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A Note from the **E** DITOR



In the week when Killarney welcomed Irish International Soccer player Shay Given and actor Patrick Bergin to the Liam O'Connor concert at St. Brendan's, we have lots for you to enjoy!

The Killarney Rotary Club presented beneficiaries of the Wine & Art Night with an amazing €21,000, tight lines were celebrated at the annual "Charity" Fishing Competition and TY Students at Killarney Community College got a taste of life as a third level student!

Killarney Golf & Fishing Club Captains will support the Jack & Jill Foundation for their annual charity weekend, the Scorchers Cheerleading team have made history winning Bronze at the All Star World Championships and the Killarney Lions Club Golf Classic was a huge success.

Schools in the Killarney area are to benefit from a novel new energy awareness initiative, Kerry GAA and Killarney Races are teaming up for the ultimate Munster Final preview and swift action has been taken at St. Brendan's College!

In sport, Enda Walshe talks basketball, Killarney Legion launch the Johnny Culloty Golf Classic and Jimmy takes a look at All Things Sport!



Aisling Crosbie



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Killarney Rotary Club Celebrates Success of Wine & Art Night

Killarney Rotary Club recently hosted a special luncheon at the Great Southern Killarney to celebrate the success of its annual "Wine and Art Night" which is the club's main annual fundraising event. Cheques were presented to the beneficiaries and the positive impact of the funds raised was discussed. The beneficiaries were the following schools Faha, Fossa, Gael Scoil Faithleann, Knockanes, Loughquittane and St. Brendan's College, Killarney. Kerry Hospice, Kerry Stars, Killarney Athletic AFC, Killarney Valley Athletic Club, Killorglin Family Resource Centre and the Rise & Shine Trust (formerly the Irish Pilgrimage Trust) also benefitted from the proceeds of the night. All of these organisations were commended for their hands-on involvement, working closely with Rotary members to ensure the smooth running and overall success of the event. Their dedication and collaboration were key to achieving such a positive outcome and were formally recognised during the cheque presentation.

The Club also acknowledged the continued support of their main partner for the event Daly's SuperValu Killarney, whose contribution of wine and cheese remains a highlight eagerly anticipated by attendees each year also with Killarney Credit Union who are also involved in sponsorship for this event.

A special word of thanks was extended to the Great Southern Killarney, whose ongoing support and advocacy for the Club's work continues to play a vital role. The Scally Hotel Collection also generously provided the event's Grand Door Prize, which was won by a delighted attendee from Barraduff. Kerry's own Cronin's Cider came on board for the first time this year and went down a treat and we are grateful for their contribution to this event. The artists and crafters who contribute to the "Wine and Art Night" were warmly recognised for their talent, generosity, and continued support. Many return year after year, while new participants place their trust in the event — a contribution that remains central to its

success. Thank you kindly to all that donated prizes for the raffle, door prizes and a big thank you to some of the artists and crafters who donated pieces for the auction where 100% of the money raised in the auction went to the fundraiser. A provisional date for the diary is Wednesday 25 November 2026 when we will do it all over again. 25th

Club President Sherry O'Callaghan said "The club's Wine and Art Night continues to grow because of the incredible support we receive year after year. This luncheon was about saying thank you — to our supporters, our partners, and our community groups. The success of this event is a direct result of that shared commitment and community spirit. The club continues to play an active role in supporting local initiatives, with the "Wine and Art Night" standing out as a powerful example of what can be achieved through collaboration, creativity, and generosity."



Sherry O'Callaghan presents the beneficiaries of the Wine & Art night with funds.



Ciara Irwin Foley pictured with Luke Scollard and his mum Lucy



Ciara Irwin Foley pictured with Pam Tracey

1ST YEAR SOCCER VICTORY

A brilliant day for St. Brigid's Killarney at the First Year Girls Finals in Tralee! Our girls topped their group in a tightly contested stage and went on to win the A Final after a fantastic battle with Gaelcholáiste Chiarraí. Huge credit to the team for their skill, determination and teamwork throughout the day. A special mention to Olga, who was named MVP in the A Final – a well-deserved recognition





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MTU Wildlife Biology Research Poster event in Killarney House

Munster Technological University (MTU) Kerry Campus is delighted to announce that research posters created by students of the Wildlife Biology BSc (Hons) degree programme will soon be on display in Killarney House. These research projects were undertaken in the last 12 months by final year students in a variety of habitats and locations including Killarney National Park and Páirc Náisiúnta na Mara, Ciarraí.

Topics this year range from conservation of our endangered Natterjack Toad and studies on our wetland birds such as the Eurasian Curlew to the biodiversity of important Seagrass habitats off the Kerry coast. The lives of fungi and lichens in KNP are explored while other projects look at everything from wet woodlands to small mammals, and the ecology in areas undergoing rhododendron clearance.

"We've spent the last 4 years studying the habitats, plants and animals in Kerry so the poster day will be a great opportunity to really showcase all our hard work. It will be nice to chat to people about our research and share our findings with them." – Wildlife Biology Student Michael Wycherley.

Research projects are undertaken using a variety of techniques and skills acquired by MTU Wildlife Biology students over their studies including the latest in audio and trail



camera technology for remote monitoring. Many projects were in grateful collaboration with a host of organisations such as the National Parks and Wildlife Service, Kerry County Council, Breeding Waders EIP, MTU's Strategic Alignment of Teaching and Learning Enhancement (SATLE) Fund, and the Marine Institute, with many representatives from these organisations attending the event.

"MTU continues to work closely with industry and various organisations across Kerry and

beyond. The research on display here today really highlights those connections, along with many of the skills gained by our students which will be invaluable when they enter the workplace." Dr Eilish Broderick, Head of the Department of Biological and Pharmaceutical Sciences.

All are welcome to come and view the research posters and meet the students on Tuesday the 5th of May between 10.30am and 5pm in Killarney House.

TY Students experience life as a third level student



Last week, the TY class from Killarney Community College had the exciting opportunity to experience the life of a third level student at Kerry College, taking part in a full week of modules in a course of their choice. The wide range of courses included Construction, Network Infrastructure, Digital Media Production, Engineering, and a Mixed Trade programme featuring Hairdressing, Hospitality, Accounting, and Business Promotion. Students thoroughly enjoyed exploring their chosen subjects and settling into the new college environment. Most importantly, they loved being treated like real college students and getting a true taste of college life.



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Scorchers Make History

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at All Star World Championships

There are moments in sport that define not only a team, but an entire community — and for Scorchers Cheerleading's Code Black, this is one of them.

The Killarney-based team has returned home from the All Star World Championships in Orlando, Florida with an incredible bronze medal, cementing their place among the very best in the world. Competing against 44 elite teams from across the globe, Code Black rose to the challenge and delivered a performance that will be remembered for years to come. Just weeks ago, the team secured a prestigious bid to bypass the opening "Battle Round" and advance directly to the semi-finals — a sign of their growing strength on the international stage. But what followed in Orlando was something even more remarkable. Taking to the floor with confidence, precision and undeniable team spirit, the athletes delivered when it mattered most. Each routine was the result of months — and for many, years — of dedication, sacrifice and relentless training. Against the backdrop of one of the most competitive cheerleading events in the world, Code Black didn't just compete — they excelled.

Head Coach Katlyn Moynihan, who has guided the team throughout their journey, spoke with pride following the result:

"To stand on that podium at the All Star World Championships is an incredible achievement. These



athletes have given everything this season — their time, their energy, their focus — and to see it all come together on the world stage is something really special."

Behind the medal lies a story of commitment that stretches far beyond the competition floor. Balancing school, work and family life, the athletes trained week after week, pushing their limits and supporting one another

through every challenge. It is that unity, resilience and belief that ultimately carried them to success. The achievement is not just a win for the team, but for the wider Killarney and Kerry community, who rallied behind them throughout their journey. From fundraising events to messages of support, the backing they received played a vital role in helping them reach the world stage.

Club owner Jackie Jeal reflected

on the significance of the moment: "What makes this so special is what these athletes overcame. We're a small team from a small club in a corner of Ireland, without the facilities or resources of top American teams — the home of cheerleading. But they never let that define them. They believed in themselves and proved that heart and teamwork can stand with the best in the world. To bring home bronze against those odds is incredible and we couldn't be prouder of them."

The All Star World Championships is widely regarded as one of the pinnacle events in global cheerleading, bringing together the strongest teams from every corner of the world. To not only compete, but to finish on the podium among such elite company, marks a historic milestone for Scorchers Cheerleading.

As the team returns home, there is a sense that this is only the beginning. For the younger athletes watching on, Code Black's success provides a powerful example of what can be achieved through dedication and belief.

From early morning training sessions in Killarney to the bright lights of Orlando, this journey has been one of ambition, resilience and heart. And now, with a world bronze medal in hand, Scorchers Code Black have firmly etched their name onto the global cheerleading stage.

Questions raised in the Dáil this week by Danny Healy Rae

Topical Question

I raised the matter of delays with payments for landowners along the South Kerry greenway. It is very unfair that their land has been taken without any clarity, walkway and cycle paths completed and open to the public and the landowners still have not been paid.

Our Rural future Statements

I highlighted again the 575 Kerry roads on the local improvement scheme list waiting for many years, more funding is needed.

I raised the issues people have with getting planning for one off houses where they want to build a home for themselves.

The LEADER programme is very important to small villages and towns and funding for this is essential.

Motion on strengthening workers' rights

Workers must be looked after and paid properly; an employer will not have workers if they don't look after them properly. Employers

are finding it difficult to stay going with all the increasing costs and If employers cannot operate, they cannot hire employees or look after them properly.

In relation to the oil crisis, I asked the Government to do something urgently for the home helps and carers who are impacted by the increased fuel costs and also the construction industry who got no package for the cost of green diesel used in machinery for construction.



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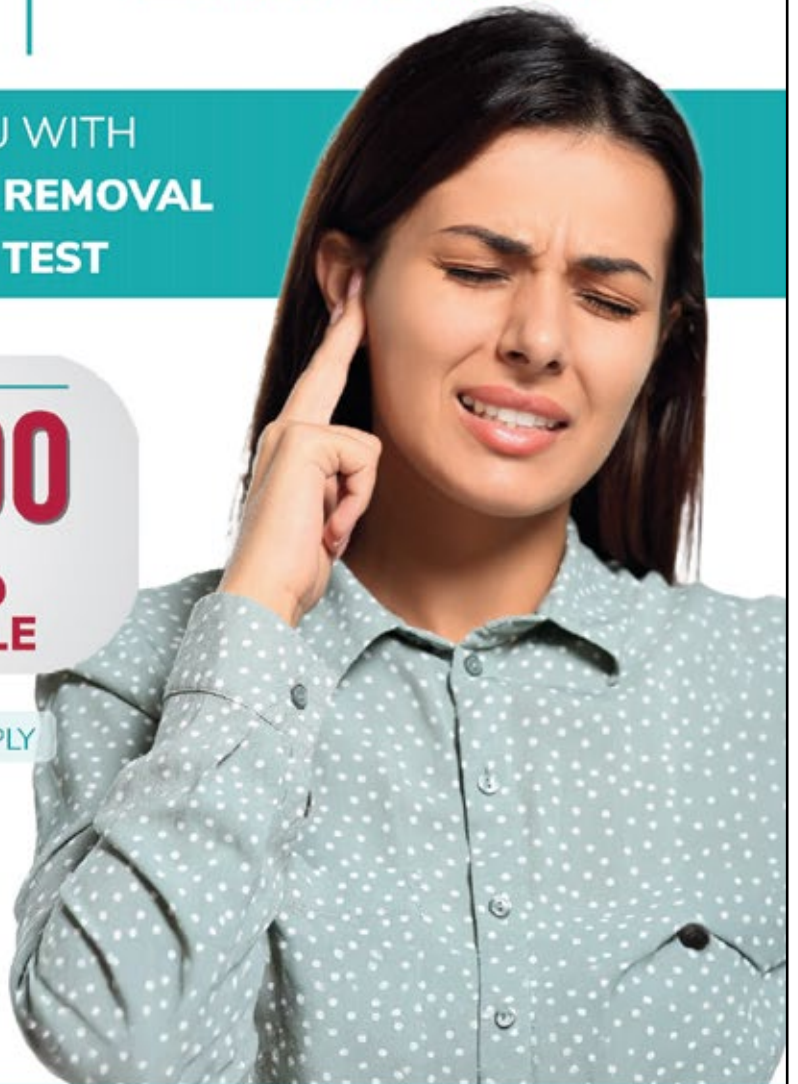
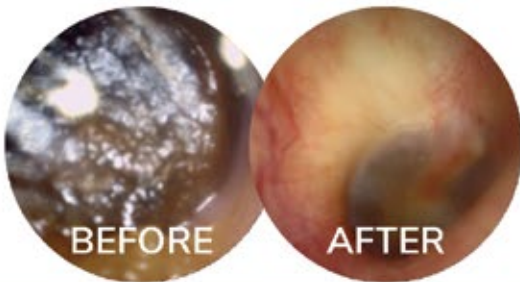
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Killarney Golf & Fishing Club Captains' Proudly Announce their Open Captains' Charity Weekend in Aid of the Jack and Jill Children's Foundation

The Captains of Killarney Golf & Fishing Club, Captain Tomás Kelliher and Captain Annette McNeice, are proud to announce the upcoming Open Captains' Charity Weekend, taking place on Saturday 16 May and Sunday 17 May.

This year's event will raise essential funds for the Jack and Jill Children's Foundation, a charity providing vital in-home nursing care and respite support for children with severe learning disability often associated with complex medical needs.

The event is generously sponsored by Truffle Honey, whose continued partnership helps support the club's charitable efforts.

The Open Captains' Charity Weekend will be played as a Team of Four event, with an entry fee of €40 per person / €160 per team, with online entry available through the club's booking system at www.killarneygolfclub.ie and donation option provided via the designated fundraising page on www.idonate.ie (see address below).

A charity raffle will run across the weekend, with the chance to win Green Fees at top golf courses as well as a wide selection of fantastic prizes kindly donated by



KGFC Captain Tomás Kelliher, Tracy O' Meara, Manager of Truffle Honey, Siobhán Reen, Liaison Nurse Manager with the Jack and Jill Children's Foundation, KGFC Captain Annette McNeice.

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In a joint Captains' statement Captain Tomás and Captain Annette said "We are honoured to host this year's Open Captains' Charity Weekend in support of the Jack and Jill Children's Foundation. The work they do for families in Kerry and across Ireland is extraordinary, and we are proud to play our part in helping them continue that mission. We look forward to welcoming members, visitors, and supporters for what promises to be a fantastic weekend of golf, community spirit, and generosity."

Siobhán Reen from the Jack and Jill Children's Foundation said "We are deeply grateful to the Captains' and the entire Killarney Golf & Fishing Club community for choosing Jack and Jill as the beneficiary of this year's Open Captains' Charity Weekend. Events like this make a real and immediate difference to the families we support in Kerry and nationwide. Every euro raised helps us provide vital home nursing care, giving children the chance to be cared for at home, where they belong."

The nationwide charity funds and provides in-home nursing care,

and respite support to families caring for children, up to the age of seven, with severe learning disability often associated with complex medical needs. Jack and Jill currently support families across County Kerry, ensuring that children can receive this vital care in their own homes, surrounded by family and community. This local support is a lifeline for parents who rely on regular, professional respite to help them care for their child.

Beyond Kerry, Jack and Jill operates nationwide, supporting over 490 of families across Ireland with up to 100 hours of home nursing and respite care per month, tailored to each child's needs. The charity relies heavily on community-driven fundraising events — such as the Open Captains' Charity Weekend — to continue delivering this essential, family-centred care.

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Kerry College Announces Return of Annual Creative Arts Exhibition - "WORK" at Siamsa Tíre

Kerry College is delighted to announce the return of its annual Creative Arts Exhibition, titled WORK, which will officially open on Thursday, April 30th, 2026 at 6:00pm at Siamsa Tíre, Ireland's National Folk Theatre and premier cultural venue.

Now a highlight of the academic and local arts calendar, WORK showcases the outstanding creativity and innovation of learners from across Kerry College's creative programmes. The exhibition features a diverse range of work across both traditional and digital media, including painting, print-making, sculpture, animation, games design, graphic design, and interaction design.

The opening night promises to be a vibrant affair, with live performances by learners from the Music Performance and Sound & Production programmes, alongside their peers from the Creative Arts disciplines. This event celebrates the culmination of a year of artistic exploration and hands-on learning.

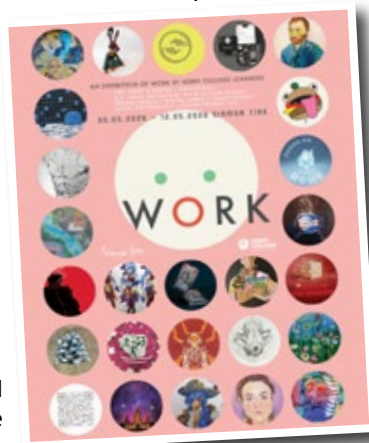
Exhibited work comes from learners enrolled in Art, Craft & Design, Animation, Digital Design with Visual Communication, and Games Design. Learners on the Level 6 Digital Media Production Course and First Years

on the B.A. Hons. Animation, Visual Effects and Motion Design degree, delivered in partnership with MTU, will also showcase their work. The exhibition offers an exciting platform for the public to engage with the next generation of artists, designers, and creative thinkers.

"We are incredibly excited to once again host our Creative Arts Exhibition at Siamsa Tíre," said Mary Kirby, Programme Co-ordinator for Art, Craft & Design at Kerry College. "This annual event not only showcases the exceptional talent of our learners but also reflects the strength and vibrancy of our growing creative community."

The exhibition will run through Tuesday, May 12th, 2026, with free admission for all. Visitors, industry professionals, and art enthusiasts are warmly invited to attend and experience the breadth of emerging creative talent.

Kerry College is proud to partner once again with Siamsa Tíre and expresses sincere thanks for their continued support in providing a space where creativity and community can flourish.





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Mary O'Connor, Killorglin.



Anne Lucey looks at the positive news happening in Killarney



“AFFORDABLE” HOUSES WILL SEE BIG DEMAND

Proposals for Kerry’s first Affordable Housing Scheme will see huge demand, the recent council meeting was told. The proposals advertised in December are for the Killarney and Tralee.

Five builders have applied and these are being assessed.

Under the Affordable Purchase Scheme local authorities make newly built homes available at a reduced price for first-time and other eligible buyers. It is designed to help purchasers bridge the gap between what they can afford to pay and the price of the new home.

While housing developments have been built, these have been snapped up by housing bodies for social housing with no private element. So a house couldn’t be bought. Whereas any

private scheme would have to have 20 per cent for social.

Council director of Housing Niamh O’Sullivan said houses for sale under the scheme would be advertised widely and details when available would be on the affordable homes website in advance of the houses being completed.

Only first time buyers and “fresh start buyers” - persons who had previously had a house but no longer had - would be eligible.

The scheme was for people who cannot afford to purchase a house at market value and was not for cash buyers but for people who had to take out a mortgage, Niamh outlined.

Welcoming the details, Fianna Fail Councillor Niall Kelleher said “realistically” the schemes would not be advertised this year.

“Once launched these two schemes will be massively over-subscribed,” Niall said.

He proposed an information session for the

industry to progress further schemes around the county.

Meanwhile it has emerged that Kerry County Council exceeded its housing goal in social housing in 2025. But just 9 per cent of the houses were built by the council.

Just just 25 of 289 new social housing in the county last year, 2025, were built by the council according to figures by Senior lecturer in housing at Technological University Dublin, Dr Lorcan Sirr.

Kerry exceeded its target by relying on Approved Housing Bodies

Some 169 of the houses were bought rather than built by the housing bodies.

The council deals with as many as 26 approved housing bodies ceo Fearghal Reidy told the annual budget meeting in November.

CENSUS 2026: A SENSE OF US

Taoiseach Micheal Martin hit the nail on the head when he called the release of the records of Census 1926 “a deeply personal” event for many of us.

These are the first census of The Irish Free State.

“It allows us to step back in time and encounter our own families, neighbours and communities as they were almost a century ago,” An Taoiseach said.

I have looked at previous census so didn’t expect too many surprises in that of April 19th, 1926. I got a jolt nonetheless.

There in the form was my late mother Mary Hogan, aged four. With her father Dan and mother Mary Hogan, both in their late 40s.

There was “a boarder” in the house in Lismongane, 81 -year-old widower John Griffin, most likely my grandmother’s uncle.

The pattern I spotted in the census of 1901 and 1912 - the recording of Irish language - continues. If you were a native Irish speaker but with knowledge of English, you were to write “Irish and English”; if you had knowledge of Irish but it was no longer your native / everyday tongue, you were to write “English and Irish”.

In 1901 my great grandmother, Mary Griffin, a housekeeper for the O’Connells of Lakeview and a widow, living then near the lake shore with her daughter Mary aged 21 records “Irish and English”. A native speaker in other words. John is also “Irish and English” in the first state census but the rest of the house is recorded as “English and Irish”.

So, in 1926 Lismongane the seismic shift in the language of the country is captured by the Free State’s first census.

The Irish language was much more widely spoken than we realised. It was not confined to the coast. Lakeview, Lismongane and Killalee part of what was then the parish of Aghadoe was as much a Gaeltacht area as any - particularly among the older people.

It was a tubaist to see my grandfather and

grandmother’s hand writing. I never met Dan or Mary Hogan, but I knew their writing.

From old books, and particularly a cookery book my grandmother brought back with her from Ottawa where she emigrated sometime after the 1901 census where we wrote our names for the first time.

There are stories you pick up about your own people that are never on census forms. The late Patrick O’Sullivan in Beaufort Bar remembered Dan Hogan rowing his cattle from the Fossa shore to graze Inisfallen Island.

There is information on neighbours. In Lismongane the neighbours were Mearas, Lynes, and Kissanes.

There is a wealth of information in the census records. Going forward might it be an idea to see photographs included?

For those who want to check their ancestry go to The National Archives of Ireland .

The county library will host an exhibition in October on the census.



Census 2026 - Dan Hogan of Lismongane and his wife Mary nee Griffin



Mary Hogan nee Griffin

THE CUCKOO HAS LANDED

It is good news always that the cuckoo lands in Muckross. 30 and even 20 years ago there were often three cuckoos around Mangerton ; now one is most welcome. Cuckoo Cores - called after a forgotten town land near Derrycunihy has travelled 9,000 kilometers. In the autumn he crossed the Sahara, went to the Congo and spent a few months in the forests. On the 10th April he had entered Spain. We know all this because he was first tagged at Incheens, Derrycunihy in May 2023.

The tagging of Cores and two other Killarney cuckoos is by National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) and the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) to find out where Irish cuckoos spend their winter months. It is hoped the project will also answer if Irish cuckoos undertake a different migration strategy to their British counterparts.

A part of me is disappointed the mystery of the cuckoo is to be solved. I don’t want to know he is over the Bay of Biscay on his way. I want his song on a late April morning to be the first beacon. Science has its moments, but it is not the be-all and end-all of things and we honour it too much.

Sometimes mystery is good and leaves more room for thought and imagination. Not to mention surprise.

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KILLARNEY LIONS CLUB

ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC *a huge success*

On Friday April 24th the Killarney Lions Club held their annual golf classic in aid of the Kerry Hospice.

The golf classic was held in good weather conditions in O'Mahony's Point and as usual was very well supported with a great turnout on the day. The course was in good condition despite the recent poor weather and the scoring was very intense. At the end of the day The Lake Hotel team clinched the top spot. All in all a great day was enjoyed with great food and craic on the 9th, a very well supported raffle and most importantly a very successful fundraiser for a brilliant cause.

The Killarney Lions Club want to thank our

main sponsors including Park Road Dental Practice, Tricel, Urban Optics, Muckcross Park Hotel, Synergy Golf, Diamant Linen, Quills, O'Hara's Brewing Company, O'Callaghans Fruit & Veg, Eno Wines, Coca Cola, Carryout Off Licence and Kerry Coaches.

Thanks also to Killarney GFC, to our catering team and to the volunteers who made it all happen.

The order of merit:-

1st team on 98 points - The Lake Hotel.
Niall Huggard, Joey Sheehan, Alan Flynn, Eamonn O'Sullivan.
2nd team on 97 points - Fexco
Veronica Kirschtein, Peter Supple, Nuala

McEnely, Rosie Lane.
3rd team on 97 points - Brewin Dolphin.
Mike Buckley, Ger Hegarty, David Shaw, Frank Shaw.
4th team on 95 points - Noel C Duggan.
Eugene O'Sullivan, Seanie Kelleher, Tim Geaney, Barry Duggan.
Nearest the Pin (7th): Rosie Lane
Nearest the Pin (18th): Brendan Lynch
Longest Drive, Ladies: Patricia Lynch
Longest Drive, Gents: Kieran Fleming
Raffle result
1st prize: David Shaw
Runner up: Carmel Fitzgerald



The full Lake Hotel team (l to r) Joey Sheehan, Alan Flynn, Niall Huggard, Eamonn O'Sullivan.



At the presentation of the prizes we have (l to r) Joey Sheehan and Niall Huggard of the Lake Hotel team with Lions Club President, Jason Higgins.

IRFU's Give it a try comes to Killarney

NEXT WEDNESDAY, THE 6TH OF MAY, KILLARNEY RFC WILL KICK OFF THIS YEAR'S GIRLS-ONLY 'GIVE IT A TRY' PROGRAMME.

An 8-week programme devised and run through the IRFU, girls aged between 7 and 14 are very welcome to come along and literally give rugby a try. Great fun, lots of games and a gentle and gradual introduction to the game of rugby.

Girls learn the basics of rugby while making new friends, and all are welcome; no experience is needed. The cost is only €10 for the 8 weeks.

For details, simply give our programme coordinator, Liam Murphy, a call on 087-4145662 or just pop up to Aghadoe next Wednesday at 7 pm, so go on, give it a try!



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Nine schools benefit from support fund projects

Nine schools in Killarney have focused more on energy awareness thanks to a novel initiative spearheaded by Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce with generous support from Kerry County Council's Community Support Fund.

The finance provided helped Chamber to purchase televisions, wall brackets and meters for each location and the schools to benefit were Killarney Community College, St Oliver's Primary School, St Brigid's Presentation Secondary School, St Brendan's College, The Monastery, Gaelscoil Faithleann, Holy Cross Mercy, Scoil Bhríde Loreto and Lissivigeen National School. The Community Support Fund funds were used to purchase meters for each school and these have been installed by energy management specialists Acutrace.

Televisions and wall brackets were also installed for each school to display the energy usage which is very educational for teachers and pupils. Holy Cross Mercy National School chose to spend its allocation on a separate biodiversity project to purchase outdoor school flower signage, featuring a trail around the garden which is a great learning tool for children.

The signs also come with matching nature trail sheets as well as flower bundle digital resource packs, including classroom display cards and worksheets

The overall aim of Kerry County Council's Community Support Fund is to provide flexible, financial support to community groups and local organisations who wish to undertake projects which will improve the range and quality of community projects and facilities within their areas.

Acutrace is the country's leading energy measurement and sustainability company which helps businesses and communities to reduce their running costs through energy saving technology.



Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce Sustainability Group sub-committee chairman Mike Stack (second from left) and members Stacey D'Arcy and Gerry Bunyan present a new television and wall bracket to Lissivigeen National School principal Ellen Cagney following the energy awareness initiative by Killarney Chamber and Kerry County Council's Community Support Fund. Also included are Dylan Moynihan, Cuan Kelly, Livia Fleury, Erica Moynihan, Lilliana Gorka, Erica O'Sullivan, Daniel Cremin, Eric Muhere-Bowler, Lily Duggan, Hollie Shevlin and Fiadh O'Sullivan.
Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce Sustainability Group sub-committee chairman Mike Stack (second from left) and members Stacey D'Arcy and Gerry Bunyan present a new television and wall bracket to Lissivigeen National School principal Ellen Cagney following the energy awareness initiative by Killarney Chamber and Kerry County Council's Community Support Fund.

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Dear Editor,

As someone who navigates the ups and downs of life with inflammatory bowel disease or IBD, I can tell you that it is not something that you can do on your own.

It impacts home life, work life, social life, and every other aspect of daily life.

Perhaps more commonly known as Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis, there are approximately 50,000 people like me living with the condition across Ireland.

The impact of IBD radiates outward, easily touching ten or more people through shared daily life—parents, siblings, partners, friends, and colleagues.

That's why I'm hoping that this World IBD Day on May 19 will be the start of something very special.

It Takes a Village is a new campaign being initiated by Crohn's and Colitis Ireland that aims to show how communities all over Ireland can show their support for people with IBD.

We have published a new hands-on guide with information on IBD, busting myths, and offering lots of tips and advice on

how to be a great ally.

We will have a free webinar on the day which promises to be essential viewing for all those who would like to be there for the person with IBD in their lives.

We are also urging businesses to pledge their support for our community and adopt the Crohn's and Colitis Ireland "No Wait" card, in allowing discreet no-questions-asked bathroom access.

To access the new guide, register for the free webinar, and for businesses to pledge their backing, visit www.crohnscolitis.ie/ItTakesAVillage

Whether it's offering a shoulder to lean on, help with the shopping, or being flexible with working arrangements, each of us taking just one practical step would make the world of difference to people with IBD.

Your sincerely

Victoria Spillane, Chief Operating Officer Crohn's and Colitis Ireland, Carmichael Centre, North Brunswick Street, Dublin 7



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Kerry GAA and Killarney Races Team Up for Ultimate Munster Final Preview



A star-studded afternoon of racing and football analysis will take place at Killarney Racecourse on Saturday, May 9, as Kerry GAA partners with Ireland's most scenic racecourse for an exclusive preview event ahead of the Munster Senior Football Final. The panel discussion serves as the official curtain-raiser for a massive sporting weekend in the town, with old rivals Kerry and Cork set to clash on Sunday, May 10.

Excitement is reaching a fever pitch across the county as the Kingdom prepares for another high-stakes showdown with the Rebels. With the Munster title on the line, fans are eagerly anticipating whether Kerry can further cement their provincial dominance or if Cork will cause an upset on away soil.

To mark the occasion, the Killarney racing season officially opens its gates at 11.30am on Saturday, offering an exclusive "Go Racing With Kerry GAA Legends" package. This unique experience allows supporters

to rub shoulders with some of the greatest names to ever wear the green and gold while enjoying a top-tier National Hunt card.

The centerpiece of the day will be an expert panel discussion that will offer fans rare anecdotes from their playing days and provide definitive tactical insights into Sunday's big game.

The atmosphere will be further enhanced by live music throughout the day from Nicole Lonergan and The Gallivanter, ensuring the "craic and banter" flows long after the final race.

Tickets for this exclusive event are priced at €99.00 covering racecourse admission, VIP access to the event, a gourmet BBQ meal, and a complimentary drink. The event is capped at just 200 guests. With interest expected to be high among the GAA community, tickets are being sold on a first-come, first-served basis. The full panel will be released this Friday May 1, and tickets will also go on sales the same date at www.killarneyracecourse.ie. For more information call 0871130086.

ROLL UP, ROLL UP! IT'S THE SECRET ART SALE OF THE DECADE...

16 Kerry Artists Play Hide & Seek for 10th incognito Art Sale in aid of the Jack and Jill Children's Foundation

Ireland's Much-Loved Mystery Art Sale Returns with a New Artwork Size

It's been revealed that 16 Kerry artists have gone into hiding for this year's incognito online art sale in aid of the Jack and Jill Children's Foundation.

The much-loved annual event, in which the identities of the artists remain top secret, and are only revealed once the art deal is done, will take place on Wednesday, May 20.

Among the Kerry artists taking part in incognito 2026 are Tara McCarthy from Kilgarvan, Wendy Brosnahan from Listowel, Frances Fogarty from Dingle, Poppy Melia from Glenbeigh, and Elizabeth Browne from Ardferit.

To mark the sale's tenth anniversary, organisers have announced that this year's collection features a newly-enlarged 6 x 8-inch postcard size. The collection of almost 2,000 original artworks, each costing €75, can now be viewed at www.incognito.ie

Funds raised are life-changing for the 15 Kerry families currently receiving care from the charity. In the decade since the sale was first

inaugurated, a total of €1.4 million has been raised, supporting vital in-home nursing and respite care for Jack and Jill families across the country.

The service offers up to 100 hours of care a month to families caring for children, up to the age of seven, with severe learning disability often associated with complex medical needs, and operates seven days a week, with no means test, no red tape, and no waiting list.

The brains behind incognito, curator Lucinda Hall, recalls how the novel art sale, in which artists donate anonymously, and buyers purchase expectantly, came about:

"My thanks to our wonderful incognito artists who have come back, year after year, to support this exciting fundraiser for Jack and Jill. It truly means the world to have their continued support and I'm excited to share this year's milestone collection. Huge thanks also to our brilliant incognito buyers, who are avid fans and many of whom have incognito galleries at home!"

For Deirdre Walsh, CEO of the Jack and Jill Children's Foundation, incognito has meant

more children can be cared for, for longer, and that families can now receive counselling support:

"Ultimately, what both artist and art buyer delight in is what their support means for parents—time for much-needed sleep, or time for coffee with a friend, or perhaps time to take a sibling to see a movie or go to a match. We are so grateful to the artists for giving, and to the public for buying, as the gift of time makes a significant difference for Jack and Jill families."

For all the latest news on the incognito 2026 Art Sale, check out: @facebook.com/2026incognito or @instagram.com/jackandjillcf

Tara McCarthy from Kilgarvan is one of the artists taking part in this year's incognito online art sale





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SWIFT ACTION TAKEN BY ST BRENDAN'S COLLEGE



James Doyle with teacher Turlough, Donal Doherty and Joe fitting the Bird Boxes at St Brendan's College Killarney on Wednesday. *Photo: Michelle Cooper Galvin*



James Doyle with teacher Turlough fitting the Bird Boxes at St Brendan's College Killarney on Wednesday.

Photo: Michelle Cooper Galvin

St Brendan's College, Killarney has made another step in ongoing conservation efforts. Turlough O'Brien, a teacher in the school, organised the installation of nesting boxes for the migratory Swift bird. The boxes were donated by Eleanor Turner, Biodiversity Officer from Kerry County Council in conjunction with the expertise of James Daly from Swift Conservation Ireland. Two treble nesting boxes were put under the eaves of the study hall wall with the help of caretakers Joe Coffey and Donal Doherty and a teleporter from Martin Walsh Construction Ltd. A speaker was also attached to the boxes. The speaker emits recordings of nesting Swifts in order to attract migrating Swifts to a new nesting site. Swifts migrate from Africa (around

5,000km) each Summer to breed and nest here but their numbers are down by almost 70% in the 25 years between 1998 and 2023. The decline is mainly due to lack of nesting sites which in the past would have included cavities in stonework and under the eaves in old buildings. Replacement and repair of these old buildings mean the birds now have fewer nesting options. Since Swifts nest in colonies, repair or renovation work can often affect more than one pair of birds. Swifts are an integral

part of controlling numbers of pest insects, with a single adult consuming as many as 1,000 to 1,200 insects every day. Migrating birds arrive in Kerry in May and stay until August. They spend most of their lives in the air, eating, bathing and even sleeping on the wing, only landing to nest. They can live up to 20 years old and typically return to the exact same nesting place each year so nesting boxes like the ones in St Brendan's will hopefully house Swifts for many years to come.

MTU welcomed industry and community representatives from across the county to 'Connect with MTU'

MTU welcomed industry and community representatives from across the county to 'Connect with MTU' on Friday 24th April at the annual industry and community open day. This year the event was held at the University's

new STEM building An Cuan in Tralee. The networking event focused on four areas of internet to external partners and collaborators - student work placements, enterprise support, research and innovation and lifelong learning.

Anyone interested in connecting with MTU should contact Anne Looney, External Services Manager at anne.looney@mtu.ie



Sarah O'Flaherty of the MTU, MTU welcomed industry and community representatives from across the county to 'Connect with MTU' on Friday 24th April at the annual industry and community open day. *Photo: Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD*



Pictured Patrick Reidy from South West Regional Enterprise Plan, Maura Ashe Commercial Director Kerry GAA, Tim Daly and Anne Looney Munster Technological University and Steven Caulfield of Finance for you. *Photo: Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD*

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Liam O'Connor performing with his son Oisín at the Liam O'Connor Show with St Brendan's College, Choir and Music Group, Chapel Concert, St Brendan's College, Killarney on Thursday.

Photos: Michelle Cooper Galvin



Irish International Luke Doolan and Caoilan Mitchel interviewing Ex Premier and Irish International Shay Given at the Liam O'Connor Show with St Brendan's College, Choir and Music Group, Chapel Concert, St Brendan's College, Killarney on Thursday.

Liam O'Connor puts on a Show with St Brendan's Choir & Music Group



Special guest Internationally acclaimed Actor Patrick Bergin with his wife Helen, Ex Premier and Irish International Shay Given with Sean Coffey Principal, St Brendan's; Music Director Niamh O'Connell, members of the O'Connor family Oisín, Liam, Saoirse and Cillian at the Liam O'Connor Show with St Brendan's College, Choir and Music Group, Chapel Concert, St Brendan's College, Killarney.



Special guest Internationally acclaimed Actor Patrick Bergin and Ex Premier and Irish International Shay Given with Karena McCarthy Marketing and Elaine O'Riordan Killarney Credit Union, Music director St Brendan's Niamh O'Connell, Sean Coffey Principal and Liam O'Connor at the Liam O'Connor Show with St Brendan's College, Choir and Music Group, Chapel Concert, St Brendan's College, Killarney on Thursday.



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Ronan Bennett performing at the Liam O'Connor Show with St Brendan's College, Choir and Music Group.



Maurice Joy performing.



St Brendan's students Rory O'Connor, Sean Fleming, Ian O'Leary and Gabriel Kowalczyk making special presentations to their music teachers Niamh Sexton, Orna O'Shea, Niamh O'Connell and Saoirse O'Connor at the Liam O'Connor Show with St Brendan's College, Choir and Music Group, Chapel Concert, St Brendan's College, Killarney on Thursday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



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<i>(4-wheat)(9) Baby spinach, basmati rice & poppadom. Add Chicken €4.00 Add Prawns (6) €5.00</i>	
Roast Irish Chicken Supreme (1)(2)(5)(10)	€24.00
<i>Champ potatoes, stem broccoli, forest mushroom sauce.</i>	

Side Orders

Selection of Vegetables (1)	€4.00
Tossed Salad (9)	€6.00
Sautéed Mushrooms and Onions	€4.50
French Fries	€4.50
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Onion Rings (6)(9)	€4.50

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Prime 10oz Irish Sirloin Steak	€35.00
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(1)(2)(4-wheat)(5)(8)(10)

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<i>Bacon, cheddar & Eve's tomato relish.</i>	
Cajun Chicken Burger (1)(2)(4-wheat)(5)(8)(9)(10)	€20.00
<i>Seasoned chicken fillet butterfly, cajun mayo.</i>	
8oz Irish Lamb Burger (1)(2)(4-wheat)(5)(8)(9)(10)	€20.00
<i>Kerry 8oz lamb burger, harrisa aioli.</i>	
Vegan Burger (4-wheat)(5)(9)(10)	€20.00
<i>Plant Based patty, vegan cheese, beetroot bap, Eve's tomato relish.</i>	

Something Sweet

Cheesecake of the day (1)(4-wheat)(5)(9)(10)	€9.00
Warm Apple Pie served with Vanilla Ice-Cream	€9.00
<i>(1)(4-wheat)(5)(8)(9)(10) almonds</i>	
Triple Belgian Chocolate Mousse Torte with Chantilly Cream (1)(4-wheat)(9)(10)	€9.00
Vegan & Gluten Free Raspberry & Almond Frangipane Tart with Vegan Ice-cream (5)(9)(10) almonds	€9.00
Vegan Sicilian Lemon Cheesecake (4-wheat) with fruit coulis	€9.00
Vanilla Ice-Cream & Chocolate Cookie Sandwich (1)(4-wheat)(9)	€5.00
Trio of Gourmet Ice-Creams (1)(4-wheat)(5)(11)(15)(16)	€9.00
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Kerry Airport Welcomes €2.76m Funding

Under Regional Airports Programme 2026-2030



OVER €2.76 million has been allocated to Kerry Airport under the new Regional Airports Programme 2026-2030.

Among the projects being supported this year at Kerry Airport are the replacement of Fire Tenders and investments in new safety and security upgrades.

Announcing the funding, the Minister for Transport, Darragh O'Brien, said, "I am pleased to allocate almost €8 million in capital funding this year to support Shannon, Ireland West (Knock), Kerry and Donegal airports. This level of targeted support, provided under this Government's new Regional Airports Programme 2026-2030, is an indication of the importance Government attaches to regional airports. This funding will support connectivity and balanced regional development, while seeking to maximise the use of existing capacity across our regional airports."

The Chief Financial Officer at Kerry Airport, Basil Sheerin, said, "Kerry Airport is very grateful to the Minister for Transport and the Kerry-based members of Government Minister Norma Foley, and Michael Cahill TD as well as Deputies Michael Healy-Rae, Danny Healy-Rae and Pa Daly for their steadfast support. The funding provided for both operational and capital expenditure has been critical to delivering investment to upgrade safety and security infrastructure."

Minister of State with responsibility for International and Road Transport, Logistics, Rail and Ports, Seán Canney, said, "Strong, well-connected regional airports are essential to economic development, tourism and job creation. The Regional Airports Programme funding helps our airports to meet future demand and to further build their resilience.

"I'm pleased to see Shannon Airport now included in this programme, in addition to Ireland West Airport, Kerry and Donegal. These airports are critical pieces of national infrastructure, and this investment will aid them as they continue to grow sustainably."

Minister of State with responsibility for Rural Transport Jerry Buttimer, said, "This significant capital funding underlines the Government's strong commitment to our regional airports. Shannon, Ireland West, Kerry and Donegal airports are not only vital to maintaining connectivity for the communities and businesses they serve, but act as gateways for visitors to some of the most beautiful parts of our country."

O'DONOGHUE RING COLLECTION

Celebrates Triple Win at Yes Chef Ireland Awards

The O'Donoghue Ring Collection has been honoured with three prestigious Munster accolades at this year's Yes Chef Ireland Awards, earning recognition across its hotel and food & beverage outlets.

As one of Ireland's leading culinary and hospitality programmes, the Yes Chef Ireland Awards recognise excellence across restaurants, chefs, cafés, hotels, and food-led venues nationwide. The awards ceremony brought together the very best of Ireland's culinary talent at the Fairways Hotel Dundalk, as chefs, restaurateurs and hospitality professionals gathered to celebrate creativity, skill, and dedication across the industry.

On the night, the Collection secured Best Country House Restaurant for Druid's Restaurant, located within the Killarney Avenue Hotel, Best Gastro Pub for O'Donoghue Public House, and Best Vegetarian Menu for Café du Parc, delivering a strong sweep of Munster titles and marking Café du Parc's third consecutive year winning in the category.

The O'Donoghue Ring Collection features centrally located hotels, bars, and restaurants, each offering a bespoke guest experience tailored to individual preferences and delivered by a passionate, experienced team.



International acclaimed actor Patrick Bergin performing with Oisín O'Connor at the Liam O'Connor Show with St Brendan's College, Choir and Music Group, Chapel Concert, St Brendan's College, Killarney on Thursday.
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Photographers in Kerry Invited to Enter Ireland's Leading Astrophotography Competition

Reach for the Stars as it Returns for a Sixth Year

ENTRIES ARE NOW OPEN FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS AROUND THE COUNTRY TO CAPTURE AND SHARE THE BEAUTY, CREATIVITY, AND WONDER OF IRELAND'S NIGHT SKY.

The Reach for the Stars Astrophotography Competition is celebrating its sixth anniversary, inviting people in Kerry to pause, look up, and capture the moments that remind us how extraordinary our night sky truly is. Since the beginning of the competition five years ago, photographers from Kerry have consistently featured among the shortlisted and commended entries in Reach for the Stars, reflecting the strength of the talent across the county.

Organised this year by the School of Cosmic Physics at the Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies (DIAS), Reach for the Stars aims to find the best astro-photographs taken in Ireland between 03 June 2025 and 10 May 2026. Shortlisted entrants will be announced in late June, with the public invited to vote for their favourite to win the "People's Choice" category at that time.

Photographs can be entered in three categories:

Night Sky in Your Hand – Images taken with a smartphone only, without telescopes, capturing an astronomical scene.

Out of this World – Images of astronomical objects, including the Sun, Moon, planets, and deep-sky objects such as nebulae, star

clusters, and galaxies.

Back on Earth – Images that depict astronomical features alongside landscapes, landmarks, nature, buildings, or heritage sites.

In addition, one overall Public Choice winner will be selected by public vote from across the shortlisted entries in all categories. Entries will be judged by Dan Dennison, Visual Editor, The Irish Times; Dr. Donnacha O'Driscoll, President of the Irish Astronomical Society; Professor Peter Gallagher, Senior Professor and Head of Astronomy and Astrophysics at DIAS; and Dr Niamh Shaw, Scientist, Engineer, and one of Ireland's leading Science Communicators.

Launching the competition, Dr. Eucharía Meehan, CEO and Registrar of DIAS, said:

"Reach for the Stars is designed to make astrophotography more accessible for everyone with an interest, supporting science communication and outreach, building awareness of dark skies, and encouraging citizen science. We're looking forward, as ever, to seeing the range of perspectives and skills that these astrophotographers will bring to the night sky."

Chair of the judging panel and Director of DIAS Dunsink Observatory, Professor Peter Gallagher, said: "The standard of entries to Reach for the Stars generally reflects huge creativity and technical capability. Entries are assessed against clear criteria – technical skill, artistic

flair, astronomical understanding, and originality – and it's always evident how much effort sits behind each frame, delivering images that show how extraordinary our universe really is."

Competition Details

Entrants may submit up to two images per category to the competition. The deadline for entries is 5pm, 11 May 2026. All entries will be screened by a shortlisting panel to ensure they meet the eligibility criteria. The shortlisted images in each category will then go forward for consideration by the judging panel and for an online public vote on reachforthestars.ie.

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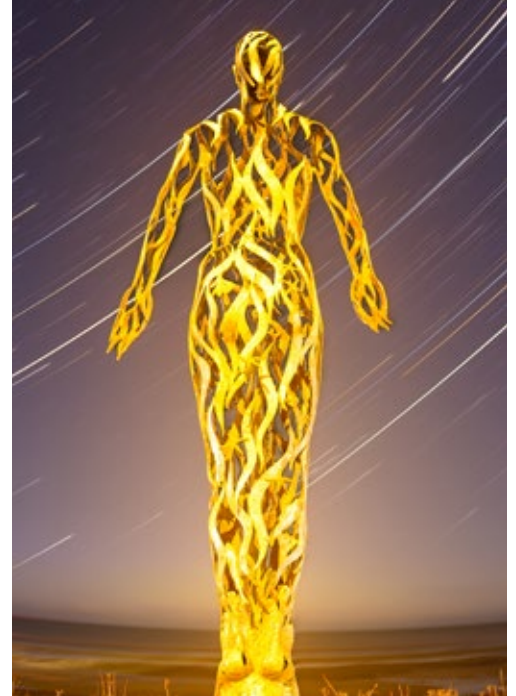
The winning photographers in the 'Out of this World' and 'Back on Earth' categories, as selected by the judging panel, will receive a prize package that includes:

Publication of their images on the DIAS and The Irish Times websites; Passes to the three sites of the Astronomical Observatories of Ireland – DIAS Dunsink Observatory, Armagh Observatory and Planetarium, and Birr Castle Demesne;

A €500 voucher for photographic equipment; and

A digital subscription to The Irish Times.

The winner of the Public Choice category, as voted for by the public, and the winner of the 'Night Sky in Your Hand' category will each receive a voucher to the value of €250 for photographic equipment, along with passes to the three sites of the Astronomical Observatories of Ireland – DIAS Dunsink Observatory, Armagh Observatory and Planetarium, and Birr Castle Demesne.



'The Voyager' by Liam Reddall, Winner Back on Earth Landmark category 2025

Two runner-up prizes from each of the Out of this World and Back on Earth categories will also be awarded vouchers to the value of €250 for photographic equipment and passes to the three sites of the Astronomical Observatories of Ireland.

Winning and highly commended images will also be included in exhibitions at DIAS Headquarters, Burlington Road, Dublin 4 and at DIAS Dunsink Observatory later in 2026. Furthermore, all shortlisted images will be included in an online exhibition on the competition website reachforthestars.ie.

DIAS's 'Reach for the Stars' competition is being run in partnership with The Irish Times, and is sponsored by MKC Communications and The Astronomical Observatories of Ireland. The Irish Astronomical Society are initiative supporters.

Further information, including the competition guidelines and entry form, is available at www.reachforthestars.ie.



'Winter Nebula in Bloom' by Martin McCormack, Winner Out of this World Deep Sky category 2025



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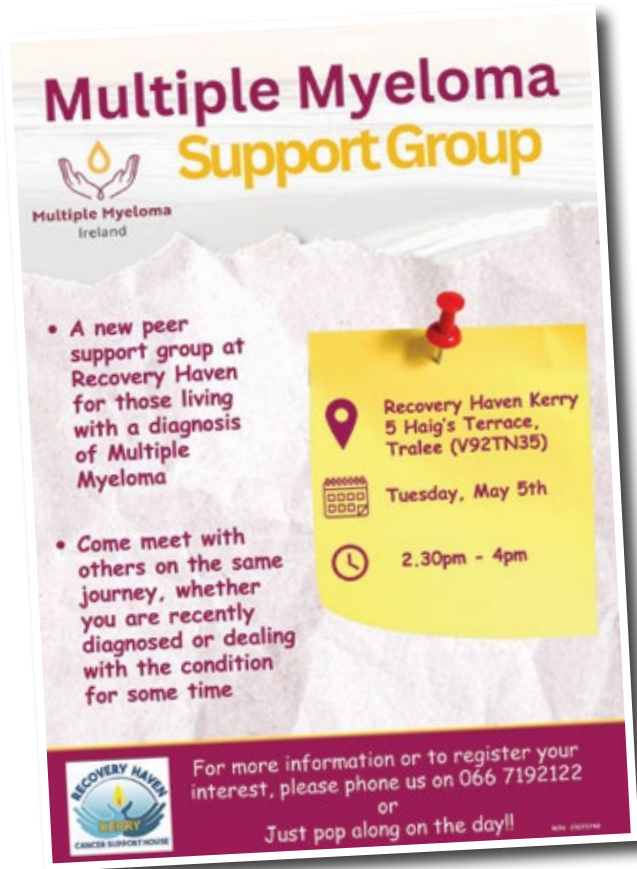
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RECOVERY HAVEN introduce a new, free support group for those living with a diagnosis of Multiple Myeloma



Cancer support charity, Recovery Haven Kerry, is inviting participants to join its new, free peer support group for those living with a diagnosis of Multiple Myeloma.

Supported by Multiple Myeloma Ireland (MMI), the first get together takes place at Recovery Haven, 5 Haig's Terrace, Tralee (V92TN35) on Tuesday, May 5th from 2.30pm - 4pm, offering people a chance to meet with others on the same journey, whether you are recently diagnosed or dealing with the condition for some time.

Group leader, Pat Gately, who is a board member of MMI and a member of his local support group in The HOPE Centre in Enniscorthy, says that peer groups such as this can be hugely beneficial to people living with Myeloma.

"As a board member of MMI and a member of my local support group for the last 8 years, I have seen first-hand what a huge benefit a group like this brings to patients at all stages of their journey, from diagnosis through treatment and onto living with myeloma. The people who are walking in our shoes know better than anyone how best to support us along the way," he explained.

For more information or to register your interest, you can phone Recovery Haven on 066 7192122 - or feel free just pop along to on the day.

COUNCILLOR CAHILL CALLS FOR INCREASED LOCAL LINK FUNDING TO SUPPORT RURAL KERRY COMMUNITIES

Fianna Fáil Councillor Tommy Cahill has called for increased investment in Local Link services across County Kerry following a motion he submitted at the April meeting of Kerry County Council.

The motion calls on the Council to write to the National Transport Authority and the Minister for Transport seeking additional funding to enhance connectivity, increase service frequency and expand routes particularly in rural areas.

Speaking at the meeting, Cllr. Cahill stated, "I want to commend the work of Alan O'Connell and the entire TFI Local Link Kerry team, the significant growth in usage of the service is a testament to the work being done behind the scenes by them."

"Local Link in Kerry has been a real success story, delivering close to 550,000 passenger journeys last year with numbers continuing to grow. The TFI Anseo Killarney service reached two significant milestones in 2025 reaching over 2,000 passengers per week while the 'All Aboard' pilot connected 20,000 passengers in just a four-month period from 11th August to December 19th. That tells us clearly that the



demand is there," he said. "However, we are now at a point where lack of funding, not lack of demand, is holding us back."

"Communities like Glencar are being left behind despite clear and growing need. Glencar has only one door-to-door Local Link service per week with no plans for expansion. A previous attempt at a Local Area Hackney service did not succeed and we now need renewed focus and investment to ensure these areas are not forgotten," he

"Improving and increasing frequency of services enables people to access work, education and

services, support local businesses and ensuring that young people can continue to live in rural areas. Transport is central to the future of rural Kerry."

"Following several constituents reaching out, I have a long list of key routes where demand has been clearly identified that must be pursued. These include connections between Glenbeigh, Glencar and Dromid; the Gap of Dunloe, Beaufort and Killarney; Glenbeigh, Cromane and Dooks; and improved links from Killarney to Mallow and across the Kilcummin and Beaufort areas," he added.

"There is also a major tourism opportunity here. Better connecting areas such as Glencar, the Gap of Dunloe and Killarney would improve daily life for locals but also create sustainable tourism routes that benefit the wider local economy," he said.

Cahill concluded, "We have services ready to go and communities ready to benefit but without the necessary funding, they simply cannot proceed. There is a real risk that momentum will be lost. We must ensure funding is maintained and increased to keep up with the demand and deliver for our rural communities."

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Pobalscoil Chorca Dhuibhne, Maine Valley Family Resource Centre and NEWKD Castleisland shine at Creative Technology Week 2026

Pobalscoil Chorca Dhuibhne was honoured at Tech Féile during Kinia's Creative Technology Week 2026 with the Gaelscoil claiming two awards and a further four nominations on Friday 24th at TechFéile.

The Dingle school claimed the award for Mobile Filmmaking (Scannánaíocht Mhóibíleach) where students recorded a unique detective story trí Ghaeilge and teacher Pádraig Ó Dubhaigh was awarded Educator of the Year (Oideachasóir na Bliana) recognising continued outstanding commitment to his students. The Mobile Filmmaking Award category proved a very competitive space with three additional teams from Pobalscoil Chorca Dhuibhne also nominated with excellent creative entries. A further nomination was also received in the Organisation of the Year (Eagraíocht na Bliana) category.

Kerry was also well represented at TechFest with Maine Valley Family Resource Centre led by Lisa Foley claiming two awards on Saturday, April 25th: Organisation of the Year and the Creative Technology Award. NEWKD Castleisland was also honoured during the event winning the Mobile Filmmaking Award with Jennifer O'Sullivan Coffey receiving a nomination for Educator of the Year for her continued dedication and support.

The events were part of Kinia's annual showcase of young digital innovators, celebrating groundbreaking projects in Creative Technology, Smart Energy, Green Tech, Mobile Filmmaking, Podcasting and Robotics. The awards were presented in front of a record breaking attendance of over 1,000 young innovators from across the country in the Explorium, Sandyford.

Kinia, an education-focused non-profit and social enterprise, is dedicated to reducing educational inequality by building digital skills and access to technology career pathways for young people across Ireland. The organisation's impact continues to grow with over 428,000 children and young people have benefited from Kinia's work to date with 25,606 educators engaged and 3,079 schools and youth centres supported nationwide.

The awards were presented during Creative Technology Week celebrations, which saw a record breaking attendance of over 1,000 young innovators from across Ireland display their projects as part of 2 days of events in the Explorium, Sandyford. Young people attended, engaged in hands-on workshops such as Machine Learning and AI, and competitions, such as the new Kinia Hydrogen Grand Prix (H2GP), where young minds competed in racing hydrogen-powered vehicles. A new education programme, Hydrogen Grand Prix was also added into the 2026 schedule; a global racing series and empowers the next generation of engineers, problem-solvers and clean energy champions.



NEWKD - Mobile Filmmaking.



Pobalscoil Chorca Dhuibhne - Group

The past year saw continued growth with over 2,000 educators engaged and through the wide range of programmes available 21,821 young people gained access to transformative learning opportunities. Over 63% of these figures relate to students from socio-economically disadvantaged communities and 90.3% of STEM engagement involved girls and young women. Total reach extended to 414 schools and youth services, reinforcing the organisational commitment to equitable access to quality education in every corner of Ireland.

Speaking during the programme of events Marianne Checkley, CEO of Kinia added "We want to extend a huge congratulations to everyone from Kerry and a big thank you for all the hard work and effort put into the projects. It's fair to say that Kerry was very well represented this year and we look forward to continuing to work closely with students and educators in the future. It's great to see representatives like Pádraig, Lisa and Jennifer getting the recognition they deserve.


Creative Technology Week continues to be a highlight of the year, both for us at Kinia and also the community of educators and young people attending. We are thrilled to have welcomed over 1,000 attendees this week across the three main events and the addition of the H2GP National final was a resounding success and we look forward to seeing this grow in the future.

We remain dedicated to reducing educational inequality by building digital skills and access to technology career pathways for young people across Ireland. We are continuing to work towards our ambitious plan of upskilling 50,000 educators and reaching 800,000 young people by 2030 and these events are a huge part of helping us deliver our message."

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Denis Cronin, left and Stephen Hanley, members of Lough Lein Anglers Association, Killarney National Park, who hosted the 38th Anniversary Open Wet Charity Angling Competition, known as 'The Charity' on Sunday. It is the most popular angling event in the fishing calendar. *Photos: Valerie O'Sullivan*

Another fantastic 'Net Result' from Lough Lein Anglers

The Annual Charity event raises € 12,000

Corrie O'Flaherty, Chairman of Lough Lein Anglers Association presented a cheque for €12,000 to Tim O'Brien, 'Rise & Shine Trust' from members of Lough Lein Anglers Association, who hosted the 38th Anniversary Open Wet Charity Angling Competition, known as 'The Charity' last Sunday. It is the most popular angling event in the fishing calendar. The organisation chosen to benefit from this year's Charity is 'Rise & Shine Trust' (formally Irish Pilgrimage Trust) who's charity work funds children and young people with additional needs/special needs on a week-long, fully supported Easter

pilgrimage holiday to Lourdes, funded by volunteer fundraising. To Date 'The Charity' has raised over €300,000 for local charities. Timo O'Sullivan, Organiser, 'The Charity' said "We're thrilled with today's fundraising result, €12,000 was raised by the Anglers, with substantial sponsorship from Lee Strand Co-op. 'Rise & Shine Trust' will definitely benefit from this generous amount. We were delighted to welcome Angela Curran, Tom, Mary, Rachel and their Children, the family of the late Pat Curran, who passed away in June 2026. He was a dedicated member of the Lough Lein Anglers Association, Pat

worked tirelessly for so many local charities, in particular this charity, he was always on hand with sound advice, Pat was generous to a fault, always a kind word with such gentleness, he was great fun to of course! We miss him". Michael Shanahan and Nuala Johnson, were also on hand with the Rise & Shine Trust, along with Ben Gibney, Boris Uzik, P.J. O'Sullivan, Phil Horan, P.J O'Brien, Lough Lein Anglers Association. The overall winner of the competition was Richie Willis.



Alfie Hughes using the art of fly tying - members of Lough Lein Anglers Association, Killarney National Park.



P.J. O'Brien, registering with organiser Timo O'Sullivan, members of Lough Lein Anglers Association, Killarney National Park.



The family of the late Pat Curran, long time member and Treasurer of Lough Lein Anglers Association at the 38th Anniversary Open Wet Charity Angling Competition, known as 'The Charity' on Sunday. Front row from left, Sophie Taylor, Tom Curran, Timo O'Sullivan, Charity Organiser, Mary Curran and Isla Curran, Back row from left, Corrie O'Flaherty, Chairman Lough Lein Anglers Association, Boris Uzik, Phil Horan, Angela Curran, Wife of the late Pat Curran, John O'Connell, Rachel and Ben Curran.



Timo O'Sullivan, Organiser of 'The Charity' presenting Richie Willis, winner of the event on Sunday. Included are members of Lough Lein Anglers Association, who hosted the 38th Anniversary Open Wet Charity Angling Competition.



The Winning team, Owen Casey, left, Phil Horan, P.J. O'Brien and Richie Willis, members of Lough Lein Anglers Association, who hosted the 38th Anniversary Open Wet Charity Angling Competition, known as 'The Charity' on Sunday.



Corrie O'Flaherty, 2nd right, presents a cheque for €12,000 to Tim O'Brien, 'Rise & Shine Trust' from members of Lough Lein Anglers Association, Included in the photo, front, Timo O'Sullivan, Organiser, 'The Charity', Michael Shanahan and Nuala Johnson, Rise & Shine Trust, and Ben Gibney, Lough Lein Anglers Association.



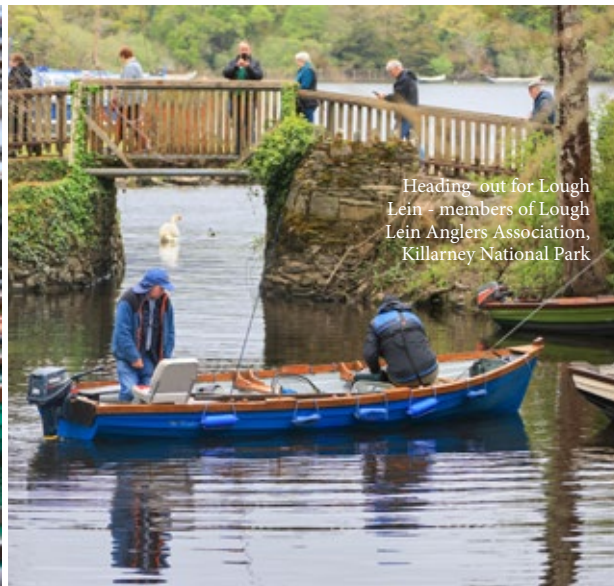
Rory O'Flaherty heading for Lough Lein - members of Lough Lein Anglers Association, Killarney National Park.



Declan Lynch and Patsy Cotter, heading for Lough Lein.



Billy O'Dea and Ann McWilliams, Kantuck, members of Lough Lein Anglers Association, Killarney National Park

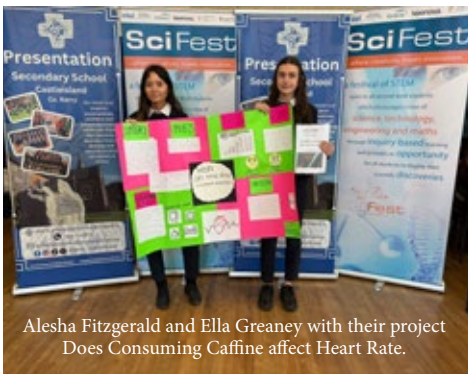


Heading out for Lough Lein - members of Lough Lein Anglers Association, Killarney National Park

SciFest Success at Presentation Castleisland



TY Scifest participants with Science Teachers Dayna Hurley, Tracey Dooley and Scifest Judge Hilary Lynch.



Alesha Fitzgerald and Ella Greaney with their project Does Consuming Caffeine affect Heart Rate.

This year, Presentation Castleisland proudly hosted an exciting and inspiring in-school SciFest competition, organised by Ms Tracey Dooley and Ms Dayna Hurley. With over 30 Transition Year students taking part, the event showcased an impressive range of scientific curiosity, creativity, and dedication.

Since January, students have been working tirelessly in groups to investigate and research topics that explore real-world issues and everyday phenomena. Their hard work and commitment have been evident in the quality and diversity of projects presented.

Among the projects were How Nutrition in Different Countries Affects Our Health by Paula Seifert and Maria Eliza Lopes, and The Effects



Luna Stoek, Maria Victoria Pereira Galdino and Violeta Alvarez Serrat (SciFest 20th Anniversary Award winners) with Hilary Lynch (SciFest Judge).

of Blue Light by Saoirse Collins, Éabha Harkin, and Laura Klein. Innovation was also on display with Anti Tremor Utensil Handle by Mairder Cabo, Sarah Collins, and Gracie Mills.

Several groups explored how external factors influence human performance and memory. These included Effect of Background Noise on Memory Recall by Mairead Allman, Jessie O'Keeffe, and Alana Kelliher, as well as Speed & Accuracy in Puzzle Solving Between Different Age Groups by Lisa Marie Hayer, Nikola Wroblewska, and Natalia Kedziora.

Human biology and performance were popular themes, with projects such as Human Reaction Time by Laia Sabelli, Claudia Cuenca, and Noa Marino, and How Muscle Affects Athletic Performance by Violeta Alvarez Serrat, Maria Victoria Pereira Galdino, and Luna Stoek. The relationship between music and sport was explored in Does Music Improve Sports Performance? by Leah Burke and Emily Heffernan, while Does Consuming Caffeine Affect Heart Rate? by Ella Greaney and Alesha Fitzgerald investigated the effects of caffeine on the body.

On April 21st, students presented their projects to Mr Stephan Moynihan and SciFest judge Hilary Lynch, who commended the students on the exceptionally high standard of work, creativity, and presentation skills on display.

Several awards were presented on the day in

recognition of the students' achievements. The SciFest Award was presented to Laia Sabelli, Claudia Cuenca, and Noa Marino for their project Human Reaction Time. This award recognises excellence in areas such as communication, innovation, and scientific thinking.

The SciFest 20th Anniversary Award was awarded to Violeta Alvarez Serrat, Maria Victoria Pereira Galdino, and Luna Stoek for their project How Muscle Affects Athletic Performance. This award celebrates the spirit of SciFest over the past 20 years, highlighting curiosity, creativity, and scientific thinking with real-world impact.

The Keenova STEM Excellence Award was presented to Saoirse Collins, Éabha Harkin, and Laura Klein for The Effects of Blue Light. This award recognises outstanding achievement in STEM, including strong understanding of scientific principles, innovation, and the ability to communicate complex ideas effectively.

Leah Burke and Emily Heffernan were awarded both the Runner-Up prize and the Student Choice Award for their project Does Music Improve Sports Performance?, reflecting both the judges' recognition of their high-quality work and the popularity of their project among their peers.

First place overall was awarded to Jessie O'Keeffe, Mairead Allman, and Alana Kelliher for their project Effect of Background Noise on Memory Recall, which impressed judges with its strong scientific approach, analysis, and presentation.

The journey doesn't end there. On May 6th, the students will travel to MTU Tralee to compete at a regional level, presenting their projects to another panel of judges. With many prizes to be won, there is great excitement and anticipation among all involved.

This year's SciFest has been a wonderful celebration of scientific thinking and teamwork in Presentation. The dedication shown by the students, along with the guidance of their teachers, has made the event a great success.

After the event, Ms Dooley said, "We are extremely proud of all the students involved. Their commitment, creativity and enthusiasm were evident throughout, and the standard of work was outstanding."


Ms Hurley added, "SciFest provides a fantastic platform for students to explore real-world issues and develop valuable skills. We wish all of the students the very best of luck as they represent our school at regional level in MTU Tralee on May 6th."



Sarah Collins and Mairder Cabo with their project Anti-Tremor Utensil Handle (missing from photo Gracie Mills)




L-R Alana Kelliher, Jessie O'Keeffe and Mairead Allman (SciFest@school first place winners), Hilary Lynch (SciFest).



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Beyond the Rim



In this week's Killarney Outlook, Enda Walshe shares his basketball story with readers...

five teams operating at National level, namely Killarney Cougars, Flexachem KCYMS, Garveys Tralee Warriors and St Pauls Womens and Mens team. I established a podcast, titled "Beyond the Rim", and in the early months promoted the Kerry sides involved at National level with zoom interviews recorded and put out on the Facebook and Instagram platforms.

The Podcast quickly gained traction as we opened with in depth interviews with the coaches of the five competing sides and followed that with post match chats with the players involved in the games. It was a landmark for basketball coverage with other podcasts touching on the sport but this was the first one in the country to focus solely on basketball and I soon found that the basketball community got fully behind it. I was very fortunate to secure a most generous sponsor in Andre Menswear, a brand I've been working with for over 25 years in my role as a fashion buyer. The vice captain of the Irish Senior Men's Basketball team Jordan Blount gave me great support as did Kieran Donaghy and with the basketball season up and running I was never short of material.

We are all aware of the bigger names in the sport but what I soon found wasn't so apparent was the stories behind the people. This is what I wanted to be told and one of the earliest interviews I did was with the aforementioned Blount. Coming from the North side of Cork he travelled the world playing basketball at the very highest level and it gave me an insight into the mind of one of Country's top players. His dedication to training and practice was off the charts and it's little wonder that he is now a master of his craft. Jimmy Diggins is another who stands out. The service he has given to the game in Tralee stands at well over fifty years and it was inspirational to hear how much time and effort he put into promoting the game he loved in Tralee. Jimmy has dedicated his life to the sport, coaching schools teams, mens and ladies teams and even to this present day helping to work out Garvey Tralee Warriors professional players. And you will not meet anyone who has a bad word to say about Jimmy.

The resolve Siofra O Shea has shown is truly inspirational. We all know Siofra is the captain of the Kerry Ladies Football team but she is also a top class basketballer. She suffered the misfortune of the dreaded ACL injury, not once but twice, but the manner in which she explained her rehab is an example to anyone. Siofra has just come off her best season on the court, rarely missed a training session in either sport and is as close to a professional sports person as you'll find. And she does it all with humility. The popularity of the podcast soon found me wandering outside the county and anyone who knows Joe Coughlan will attest to the larger than life figure. I first came

My interest in basketball started at a very early age when I used to go with my father, Cathal, to National League games in the late 70s and early 80s. At that time St Vincents were in their pomp with the late great Paudie O'Connor at the forefront of their success. It was Paudie of course who initiated the influx of American players into the country, a move that I'll refer to later in the article. I eventually found myself on the hardwood and won an U13 County Championship with St Vincents myself in 1987, lining out alongside Brian Clarke and James Fleming. My playing days were numbered after that but my love for the game never waned. I was ever present at the various incarnations of Killarney basketball thereafter, even operating the manual scoreboard in the mid 80s in the Presentation Gym. St Pauls made a surge in National basketball circles in the mid 90s with a strong cohort of homegrown talent and crowd pleasing American players like Terry Smith, Greg Forde, Justin Wingarde and Corey Jackson and with Tralee and Castleisland also competing the appetite for basketball in the county was always sated.

In more recent years I maintained my attendance at games, travelling to Tralee and Killorglin as well as supporting St Pauls. Just before Covid struck I became PRO for the St Paul's Men's National league team and following the untimely and unfortunate death of Pdraig Hartnett, I also took over the PR duties for the clubs Womens team. Having such an up close experience of these sides games, my interest in basketball certainly peaked and I found great enjoyment in reporting on the games for all the local written media and Radio Kerry. The coverage given to the game in the county is superb and all those outlets deserve huge credit for the exposure they give to the sport.

The modern age has given birth to podcasts and online social media discussion on most sports but it was around this time last year that I felt there was a gap in the market for promoting the sport of basketball and its participants. While the sport may not have the following of Gaelic Games and Rugby it has a hardcore of very committed officials who deserve acknowledgement for the effort they have put into the sport. At present Kerry has



Jordan Blount.



Siofra O Shea.

across Joe over 35 years ago when he was a Friar in Killarney and he soon found himself dubbed "the dunking Monk". Joe has done indescribable work in his native Galway and is the face of his thriving club the Titans. Another man with Killarney roots is the Sligo All Stars coach Shane O Meara, his grandmother a familiar face behind the counter in days gone by in O'Meara's Bar in High Street. Shane has also given his club huge service and that has been rewarded with him recently being named as assistant coach to the Irish Senior Men's team.

As I mentioned earlier Paudie O Connor led the way with his landmark move of introducing American players into the country in the late 1970s. It certainly caught the Irish basketball community off guard and Timmy McCarthy in his interview gave me insight into that . Timmy is of course renowned as a basketball commentator with RTE , his humorous turn of phrase and observations during the Olympics earning him plaudits far and wide. But Timmy was a star player in his day, captaining Ireland 59 times and he helped me to relive the glorious era of basketball in the 1980s when Cork was the centre of the Universe. Timmy is absolute gold when it comes to interviewing and was certainly one of the ones I enjoyed most.

One of the byproducts of Paudies initiative was a number of the American players who actually came to Ireland stayed here and set up home. Ricardo Leonardo was one of those, a top player in the 90s and 00s and he soon set up home in Tralee. A popular " Kerryman" now , his son Ryan recently starred for the Irish senior men's team against Luxembourg and this father and son combination gave very interesting insights. The American influence on the Irish game is huge and this season the likes of Iggy Hunte, Steve Kelly, Maisie Burnham, Tara Cousins , Jordan Perkins and Eche Okeke provided their clubs with memorable moments. And there are still more stories to tell.

During the summer months I hope to catch up with Gerard Kennedy. Gerard, another Yank who made Ireland his home, once clinched a league title for Neptune with a length of the court buzzer beater. But did you know his Godson is the NBA superstar Steph Curry. Ed Randolph, like Gerard, came to Ireland , met a singer, got married and set up home. His son



Darren, born and reared in the Emerald Isle, took up soccer and went on to play fifty times for Ireland between 2012 and 2020. Danny Fulton recently celebrated his 80th birthday, a Hall of Famer, league winning coach with Belfast's Star of the Sea. His son Adrian is the current incumbent of that seat and his son CJ is the first homegrown Irish player to sign with an NBA team, Minnesota Timberwolves. One of the overbearing emotions of setting up the "Beyond the Rim" is happiness that I did.

Because it has opened up a world to me of great stories behind what great sports people are. And this is just the beginning as the tale of Irish basketball has many angles and characters "Beyond the Rim" is available on Facebook and Instagram and in the coming months we will be launching on Spotify also. I would also like to thank Kieran Healy of First Take Films who is my video editor and helps with the production of the Podcast.

Legion GAA Launch Johnny Culloty Golf Classic

Killarney Legion GAA Club officially launched the Johnny Culloty Golf Classic this week at their grounds in Direen.

Generously sponsored by the Gleneagle, the event promises to be a fantastic day of golf and community spirit. It will take place at Killarney Golf Club on Friday, June 5th, with teams of three invited to participate at a cost of €400 per team. The day includes excellent prizes as well as a halfway lunch for all participants.

The golf classic will mark the beginning of a special weekend for the club. Festivities will continue on Saturday with the official renaming of the club grounds in honour of the late Johnny Culloty.

The Legion's outstanding pitches and clubhouse stand as a lasting tribute to Culloty, a remarkable sportsman who devoted an enormous amount of time and effort to developing the club's facilities into what they are today.

For further details or to enter a team, please contact John on 087 2464651 or Sean on 087 2461780.



Photo includes L to R; Sean Murphy, Patrick O'Donoghue (Gleneagle Hotel Sponsor), Brian O'Shea, Peter O'Sullivan, Ted Healy, Zena Shine, Aaron McCann, John Keane (club chairman).

Musicians from Kerry Take Centre Stage in Landmark 40th Anniversary Performance

Young musicians from the Music Generation Kerry String Ensemble and members of Cór Seoda Tíre took to the stage in front of a full house at Siamsa Tíre last week for a landmark performance celebrating 40 years of Music Network, alongside internationally acclaimed classical music stars Trio Bohémo.

The concert featured a performance of *The Unconquerable Soul*, a powerful new work by Irish composer Rhona Clarke. Written for the unusual combination of piano trio, choir and string ensemble, the piece brought together young performers and professional musicians in a striking collaboration.

Commissioned by Music Network, in collaboration with Music Generation it celebrates the long-standing relationship between the two organisations.

In the months leading up to the performance, the choir worked closely with their conductors and choral specialist Alan Leech, while the young string players rehearsed intensively with Music Generation Musician Educators. The groups came together in March for a dedicated rehearsal with Trio Bohémo and conductor, and proud Kerry woman, Amy Ryan, culminating in a memorable performance as part of the trio's national tour.

Rhona Clarke's involvement holds special significance, she was among the first composers



Cór Seoda Tíre and the Music Generation Kerry String Ensemble perform alongside internationally renowned music stars Trio Bohémo conducted by Amy Ryan at Siamsa Tíre, Tralee.
Photo: Domnick Walsh

commissioned by Music Network in 1995. Her three-movement composition draws on poetry exploring hope as a resilient and enduring force in human life.

Music Network established Music Generation in 2011 following a decade-long campaign for equal access to music education for every child and young person in Ireland. Today, Music Generation, a subsidiary company of Music

Network, continues to open up the world of music for children and young people across the country. Delivering 125,513 Music Education tuition hours in 2024 with 132,500 programme participants taking part in their activities, they continue to provide hundreds of different programmes across all styles of music for children and young people every year.

Gleneagle Concert Band's Annual Charity Concert in Killarney

A brilliant big band sound will fill Killarney on Sunday, May 17 at 4.00pm as the Gleneagle Concert Band presents its eagerly awaited annual charity concert at Gleneagle.

This year's concert will raise funds for Recovery Haven Kerry Cancer Support House, Kerry Stars Special Olympics Club, Fossa/Killorglin Scout Groups, and the Gleneagle Concert Band Music Education Programme instrument loan scheme.

Special guest performers on the night will be the choir of St. Brigid's Presentation Secondary School.

The programme promises to cater for all musical tastes, featuring military marches, classical selections, jazz numbers, film scores, choral works and popular vocal hits, ensuring an evening of high-quality entertainment for all ages.

Gleneagle Concert Band Music Development Officer Vincent Condon said: "We are delighted to be collaborating with local charities and hope the public will come out in great numbers again this year to support this worthwhile fundraising venture. Recovery Haven Kerry Cancer Support House delivers caring and therapeutic services to those who have experienced cancer, their families and carers, and we are honoured to support their work.

The Kerry Stars Special Olympics Club provides athletes with special needs the opportunity to be productive and respected members of society through participation in an all-year-round sports and competition programme. They do amazing work and deserve every support.

Like the Gleneagle Concert Band, the Fossa/Killorglin Scout Groups have provided a fantastic outlet for young people over the years to develop life skills, forge friendships and contribute to their community. A large



audience on the night will help raise much-needed funds to support these wonderful organisations."

The Gleneagle Concert Band has performed with distinction for former President Mary McAleese and President Michael D. Higgins during their visits to Kerry. Also, over the past 45 years the band has also represented Kerry and Ireland abroad on tours to Germany, Holland, Sweden, Austria, Portugal, Paris, Lisbon, Monaco and Cannes. Most recently, the band embarked on a successful joint concert tour to Seville and Gibraltar in 2025 with the Midleton Concert Band.

Band Manager Ciaran Lynch said: "This annual concert is always one of the highlights of our year. It not only showcases the dedication and talent of our musicians and choir, but also reflects the strong community spirit that exists throughout Kerry. We are extremely grateful for the continued support of the public, local businesses and community leaders, and we look forward to welcoming a large audience for what promises to be a fantastic evening of music and fundraising."

Tickets are priced at €18. They are available at the door on the night, from Gleneagle Concert Band members, by calling 087 2229513, from the St. Brigid's Presentation Secondary School office, via Kerry Stars Special Olympics Club (087 236 5664 or kerrystars63@gmail.com), Recovery Haven Kerry (066 7192122), and from Fossa/Killorglin Scout Group members or phone 0831394992

Anyone interested in joining the Gleneagle Concert Band, including past members and adults, or enrolling in lessons with the Gleneagle School of Music, is encouraged to contact the band on 087 2229513.

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GLENFLESK PARISH

Written by: Sean Daly

COUNTY LEAGUE

McCarthy Insurance Group Senior County League Division 1 Round 5. Killarney Legion 1-16 Glenflesk 2-12.

Match report by Michael Healy.

Glenflesk's unbeaten start to the 2026 Division 1 County League was ended by a determined Killarney Legion, whose quick start to the match set them on the way to a deserved 1-point victory. From the outset Legion attacked with great intent. They charged into a 4-point to nil lead after 13 minutes, with Ryan O Grady, Josh Bowler, Finbarr Murphy and the impressive Jamie Alade getting the scores. Glenflesk's first point didn't arrive until the fifteenth minute, with Darragh Roche finding the target after being set up by Liam O'Brien. Legion responded with a 2-point free from Brian Kelly, who had already made a great save from Callum Cronin to deny Glenflesk a goal. Cronin then got a super point for Glenflesk. One of the scores of the game came from Luke Crowley, who made a brilliant catch before firing over a 2-point score. Despite being outplayed, Glenflesk went in just 2 points behind, and still well in the game. Legion again started the second half well with Eoghan O'Sullivan and Finan Blackwell increasing the lead back to 4. Once again it was Crowley who struck back for Glenflesk. Showing great strength, he held off his man and blasted the ball past Kelly. A 2-pointer from Tommy Bowler, his second of the game, put Glenflesk ahead for the first time. Some crucial errors, though, allowed Legion to retake the lead again, with Oisín Fleming's well-taken

goal pushing them clear. Cronin replied with another fine left-footed effort. With time almost up, Crowley grabbed his second goal, finding the net from a tight angle. Legion, though, won the resulting kick-out and grabbed the 2 league points. On the night Legion were full value for the win, with Alade dominating on kick-outs. Glenflesk did not reach the levels of previous rounds. They remain in second place in the table, though, and are well in contention after 5 rounds. In Division 6 our B team had a good win away to Gneeveguilla. Final score Gneeveguilla B 1:12 Glenflesk B 2:15.

WEDDING BELLS

Congratulations to our senior player Ian Roche and Brid Ryan on their wedding last weekend. Wishing you both a lifetime of health and happiness together.

BASKETBALL

Well done to Clodagh O'Sullivan on her selection to the Ireland U17 National team for the upcoming Four Nations tournament. A huge achievement for Clodagh, her family and her club St Pauls.

PRIMARY GAMES

Massive congratulations to our U14 player Ryan O'Donoghue who has been selected to play on the Kerry Primary games team at half time of the Munster Final between Cork & Kerry in Fitzgeralds Stadium on May 10th. A fantastic achievement for Ryan, his family, Raheen National school and Glenflesk GAA.



A large crowd were in attendance at the Milltown annual horse fair on Sunday including Roger Sampson, Davy O'Neill, Sean Sampson with Tom and Maggie Collins. Photo Moss Joe Browne.



Friends meeting at Milltown horse fair on Sunday were Willie O'Shea, Listry and Patsy Joy, Killorglin. Photo Moss Joe Browne.



Flowers for sale by John Roche on horse fair at Milltown added a touch of colour by the main street. Photo Moss Joe Browne.

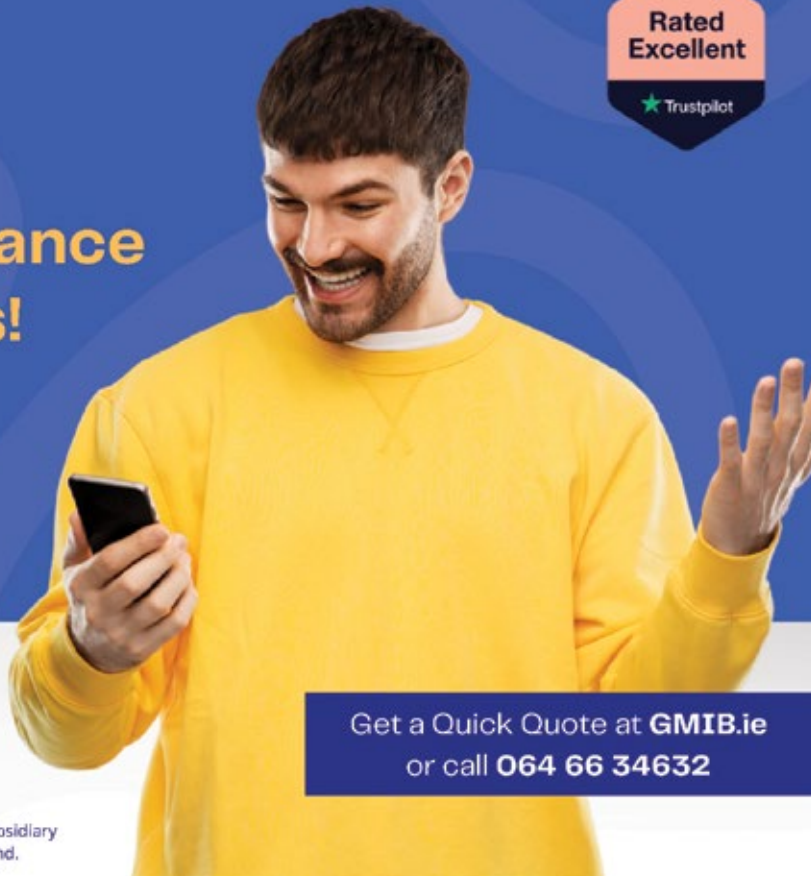


Denise Lynch and Emma Colbert were helping Damien Gleasure and Sinead Allen to sell their beautiful Palomino Irish Cob Stallion at Milltown fair on Sunday. Photo Moss Joe Browne.

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RATHMORE | GNEEVGUILLA PARISH

By Michael O'Mahony

GNEEVGUILLA ATHLETES

A huge Congratulations to Megan Sheahan and Mairead O'Neill, both competing in the Templemore throws last Sunday. Megan won the U20 with 38.46 and Mairead O'Neill was 2nd in Seniors with 52.07.

Wishing all our athletes competing in the county Championships this coming Sat May 2nd and Sun May 3rd at An Ríocht, all the very best.

LOTTO

No winner of last weeks Lotto, Jackpot for this coming Friday May 1st, €11,600 + Bonus draw for €1000

SHARE THE BUCKET

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Your support is greatly appreciated and all funds will go towards our new proposed community facility. We would like to thank our local businesses, shops and pubs who continue to support our project and thanks too to everybody who purchases tickets every week. Linda O'Connell won this week €202

SYMPATHIES To Arielle, Patrick & Joshua McCarthy Knockdurath on the death of Arielle's mother whose funeral took place in Rio, Brazil recently.

To Joan & Bridget McCarthy & family on the death of their brother Tim McCarthy, Headford whose funeral took place on Tuesday 21st April in Rathmore.

To Joe & Kathleen O'Riordan, Rathduane on the death of Joe's sister Helen Mc Munn, Raheen Dublin l/o Rathcool Cork whose funeral took place on Tuesday 21st April in Raheny, Dublin. May Jo, Tim & Helen rest in peace and

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Knockrower Scartaglin road closed 3-10 first car due 4-29 Road open 7-15 for further information rally programme on sale in local shop & local outlets are from Pat Cashman 0868249053. We wish all competitors & especially local crews very best of luck in Rally & marshalls & organisers very best of luck with rally safe driving over weekend & everyone involved

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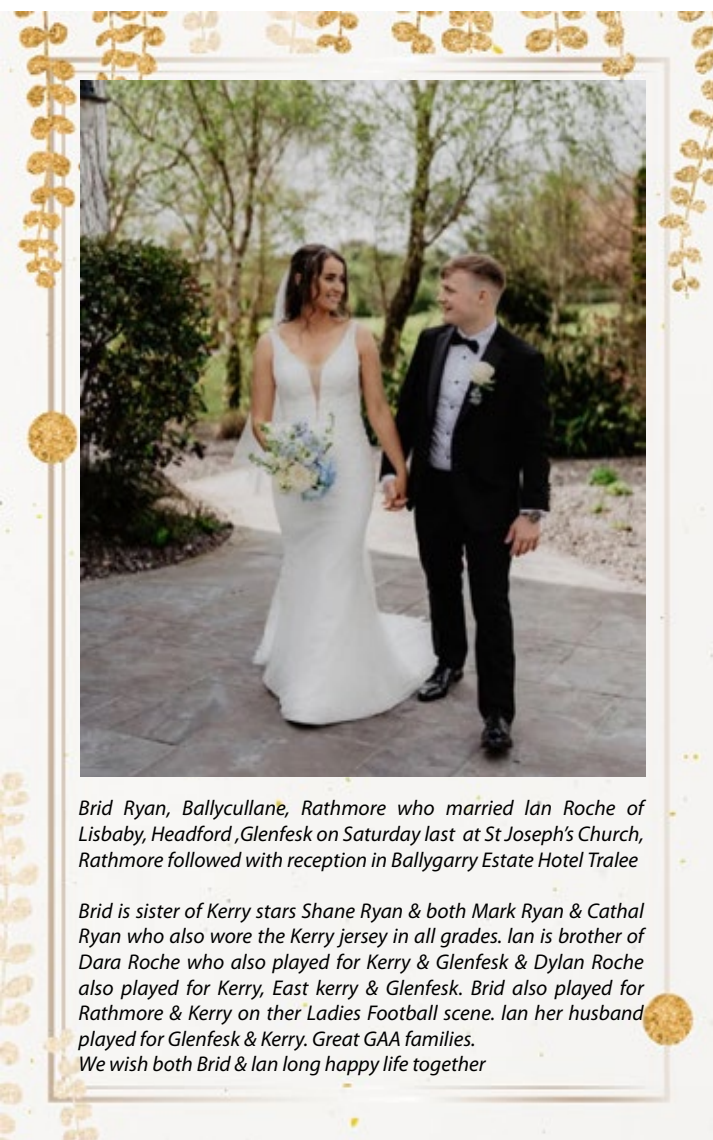
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IRD Duhallow social Farm Plant sale join us from 11:00am -12:30pm to browse grown a lovely selection of locally grown plants outside the Restaurant of Duhallow community foods services on the grounds of James O'Keefe Newmarket.

Sunday May 3rd: Donoughmore Active Retirement Bealtaine Tea Dance will take place at 9:00pm-11:30pm. Venue Donoughmore community centre music on the day by CNN Sound . Admissions €10 Enquiries 0863827614.

Tuesday 5th May: Brogeen Bridge club will host a bridge Game at 11:00am



Brid Ryan, Ballycullane, Rathmore who married Ian Roche of Lisbady, Headford, Glenfesk on Saturday last at St Joseph's Church, Rathmore followed with reception in Ballygarry Estate Hotel Tralee

Brid is sister of Kerry stars Shane Ryan & both Mark Ryan & Cathal Ryan who also wore the Kerry jersey in all grades. Ian is brother of Dara Roche who also played for Kerry & Glenfesk & Dylan Roche also played for Kerry, East Kerry & Glenfesk. Brid also played for Rathmore & Kerry on the Ladies Football scene. Ian her husband played for Glenfesk & Kerry. Great GAA families. We wish both Brid & Ian long happy life together

in langurs Rugby club. Dinner will be served sftte after games. Enquiries 0876865326.

Wednesday 6th May: Dromaiffe parish are celebrating mass at Dromtariffe Holy well at 7-30pm. Gathering at Dromtariffe parish Hall after mass for tea & chat

Thursday 7th May: Alzheimer's National Tea Day venue Restaurant of Duhallow community Foods Services News market time 10:00am-11-30am

Saturday 9th May: Darkness Into Light is a sunrise walk to raise awareness of suicide walk to raise awareness of suicidal prevention and the supports that available for those in need. Time 4-15am Edel Quinn hall, Coomlogane Millstreet, Roc chapel community centre. Register on www.darknessintolight.ie

Monday 11th May: Come & enjoy IRD Duhallow Day time cinema at James O'Keefe Institute Newmarket at 2pm (movie & lunch) €10 booking Essential. Contact 029-60633.

Wednesday 13th May: Dietitian Shirley Beattie will provide information on Healthy Eating as we age This event will be held at 3pm For further information contact 029-60633

Wednesday 13th May: iRD Duhallow led walk will take place In the island Wood 7pm contact Colm O'Connor 029-60633

NEWMARKET PITCH & PUTT welcome everyone to a taster session and members will be on hand Thursday 14th May Jane's O'Keefe Institution Newmarket contact 029-60633 from 10am 12noon

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

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SPA PARISH

By Leanne Cronin



Spa Senior Ladies Team Day Out



Spa Mothers & Others Team at the Araglen Desmonds Blitz

BACK-TO-BACK SILVERWARE FOR SPA MINOR BOYS

Spa Minor Boys secured their second piece of silverware in as many months with victory in the East Kerry Minor Division 3 League Final on Monday evening, adding to their Minor Club Championship Division E Shield title from last month. Despite trailing by four points at half-time against Fossa, Spa produced a strong second-half performance, gaining control around midfield and defending resolutely to limit their opponents' scoring chances, with only a late penalty goal adding to Fossa's tally. A composed and determined display across the pitch saw Spa come through on a 2-11 to 3-12 scoreline as deserving winners.

FEILE QUARTER-FINAL WIN IN TRALEE FOR BOY'S U15S

Spa travelled to Tralee for their Féile quarter-final and secured a hard-earned win over Finuge with a determined performance. A strong start saw Spa build an early lead, and despite a Finuge goal, they responded well with disciplined defending and hard work around midfield. A crucial goal in the second half helped maintain the advantage as Finuge pushed late, even grabbing a goal with the final kick to narrow the gap. Spa held firm to see out a 3-3 to 2-4 victory, another excellent result for a group showing great determination and attitude.

MOTHERS & OTHERS SEASON GETS UNDERWAY

Spa Mothers & Others kicked off their season with a fantastic day at the Araglen Desmonds Blitz, a date that is always looked forward to. Thanks to the hosts for running another excellent event. The team enjoyed three great games against strong Cork opposition, providing a brilliant challenge and valuable experience for the squad. It was a lovely day all around, made even more special with the addition of two new members making their debuts. To top it off, Spa also brought home the main prize on the day, rounding off a very successful and enjoyable outing.

MINOR LADIES AND U16 GIRLS REACH LEAGUE FINALS

Despite suffering their first loss of the season away to Ballymac last Sunday, Spa Minor Ladies have secured their place in the league final in their first ever season at this grade. It is a fantastic achievement for the group, with the final set to take place in the coming weeks, and further details will be shared once confirmed.

There was more positive news on the underage front as our Girls U16s also booked their place in their league final. Having suffered a setback against Glenflesk, the team showed great resilience to bounce back in impressive

fashion, recording a strong victory over Laune Rangers to seal their spot in the decider. Details of the final will be confirmed in due course.

KERRY PRIMARY SCHOOL SELECTION FOR SPA BOYS

Congratulations to Josh Buckley and Daniel McNeer on their selection to represent Kerry on the Primary School team. Both will have the special honour of lining out at half-time during the Munster Final between Kerry and Cork next week. A fantastic achievement and a proud moment for the club — we wish them both the very best and hope they enjoy every second of the occasion.

SENIOR LADIES TEAM DAY OUT

Our Spa Senior Ladies, who have been going strong in the league, took the opportunity of a break in fixtures for some valuable team building. The group enjoyed a boat trip from Ross Castle to Lord Brandon's Cottage before setting off on a scenic walk through the Gap of Dunloe — a great workout for the legs and an even better boost for team spirit.

COMMUNITY WALKING TRACK NOTICE

Club members and the wider community are advised that, with increased use of the walking track, all users are asked to adhere to the guidelines displayed on the signage. The track is for pedestrians only, dogs must be kept on a lead, and all dog fouling must be cleaned up, with no littering permitted. These measures are in place to ensure the facility remains safe and enjoyable for everyone, and continued cooperation is appreciated.

WEEKEND FIXTURES - SENIOR TEAMS

Senior Ladies – Donal Curtin County League Division 2, Corca Dhuibhne v Spa, Friday 1st May at 7:30pm in Gallarus

Junior Men – McCarthy Insurance Group County League Division 7B, Spa v Na Gaeil B, Saturday 2nd May at 7pm in Spa.

Senior Men – McCarthy Insurance Group County League Division 1, Spa v Rathmore, Monday 4th May at 2pm in Spa

Keep an eye on our social channels, website www.spagaa.com/fixtures and via the Games Tab on the ClubZap app for details on any changes.

CLUB LOTTO

Spa Lotto 27/04/2026 Results. Numbers drawn: 13, 14, 17, 20. No jackpot winner. Lucky Dips €50 each: Shannon Reen, Diarmuid Daly; Timmy Horgan c/o Brendan O'Connell; Theresa Lyne, c/o Brendan Cronin, Paddy & Sheila Casey. Next week's draw will be on Monday 4 May for a jackpot of €5,700. Play online via www.spagaa.com/draws



Josh Buckley Selected for Kerry Primary Schools Team



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Spa Minors Winning Team Photo

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KILCUMMIN PARISH

Written by: Helen Moynihan

KILCUMMIN HISTORICAL GROUP

Kilcummin Historical Group are holding an open meeting on Thursday, 7th May 2026 in Kilcummin Rural Development Office at 8pm. Subject : Census 1926. All welcome. Mobile: 087 1527050. Email: kilcumminhistoricalgroup@gmail.com

COUNTY CLEAN UP

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

CHANGE OF DATE

The Annual Parish Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Saturday, 27th June. More details to follow.

KILCUMMIN CHURCH WEBCAM SERVICE

Please NOTE that the Live Streaming in the Kilcummin Church will be turned on at Mass Time Only, this is due to GDPR requirements and Protocol. There will be no Live Streaming during the day so as to protect and honour the Sacred Building of the Kilcummin Church and to allow one's own individual's privacy, prayer and adoration. Family funerals, Weddings and other Celebrations: Going forward we will need to request Permission from Family Members only to turn our Live Streaming so those, who are unable to attend the Funeral Mass, Wedding or any other Celebration in the Church, can view the ceremonies on line.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, 9th May 2026 from 10.30am to 12.30pm, Bishop Ray warmly invites all Prayer Group leaders from across the diocese to a meeting at the diocesan rooms adjacent to Bishop's House Killarney. This presents a real opportunity for all of us to gather as one, to share our experience of church, and listen to each other. We invite you to register no matter how big or how small your prayer meeting is. To register and for more information, please ring Deacon Thady O'Connor, Diocesan Chaplain to Prayer groups on 087-2626187 or email: thadyoc1@gmail.com.

KILCUMMIN GAA

CO LEAGUE DIV 1: Kilcummin 1-20 Gneeveguilla 3-12

Our lads picked up two valuable league points against neighbours Gneeveguilla on Saturday in a very sporting and entertaining encounter. There was only a point between the teams at half time and despite conceding an early second half goal, we controlled the first twenty minutes of the half with a Matt Keane goal helping us to an eight point lead at one stage. However we had to withstand a late spirited Gneeveguilla revival

and Brendan Kealy was called upon a couple of times in those final minutes to see us win by four points.

Next game v Legion.

CO LEAGUE DIV 6

Furies 3-11 Kilcummin 0-13

After a very close first half Furies led 2-05 to 0-10 but we struggled in the second half and lost by seven points.

LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Monday 20th April for the Jackpot of €7,750. Numbers drawn were 11,12,14,23. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Aileen Moriarty, Lyno, Noel O'Mahony, Eamon John O'Donoghue. Our next draw will be on Monday 4th May for Jackpot of €8,000. Thank you for your continued support.

KILCUMMIN COMMUNITY GAMES

MUSIC & SINGING

Huge congratulations to our young musicians who competed in the Community Games in Foilmore last Sunday. Micheal O'Connor came first in the U13 solo music; also in the U13 solo singing competition, Brynn McCarthy was placed first. Colm Fleming, Leah Brosnan, Catriona Blake, Aoibhinn O'Connor, Micheal O'Connor and Killian Brosnan who competed and came first in the U16 Group County Final. Colm Fleming competed in U16 solo music and also came in first. Everyone continues on to Carlow for the National finals on the 5th & 6th of September. Well done everyone.

U13 GIRLS INDOOR SOCCER

Well done to our U13 girls who competed in the Munster Semi-Final last Saturday in Limerick. The girls came up against a strong Tipperary team and bowed out of the competition. Huge thanks to their coach Sean Brendan O'Doherty for all his time and effort.

U10 FOOTBALL TEAM

Best of luck to our U10 football team who will compete next Monday in Tralee.

ATHLETICS

Kilcummin Athletics Competition will take place on Tuesday, 12th May in Killarney Valley AC from 7pm. All children living in Kilcummin parish are welcome to attend. Please keep an eye of our Facebook page for further information.

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to Mr. Murphy and Kilcummin N.S. for the use of the school gym and their continued support to the Community Games teams, it is very much appreciated.



U16 Kilcummin 1st place



U13 solo music Micheal O'Connor

LISTRY PARISH

Written by: Colette Leslie

LOTTO

April 26th 2026, Jackpot €4,500. Numbers Drawn: 10,12, 24, 25. No Winner. €100 Donal Cronin, Ballytrasna. €50 Albert Harte, Skibbereen. €50 Aoife and Anthony, Faha. €25 Marian Scannell, Coolroe. €25 Sinead Lucey, Laharn. Jackpot next weekend 3rd May 2026 €4650

SENIORS

Listry seniors play Castlegregory next Sunday May 3rd away at 2pm.

MINORS

Listry minors play Rathmore at home this Friday May 1st at 6.30pm and are

at home on Monday May 4th v Dr Crokes at 4pm. Please support our teams **U16**

U16 are home to Kenmare Sunday may 3rd at 12pm.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES to Listry players Cillian O'Donoghue, Sean Clifford, Killian Fitzgerald, and Danny Murphy, who have been selected on the Kerry Minor panel for 2026, with Danny named team captain. We wish them every success for the season ahead.



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MANAGE

With the state exams beginning on Wednesday, 3rd June it's vital to make the best of the remaining 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.

SIMULATE

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.

FORMAT

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. 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.

REVISE

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.

ROUTINE

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 or meal 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 prolonged social media use.

ENVIRONMENT

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'll have peace and quiet. 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.

REWARD

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 a film, a swim in the local leisure complex or an active leisure activity, which you enjoy. 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 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
- CAO online change of mind facility (free) opens on the 5th May
- The State exams begin on Wednesday, 3rd June
- Exam timelines are available on www.examinations.ie

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Brothers Brian and Jeremy Brosnan at the Liam O'Connor Show with St Brendan's College, Choir and Music Group, Chapel Concert, St Brendan's College, Killarney on Thursday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Liam O'Connor performing with his son Oisín at the Liam O'Connor Show with St Brendan's College, Choir and Music Group, Chapel Concert, St Brendan's College, Killarney on Thursday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



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First Holy Communion for St Francis' Special School, Beaufort

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Leah Carroll who made her First Holy Communion with her parents Lisa and Kevin and brother Jack at St Francis Special School, Beaufort on Friday.



Charlotte Moran who made her First Holy Communion with her parents Adrienne and Brendan and Sophie at St Francis' Special School, Beaufort on Friday.



Layla King who made her First Holy Communion with her parents Adam and Christina, Fr Declan O'Connell and Jason Dunlea at St Francis Special School Beaufort on Friday.



Ben Rohan who made his First Holy Communion with his parents Sandra and Gerard and brother Jamie at St Francis' Special School, Beaufort on Friday.



Students David O'Mahony and Ross Cronin performing at the Liam O'Connor Show with St Brendan's College, Choir and Music Group, Chapel Concert, St Brendan's College, Killarney on Thursday.

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Liam O'Connor performing with the students music group at the Liam O'Connor Show with St Brendan's College, Choir and Music Group, Chapel Concert, St Brendan's College, Killarney on Thursday.

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"CLEAN-UP" AT ST MICHAEL'S CEMETERY, CURROW

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This will be an all day event.

Everyone is invited to attend to help maintain and tidy up around their own family graves and adjacent pathways prior to the mass on Wednesday the 13th May at 7.30 pm.

This new initiative was first held last May and was a huge success. We will continue to look after those who looked after us. Looking forward to your support on the day.



Eamon Moriarty, & Gráinne Fitzgerald Joint Chairpersons, Anthony Donnelly, Secretary, Currow Rural Development preparing for the clean up! Photo taken by Mairead O'Keefe.

DOUBLE BASKETBALL GLORY FOR Castleisland Community College

Success is becoming a tradition at Castleisland Community College, where both the second year girls' and boys' basketball teams have once again claimed the South-West Junior A league titles. For the second consecutive year, the school celebrates a double victory, highlighting the strength of its basketball programme and the dedication of its young athletes.

The girls team showed composure and confidence throughout the competition. After defeating Scoil Phobail Shliabh Luachra in the semifinal, they faced Presentation Castleisland in a local derby. In a confident display, the girls secured a comprehensive win to retain their South-West crown.

Not to be outdone, the boys team delivered a powerful performance in their final against Mercy Mounthawk, securing backto back South-West championships and adding to the school's growing reputation as a basketball powerhouse.

Great credit has been paid to the coaching teams behind both squads. The girls are coached by Denny Porter with Yvonne Rice as manager, while the boys' team is led by coach Máire Mc Loughlin with Maurice Casey serving as assistant coach. Their dedication, preparation, and leadership have been central to the school's continued success on the court.

Both teams now turn their attention to the AllIreland playoffs in May. With national titles to defend, the players are training hard and carrying the confidence of last year's AllIreland victories with them. 'These achievements reflect not only the talent of the students but also the commitment of the coaching staff and the strong sporting culture within Castleisland Community College,' concluded Máiréad Corridan (Principal).



Standing from left: Meghan Brosnan, Holly O'Neill, Eve Brosnan, Chloe Mc Elligott, Elizabeth O Mahony, Orla Murphy, Rachel Prendergrast, Yvonne Rice (Manager) Denny Porter (Coach)

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Standing from left: Máire Mc Loughlin (Coach), Seán Eamonn O Donoghue, Seán Kerin, Connie O Connor, Fionn Browne, Tom O'Neill, Cillian Murphy, Brian Mc Shane, Connor O Donoghue, Dónal O Sullivan, Maurice Casey (Assistant Coach).

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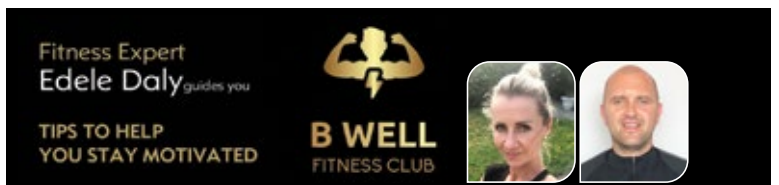
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UV-A

Can hurt your central vision. It can damage the macula, a part of the retina at the back of your eye.

UV-B

The front part of your eye (the cornea and the lens) absorbs most UV-B rays, but these rays may cause even more damage to your eyes than UV-A rays.

WHAT EYE PROBLEMS CAN UV RAYS CAUSE?

Macular Degeneration

UV rays may lead to macular degeneration, a leading cause of vision loss for older people.

Cataract

UV rays, especially UV-B rays, may also cause some kinds of cataracts. A cataract is a clouding of the eye's natural lens, the part of the eye that focuses the light we see.

Pterygium

Another UV-related problem is a growth called pterygium. This growth begins on the white of the eye and may involve the cornea. Eventually, the growth

may block vision. It is more common in people who work outside in the sun and wind.

Skin Cancer

Skin cancer around the eyelids is also linked to prolonged UV exposure.

Corneal Sunburn

Corneal sunburn, called photokeratitis, is the result of high short-term exposure to UV-B rays. Long hours at the beach or skiing without proper eye protection can cause this problem. It can be very painful and may cause temporary vision loss.

PROTECTING YOUR EYES FROM THE SUN

If you are spending time outdoors, especially in the summer or on holidays abroad, make sure that you and your children have good quality, dark sunglasses with UV protection. Look for the British Standard (BS EN ISO 12312-1:2013) or the CE mark, which is the manufacturer's assurance that the sunglasses have been made to the appropriate safety standards.

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WELCOME FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING ALLOCATED

Mayor of Killarney Cllr Martin Grady, warmly welcomes the progress made by the members of Kerry County Council for the allocation of homes under the Affordable Housing Scheme. I commend my fellow councillors for their strong commitment, not only in advocating for the delivery of affordable housing, but also in supporting a fair and structured set of criteria that will ensure these homes are allocated to those who need them most.

It has been over two decades since affordable homes were last delivered in Killarney, so this marks a very significant and long-awaited step forward for our town. The approval of this scheme, along with the ongoing assessment



of five developer submissions in Killarney and Tralee, demonstrates real and tangible progress.

The Affordable Purchase Scheme is particularly important for those who find themselves caught between two thresholds — earning too much to qualify for social housing, yet unable to secure a mortgage sufficient to purchase a home on the open market. This initiative will provide a viable pathway to homeownership for those individuals and families, helping to bridge that gap and offer real opportunity.

I look forward to seeing these developments advance and extend to other parts of the county.

Deputy Danny Healy Rae Raises Special Education In The Dail

Speaking in Dail Eireann last week Deputy Danny Healy Rae spoke on the issue of Special Education. Here is what he had to say:

I thank Sinn Féin for bringing forward the motion. It is the biggest wonder of the world when a baby is born to a loving couple. They look forward to raising the baby, bringing them up and giving that child the very best. Equally, it is devastating when they discover that something is the matter and that the child needs an assessment or whatever, and they have to wait so long. That is very hurtful for them because they have to fight for everything. They have to fight for primary school education and special needs teachers. When they move on to post-primary school, they have to do it again. Surely, the powers that be and the education system should recognise at that

stage that they need SNAs and more of the same in secondary school.

Another problem arises that the Department says it has X number of SNAs places and that the country is covered. In many cases, they are not there. Long distances between schools and families create a huge problem for people. Many children with complex needs are still without SNAs and necessary school places. Parents all over the country are worn out from fighting for a school place for their children. They should not have to fight for the one basic right of education. It was very hurtful when the Department tried to take four SNA teachers out of Fossa National School in County Kerry. I am



glad that the Department saw the light because these people are doing tremendous work. They should be allowed to continue. Some Department official went into that school, sat aside in another room and drew up the idea of taking away four SNAs. That is wrong. They did not see what was going on in the school.

Cahill welcomes almost €100,000 for community water quality projects in Kerry

KHFianna Fáil TD for Kerry, Michael Cahill, has warmly welcomed the allocation of almost €100,000 in funding for community-led water quality improvement projects across the county.

The funding, announced by Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage James Browne and Minister of State Christopher O'Sullivan, will support a number of important local initiatives aimed at protecting and enhancing Kerry's rivers, lakes and coastal environments.

"Almost €100,000 has been awarded to projects in Kerry under these schemes, which is a very welcome boost for local communities working tirelessly to improve and protect our natural water resources," he said.

The projects to receive funding are as follows:

- €20,000 for Fenit Coast Conservation for sea defence works at Fenit Island
- €19,578 for Knocknagoshel Environmental and Angling Association for a constructed wetland project
- €15,000 for Ballinskelligs Tidy Towns for biodiversity and water quality monitoring
- €9,000 for Tralee Tidy Towns for an invasive species survey in the River Lee catchment
- €5,000 for Ballyunion Community Forum Nature Group for invasive species control
- €480 for Fenit Coast Conservation
- €30,071 Knocknagoshel Environmental and Angling Association

Deputy Cahill added:

"This funding highlights the vital role that

local communities play in safeguarding water quality. These projects not only protect our environment but also enhance biodiversity, support tourism, and improve quality of life for local residents."

"I commend Minister Browne and Minister O'Sullivan for their commitment to investing in community-led initiatives. Supporting local groups through programmes like the Community Water Development Fund and Catchment Support Fund ensures real, on-the-ground impact."

"I would urge community groups to continue to get involved in these schemes. The work being done across Kerry is making a tangible difference, and this funding will help build on that momentum into the future."



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Councillor Cahill calls for increased Local Link funding to support rural Kerry communities

Fianna Fáil Councillor Tommy Cahill has called for increased investment in Local Link services across County Kerry following a motion he submitted at the April meeting of Kerry County Council.

The motion calls on the Council to write to the National Transport Authority and the Minister for Transport seeking additional funding to enhance connectivity, increase service frequency and expand routes particularly in rural areas.

Speaking at the meeting, Cllr. Cahill stated, "I want to commend the work of Alan O'Connell and the entire TFI Local Link Kerry team, the significant growth in usage of the service is a testament to the work being done behind the scenes by them."

"Local Link in Kerry has been a real success story, delivering close to 550,000 passenger journeys last year with numbers continuing to grow. The TFI Anseo Killarney service reached two significant milestones in 2025 reaching over 2,000 passengers per week while the 'All Aboard' pilot connected 20,000 passengers in just a four-month period from 11th August to December 19th. That tells us clearly that the demand is there," he said. "However, we are now at a point where lack of funding, not lack of demand, is holding us back."

"Communities like Glencar are being left behind despite clear and growing need. Glencar has only one door-to-door Local Link service per week with no plans for expansion. A previous attempt at a Local Area Hackney service did not succeed and we now need renewed focus and investment to ensure these areas are not forgotten," he

"Improving and increasing frequency of services enables people to access work, education and services, support local businesses and ensuring that young people can continue to live in rural areas. Transport is central to the future of rural Kerry."

"Following several constituents reaching out, I have a long list of key routes where demand has been clearly identified that must be pursued. These include connections between Glenbeigh, Glencar and Dromid; the Gap of Dunloe, Beaufort and Killarney; Glenbeigh, Cromane and Dooks; and improved links from Killarney to Mallow and across the Kilcummin and Beaufort areas," he added.

"There is also a major tourism opportunity here. Better connecting areas



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such as Glencar, the Gap of Dunloe and Killarney would improve daily life for locals but also create sustainable tourism routes that benefit the wider local economy," he said.

Cahill concluded, "We have services ready to go and communities ready to benefit but without the necessary funding, they simply cannot proceed. There is a real risk that momentum will be lost. We must ensure funding is maintained and increased to keep up with the demand and deliver for our rural communities."

Cahill Welcomes Commencement of €37million in balancing payments to farmers under ACRES

Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry, Michael Cahill, has welcomed the commencement of €37 million in balancing payments to farmers under the Agri-Climate Rural Environment Scheme (ACRES) for the 2025 scheme year.

Deputy Cahill said the payments, which are now issuing to approximately 47,000 participants, will provide a vital financial boost to farm families across Kerry and demonstrate the Government's continued commitment to supporting farmers who are delivering for the environment.

"I very much welcome the commencement of these balancing payments under ACRES, which will see significant funding reaching farmers this week. This is a crucial scheme for Kerry, where so many farmers are actively engaged in sustainable farming practices and

environmental stewardship," said Deputy Cahill.

The payments will bring the total amount issued to farmers under the scheme to over €783 million since its launch in January 2023. Deputy Cahill also noted the earlier rollout of this year's payments compared to last year.

"It is particularly encouraging to see that these payments are issuing a full month earlier than in 2025. This reflects the strong work undertaken by the Department and the cooperation of farmers and advisors in ensuring applications and documentation are submitted on time," he added.

"I am conscious that some farmers are still awaiting payments relating to earlier years. It is important that these outstanding cases are resolved as quickly as possible and I welcome the assurance from the Minister that payments

will issue once the necessary processes are completed," he said.

"Farmers are at the heart of protecting our natural environment. Through ACRES, they are being supported to manage commonage lands, enhance biodiversity and improve water quality while also contributing to climate action. This is a win-win for rural communities and the environment," he said.

"I encourage any farmers with queries regarding payments to engage with their advisors, contact the Department or indeed my office. ACRES remains a key support for farmers in Kerry and I will continue to work with my colleagues in Government to ensure it is delivered efficiently and fairly for all participants," he concluded.

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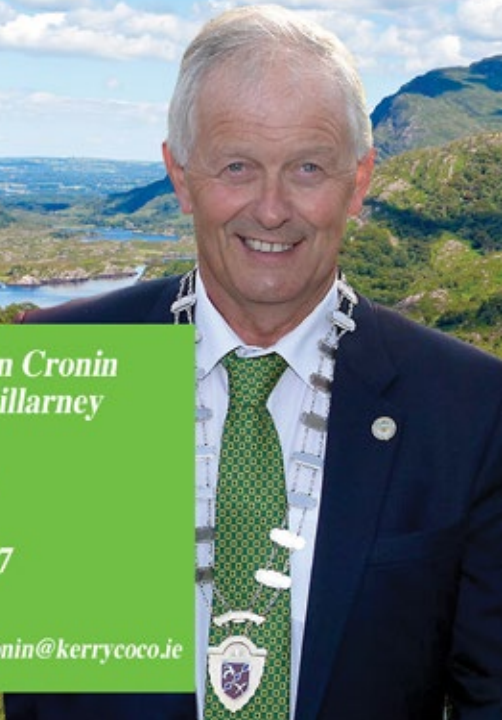
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Proudly supported by Electric Ireland, over 23,000 people took part in Pieta’s Darkness Into Light walks across Munster in 2025,

Pieta encourages as many people as possible to sign up for this year’s Darkness Into Light Register at darknessintolight.ie

24th April 2026: Pieta is calling on individuals, families and communities across Munster to ‘Share A Walk’ for Darkness Into Light 2026, its largest annual fundraiser, supporting free suicide and self-harm prevention services. Proudly supported by Electric Ireland, the walks will take place at 4.15am on Saturday 9th May, with 48 walks happening across Munster.

In 2025, 23,959 people registered for Pieta’s Darkness Into Light walks across Munster, demonstrating the strength of local support for the cause. Pieta is encouraging people to officially register again in 2026, helping to ensure continued funding for their vital services relied upon by people in crisis.

Darkness Into Light is Pieta’s largest annual fundraiser, directly enabling the organisation to provide free, professional therapy and support services. Thanks to funds raised in 2025, Pieta was able to respond to almost 100,000 calls and texts and deliver more than 40,000 hours



of therapy. However, demand for these services continues to grow, with more people than ever reaching out for support, highlighting the ongoing need for funding.

Stephanie Manahan, CEO of Pieta, highlighted the ongoing importance of the event: “This event matters enormously to Pieta because it does two very powerful things. It brings people together in hope and solidarity, and it raises the funds that help keep our suicide and self-harm prevention services free and available to those who need them.

“Every person who registers for Darkness Into Light is helping to make real support possible, from crisis calls being answered to therapy being provided. With more people reaching out to us every year, that support has never been more important.

“We know many people take part each year in remembrance and solidarity, and we are deeply grateful for that continued support, but its registration and fundraising that transform support into the funding that sustain the services people rely on. We are encouraging

people across Ireland to come together again on Saturday 9th May and register now for their nearest walk at darknessintolight.ie”

Proudly supported by Electric Ireland, Lisa Browne, Head of Marketing and Customer Insights, Electric Ireland, closed by saying:

“This is the 14th year that Electric Ireland has sponsored Pieta’s Darkness Into Light and we have renewed our sponsorship for another three years. Every year our customers, staff and the general public actively participate in the walks nationwide and generously donate much needed funds to Pieta. We are hopeful that people will once again come together to share a walk on the 9th of May to provide support, comfort and hope.”

In 2025, over 80,000 people took part in 200 Darkness Into Light walks across 15 countries raising vital funds for Pieta’s services. Pieta and Electric Ireland hope to build on this success in 2026, inviting even more people to share a walk, register and fundraise, to make a meaningful difference.

By registering and fundraising, participants play a direct role in helping Pieta continue delivering free, professional support to anyone affected by suicide or self-harm, whenever and wherever it’s needed.

Sign up to share a walk at darknessintolight.ie

KILLARNEY GOLF CLUB (LADIES)

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 3rd: Kathleen Cronin (22) 33pts
 Lady Captain Mary would like to thank all at Dooks Golf Club for their kind hospitality and warm welcome they received.

ROSS GOLF CLUB (GENTS)

ON APRIL 25TH AND 26TH WE HELD THE FINAL OF THE M D O'SHEA SPRING LEAGUE.

The winners were :-

1st: Darren Gaffey 67 (13)
 2nd: Ryan Scott 70 (10)
 Best Gross: Renaldas Bendikas 81

Division 1

1st: John M O'Brien 71 (10)
 2nd: Peter Wickham 72 (11)

Division 2

1st: John Cuskelly 72 (14)
 2nd: Mike Doody 72 (17)

Division 3

1st: Conor Corcoran 70 (29)
 2nd: Timmy O'Donoghue 72 (21)



Both Tralee teams who contested the Tim Scannell Memorial Inter-Club Matchplay (sponsored by Spar Market St Listowel) Final pictured at the memorial bench in memory of Tim at the Tralee course on Tuesday April 21st last. Seated are team captains John O'Regan (Tralee 2) and Danny O'Leary (Tralee 1) as standing are L to R: Bernadette O'Regan, Gerry Lee, Noel Lee, John Lynch, Roger Guthrie, Eddie Sheehy, Catriona O'Connor and Gavin Dillane. Tralee 1 were victorious 5-1.



Annette McNeice Captain (fourth from left) presenting the first prize in the B Well Fitness ladies competition to winner Mary Chute with (from left) Eileen Galbraith 13 Hole winner, Mary Geaney 3rd and Isabelle Roberts 4th at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin.

ROSS SENIORS

On Thursday April 23rd the Ross seniors held their weekly competition

The winners were :-

1st: Mike O'Leary 19 pts
 2nd: Niall Brosnan 19 pts
 3rd: Cornac Bonner 18 pts .
 4th: Pat Mitchell 17 pts

FIXTURES

Our Seniors Gents meet every Thursday and must be ready to play golf at 12.45 pm .

On May 2nd & 3rd we will hold a stableford competition

SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to Darren Gaffey and all the Gaffey Family on the recent death of his father, Joe . R.I.P.

ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB

RESULTS SATURDAY 25TH APRIL 2026

18 hole Single Stableford

Winner :Miriam Hickey 31 points (50)

9 hole Single Stableford

1st: Emir Coffey 19 pts (20)
 2nd: Kitty O'Grady 16 pts (19)
 3rd: Susan Shorten 16 pts (18)
 4th: Jennifer Nash 15 pts (21)

SATURDAY 2ND MAY 2026

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WEDNESDAY MORNINGS MEET & PLAY

Meet and play every Wednesday morning. Meet in the Club House 10.00am tee off 10.30am. Enter via the BRS App. All Members welcome.

GOLF LESSONS

New PRO Jonathan Clery is available to give golf lessons at Ross Golf Club. Please contact Jonathan directly on 086 2143510

KERRY PITCH & PUTT

A busy seven days at the Tralee course ended last Sunday with the Munster Matchplay Qualifiers on top of the previous Sunday's County Matchplay Championships and the staging of the Tim Scannell Memorial Inter-Club Matchplay Final on Tuesday April 21st last.

Starting with the Munster Matchplay Qualifiers 15 Kerry players earned their places for the finals in Cork courses Fermoy and St Stephens on the weekend of May 10th in the three Mens grades. The Senior Grade saw Damien Fleming and Tralee duo Jason Cregan and Darren Goodall share the top score on the day with 11 under par as Listowel Chris Gibney qualified with nine under par and Jason O'Regan got through on countback from Tralee club-mate Gavin Carroll on seven under par.

The Intermediate grade saw Tony Blake top



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Annette McNeice Captain (fourth from left) presenting the first prize in the EZ Living single stableford competition to winner Isabelle Roberts with (from left) Sheila Crowley, 11 Hole competition winner, Ann Stuart 2nd and Sharon Ormonde 4th at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday.
Photos: Michelle Cooper Galvin.



Niamh O'Neill O'Donoghue Ring Collection (seated second from left) presenting first prize in the O'Donoghue Ring Collection 18 Hole Categories competition on Killeen to winner Sharon Ormonde with (left) Michael O'Donoghue Club President and Annette McNeice Captain (back from left) Kayleigh Kerrisk Runner Up, Kate Ann Culloty 11 Hole competition winner and Maureen Creedon division 2 winner at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday.



Annette McNeice Captain (third from left) presenting the first prize in the Beautz Salon single stableford competition to winner Edel Randles with (from left) Sheila Crowley 11 Hole competition winner and Jane Dwyer 3rd at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday.



Michael O'Keeffe presenting the first prize in the Synergy single stableford competition to winner Anite O'Sullivan with (left) Annette McNeice Captain and (right) Ann Moynihan 2nd at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday.

score with eight under par as another Tralee player in Michael Creagh was next on six under. Completing a good week for himself personally where he won the Overall Nett at the Rocklodge Open in Cork, Deerpark's Michael Cronin was next on five under par as his club-mate Nathan Cronin claimed the final spot here on two under on countback from Listowel's Ger Guerin. The Junior grade saw Deerpark trio James Foley, David Harnett and Niall O'Loughlin all qualifying alongside Tralee's Alan O'Connor and Castleisland's Adam Ricken.

In the postponed Tim Scannell Memorial Inter-Club Matchplay Final on April 21st last, Tralee 1 were 5-1 winners on the night over Tralee 2. Danny O'Leary & Eddie Sheehy won their Scotch Foursomes match against John O'Regan & Noel Lee on the last hole while Gavin Dillane & Catriona O'Connor went 1up on 17 and won their match against John Lynch & Bernadette O'Regan. This made it 2-0 to Tralee 1 entering the Singles session

Tralee 1 Captain Danny O'Leary beat Tralee 2's Bernadette O'Regan by a margin of 3&2 while Tralee 1's Gavin Dillane and Rodger Guthrie both secured points by 4&3 margins over Tralee 2's John O'Regan and Gerry Lee respectively. At 5-0 to Tralee 1, John Lynch's determination saw

him snag a consolation point for Tralee 2 in near darkness over Eddie Sheehy from Tralee 1 in a match that saw the players with the two best records in the competition pitted against each other. Our thanks to our sponsors Spark Market St Listowel for their support of the event this year as we look forward to the start of the Bob Casey Memorial Inter-Club Strokeplay in the coming weeks.

Finally, this past weekend saw Castleisland's Aidan O'Connor win the Gelders Open in Holland as all in Kerry Pitch & Putt congratulate him on this success.

DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT MUNSTER MATCHPLAY

Congratulations to Damien Fleming (Senior), Michael and Nathan Cronin (Intermediate) along with James Foley, David Harnett and Niall O'Loughlin (Junior) on qualifying for the Finals of these events following last Sunday morning's Qualifiers in Tralee.

ROCKLODGE OPEN

It was a good week in general for both Michael Cronin and Damien Fleming as they won the Overall Nett and Overall Gross respectively in this event in Cork last week.

SUNDAY DRAWS

Two Ball Scramble- First Nett: Sean Ashe & Jerry Kelliher 37½, Gross: Denis Duggan & Gerard O'Brien 50, Second Nett: Bobby Kelly & Denis Duggan 40½. As this weekend is a Bank Holiday there will be draws at the usual times on both Sunday and Monday. However, with the Munster Football Final now confirmed for Fitzgerald Stadium on Sunday May 10th, there will be no draws that morning.

UTILITY TRUST SCOTCH FOURSOMES MATCHPLAY

Please note entries for this event are still be taken up until next Monday May 4th. Entry €10 per player. Sheet on noticeboard.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Following on from our previous announcement as regards Membership Applications for 2026, the Committee has further reviewed the situation and decided that no further Family or U16 Applications (renewing or new) will be accepted for the remainder of this year.

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KILLARNEY VALLEY AC

Congratulations to Killarney Valley athletes who took on marathons at the weekend. Brendan Caffrey took on the London marathon in warm conditions on the day and came home with a 2.52 result. Caitriona Shanahan went slightly further afield to Hamburg marathon and scored a 3.43 finish. Congratulations to both on their extensive training and completing the distance so well.

For anyone wishing to join the club you can email us at killarneyvalleyac@gmail.com

KILLARNEY PICKLEBALL

In the 2nd part of the Connacht Open last weekend there was success again for Killarney Pickleball Club. Max and Marco Regosa (aged 14) won gold in the men's -3.5 category. This was Marco's 1st ever competition and probably the youngest winner so far in any Irish Pickleball competitions. TJ Beadnell and Mick Crawley got to the quarter final of the men's 3.5 to 3.99 section. On Sunday Marco teamed up with clubmate Hanna Winther to



Hanna and Marco, Killarney Pickleball

win bronze in the -3.5 mixed doubles category. The previous weekend Michael Lyne won Gold in the men's doubles over 60 section, making it a total of 3 gold and 2 bronze for the club. The club is running a FREE beginner's course for over 60s starting 7pm Thursday 7th May.



Max and Marco, Killarney Pickleball

The course will take place at the Aura Leisure Centre every Thursday evening in May at 7pm, 4 sessions in total. Anyone wanting to take part need to book a place by emailing killarneypickleballclub@gmail.com or phoning 083 805 5016. Equipment will be supplied.

Historic Achievement for St. Brigid's Presentation Killarney as U15 Girls Reach National Cup Final

History has been made at St. Brigid's Presentation Killarney as our outstanding U15 Girls Soccer Team booked their place in the FAI Schools National Cup Final with a superb 2-0 victory over Leinster champions Meán Scoil Mhuire Longford last Thursday.

Playing at Nenagh AFC in Tipperary, the Munster champions once again showcased the quality, determination and teamwork that has defined an extraordinary season for the Killarney school.

From the opening whistle, Pres Killarney played with confidence and intensity, putting the Longford defence under immediate pressure. While Meán Scoil Mhuire defended bravely in the early stages, there was a growing sense that this talented St. Brigid's side would find a breakthrough — and it came in spectacular style.

Midway through the first half, Anna Lenihan produced another moment of magic with a stunning long-range strike to give Pres Killarney a deserved 1-0 lead. The Killarney girls continued to dominate possession and looked composed across the pitch, with the defence and goalkeepers remaining rock solid whenever called upon.

The second half saw Pres Killarney raise the tempo even further. Just five minutes after the restart, Lillian Slattery doubled the lead, calmly finishing following a corner kick to put the result firmly in their control. The scoreline could have been even greater, with Evie Doolan rattling the crossbar with a sensational effort from distance late on.

Every player contributed brilliantly on the day, with the squad depth proving vital once

again. Róisín O'Sullivan and Leah Mannix both made major impacts from the bench as the team maintained its energy and composure throughout.

This remarkable group has now scored an incredible 24 goals in the competition while conceding just once all season — a statistic that highlights the balance and quality throughout the squad. Isabelle O'Connor has been in sensational form in front of goal, scoring over half of the team's tally, while the defensive unit of Grace, Esme, Ella, Ava, Raegan, Zoe and others has been outstanding all year. Goalkeepers Sheolagh and Saoirse have also been exceptional throughout this historic campaign.

Goalscorers: Anna Lenihan, Lillian Slattery

The victory now sets up a hugely exciting FAI Schools National Cup Final clash against Coláiste Éinde, Salthill, in Limerick on Wednesday, May 6th, after the Galway side

overcame strong opposition from Donegal in the other semi-final.

This achievement marks a landmark moment for girls' soccer in St. Brigid's Presentation Killarney and reflects the incredible commitment of the players, coaches and wider school community. Special thanks to coaches Martin Crowley and Michael Fleming, whose dedication has guided the team throughout the season, as well as the TY students who have assisted the squad all year. Thanks also to Mr. Kelly and Ms. Bruton for accompanying the school's fantastic supporters on the day.

Finally, sincere appreciation goes to all the local clubs who continue to play such an important role in developing these talented young players week in, week out.

The entire school community now looks ahead with enormous pride and excitement as this exceptional team prepares to compete on the national stage.



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13 April 2026 – The Kia EV2, which is Kia's most compact electric vehicle to date, has arrived in Ireland. Designed, engineered and produced in Europe, the EV2 combines bold design, everyday versatility, upper-segment technology, comprehensive Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS) and driving performance. Available exclusively as a five-seater in Ireland, the EV2 is available with a choice of a 42.2-kWh standard-range battery or a 61.0-kWh long-range battery option. The EV2 offers the best of Kia in its most compact and affordable car yet which features a class leading all-electric range of up to 453 kilometres. The EV2 enters one of Ireland's fastest growing segments which accounts for over 22% of all new car sales, with fully electric B-SUVs growing in popularity by 37% year on year. The EV2 lineup starts from €28,660 or €182 per month thanks to a 0% finance launch offer.

Built on Kia's Electric Global Modular Platform (E-GMP), all variants of the EV2 are powered by a single front-mounted electric motor. In variants equipped with the standard-range battery pack, the electric motor applies 107.5kW (144bhp) through the front wheels while the larger long-range battery pack is

paired with a slightly detuned front motor to maximise driving efficiency. This applies 99.5kW (133bhp) through the front wheels. All EV2 variants produce 250Nm torque and have a maximum speed of 161km/h. The EV2 follows the exterior design philosophy of Kia's other recent EVs, with a bold and boxy exterior similar to that of the EV5 and EV9 and achieves a drag coefficient of just 0.29Cd.

The EV2 embodies Kia's 'Opposites United' design philosophy. Its upright proportions, inspired by larger Kia EV models, reinforce its confident SUV stance. Vertical daytime running lights and the latest Star-map Signature Lighting establish a clear family resemblance to the wider EV range. Its pronounced shoulder line and robust wheel arches emphasise structural strength. Both battery options operate on a 400V architecture. Under optimal conditions, DC fast charging from 10 to 80 per cent takes approximately 29 minutes for the standard-range version and around 30 minutes for the long-range model.

The EV2 offers Kia's latest triple-screen connected car Navigation Cockpit (ccNC) system, integrating a 12.3-inch driver cluster, 12.3-inch central touchscreen, and 5.3-inch climate control display. It also introduces ccNC Lite, which mirrors the layout and core functionality of ccNC at a lower price point. Both systems support over-the-air (OTA) updates and Kia Upgrades. When it comes to safety and driving assistance, the EV2 offers a comprehensive suite of Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS) typically found in higher segments with features such as blind-spot collision avoidance, lane keep assist and front collision avoidance assist 2.0 standard on all models.

Driving dynamics were a primary development

focus for EV2, with ride and handling calibration was tuned specifically for European roads. Suspension and damping were tuned to balance front-to-rear axle responses resulting in controlled body movements and predictable body behaviour during sudden steering inputs. Steering calibration also prioritises smooth response and linear feedback, during lane changes or dynamic manoeuvres the EV2 maintains consistent body control and stability. Electronic Stability Control (ESC) calibration and dedicated Snow Mode contribute to neutral handling in low and high-speed manoeuvres too. Noise, Vibration, and Harshness (NVH) measures reflect European driving conditions and customer expectations which include dedicated carpets, wheelhouse absorbers, and specific tyres to reduce road noise. Acoustic laminated door glass (on GT-Line models) and windscreen glass reduces wind intrusion at motorway speeds while additional sound package components to the inner dash, the frunk, the suspension, and the underbody cover mitigate high-frequency tonal noise from electric powertrain components.

In Ireland, the EV2 is available in four different trim levels: Air, Earth, GT-Line and GT-Line Plus. Air and Earth models feature a choice of 42.2kWh or 61.0kWh battery options while the GT-Line and GT-Line Plus are exclusively available in long range. Specification is generous with Air models featuring 16" alloys, dual-zone climate control, heated front seats & steering wheel, Kia's dual 12.3" panoramic infotainment display, over the air updates, smart cruise control and wireless carplay/android auto. The Earth model adds 18" alloys, dynamic welcome lights, interior ambient lighting, partial vegan leather seats, privacy glass and a wireless charging pad. GT-Line models gain specific GT-Line interior and exterior styling queues along with power adjustable driver seat, full vegan leather seats while the range topping GT-Line Plus adds features like a sunroof, Harman Kardon premium sound system and highway driving assist 2. Vehicle-2 Load functionality comes as standard Earth, GT-Line and GT-Line Plus long-range battery versions. Pricing starts from €28,660 for the EV2 Air model and €31,940 for the long-range battery version. The Earth is priced at €30,530 or €33,810 for the 61 kWh version. The GT-Line models which come standard with the long range 61 kWh battery starts at €34,810 and €37,090 for GT-Line Plus. All models are available with a specific launch offer of 0% PCP and HP finance with prices starting from €182 per month.

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KILLARNEY ATHLETIC

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BOYS U15 PREMIER RESULT

Killarney Athletic 3 - 3 Killorglin

Patrick O' Connor x 1, Max Moynihan x 1, Patrick MacSweeney x 1

A highly entertaining game in Ferndale this afternoon. Coming from behind three times, the boys showed great character to get back into the game. Thanks to Killorglin for a very entertaining, sporting game.

U13S BOWED OUT OF THE NATIONAL TROPHY

Killarney Athletic U13s bowed out of the National Trophy at the semi-final stage today after a hard-fought encounter with Knocklyon (Dublin).

Both sides went toe to toe throughout, with a cagey first half as the teams took time to suss each other out. There was very little between them, with both defences on top and neither side willing to give an inch. Athletic came out with real intent in the second half, upping the tempo and applying constant pressure. Darragh O'Toole and Cian Lennihan led the charge with outstanding determination and work rate, giving the team a strong platform to push forward. Athletic created several excellent chances, hitting the crossbar twice and going close on a number of other occasions that, on another day, might have found the net. In a cruel twist, with the very last kick of the game, Knocklyon struck a well-placed free kick to edge the result and end Athletic's journey. Heartbreaking for the lads who gave absolutely everything, but they can be incredibly proud of their effort, skill, and commitment. We'd like to wish Knocklyon the very best of luck in the final. A huge thank you to all the parents for their incredible support, organising flags and food, and to everyone from the town who got behind the team – it meant a lot to the players

U13S CUP QUARTER FINAL

Fantastic result for our U13s in the Cup Quarter Final as Athletic made the long trip to Dingle and came away with a well-earned win. The first half was very evenly contested, with both sides creating chances. Athletic had the added challenge of playing into a strong wind but showed great composure and work rate to go in level at the break.

In the second half, Athletic really upped the

tempo, moving the ball with more purpose and putting Dingle under sustained pressure, which eventually told as we ran out comfortable winners. Huge credit to Dingle, who despite playing a division below, more than matched a Premier side on the day. A big thank you also to the referee and to the Dingle supporters for their warm welcome. We now look ahead to a semi-final clash with LB Rovers. Ryan O'Donoghue x 1 Harry Randles x 2

U12 CUP SEMI-FINAL

Killarney Athletic U12 A 2 - 1 St Brendan's Park

Joe O Shea x 1, John Hegarty x 1

Our U12 As welcomed the recently crowned league champions the Park this morning for the Cup semi final in Woodlawn. Athletic stormed into the game, pressing high and bringing a huge work rate in the first 20 minutes. Joe O Shea's pace and skill caused all sorts of problems for the Park's back line and he got his just rewards finishing excellently after 23 minutes. We went 2 up just before half time when John Hegarty converted from the spot after excellent work from Joe again. The Park stormed into the second half and kept the athletic defence on their toes but John Hegarty, Daniel O Donghue and Sean O Brien were superb throughout. One moment summed them up when the Park broke through and had several shots that were saved by Fionn and cleared off the line by Daniel who was just one of many blues willing to throw himself in front of the ball. As always, the Athletic bench did not let their team down as Leon and Anthony put in huge shifts when they came on and were unlucky not to score. The Park got one back in the last kick of the game but it was not enough to change the outcome. The boys put in their best performance of the season against a formidable Park team who have been excellent this season. As always, it was a squad performance with lads running themselves into the ground being replaced by guys that did not drop the performance levels or effort. Best on the day were Joe O Shea, Rian O Reilly and MOTM Daniel O Donghue. Thank you to the Park for such a sporting game and we congratulate them on their league win.

Unfortunately at the end of the game, Joe O Shea picked up a nasty arm injury, we wish him a speedy recovery and hope to see him back on the pitch soon.

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC U13S

A strong and determined performance from

our U13s in their league clash with Castleisland down in Ferndale, coming out on top after a tough, physical battle from start to finish. Castleisland brought huge energy to the game and put in a serious shift throughout, making it a real contest across the pitch. Athletic matched that intensity well and showed great resilience. The breakthrough came with goals either side of half-time, which gave Athletic control, and they pushed on again towards the end creating further chances to add to the tally. In the end, a good, hard-earned win against a very committed Castleisland side as Athletic look to finish the season strong.

U14 GIRLS O CALLAGHAN CUP 1/4 FINAL

Killarney Athletic 5 - Killorglin 2

Roisin o Sullivan x 3, Evie Doolan x 1, Erica Moloney x 1

Player of the Game : Roisín o Sullivan Striker

U14 BOYS CUP SEMI-FINAL

Killarney Athletic B 4 - Killarney Celtic A 7

Goals: Cian Lenehan (2), Eric Reed, Cillian Sheehan

The U14B boys' excellent run in the cup came to an end in the semifinal on Monday evening against a strong Celtic A side but not without a fight. Athletic started with real intent creating a couple of openings early on and were rewarded with the lead through Cian Lenehan. Celtic responded well and took control as the half went on to go 4-1 up at the break. Athletic put in a super performance to draw the second half 3-3, scoring three brilliant goals, showing great spirit and effort to the final whistle. But it's Celtic who deservedly progress to the final in the end. Well done to U14B boys for finishing the season so strongly.

MASTERGEEHA

SYMPATHY

All at Mastergeeha FC are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of our Club President, Diarmuid (Dermot) Brosnan, father of our esteemed Club Secretary and Registrar.

Diarmuid gave outstanding service to the club over many years, working tirelessly in a variety of roles and always placing the club at the heart of his community. As President, he was a guiding presence, and his dedication, wisdom and love for Mastergeeha FC will leave a lasting legacy.

Dermot played a fundamental role in the early history of Mastergeeha FC, particularly in the development of the club's facilities, generously



U12 Mastergeeha Final Game of Division 2



Mastergeeha U10



Ballyhar Dynamos u15s who defeated Dingle Bay Rovers away to qualify for the u15 KSB League Trophy final.



Ballyhar Dynamos u14 girls who have qualified for the u14 KSG shield semi final thanks to an away win over MEK FC.

providing a field in 1983 for the playing of games — a contribution that helped lay the foundations for the club we know today.

The Brosnan family have been, and continue to be, at the very core of our club, with generations contributing on and off the field. Diarmuid's influence and commitment will live on through them and through the club he cared so deeply about.

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to his family, especially to his wife Eileen, Tadgh, Mary Frances, Padraig, Helen, son in laws Martin and Brendan and to all his relatives, neighbours and wide circle of friends at this very difficult time.

U12 BOY'S DIVISION 2

Park C2 - Mastergeeha C2

Mastergeeha U12 C team made the trip to Tralee to play Park C in our final game of the season.

Mastergeeha, aided with a strong breeze, struck first when Ben O'Leary set up Ryan Dewhurst to score. Park replied shortly after when they got the benefit of the doubt on a tight offside call to make it 1 all. Mastergeeha continued to apply pressure on the Park defence. This pressure paid off when Ryan scored his second goal, following good work by Rory Leane.

Half time score 2-1 to Mastergeeha.

Mastergeeha faced the wind for the second half but remained on top with our defence and goalkeeper having to deal with a few quick counter attacks by Park's quick forwards.

With 10 minutes remaining Park equalized from one such break. Both teams had chances to win it, with Jerry, Ryan, Conor and Rory all having good efforts on goal. Final score 2 all.

Captain: Conor Doyle

Goal Scorers: Ryan Dewhurst x 2

Assists: Ben O'Leary, Rory Leane.

Player of the game: Ryan Dewhurst

Thanks to the referee Kev Cunningham and to Park for a sporting and competitive game.

Many thanks to all the players for their hard work and commitment throughout the season.

They did themselves and the Club proud.

U15 GIRL'S DIVISION 1

Castleisland 1 Mastergeeha 1

BOY'S LEAGUE

U 10 Boys shield final & bowl final which took place last Saturday at Mastergeeha FC.

Well done to both teams on two hard fought finals!! Both very close games, the boys gave

everything. Well done to all on a great season and we will see you all again next year for under 11's

U13 BOY'S DIVISION 1

Dingle 3 v Mastergeeha 2

Goal Scorers on the day were Callum O'Connor & Donnacha O'Callaghan

Man of the Match Callum O'Connor

Our final league game of the season may have resulted in our first defeat but as coaches we are extremely proud of the effort by the lads today away to a strong Dingle Bay Rovers side and of their efforts all season. We conceded an early goal today that knocked us off our stride somewhat but settled into the game as the first half developed without creating any clear cut goal opportunities. It was 1-0 to the hosts at half time. The second half was a completely different story as we took the game to Dingle and Paul Mark and Callum O'Connor went close inside 3 minutes. 2 minutes later a great ball from Warren O'Boyle created the opportunity again for Callum and this time the keeper could not deny us a deserved equaliser. The boys dominated the next 20 minutes but just couldn't get the lead goal despite creating a number of opportunities. Matthew O'Riordan played a captains role driving forward time and time again. Dingle took the lead with 5 minutes remaining from a set piece and we were then chasing the game and Dingle scored again and it looked to be game over. But Sean Breen let one fly from just inside our half and it wasn't far away and our boys kept fighting. Donnacha O'Callaghan found himself with a yard of space just outside the box a minute later and his attempt found the roof of the net to make it 3-2 with 30 seconds on the clock. We won the ball back from the kick off and came again in search of an equaliser that would have been merited but time ran out and Dingle took the 3 points. Man of the match today goes to Callum O'Connor who outside of his goal, worked tirelessly throughout and got on an amount of ball.

This game brings our league campaign to an end. A campaign that saw us win 8 on the bounce before last weekend's draw with Ballyhar and then our first and only defeat of the campaign today.

We look forward now a trophy final to come to finish off our season.

Thanks to Dingle and the referee today for a good game. Thanks to our supporters who travelled in big numbers to Gallarus today.

U15 BOY'S PREMIER

Castleisland A 1 v Mastergeeha A 1

CONGRATULATIONS

St Brigid's College Killarney are heading to an All-Ireland Final following a fantastic victory in today's semi-final in Nenagh, overcoming Scoil Mhuire Longford on a 2-0 score line. Geeha's very own Anna Lenihan opened the scoring with a cracking long-range effort, a superb goal on a big day. Well done to all the players and coaches, and especially our Mastergeeha representatives, Anna Lenihan, Ella Kate Piggott and Isla Cronin.

A super achievement and best of luck in the All-Ireland Final on May 6th. All of Geeha will be cheering ye on!

MASTERGEEHA LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on 24th April 2026 for the Jackpot of €6,800. Numbers drawn were 5,11, 12, 27. Consolations Prizes of €50 each to the following, Susan & Padraig Healy C/O Post Office Michael Pigott Cockhill, Chloe Scannell, Ben Brosnan JNR Mastergeeha. Our next draw will take place on Friday 1st May 2026 at the Village Inn for a Jackpot of €7,000.

BALLYHAR DYNAMOS FC

LOTTO

No.s 15, 19, 23, 29. No winner of the Jackpot. 5 x €25: Sean o Leary, Kilcummin.Shane Galvin, Scartaglin. Sean Collins, Furies. Ger Moloney, Killarney & Mike Cronin,Furies. Next draw for a Jackpot of €2200 will take place on Sunday next 3rd May at Henderson's Bar,Furies. Tickets available from Committee members ,Sheehans filling Station, Farranfore. Spar & Hendersons Shops, Furies & Butlers Bar, Furies. Thanks to all who support & help out with the club lotto.

TEAMS

The Senior squad took four points from six over the past two weekends to ensure a chance of promotion from division 2. They defeated Ballyheigue FC B at Murt Scott park on a 4-3 result thanks to goals from Gerard Long, Declan O Connor and two by Joe McCann. Charlie Doherty, Danny Cronin, Padraig O Connor, Ger Fitzgerald & Ross Lally were excellent on the day. The Squad travelled west to take on Dingle Bay

Rovers and fought back from a two goal deficit to draw 2-2 with strikes from Declan O Connor & Shane O Sullivan. On the day it was a good squad effort with Tony Daly, Dan O Shea, Danny Cronin, John Power, Alan Moriarty, Patrick O Connor & Pdraig O Connor to the fore.

The U16 boys are into the last 4 of the Tucker Kelly Cup thanks to a 6-3 home win over Fenit Samphires. Jamie Murphy with two goals & one each from Ryan Quilter, Jack Kelly, Cillian Casey & Dylan Fitzgerald sealed the win with Dan Duggan, Alan Mrotek & Odhran Leslie prominent on the night.

The u15 Boys Travelled west to Dingle & came away with a 3-5 win ensuring a place in the u15 Trophy Final. Goals from Josh Nelligan, Daniel Ryan, Charlie Curran & two from Alex Finn saw Ballyhar over the line with Darragh O Sullivan, Daithi Allen & Daniel Ryan in fine form throughout the contest.

The U14 Girls contested the Shield quarter final away to neighbours MEK FC and after a tight game came away with a 1-2 win thanks to goals from Aislinn O Sullivan & Mollie O Connor with Anna Fitzgerald, Kate O Connor, Aoibhinn Daly, Aoibhinn Pavlovic, Faye O Brien, Emma Callaghan & Ciara Mccarthy contributing with some excellent teamwork during the encounter. Best wishes to all the club teams & coaches who will be contesting semi finals & finals over the coming weeks.

KILLARNEY CELTIC

CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 4,13,17,23. No Jackpot winner Match 3 winners received €30. Next jackpot €9,200 on Monday May 4th. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through Clubzap.

KDL PREMIER

Killorglin AFC 0-2 Killarney Celtic

Liam Carey, Blake Bolster

Celtic A remained in contention for a place in the Premier A final after a win over Killorglin last Friday. 0-0 at half-time. Celtic kept playing to the end and eventually the breakthrough came in the 83rd minute when Liam Carey goalied after being set up by Matt Keane. Celtic sealed the win when Blake Bolster finished to the net in the 95th minute.

U15 PREMIER

St Brendan's Park 3-1 Killarney Celtic

Jay Casey

Park led 2-0 at the break before Celtic came back into the game and pulled a goal back. Celtic pushed hard for an equaliser but it was Park who found the decisive goal to run out winners.

U15 TROPHY

Listowel Celtic 3-0 Killarney Celtic C

This tightly contested semi final was level with 15 minutes to go when Listowel gained the advantage and 2 further goals secured their place in the final.

U14 CUP SEMI FINAL

Killarney Athletic B 4-7 Killarney Celtic

Cillian Scannell 3, Luke Clifford 2, Jack Clifford, Paul McGrath

Celtic U14A qualified for the Tom Hayes Cup Final after defeating Athletic B earlier this week. After an early setback, Celtic settled and took control of the gameto lead 4-1 at the break. To their credit Athletic B never gave up but Celtic maintained their advantage to run out worthy winners.

WOMEN

MUNSTER FA JUNIOR SHIELD

Carrigaline Utd 4-0 Killarney Celtic

Celtic bowed out of Munster competition for the season after going down to Carrigaline. Celtic were under pressure from the off and Carrigaline were 2 up at the break. Celtic regrouped but were unable to regain parity and Carrigaline broke through again to finish off the tie.

CONGRATS to George Nomikos U14/15 who made the KSBGL Team of the Week.

KERRY SCHOOLBOYS / GIRLS

GIRLS

CASTLEISLAND SECURE SAFE PASSAGE INTO FINAL WITH NARROW WIN

Castleisland secured their place in the U12 Girls Dominic Scanlon Perpetual Cup Final with a hard-fought 1-0 victory over Fenit.

In a tightly contested semi-final, Isabelle O'Connell Wren scored the decisive goal, proving the difference between the sides.

Fenit battled throughout and pushed for an equaliser, but Castleisland's defence held firm to see out the win and book their spot in the final.

PARK BOOK FINAL SPOT IN BRID DEVANE

CUP

Park secured their place in the U13 Brid Devane Perpetual Cup Final with a hard-fought 2-1 victory over MEK.

Goals from Hayley Powell and Emily Savage proved decisive, as Park edged a closely contested semi-final.

MEK battled throughout but could not add a second after Blaitnadh O'Sullivan pulled one back as Park held firm to see out the win and advance to the final.

GOALS AND CLOSE CONTESTS IN U14 EVE O'CALLAGHAN SHIELD

There was plenty of action in the U14 Eve O'Callaghan Perpetual Shield, with a mix of tight games and strong attacking displays across the round.

Ballyhar edged a close 2-1 victory over MEK, with goals from Aislinn O'Sullivan and Mollie O'Connor proving decisive.

Inter Kenmare came through a thrilling 4-3 win against Tralee Dynamos, as Lilly Noonan Murphy scored twice alongside goals from Gabija Knyzaite and Laoise Smyth. Dynamos replied through Tia Falvey, Lucy Wynne, and Katelyn O'Brien in an entertaining contest.

Killarney Athletic delivered a strong performance to defeat Killorglin 5-2, with Roisin O'Sullivan hitting a hat-trick, supported by Evie Doolan and Erica Moloney. Niamh Murphy and Eadaoin Clifford scored for Killorglin.

Mastergeeha rounded off the round with a 4-0 victory over Dingle, completing a series of competitive and high-quality fixtures.

DYNAMOS DELIVER BIG WIN IN U14 DIVISION 1

While Inter Kenmare claimed the spoils in their Shield encounter, Tralee Dynamos produced a powerful attacking display in the O'Sullivan's Bakery U14 Girls Division 1, securing an emphatic 6-2 victory.

Tia Falvey was the standout performer with a superb hat-trick, while Katelynn O'Brien, Ava Byrne, and Sadbh O'Brien also found the net to complete a clinical showing in front of goal.

Park Power Into LOL O'Leary Cup Final

Park secured their place in the U16 Girls LOL O'Leary Cup Final with an impressive 4-1 victory over Inter Kenmare in Christy Leahy Park.

It was a strong all-round performance, with goals from Alannah Crossan, Sofia Rybanska, Saoirse Moynihan, and Arina Sucaci. Inter Kenmare



Killarney Athletic B U14 Boys who played in the Cup Semi-Final against Killarney Celtic



Killarney Celtic U14A squad vs Killarney Athletic B



Castleisland U12 Dominic Scanlon



Killarney Athletic U12 Boys

battled throughout and while they got on the scoresheet, Park's control and clinical finishing proved decisive as they advanced to the final. After winning the league, they now meet MEK in the Cup Final to try and do the double this season.

CAMP EDGE EXTRA-TIME THRILLER TO REACH FINAL

Camp booked their place in the U16 Girls LOL O'Leary Shield Final after a dramatic 5-4 victory over Killarney Athletic following extra time.

In a thrilling contest, Lucy Kennedy starred with a brace, while Meabh Kennedy and Órlaith Flynn also found the net in a high-scoring encounter.

Killarney Athletic pushed them all the way, with Roxy Wawro hitting a superb hat-trick and Ella Murphy also getting on the scoresheet, but Camp just edged it in the end.

BOYS

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC REACH FINAL AFTER TIGHT SEMI-FINAL

Killarney Athletic A booked their place in the U12 John Murphy Boy's Cup Final with a hard-fought 2-1 victory over Park A.

Goals from Joe O'Shea and John Hegarty proved decisive in a closely contested semi-final, as Athletic showed composure to edge the win.

Park A battled throughout and kept the game tight, but Killarney Athletic held firm to see out the result and secure their place in the final.

CELTIC C ADVANCE INTO SHIELD FINAL KILLARNEY CELTIC C SECURED THEIR PLACE

in the U12 John Murphy Boy's Shield Final with a 6-0 victory over Killarney Celtic B, in an all club clash.

Dwayne Koeller was the standout performer with a hat-trick, while Fionn O'Sullivan added two goals. An own goal completed the scoring in a comprehensive display from the C side against their B compatriots.

BIG WINS AND CLOSE BATTLES IN U13 LEAGUES

There was a full round of action across the U13 divisions, with strong wins and tightly contested games throughout the various Divisions.

In the Premier Division, Inter Kenmare delivered a clinical showing in front of goal with a 6-0 victory over Killorglin, with goals from Alasdair Sullivan, Conor Sullivan, Shay O'Connor, Aron O'Sullivan, Ogie MacGearailt, and Kuba Merchel. Listowel Celtic edged a 2-1 win over Camp A in a closer contest.

In Division 1, Tralee Dynamos A and Park B

shared the points in a thrilling 3-3 draw, with Cúan O'Connell, Abdul Razzouk, and Ryan McDaid scoring for Dynamos, while Rory Clifford hit a hat-trick for Park. Dingle secured a 3-2 win over Mastergeeha, thanks to goals from Jamie Murphy (2) and Krystian Dudus, while Callum O'Connor and Donnacha O'Callaghan replied.

In Division 2 North, Listowel Celtic B were awarded a 3-0 walkover over Tralee Dynamos B. Fenit B defeated Ardferit 2-1, while MEK B edged Camp B 3-2, with goals from Conor Lucey, Joseph Locke, and Ryan Ferris.

KILLARNEY CELTIC CLAIM DERBY WIN IN TOM HAYES CUP

Killarney Celtic secured their place in the semi-final stage of the U14 Tom Hayes Boy's Cup Quarter Final with a strong 5-2 victory over Killarney Athletic.

Goals from Jace Flynn, Paul McGrath, Jack Clifford, Cillian Scannell, and Josh O'Donoghue highlighted an impressive attacking display from Celtic.

Killarney Athletic battled throughout and found the net twice, but Celtic's quality in front of goal proved the difference as they progressed.

LISTOWEL CELTIC AND BALLYHAR REACH HEALY FAMILY TROPHY FINAL

The U15 Boy's Healy Family Trophy semi-finals saw Listowel Celtic B and Ballyhar A book their places in the final after strong performances.

Listowel Celtic B secured a comfortable 3-0 victory over Killarney Celtic C, with goals from Ruairí O'Brien, Tommy O'Connor, and Enrique Walsh sealing a composed win.

In the other semi-final, Ballyhar A came through with an entertaining 5-3 win over Dingle A. Alex Finn led the scoring with two goals, while Josh Nelligan, Daniel Ryan, and Charlie Curran also found the net in a high-scoring encounter.

GOALS AND CLOSE CONTESTS ACROSS U15 TC CONSTRUCTION DIVISIONS

There was a busy round of fixtures in the TC Construction U15 Boys leagues, with a mix of draws, strong wins, and competitive encounters across the divisions.

In the Premier Division, Killarney Athletic A and Killorglin A shared the points in a 3-3 draw, with Patrick O'Connor, Max Moynihan, and Patrick McSweeney on target for Athletic. Park secured a solid 3-1 victory over Killarney Celtic A, thanks to goals from Kian Cronin, Ben O'Leary, and Daniel O'Leary, while Jay Casey replied for Celtic.

In Division 1, Fenit were awarded a 3-0 walkover

win over Inter Kenmare, while Iveragh A impressed with a 5-1 victory over Camp A. Goals came from Matthew Murphy (2), Aiden Fogarty, Rory Neill, and Calum Wynton in a strong display. In Division 3, Castleisland B secured a 3-1 win over Killarney Athletic D, Ryan Clifford netting twice, while Matthew O'Sullivan was also on target, rounding off another competitive round of fixtures.

BIG WINS IN U16 TUCKER KELLY CUP QUARTER-FINALS

There were high-scoring encounters in the U16 Boy's Tucker Kelly Cup quarter-finals, with both winners producing strong attacking displays to progress.

Castleisland A delivered a clinical performance in the local derby, defeating Castleisland B 6-1. A brace each from Ibai Jimenez and Liam O'Connor, while further goals from Dean O'Donoghue, and Ryan Browne sealed an emphatic win, while Kevin Brosnan scored for Castleisland B.

In the other tie, Ballyhar came through an entertaining 6-3 victory over Fenit A. Jamie Murphy led the way with two goals, while Ryan Quilter, Jack Kelly, Cillian Casey, and Dylan Fitzgerald also found the net in a strong attacking performance.

BOYS TEAM OF THE WEEK:

1. Hugo Kissane (Listowel Celtic U15)
2. George Nomikos (Killarney Celtic U15)
4. Ivan Celombijev (Milltown U14)
5. Jack Brosnan (Dingle Bay Rovers U13)
3. Cathal Buckley (Mastergeeha U12)
6. Artem Dzhandra (Killarney Athletic U15)
8. Cúan O'Connell (Tralee Dynamos U13)
10. Kian Cronin (St Brendan's Park U15)
7. Ibai Jimenez (Castleisland U16)
9. Rory Clifford (St Brendan's Park U13)
11. Daniel Ryan (Ballyhar Dynamos U15)

GIRLS ROLL OF HONOUR:

1. Elizabeth Downing (Inter Kenmare)
2. Leah Duffin (Tralee Dynamos)
4. Sadhbh Dowling (St Brendan's Park)
5. Méabh McClure (MEK Galaxy)
3. Sarah O'Sullivan (Inter Kenmare)
6. Robyn Horgan (Milltown)
8. Lia Sheehy (Camp Juniors)
7. Lucy Wynne (Tralee Dynamos)
10. Mia Robertson (Killorglin)
9. Róisín O'Sullivan (Killarney Athletic)
11. Lucy Kennedy (Camp Juniors)

SSE AIRTRICITY MEN'S FIRST DIVISION

MATCHDAY 12

Longford Town 1-0 Kerry FC

Kerry FC were back on the road Saturday evening as they took on Longford Town in Bishopsgate Stadium in Matchday twelve of the First Division season. Kerry FC have drawn their last two league games, meaning a win in Longford would be very important to avoid falling further behind some sides higher up in the First Division table.

Longford Town have picked up four out of a possible six points in their last two fixtures, so the added home factor for the Midlanders will make it an even harder test for Colin Healy and his men from the Kingdom.

FIRST HALF

The game began with energy as Kerry FC kicked off, immediately seeking to impose themselves on proceedings. In the fifth minute, Kerry registered the first real attempt of the contest when Kilian Cantwell struck a shot on the spin inside the area, but it rose over the crossbar. It was an early sign of attacking intent from the visitors, who continued to press forward in the opening exchanges.

By the eleventh minute, Kerry FC had forced a series of corners, applying pressure on the Longford defence. Despite promising set-piece opportunities, they were unable to capitalise, with Longford managing to withstand the danger.

Longford responded in the fourteenth minute when a deflected effort resulted in a corner, though Jonas Häkkinen was alert to clear the danger for Kerry. The game remained finely balanced, with both sides struggling to create clear-cut chances.

Discipline became a factor as the half progressed. In the nineteenth minute, Alex O'Brien was shown a yellow card, before Taylor McCarthy followed him into the referee's book in the twenty-first minute after fouling Cian Murphy in a dangerous position. Sean O'Connell stepped up to take the resulting free kick, but his effort struck the wall.

The breakthrough came in the twenty-fourth minute, and it went the way of the hosts. Osaze Irhue played a ball across the box, which Pharrell Manuel cleverly laid off into the path of Aaron Doran. Doran made no mistake, finishing tidily into the far top left corner to give Longford Town a 1-0 lead.

Kerry FC looked to respond but found it difficult to break through a well-organised Longford defence. In the thirty-fifth minute, play was briefly halted as Harvey Mangan received treatment, underlining the physical nature of the contest. Despite the intensity, very little separated the sides in open play.

As the half drew to a close, two minutes of added time were indicated. Longford nearly doubled their advantage late on, but Mangan



Kerry FC Captain Kilian Cantwell (file photo)

produced an excellent save from a deflected shot, pushing it out for a corner and keeping Kerry within touching distance.

At half-time, Longford Town held a narrow 1-0 lead. Kerry FC made changes at the break, with Vince Borden and Matthew Britton introduced in place of Arran Healy and Sean McGrath, as Colin Healy sought a response from his side.

SECOND HALF

The second half got underway with Kerry FC aiming to find a route back into the game. However, the opening stages were slow, with both teams struggling to create meaningful opportunities.

In the fiftieth minute, Ryan Kelliher was shown a yellow card as the game became increasingly scrappy. Five minutes later, the tempo remained subdued, with neither side able to establish control or generate attacking momentum.

A key opportunity arrived in the fifty-sixth minute when Longford goalkeeper Kian Moore received a yellow card, presenting Kerry with a free kick in a promising position. Cian Bargary stepped up in the fifty-seventh minute, but his effort narrowly missed Moore's left-hand post.

Kerry continued to push forward, and in the sixty-fifth minute, a corner from the right caused problems in the Longford box. The ball nearly broke to a Kerry player, but the hosts reacted quickly to clear the danger.

Longford threatened intermittently on the counter. In the seventieth minute, Aaron Doran tried his luck from outside the area, but his effort was comfortably gathered by Mangan. Shortly after, in the seventy-second minute, Cian Bargary cut in from the left and struck an effort that was saved by Moore.

Kerry FC made another change in the seventy-third minute, with Cian Brosnan replacing Cian Murphy as they looked to inject fresh energy into their attack. The visitors continued to press, and in the eightieth minute, Ryan Kelliher

nearly capitalised on a loose ball inside the area, but Longford cleared at the last moment. Chances remained limited, but Kerry kept probing. In the eighty-second minute, Cian Brosnan saw an effort from the edge of the box blocked, summing up a frustrating evening in front of goal. A minute later, Niall Brookwell was booked as tensions rose in the closing stages.

Further substitutions followed in the eighty-sixth minute, with Robert Keane and Eric Koufie replacing Niall Brookwell and Sean O'Connell. Kerry pushed forward in search of an equaliser, but Longford remained resolute defensively.

Longford nearly sealed the result in the eighty-eighth minute when Daragh Murtagh fired just wide of the left-hand post. Five minutes of added time were played, giving Kerry a final opportunity to salvage a point, but they were unable to find a breakthrough.

At full-time, it finished 1-0 to Longford Town. Despite a determined effort, Kerry FC were left to reflect on a narrow defeat, with Colin Healy's side showing resilience but ultimately unable to overturn the first-half deficit.

Kerry FC must now dust themselves off as they prepare for a similar journey next week, travelling to Athlone Town next Friday night.

Longford Town Team: Kian Moore; Daniel McKenna, Taylor McCarthy, Sultan Adenekan, Pharrell Manuel, Aaron Doran (GOAL '25), Dean Williams, Osaze Irhue, Alex O'Brien (C), Conor Errity, Andy Paraschiv.

Subs Used: Cole Omorehiomwan, Stefan Ugbesia, Daragh Murtagh, Francis Campbell, Sean Moore.

Kerry FC Team: Harvey Mangan; Kilian Cantwell (C), Sean O'Connell, Sean McGrath, Ryan Kelliher, Cian Murphy, Jonas Häkkinen, Niall Brookwell, Ewan Lee, Arran Healy, Cian Bargary.

Subs Used: Cian Brosnan, Vince Borden, Matthew Britton, Robert Keane, Eric Koufie.

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DR. CROKES**SFL DIV. 1****Dr. Crokes 1:16 Spa 3:13**

We came up just short in an entertaining and hard-fought County League encounter against Spa on Sunday last. We started bright with Chris Doncel finding the net inside the opening six minutes. Spa however responded quickly, tapping over a series of points to level matters and edge in front as the half progressed. We continued to create chances with Dara O'Shea landing an impressive two-pointer and Billy adding another from distance to keep the scoreboard ticking. At the other end, Bryan O'Shea produced an excellent save to deny Spa a certain goal midway through the half. Spa however did raise a green flag soon after. We led 1:10 to 1:07 going in at the break. The second half followed a similar pattern, with Spa continuing to apply pressure and adding to their tally. We fought hard with scores from Billy, Micheál, and Cian helping to keep the gap within reach. Neil added a late point for Crokes, but Spa's ability to convert late goal chances ultimately proved decisive. We now face Kenmare away on Saturday at 7pm.

U14 EAST KERRY LEAGUE

We hosted Austin Stacks last Tuesday night in Dr. Crokes Park and were well beaten. Having played very well in the two previous games, we played into a very strong breeze in the first half where Stacks dominated midfield. Despite the best efforts of Sean Quill who finished with a personal tally of 2 10 out of 3 14, we could never get to the pitch of the game. Despite very good performances from Andrew Bilokhvosk, William Sjogren, Derry Sheahan, Mark Clifford and Wojtek Zglinski we were beaten in too many positions on the night and didn't perform at our best. Our B team were also well beaten by Stacks B. despite having plenty of chances we didn't bring our shooting boots on the night and came out second best despite very good performances from Finn McDonald, Tiernan Kavanagh, Rob Young, Daniel Moloney and Mark O Leary.

FIXTURES

With a busy few weeks ahead keep an eye on all social media platforms for upcoming fixtures.

DR CROKES GOLF SOCIETY had their second outing of the year in Dooks on Saturday last with Johnny Courtney playing off 13 winning with 42 points. Second was Paul O Sullivan with 36 points beating Michael Howard on the back 9. John Hurley was 4th with Ian Cronin 5th.

CROKES CUBS AND ACADEMY take place every Saturday. Hurling from 10am-11am and football From 11:15am-12:15pm. All new members welcome.

KATHLEEN'S GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS continues at 11am in clubhouse. Following our class TY students from the Pres will come to help with IT on phones and laptops so bring your gadgets with you and become a digital expert!!!! All welcome.

GENTLE YOGA for both Men and Women take place on Thursdays from 6:15pm-7pm. It is €40 for 4 weeks, valid for 5 weeks.

LOTTO took place on April 26th Numbers drawn were 2, 10, 11, 24. Jackpot of €5,000 was



At the Dr Crokes GAA Club Golf Society prizegiving function in The Speakeasy Bar following the outing at Dooks last Saturday were front from left, Matt O'Neill (President), Gavin O'Donoghue (The Speakeasy, sponsor), Johnny Courtney (winner), Niall O'Callaghan (Captain) and Mike Howard (third). Back from left are Vincent Casey, Keith McMahon, Liam Hartnett, Karl McMahon, John Hurley and Joey Sheehan. Picture: Eamonn Keogh

not WON. 11 patrons matched 3 and receive €40 each. Jackpot for draw on May 4th will be €5,300. Play online by following the link below <https://member.clubspot.app/club/dr-crokes-gaa/fundraisers>

BINGO

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

CONGRATULATIONS to Christine Cooper and Padraig O'Connor on their recent engagement.

CONDOLENCES to the Gaffey Family on the passing of Joe Gaffey, to the Clarke Family on the passing of Hannah Mai Murphy and to the O'Meara family on the passing of Celine Slattery. May they rest in peace.

NOTES

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

LEGION GAA**LOTTO**

Lotto Numbers: 2, 7, 19, 25. Bonus 14. Match 3s/ Lucky Dips: Paudie Conroy, John Kelleher, Ivan Tangney

MOTHERS AND OTHERS

Our Mothers and Others group are still active on Thursdays 8-9pm. This activity is both sporting and social and we are inviting any woman/girl to join us for a hours fun each week. No football experience necessary as all training will be given. Fitness or lack of fitness is not an issue so just come along and meet new friends and have some fun. All new players welcome. Any further information you might need on this please contact Blaithin on 087696397

SENIOR MEN DIV 6 COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE, DIV 6 (ROUND 5)**Legion B 5:13 Stacks B 1:7**

Legion hosted the Rockies on a lovely afternoon for Football.

The opening period was a low scoring affair

before the waterbreak with Legion dominating at the back but wasteful in attack.

An early withdrawal of James O'Donoghue was a concern but hopefully just a precaution on his comeback journey - he went close to opening his account with an early goal which was well palmed over by the Stacks Keeper.

In the second period Legion got to grips with the game and a lovely goal finished by David Sullivan gave an indication as to how Legion could unlock the rockies defence.

Legion led by 7 points at the break but more fluidity and better execution was demanded by players and mgt alike for the second half.

Stacks actually started the second half well before Legion got moving.

Daire Murphy, who also took some nice frees, finished with 3 goals to his name, with with running and linkup play of Brian O'Shea, Luke Courtney and Kevin Looney providing the ammunition.

Daniel Carroll in midfield was excellent in all phases of the game and the backs were excellent throughout with Aaron O Sullivan scoring a fine point from corner back and Ian Prendergast coming on higher up the pitch than he is accustomed to, to take some nice points.

Finan added a bit of energy when introduced in the second half after his recent senior A debut start and Bryan O'Connor will have enjoyed his first start in the County League.

Thanks to Stack players and mgt for a sporting game. They were down a few players with lads in County action and their Senior As were also playing. Thanks to Ref John Ross for an excellent job with the whistle.

Next up is a home game against Gneeveguila B. Thats 4 wins from 5 and a great spirit in the squad.

U 14 BOYS DIV 1**Legion 5 -19 Na Gaeil 5 -17**

well done to both sides on serving up a cracking display of football with the score keeper kept busy throughout. The management are very

happy with the progress the lads are making and hope Caelen, harry and ruairi will return soon from injuries. Thanks to referee donal casey who contributed to a fantastic game, we play milltown next week in our final group game

BOYS U 16

Kigarvan 2-11 Killarney Legion 1-16

We travelled to Kigarvan in Round 3 of the East Kerry League Div1A. An excellent start saw us lead by 6 points midway through the first half. Kigarvan grew into the game and by the interval had closed the gap to 3 with the HT score 1-8 to 1-5.

The teams traded scores in the first 15 mins of the second half and we still lead by 4 at that stage. Kigarvan then scored a second goal and a few points to lead by 2. The boys responded well and wrestled back control of the game by kicking some brilliant scores to win by 2 at full time.

An excellent game by both teams well officiating by Brendan Brosnan. Thanks to Kigarvan for a great game

KERRY MINORS

Well done to Samuel Scrooge and the Kerry minors who beat Waterford last Monday evening, also to Jamie O Sullivan who is the Strength and Conditioning coach for this team

GOLF CLASSIC

The club launched the Johnny Culloty Golf classic this week at their grounds in Dirreen. Generously sponsored by the Gleneagle, this great day of golf will be held at Killarney Golf Club on Friday 5th June with teams of 3 costing €400. There are fantastic prizes and there's also halfway lunch included. This outing will kickstart a great weekend for the club, with the golf classic on the friday and the official renaming of their club grounds in honour of Johnny the following day. Legions superb playing pitches and clubhouse are a legacy to the great sportsman who dedicated some much time and work into making the facilities what they are today. For details and entries to the golf classic you can contact John on 087 2464651 or Sean on 087 2461780.

FIXTURES

Seniors ladies play Sunday May 03rd away to



Action from the Legion V Austin Stacks game. Photos: Maria O'Sullivan

Abbeydorney @12 (Co league D2)
Senior men play Kilcummin at Direen at 2pm on Sunday in round 6 of county league Div1
Senior men B team play Gneeveguilla B team this Friday evening at 7.15 in Direen in round 6 of Div 6 of county league

**EAST KERRY
EAST KERRY MINOR LEAGUE**

Round 5 fixtures of the East Region Minor Leagues. First team named is at home

Div. 1 (15 a side)

Kilcummin V Glenflesk
Rathmore V Legion
Listry V Dr. Crokes
Listry V Rathmore Friday May 1 @6.30pm

Div. 2 (13/15 a side)

Na Fianna V Beaufort
Cordal V Firies
Kenmare bye
All above games are Monday 4th May at 4pm, unless stated otherwise.

Division 1

Dr Crokes 0-15 Rathmore 4-07
Glenflesk 3-10 Listry 0-11
Legion 2-14 Kilcummin 0-08

Division 2

Firies 0-19 Na Fianna 2-09

Division 3

Fossa 2-12 Spa 2-12

Gneeveguilla 3-09 Currow 4-11

PRIMARY SCHOOLS

East Kerry Primary Schools boys skills competition took place in Dr Crokes club grounds during the week. The format was a team of three players representing each school on the day. Top school team and individual progressed to the county final. Congratulations to Faha NS (Jake Scannell, Josh Healy, Oisín Tagney) on winning the team event with a solid display. Gaelscoil Fathleann NS (Harry Randles) qualified in the individual section with an excellent performance on the day.

Eoghan Ruadh Primary Schools boys skills competition took place in Glenflesk club grounds during the week. The standard on the day was excellent. Congratulations to Holy Family NS Rathmore (Adam Cremin, Mark Cronin, Matthew Riordan) on winning the team event. Raheen NS (Ryan O Donoghue) qualified in the individual section with a fantastic performance on the day. Thanks to Dr Crokes and Glenflesk GAA clubs for supporting Vince Cooper East Kerry GDC in completing the events. The skill levels by all players were excellent over the two days. St Brendans College TY students marked all sheets during the two days of competition supporting the teachers present in completing the results. Best of luck to all players in the county final on Wednesday 20th May in Austin Stack Park.



Action from the Legion V Austin Stacks game. Photos: Maria O'Sullivan

Kerry Ladies campaign has started with defeat

They lost to Waterford in Austin Stack Park, Tralee by 0-17 to 2-9

Kerry had led at half time by 2-6 to 0-7

By Dan Kearney

A power-packed second half from Waterford propelled them to a two point victory over Kerry.

Waterford outscored the hosts by 0-10 to 0-3 in the second period as they used their running power to great effect. In a repeat of last year's final, it was Waterford who held the aces after a very entertaining contest where Brid McMaugh struck four points and KellyAnn Hogan hit 1-5. Niamh Ní Chonchúir opened the scoring for Kerry but KellyAnn Hogan replied for the visitors three minutes later.

Kerry struck a brilliant goal in the fifth minute through Rachel Dwyer after some excellent work from the marauding Caoimhe Evans.

Hogan replied with a free for Waterford but then came Kerry's second goal in the 10th minute. Anna Galvin played a ball into Leah McMahon and the speedster was fouled as she crashed the ball off the crossbar. Síofra Ó Shea stepped up and made no mistake from the resulting penalty.

Anna Galvin and Síofra O'Shea added further points but Eve Power replied for the Déise to make it 2- 3 to 0-3 before O'Shea struck a brilliant two-point free for the Kingdom in the 23rd minute. In a portent for what was to come in the second half, Waterford dominated the last 10 minutes of the game, outscoring Kerry by 0-4 to 0-1 with Hogan from a free and from play, Bríd McMaugh and Emma Murray slotting over, whilst the only Kerry reply came from Síofra O'Shea and Kerry led by 2-6 to 0-7.

Kerry started brightly in the second half with a Caoimhe Evans score but points from Brid McMaugh and a free from sub Chloe Fennell got Waterford going.

Aoife Dillane got a point back for Kerry when she might have gone for goal but soon Waterford took over around the middle of the field with McMaugh (2), McGregor, Chloe Fennell (2 frees), KellyAnn Hogan and Clare Walsh adding scores and Kerry's only reply coming from the boot of Leah McMahon.

Waterford kept attacking and Karen McGrath was brought down for a penalty by Ciara Butler, who was sinbinned, in the 57th minute that McGregor struck off the butt of the post.

Now down to 14 players, Kerry attacked for all their worth but the final score of the contest fell to Eve Power to seal a brilliant win for the Déise.



Rachel Dwyer of Kerry takes a free during the Lidl Ladies National Football League Division 1 Round 2 match between Kerry and Waterford when they last met at Fitzgerald Stadium in Killarney, in February. Photo by Tom Beary/Sportsfile

Scorers for Waterford: KA Hogan 0-5 (3f), B McMaugh 0-4, C Fennell 0-3f, E Power 0-2, L McGregor 0-1, C Walsh 0-1, E Murray 0-1.

Kerry: S O'Shea 1-4 (1-Open), R Dwyer 1-0, N Ní Chonchúir 0-1, L McMahon 0-1, A Galvin 0-1, A Dillane 0-1, C Evans 0-1.

WATERFORD: K Gardner; C Murray, L Mulcahy, A McGrath; R Browne, R Casey, K McGrath; E Murray, E Power; Á O'Neill, K Hogan, K Murray; M Daly, B McMaugh, L McGregor. Subs: C Fennell for A McGrath HT, C Walsh for M Daly 53, L Ní hArta for R Browne 60.

KERRY: C Butler; R Rahilly, D Kearney, E Lynch; A O'Connell, E Costello, A Dillane; A Galvin, M O'Connell; K Enright, N Ní Chonchúir, C Evans; L McMahon, S O'Shea, R Dwyer. Subs: N Carmody for

K Enright 40, J Lucey for R Dwyer 49, N Quinn for L McMahon 57, ME Bolger for C Evans 58, E Ní Lasighin for S O'Shea 63.

Referee: Conor McCarthy (Cork).

TG4 Munster LGFA Senior Championship Round 2

Tipperary -v- Kerry

Sunday 3rd May 2026

Venue: Clonmel Sports Field - Throw in: 2pm

Munster LGFA Senior B Championship Round 3

Kerry -v- Limerick

Saturday 2nd May 2026

Venue: Cordal GAA Club - Throw in: 2pm

For accreditation to the above games please

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All Ireland U14 Series Stage 1 – Gold Series

Kerry 1-13 -v- Sligo 2-07

Kerry 5-02 -v- Down 1-03

Kerry 2-10 -v- Laois 1-02

All Ireland U14 Quarter Final – Gold Series

Kerry -v- Offaly

Saturday 9th May

Venue & Time TBC

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takes a look at all things sport...

KERRY BOOK A KILLARNEY MUNSTER FINAL

MUNSTER SEMI-FINAL
KERRY 2-19 CLARE 1-14

The Provincial Championships have thrown up a few surprises already – Leitrim v Sligo and Westmeath v Meath being prime examples. But to be honest, Kerry v Clare was never realistically going to be one of them, even allowing for our injury list. Which is a concern going forward, but maybe a bit of an enforced break is no harm for some of these lads. It's fairly intense all year round. I personally believe that the injury to Tom O'Sullivan last year was a fairly sizable factor in Dingle winning the All Ireland; he was fresh and at his peak for that campaign.

Like I say, this was always going to be more about getting it done than worrying about how it got done. I wouldn't even bother much with autopsies. A small bit done, a lot more to do.

Kerry prodded and probed before Paudie Clifford coolly fired over the opener. A few things that I could see already. One, Clare were dropping back and not contesting our kickouts. Secondly, Kerry were very much handpassing around the arc and waiting with patient buildups for an opening. The swashbuckling, gloriously entertaining commitment to attack of last year is sadly gone. Managers have adjust to lowering the tempo. Les excitement; more control. A pity. Micheál Burns, very lively in the early exchanges, had a shot tail off wide, but he was fouled in the act. In the absence of Seán O'Shea, it was Paudie Clifford who stepped up and raised an orange flag with his second kick of the game.

Brian McNamara teed up Eoin Cleary for Clare's opener. Nice lively point. I thought McNamara excellent all through. I was really impressed with Ikem Ugwuere. Had the physique and athleticism to give David Clifford a real contest – there aren't too many can say it – and without doing anything spectacular, he was very good at showing for and distributing ball. Cleary, long established as one of Clare's better



Action from the Munster Semi Final Kerry V Clare. Photos: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans

talents, unfortunately departed the scene too early with an injury. I genuinely don't think it would have made a huge difference to the final scoreline, but you hate to see it anyway.

A great turnover by Igwuere on Cillian Trant, and Aaron Griffin was on the end of a well-worked team move for their second score.

David Clifford managed to find a sliver of space past his man to get a shot away, and that's all he ever needs. McNamara with a very good reply for Clare, though. Kerry 0-4, Clare 0-3. Kerry had more possession but Clare were looking dangerous every time in attack, so much so I'd be worried about a top team coming at us at pace.

David with a two point free. The brothers share Kerry's six points. Micheál Burns with a point; he deserved that. Bit of daylight between them now.

Ah lads....McNamara with a cross into the Kerry square. Was he going for a point? I don't think so. The angle was very tight and he never struck me as the over-ambitious type. I think he was hitting it into the danger area. Either way,

Alan Sweeney got up to fist home. A touch of squareball? No.

You could call it an unlucky goal. If you were inclined to look for cheap excuses. That's a bad goal to give away, and that's the plain truth of it.

Diarmuid O'Connor with a point for Kerry. That's good to see; he's been through the wars. Having him back in harness gives us a very big option. To be honest, that injury to Liam Smith has come at a bad time for the Glenbeigh/Glencar man; he is slipping down the pecking order.

Connor Meaney with a good reply, but Kerry look a bit more focussed now. A nicely timed little lay-off by Mike Breen, and there's David Clifford with the finish. He followed up with another orange flag from a free. Keith Evans, working hard with limited possession, gets on it and MTU's Sportperson of the Year demonstrates exactly why he won that award. Diarmuid O'Connor with his second score. 0-13 to 1-4. This game feels like it's getting away from Clare. Mark McInerney, another impressive



Action from the Munster Semi Final Kerry V Clare. Photos: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans



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performer for them, did kick a two pointer for them before Cleary departed with that injury. There was still time for real drama, though, with Shane Murphy doing very well to get a leg to intercept Fionn Kelliher's close range effort. McInerney could, arguably should, have been able to point the loose ball but dropped his shot short. Lads, these goal chances.....frankly, that's a worry for me going forward. Half-time Kerry 0-13 Clare 1-6

Aaron Griffin opened the second half scoring with a good point off his left to reduce the deficit. Kerry were ringing changes. Cillian Trant had come off at half-time and Tom O'Sullivan followed soon after – hopefully it was precautionary. We'll need the likes of him and more for Cork!

Quick points from David Clifford and Micheál Burns had the gap out to five. I think David was actually going for another white flag when it dropped short and Paudie was fastest to react, blasting it to the net.

Mark McInerney responded with a two pointer but Diarmuid O'Connor kicked his third point of the day – fair going for a lad who is just back.

Conor Murray pulled one back but this game was already destined for a foregone conclusion. Kerry were already running their bench. McInerney with a free brought it back to five points but Killian Spillane was on by now and did what he has always been able to do off the bench. Cormac Murray exchanged points with Dylan Casey. Killian notched his second score in a matter of minutes but McInerney replied.

Mark O'Shea had already hit the crossbar and Seán O'Brien forced Tristan O'Callaghan into a great save. Kerry's second goal, when it did arrive, was a bit.....well, I suspect that one didn't come from the training ground. It was another long effort by David that was dropping short and, with every player in a crowded square keeping half an eye on each other rather than the ball, it ended up evading everybody and slipping into the net.

We can't really draw too much conclusions from this one. Clare put up a good battle, as expected. Kerry won that battle...as expected. Paudie Clifford and Diarmuid O'Connor looked well. Getting minutes into the likes of Gavin White and Paul Geaney (I wouldn't say that either, understandably, were at their sparkling best just yet, for obvious reasons) is a big bonus. But overall? A job to be done, and Kerry

got it done.

Kerry: Shane Murphy, Tom O'Sullivan, Jason Foley, Dylan Casey (0-1), Tadhg Morley, Mike Breen, Armin Heinrich, Mark O'Shea, Diarmuid O'Connor (0-3), Micheál Burns (0-2), Paudie Clifford (1-3, 1tpf), Cillian Trant, David Clifford (1-7, 2tpf), Paul Geaney, Keith Evans (0-1). Subs: Seán O'Brien (for Cillian Trant, half-time), Evan Looney (for Tom O'Sullivan (39 mins), Killian Spillane 0-2 (for Paul Geaney, 51 mins), Tony Brosnan (for Paudie Clifford, 51 mins), Gavin White (for Armin Heinrich, 55 mins)

Clare: Tristan O'Callaghan, Manus Doherty, Ronan Lanigan, Ikem Ugwuere, Alan Sweeney (1-0), Cillian Rouine, Brendy Rouine, Brian McNamara (0-1), Cillian Brennan, Conor Meaney (0-2), Gavin Murray, Fionn Kelleher, Mark McInerney (0-6, 2tp, 1f), Eoin Cleary, Aaron Griffin (0-4). Subs: Cormac Murray 0-1 (for Eoin Cleary, 34 mins), Joe Rafferty (for Alan Sweeney, 45 mins), Daniel Walsh (for Connor Meaney, 51 mins), Josh Vaughan (for Gavin Murray, 52 mins), Darragh Bohannon (for Manus Doherty, 60 mins)

Referee: Thomas Murphy (Galway)

ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIP

With the weekend that was in it, I don't think it would be right to ignore some of the results around the country.

MUNSTER

CORK 4-18 TIPPERARY 1-12

When they were good, they were very, very good. But this was a curate's egg display from Cork, with Tipperary holding them scoreless for the first quarter and level with them into the second half. The introduction of Colm O'Callaghan completely changed the middle and suddenly Cork were able to hit turbo and burn Tipperary off. I don't know. Kerry didn't exactly set the world alight with that display against Clare, but I wouldn't say that Cork shook the rund too much either. If they play to their full potential, they can absolutely rattle anyone – we learned that the hard way in the past two years. Certainly in Sherlock and Chris Óg Jones they have players who can show their homework in writing on the scoreboard. They have certainly turned into a goalscoring

team. I'd still very much fancy Kerry, especially in Killarney, but Cork are getting that little bit better all the time.

CONNAUGHT GALWAY 1-20 LEITRIM 2-12

Galway got quite a battle off surprise packets Leitrim, who proved that their victory over Sligo was no fluke by really putting it up to the Connaught champions. Galway looked home and hosed when they led by 0-11 to 0-4 at half-time. On the three quarter mark, Leitrim had a penalty saved but Oisín McLoughlin was on hand to poke home the rebound. That brought it back to just three points at that stage but Galway responded in style, including notching a goal from Dylan McHugh. Back came Leitrim, and Jack Kelly's goal once again left three between them, but Galway were able to see the game out. Significantly (and particularly significant, given the other result in Connaught this weekend) Pádraig Joyce got a full game of a revitalised Paul Conroy, while Shane Walsh and Damien Comer impressed off the bench. Galway have a lot of good young footballers, but that trio have no celtic cross between them and they do have the collective talent to do something about it.

ROSCOMMON 2-25 MAYO 1-18

I have to admit that I did not see this coming. I thought Mayo would be right in the mixer in the latter stages of the All Ireland. They could do that yet, but the road ahead just took a steep incline. I wouldn't mind, but plenty of people warned me. Roscommon had a great league and Kerry supporters have better reason to appreciate it more than most; we got past them by the skin of our teeth. But I kind of fancied Mayo to push for the All Ireland this year. I've felt for the last couple of years – maybe a decade, to be honest – that they have a team with that kind of potential but had a habit of peaking too early. Was it a case of the opposite way around on this occasion. Possibly, they certainly looked heavy-legged, but Roscommon really were excellent. It's early days, but Diarmuid Murtagh must have his name on at least an All Star nomination already. 1-10? Fair shooting. Kobe McDoald and Conor Loftus excelled for Mayo but Rob Hennelly had a little bit of a nightmare from kickouts – and a goalkeeper can't ever be the lone fall guy

in that situation. But this was far more about Roscommon's excellence than any deficiencies by Mayo. And that's Roscommon without Daire Cregg, a fair cohort of St. Bridgets, the retired Donie Smith....I thought Roscommon would tail off a little bit for a year or two. Mark Dowd, clearly, decided otherwise. Can they put it up to Galway in the Connaught Final? Yes.

I'll tempt fate a little bit further. I'll still plump for Galway.

ULSTER

DOWN 3-21 DONEGAL 1-21

Like I said, Roscommon always had at least a puncher's chance against Mayo, given their recent run of form. And Westmeath beating Meath wasn't exactly in most forecasts. But the shock of the championships so far has to be Down beating Donegal. Micheál Rooney's goals were the key factor utthis wasn't any smash and grab raid; Down looked hungrier and sharper all through and were full value for their win. Jaysus, lads. Meath, Mayo, Tyrone and Donegal in pot two. We actually might have been better off throwing that game against Clare!

Just a few little jarring notes for me. One, yes, Kerry played a challenge game against Down the week before. Was that the key ingredient in this victory? The way people are talking about it now, the third secret of Fatima is only in the ha'penny place. Lads, they won because they were quicker, sharper, and more accurate. Quit his nonsensical thinking about some kind of secret challenge game where a cunning plot was hatched.

Two. Down manager Conor Lavery showed people his screensaver after the game, where RTE had inadvertently omitted Down from their Ulster Championship preview. Oh, those scuts in Montrose. Apparently it incentivised the Down players.

I despise that nonsense and always have. What? If RTE had gotten it right, the Down players wouldn't have been bothered by the game? Look, if a player needs to look for some sort of perceived slight in order to gee himself (or herself) up for the game, that really isn't a sign of mental strength. It's a sign of mental weakness. I am a firm believer in the psychological aspect of the game – in which context, by the way 'game' is an important word. It is not life or death and sometimes people take it far too seriously. But the right psychological approach comes from within, not without. Spare me aphorisms, mantras, and moral messages. You clocked up a great win over a great team and should be justifiably delighted. Just don't feel the need to dress it up.

KERRY HURLERS MAINTAIN WINNING WAYS

CHRISTY RING CUP

KERRY 4-22 ROSCOMMON 1-18

Once again Kerry had to battle through a testing first half before opening up the throttle to see off gallant underdogs Roscommon in the Christy Ring Cup. For me, though, this

was a much better, much more cohesive performance. It wasn't that Kerry lapses left Roscommon in the game for long periods, just the opposite. I thought Roscommon were very good, and even so Kerry were simply a good bit sharper. In all honesty, I really think that last year, amid a slew of bad results and heads downwards, that Kerry would have lost a battle like this. Winning it with thirteen points to spare....look, I'm not suggesting that we have suddenly become word-beaters, let's be real here, but we are on the right trajectory.

The game was only twenty seconds old when Michael Slattery struck for a lightning goal. Cian Bowes and Eamon Mulry pointed for Roscommon, but so did Tom Doyle and Jordan Brick. Pádraig Boyle (f) and Evan Murphy made it 1-4 to 0-2. Conor Mulry and Adam Donnelly fired over but Kerry were loading the rifles now and Boyle, Kevin Goulding, Brick, and Slattery were all on target. Conor Morris brought the gap back to six but you felt that Kerry had a higher gear any time they needed to press the accelerator. Evan Murphy and Jordan Brick pointed. In fact, the very lively Brick was just about to pull the trigger on a shot at goal when he was hooked by Keelan Ryan – brilliant defending, in fairness. The sliotar came out to Adam Donnelly and his speculative long shot spilled into the net. Conor Morris added a free. Just four points in it now.

Jordan Brick picked off another two scores for Kerry but Eamon Mulry and Seán Canning replied. Canning added another and Conor Morris fired over. Just two points in it; what looked like a Kerry cruise had definitely hit choppy water! Tom Doyle and a brace from Pádraig Boyle (1f) gave Kerry a 1-15 to 1-10 half-time, but they had been made to work hard for it.

Kerry did lose Evan Murphy to injury during the break, and his replacement Colin Walsh didn't last the game out either. That is a bit of a worry going forward; that's two good players we could really be doing with.

Conor Morris and Cian Murray opened the second half scoring and it was a one score game again. Pádraig Boyle responded with a long range free and then gathered a long ball from Conor Bohane before stroking it past Enda Lawless into the net. He exchanged two frees apiece with Conor Morris. Seán Canning brought it back to a six point margin, 2-18 to 1-15, but two frees from Boyle and an Ivan Conway point had Kerry six ahead again. Pádraig Boyle was rampant at this stage and struck for another goal with nine minutes left, completing his hat-trick just two minutes later. Jordan Brick closed out Kerry's scoring, while a couple of late points from Keelan Ryan and Kevin Feehily (2) were merely gestures of defiance from Roscommon. I honestly think that they won't be disappointed with their overall display, while Kerry's John Griffin has to be quietly pleased.

Kerry: Conor Bohane, Eric Leen, Seán McGrath, Kyle O'Connor, James O'Connor, Jason Diggins, Jason Segal, Kevin Goulding (0-1), Hugh Lenihan, Jordan Brick (0-6), Evan Murphy (0-2), Tom Doyle (0-2), Gavin Dooley, Pádraig Boyle (3-9, 7f), Michael Slattery (1-1) Subs: Colin Walsh

(for Evan Murphy, half-time), Ivan Conway 0-1 (for Colin Walsh, 47, Dara Kearney (for Eric Leen, 61 mins), Luke Rochford (for Michael Slattery, 61 mins), David O'Sullivan (for James O'Connor, 64 mins)

Roscommon: Enda Lawless, Michael Hussey, James Dillon, Jack Dowling, Keelan Ryan (0-1), Tommy Morris, Darragh Finn, Conor Mulry (0-1), Conor Murray (0-1), Adam Donnelly (1-1), Cian Bowes (0-1), Seán Canning (0-3), Eamonn Mulry (0-2), Paddy Fallon, Conor Morris (0-6, 4f, 1s) Subs: Ronan Finn (for Paddy Fallon, 42 mins), Jason Martin (for Conor Morris, 52 mins), Kevin Feehily 0-2 (for Jack Dowling, 60 mins), Brian Mannion (for Conor Mulry, 67 mins), Brian Lawlor (for Tommy Morris, 67 mins)

Referee: Conor Daly (Kildare)

KERRY MINORS OPEN CAMPAIGN WITH A COMFORTABLE WIN MUNSTER MINOR SEMI-FINAL KERRY 3-17 WATERFORD 2-9

It looked like a very intriguing opener for the Kerry minors on paper. A long away journey to Lemybrien against a Waterford side who won out phase one in Munster and had three hard-fought wins under their belts already. The format means that Waterford were a seasoned outfit while Kerry were coming in cold. We saw that at U20, where Kerry lost out to Cork by a point in a performance that can charitably be described as tepid. That one also highlighted the obvious flaw in the system; Kerry and Cork are still meeting in the Munster U20 Final. What exactly was the point of it all? It's to give the likes of Waterford a chance.

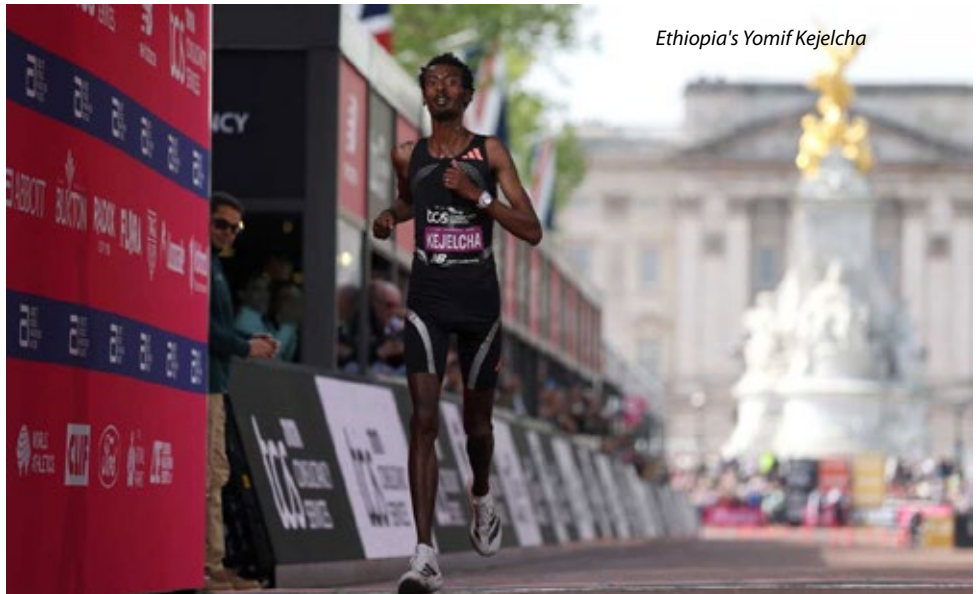
Unfortunately, it was obvious from early on that Kerry – looking for a fourth Munster title on the trot and after once again completing a clean sweep of Munster Colleges titles – simply had too much for a gallant but outclassed Deise outfit. Fionn O'Dowd had the ball in the Waterford net as early as the second minute. Ten minutes later the outstanding Danny Murphy smashed home another one. In between, Dara Gough had kicked two frees for Waterford – he was superb all through on dead balls – but Luc Mac Gearailt and Danny Lane had replied for Kerry. Lane, Samuel Scroope, playmaker Darragh Keane, O'Dowd....the hits just kept on coming. Waterford picked off two points, only for Danny Murphy to fire over a beautiful two pointer. At half-time, Kerry led by 2-9 to 0-4 and this game was already all but over. The third quarter was more of the same, Lane, O'Dowd, and Keane with a magnificent two point free stretching Kerry's lead. Waterford did get a goal, and a well crafted one from Anthony O'Donnell, at the three quarter mark but Danny Lane promptly replied in kind. In the finish Kerry had eleven points to spare and could have tacked on more if they needed it. The truth is that nobody will have learned too much from this game.

Kerry: Christian O'Donnell, Eoin Mangan, John Breen, Conor Clifford, Danny Murphy (1-2, 1tp), Seán Clifford, Mikey Corridon, Maidhc Ó Sé, Tom Slattery, Lúic MacGearailt (0-1), Darragh Keane

(0-4, 2f, tpf), Jack Collins (0-1), Danny Lane (1-4, 1f), Fionn O'Dowd (1-3, 1f), Samuel Scroope (0-1). Subs: Timmy Kennelly (for Maidhc Ó Sé, 46 mins), Cillian Moynihan (for Fionn O'Dowd, 46 mins), Odhran Buckley 0-1 (for Samuel Scroope, 49 mins), Daithí Laide (for Mikey Corridon, 51 mins), Cathal Ó Corduibh (for Tom Slattery, 54 mins).

Waterford: Jack Sheehan, Arlo McManus, James Skehan, Shay Healy, Caolan Johnston (1-0), Anthony O'Donnell (1-0), Liam O'Grady, Theo Meagher, Tomás Walsh, Enda Bloomer, Aidan McMaugh, Ronan Kirwan, Dara Gough (0-6, 3f, tpf, '45), Charlie Smyth, Peter Murray (0-3). Subs: Cian Power (for Liam O'Grady, half-time), Charlie Kelly (for Enda Bloomer, 46 mins), Eoin Keane (for Theo Meagher, 46 mins), Fionnán Murray (for Tomás Walsh, 50 mins), Darragh Hutchinson (for Ronan Kirwan, 55 mins).

Referee: Gary Twomey (Clare)



Ethiopia's Yomif Kejelcha

ATHLETICS

It's all about the London marathon. It was the first time on record that a human being has finished a marathon in under two hours. Ethiopia's Yomif Kejelcha made a bit of history by finishing in 1.59.41.

He finished second. Can you imagine? Running the race of your life, finishing in a world record time and shattering a seemingly impassable barrier....and coming second? Kenya's Sebastian Sawe is the one whose name will appear in all the record books after he finished in 1.59.30.

Cast your mind back to 1954. It's an age of prosperity in both the USA and Britain – obviously, only for caucasian people with penises, but I digress. A quiet young scholar named Roger Bannister is planning to run

a mile in....wait for it....under four minutes. Australian John Landy is already getting close to that mark.

This was exceedingly dangerous, arguably even foolhardy. It was a minority opinion, but a sizable minority that included quite a few medical practitioners who believed that the human body could not sustain that kind of internal pressure. This is documented in newspapers of the era -though to be fair, newspapers generally exaggerate these things. Clickbait existed long before clicks, newspapers basically started as royal gossip columns in Germany, a tradition that most British media unabashedly hold up to this day. Nonetheless, Roger Banister took an enormous risk and became by default probably the most famous athlete of the 20th century.

Will Sebastian Sawe's name resonate to the

same level? I don't think so. This is the era of shoe technology. It isn't a coincidence that two men came in under two hours in this year's London Marathon. I'd expect that ew record to be shaved again more than once in the next couple of years. When it comes to running, I strongly suspect that we are on the cusp of a new era. Mind you, and apropos of nothing, in this magical age of AI, how long before the transgender argument is replaced by sentient robots looking to compete? It's a ridiculous notion....isn't it?

By the way, Kilkenny's Peter Lynch, trained by Alistair Cregg, ran the race of his life to finish in 2.06.08, taking a whopping two minutes off the Irish record.

Athletics Success for St Brigid's Presentation Secondary School Students



Students from St Brigid's Presentation Secondary School are celebrating an outstanding performance after a highly successful outing at the recent Kerry Athletics Competition.

The event, held last Thursday at An Ríocht Athletic Club, saw the Killarney students deliver an exceptional display of talent, determination, and teamwork. Competing against schools from across the county, the team returned with an impressive total of 26 medals.

Their haul included 15 gold medals, three silver, and eight bronze, marking one of the school's strongest performances in recent years. In addition to their individual successes, the team was also awarded the prestigious Best Girls Perpetual Shields, recognising them as the top-performing girls' team at the competition.

The achievement reflects the dedication and hard work of the students, as well as the support of their coaches and school community. Each athlete contributed to what was described as a fantastic collective effort.

Attention now turns to the next stage of competition, as several of the athletes prepare to travel to Cork on Tuesday and Thursday to compete in the South Munster Athletics Championships.

School staff extended their congratulations to all participants, praising both their sporting success and their representation of the school.

With momentum firmly on their side, the students of St Brigid's Presentation Secondary School will be hoping to build on this success in the upcoming championships.

CLIMATE CHANGE RAISED IN DAIL EIREANN

Speaking at the Dáil Éireann debate on Earth Day, Deputy Danny Healy Rae said he was glad to get the opportunity to speak here today. I believe the climate change, but I do not agree with others about what is causing the change. Climate has changed dramatically over the centuries and decades. In the 1740s, Ireland went through a desperate famine, and we lost a third of our population due to hunger, cold and rain. People could not save turf, had no hay for their cows and cattle starved over the winter. The country was burned out of it for 100 years in the 13th or 14th century. In the 1890s, there were floods in places like Gneeveguilla, where a bog was washed into the Lakes of Killarney 12 miles away. In a field in the Clydagh Valley, 11 men were washed down the river by a flood that affected the lads in Ballynavenooragh, Fenit west or something.

I do not agree we on this earth can change the weather in any way. What is going on is costing us an awful lot of money. The road in Fossa, a national primary road going back to Killorglin and around the Ring of Kerry, was narrowed and there are now footpaths and a cycleway on both sides beside the carriageway. Buses and lorries have to pass each other going east and west.

Our rivers are not being cleaned. We are waiting for assessments, reports and this and that. The Flesk river flooded in 2022, which affected the national primary road to Cork outside of Glenflesk. I went through it in late 2015 or early 2016 and I thought I would not get home that night because I did not know where the road finished. The water was 3 ft over the road and there is a 10 ft drop at the side. After several requests and deputations by me and many



others, the Minister of State, Deputy Kevin Boxer Moran, cleared the river.

He gave us a small bit of money and we were allowed to clear the river. The road has not flooded since. Those are the facts, whether the Minister of State likes them or wants to hear them or not.

We are losing a lot of lives on roads. People are very hurt over that. A lot of pedestrians are being killed along local roads because the hedges are not cut. People are not allowed to cut them in the summer when the hedges have gone mad. Pedestrians are walking outside the yellow line because they are afraid their eyes would be picked out along the ditch, and then they get hit by motorcars or whatever.

During the last protest, the Minister of State, Deputy Canney, told us that we must walk and cycle more. That is hurtful to people who have a time limit to get to work. People have to drop off children to school and do 100 different other things. To tell them to go cycling or walking is absolutely ridiculous.

The last thing I will mention is the carbon tax, which I never voted for in this Chamber and never will. A great case was made at an IFA meeting last week by a sound farmer. He questioned why they should be paying carbon tax when they are sequestering carbon. They have hedges and ditches and when they are growing grass, carbon is being sequestered. That is the God's gospel truth. Every farmer is complying and putting AdBlue into his tractor, jeep or whatever vehicle it is but he or she is still made to pay carbon tax. Those are the points the Government needs to address. It is not fair, especially on farmers because they sequester more carbon than they generate. I ask the Government to look at that. In October I certainly could not vote to allow the Government to extend reducing the carbon tax to 2030. It does not make any sense. The Government states that the carbon tax goes towards retrofitting but many people are refused the retrofit grant.

People in Kerry to avail of grants to lower energy bills – Senator Mike Kennelly

Households across Kerry should take advantage of the wide range of Government-backed grants available to make their homes more energy efficient and reduce their energy bills, a Fine Gael Senator has said.

The call comes as new figures show a record surge in applications for Energy Upgrade Grants, with over 29,000 applications processed in the first quarter of 2026 alone, an increase of 96% on the same period last year.

Speaking today, Senator Kennelly said:

"I am encouraging every household in Kerry to look closely at the grants on offer and see what works for them. Whether it's attic insulation, new windows and doors, a heat pump, or solar panels, these upgrades can make a real and lasting difference to your energy bills and to the comfort of your home.

"In the midst of an ongoing energy crisis, the Government is here to help. By offering generous grants to lower bills and make

homes warmer, we are putting money back into people's pockets while also cutting carbon emissions.

This is a win-win for households."

The latest figures include over 1,730 applications for attic insulation (up 81%), more than 1,000 for cavity wall insulation (up 62%), over 350 for heat pump installations (up 95%), more than 7,000 for the new windows and doors grant, and over 10,000 for Solar PV (up 65%). In addition, more than 1,500 homes at risk of energy poverty have been upgraded under the Warmer Homes Scheme to the end of March, at an average cost per home of €31,000.

Grants currently available include:

Attic insulation: up to €2,000 (€2,500 for first-time buyers)

Wall insulation: up to €8,000

Windows: up to €4,000 / Doors: up to €1,600

Heat pump system: up to €12,500

Heating controls: up to €700

Solar PV: up to €1,800

Solar thermal (hot water): up to €1,200

Senator Mike Kennelly also drew attention to the Warmer Homes Scheme, which provides free energy upgrades to vulnerable homeowners, including those in receipt of Fuel Allowance.

"The Warmer Homes Scheme is one of the most important supports we have.

"It delivers free upgrades, insulation, draught-proofing, lagging jackets, energy-efficient lighting, and in some cases new heating systems and windows, to the people who need them most.

I would urge anyone who thinks they may qualify to get in touch with my office and we will help them through the process.

"These grants are there to be used. My team and I are ready to help any constituent in Kerry navigate the application process and access the supports they are entitled to," concluded Senator Kennelly

Kerry Stars Special Olympics Sports Club enjoy a Triathlon at An Riocht, Castleisland



The Kerry Stars Special Olympics Sports Club, Triathlon.



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The Kerry Stars Special Olympics Sports Club, Triathlon and An Riocht, Castleisland hosted their recent Triathlon event, held in the Killarney Sports & Leisure on the 19th April last. The Special Olympics Munster Athletics event also took place in An Riocht, Castleisland on Sunday 26th.

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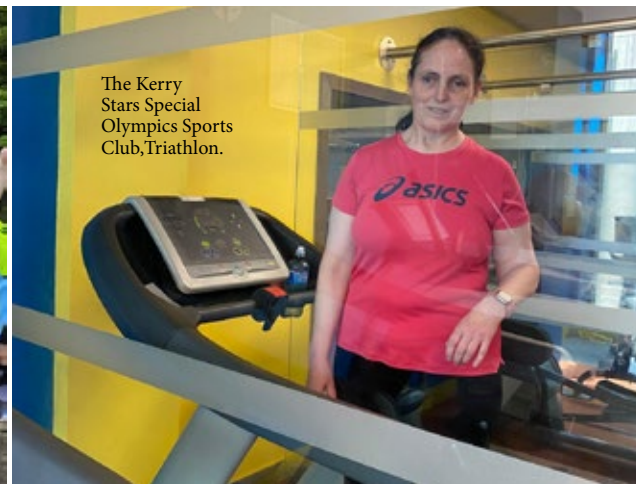
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By Nicky Barry

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You were in and out of hospital, but somehow made it through,

For the ole Grim Reaper, had other jobs to do.
He scythed away old Newry friends, long before their time,
Who shared many battles, fado in our Down primes.

Then I came to Kerry, and made lots of new friends,
And we had craic together, thinking it would never end,
But end it did for Jimmy Riordan, and now Domino Doyle,
And Ladder Man Joe Gaffey, who was forever up and down.

When not cleaning windows, Joe loved to play golf,
And was Captain in Dunloe, and really loved to rock.

Jimmy worked in Cadbury's, after a lifetime over,
Building England's motorways, and Scottish fly-overs.

Domino worked in Liebherr's, until he retired,
And became my neighbour, and I could not have desired,
A sounder man in all the world, for he helped me out,
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A Word of Victory

"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things" (Philippians 4:8).

Welcome back dear student, last week we saw how understanding our new identity in Christ will break the back of anxiety. Human nature is to daydream. Visualising happiness just falling from the sky and landing in our lap is not how life works though. Everything of value takes effort and perseverance. Getting lost in daydreaming and disassociating from reality is only an escape or a coping mechanism. You are stronger than you know friend. If you think back over all the hours, weeks, days, months, and years that have been wasted entertaining anxiety – has anything ever actually happened? Most times the answer to that is no. Jesus told His disciples to stop worrying (Matthew 6:25-34). Worry is a habit, a doorway to torment but it's not always fearful thoughts – it can be rage, or unforgiveness that torments the mind just as easy. The Bible mentions the root cause of torment as one of two things: unforgiveness, or fear (Matthew 18:21-35; 1 John 4:18). In recognising destructive thoughts, it becomes clear that they are often familiar, and habitual – quietly working away in the background breeding anxiety, strife, bitterness, anger, or dread.

What's needed is a complete renewal (Romans 12:1-2). This is where effort kicks in. Jesus gave a key when He warned 'take no thought, saying...' (Matthew 6:31). Everything begins with a thought - then a decision: what to do with it? With habitual destructive thought patterns our internal filter is hindered – because maybe we are too tired, or too lazy to intervene and stop that thought in its tracks. Or a person doesn't follow through by replacing the negative thought with another - leaving a gap for more worry, or negativity to fill it.

In the book of Philippians Paul talks about how he had to leave the old ways, and the past behind to move onwards, learning to be content while on the way to breakthrough. It's vital to release all bitterness and practice rejoicing in the Lord – being thankful for, and hopeful of, God's goodness. How? By thinking about all the wonderful things God has done. How He loves us so much that He gave His Only Begotten Son to die, to pay for our sins, so that we could be saved. Think about how Jesus took the pain, the grief, the anguish, the terror, so that each one of us could be set free. These thoughts are not merely the 'power of positive thinking' - but are meditating upon the eternal Life-giving Word of God, which changes us from the inside out, by the power of God's Spirit in His Word (John 6:63). 'You will keep in perfect peace all whose minds are stayed on You, because they trust in You... Yahweh, the Lord... our Eternal Rock' (Isaiah 26:3).

King Solomon advises us to meditate upon the Word of God which brings Life to all one's flesh (Proverbs 4:20-22). The flesh is not just our physical bodies, but our minds too. When Jesus took that crown of thorns on His head it was to break the curse of humiliation, failure, dread, fear, lack, sorrow, and rejection. When Jesus faced death alone, whipped and beaten beyond recognition He took that pain for us to be forgiven, cleansed, healed and made whole (Isaiah 53:4-5; 2 Corinthians 10:5). Entertaining vain imaginations, anxiety, and dread takes years off one's life – precious moments of a life that Jesus paid for us to enjoy (John 10:10). Today, May first, is the beginning of Summer – believe it - your best days are ahead of you dear one, not behind you!

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TULLIG GROTTO MASS ON FRIDAY 1ST OF MAY AT 7.00PM; Rosary to be prayed every evening for the Month of May. All Welcome

COMMUNAL FIRST SATURDAY 2ND OF MAY: For those who would like to fulfil the second of Our lady's requests in Fatima for obtaining a period of peace in the world and salvation of souls. The Communal First Saturday devotions will be held on Saturday the 2nd May commencing at 8.45 am in the Church of the Resurrection Killarney. It will begin with introductory prayers followed by the Rosary at 9am. Mass is at 9.30 with 15 minutes meditation immediately after Mass in St Brigids Chapel . Confession will begin at 8.30 am.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE: Due to demand we are now going a second time in September from September 22ne to September 29th ex Cork. Accompanied by Fr John Keane as Spiritual Director. For further information contact Tom Dennehy 0876468658.

ACCORD NEEDS YOU! ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators to support couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. The marriage preparation programmes have proven to be helpful and effective in helping couples prepare for marriage. Teams work from St. John's Parish Centre Tralee or The Pastoral Centre Killarney tralee@accord.ie 066 7122280 ,killarney@accord.ie 064 6633612 Closing date for receipt of completed applications is Wednesday 27th May 2026

BISHOP RAY WARMLY INVITES ALL PRAYER GROUP LEADERS FROM ACROSS THE DIOCESE to a meeting at the Diocesan Office, Bishop's House Killarney Saturday May 9th from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm. This presents a rear opportunity for all of us to gather as one, to share our experience of church, and listen to each other. We invite to register for more information, please ring Deacon Thady O'Connor 087-2626187 or email: thadyoc1@gmail.com.

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

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4TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
JOHN C. BURKE



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WHO PASSED AWAY FROM THIS LIFE UNEXPECTEDLY ON THE 7TH OF MAY, 2022.


"forever in our hearts, the happy memories you left us all will stay"

Always loved and forever missed by your wife Mary and family.

Masses offered.

11TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
DENNY MORIARTY



COOM, GNEEVGUILLA

In loving memory of a dear Husband and Father whose anniversary occurs on the 4th of May.

*Memories of you are lovingly kept,
 Of someone too special to ever forget.
 Quietly thought of every day,
 Loved and missed more than words can say.*

Always remembered, never forgotten.

Sadly, missed by your loving wife Peggy, Daughters Juliette, Aileen, Denise, Son Jason, Daughter in Law Amanda and Granddaughter Elsie

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36TH & 25TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DEAR PARENTS
PATRICK & KATTIE WALSH



LATE OF FAUGH, MUCKROSS, KILLARNEY.

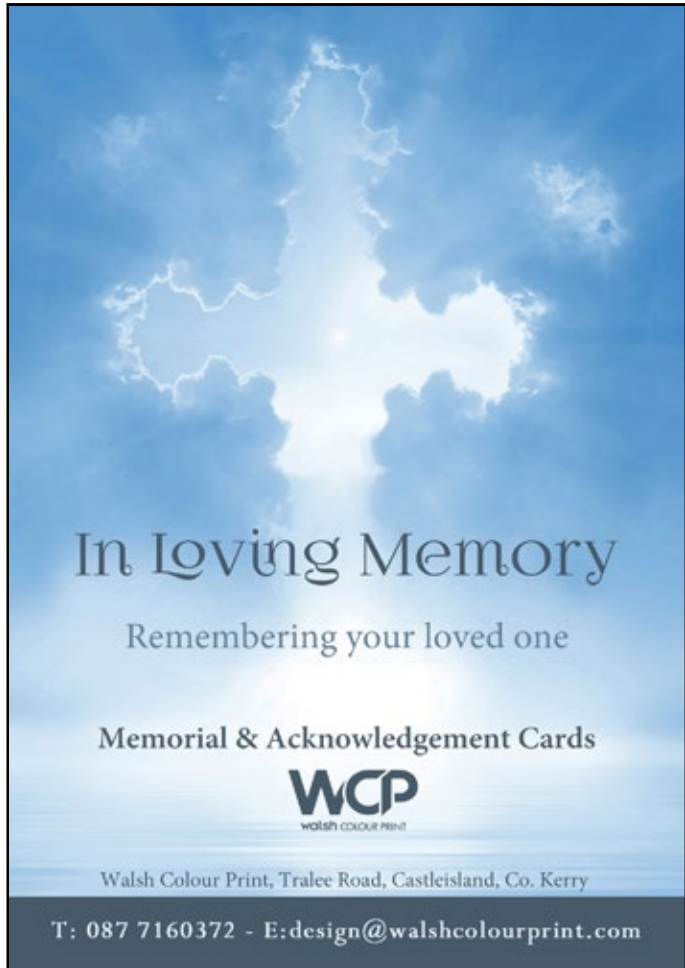
WHO DIED ON 25TH MAY 1990 AND 28TH MAY 2001.

*No matter how life changes,
 No matter what we do
 A special place within our hearts
 Is always there for you.
 You never wished for sadness
 You never cared for fuss
 Just to be remembered
 And loved by all of us.*

REST IN PEACE

PRAYER TO PADRE PIO


O Jesus, full of grace and charity, victim for sinners, so impelled by Your love for us that You will die on the Cross, I humbly beseech You to glorify in heaven and on earth Your servant, Padre Pio, who generously participated in Your sufferings, who loved You so much and labored so faithfully for the glory of Your Heavenly Father and for the good of souls. With confidence I ask You to grant me, through Saint Padre Pio's intercession, these special requests... (Mention here).



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NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART

Dear Heart of Jesus in the past I have asked many favours.
 This time I ask you this special one, (mention favour).
 Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it within your heart where your Father sees it.
 Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favour not mine.
 Amen.
 Say this prayer three times for three days and your favour will be granted.
 Thank you for favours received

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3RD ANNIVERSARY

THE LATE
PADRAIG O'DONOGHUE (WALSH)



MUCKROSS, KILLARNEY.
 WHO DIED ON THE 31ST MARCH 2023

Podge had a gift of making our lives richer and fuller.
 We will love and remember Podge forever.

Loved and remembered by all the Walsh family and the O'Donoghue family
 Faugh, Muckross, Killarney Co. Kerry

Rest In Peace

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