

Well, what a Winter it's been! Mother Nature has truly been busy demonstrating her less nurturing side, battering and bruising our wonderful Atlantic coastline, not least in our own small community. It's heartbreaking to witness the irreparable destruction that has been done and continues to be done to our Blue Flag Beach at Rossbeigh, a paradise for many but also a home to the 'Sunbeam' for over 100 years. Like the Tower, this famous landmark now lies disintegrating piece by piece, its existence to be enjoyed by future generations through the annals of our past. While extensive damage has also been caused to the fantastic amenity that is the playground, we trust that with community spirit and endeavour, it shall be fully restored and continue to bring great enjoyment to our little ones for years to come. It's been an extremely anxious time for all, especially nail-biting for neighbours and friends living near the water's edge but despite all the chaos, the horizon screams of Spring and an opportunity to begin again!

Spring is, of course, the season of new beginnings with signs of change all around us. Even with all the rain, the gardens are starting to show some growth with snowdrops and crocuses to the fore but all plants are reacting to the lengthening days and warmer

sunshine, as indeed we are ourselves. At this time of year we begin to feel less sluggish, find new energy and become more open to inviting new things into our lives. We might

new things into our lives. We might miraculously discover we have 'green fingers' or suddenly develop a taste for afternoon tea with a hidden gem like

Árd na Sidhe in our midst. Perhaps reading of Glenbeigh/Glencar GAA's success in 2013 might rekindle a fresh curiosity in the organisation or as we observe the constant improvements being carried out in our locality, more recently the footpath beyond the GAA grounds, it may encourage a more civic mind. We welcome the revival of the Rambling House which took place in Glenbeigh for the first time on Saturday 22nd February last, hopefully igniting in all of us a renewed interest in traditions gone-by. It is events such as this, vital services and enterprising businesses that allow us to flourish, as individuals and as a community!

Another great occasion in our community is St. Patrick's Day. As Spring's arrival announces the approach of this special day, we hope that all our readers are looking forward to a truly green and fun celebration.

Lá Fheile Pádraig Shona Daoibh
From all in The Community Council

CeoltÛirl na nGleanna

On Friday 15th March 2013 Ceoltóirí na nGleanna was founded in Tigh Beithe Glenbeigh. The focus of Ceoltóirí na nGleanna is the promotion of music, song and dance in the parish. We felt that the best place to start was with the introduction of music classes for the youth of our parish. Through the excellent tuition and encouragement of Róisín Ryan forty five children are attending music classes in Glenbeigh NS every Monday evening. It has been said in the past that music is infectious.....we now also boast an adult class on Monday nights!!!

At Christmas Eve Mass, the young musicians from Ceoltóirí na nGleanna gave a fantastic rendition of 'Silent Night' and 'Away in a Manger'. This was their first public performance as a group and they certainly did themselves proud.

On Saturday 22nd of February Ceoltóirí na nGleanna revived the tradition of the Rambling House in Glenbeigh. The venue was Burkes Café on the ross road. It was heartening to see such a great local turnout and display of talent. It was magical to experience the song, storytelling, dancing, brush dancing and music in front of a huge open fire under the soft glow of candlelight. In true rambling house fashion the Biddies arrived and duly entertained the crowd as only Biddies can. It was clear from the audience reaction and respect that they afforded each performance that a great night was being had by all. It is great to see our tradition and heritage is alive and well in Glenbeigh. The main question on everyone's lips as they left was.....when is the next Rambling House taking place!!!!!!

Ceoltóirí na nGleanna can be followed on facebook or contacted at 087 0623069











BY TRISH FROM BOYLES GARDEN CENTRE

- 1. Start sprouting seed potatoes put them in a light, cool place and plant out the end of the month.
- 2. If you haven't done so already prune apple and pear trees before the buds break. Keep centre of tree fairly open. Cut out crossing and rubbing branches and any diseased branches.
- 3. Plant onion sets shallots and garlic.
- 4. Once weather warms up many vegetable crops can be sown this month.
- 5. Flower bulbs can be planted e.g. Dahlia, Gladioli, Begonias and Lilies for superb colour during the summer.
- 6. If still very wet keep off lawn as much as possible to avoid compaction of the lawn.
- 7. Prune roses back hard and once leaves start to shoot spray every 2 weeks with rose clear to prevent black spot and greenfly. Add in farmyard manure and rose fertiliser to the soil.
- 8. Prune Hydrangeas-cut off old flowers to just above the topmost healthy bud and remove weak shoots altogether form the base. With established plant, remove some of the older shoots right down to the base this will keep the plant compact. Feed all plants with sulphate of Potash for better flowering and get blue flowers apply sulphate of Iron.
- 9. Keep feeding the birds with peanuts and seed.
- 10. Weed and dig over shrub beds and apply a good compost and chicken manure.



John Griffin

Glenbeigh Community Council Ltd would like to acknowledge the contribution that John has made to our community.

John has always contributed financially to our community council annually to help with our

Tidy Towns work.

In the Autumn of 2013, John donated a section of land between Avenue Drive and the GAA field, to enable a footpath to be put in place and connect Avenue Drive to the local GAA field. This was a fantastic contribution to our community and enhances the environment of our village.

John's financial contribution to the Glenbeigh Sports Hall committee was a wonderful deed and it's benefits will be ever lasting to the people of our parish e.g.: local Glenbeigh Falcons basketball club has over 160 juveniles members and 30 senior members, who have put this facility to great use every week. Our senior citizens can enjoy playing bowls every week as well.

Since the Glenbeigh races have been reestablished in the mid 90's, John came on board with the festival committee and had used his business knowledge to help re-establish this great festival. Over the years, through John's financial commitment and enthusiasm, the Glenbeigh races are now one of the leading horse and pony festivals in Ireland.





Before

After

The One & Only

Mary Jo became involved in Ladies Football in 1976 and is still there 37 years later. She has won 3 County championships with Beaufort. She played with Kerry from 1978 to 1994. During this period she won 2 All-Ireland Minor titles, 11 Munster championships, 10 All-Ireland Senior titles and 12 National League titles. She has won 11 All-Star Awards and won Player of the Match Award in 4 All-Ireland Finals.

She was part of the Kerry management team in 2007/2008 an continues being involved today as Maor Uisce where she can impart her knowledge and expertise to the players.

She was one of several players that administered the Beaufort Ladies football club in earlier years.

A true legend in Kerry GAA. Her achievements on the playing fields of Ireland with club and county are well documented and having been present at some of Kerry's All Irelands in the middle and late eighties the contribution of Mary Jo Curran to those successes can't be overstated. Whether at midfield or on the forty her performances were simply awesome.

However, since returning to Kerry in 1998 to take up a teaching post Mary Jo's commitment and dedication as a teacher and as a most valuable member to Cumann na mBunscol activities within the county. Her school teams are always very well prepared and play football as it should be played. Glenbeigh NS where she teaches has won county titles in both boy's and girl's football, basketball and more recently they have excelled in spikeball at county and national level. What is remarkable about this lady is that the emphasis is always on the child's skill level and performance and her motto appears to be based on the performance rather than winning. Lunch times and countless after school hours are spent on developing skills and fostering interest in Gaelic Games and it's no coincidence that the Glenbeigh club captured the Mid-Kerry senior title in 2011 for the first time since the seventies and reached the 2013 County Junior final. Were it not for the curse of emmigration the fruits of Mary Jo's labour would certainly have come to fruition much earlier. Cumann na mBunscol, Ciarraí is indebted to Mary Jo. She co-ordinates and organises the girls football competitions for all the rural schools competitions. This is a task that she undertook more than two decades ago and goes about her work with true professionalism. She never seeks recognition or credit for this work and never courts publicity.

Over this period she has also acted as manager/selector for countless Primary Games Girls football teams for our exhibition

games during Munster Championship matches. I would safely and confidently say that there isn't a footballer in the county at any grade that has escaped the sharp footballing eye of Mary Jo Curran. Her contribution to Scór, Cumann na mBunscol quizzes and community life in Glenbeigh and her native Beaufort remains unsurpassed.

As a Club member Mary Jo has been very involved and has given outstanding service to

it. Though she holds and has held many positions there, the amount of work she does behind the scenes is second to none. At present she is trainer/selector with the U-14 boys club team. She is involved with the U12 and U10 girls teams in Beaufort and also with Laune Rangers Senior Ladies team. She is club delegate to the Kerry County Board, Coiste na nOg, East Kerry and Mid-Kerry Boards. She is a qualified referee in both ladies football and underage football. She is a qualified coach and she is registrar with Kerry Coiste na nOg.

Outside of Gaelic football she is involved with Community Games, ladies football, boys football, basketball, Quiz team and soft ball. She organises Scor na nOg and Scor na bPaisti in the region.

Outside of club involvement she is very dedicated to Cumann na mBunscoil. She trains both girls and boys football teams in Glenbeigh N.S. where she is a teacher. This takes up evenings and Saturdays. She is the main organiser with the Primary game both boys and girls. These teams play at Munster Championship games. This again is done outside of school hours. She is Cumann na mBunscoil delegate to the County Board also. She was also an outstanding basketballer and played it at National League level.

I can say without fear of contradiction that she is the greatest footballer ever. She involved so many in the game when she played-her reading of the game was 2nd to none and still is! She was graceful on the field of play and was never once booked during her entire career. She would hold her own on any side line now in the country both with ladies and mens teams. She was so stylish on the ball - a 2nd Maurice Fitzgerald whom she has great admiration for. Her name is revered in ladies football circles. She is known in every GAA and Ladies football circle in the county and beyond. The basic skills of the game are very inportant to her and any player that she coaches develop these at a very young age. She was part of the coaching team responsible for the production of the first skills video for the Ladies Football Association.

ALL STARS BANQUET

At the All Stars Banquet in Dublin on 9th November, 2013 Mary Jo Curran was entered into the Hall of Fame when she was honoured by the Ladies Football Association for her contribution and dedication to Ladies Football down through the years. Among family and friends in The City West Hotel, Dublin she was praised highly for her committment to Ladies Football. X-Factor star Mary Byrne was one of the entertainers on the night and when she sang 'Simply the Best' by Tina Turner her Kerry supporters and others gave a great rendition of the song and decided the song was for Mary Jo!

COUNTY COUNCIL RECEPTION

On Friday 28th February, 2014 Mary Jo Curran was recognised by Kerry County Council on her recent Hall of Fame Award by the Ladies Football Association. A

reward richly deserved was the consensus of all present. Amid family and friends and ex-team mates Councillors O'Donovan and Cahill spoke of her outstanding contribution to the youth of her club Beaufort, her school, Glenbeigh and the County. Also Mick Fitgerald who trained her for 9 of her 10 All-Ireland titles simply said that she is the best lady footballer he has ever seen. The highlight of the reception for Mary Jo and everyone in attendance was Maurice Fitzgerald. Mary Jo is an avid admirer of Maurice as a player and he didn't disappoint, when he stood up and said he also admired Mary Jo's prowess on the field of play. He praised her (meilles dedication to players in all sports where she always saw their potential. Well done to Kerry County Council for recognising

Mary Jo for what she does for youth in

sport in the county.







Ard na Sidhe, which means "Hill of the Fairies" and refers to the tree-covered knoll close by the hotel, is situated on a rocky slope facing west across the waters of Caragh Lake. The estate was purchased by the late Dr Hans Liebherr in 1958 and opened its doors as a luxury Country House Hotel 2 years later.

Dating back to 1913, the house was originally built by Lady Gordon, a lady of titled Irish lineage whose ancestor, Bess Stokes' ghost is said to haunt the grounds. Lady Gordon purchased the land on which the house now stands and in 1913 began building "The House of my Dreams". She enlisted the help of a contractor from Killorglin, using local workmen and all the materials were of Irish origin, except the green/grey Westmorland roof slates. The house is long, low and gabled, with casement windows set in stone mullions, "...and never", said Lady Gordon, "..looked new". Perhaps because of the warm brown sandstone, or the Kerry climate which gave it the appearance immediately of having weathered the rain and the winds of centuries. It has the style of an English-Elizabethan house, but when the visitor, pointing to the rounded cut stone arch over the entrance door, exclaimed: "A Romanesque door in an Elizabethan house", Lady Gordon stoutly defended her design, explaining that it was an Irish house and that as there is no traditional domestic architecture in Ireland, her architect, one: Morley Horden (chosen for his romantic appearance rather than any outstanding ability) had sought inspiration in the ruined churches, which are the only survival in Kerry of an ancient Gaelic civilization. Belonging to no particular age or style the house fits harmoniously into the landscape in an aura of greens and browns and purple hue.

Lady Edith Gordon was also a keen gardener, traveler and writer, who planted many trees and laid out a number of garden features most of which have long since disappeared except the rock garden which still contains some of her original plantings including several slow growing conifers and some hybrid rhododendrons. Lady Gordon wrote an account of her life entitled *The Winds of Time* in which she describes how she began her garden. Sadly, this book is now long out of print. As far as we are aware no further major planting was carried out until the late 1970s when many rare and unusual trees and shrubs were supplied by Hilliers, the Hampshire nursery farm. In the years since, a great deal of scrub clearance has taken place to make way for new planting which continues today under the supervision of renowned gardening expert, Sir Roy Lancaster.

The house has been recently restored by architect's Howley Hayes who lovingly brought back the house to its original splendour without losing an ounce of its charm. Ard na Sidhe Country House now stands as a very rare and fine example of an Arts and Crafts style house. We look forward to sharing this magical place with Irish and international guests over the coming season and for years to come.

Spring Entertainment

Jack's Coastguard Restaurant

Jacks' is now re-opened for the season. We are taking bookings for your events from Christenings, Birthdays, Confirmation's & Communions. Sunday lunch available from 1pm to 3pm... Delicious Spring A La Carte menu or Wine & Dine Menu (2 courses + a glass of wine) €34.95pp available every night.



Red Fox

April 19th Saturday. Cllr. Michael Cahill staging party night at The Red Fox Inn. Music by Wallop the Cat, finger food on the night. Starting 9pm. All welcome.

ASHES BAR

The following is our list of what is happening in the coming weeks;

March 8th;

Mike Ned Memorial Darts Tournament

St. Patricks Weekend;

Sat; Six Nations Rugby Live on our Big Screens Sun; Music from 6-8pm

Mon; All Ireland Club

Finals Live on our big screen followed by live music session from 5-8pm

Easter Weekend;

Live Music Saturday and Sunday night

May Weekend;

Live Music Saturday and Sunday night We also cater for all parties ie 21st, Christenings etc.

ASHES BAR Golf Society;

Our first outing takes place on April 26th in Waterville Links Golf Club (34th in the top 100 courses in the world).

Anyone looking to join society should have name in asap as places are limited.

Support Local Business

K-FAB/ BALLYHOLLY COTTAGES

I manufacture mobile clothes lines that can be easily moved around your house to suit the sun and can be wheeled into a garage or carport when it rains. I also manufacture T-Bar clothes lines for fixing into the ground in your back yard or lawn. They come complete with two heavy duty winches to wind up and down the lines as

required.

Garden Seats and Tables are also made to order from Recycled Plastic (instead of timber) fixed to a galvanised and painted steel frame with anchor points to anchor to the ground . They are different colours available.

Flower Boxes and a variety of other products can be made to order.

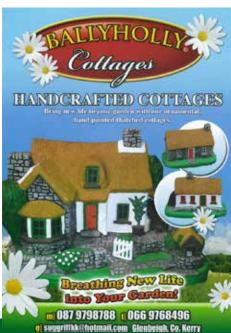
These products are virtually maintenance free.

Hand crafted Garden Cottages are made from concrete and painted. These are beautiful ornaments to enhance any garden. Decorative Entrance Gates and Railings can also be manufactured as well as Oak Beam Mantle pieces.

All my products can be seen at the Glenbeigh Farmers Market every Sunday morning during the Summer months.

Kevin can be contacted on 087-9798788







GLENBEIGH/CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

2013 was one of the most successful years in the clubs history, our senior team won out div 3 losing just one game during the campaign. After an easy route to the Junior final we came up against our mid Kerry neighbours Keel, a poor first half display proved costly in the end as we went down to a controversial penalty deep into injury time. This was a huge blow to all of us but especially to the team and their mentors, to their credit they all picked themselves up and defeated Keel in Keel just one week later in the mid-kerry championship. We then produced some great football in the semi-final beating the mid-kerry champions Milltown to reach the final. The final was a one sided affair with the team out playing Laune Rangers in every sector, an 18 pt victory over Laune Rangers is something we could only dream of in the past.

This was just our second Mid-Kerry championship victory in 38 years but significantly it is our second in three years. In our final game we contested yet another final defeating Keel in the O'Sullivan cup final. Huge credit must go to trainer Garry McGrath and his selectors Connie O'Sullivan, Pat O'Grady, Ger O'Sullivan & Kristian O'Donovan.

Next year the team will be playing in Div 2 of the co league, this will be a step higher but if the team train and prepare well I believe we could be playing Div 1 football in 2015.

I would like to thank all the trainers and selectors of all the teams in the club who give up their free time, and I urge for more people to get involved especially at underage level. It was fantastic to see senior players Fergal Griffin, Bernard Murphy, Colin McGillicuddy, Peter O'Sullivan & Aidan O'Shea involved with teams, hopefully we can get a few more players involved this year.

We have excellent facilities at our disposal none more so than our sports hall, I would like to thank the hall committee for all their work, due to great commitment and determination the loan is very close to being cleared. This is a remarkable achievement especially in today's climate and I congratulate everyone that has been involved from day 1. We must also acknowledge the huge donation given by John Griffin, his generosity knows no bounds. I would also like to thank everybody that has made a donation or helped out in any way.

Regarding the clubs financial affairs the Lotto is the clubs main source of income and I would first like to thank all the lotto sellers for their brilliant achievement bringing in over € 75,000 this year, this is an unbelievable figure for a small club. I would like to thank everyone that purchased lotto tickets during the year, your support is greatly appreciated.

I would like to thank our registrar Mary O'Connor who works tirelessly behind the scenes collecting membership, it's not easy to collect money in the present climate but Mary does a fantastic job.

We held our second 5 k and 10 K challenge run in July that was very well supported all credit goes to Timmy O'Sullivan who organised the event, a big thanks to all the runners, stewards and everyone that helped out on the day.

I would like to pay particular thanks to our main sponsor Peadar & Mary O'Sullivan who generously and significantly sponsored the Club over the last three years. This year they also sponsored a bag for each senior player for the co final.

I would also like to thank Dave McKeon and Dan Tim O'Sullivan who gave considerable donations to the club.

The money needed to keep the club going is huge and I am appealing to all club members especially the players to get involved and continue to help out with any fund raising events we may have in the future.

I would like to thank Dave McKeon for his help with the community grant; with this grant we were able to replace all the doors and windows in the club house.

Our new stand is very close to completion and will be ready for the start of this years competitions, we have launched a seat for life campaign which is going very well and I would like to thank everyone that has made a contribution to it. I would also like to thank the SKDP workers who worked on the stand and especially Dave O'Neill who is supervising the project. Thanks to our own SKDP workers Pat O'Shea & Mike Burke who keep the place in great shape.

We are a progressive club that has made a lot changes in the past three years and we have spent a considerable amount of money. However we have always worked within our means, the fact that we have made so many changes and improvements to our facilities and still have a very healthy bank balance is credit to everyone involved. We will continue to make any necessary improvements within our constraints.

Finally I would like to thank all the committee members for all their help during the year. It continues to be a pleasure dealing with all of them.

le Meas Aodhán De Róiste Cathaoirleach Gleann Beith/Gleann Carthaigh



The victorious Glenbeigh/Glencar Team celebrated a great night with their family, friends and supporters at the GAA Social where over 175 guests gathered in the Killarney Oaks Hotel. The team celebrated winning the O'Sullivan Cup, Div 3 of the County League and the Mid-Kerry Championship. A great night was had by all with fabulous food provided by the hotel and plenty of dancing after with The Two Mikes. A big thank you to everyone that turned up on the night and all those that helped in organising it. A big thank you to everyone that has supported the club in any way and with your continued support the club will continue to grow from strength to strength.

