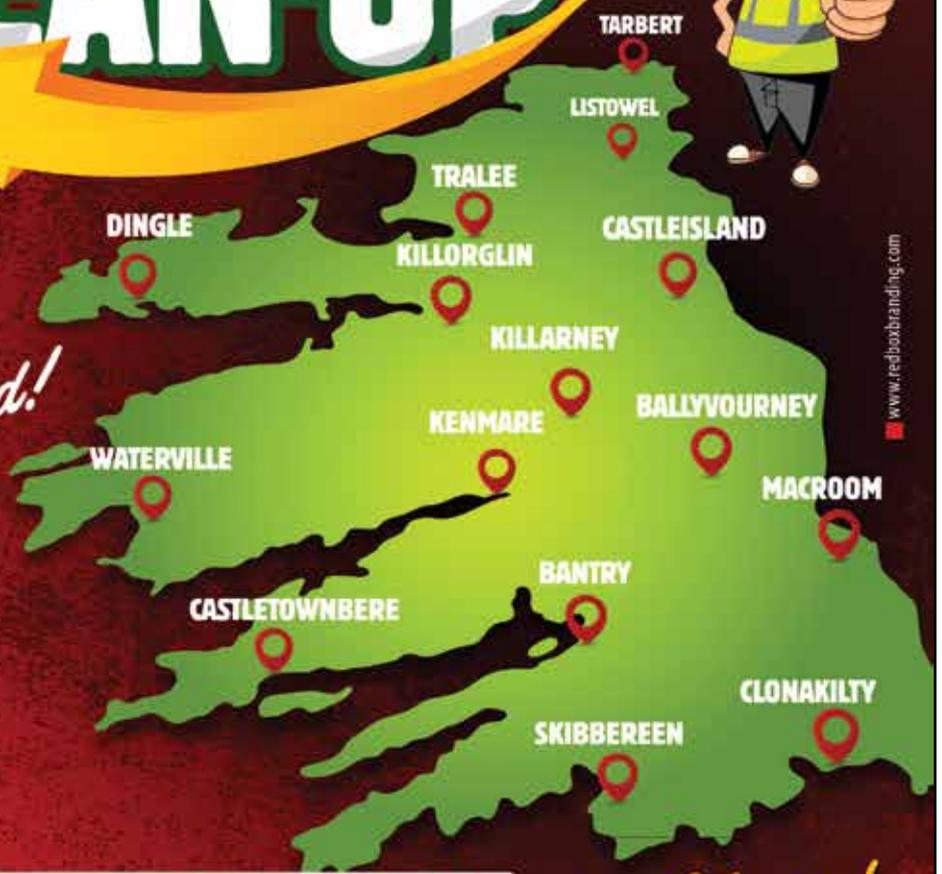
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Niall Kelleher President, Killarney Chamber of Tourism & Commerce.
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TIME TO SAY THANK YOU!

Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce will launch a Thank You campaign this morning, Friday as an appreciation for the fact that lockdown was somewhat easier to bear for the people of Killarney, as we had acres of Killarney National Park to explore. If you ask anyone about their experience of lockdown comments like "it was a blessing" "it was a saving grace", "aren't we so lucky to be in lockdown here" would be the response back.

Prior to the devastating fires of last weekend, Killarney Chamber had been working on a video to express in some small way the gratitude of the people of the town to the park rangers and all those who maintain the amenities we enjoy.

Those same people along with our amazing firefighters were heavily involved in the saving of the park at the weekend, and we imagine they are probably feeling devastated at the loss of wildlife, flora and just the scale of the damage done in the place that is their passion day in and day out.

"We plan to launch this video on our Social Media pages on Friday morning and to make a good impact, we are asking all our members to share or retweet on their own pages – perhaps adding your own words of appreciation", President of the Chamber, Niall Kelleher told Killarney Outlook.

The value of the park to us, the locals, has become so evident in recent times and this is a great opportunity again to showcase both our scenery and the warmth of Killarney people to potential visitors.



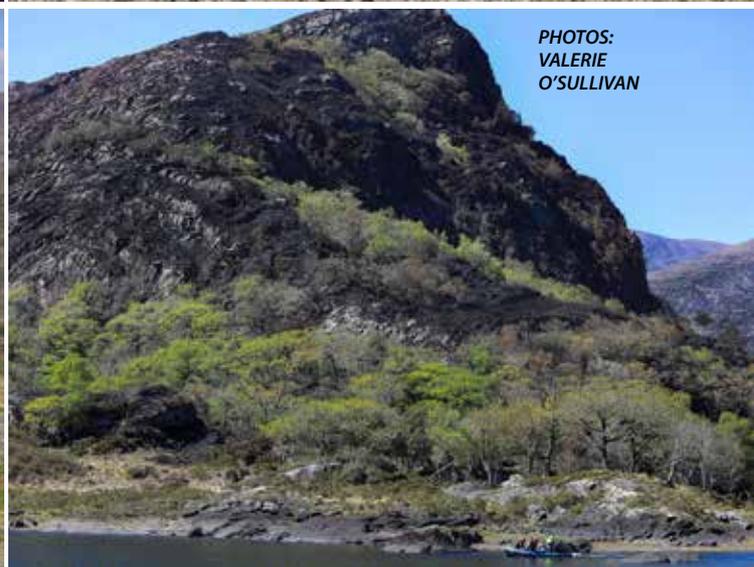
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Darragh O'Brien TD, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, with, National Parks and Wildlife Conservation Officers, Tim Cahillane, centre and William Hunt.



Darragh O'Brien TD, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, with Cathaoirleach Kerry County Council, Cllr. Patrick Scarteen O'Connor, Norma Foley, TD, Minister for Education, Malcolm Noonan TD, Minister of State with responsibility for Heritage at Ladies View, Killarney National Park.



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Call for **on-line support** for Nathan's Walk

Pictured at Ross Castle for the official launch of Nathan's Walk, Darkness into Light - Pieta House helping to prevent suicide & self harm on May 8th at 4:15am, were Nathan's family, the O'Carrolls - L-R Denis, Marie and Ryan.

PICTURE: MARIE CARROLL-O'SULLIVAN



One year on from when the country went into lockdown, Pieta's services are in demand more than ever and they need the public's support. Nathan's Walk - Darkness into Light was started in Killarney in 2011 and is very important to make people aware of the services provided by Pieta House to help those in need.

This year, the O'Carroll family from Ross Road are asking people to register for the walk online and make their donations for Nathan's Walk Darkness into Light to keep the service going. The family organise the walk every year in memory of their son, 14 year old Nathan who lost his life to suicide.

"We are asking people who do the walk, to please do so in your own bubble and practice social distancing", Marie Carroll told Killarney Outlook.

"If you take photos on the night you can @ nathanswalkdarknessintolight on Instagram or send by WhatsApp to 087 9001135. You can also private message on Facebook to Nathan's Walk Darkness into Light to be shared", she added.

Last year when it wasn't possible to all walk together for Darkness into Light, Pieta faced a funding crisis, but Ireland came together as one community and got behind the event, with hundreds of thousands rising at dawn and sharing sunrise moments from across

the country. The support that shone through was nothing short of amazing with over €4 million raised following a tremendous public fundraising effort to ensure Pieta could continue to deliver their services through 2020. In 2021, Covid-19 continues to impact not only the nations physical health but its mental health too; it has impacted everything from people's financial stability to their social habits. People are struggling with loneliness; a fact that is worsened with physical distance measures in place. Pieta relies on the generous support of those who participate in Darkness Into Light each year to provide this important national mental health service free of charge, 24/7. While Covid-19 has been difficult Darkness Into Light is a chance for communities to look towards brighter days to come while sharing One Sunrise Together on May 8th.

Pieta's counselling services have remained available throughout lockdown with phone, video and face-to-face appointments. In 2020, Pieta delivered over 52,000 hours of therapy and answered over 70,000 calls and texts for help through their 24/7 crisis helpline. Pieta helped 407 people at their Tralee centre in 2020 and provided 6,689 hours of counselling in 2020 and 2019. Pieta has provided a further 6,584 hours of counselling across Kerry through its phone/text helpline in 2020 and 2019.



Kacper Bogalecki (centre), St Brendan's College Killarney, together with his peers who support 'Nathan's Walk' annually, makes a cheque presentation of €1306.80 to Marie O'Carroll, Darkness into Light Killarney, resulting the schools recent fundraiser initiative "Different Clubs, Same Struggle" where the students wore different jerseys but were united in raising awareness of suicide & self harm.

PICTURE: MARIE CARROLL-O'SULLIVAN

3KM FOR KAY EXCEEDS ALL EXPECTATIONS

The family of the popular Kay McCarthy who lost her battle with cancer on the 25th of April 2017, a day after her birthday have raised over €10,000 in her memory.

The planned target of €2,000 was well and truly exceeded and her husband Seanie, daughter Jenny and Son Shane are absolutely delighted with the outcome.

The family asked that on Kay's 4th year anniversary and what should have been her 60th birthday to walk/run/cycle 3K in her memory.

All funds raised will go to the Irish Cancer Society, who gave support & guidance to Kay & her family throughout her illness.



Seanie McCarthy and fundraising mascot Prince pictured in the 3K for Kay at the weekend.



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The words of Fr. Jim Lenihan at the Requiem Mass for Johnny Hickey who passed away suddenly on Saturday morning last.

The town of Killarney and beyond were shocked and saddened to hear the news of the sudden death of popular Killarney man Johnny Hickey, who passed away at his home at the weekend. Known to most for his love of all things rallying, Johnny's biggest passion was his family, his wife Jennifer, daughters Alyson, Laura, son Conor and the late baby Jenelle.

He was a proud son to Charlie and Joan and a great brother to Charlene, Cathal and Stephen. Johnny, who has worked with Con Duggan in Killarney for over 20 years, also leaves behind father-in-law Dermot O'Connor, mother-in-law Marie, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, relatives, neighbours and a wide circle of friends.

Symbols of Johnny's life were brought to the altar in St. Mary's Cathedral, a helmet to represent his love of rallying, a family photograph to represent his love of his family and a rally programme and a Rally of the Lakes hat, which Johnny designed himself.

His eldest daughter Alyson wrote a beautiful poem about her dad which she read from the altar describing him as her superhero.

Following Requiem Mass in St. Mary's Cathedral on Tuesday morning, Johnny's funeral was led through the town by three rally cars. There were guards of honour from Killarney & District Motor Club along with the Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, as Johnny was involved in the festival parades which were held in the town. The route to Aghadoe was lined with rally cars and their drivers paying their respects to their friend and colleague.

Among others who paid tribute to Johnny were friends, Dermot Healy and Damien Switzer.

“To be honest Johnny had lots of close friends and I just happened to be one of them”, Dermot Healy told Killarney Outlook.

“Whatever Johnny got involved in he gave it his all. He loved motorsport and achieved two prestigious awards from Killarney and District Motor Club - Clubman of the Year and The Rally of the Lakes Silver Wheel Award”, Dermot added. “He was a true gent and you could not ask for a better friend to have by your side when the chips were down”, Dermot added.

Damien Switzer took to Facebook this week with a tribute to his friend Johnny:

No words will be adequate to describe the sadness and disbelief Killarney feels on hearing that one of her sons, Johnny Hickey is no longer with us. The number of online tributes being posted from all corners of Ireland tell you all



you need to know about the calibre of the man. Sport organisations to friends all with kind words. Depending on what walk of life you encountered Johnny he meant something different to everyone. People would generally associate him with rallying, his partnership with his dad Charlie but to those who knew him well his real passion in life was Jennifer and kids, boy did he beam when speaking about them, a proud father that's for sure”, Damien said. As PRO of Killarney & District Motor Club, Johnny penned reports on a regular basis for Killarney Outlook. Always precise and to the point, he kept readers up to date with rally events as they happened in Killarney.

Killarney & District Motor Club have paid tribute to Johnny with the following statement on his immense loss.

On Saturday morning last the rallying fraternity, not only locally, but throughout the country reacted with shock, disbelief and devastation when the news spread quickly that 37 year old Johnny Hickey, one of the country's best known and most popular rally competitors, had passed away suddenly at his home in Killarney

The outpouring of sympathy to his wife Jennifer, his three young children Alyson, Laura and Conor and to the extended Hickey and O'Connor families bore testimony to the esteem in which Johnny was held by all who came into contact with him through work or sport.

Johnny started his rallying career at the age of

16, co-driving for his father Charlie, and for the following two decades the father and son team became one of rallying's most competitive and consistent crews in their various MK 2 Escorts, which were always well prepared and equally well driven.

Even before he started competing, Johnny was a member of Killarney and District Motor Club and from the outset was one of those members which every club loves to have; namely a competitor who is willing to willingly take on more than his fair share of the multitude of tasks which have to be completed behind the scenes long before the flag falls at the start of the first stage of the rally.

For several years now his primary task has been the preparation of the programmes for both the Rally of the Lakes and the Historic Rally.

His level of attention to detail was legendary, and indeed at times frustrating, but he never failed to come up with a programme which reflected the many hours spent locating good photos, seeking out interesting articles and ensuring that the finished programme at least equalled and possibly surpassed the previous year's publication.

If he felt that entries were coming in slower than the organisers would like, he would make countless calls to competitors throughout the country and further afield to the UK, even though many of those he was encouraging to enter might well be his direct competition in his own class. Such was the respect in which Johnny was universally held that a phone call from him was more often than not the personal touch which made up the minds of competitors to come to Killarney, even when they might have earlier made up their minds to compete in a different event.

Johnny has left us far too young and his going leaves a great void in the lives of those who knew and loved him

He will be missed most of all by Jennifer, Alyson, Laura and Conor and by his parents Charlie and Joan, his sister Charlene, brothers Cathal and Stephen and the extended Hickey and O'Connor families

He will be missed too by his work colleagues, his fellow mountain bikers, Legion GAA Club and his neighbours who could always turn to him for a helping hand.

For Killarney and District Motor Club, a return to rallying without Johnny will be a much poorer place, where his knowledge, advice, contacts and incredible work ethic will be sorely missed and virtually impossible to replace.

Johnny was laid to rest in Aghadoe Lawn Cemetery on Tuesday last.

Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a hAnam.

The Rally Cars which led the funeral of Johnny Hickey through the streets of Killarney on Tuesday morning.



Father and son Charlie and Johnny Hickey, Killarney, Class 14 winners and winners of the John Mullane Memorial Cup with Sheila Mullane Moynihan, sister of the late John Mullane, at the cartell.ie International Rally of the Lakes 2016 prize giving function at the INEC Killarney. PICTURE: EAMONN KEOGH



Pat Healy, Johnny Hickey (PRO) and Mike Marshall at the launch of the Rentokil Initial Killarney Historic Rally at Scotts Hotel Killarney in November 2015. Killarney and District Motor Club hosted Ireland's only event to cater solely for historic rally cars and night stage rallying. PICTURE: EAMONN KEOGH (MACMONAGLE, KILLARNEY)



At the launch of the 2015 Rentokil Initial Killarney Historic Rally were from left, Joe McCarthy (Safety Officer), Kevin Flannery (clerk of the course), Anthony O'Connor (deputy clerk of the course), Johnny Hickey (PRO) and Michael O'Mahoney (Rentokil Initial managing director). PICTURE: EAMONN KEOGH (MACMONAGLE, KILLARNEY)



Eilis Baselmans, Cartell, Patrick O'Donoghue, Gleneagle Hotel, Charlie and Johnny Hickey, Killarney and Liam Cronin, Deputy Clerk of the course, at the cartell.ie International Rally of the Lakes 2014 prize giving function at the INEC Killarney. PICTURE: EAMONN KEOGH (MACMONAGLE, KILLARNEY)



Johnny Hickey receives the prestigious Silver Wheel Award from Dermot Healy at the gala prizegiving ceremony in the INEC. Also pictured are Mary T. Moynihan and Mags Kelleher.

Call to Protect Kerry's progress

A bank holiday message from acting Director of Public Health Dr Anne Sheahan

THE people of Kerry continue to make great progress in reducing the incidence of Covid-19, and acting Director of Public Health Dr Anne Sheahan has asked them to protect that progress over the May bank holiday weekend.

"Bank holidays are often a time when we meet up with friends or families indoors. This weekend, I'm asking you to remember that when it comes to stopping the spread of Covid-19, it's always safer to be outdoors than indoors. Large indoor gatherings just aren't possible yet, even though I am aware how difficult it is to stay apart," Dr Sheahan said.

Dr Sheahan said that public health experts understand that it's very tempting to meet up indoors but asked people to Hold Firm for another few weeks. All indoor interactions still carry risks, and the more people involved the greater the risk, Dr Sheahan warned.

"If we continue to work together, I am hopeful that we will be able to enjoy more time with friends and family this summer, something that we haven't been able to do for many months

and which we all miss. I know that people of every age group are looking forward to socialising but it's not yet safe or possible to meet up indoors as visits between households greatly speed up the spread of Covid-19. While the numbers of people vaccinated are increasing, we need to remember that many vulnerable people still don't have a full level of protection," she said.

Dr Sheahan also reminded people that when it comes to Covid-19, it's always safer to be outdoors.

"We are fortunate in this region to have so many wonderful outdoor amenities. Just remember that if you are meeting another household outdoors this weekend, please continue to keep a two-metre distance."

Covid-19 rates across Kerry remain stable, and Dr Sheahan appealed to the public to keep up the hard work.

"This region is doing very well. There will be some bumps in the road, and it is inevitable that we will see occasional clusters. It's really important that we focus on containing any such clusters, rather than blaming any community

or individual. If everyone makes sure they are tested at the first sign of symptoms, and if everyone avoids risky indoor interactions, then we will continue to contain these inevitable outbreaks."

Dr Sheahan said she was pleased this week to see some sporting activities return, including some outdoor training for children in non-contact pods of 15 children or fewer.

"I was very encouraged to see children returning to training outdoors, and I want to reassure parents and communities that as long as sensible precautions are in place, this is a relatively low-risk activity. This gradual return to normal life is important for us all, particularly young people. It's important that we all continue to work together to protect the progress we have made," she said.

Finally, Dr Sheahan appealed to the public to contact their GP immediately if they suspect they have any Covid-19 symptoms (a temperature of 38C or above; a new cough; shortness of breath or any change to your sense of taste or smell).

Hoteliers also seeking commitment on business and employment supports into 2022

Hotel and guesthouse owners in Kerry and across the country are calling on the Government to clarify next week what the reopening of the sector will look like. They are also seeking a commitment to specific measures and supports including inter-county travel that will enable businesses to plan effectively for a safe and sustainable reopening. Bernadette Randles, Chair of the Kerry branch of the Irish Hotels Federation (IHF) says "With June just over a month away, hotel bookings nationally are at an historic low, currently averaging only 22% for the key months of July and August. It is critical that the Government gives clarity to consumers and businesses as a matter of urgency."

"We are asking the Government to outline a more detailed roadmap for reopening the hotels sector safely based on clear progress markers for restrictions to be eased in line with public health improvements. While we recognise the challenges around public health and suppressing Covid that it is facing, the ongoing lack of detail is jeopardising the viability of hotels and guesthouses as they

grapple with the financial and operational commitments required to be ready to reopen after months of prolonged closure.

"Booking levels have never been this low so close to the key summer months, which are a lifebuoy for many businesses for the remainder of the year. Unless this is turned around quickly, there will be serious implications for the recovery of our sector here in Kerry and elsewhere that could take years to remedy." The Irish Hotels Federation is calling for the Government to commit to the following measures to enable hotels and guesthouses reopen safely and sustainably:

Inter County Travel to be Permitted

Hotels to be open to all patrons whether residents or not

Capacity to be linked to function room size for events

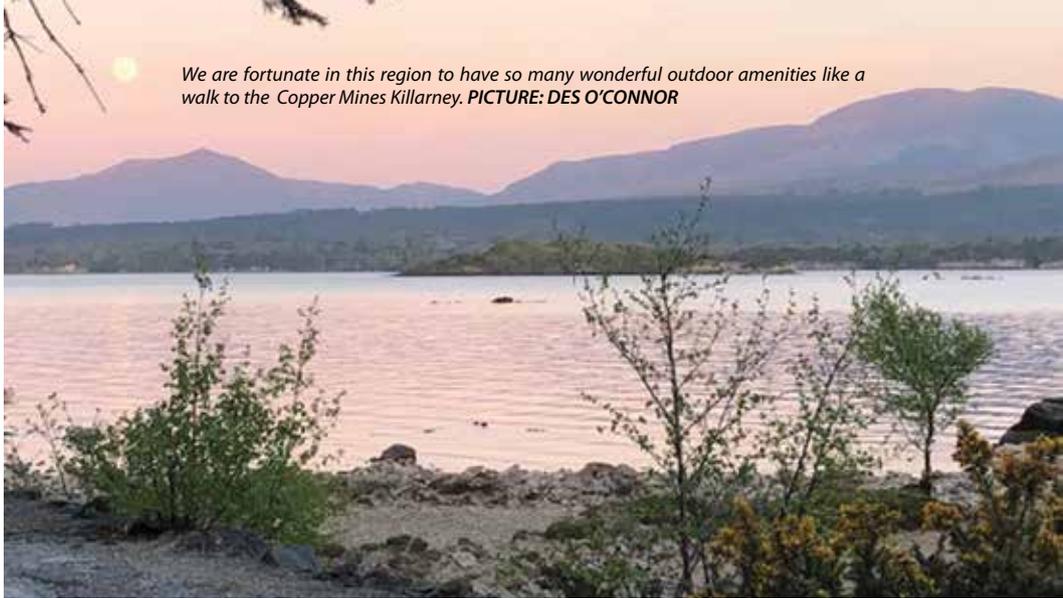
Outdoor capacity to be linked to space available
Plans to be put in place for easing of restrictions for family gatherings such as weddings and



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EU Digital Green Certificate to be adopted and plans to be put in place for other vaccinated international travellers

With over 160,000 tourism jobs lost over the last year, including many here in Kerry, recovery of tourism and hospitality must be to the fore of Government economic policy as we seek to restore employment levels as quickly as possible," she said.





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St. Brigid's *Down Memory Lane*



Sheree Murphy teacher and PRO of St. Brigid's Presentation went down memory lane this week with **Triona Hickey** originally from Tiernaboull but living in Canada for the last 10 years with husband Derek, two sons Oran and Sloan.

S: Hi Triona, what year did you graduate from St. Brigid's?

T: 2004

S: Were you involved in any extra-curricular activities in school?

T: I was never sporty, but I was on the student council and did public speaking for a while too.

S: Any memorable moment from being involved in these extra-curricular?

T: I was one of initial students on the student council and I distinctly remember our meetings at the very beginning setting out our charters etc.

S: A very important job! What was your favourite subject in school?

T: Accounting – I LOVED accounting! So much so I went on to study accounting in UL and then

while on co-op with EY in Luxembourg I learnt that maybe it was the class and teacher I loved as it was very different in the real world! Mrs. O'Rourke was our teacher and I just loved those classes, she made it very easy to learn and it was always fun too.

S: Who was your favourite teacher?

T: I think Mrs. O'Rourke was probably my favourite, but I had soft spots for lots of them – Mrs. Gilligan (she was the reason I loved Irish), Ms. Foran (she was always very cool), Mr. Sheehy (always so happy and so helpful).

S: Did you do Transition Year in School?

T: Yes, Transition Year was such an important year in my school life. I made some solid friendships there, found my own confidence and just had so much fun. Ms. O'Rourke was the Transition Year Coordinator at the time and we always felt like you could go to her, and she was always so kind. And, of course, my love of accounting!

S: What is your most memorable lesson?

T: I remember in second year we had a double French in the prefabs, and we would be trying to look out the window at the Sem boys on their half day and we used to get so giddy and distracted!

S: Did you make lasting friendships/are you still in contact with old school friends?

T: Absolutely! I have a couple of very close friendships from my Pres days and it's been interesting over this last year how a couple of people have reached out to reconnect. I love coming home to Killarney and bumping into people around town I went to school with and having the chats and catch up. It's so interesting to hear what everyone is up to now.

S: Was there a defining moment during your time at St. Brigid's school when you realized what you wanted to do with your life?

T: I was so sure leaving school from my love of business and accounting that a career in accounting/finance beckoned but like many others you end up diverging and it's taken some interesting pivots into marketing, sleep consulting and some other things in between but that foundation has always stayed with me and been a big strength.



S: Was there any advice that a teacher gave you that still sticks with you to this day?

T: I was always a talker (still am!) and I was particularly chatty in Irish class and I have fond memories of my teacher telling me to 'get back in my box!' (in a funny way!) It is something I now jokingly say to my own children and think it's a solid reminder to think before you speak and only add to the conversation when you have something valuable to contribute.

S: *Laughs* If you could, would you change anything about your schooldays?

T: I don't think so – if anything I wish I could have been more confident and surer of myself but that is something that comes with time.

S: Tell me a funny moment from your days in school?

T: So many but a standout would have been in TY when we made a movie – it even had a murder scene in the Gleneagle Hotel!

S: Sounds interesting! What were your main goals in school?

T: Head down and study, make some friends!

S: How do you think teachers would describe you?

Chatty, hardworking, friendly, helpful, and hopefully kind.

S: What would be your message to current pupils at the school?

Be nice to everyone but choose your friends wisely.

S: Thank you so much Triona.

T: No problem, I have been really enjoying reading St. Brigid's Down Memory Lane on the school's Facebook Page.

WELCOME FOR FUNDING FOR WATER MAINS REPAIRS

Cllr. Brendan Cronin, Mayor of Killarney has welcomed Irish Water's commitment for funding to repair the water mains on the Board of Works road. "I want to welcome this vitally important funding as this is the water supply line which fills both Barleymount and Lahard

reservoirs which supplies a vast hinterland including Beaufort, Faha, Listry, Rockfield, Aghadoe, Barleymount, Crohane, to Ballyhar and has been continuously breaking leaving homes repeatedly with out water which is very frustrating", Cllr. Cronin told Killarney Outlook.

"Last weekend there were 5 breaks on this section in three days alone. I am calling on Kerry County council to proceed with urgency on the replacement of this pipeline", he added

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GORSE FIRES

The time for solution based thinking is now and a combined effort between the Fire Services and representatives of the farming community is needed to agree a safe, workable arrangement for the planned burning of gorse in our countryside according to one Kerry County Councillor. Fianna Fáil's Michael Cahill is urging all the stakeholders involved to come together in the interest of Public Safety. Councillor Cahill is the Chairman of the Environment, Climate Change and Emergency Planning Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) in Kerry County Council.

"There is ferocious danger around gorse fires to both human lives and wildlife, be it our courageous Fire Fighters, local residents, walkers, climbers and all the creatures of our outdoors" said Councillor Cahill. "Winds can switch very suddenly and what looked pretty safe is threatening households and lives" "Surely, between us, we can solve this difficult issue to the satisfaction of all involved and ensure that lives are no longer put at risk in this manner" stated Councillor Cahill.

"Year after year, the lives of Fire Service Personnel are put at risk protecting our homes from these fires and our wildlife is being decimated. Everybody involved needs to come to the table, before lives are lost" stated Councillor Cahill.

"And not alone are lives and property at risk, but now the whole of Killarney National Park could be destroyed. The devastating affect that

A fire burning in Killarney National Park at the moment, Eagle's Nest, and much of the Park is under fire, currently, Killarney National Park and Wildlife Services, The Irish Air Corps, Kerry County Council Fire Department and Killarney Water Rescue Search and Recovery, have been dispatched to help contain the fire.

Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



the loss of this national treasure could have on our psyche, not to mind our Tourism Industry is inestimable" stated Mr Cahill.

"I have called for Firebreaks to be provided around Public and Private Forests and residential areas on a number of occasions over the years." "If we continue along the road we are on, when tragedy strikes, then severe measures will be brought in and everybody will lose" said the Rossbeigh based Councillor.

"Already farm payments are affected for landowners whether involved or not." "If all the stakeholders affected co-operate with an open mind, we can make a difference and put an end to the dangers posed" said Councillor Cahill.

"If we organise and manage now, many tears can be avoided and everybody will have a system to work by" added Councillor Cahill.

Seaside Facilities



Inch Beach in hazy sunshine.

A county so proud of its Tourism product must do more to provide facilities at its Blue Flag Beaches and Beauty Spots according to a Kerry County Councillor.

"The provision of well maintained Public Toilet Facilities on an all year round basis at our beaches and popular Public Amenity spots,

has to be a priority and funding for their development and upkeep must be sourced urgently" stated Councillor Michael Cahill.

"Kerry is the Tourism Capital of Ireland and yet, on the weekend gone by, a scorcher, saw toilet facilities at Inch, Rossbeigh and Cromane either closed or open but all subject to hundreds of

complaints. A busier weekend, considering all circumstances, could hardly be envisaged at peak season" said the Rossbeigh based Councillor. "I received numerous complaints in regard to the Toilets at both Inch and Cromane being closed and in Rossbeigh's case, in regard to them getting blocked". "Such words as shocking, appalling, disgraceful were commonly used this weekend" "It is not acceptable that people can not avail of these basic facilities when they visit our popular beaches, especially our elderly, wheelchair users and pregnant women" stated Councillor Cahill.

"Furthermore, we should also have in place such basic facilities as adequate parking, toilets, changing facilities, hot and cold showers, drinking water and safe entrance/exit to and from all such locations" said the Fianna Fáil man.

"It should be a goal of our Local Authority to provide full-time, all year round caretakers for all of our Blue Flag beaches" said Councillor Cahill.

"A Gold Star service can be the Green & Gold Star service of Tourism here in Kerry and that should be our highest priority" added Councillor Cahill.

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GOOD TIME MANAGEMENT AND SMART STUDY WILL PAY DIVIDENDS FOR LEAVING CERTS



By Billy Ryle

The Leaving Cert exams begin on Wednesday, 9th June so it's vital to make good use of the remaining six weeks. Manage your revision efficiently and sharpen your exam techniques. Concentrate on a final revision of your course material and practice answering past exam papers. Be organised in your revision plan. Set down priorities in the subject areas, which you intend to revise. Be patient and methodical in your routine. Don't be over ambitious in your revision planning. Take a self-contained manageable unit of work in a revision session. Cramming – extended revision sessions with too much content – is the least effective way to prepare for exams.

When answering past exam papers simulate exam conditions as far as possible. Using A4 paper, try to answer within the time allowed for each question. Accurately number each question and part of question. Ensure that your handwriting is legible, that your diagrams are detailed and that your presentation is neat.

Attend school each day up to the end of term as your best work is done under the expertise of your teachers, who will guide you through revision and exam techniques. Be familiar with the format of each exam paper as there are modifications this year. Be aware of the style of questions and the topics examined in each paper. Know how the marks for each paper are allocated and how much time should be spent on each question.

As the final weeks are for revision and for answering past exam papers, avoid studying new unfamiliar material, if possible. If you have missed out on some part of the course, give that topic immediate priority. Study the topic, revise the topic and consolidate it by answering past exam questions based on it. The alternative is to omit that topic completely. In summary, an intensive revision period is the best prescription for effective exam preparation.

Efficient management of your home study is vital. A regular routine is essential. Study for about four hours on each of the five weekday nights. Two sessions of about two hours each with a half-hour break in between will result in good quality work. Aim to do seven or eight hours of revision spread over Saturday and Sunday. Prepare a daily, weekly and full-term study schedule. Review your progress at the end of each week. Be disciplined and organised in your approach to study. Stick to your routine and to your study schedule. Use short breaks between subjects. Avoid unscheduled breaks and beware of "time thieves" such as excessive TV watching and long telephone calls.

Good working conditions are vital aids to effective study. A comfortable study environment at home is essential. If possible, study on your own where you will have peace and quietness. A comfortable room temperature, neither too hot nor too cold, is an aid to concentration. You need a table or desk on which to write and a hard-backed chair on which to sit. Good lighting keeps you from getting tired. A desk lamp, if available, is a useful aid to mental application. Your total focus must be on your work, so don't allow yourself to be distracted.

Use a reward system to reinforce your progress and to maintain your momentum. The aim of doing well in your exam is your greatest motivator but also build in a few treats. After an evening of study, your reward might be a favourite television programme or listening to some music. At the weekend, treat yourself to some outdoor exercise. As a result, you will face the challenges ahead of you with confidence and renewed energy.

CHECKLIST

- ✓ Final term work mainly consists of revision and doing past exam papers
- ✓ Be patient and methodical in your revision

programme

- ✓ Cramming is the least effective way to study
- ✓ Simulate exam conditions when answering past exam papers
- ✓ At school you will benefit from the expertise of your teachers
- ✓ Understand the content, lay out and marks distribution of each paper
- ✓ Avoid new unfamiliar material if at all possible
- ✓ Routine and organisation are vital in your home study
- ✓ A private working environment at home is conducive to effective study
- ✓ Beware of "time-thieves" such as long telephone calls and unscheduled breaks
- ✓ Face the challenges ahead of you with confidence
- ✓ Reward yourself for work well done
- ✓ 1st May at 5.15pm is the closing date for late applications to CAO
- ✓ CAO online change of mind facility (free) opens on 5th May at 12 noon
- ✓ LCVP Links modules exam takes place on 8th May from 10am to 12:30pm
- ✓ Leaving Cert exam takes place from 9th June to 29th June
- ✓ Priority closing dates for SUSI college grant applications are 10th June (renewal applications) and 8th July (new applicants) at www.susi.ie
- ✓ The Candidate Self Service Portal (CSSP)-Phase Two closes at 6 pm, Fri., 30th April
- ✓ Leaving Cert and LCA exam timetables are available on www.examinations.ie

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St Brendan's College, Kacper Bogalecki, together with his colleagues, who support Nathan's Walk annually, pictured making a cheque presentation of €1306.80 to Marie O'Carroll, Darkness into Light Killarney, resulting the schools recent fundraiser initiative "Different Clubs, Same Struggle" where the college wore different jerseys but united in raising awareness of suicide & self harm. L-R Sam Buckley, Thomas Griffin, Conal Gallagher, Kacper Bogalecki, Sam Behal, Ryan Bartlett & Dylan O'Connor.

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Last Friday, April 23rd was Tie Day Friday - a day when everyone in Kerry was asked to wear a tie - preferably the most outrageous or colourful tie they can find - post a picture or video of themselves online and make a donation to Kerry Mental Health Association CLG (idonate.ie).

Men and women in local businesses are invited to wear a tie if they don't already wear one, and if they do wear a tie regularly, I'm asking them to please go for something fun and outrageous on #TieDayFriday 23rd April!

Among those who took part were the students and staff of St. Brigid's took part and donated today to the Kerry Mental Health Fundraiser. Kerry Mental Health Association's fundraising

and befriending activities were seriously curtailed by Covid-19 and the Branches were unable to hold any annual church gate collections or flag day events for over a year.

The volunteers in our Branches pursue befriending and support activities to enrich the lives of neighbours and friends in our communities who are living with mental illness.



3rd year students Aoife Cronin, Clara McCarthy, Lucy Spellman, Abbie Leslie and Amy Doyle.



3rd year students Hannah Ryan, Laura O Shea, Clodagh Lucey, Eimear Finn, Jessica Fuller and Eilís Mullane.

KILLARNEY GRADUATE WINS IGNITE AWARD

A Killarney man who graduated from UCC has won the IGNITE Award for Best Business.

Patrick O'Regan, Founder of Reach The Top was part of the most recent group of graduates from the IGNITE programme which just held its Awards and Showcase for Spring 2021. IGNITE is an international award-winning start-up incubation programme at University College Cork, supporting recent graduate entrepreneurs to turn good ideas into great businesses.

ReachTheTop is a platform to streamline basketball scholarships in the USA. It helps colleges reduce the cost associated with the NCAA recruitment of athletes by eliminating the need to travel

extensively.

Start-ups ranging from a smart sleeping mask to helping people secure basketball scholarships in the US have graduated from the IGNITE programme at UCC.

Seven entrepreneurs have become the first founders to complete the IGNITE programme entirely online this year. IGNITE nurtures start-ups from an idea to commercial reality and this is the 13th group of graduates to complete the programme. The most recent programme at the award-winning incubation has concluded with the IGNITE Awards and Showcase for Spring 2021. The ceremony took place via webinar.

Ignite Graduate Patrick O'Regan from Killarney from Reachthetop a platform to streamline the NCAA recruitment process. PICTURE DARRAGH KANE



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"Our core business is focused on the delivery of quality, competitively priced homes to first time buyers. It's all in the details", Owen added.

As soon as you set foot in these homes you will see the difference. At every stage of the build the construction management teams carry out regular inspections and work closely with the Assiged Certifiers and design teams.

"When you buy a new home from us, you can be safe in the knowledge that it has been built to the highest standards of design and quality. All of our homes are protected by a Global Homes Warranties, leading providers of Structural Insurance", Owen added.

All homes are designed to be airtight, fully insulated and to consume the least amount of energy possible.

"We set ourselves the highest quality benchmark to ensure that you can buy our homes with confidence. Our energy efficiency features deliver dwellings with 'NZEB' Energy Efficiency", Owen said. When you are looking for a new home, you also are searching for the perfect location. A place where people will make friends, enjoy family life and take pride in their neighbourhoods and surroundings. This development located just a short walk from Barraduff village has all the necessary amenities a modern community village has to offer. It has a strong community development organisation



which creates a community hub for sport, drama and employment. With a local primary school, a creche facility within the development and sports facilities outside your door this opportunity can't be missed. "All our homes are created with care, expertise and relentless attention to detail. We're here to offer help and support from the very beginning of your property search", Owen said.

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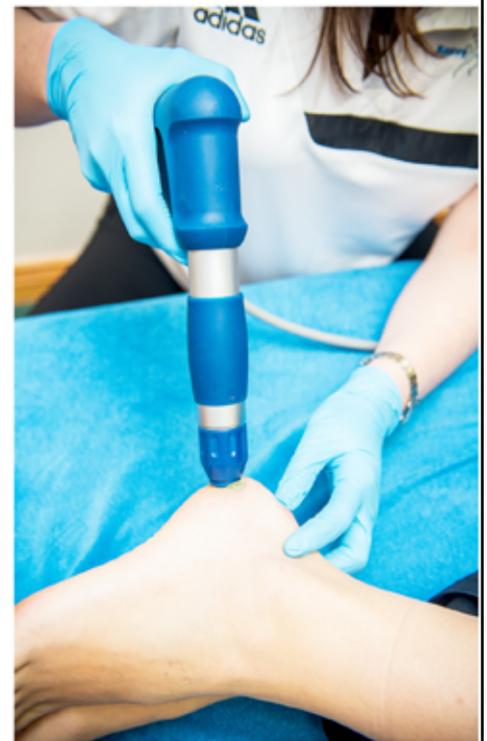
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Castleisland Community College NATIONAL WINNERS SOPHIA PHYSICS COMPETITION



Transition Year Special Prize Influencers - from left Rachel Murphy, Abbie Mahony, Emma Kerin, Shauna Tangney and Bernadette O Mahony.



Pictured from left: Ciara O Shea, Danielle Flynn, Chloe Barrett, Mary Keane, Celcia Mc Mahon, Lauren O Sullivan, Jessica Pokiri, Hector Canales, Kellie Sheehy (Teacher), Sarah O Connor, Shauna O Keefe, Kerry Hennessy, Freddie Galway, Nancy O Connor (Teacher) and Elizabeth Moerschell.

Castleisland Community College students won first, third and four special prizes at the National Sophia Physics Competition. The physics of bees by Ciara O'Shea, Mary Lily Keane and Jessica Pokiri won first prize in the Transition Year Category. This project focused on bees and the physics related to the species. They researched different aspects of the bees such as how bees fly, bee vision, communication through the waggle dance and the physics of the beehive.

Elizabeth Morschell won third prize in the Transition Year Category with her project 'Women in Physics'. Elizabeth chose the topic of 'women in physics' as she is very interested in studying physics in the future. Shauna O Keefe in third year student won the Junior Cycle Environmental Special Prize.

Shauna's project is a study about electrostatics in bees and how they interact with flowers in nature. The Transition Year Special Prize Influencers was won by Rachel Murphy, Abbie Mahony, Emma Kerins, Bernadette O Mahony and Shauna Tagney for their project 'Women in physics'. The girls dedicated their research to the work of Mildred Dresselhaus, Rosalind Franklin, Marie Curie and Sophie Germain. The Transition Year Special Prize for Group Creativity was won by Kerry Hennessy, Hector Barranco Canales, Freddie Galway and Sarah O' Connor for their project 'Physics in nature and the world around us'. This project focused on the physics behind certain species. Each

student picked one animal to research the physics of their behaviour. They studied the pig, honeybee, Cameleon and Beluga whale. The Transition Year Special Prize Women in Physics was won by Chloe Barrett, Lauren O'Sullivan, Brid - Anne Crowley, Danielle Flynn and Celia McMahon for their project 'Women in Physics'. The girls chose the title 'Women in Physics' as they wanted to educate people about the inspirational work of women physicists. Teresa Lonergan, Principal congratulated the students and was 'delighted for our budding physicists and their teachers Nancy O'Connor and Kellie Sheehy'.

Build works for new **National Broadband Ireland (NBI)** network underway in Killarney

Townlands in Killarney including Ardlaghas, Banard, Knockasarnet, Lahard, Lisroe, Muckcross, Nunstown, Oldforge, Slievegaura, Toormore and Whitefield have been surveyed and in some areas build works are underway by National Broadband Ireland (NBI), the company rolling out the new high-speed fibre broadband network under the Government's National Broadband Plan. In Killarney, over 3,382 premises have been

surveyed to date with network designs completed to deliver the new Fibre to the Home (FTTH) network in the area. NBI crews have started initial works for the build. These 'make ready' works pave the way for the next stage of deploying fibre on poles/ducts, and include the erection of poles, unblocking of ducts, and the insertion of subduct into existing ducts, for the fibre to be installed.





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KCC TYs campaign for the return of historic local Document



Students at Killarney Community College who are taking part in Ms Cosgrave's heritage study class have been researching the Annals of Inisfallen and have created a series of posters urging the public to sign an online petition, which they created themselves, for the immediate return of this precious piece of local history to its rightful home.

The annals were largely compiled on the monastic island of Inisfallen on Killarney's Lough Leane, (or lake of learning because of the presence of the monastic school on the island), over a 300-year period.

Written in Irish and Latin, the mostly brief entries give details from the earliest times to 1362.

The annals of Inisfallen came into private ownership after the dissolution of the monasteries. However, they were bequeathed to the Bodleian in Oxford in the mid 18th century. They were lent briefly to Killarney in the 1980s.

A chance trip to the island last summer by Ms Cosgrave provided the inspiration to do something about the historic artefacts return



to its place of inception. Ms Cosgrave noted that "The trip made me appreciate the incredible resilience of the monks to live in such splendid isolation. To survive there, nevermind create an artefact as spectacular as 'The Annals of Inisfallen' is truly remarkable!"

"We owe it to generations past and future to value our national works of art. The Book of Inisfallen was created locally, is 400 years older than the Book of Kells and belongs here. The Bodleian library of Oxford has been its caretaker for almost 300 years but it's time Killarney took back this beautiful historic artefact which contains not only medieval history of Kerry but also Munster." She went on to add "Many of our students didn't even know the book existed.

When we discussed it in our TY Heritage studies class, the students immediately embraced the idea of starting a campaign to return this incredible Irish artefact. Please sign our petition which we hope to present to our Kerry TD's and urge them to work on the behalf of the people of Kerry to have this treasure returned to us. In these post Covid times we could have this book displayed locally bringing valuable tourism and boosting our local economy.'

Please sign the petition in the hope of the return of this historic manuscript to our lands <https://www.change.org/Annalsofinisfallenkcc2021>

Grow it Forward with Dr Crokes



Dara and Gearóid Sugrue, Bridgefield with Dr Crokes' Health&WellBeing committee, Sinéad Sugrue, Risteárd Clancy, Micheál Fitzgerald, Eamonn Fitzgerald.

A new initiative has been launched by Dr. Crokes by their club chairman Matt O'Neill, Grow it Forward with Dr Crokes began last Friday for the members of the Saturday morning Academy and it is promoted by Dr Crokes Health & WellBeing committee. Grow it forward with Dr Crokes' initiative has twin objectives, to show young girls and boys how to grow their own vegetables from seed on their own window sill, or in a sunny back garden spot. Then follow through to planting and to full growth, ready for

eating. It will also teach the young club members about re-cycling and re-using plastic containers which we get on the weekly grocery shopping. "I am delighted to see Dr Crokes' Healthy Club group engaging with our younger members in this way. It is fantastic for young people to learn and see for themselves the cycle of growth from seed to plant and on to something we can eat", Matt O'Neill told Killarney Outlook. "There is nothing like eating something you've grown from seed yourself. We may have to open a



Mike Moloney Ross Rd pictured with his sons Hugh and Shay at the Healthy Club Initiative.

Farmer's Market next year", he added. Free starter kits including seeds for lettuce, carrots, beetroot peas, tomatoes and greens were distributed at the launch. "No previous gardening experience necessary and full instructions and help is available from club members and keen gardeners including Niall Keogh, Micheál Fitzgerald, Gene O Doherty, Sinéad O'Mara Risteárd Clancy and Eamonn Fitzgerald who will help and advise you all along the growing process., The club hope to open a Farmers Market next year to sell their produce.

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“CALL OUT FOR ARTISTS” LAUNCHED

Kate Kennelly, Arts Officer, Kerry County Council together with Terry O’Sullivan, Director of the Education Centre, Tralee launch a “Call Out for Artists” to participate in the 2021 Online TAP Programme. The Online Teacher Artist Partnership CPD Summer Course & Residency programme is open to Artists (in any art forms) that are committed to sharing their practice with children and teachers in a modern primary school environment. This Arts in Education initiative is a Creative Ireland, Department of Education led, approved Summer Course offering specialist, week-long online training from the 1st – 7th July inclusive.

A training allowance of €150 per day over the initial 5-day training week (€750 in total). Guarantee of a paid, follow-up in-school-residency within a local primary school (Fee €900, plus €100 travel) to carry out a 20-hour project (14 contact hours plus 6 preparation hours) in partnership with your teacher partner throughout the 2021/2022 academic year.

Artist must have:

- A track record of a minimum of three years professional practise in any art

form and demonstrate an interest in the principles of Arts-in-Education and Creativity

- Be willing to learn about modern classroom culture and to work in equal partnership with teachers
- Combine a sense of fun, joy and collaboration with professional dedication and high artistic vision
- Be willing to undertake child protection training as part of the induction week, and undergo standard Garda vetting before taking up project placements.

Artists can apply to be part of the scheme via expressions of interest to Máire Vieux, National Arts in Education Administration at mairevieux@edcentreralee.ie no later than 5pm on Friday 21st May 2021.

Expressions of interest should be in the form of a letter of max 600 words, accompanied by a CV or short Bio with links to images or samples of relevant work. Places on this national Creative Ireland CPD initiative are limited to two Artists per full time Education Centre area. Final decision on offers of places will be taken by the Director of the local Education Centre in collaboration with the Local Authority Arts Office.



CAPTION

It’s time for the 2021 County Clean-Up



Dave Herlihy on Left with Derry Healy litter picking at Clohane, Glenflesk recently.



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Facilitated by KWD Recycling this year’s campaign is your chance to join with your family group/pod to gather litter along your local roads and help make Kerry the cleanest county in Ireland.

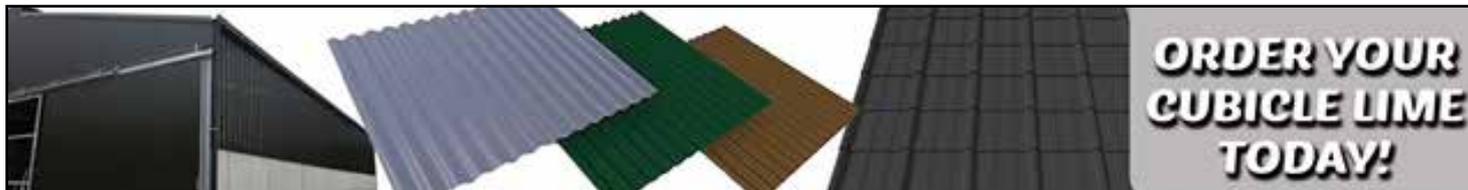
KWD Sales Reps are now busy organising County Clean-up packs in preparation for this event. Register your group with KWD to arrange your County Clean Up pack and collection point for your bags.

Volunteers can register for the County Clean-Up day at www.countycleanup.com or you can email KWD offices whose staff will be happy to help you out at countycleanup@kwd.ie

Now in its 9th year, the County Clean-up will take place from 22nd to 30th May. Traditionally this wonderful county-wide community event was held on a specific day however this year it has been extended to ensure compliance

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The Board of Directors and Staff collectively undertook the challenge by walking, jogging and running and we are delighted to say that we surpassed our initial 3 million metre target and completed 4.2 million metres in total in March (over 1 million metres per week). A great team effort!!

There was a great buzz in the office with some healthy competition between colleagues as to who did the longest distance, and most importantly we were able to donate €500 to each of the following worthy local charities: The Kerry Rape & Sexual Abuse Centre, MS South Kerry Branch, Recovery Haven, Kerry Mental Health Association, St. Anne's Community Hospital, Cahersiveen and Taobh Linn (meals on wheels) Kenmare. Marketing Officer of Killarney Credit Union, Karena McCarthy added "This past 12 months has been hard on everyone and especially our local charities. Most of their usual fundraising incentives have had to be postponed so it is nice to be able to help them out in some small way. These charities like ourselves are community based and we all need to support each other."



John Drummey Kerry Mental Health accepting a charity cheque for €500 from (back) Joy Clifford, Vice Chairperson, Dermot Griffin Board member and Ger Galvin Secretary Killarney Credit Union Killarney Credit Union at Killarney Credit Union on Monday.



Jillian O'Sullivan Tres. and PRO and Sheila Teahan Chairperson Multiple Sclerosis accepting a charity cheque for €500 from (back) Karena McCarthy Marketing and Sales with Shane Foley Risk and Compliance Manager Killarney Credit Union at Killarney Credit Union on Monday.



Siobhan McSweeney Recovery Haven (right) accepting a charity cheque for €500 from Joy Clifford Vice Chairman Board and Dermot Griffin Board Member at Killarney Credit Union on Monday.



Vera O'Leary Kerry Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre accepting a charity cheque for €500 from (back) Joy Clifford Vice Chairperson, Ger Galvin Secretary and Dermot Griffin Board member Killarney Credit Union Killarney Credit Union at Killarney Credit Union on Monday.



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Ingredients

160ml sunflower/vegetable oil
150ml Milk
1 large Egg
1 teaspoon of vanilla extract
300g Self raising flour
200g Caster sugar
150g white chocolate chips
150g raspberries

Method

Preheat your oven to 180C/160C Fan and line a muffin tray with cases. Mix together the egg, milk, vanilla and oil in a bowl. Add the flour and sugar to the mixture, and using a spatula, mix together as little as possible till it's all combined. Add in the white chocolate chips and the raspberries and gently fold through. Split the mixture evenly between the 12 cases, and bake in the oven for 25-30 minutes! Leave to cool fully in the tin, or on a wire rack.

If you want you pipe some whipped cream on top of the muffins and add some raspberries or white chocolate chips too

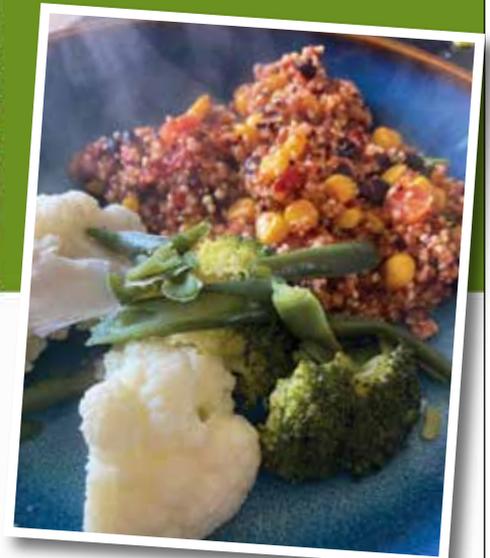


Vegan Shares

with Killarney Outlook



Mexican Quinoa



Ingredients

1 tablespoon rapeseed oil
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1 cup vegetable stock
2 cloves of garlic crushed
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1 can tinned tomatoes
1 cup sweetcorn
Salt and pepper to season
1 teaspoon chilli powder
½ teaspoon cumin
(I served with steamed broccoli, cauliflower and green beans)



Method

First Put your oil in a pan with the garlic, chilli and fry for 3 minutes or so being careful not to burn. Stir in your quinoa, stock, black beans, tomatoes, corn and spices. Season to taste. Bring to a boil and then simmer covered for about 20 minutes. I served with steamed broccoli, cauliflower and green beans. This also makes a great filling for wraps and can be eaten hot or cold. This recipe couldn't be easier, is gluten free and quinoa is a whole protein as it has all the 9 essential amino acids so an excellent plant based protein source.

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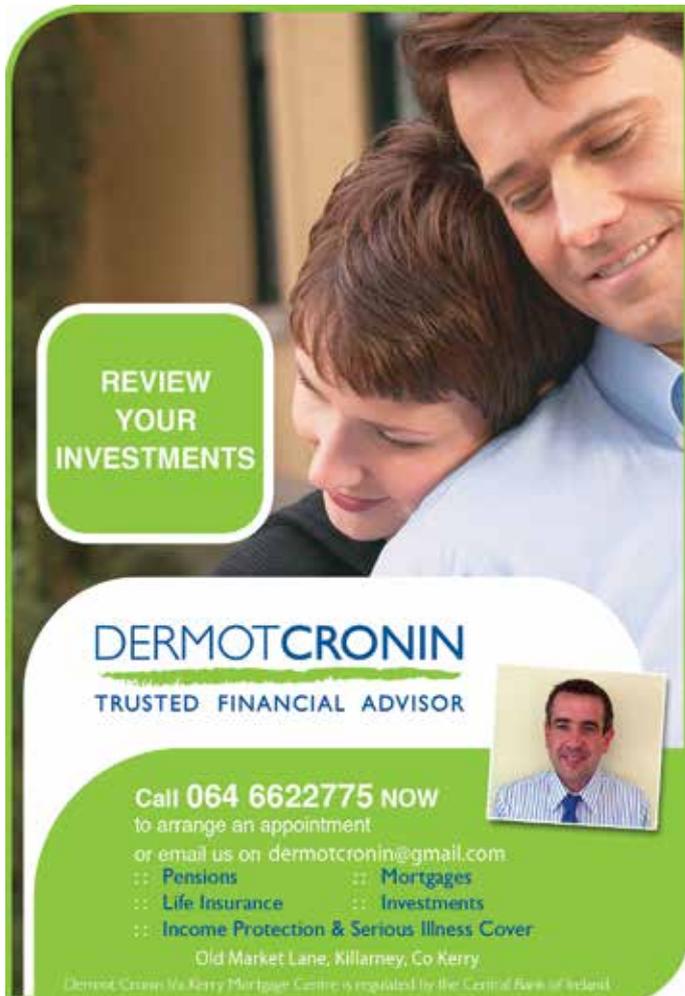
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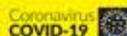
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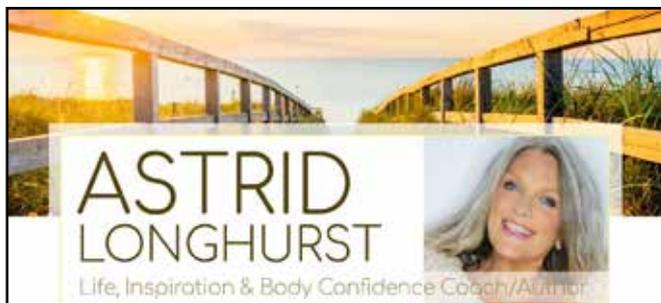
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Please visit me at my Instagram page for more coaching tips and inspiration for living your very best and happiest life. <https://www.instagram.com/romancingyourbody?hl=en>

www.instituteforbodyconfidencecoaching.com

Noreen at What Women Wants gives you some **beauty tips** while you are staying at home during Covid-19



Smooth Juicy Lips

Dry, chapped and cracked lips are a common complaint but can be prevented. Lips lose moisture very quickly as they have less sebaceous glands, than the face and body.

3 MAIN CAUSES ARE

1. Dehydration

When you are dehydrated, your body pulls water from other parts of the body, mainly the intestines, this can cause constipation and dryness of skin and lips. Try to consume 6-8 glasses of water daily. Consume high quality fats like fish oils and coconut oil or a supplement to moisturise the intestines and boost hydration.

2. Weather

The sun can cause lips to burn and blister and cold dry winds can really dry out the lips. Use a protective lip treatment all year round with spf in summer and emollient to build a barrier in winter.

3. Internal Imbalance or medication

Low stomach acid can lead to heartburn after eating resulting in excessive saliva while you sleep and dry lips in the morning. When your lips are dry, the natural reaction is to lick your lips creating a cycle as Saliva makes them drier. To reduce heartburn & boost stomach acid you could try lemon water or apple cider vinegar 10 minutes before eating. Mindful eating allows your stomach to release acids to aid digestion, while you think about and smell your food before eating.

Lip Scrub

- 1 teaspoon brown sugar
 - 1 teaspoon honey
 - 1-2 drops lavender essential oil
- Mix into a paste and massage into lips for 2-3 minutes. Remove with lukewarm water.
Apply lip balm/ cream

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NEVER LET THE BLACK CAT CROSS YOUR PATH!

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For some it's doomsday – they are just waiting for the bad luck to strike. For others, all it means is the cat has somewhere to go!

So, what the hell does that all mean?

From a health and fitness point of view it comes down to our beliefs in our ability or capabilities. It is easy to say, sorry I can't commit to training twice a week as I am too busy. Sometimes the reality is we are too "busy" doing nothing worthwhile, like mindless scrolling through social media platforms wasting energy and time every day doing something that could end up just adding to our anxiety rather than make us happy and improve our health.

So do you have a dream? Do you have a goal? Do you have a plan?

A dream written down with a date becomes a goal.

A goal broken down into steps becomes a plan.

A plan backed by action makes your dreams come through.

No matter when the cat crosses your path, just believe it has somewhere to go and somewhere to be, just the same as you. Let the cat go on it's way and you worry about putting a plan in place to reach your goal to achieve your dream.

Need to talk? I'm here to listen



Cyril Conroy

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Cyril Conroy is a Member of the Irish Association of Relationship Mentors, practising One-On-One Therapy for Individual Adults over the age of 18. Cyril is a fully trained and Qualified Co-Creational Parent and Relationship Mentor, whose therapy is based on Understanding, Genuineness, Non-Judgement and Compassion for his Clients.

Need to Talk?... Ring Cyril

We are currently in a state of flux. With what has happened throughout the last year, our lives have been changed irrevocably. For some of us, our perceived control of our world has been taken away. For others, the step back from society, family pressures, the need to live up to other's expectations, one's own expectations, has been welcome. Some may now face the unwelcome prospect of getting back to "normal" with an inherent sense of fear and anxiety. Each of us, as individuals, would have reacted differently to the pandemic. Our relationships with our friends, family and society have been hugely disrupted. We want our relationships back, but do we now question what happens in these relationships and what has happened in our past relationships?

As you take the big step back into the world again, do you wonder why you react the way you react in certain situations? Perhaps words or advice from others affect you more than you would like or want? Do you question why panic, fear and anxiety are such a part of your life, why the prospect of different situations or repeating thoughts fill you with dread? Do you want to reach for a change to the constant sameness and uncomfortableness of what you feel?

We can explore these thoughts and feelings in a non-judgemental, genuinely safe environment. Your safety and comfortableness in this exploration is of the utmost importance. We can help to understand the most important relationship of all, your relationship with Self.

Contact Cyril Conroy on 0876009550 or email cyrilconroy@gmail.com to make an appointment.

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This week is allergy awareness week

Allergic conjunctivitis is commonly caused by sensitivity to grass and tree pollen, dust mites or animals. It is far more common in those with a history of allergies or those who have a family history of allergies.

SYMPTOMS

Allergic conjunctivitis usually causes pink or red itchy eyes. The eyes are normally watery and other allergy symptoms such as sneezing and a runny nose may be present. The seasonal type of allergic conjunctivitis will vary with the time of year and weather conditions. Those with more general allergies, such as an allergy to dust mites, will most likely have symptoms throughout the year.

TREATMENT

You can treat allergic conjunctivitis by:

- Avoiding the cause of the allergy (if possible)
- Using cold compresses (such as clean cotton wool balls soaked in cold water) to soothe the eyes

Avoiding rubbing your eyes as this will make the symptoms worse

There is also a range of medicines that may help. Some are available over the counter at the pharmacy and other stronger medicines need a prescription.

Mast-cell stabiliser eye drops such as sodium cromoglicate (Opticrom) do not work straight

away. Instead, they take a few days to start to work. These drops are good if you know when you are likely to develop an allergy and so you can use them to prevent symptoms

Antihistamine eye drops such as antazoline sulphate (Otrivine-Antistin) provide a more immediate effect. They won't prevent an allergic reaction, but instead treat the symptoms once the allergy has started.

Antihistamine tablets work in the same way as the eye drops, but will also treat other allergy symptoms such as a runny nose and sneezing that is caused by the allergy.

You should not wear contact lenses if your symptoms are severe or if you have been told that your cornea is affected. Do not put drops in your eyes while wearing contact lenses.

REMEMBER:

- Avoid rubbing your eyes, as this may make your symptoms worse
- Use a cold compress to soothe your eyes
- Wearing glasses or sunglasses may help to shield your eyes from pollen

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



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HOW TO REDUCE HAYFEVER

- Keep doors and windows closed at home and when driving;
 - Apply a little Vaseline inside the nose to trap pollen and stop it being inhaled;
 - Wear sunglasses, preferably wraparound glasses which prevent pollen entering the eyes;
 - Don't mow the grass and avoid working in the garden;
 - Don't dry clothes outside if possible; and
 - Wash your hair, hands and face when you come back indoors and change your clothes to get rid of any pollen."
- Up to date information on pollen forecasts in your region can be found at: <https://www.met.ie/forecasts/pollen>

GLNFLESK

>CLUB MEMBERSHIP

A reminder to everybody that membership is now due for the 2021 season. Membership can be paid online at the Glenflesk GAA Clubforce page using the link below.

https://member.clubforce.com/memberships_cart_m.asp...

If anyone has any queries please contact Club Treasurer James Furlong at registrar.glenfleskgaa@gmail.com or on 0872331916.

>CLUB MERCHANDISE

We are delighted to announce that our Glenflesk GAA gear is now available on the O'Neills website. You can click on the 'Shop Now' button at the top of our Facebook page.

>POETRY DAY IRELAND AT KILLARNEY LIBRARY 29TH APRIL 2021

To celebrate Poetry Day Ireland and its theme 'New Directions: Maps and Journeys', Killarney Library are hosting an 'Open Mic' on-screen-event

with Máire Holmes, Kerry Writer in Residence for Kerry Poets writing in English or Irish aged over eighteen on 29 April at 10.30am. This free event will be hosted on Zoom; to register please see Kerrylibrary.ie. For further queries contact killarney@kerrylibrary.ie. Kerry Library are excited to invite Haikus (a short poem composed of just 17 Syllables over 3 lines in the form 5-7-5), in English or Irish, inspired by this year's theme New Directions: Maps & Journeys to be published on their Facebook Page on #PoetryDayIRL. Send your Haiku to info@kerrylibrary.ie by 25 April, 2021. While library doors are closed you can still use your library card number and PIN to download a selection of poetry collections from the Borrowbox service. BorrowBox offers a large collection of international authors of the world's best eBooks and eAudio books including books on Poetry, Poets and Literature. To access eBooks/eAudiobooks on your phone or tablet, download the BorrowBox Library app.



TY students Show their appreciation

Transition Year Students at St. Brigid's Secondary School showing their appreciation for the Killarney Fire Service, Water Rescue, NPWS, Mountain Meitheal and all volunteers that helped quench the fires over the weekend. "Everyone in St. Brigid's is extremely appreciative of all the hard work that these people did over the weekend to help quench the fires that took over our beloved National Park." Students Left to Right Aisling Cahill, Chloe Hue, Ella Galvin, Amy Walshe, Eimear Galvin, Abbie Daly and Erin Doheny.

LISTRY

>DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Listry GAA would like to send Deepest Sympathy to The O'Mahony family, friends and neighbours on the recent death of John Joe O'Mahony, RIP. Ballytrasna, Faha.

>RETURN TO PLAY U17 AND U15

We are delighted to get our juvenile's back on the pitch this week. Ahead of our return to training it is essential that players & coaches are registered PRIOR to training. Unfortunately unregistered players/coaches will not be allowed to train as Covid Health Check Questionnaire must be completed on the same platform as membership (www.foireann.ie) and to be able to do this the player/coach must be fully registered. If you are unsure if you have registered contact 087-6162786.

>LISTRY GAA MEMBERSHIP 2021

is now available to purchase. Register/Log on to www.foireann.ie For those that just want to use the new walking track, we have introduced a new category to cover just his option €30. All other membership categories can use the track also.

Written by: Anne Sugrue O'Brien

BEAUFORT

>GOOD LUCK

GAA training for teams Under 18 and under commenced on Monday, 26th April. Good luck to all teams and managements for the 2021 season

>RETURN TO PLAY

All parents, guardians and over 18 players are asked to update their Return to Play account before training commences. This account will be linked to the new Club Foireann registration system. The Club Foireann system is almost ready and the LGFA section will be added shortly.

>MEMBERSHIP

The closing date for 2021 Club membership is 31st May. Prices are as follows, Family with one gym membership is €60. Single gym and club, over 18 to senior Men and Lady players is €60. LGFA Senior Ladies Player is €40. LGFA U14 to U18 Player is €30. LGFA U12 is €20. LGFA U10 is €10. LGFA up to U8 is free. Club membership can be paid online on the Home page of www.beaufortgaa.com. LGFA and Club membership can be paid shortly through Foireann. Alternatively, Club membership can be paid to Patie Hartnett at 087 2515311. LGFA membership enquiries can be made to Susan Barrett 086 2632219.

Written by: Clíodhna Coffey

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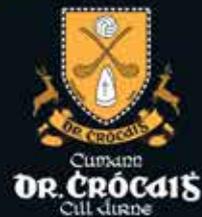
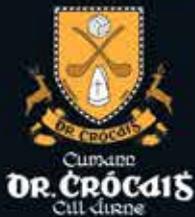
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>RATHMORE GAA CLUB

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Annual Membership

All membership can be renewed online with clubforce (search for Rathmore GAA Club) or you can get the link from our registrar Kathleen O'Doherty (086 3647749). You can also use your lotto account to activate your registration. You can also use this Link <https://bit.ly/3t32lw3> With the possibility of a return to training on April 26th registration is a matter of urgency.

Charity Fundraiser

Rathmore Senior men's footballers are undertaking a 1500kms Running Charity Fundraiser from April 16th-30th. The challenge will be completed in accordance with COVID guidelines. Each player/mentor will have a sponsorship card and all donations will be divided between the Rathmore branch of the Kerry Mental Health Association and the Irish Cancer Society Night Nurse Service. Hoping people can support these two worthy causes.

>GNEEVEGUILLA GAA

Return to Training

Gneeveguilla GAA Underage Training will resume from next week as follows:

U7: Monday May 3rd @ 6.30pm

U9: Monday May 3rd @ 6.30pm

U11: Wednesday May 5th @ 6.30pm

U13: Tuesday April 27th @6.30pm

U15: Wednesday April 28th @7pm Covid-19 Guidelines on Safe Return to Gaelic Games will apply. Parents should register at www.foireann.ie so they can complete health questionnaires required for training sessions. Membership can also be paid online at www.foireann.ie once registered.

>TUNE INTO HORIZONS

on Radio Kerry every Sunday morning after 9am news The Religious Programme of the Diocese of Kerry. Comments and suggestions for programs welcome –Email:maryfagan@dioceseofkerry.ie

>GNEEVEGUILLA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL GNEEVEGUILLA BASKETBALL CLUB

had our weekly draw for our Share the Bucket on Friday evening 23/04/21. The Jackpot was€311.This weeks winner is The winner is Eithne Reen who won €311. Congratulations Eithne the lucky winner of €311 Well done This weeks lucky winner is Eileen Scannell

Congratulations to this week's jackpot winner £311.

Guaranteed winner every week, go to our Facebook page to find out how and where you can play. REMEMBER if YOU are not in you can't win <https://www.facebook.com/gneeveguilla>

a/Draw takes place every Friday eve

@8:30 pm on Facebook live

This weeks winner Congratulations toThe winner Eithne Reen who won €311. Congratulations Eithne this week's jackpot winner

>WASTE DISPOSAL

It is illegal to burn household or garden waste at home, in your garden or workplace. Burning waste can pollute the air by releasing harmful chemicals into it. There may be many toxic chemicals in waste items such as synthetic materials, preservatives, gels, bleaches and plastics. Burning of such wastes in low-temperature uncontrolled fires creates toxic and dangerous by-products which are not destroyed by the fire but become airborne on soot particles. These can end up being inhaled or being washed out of the air and deposited onto surrounding soil and vegetation, where they can readily enter the food chain. Please care for our environment by disposing of your waste in a responsible manner.

>COVID-19

Support Line For Older People: ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, By Calling 0818 222 024. Hours May Be Extended To Meet The Demand.

>AWARE

(Depression Support) Helpline on 1890 303 302. Website at www.aware.ie. Jigsaw Kerry: (Young Peoples Health in Mind). Contact 066-7186785 Email: kerry@jigsaw.ie Pieta House: Contact 01 6010000 or www.pieta.ie

>SAMARITANS

Contact Freephone 116123 (24hrs) Email support: jo@samaritans.org. Website: www.samaritans

>THE RATHMORE SOCIAL ACTION GROUP

will continue to run Our Meals on Wheels Service, which is a vital service especially at this difficult time. To avail of this service, please call Norah & Marie on 064 77 58588. These meals will be dropped to the door of the person's home. We will help to deliver this service to as many as we can

>DUHALLOW GAA

are teaming together to bring cheer in pandemic times with an ONLINE FAMILY BINGO on Saturday, May 8. With a prizefund of €2000, they are ten games, win/share €20 for a single line, win/share €40 for two lines and €100 for full house with a €400 Jackpot also to be won.

For each game, the numbers drawn will be displayed during the game to ensure transparency. When a player gets a check, they can unmute their microphone and let the bingo caller know, all pretty straight forward with young and old joining in the fun. The player displays their Bingo Card via the camera for all players to see, the check is also verified by the caller and a code on the players card is also checked. Single books cost €10, double books at €15 each from GAA clubs or Duhallow Board officers. All that's required is a contact number for patrons to allow a zoom link to be supplied on Bingo Day. Bingo books are available in clubs across Duhallow, club contacts are

Ballydesmond: Willis O'Connor (086-1414423); Banteer/Lyre: Conor O'Keeffe (087-9791346); Boherbue: Steven Lynch (087-2795558); Castlemagner: Mick Tobin (086-8553416); Cullen: Karen Hickey (085-8586073), Dromtariffe: Seán Feely (086-3168212); Freemount: Kate Keane (086-2320994); Kanturk: John Healy (086-7963193); Kilbrin: Tom O'Reilly (087-2392442); Kiskeam: Marie Carroll (085-8828556); Knocknagree: Michael Dilworth (087-6723883); Lismire: Karen Field (086-7335742); Meelin: Cathy Forrest (086-0624610); Millstreet: Con Healy (086-2638320); Newmarket: Sean Irwin (087-6465732); Rockchapel: Mary Collins (087-6724719); St. Johns: Don O'Riordan (087-7668669).

Books are also available from Duhallow Junior Board Executive members Steven Lynch – 087/2795558, Liam Buckley-087/7611700, Joe Kearns -087/2902598, Tony McAulliffe - 087/2217510, Seán McAulliffe - 087/2331518, Margaret Kiely-087/7673331, John Tarrant - 087/6792405, Dan Dennehy – 087/8077348, Eugene O'Sullivan – 087/3106459, Frank Barry - 087/9838087, Denis Lane - 087/2010830.

>NOTES

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

By Michael O' Mahony

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>PUBLIC MEETING - DEENAGH RIVER CATCHMENT

What’s happening in the Deenagh River Catchment? An online community information meeting will be held Tuesday 4th May 2021 @ 7.30pm via Zoom. Water quality in the Deenagh River is not as good as it could be. So, you are invited to an online community information meeting to discuss how we can make improvements in water quality in your local rivers. This is a new way of working and everyone can play their part. This meeting is open to all and will include a Questions & Answers session. For more information please contact: Breda Moriarty, Community Water Officer (085 8820848 - bmoriarty@lawaters.ie) or Maeve Ryan, Catchment Manager (085 8025273 - mryan@lawaters.ie). To register for the Zoom Meeting, visit: <https://bit.ly/3gflk2g> or Facebook @LAWPROteam.

>ANABLA NS PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Anabla N.S. Parents Association are organising a clothes collection for 6th May. We would love donations of clothing, curtains, paired shoes, handbags, belts. Any support would be greatly appreciated.

>KILCUMMIN COMMUNITY GAMES

Kilcummin Community Games competitions have moved on line this year. Art and Handwriting are taking place virtually this year. All information is on Kilcummin Community Games Facebook page. Link for entries is <http://www.mycommunitygames.com/kerry>. Entries must be entered online by parents for the competitions before May 5th. Please use age calculator to ensure your child is in the correct age category. Participants must live in Kilcummin Parish.

>KILCUMMIN GAA

Kilcummin GAA Club presents ‘Split the Pot’ with the club and winner sharing the winnings 50/50. Live draw will take place on Facebook with a guaranteed winner. Tickets are €2.50, four draws €10. You can play at www.kilcummingaa.com, at Kilcummin Post office or Paddy O’Keeffes Supermarket, Gattabawn. Congratulation to our first winner Séan Browne who shared the pot in the first draw. Séan receives a cheque for €167.50. Next draw will take place on Sunday 2nd May.

>KILCUMMIN LGFA REGISTRATION 2021

As we prepare to return to play all registrations for members and players of Kilcummin LGFA will be completed online from 2021 onwards. Online registration is now open on Foireann.ie.

Please register as soon as possible before juvenile training starts on April 26th. Guidance and links are available on the Kilcummin LGFA Facebook page.

>DARKNESS INTO LIGHT 2021

Darkness Into Light 2021 will take place at sunrise on the morning of 8th May. Everyone is encouraged to join Pieta House and Electric Ireland for Nathan’s Walk and to don their yellow t-shirts and take part in the event at a time and in a location that suits them. We are so looking forward to sharing this very special sunrise with you. This year you can choose to sign up for a special sunrise event - walk, swim, bike or simply share your sunrise moment - or you can take part in the Darkness Into Light Challenge – when you select this option, we’re waiving the sign-up fee for anyone who pledges to fundraise €150. Get creative with your activity, and remember that no matter how you choose to take part this year, you’ll be giving the gift of hope to those in your community in suicidal crisis, or self-harming. Visit www.darknessintolight.ie to register.

>RECOVERY HAVEN KERRY FUNDRAISER

How would you like to get active this May while raising funds for cancer support charity, Recovery Haven Kerry? The charity has joined forces with Just Giving for their exciting #5KMay fundraising event, which aims to get as many of their supporters as possible to sign up for a 5K challenge during the month of May, by running, walking, rolling, swimming or cycling 5K. The challenge can be done in one go or over the course of a few days during May and those taking part are then asked to donate just €5 and nominate 5 of their friends or family members to do the same. As well as individual participants, businesses, schools, sports clubs and running and walking groups are also welcome to take part as a team - and you have plenty of time to get training, as you don’t have to do anything until May! Like all charities, Covid19 has placed enormous pressure on Recovery Haven Kerry’s fundraising income, so the charity is asking as many people as possible to consider being part of this new venture for 2021 and help them to continue supporting cancer patients and their families across Kerry. Anyone interested in taking part can find full details on how to sign up and donate via the following link <https://runforheroes.justgiving.com/get-involved-ie?charityId669140> or on all Recovery Haven’s social media channels.

Written by: John Moriarty Email: info@kilcumminparish.com

Setting the seed...William O’Sullivan, with help from ‘Bud’ and ‘Ned’ - Clydesdale horses, setting the seed for Bird Cover in Killarney National Park. This is a joint Muckross Traditional Farms and National Parks and Wildlife Services Project. The purpose of growing wild bird cover crops is to provide seed for birds during the winter when demand is highest.

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MILLTOWN/CASTLEMAINE NEWS

CLUB LOTTO

Our next Milltown-Castlemaine GAA Lotto (Kindly sponsored by Alma's Takeaway) will take place on Sat the 1st of May.

Join us on our Facebook page for the live draw. Tickets are available online with ClubForce and at all usual outlets with the Jackpot Prize of €12,600.

Go to ClubForce to play by clicking on the following Link <https://bit.ly/39GTqt1>

COISTE NA NÓG

We are delighted that the time has come and our juvenile teams are ready to take to the field again. This Monday evening will see the return of juvenile training as our U17 team will be the first to take to the field on Monday the 26th of April. We will be delighted to hear & see the sights & sounds of football training return.

The other juvenile teams will all return over the course of the next ten days and Wednesday week we will also welcome our new GAA for All team to the field at Paddy Burke Memorial Park. We have a wonderful group of coaches across all of our teams and we are very grateful to all our volunteers for offering their time. We of course will always welcome extra help and are still looking for a few more to ensure we have plenty of cover for each age group.

Whether it is as a coach, a Covid supervisor or any other roles you wish to volunteer for we would be delighted to hear from you.

To offer to become part of a coaching team please contact Liam Doherty 086 041 3593 or Ian Twiss 087 252 1053

To offer to become a COVID supervisor please contact Claire O'Sullivan 087 123 7101

CONGRATULATIONS

Many congratulations to our senior player Paul Carroll and his wife Cora who welcomed a little boy and baby brother to Lucia and Esmé this week into the family. Welcome Cody James Carroll. A big congrats also to delighted grandparents Mike & Anne Carroll and grandmother Elizabeth Ryle O'Connor on the new arrival, we are delighted for your all.

Wishing ye all many years of happiness and a warm welcome to baby Cody James from all at Milltown/Castlemaine GAA Club

ON-LINE CLUB SHOP

Back by popular demand: Milltown/Castlemaine Starter Packs 'Season Starter Packs' containing a Hat, Gloves, Shorts, Socks & gum shield for €42 or €50 if you require a 'spot-on' football Please log into the club shop (<https://milltowncastlestore.sumup.link/>) to see what items are currently in stock.

- On-Line Lotto: Milltown-Castlemaine: On-Line Lotto Site
- On-Line Club Shop: Milltown-Castlemaine: On-Line Club Shop
- GAA National Club Draw: Milltown-Castlemaine: National Club Draw

KEEL GAA CLUB

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Please ensure your membership is paid for the coming year. To register, please visit <https://www.foireann.ie/>. This new system has been introduced by the GAA this year. Advice will be shared on our social media which will assist you in completing your membership. If you cannot access social media, contact pro.keel.kerry@gaa.ie and we will share the relevant information with you.

KEEL GAA BINGO

We would like to thank everyone who joined us from near and far on our Keel GAA Zoom Bingo on Friday last. We hope you all had a great evening. We really appreciate your support for Keel GAA. The jackpot was not won so we will play again on Friday the 7th of May at 8pm via Zoom. Jackpot is at €700. Bingo books will be on sale in Bensons, Helenas Local XL, Cronin's Castlemaine, and Kelly's Londis Milltown. Bingo books can be organized for those who are not in the area and would like to join us. Please contact pro.keel.kerry@gaa.ie before 6pm on Thursday the 6th. The registration link for the Zoom call will be available on our social media. If you do not have social media, contact pro.keel.kerry@gaa.ie

THANK YOU

We would like to thank our local businesses who have sold Bingo books, sponsored prize money, vouchers, and spot prizes for our Keel GAA Zoom Bingo so far. Thank you to the local shops, Kieran Foley, Carpentry 1st 2nd fix, Kieran Sheehan Keel Engineering, Jonathan McCarthy Plastering, Brendan Murphy Building and Carpentry, W&J Roofing and Construction LTD, John Anthony Hilliard Fitted Kitchens, Mark Kennedy Boiler Services and Plumbing, Helenas Local XL, Mid Kerry Fuels Castlemaine and Ivan Ashe Killarney Brewing Company. We really appreciate your support because without your support, it would not be possible to run our Keel GAA Zoom Bingo. If any business or person would like to sponsor prize money, vouchers or spot prizes please contact the Keel GAA Facebook page or pro.keel.kerry@gaa.ie or any of our club officers.

UNDERAGE TRAINING

We are looking forward to welcoming our U7s to U17s and coaches back out on the field this week. We hope they are looking forward to practicing their skills, meeting their friends and having fun. Thank you to everyone who has been working behind the scenes to get everything ready for the week ahead. Please note that your child can not attend training if your MEMBERSHIP is not paid and the RETURN TO PLAY is not completed.

UNDER 17

Training will take place in Keel on Wednesday from 7.45-9pm and Sunday from 9-10am. Please ensure your membership is paid and return to play to completed.

UNDER 15

Training will take place in Keel on Wednesday from 6-7:30pm and Saturday from 5-7pm. Please ensure your membership is paid and return to play to completed.

UNDER 13

Training will take place in Keel on Tuesday and Thursday from 7.45-9pm. Please ensure your membership is paid and return to play to completed.

UNDER 11

Training will take place in Keel on Tuesday and Friday from 6-7:30pm. Please ensure your membership is paid and return to play to completed.

UNDER 9

Training will take place in Keel on Thursday from 6-7:30pm and Sunday from 10:15-11:15am. Please ensure your membership is paid and return to play to completed.

UNDER 7

Training will take place in Keel on Sunday from 10:15-11:15am. Please ensure your membership is paid and return to play to completed.

DR. CROKES GAA CLUB

ACADEMY

Dr Crokes Academy start back next Saturday 1st May at our club grounds on Lewis Road and every Saturday thereafter. Boy and Girls Aged 4 to 11. Hurling 10 to 10.45. Football 10.45 to 12. All Covid 19 regulations are in place please consult <https://returntoplay.gaa.ie> for guidance. We are looking forward to seeing everyone again. All boys and girls from Killarney Parish are welcome If you know anyone who might like to join the fun please bring them along.

Enquiries please contact: John 087 2348824 or Gene 086 1720789

Grow it forward initiative with Dr Crokes' Healthy Club

Calling boys & girls from our Saturday Academy to grow your own food from seed and you can do it on your window sill. No fancy equipment needed. Get going....get growing.

MEMBERSHIP ONLINE MEMBERSHIP IS NOW DUE

. All memberships are now due, all players & coaches will have to have paid before return to play from today as only registered members can enter the playing pitches all registration is online only, using clubforce with this link

https://member.clubforce.com/memberships_cart_m.asp?LL_ID=734&intMF_ID=7826#Anchor Also we are asking all members to download the clubforce app for team notifications using the following links if you already have the App log in again <https://apps.apple.com/ie/app/mcf/id1270809419> <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.girt.ebadism.mcf>

LOTTO

draw took place on Monday April 26th numbers drawn 5 17, 19, 25 JACKPOT €5,000 was not won. 5 patrons matched 3 numbers and



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receive €80 Paul Clarke, Marian O`Callaghan, Catherine Cusack c/o Mike O`Leary, David Leen c/o Chris, Michael Casey c/o Chris Jackpot for draw on May 3rd will be €5,000

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

https://play.clubforce.com/play_new.asp#Anchor When you click on the link it brings you to the Clubforce Main page. From here click Club name Dr. Crokes GAA. This brings you to another page that you again put in Dr. Crokes, which in turn brings you to the Dr.Crokeshome page. From here click lotto and the rest follows on. Alternatively download the Clubforce app, .Level the Playing Field We're calling on you to help your local LGFA club.

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HEALTH AND WELL BEING?

for the men.....How important is your Health ? Men Webinar Series: Why Men's Health? You are invited to the first in a series of webinars focused on Engaging Men. The Why Men's Health? webinar takes place on the 29th April from 12.00 – 13.00 and registration is here. HSE Health and Wellbeing, together with the Men's Health Forum in Ireland, the Men's Development Network and the Men's Health Research Centre in IT Carlow will host this series of webinars which will bring you expert insights about the work and learning from the delivery to date of the HSE National Men's Health Action Plan 'Healthy Ireland Men'. Register today Club.....Dr Crokes Job title....Player/Officer/Supporter/member Calling All Post-primary students now back in schools/colleges.

Making your mind up time , but not sure what you want to study in the future.

FORÓIGE CAREERS SEMINARS

Career Coaching Clinics will allow young people to ask mentors questions about professions they may be considering for the future. Many young people have missed out on work experience and will be considering different subjects that will guide their career choices. The aim of the Clinic is to demonstrate that career paths can vary and to allow young people an opportunity to hear different professional experiences from the same field. Real stories in an interactive platform that will inform, encourage and inspire. See attached poster for more information. You can register through Eventbrite @ <https://foroigecareers.eventbrite.com>

COVID UPDATES

Return to Training As you are aware non-contact training for underage teams in pods of 15 will be permitted from April 26th next in the 26 Counties. Our clubs in the North have returned in pods of 15 this week. "Underage teams" means any registered team at U-18 level

or below. The key control measures remain completion of the online education module (which you can access here) and completion of the Health Questionnaire before each session (link to Health Questionnaire is here)

It is also important to remember that all indoor facilities must remain closed at this time, both North and South of the border.

Attendance at Training In general, only players and coaches of the relevant team should attend any training session. One Parent or Guardian per child (or per family if more than one child is attending from a particular family) is permitted to attend in a safeguarding /supervisory capacity involving any team in the U-18 or below age group, should they consider it necessary. However strict social distancing and public health guidelines should be adhered to at all times. In particular, it is important that parents do not congregate in groups before or after sessions, outside of what is permitted in current Government regulations.

Any person wishing to attend our underage training or games including coaches, parents, players and spectators shall be subject to the provisions of the Code of Behaviour (Underage).

2020 Injury Fund Extension to 31 May 2021 Given that no activity has been possible for January to March 2021 a further two-month extension of Injury Fund cover has been ratified by Coiste Bainistióchta. This will now take the 2020 cover term up until 31 May 2021.

This means that the GAA Injury Benefit Fund cover remains in place based on existing 2020 team registrations. Units do not need to register or pay for their 2021 teams until re-invited to do so. Details with regards to registering and payment for the 2021 GAA Injury Benefit Fund will issue once we have more clarity from Government as to what the coming months may look like.

It is a condition of the extended 2020 Injury Fund cover to 31 May 2021 that in advance of any permitted return to train or play in either April or May, "All players will still be required to be individually registered for the 2021 season on the new "Foireann" membership system." 2020 player registrations will "NOT" carry over into 2021 and cover will be declined if a player is not fully registered for the 2021 season in advance of any return to train or play in 2021. Pause on "Loss of Wages cover" from 1 January 2021. Following discussion at a meeting of Central Council on Saturday 20th March last, it was agreed to review the following two options as alternatives to the current pause that has been applied to the loss of wages cover that forms part Marian O` of the wider Player Injury Benefit Fund.

1. Offer all our playing members who may feel that loss of wages cover is a prerequisite for participation in GAA activities for 2021 to individually subscribe to a stand-alone GAA endorsed personal injury cover plan for 2021.
2. Review the 2021 Injury fund premium payable by each of the 1,500 units and potentially increase this premium by 25% to partly cover €1.3m of the forecasted €3m fund deficit to May 2022 if loss of wages cover is to be reinstated during this term. The funds ongoing deficit is primarily due to the absence of gate

receipts during this term which ordinarily subverts the shortfall in the fund annually.

General. In a general context, while there are undoubtedly some challenges ahead for the Association, there is also plenty of hope that with the availability of vaccines and the roll out of the inoculation programmes North and South of the border, a summer filled with Gaelic Games activity lies ahead.

In the meantime, we await the upcoming government announcements and will continue to communicate regularly with all units. We also request that you keep yourself updated with all communications given the fluid situation that we now find ourselves operating in. Finally, we want to remind you all of the importance of personal responsibility for our actions in relation to Covid-19 as we work together to ensure the safety of everyone in our community.

SYMPATHY

to the family of Gerard Murphy Lr. Sunny Hill, his brothers John Joe & Cyril donned the Black and Amber. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dilis.

FOSSA GAA CLUB NEWS

COVID-19

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Any person wishing to attend our underage training or games including coaches, parents, players and spectators shall be subject to the provisions of the Code of Behaviour (Underage). We will continue to keep you updated as we receive further information but we would ask you to ensure that the Return to Play Document and this cover note is circulated to all Club Team Mentors and your Club Executive at your earliest convenience.

MEMBERSHIP

Fossa GAA Club member registration is now open for 2021 season.To pay online login to FossaGAA@clubforce.com. Juvenile Member €20 - U6 to Minor up to 18th birthday in 2021 Student Members€20 - Adults in full-time Third Level Education. Full Members including Adult Players €40. Family Membership€70 - Includes 1-2 Parent/Guardians and all Juvenile

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members. Under 18s return to training on April 26th, games to resume shortly.

We ask that you register as soon as possible so as to reduce the significant burden of managing this process on club registrar and committee. Here's looking forward to a safe and successful 2021 for us all...! Thank you, Gene Moriarty Registrar.

FOSSA COMMUNITY GAMES

Some Community Games events will be virtual this year. The Virtual Event will be live for entries until the 5th May. There are 7 events in total that a child can take part in.

These are:

- Art
- Handwriting
- Model-making
- Recitation
- Dance
- Music
- Singing

Try it out - all Fossa children are welcome to enter. Check out the Fossa Community Games Facebook page for details or email fossa@communitygames.eu

LOTTO

Date 25/04/2021 Numbers Drawn

3,2,10,13 €40 WINNERS

AMY MORIARTY, FOSSA CROSS;

LIZ FOLEY, BARLEYMOUNT WEST;

JOHN FLEMING, CURROW;

CAITLIN FALVEY, 2 MILE SCHOOL;

NOEL KELLIHER, GRENAGH FOSSA.

Next weeks lotto €11,250 tickets on sale from Foleys Spar Fossa, the Golden Nugget and usual sellers. Thanks for the support.

CONDOLENCES

The club would like to pass on our condolences to the family of Patricia Archdeacon Woodford Manor and formerly of Knockasarnett. Patricia is fondly remembered as been part of our 1975 Tops of the clubs winning team may she rest in peace.

SPA GAA CLUB NEWS

JUVENILE TRAINING HAS RESUMED

Great news for our juveniles this week as they are allowed return to training. Our ABC, U6 & U8 Academy starts this Saturday May 1st at 10am and new members are always welcome! Contact spacoistenanog@yahoo.com with any queries or for other training times.

RE-OPENING PLAN CONTINUES

A government announcement on the next stage of the re-opening plan is due later this week, but from this Monday April 26th there was another big step towards re-opening, including.... *Outdoors sports training for juveniles (under 18) can resume

*Golf courses, outdoor tennis courts etc can reopen *Outdoor visitor attractions such as zoos & wildlife parks can open

*Up to 25 mourners can attend a funeral

*Two people who have been fully vaccinated can meet indoors or outdoors

It is important to note that the GAA still does not have permission to return to club training (over 18s) or games with only training in pods of 14 allowed in the North.

IMPORTANT CALL FOR REGISTRATION

With club activity starting to resume from next week April 26th, we are reminding everyone that 2021 registration must be completed in advance through www.spagaa.com. Registration for the year ahead is required for all members and this year, due to the ongoing restrictions, we are asking everyone to sign up online through the link to clubforce on the website. Any adult members who want to be included in the club text messaging system going forward, please contact the PRO on 0851216359 or pro.spa.kerry@gaa.ie.

ALLIANZ NATIONAL LEAGUE FOOTBALL & HURLING FIXTURES

The Allianz National Football & Hurling League Fixtures were announced last week and are as follows. Football -

May 15th: Kerry v Galway (3pm, Austin Stack Park) May 23rd: Kerry v Dublin (1.45pm, Semple Stadium) May 30th: Kerry v Roscommon (3.45pm, Dr Hyde Park)

Hurling: May 9th: Kerry v Down (1pm, Austin Stack Park) May 16th: Kerry v Offaly (2pm, Tullamore)

May 23rd: Kerry v Meath (1pm, Austin Stack Park) June 5th: Kerry v Wicklow (4pm, Austin Stack Park)

June 13th: Kerry v Carlow (1pm, Cullen Park)

JOE MCDONAGH CUP

HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP DRAW

Kerry will play Meath and Down in the 2021 Joe McDonagh Hurling Championship. The fixtures are: June 26th/27th: Kerry v Down July 10th/11th: Meath v Kerry

NATHAN'S WALK DARKNESS INTO LIGHT 2021

This year the annual Darkness Into Light event will take place on Saturday May 8th. Everyone is encouraged to join Pieta House and Electric Ireland for Nathan's Walk 2021 and give the gift of hope to those impacted by suicide and self-harm. Join in any way you can - walk, swim, bike - and simply share your sunrise moment in your own unique way on 8th May in your own area in your own bubbles. Visit www.darknessintolight.ie for details and to register.

SPA LOTTO RESULTS 19/04/21

Numbers drawn: 9, 16, 24, 26. No winner and Lucky Dips receive €50 each to Mari Kelleher, Peggy O'Donoghue, Claire O'Leary and Eamonn Lavin. Our weekly Monday night Lotto draws continue and this week's JACKPOT is €7,000. Tickets are on sale online on spagaa.com or from Dalys Supervalu, Killarney Hardware, Centra Muckross Rd, Spa clubhouse or from usual sellers. Thank you to everyone for your continued support for our club lotto, which we need now more than ever as it is our only source of income.

PETER CROWLEY RETIRES

Congratulations to Laune Rangers player Peter Crowley who has announced his retirement from inter-county football. He was always a great defender for the green and gold.

CE SCHEME VACANCY FOR A GROUNDS PERSON IN SPA

CE Scheme Vacancy for a Grounds Person in Spa GAA Club - Details available on jobsireland.ie or the local Intreo Office. The job is 19.5 hours per week and applications can be submitted on the jobsireland.ie website or email Siobhan at kaslltd.project@yahoo.com. The job involves clubhouse maintenance, pitch lining, hedge trimming, grass cutting, painting, car park duties and general caretaking. (Job application closes on May 18th)

HOPE FOR DRAFT CLUB FIXTURES CALENDAR

The Co Board are hoping to issue a draft fixtures calendar in the coming days. Details to follow.

ITEMS FOR NOTES

Any items for the club notes please contact pro.spa.kerry@gaa.ie or 0851216359 before 8pm on Sundays.

EAST KERRY GAA NEWS

By Michael O' Mahony

CONDOLENCES

to following families on recent's death Roger O'Rahilly Ballymacelligott

Ar dheis De go raibh a hanam dilis.

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LEGION GAA NOTES

MEMBERSHIP

Registration for membership is available online. Please register in advance of the Return to Play (juveniles) from next week.

Return to Play Guidelines for Juvenile players*
In order to comply with GAA/LGFA Return To Play protocols, parents / guardians must complete the following on behalf of juvenile players PRIOR to returning to play from Apr 26th

A - All children registered within a 'family' on the GAA/LGFA system ("Foireann")

B - Membership registered and paid for 2021

C - Health questionnaire completed and submitted prior to session

Note: Parents/Guardians are required to complete a short online Covid Education course *if they haven't already done so in the last 12 months*

Many of you will have completed this in 2020 and received a certificate for same.

A - Register on Foireann

1. Go to www.foireann.ie

If you used the 'Return to Play' system last year for completing online health questionnaire you will already have a username and password for the system. Choose links for 'forgot password' or 'forgot username' if needed, otherwise register as a new user.

2. Complete your profile details and select Killarney Legion as your club. Select the association (GAA/LGFA).

3. Choose 'Family' from the menu and select 'Add New Family'. Add children and invite other parent/guardians as necessary.

Note: Please add children using this method even if they were previously added last year to the 'Return to Play' system. Adding them to the 'Family' will link the profiles correctly.

B - Membership

Once you have completed your profile (and family if relevant), you can now pay online for your membership within Foireann. Alternatively go to <https://legiongaa.com/membership/> for all registration options - Note: There is no in-person registration day this year

1. Choose 'Membership' from the menu and select 'Register' for your chosen option.

2. Add the member(s) and association(s) (GAA/LGFA)

Confirm all details are correct, Read and agree to the club Code of Conduct

3. Complete online payment with card (using secure payment provider Stripe)

You should then receive 2 emails confirming your payment and membership registration

C - Health Questionnaire

1. Log in at www.foireann.ie

Go to Health Questionnaire section on your 'Dashboard' on the homepage

2. Choose 'Add New' to enter a health questionnaire on behalf of your child

3. Complete questionnaire and submit

See these instructions online:

<https://bit.ly/LegionRTP21>

ONE GOOD CLUB

A huge thank you to Tara, from Tara's Baked Bouquets, for hosting a Bake Along during the

week as part of the #KeepLearning stage of the #OneGoodClub initiative! What a fantastic turnout! Make sure to send us your creations once you have decorated your beautiful cupcakes.

Killarney Legion are on the last stage of the #OneGoodClub initiative which is the #Give stage. The idea of this stage is to do something nice for a friend or for a stranger. Thank someone, give them a smile. Be kind! Legion will be carrying out activities for two weeks that revolve around giving, for example, fundraisers for JIGSAW Kerry, baking for a friend and giving a compliment! If you would like to donate to our JIGSAW fundraiser please see the link here: <https://www.idonate.ie/KillarneyLegionJIGSAW>

CONGRATS

Killarney Legion would like to congratulate former Senior Ladies player Sarah Murphy & her husband John Madigan on the birth of their baby boy Tomás Patrick Madigan. Sarah's father Denny is a long serving member of the club and currently on the executive. Congrats Denny & Breda on your first grandson.

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

Killarney Legion would like to extend its deepest sympathies to Jennifer, Alison, Laura, Conor and the Hickey family on the death of Johnny. Alison and Laura are juvenile members of our club and Johnny would have been a great supporter up at Direen. We are deeply shocked at this news. Rest in Peace.

LEGION LOTTO RESULTS

Numbers 04,14,19,24 bonus 17
Match 3's:

John O Connell Boherbue

Tom Meehan Innisfallen, Rockery Rd.

Ciara Hegarty C/O Sean Hegarty

Mary O Sullivan 26 Holy Cross

Conor Slattery Belfry Heights, Bandon

Next draw bank holiday Monday May 3rd.

MILLTOWN/CASTLEMAINE

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2021 OPEN

Milltown-Castlemaine GAA Club Membership is now open for the upcoming 2021 season for anyone wishing to join or renew your subscription. As a growing club, in the heart of the community, we actively welcome new players, families and volunteers, so please share this email with anyone you feel may be interested in joining our club.

Note: All players and coaches, at every level, must be registered, to ensure that they are covered to train, play, and represent the club.

MEMBERSHIP RATES REDUCTION FOR 2021

The club membership rates have been reduced for 2021 due to the condensed length of the upcoming playing season and to acknowledge the negative effect of Covid-19 on our community.

ON-LINE MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

Membership renewals and new registrations can now be done on-line; you can register at your own convenience at home, at work, via a computer or mobile device (browser/app).

The registration link is: <https://bit.ly/3x4Fvaa>.

When registering, please ensure that the details are correct, especially the phone numbers, email addresses & date of birth (players) as these are the key member details.

Please also ensure that where possible both parents / guardians are registered as you must be a registered user to log-into the ClubForce APP.

Download the ClubForce App – It will replace WhatsApp in the coming weeks.

We would encourage all members (18 or over) to install the ClubForce app. As, in the coming weeks, we will be moving to the app for many purposes including to communicate from mentors to parents at all juvenile age groups. With this change the ClubForce App will replace WhatsApp as the club's primary method of communicating with Parents & Guardians & WhatsApp communications will be phased out. Consequently, it is important that when registering as a family both Parents / Guardians should be added to the membership application to allow both Parents / Guardians receive the updates. The following video highlights how the communication module within the ClubForce App will operate - <https://vimeo.com/410152063/06eff86aa6>

If you have any questions on the ClubForce App then please contact us at mcgaclubregs@gmail.com

PLEASE PURCHASE LOTTO WITH MEMBERSHIP

The club lotto continues to be our main fundraiser and we will be using the funds raised to assist in the general running costs of the club together with funding our ongoing facility developments and maintenance. We would encourage any members, who are not currently playing our on-line club lottery, to purchase a yearly lotto subscription in addition to your membership, as you will help raise much needed funds for the club together with being in with a chance to win a fantastic lotto jackpot. It could be you!

I have a 'Friends of Milltown-Castlemaine Package' – Do I need to Pay membership in 2021?

To be a member of the club, you must pay a membership subscription; so, the better question to ask is whether the package covers your membership in 2021.

What seasons the 'Friends of Milltown-Castlemaine' Package covers is dependent on when you took out and started paying into the package.

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Please note that the direct debit payment will automatically stop once the two years have elapsed. You do not need to stop the direct debit. If you are unsure of when you started paying the direct debit then please contact us (mcgaclubregs@gmail.com) and we can confirm your start date. The vast majority of packages commenced in 2019.



If you have less than 16 draws left on your yearly lotto ticket, then your package started in 2019. Please check the lotto results email from Saturday, April 17th to see how many draws you have left on your ticket.

If your membership for 2021 is covered by the package, then please contact us at mcgaclubregs@gmail.com to be registered on ClubForce.

Questions?

If you have any unanswered questions or queries on the membership process or ClubForce then contact us at mcgaclubregs@gmail.com

BALLYHAR-FIRIES GAA

2021 MEMBERSHIP

Our club membership is now open for all players and members.

A new system of registration is being introduced this year through the return to play app (www.foireann.ie) that was used last year to declare players were healthy to attend training. All registrations should be completed under this system and payment for all standard membership is paid online. Go to www.foireann.ie or Follow the links on our social media accounts. Alternatively, you can make contact with Club Secretary Kevin Cronin, Peter Costello, Paudie O'Sullivan Hurling or Fiona Walsh or any club officer/ Mentor or Member and they will be able to give you further details. All players must be registered before playing or training. Membership is now live.

Family Membership - €100

Adult Member - €55 Adult Player - €65

Juvenile - €30 Student (over 18) - €40

Remember no membership no play. It should be noted for familys registering for membership on the foireann system, they should setup a

family first, create an account for your spouse/partner and add any kids to the family section. Once you do that and go to buy adult and kids membership, their names are populated in the drop down menu.

COISTE NA NOG

Firies GAA would like to welcome back all young players and coaches and we wish them the very best of luck for the year ahead and most important enjoy yourselves.

Academy Football Training returns to the pitch in Farranfore after the Covid Restrictions with Boys U7 & U9 and Girls U6, U8 & U10 on Saturday from 10.30 to 11.30. U5 boys will start on May the 8th. Hurling Academy returns on Sunday for Under 5, U7 & U9 from 11am to 12pm. All new players welcome. All players are reminded to bring their own water bottles. Parents are encouraged to drop and go. Remember No membership/No Health Questionnaire - No play.

LOTTO

Lotto results from Monday 26th April

Numbers drawn were 7, 16, 22, 25

No jackpot winner

5x€30 - Kieran Breen, c/I Bridie

Done Casey, Roxboro - Magellan Breen, c/o Bridie

Stella O Shea, Keelties

Fiona Walshe, Farranfore

Next draw takes place on Monday 3rd

Thanks to everyone who purchased a ticket and don't forget to get one for next week!!

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

through Covid-19 we would request that members consider participating in the Club Lotto which is the key fundraising platform for the club.

SUPPORTING LOCAL

Calling all the fine people of Firies, Farranfore and Ballyhar; Firies Football, Hurling and Ladies Football Club require your assistance. Times are very challenging in the current environment for both our local businesses and our club. The generous people at the construction company Gagamuller Group @iamgagamuller are affording the club an opportunity to secure €5,000 of sponsored club gear, but your help is needed to support all those local businesses within the parish. Follow the instructions below, keep tagging and keep supporting. The competition began on Monday, 19th April and ends 5pm on 21st May 2021.

FIRIES GAA WEBSITE

The Club is in the process of getting the website updated and this is a call out to all club members who may have any old photos, match reports, Club History pieces or any other information relevant to the club. If you would like to see this information on the club website, could you please email it to pro.firies.kerry@gaa.ie.

KILLARNEY CAMOGIE CLUB

Triumphant return to activity for Killarney Camogie last Monday with 60 girls rearing to go. New members for all age groups U8s, u10s, U12s, U14s and U16s. Great to see so many girls enjoying the sport. Training continues on Saturday from 11.30-12.30 for U8s and U10s, 11.30-1pm for U12s, U14s and U16s in Spa. Don't forget to join us on Monday from 6.30-7.30pm in Spa



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The late Joanne Downey with friends at the Legion GAA Club Field Day.

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KILLARNEY VALLEY ATHLETIC

It was great to see everyone back at training this week. Due to Covid restrictions, only Juvenile Training can return in pods of 15 and because of this, registration is now closed temporarily. We plan to have training Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. Training is by year of birth – please attend correct

session for your age. Please also be aware that you must register for every training session via link below on the AAI website. <https://membership.athleticsireland.ie/reservation.html> Remember to bring water and plenty of energy! Our new website <https://killarneyvalleyac.ie>

is now up and running for all club information including times of training and also to purchase any of our quality KVAC club gear. Email killarneyvalleyac@gmail.com for any queries. Please keep an eye on your emails and also check our facebook/instagram page for any updated information on training.

FOCUS ON GOLFING**KERRY PITCH & PUTT**

Like all other outdoor sports permitted for a 'return to play' this week, Kerry Pitch & Putt is delighted to have seen our affiliated clubs being able to open for play for the first for play this Monday. While some might have liked to have been a bit sooner, we are sure the Grounds Committees of the clubs will have appreciated the last few weeks when traditional aeration work on the greens would have been taking place to have the space and lack of interruptions needed to get it done and have their courses in tip top shape.

It's been great to see the clubs post pictures of their courses on their social media channels in recent weeks and the great work that has been done by Grounds Committees in relation to same. We ask everyone to be mindful of Pitch & Putt Ireland's Return to Play protocols especially in relation to the two household rule for play. This initial phase is for members only and we ask anyone interested in joining our clubs in Tralee, Killarney (Deerpark and Gleneagle), Listowel, Castleisland and Newmarket to contact them individually about their membership requirements.

We expect some form of a virtual AGM to take

place in May as we await confirmation from national in regards requirements for same. We also hope that some clarity about when competitive play might be able to begin might be forthcoming by the end of the week when the government make their next announcement about the Public Health situation.

Finally we would like to offer our sympathies to the family of the Gleneagle's Charlie Hickey on the tragic death of his son Johnny in Killarney last weekend. We also offer our sympathies to James and Donal O'Connor in Castleisland on the passing of their brother Jack back in January.

DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB**RE-OPENING**

The sun certainly shone on us last Monday as we opened our gates to play for the first time in 2021. Massive credit must go to our Grounds Committee and our CE workers on the condition of the course as their efforts over the last few months have paid off.

CLUBHOUSE

As we announced last week we are only open to members for the current time period. If you wish to enquire about playing times or joining, please

contact 087 7823138 for further info.

MEMBERSHIP RATES

Our rates are the same as last year: €135 for a single adult, €240 for a family of two adults and three children under 18 and €80 for Juveniles/OAP's. Membership lasts until March 1st of 2022.

JOHN LENIHAN

Over the last few months Fitzgerald Stadium CE Supervisor John Lenihan retired from the role which included the scheme for our course. A presentation was recently made to John in recognition of his efforts by the club and we wish him a happy retirement.

SEAN O'DONOGHUE RIP

The club was saddened to learn of the death of one of our oldest ever members in Sean O'Donoghue last Monday at the grand old age of 96. Sean was a great presence on the course during the mornings of his playing days and the club was honoured to host a party commemorating his 90th birthday back in 2015. Our deepest sympathies go out to Sean's family at this time.

JOHNNY HICKEY RIP

The club also offers its deepest sympathies to the family of the Gleneagle club's Charlie Hickey on the sad and tragic death of his son Johnny last weekend.



Robbie & Betty O'Brien pictured playing at Deerpark Pitch & Putt Club on Monday morning as the course opened for play for the first time in 2021.



Sean O'Brien and Niall O'Loughlin pictured at Deerpark Pitch & Putt Club on Monday morning as the course opened for play for the first time in 2021.

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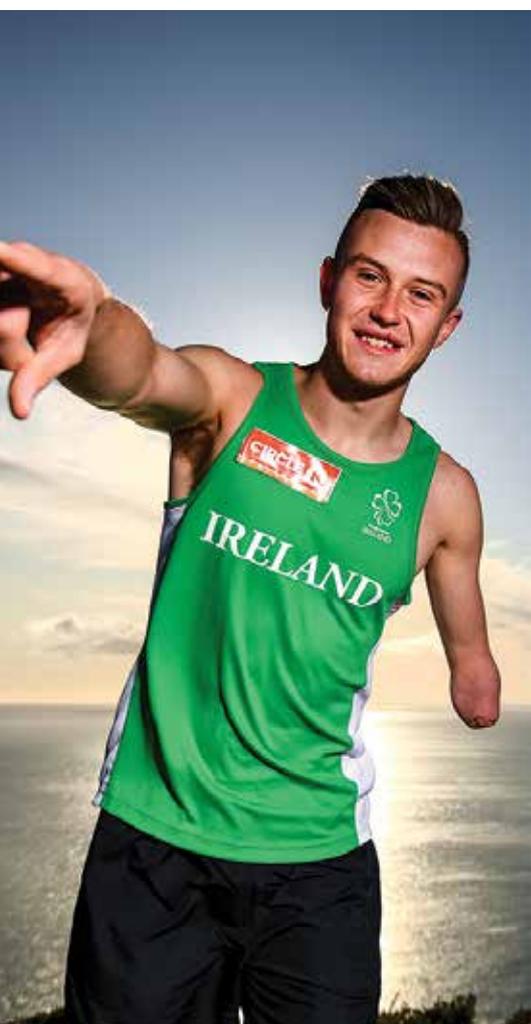
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JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY

takes a look at all things sport...



Jordan Lee has received €20,000 in funding from Sport Ireland.

This has been the best week we've had in a sports context for a long while. Gates are finally open again. Golf, tennis, pitch and putt... they make a big difference. Group training has resumed in a small fashion, and even if it's only for the juveniles and inter-county at the moment, isn't that surely the main priority and a massive first step? A couple of them are a little bit shy about it – look, childrens' natural sociability and inquisitiveness has been unfortunately curbed during covid. To be small and not able to visit your relatives or meet up with your friends...that's tough going, even though it was of course very necessary – and I do have to stress that precautions are still absolutely vital. All the clubs have guidelines in place – please, please, please follow them carefully.

All the same, this has been the best week in a long time. I like watching games on television, but I love attending games in person (not necessarily at all the glamour games; I actually enjoy the joie de vivre and raw excited passion of juvenile and school games even more than

the big days in Croke Park) and while we aren't there yet, we are an awful lot closer. Like I said, a good week, and getting even better.

SPORT IRELAND ANNOUNCES €40 MILLION SUPPORT IN 2021

Look, I know that this isn't the interesting stuff for most people. It's facts and figures, not names and events. But the truth is that sport at all levels costs money, and the announcement that Sport Ireland have stepped up with an allocation of €40 million for 2021 is easily the most important thing that has happened recently in Irish sport. The money will be divided between National Governing Bodies, High Performance Athlete Support, and Local Sports Partnerships, all of whom play a crucial role. The funding of €13.8 million for NGBs is continued from 2020, with a portion ringfenced for important NGB events and projects, and will be supplemented by the Covid 19 Grant Scheme. A total of €2,389,653 has been allocated to the GAA and €2,250,843 to the IRFU. Funding provided by Sport Ireland supports vital coaching, games development and technical development programmes in both the GAA and IRFU.

The FAI is somewhat of a special case after the mismanagement – frankly, misfeasance – of recent years. As per the Memorandum of Understanding agreed between the government and the FAI, €5.8 million in funding will be made available to the FAI for football development programmes, pending approval by the board of Sport Ireland.

High Performance Athlete Funding will also be maintained at €8.5 million from 2020, with Killarney Olympic hopeful Jordan Lee securing €20,000 in funding. That's higher than most years (frankly, I'd prefer it to be higher, I think the cut-off point for funding is far too strict in Ireland, especially if a talented athlete has an injury setback) because, of course, 2020 was intended to be an Olympic year and that carries over. High Performance Sport is bolstered by funding of €2.68 million (an increase from €2.4 million last year) through the international carding scheme, which provides financial support to 130 athletes and six Tokyo targeted relays/squads across 16 sports. Sport Ireland have said that they will provide further support to help with costs to High Performance Programmes in respect of the Olympic and Paralympic Games. That simply can't be decided yet because Olympic qualification isn't completed.

€9.5 million has been approved for the network of 29 local sports partnerships, representing an increase of 15% on 2020 funding.

Welcoming the announcement, the Minister

for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, Catherine Martin (look, that's not a portfolio, that's an entire filing cabinet!), said "The past year has shown us yet again the important role that sport and physical activity plays in our lives and the vital contribution it makes to our physical and mental wellbeing. I am delighted to announce today's funding to the sport sector to further assist the work of national governing bodies and local sports partnerships to encourage people to be more active and to support their ongoing development. In Budget 2021, the government made a commitment to support the sector and we are engaging closely with the sector to ensure their needs are met and that sport will emerge from the Covid-19 crisis in a strong position."

GAA

The dates, times, and venues for the resumption of action have been decided and it's only whetting my appetite further. I actually think that the GAA have made brilliant decisions throughout a very troubled time and can hold their heads up very high. This is a well-timed and well-planned schedule and I see Kerry as very strong contenders on two fronts.

Football - National League

May 15th: Kerry v Galway (3pm, Austin Stack Park)

May 23rd: Kerry v Dublin (1.45pm, Semple Stadium)

May 30th: Kerry v Roscommon (3.45pm, Dr Hyde Park)

Munster Championship
Kerry v Clare, tbc

Hurling - National League

May 9th: Kerry v Down (1pm, Austin Stack Park)

May 16th: Kerry v Offaly (2pm, Tullamore)

May 23rd: Kerry v Meath (1pm, Austin Stack Park)

June 5th: Kerry v Wicklow (4pm, Austin Stack Park)

June 13th: Kerry v Carlow (1pm, Cullen Park)

McDonagh Cup Draw

June 26th/27th: Kerry v Down

July 10th/11th: Meath v Kerry

Ladies GAA

Best of luck in retirement to two great stalwarts of the modern game. Dublin forward Noelle Healy made her teenage debut in 2007 and has since amassed ten Leinster titles, five All Irelands, one Div 1 and two Div 2 titles, four All Stars, and captained her county. Tyrone goalkeeper Shannon Lynch doesn't exactly have that kind of medal collection. In fact since 2010 she has probably had more tough than good days as gallant Tyrone ended up battling against the big



Leinster Rugby have submitted plans to government proposing to use rapid antigen testing for a test event with 2,000 spectators in the RDS next month.

kind of resources and medical competency? I'd be cautious, but nonetheless the fact that the idea has been mooted shows that things are moving in the right direction.

Rainbow Cup: Munster 27 Leinster 3

At last a little sliver of silver for a Munster outfit who have been cloudy over the past while. Conor Murray, who looked sharper than he has in a while, went over early after superb work by Damien de Allende. Hawkshaw replied with a penalty, but Leinster simply couldn't match Munster physically and were repeatedly turned over. In fact, Leinster didn't score again, while Joey Carbery was deadly with the boot and Murray went over a second time (again, good work by de Allende). In the end it was a comfortable win to end Munster's losing sequence to their arch-rivals.

Look, ye'll say I'm fierce cranky today (and I won't say ye are wrong) but I'm writing this victory down in chalk, not magic marker. The reason Munster made Leinster look like a B team is because....well, because it was Leinster's B team. Munster did look good, and there were genuine reminders of a decade ago, but this was the Rainbow Cup, while Leinster were holding horses in hand for the far more important Champions Cup games ahead. That wasn't an issue for Munster, which says a lot. There was an element in desperation in the media reporting on this one - "please be interested, because we don't have much else to offer". The Rainbow Cup is a cobbled together competition to keep the South African teams on board and we all know it. I rate it slightly lower than the GAA's McGrath Cup, which Kerry haven't bothered with in a while. Maybe it'll grow into something....arrah, no. Rugby is trying desperately to expand both the international and club games (that process started before covid with the Champions Cup and the realignment of South Africa), and I think they are moving far too fast and not laying strong enough foundations. Festina lente, the ancient Romans used to say.....make haste slowly.

SOCCER

Clinical Keane Hits Treaty Winner

We all knew that Matt Keane was one of the



stand-out players in the relatively shallow waters of the Kerry District League, but his superb form since signing for League of Ireland newcomers Treaty United from Limerick has been little short of revelatory. His blossoming season with them hit an early apex last weekend when Matt showed all his finely honed predatory instincts to react fastest to a loose ball in the box and fire home a winner over Cork City (who had Annascaul's Sean Kennedy in their panel). Just four years ago Cork City (the closest LOI club to Kerry) were double champions themselves and Dundalk were indisputably a class above any other team in Ireland, even competing respectably in European competitions. Treaty United? They didn't even exist, and Limerick FC were just one of the clubs being slowly starved of support by the enormous failures of the FAI. Now both Cork City (whose chances of escaping Division One are receding further with every weekend) and Dundalk are floundering. For those who found the Euro Super League fiasco somewhat farcical, I present to you Dundalk of the multiple managements. I don't know who is calling the shots there; I do know that their strikers aren't doing much shooting. Cork, meanwhile, need both a quality keeper and a striker, and they need them very fast. Treaty United? They need to keep pushing on and maintain their unbeaten resilience with the likes of Kilmcummin's Matt Keane.

guns on many occasions and always acquitted themselves with great credit - we gave them a torrid time ourselves last year in a great Kerry display, but Tyrone and especially Lynch walked off that pitch with great pride. Noelle may have more medals, but I have no doubt that they both would tell you that they walk off the playing pitches for the last time as equals - and that's how it should be.

Ladies National League

May 23rd: Meath v Kerry

May 30th: Kerry v Clare

June 6th: Kerry v Wexford

Camogie

Saturday, May 15th, Kerry v Galway

Saturday 22nd, Cork v Kerry

Saturday 29th, Tipperary v Kerry

Quarter-Finals Saturday 5th, / Sunday 6th June,

Semi-Finals Saturday 12th June, Final Saturday

19th June

RUGBY

Leinster Propose Rapid Testing to Allow Fans

Leinster Rugby have submitted plans to government proposing to use rapid antigen testing for a test event with 2,000 spectators in the RDS next month. It's maybe a bit premature. I can't really see the Government going for it. Once one sport opens up, it would be hard to deny any others, but how many sports have that

WOMENS' SIX NATIONS

IRELAND 25 ITALY 5

Look, overall I'd consider third place to be more than acceptable, considering our struggles over the past two years. In fact, you could make a convincing argument that it was an improvement - we look well ahead of Italy, Scotland, and Wales. I'm not going to make that argument. I thought the increase between ourselves and the teams below us was because of their regression, rather than any real improvement in our own standards, despite the great effort put in. And there unquestionably was huge effort put in, you could see it. Ireland

were good against Italy. We were always on top once Dorothy Wall went over. Unfortunately Kerry's Ciara Griffin went off early with a HIA (Ciara had a very good tournament). Sene Naoupu's yellow card (correct decision) had the potential to open things up, but Italy couldn't capitalise and Ireland always had the upper hand after that. I will say that Anee-Leigh Murphy-Crowe's first try for Ireland was special, there was a touch of Gibson or O'Driscoll in that one. But that game against France.....I'm sorry, but we were snatching at coat-tails there and not grasping them. Our biggest problem is pace, and it reminds me of one of the great idioms of sport "you can't



coach pace". Teenager Beibhinn Parsons is one of our few players to have real cutting pace, and her influence waned throughout the tournament as opponents became aware of her threat and countered. She's still a superb talent, though. England retained their title in what looked like a great game

(full disclosure, I only caught the highlights). Low scoring, with just the one try, but I got the impression that it's because they were so closely matched. I'll watch those teams again.



Savannah McCarthy, who scored a League of Ireland goal at the weekend

Savannah Strikes For Galway

You don't often get too many Kerry players hitting goals in the League of Ireland (or anywhere outside of Kerry, if we are being honest), especially since the Dennehy brothers have taken a step back, but Matt Keane wasn't the only Kerry goalscorer last weekend. Irish senior international Savannah McCarthy from Listowel, who was the single most talented underage player I ever saw in Kerry, hit the net for Galway United in their win over, ironically enough I suppose, Treaty United!

English Teams Social Media Strike

Social media can be a very useful tool. It can also be used to fuel petty egos, and some of us would say that the latter applies far more

often than the former. Nonetheless, it is a very important communication medium in the modern world, and a colossal global business. Let's face it, in many ways the global village is now much closer to a close-knit apartment block, and that works brilliantly for sales and advertising. Celebrity culture feeds off that – until social media, 'influencers' had to have had importance or impact in some sphere of human relations, be it sport, art, business, or whatever you are having yourself. Now the likes of the dangerously-derriered Kim Kardashian or that wannabe UFC fighter Jake Paul can pick up big endorsements merely by the amount of 'likes' they can garner. As you can guess, I'm not a massive fan of social media (I have a facebook account and that's all. Frankly, that's plenty).

Meanwhile, racism in soccer has been a huge problem for decades. It was hugely exacerbated by the hooliganism culture of the seventies and eighties, but more lucrative family-friendly marketing and enforcement curbed (never fully contained) that problem. Unfortunately, evil hydras like that tend to crop up again. And social media has given far too many of these pathetic muppets the opportunity to anonymously spill their bile. One Kerry 'supporter' was convicted recently of racism, but such convictions are a rarity.

English football will unite for a social media boycott from 15.00 on Friday 30 April to 23.59 on Monday 3 May, in response, not to the ongoing and sustained discriminatory abuse received online by players and many others connected to football, but to the measly failure of social media companies to address the problem. "Nothig to do with us; we just take the money" has been their attitude.

This isn't going to change the world or suddenly end racism. But it's a message sent out to multinational companies who pander while they profit and a step in the right direction. Mar a deireann an seanfhocail, 'tosaíonn turas míle

mile leis an chead coisheim' – a journey of a thousand miles begins with the first step.

ATHLETICS

I'll admit that Aoife Cooke is a new name on me, but it's one we'll be hearing a lot more of before summer is out. The 34 year old from Ballincollig absolutely smashed it at the Cheshire Elite Marathon last weekend. That marathon, like most of them over the past eighteen months, wasn't so much about place finishes as time – specifically, the qualifying time (2.29.30) for the Tokyo Olympics, and Aoife booked her ticket in style with of 2.28.36. That's a whopping four minutes taken off her personal best. It's also your heart would have to go out to Ann-Marie McGlynn from Letterkenny at the same event. She finished in 2.29.34. Out by just four seconds after 26 and a quarter miles. Sport can be very uplifting....but it can be equally cruel.

Best of luck to Sonia O'Sullivan, arguably Ireland's greatest athlete, as she takes up a new role as an Assistant Coach with a Nike training group based in Portland, Oregon. An understandable incentive for O'Sullivan, currently based in Melbourne, will be that she will be closer to her daughter Sophie, a talented athlete in her own right who is on an athletic scholarship in the University of Washington.

MOTOR-RACING

It's impossible to think of rallying at this time without remembering the late Johnny Hickey, one of the quiet stalwarts of the sport in Killarney and a gentleman to the core. Deepest sympathies to all his loved ones.

The Croatia Rally was Irish champion Craig Breen and Paul Nagle's first event on tarmac for Hyundai and a lack of opportunity to practise saw him cough up almost a full minute of a lead on Day One to team-mate Thierry Neuville, and he was always chasing that from then on. A puncture on Saturday meant



SNOOKER

With so many sporting events catching up on their schedules, the World Snooker Championship hasn't attracted quite as much attention as usual. In fact, the biggest 'controversy' this year has seemed a little lame to me. Mark Williams has been called out for changing his break, hitting the white off the back cushion into the reds. Isn't he some scut all the same, hah? Playing shots of his own choosing instead of his opponent's preference. Did you ever hear the like?

Williams, who has always struck me as down to earth and likeable, has been rightly dismissive

of this nonsense. This happens in a lot of sports – think of Mickey Harte adopting the blanket defence in gaelic football, or the belly putt or deChambeau's boom over obstacles in golf... there are numerous examples of innovations that are treated as heresy in sports. Look, players are perfectly entitled to think outside the box. If they can see a way around a rule, good luck to them – that's how you strengthen your rules. I remember when Cork's hurling keeper Anthony Nash was able to strike penalties with enough force to be dangerous – Nash and Cork were doing absolutely nothing wrong and breaking no rule, but you'd hardly have thought it from the media coverage at the time. That rule was quite rightly changed, no big deal, and hurling hasn't succumbed to crisis. I can remember the rule change in soccer that prevented the goalkeeper from picking up a back pass. Believe me, it transformed the game, and in a good way. You have no idea how many games in the eighties simply died a slow death as the team in front simply refused to engage and kept time-wasting. So good luck to Mark Williams. Mind you, I and my friends kind of prefer the reds broken up fairly early when we are playing snooker. At Mark Williams' level, leaving one

stray red can be fatal as your opponent will clear the table. At my level, if reds are left open all over the place I might possibly string a break of 30 together. And if I did, I would immediately stop the game and go off and celebrate. I would probably have t-shirts made up celebrating it.

Of more interest than that controversial breaking style was the elimination of Ronnie O'Sullivan at the hands of Anthony McGill. O'Sullivan used the same break as Williams (knowing Ronnie, it wouldn't surprise me if he was having a little bit of divilment) but with less success. In fact, McGill, a crowd favourite after just barely losing out in a thrilling semi-final last year, led by 10-4 at one stage. You'd never write off Ronnie O'Sullivan, though – Hendry may have been the most methodical player I ever saw, but Ronnie is the most mercurially brilliant, and sure enough he confidently nailed 7 in a row to lead by 11-10. McGill, calm and collected as Ronnie racked up frame after frame, held his nerve to force a final frame decider and a carefully constructed break of 85 saw him eliminate the six-time and reigning champion. Don't mind the manufactured hype, this was real drama.

KILLARNEY CELTIC

CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 17,18,22,23. There was no jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €50. The next jackpot on Monday May 3rd is €7,000. Tickets are available from club members, the Dungeon shop, at the stand in Hegarty's Park Rd and also online at clubforce.com.

TRAINING

has resumed for our underage teams. Please see our Facebook page for updates on training and the link for the return to play form.

SUMMER CAMPS

Killarney Celtic will run 2 summer camps this year 5th -9th July and 19th - 23 July. Booking is online through Clubforce and the booking link can be accessed through our Facebook age.

Killarney Celtic summer soccer camps were launched this week with the announcement of two camps week commencing 5th of July and week commencing 19th of July. Both camps will be run by our FAI accredited coaches who will

have all completed Garda Vetting procedures and attended child safeguarding courses. We are expecting big interest in our camps this year said head coach Brian Spillane who felt that the children will be eager to get out playing having spent such a long time this year with little or no outdoor sport activity. He advised parents to book early and said he fully expected both camps to sell out quickly. Camps will operate over 5 days and are keenly priced at €65 with additional siblings discounted to €60. Each child booked on our camps will receive a branded and summer camp crested training top together with a quality ball of their very own to take away. All participants will learn the skills involved in the game in a fun and friendly atmosphere whilst availing of the best facilities in all of Kerry at Celtic Park. We are really looking forward to welcoming new and past participants to our camps this year. Camps are open to all boys and girls of all abilities from age 4 to 13. Previous experience of football is not necessary and nor is membership of the club. All camps are fully inclusive and will

be operated in line with all COVID 19 and FAI protocols In place. The club will adhere to all Government and HSE guidelines and safety of all our participants will be our primary concern. Booking is available now through the Clubforce app or on line at www. Clubforce.com. A QR code is available for scanning that will take you directly to the booking page. We are looking forward to welcoming you to Celtic Park.

CONGRATS

to Matt Keane who scored the winner for Treaty United in their 2-1 win over Cork City last weekend.

MEETING

Members are invited to a Special General Meeting of Killarney Celtic on Friday May 7th at 8.30pm. This will be an online meeting. Please send your request to attend to secretary@killarneyceltic.ie by Wednesday May 5th 12 noon.



Happy faces at the Legion Social.



Cathal O Grady with some up and coming Ladies footballers.



Gesture of Thanks by Kerry GAA to UHK Front Line Workers

Representatives of the teams of front line healthcare workers at University Hospital Kerry, were delighted today to accept a specially framed Kerry county jersey with a message of 'thanks' from Kerry GAA. In recognition of the tireless work by frontline staff, the presentation was made by Kerry County Board Chairperson Tim Murphy who said: "Our frontline workers are the real heroes in this global pandemic and this is a wonderful way to acknowledge them."

The Initiative to acknowledge the efforts of frontline workers has received a huge reaction and has already been picked up in all four provinces, following it's launch by GAA radio commentator Tommy Devance in Galway.

Pictured are: Tim Murphy Chairman of the Kerry County GAA board, Fergal Grimes, GM of UHK and Mr John Rice, Orthopaedic Consultant.

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SELF-ACCEPTANCE

One of my favourite Oscar Wilde quotes says 'Be yourself, everyone else is taken'. So why is it so difficult for us to do just that? Liking ourselves and being ourselves has to do with self-acceptance. Self-acceptance refers to our ability to embrace all facets of ourselves and not just the positive, acceptable parts. Whilst we may recognize our limitations and weaknesses – accepting ourselves fully means we accept these aspects of ourselves too. We stop judging ourselves and being so hard on ourselves.

Research shows that before the age of eight we are unable to form a sense of ourselves separate from that which was transmitted to us by those who care for us. So often I hear clients say to me that their parents were unable or unwilling to communicate the message to them that they were totally okay and acceptable. In addition to this we may have received much disapproval and criticism from teachers, siblings, other relatives and/or our peers. Is it any wonder then that we come to see ourselves as inadequate in many ways? A consequence of this is that we may go on to regard many aspects of ourselves negatively. We 'beat ourselves up' often telling ourselves the very same thing that an overly critical parent or teacher may have said.

So how then do we become more self-accepting?

Developing self-acceptance requires that we develop more self-compassion for ourselves. The Buddhist teacher Pema Chodron says that "Compassion isn't some kind of self-improvement project or ideal that we're trying to live up to. Having compassion starts and ends with having compassion for all those unwanted parts of ourselves, all those imperfections that we don't even want to look at".

However learning to be self-compassionate and kind to ourselves can seem like quite a new idea and represents a deep change in our attitude and way of being. In order to ensure our survival our brains have been designed in such a way as to give attention to the negative stuff. Self-criticism has in fact played an important role for us. However, this criticism needs to be tempered with kindness and not allowed to be a habit based response formed from patterns laid down in our early childhood. Whenever we criticise ourselves we are triggering the same threat and protection systems in the body and brain that get activated when threatened by other people.

By cultivating more self-compassion we come to like ourselves more and to view ourselves as deserving of love and respect. This in turn can lead us to showing not just more kindness and goodwill toward ourselves but towards others as well. Next week we will look further at developing and cultivating self-acceptance.

SouthWest Counselling Centre, Killarney is open and providing affordable counselling services to all. We are also providing telephone and online counselling services. Please contact us for more information. We will return to face to face counselling as soon as it is safe to do so. Please contact us on 0761 074000. Please contact us on 0761 074000.

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Answer: Bullying is defined as repeated inappropriate behaviour direct or indirect, whether verbal, physical or otherwise, conducted by one or more persons against another or others, at the place of work and/or in the course of employment, which could be reasonably regarded as undermining the individual's right to dignity at work.

Bullying can take many different forms such as:

- Social exclusion and isolation
- Verbal abuse and insults
- Being treated less favourably than colleagues in similar roles
- Belittling a person's opinion
- Spreading malicious rumours, gossip or innuendo
- Intrusion – pestering, spying or stalking
- Intimidation and aggressive interactions
- Excessive monitoring of work
- Withholding information needed for the person to perform their job properly
- Repeatedly manipulating a person's job contents and targets
- Blaming a person for things beyond their control
- Use of aggressive or obscene language
- Other menacing behaviour

Your employer has a duty of care for all their employees to prevent bullying. They also have responsibilities under the Health and Safety at Work Act 2005 (as amended) for the welfare of employees.

A new Code of Practice for Employers and Employees on the Prevention and Resolution of Bullying at Work came into effect on 23 December 2020. Under the Code your employer must:

- Take reasonable steps to prevent bullying in the workplace
- Have an anti-bullying policy for dealing with complaints of bullying
- Develop the anti-bullying policy in consultation with employees
- Prepare a Safety Statement based on an assessment of the risk of bullying

A summary of your employer's anti-bullying policy should be displayed within your workplace.

The new code sets out a detailed procedure for dealing with informal and formal complaints. You can read more about how to make a complaint on citizensinformation.ie

You can get information about supports for business during COVID-19 on citizensinformation.ie.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, you can find comprehensive integrated information online at citizensinformation.ie/covid19/ and you can get daily updates on what's changed on Twitter at [@citizensinfo](https://twitter.com/citizensinfo). You can also get information and advice from:

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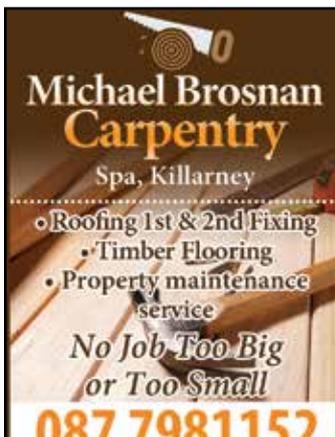
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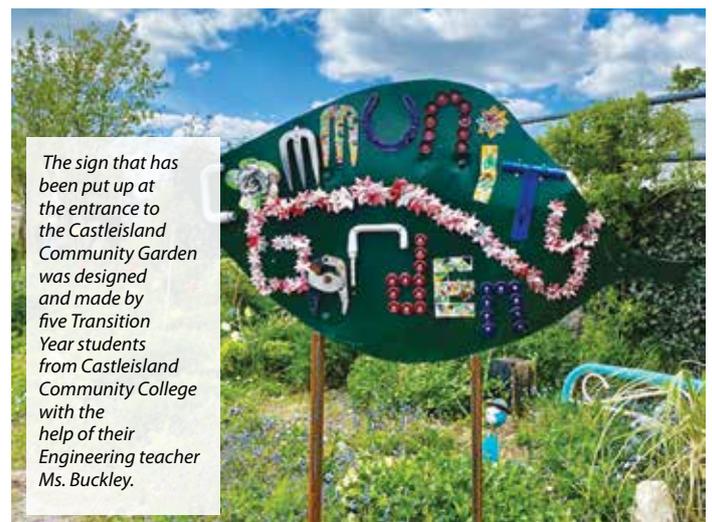
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A Word of Victory

Welcome back dear reader do you feel overwhelmed? When times are difficult and it feels like everything is against you it is easy to want to give up. Friend - don't give up. Whose report are you going to believe? You have a choice: to listen to the voice of God through His Word, or the voice of the stranger, the devil, through the thoughts that he bombards your mind with. The voice that we listen to, believe and obey will ultimately decide our destiny.

Faith versus fear, victory versus defeat, joy versus despair and sickness versus health and strength are some of the battles we face every day in our thought life. The Bible tells us 'as a man thinks in his heart so is he' (Proverbs 23:7). Jesus taught that His Word is Spirit and Truth. This means that the truth of the Word of God has the power in itself to transform from the inside out. This is what many of us need. A good washing out in our thoughts, mindsets and attitudes. We need to think about what we are thinking about, and, if it is not in agreement with what God's Word says about us, then we need to dump it before it lands us in the trash heap.

There is a one way ticket to defeat and that is when someone takes the crap that comes from Satan and believes it. The devil is a liar; in fact he is the father of lies according to Jesus. He uses tactics to wound us, distract us and dishearten us. Remember Jesus told how he only comes to steal, to kill and to destroy. But Jesus came to give us abundant life (John 10:10). In Psalm 55 David ponders wistfully 'oh that I had wings like a dove I would fly away and be at rest' (Psalm 55:6-7). Often running away would seem to be the easier option, but what would it really accomplish? The grass is not always greener, it is only a mirage and a total let down. Family relationships, marriages and workplaces are all suffering because of breakdown in communication, misunderstandings and offences, but often many of these come about because one or other of those involved have been affected by interference from the devil. It is in his best interest to cause strife and offence because that is how his kingdom operates – by dividing and conquering. The thing is, the division will not only affect the ones involved but drags many others into the loop also, and even travels down generations. It also affects people in such a way as to bring on mental torment, because the soul is divided and they are in conflict with themselves. A house divided cannot stand (Mark 3:25). God warns throughout the Bible that being double minded is dangerous. It has far reaching consequences and only we can root out the source by choosing carefully whose voice we believe and obey (Deuteronomy 30:11-20).

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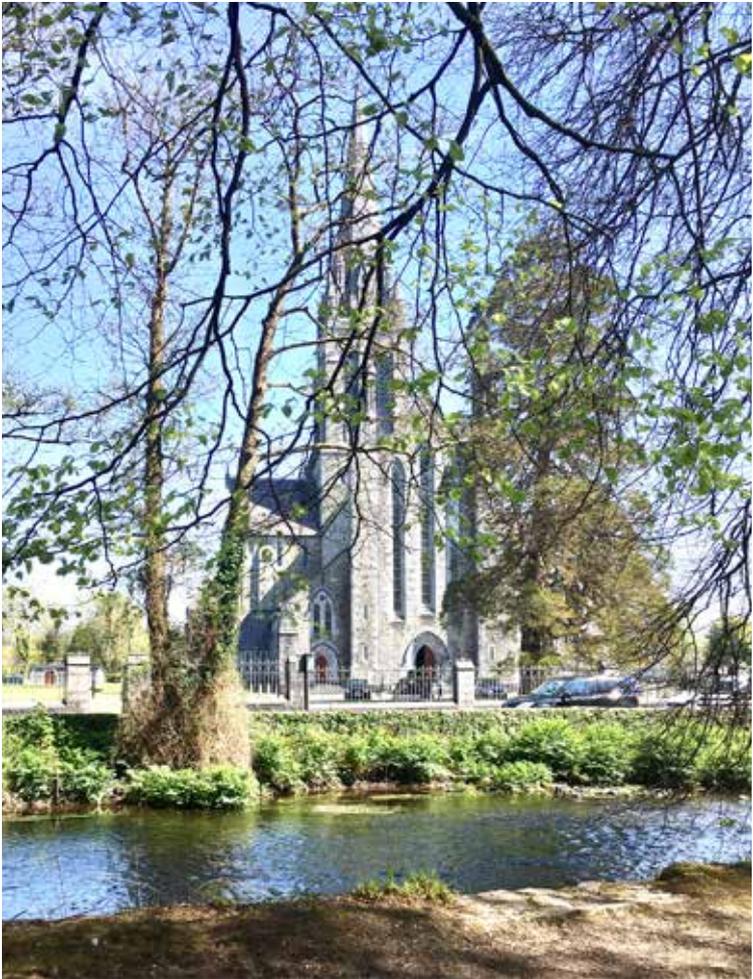
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As it is not possible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our appreciation for your kindness and compassion.

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*Not all of you departed
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Our Mother Nellie, on this your 1st Anniversary, we your family, Timmie, Noreen, Donie, Margaret, Eileen, Mary and the late John Joe, together with their families would like to express with great gratitude to all who sympathised with us on the very sad loss of a much loved and deeply missed Mother, Mother In Law, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, Godmother and Aunt the support and comfort shown by our kind neighbours, relatives and many friends at this sad time is greatly appreciated.

To those who sent mass cards, floral tributes, perpetual enrolments, phone calls, messages of sympathy and condolences online we thank you.

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We would sincerely like to thank Dr Donal Coffey, Dr Fiona and Dr Tadgh, nurses and staff at the Ross Medical Centre. Thanks also to the Bons Secours Hospital, Tralee, the UHL Limerick, the Palliative Care especially Dr Patricia Sheehan and all the Palliative Home Care Team especially Anita and Grainne who were very comforting to Mom on the final weeks. To the Public Health Nurse Hannah, Sandra her Occupational Therapist, Lisa her Physio and Sewells Pharmacy, without all these wonderful people it would not be possible for Nellie to remain at home during her final weeks.

A special word of thanks to Fr Kieran O'Brien for your beautiful prayers and funeral Mass with kind words shown to us at that sad time. Also to the Parish Clerk (Jimmy) and the beautiful music provided by Julian we thank you.

A special word of thanks to Michael O'Shea and staff of O'Sheas Funeral Home for their utmost sensitivity, attention, guidance and professionalism and courtesy shown at this sad time and for handling and managing Nellie's funeral arrangements. Thanks also to the gravediggers for their professionalism shown to us.

Thanks to Mick Myers for organising a guard of honour at Barleymount Cross enroute to Aglish. Thanks also to all the people who lined the road and showed their respect enroute to Aglish Cemetery, we are so grateful.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgment as an appreciation and token of our deepest gratitude.

**Nellie's First Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated at 7.30pm on May 1st
streamlined at Fossa Church.**

"Gone but not forgotten"

1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

NELLIE FOLEY



BARLEYMOUNT WEST,
KILLARNEY, CO KERRY
WHO PASSED AWAY ON
MAY 3RD 2020

*Though Heaven and earth divide us,
We are never far apart,
For you are always in our thoughts
And forever in our hearts.*

Forever in our hearts
Your son Timmie

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WHO PASSED AWAY ON
MAY 3RD 2020

*Each of us in our own way,
Have special thoughts of you today,
Your name is often spoken,
We talk about you still,
You haven't been forgotten,
And by us you never will.*

Thinking of you always
Your grandson Adrian, wife Donna,
great-grandchildren Kate and Olly

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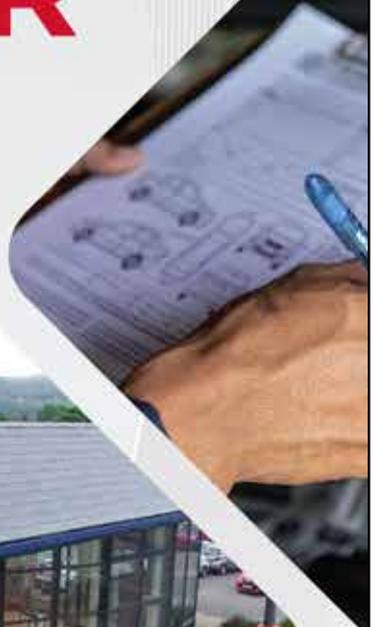
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*On a quiet morning you heard the angels call,
You took the hand of Jesus and quietly left us all.
In a world full of people, we sometimes feel alone,
For part of us went with you, the day
God called you home.*

Missing your presence every day,
Rest in Peace
Your daughter Margaret, husband Michael
and Granddaughter Michelle



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