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Thousands of supporters turned out to welcome home the victorious Kerry Team in Killarney on Monday night











What a Week for the Kingdom!

What a week it has been in Killarney and beyond as celebrations continue following the Kerry Senior Football Team's epic All-Ireland victory last Sunday! The atmosphere has been electric, and this week's magazine is packed to the brim, from action shots of the game itself to the jubilant fans, the unforgettable homecoming, and, of course, Jimmy's much-anticipated take on what many are calling the game of the year.

In community news, plans for Áras Pádraig have hit a stumbling block after being rejected by local councillors. An inspiring local woman has raised over €20,000 for Palliative Care by shaving her head and a Tipperary man is walking to Kerry to raise awareness around mental health.

Kerry Cancer Support Group has unveiled a brand-new bus, the Killarney Women's Shed marked its first anniversary, and St. Brigid's Debs Ball brought a dazzling dose of glamour and style.

On the sports front, Killarney Valley AC's Jack O'Leary is heading Stateside on an athletics scholarship, Kerry FC have added three new signings to their squad, and the Tour de Munster is rolling into town.

There was a night of celebration at Killarney Golf & Fishing Club, the feasibility of a Blueway from Lough Léin to Ballykissane is being explored, and Anne Lucey takes a look at the latest happenings around Killarney.

So, wherever you're reading from this Bank Holiday weekend, enjoy this week's Killarney Outlook. Disling Crosbie



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There was magic in the air on Monday night as thousands of fans flooded the streets of Killarney to welcome home the triumphant Kerry Senior Football Team. The homecoming, full of passion and pride, was a stirring reminder of just how much football means to everyone in Kerry.

Capturing the emotion, the energy, and the sheer joy of the night was Killarney photographer lan Cronin, known to many as The Social Hacker. Ian's drone shots told the story in a way words never could, with a stunning collection of photographs that vividly portray the drama of the occasion. From the moment the team bus rolled into town, to the players hoisting the Sam Maguire high above their heads, every image echoed the pride of a county united in celebration. Families, friends, and lifelong fans lined the streets, waving flags and cheering on the Kerry team.





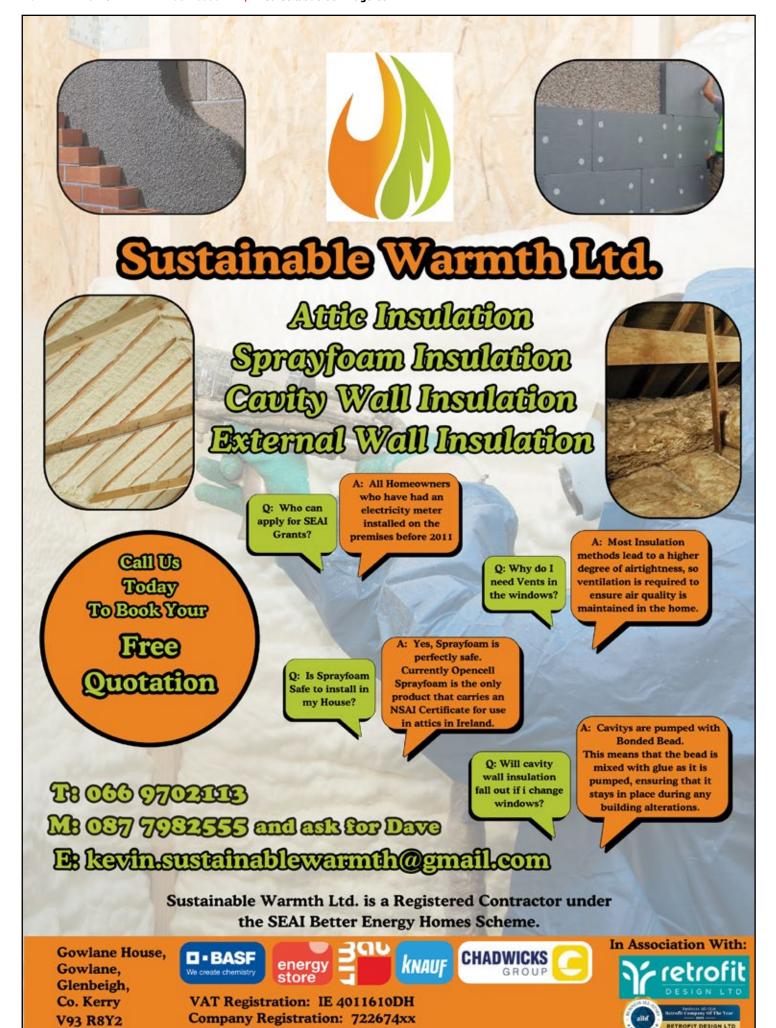
ARUS PADRAIG PLANS REJECTED



he rejection of plans presented by Kerry County Council for Áras Padraig by Killarney Municipal District Councillors recently, has been described by Fianna Fáil Spokesperson on Tourism, Michael Cahill TD, as not surprising. Deputy Cahill believes that lands owned by the Health Service Executive (HSE) are also close to the town centre and financially and logistically, the location of a Primary Care Centre and other health connected facilities should be where lands are already available.

"The Áras Padraig site on Lewis Road, Killarney is ideally situated for a theatre, exhibition area, meeting rooms, adjacent to businesses, hotels, etc, and with car parking in place. It will cater for local drama and art as well as being an intimate theatre venue during the tourist season. Killarney is crying out for such a venue as well as the vital Primary Care Centre, Small Injuries Clinic, etc, but they would appear unsuited as a joint venture" stated Deputy Cahill.

"There is a fantastic history and heritage of the arts, drama, music, storytelling, dance, etc, and it must be showcased to keep it alive. Áras Padraig has served this purpose before and should again. I commend all the local Councillors for taking this stance" added Michael Cahill TD.



KERRY GAA CHAMPIONS

Bring All-Ireland Glory to Temple Street Patients

Bright and early at 9:15am on Monday morning, members of the the newly crowned All-Ireland Senior Football champions from Kerry made a special visit to Temple Street Hospital, answering the call of the Children's Health Foundation.

With the Sam Maguire Cup in hand, players Diarmuid O'Connor, Paul Murphy, Killian Spillane, Gavin White and Tadhg Morley arrived to share their victory with some of their biggest and bravest fans: the young patients of Temple Street. The champions swapped high-fives, shared stories, posed for photos, and even fielded a few tough football questions from the patients. laughs, autographs, and plenty of smiles as the players brought the trophy around the wards.



Children's Health Foundation welcomed the All Ireland football champions Kerry to Children's Health Ireland at Temple Street. Pictured are CHI Temple Street Staff and patients with players Diarmuid O'Connor, Paul Murphy, Killian Spillane, Gavin White and Tadhg Morley. Picture Andres Poveda







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Saoirse McDonagh (10) from Liscannor Co Clare is pictured with Sam Maguire as Children's Health Foundation welcomed the All Ireland football champions Kerry to Children's Health Ireland at Temple Street. Picture Andres Poveda



Children's Health Foundation welcomed the All Ireland football champions Kerry to Children's Health Ireland at Temple Street. Chloe Garrell (10) from Walkinstown, Co Dublin is pictured with players Diarmuid O'Connor, Paul Murphy, Killian Spillane, Gavin White and Tadhg Morley. Picture Andres Poveda



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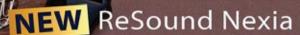
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Shock and Sorrow in Killarney Following the Sudden Passing of JAMIE DOOLAN

here was an air of disbelief in Killarney on Monday afternoon as the joyful celebrations from the weekend's events in Croke Park gave way to grief, following the heartbreaking news of the sudden passing of Jamie Doolan, a cherished member of the Dr. Crokes GAA Club.

Jamie, who passed away unexpectedly at home on July 28th, was a beloved figure within the Dr. Crokes community. A gifted footballer in his youth, Jamie represented the club with distinction at every underage level. In recent years, he had dedicated himself to management, as a selector with both the senior and minor teams.



The Dr. Crokes club released a tribute in the wake of the news:

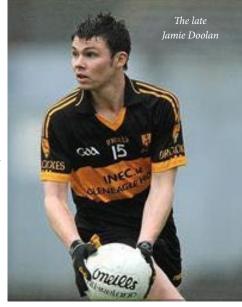
"All in Dr. Crokes are shocked to hear of the untimely passing of our former player, minor selector, and club member Jamie Doolan. Jamie was a brilliant underage player representing Dr. Crokes at all levels before turning his hand to management. He was involved in senior and minor management teams over the last number of years. A very knowledgeable selector who was very popular with all club members, Jamie will be sorely missed by his many friends in the club. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Doolan family in this difficult time."

As a mark of respect, the planned homecoming celebration for the club captain at the Dr. Crokes clubhouse, scheduled for Tuesday night, was cancelled.

Jamie also had a strong connection with Killarney Athletic AFC, where he played throughout his youth and went on to represent the club at senior level.

"All at Killarney Athletic AFC are deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Jamie Doolan," read a statement from the club. "Jamie came up through our underage teams and went on to represent the club at senior level. He was a talented player and will be fondly remembered by all who knew him in the club. Our thoughts are with the Doolan family and Jamie's many friends."

Jamie is deeply mourned by his loving family, his parents Eddie and Margaret, siblings Shane,



Michelle, and Chantal, his adored daughter Holly, and Holly's mother Liadh. He is also remembered fondly by his grandmother Peig Fennell, in-laws, extended family, neighbours, and his many friends in the wider Killarney community.

His loss has left a void not only in his family but also in the hearts of all those who knew him through sport, friendship, and community.

Reposing at O'Shea's Funeral Home, Killarney this Friday the 1st of August from 3:00pm to 6:30pm followed by removal to St. Mary's Cathedral. Requiem Mass will take place at 10:30am on Saturday morning followed by burial afterwards in Aghadoe Lawn Cemetery.

The Requiem Mass will be live streamed on https://www.churchservices.tv/

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Kerry's Youngest Councillor, Tommy Cahill, Appointed to AILG Executive Committee

Kerry Fianna Fáil Councillor Tommy Cahill has become one of the youngest Councillors ever to be appointed to the Executive Committee of the Association of Irish Local Government (AILG), marking a significant milestone for local representation in the county.

Cllr. Cahill, who represents the Kenmare Municipal District on Kerry County Council, is one of just three Fianna Fáil Councillors nationwide selected for the prestigious committee, and the only councillor from Kerry to be appointed. His inclusion on the Executive Committee was confirmed at the AlLG's Annual General Meeting, held last Thursday at the Mullingar Park Hotel.

The appointment positions Cllr. Cahill among a group of senior elected members from across the country, tasked with shaping policy, strengthening local democracy, and supporting councillors nationwide through advocacy, training, and leadership.

Reacting to his appointment, Cllr. Cahill said, "It is a privilege to be chosen to serve on the AILG Executive Committee. I'm deeply honoured to represent not only Kerry, but also a new generation of local public representatives committed to strengthening the role of councillors in our



communities. I look forward to working with my colleagues to advance meaningful reform, better support for councillors, and a stronger voice for local government."

Cllr. Cahill joins the Executive under the leadership of newly elected AlLG President, Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan of Tipperary County Council, and Vice President Cllr. Paddy O'Rourke of Leitrim County Council.

The AILG Executive plays a vital role in representing the interests of Ireland's 949 councillors, advocating on key issues such as local government reform, councillor conditions, and the future of local democracy. Cllr. Cahill's appointment places Kerry in a strong position within national discussions on the future of local governance.

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WHAT'S GOOD FOR THE PEOPLE IS GOOD FOR THE TOWN

A number of local residents living in the Bridewell Lane, Pond Lane and Green Lawn areas have expressed a number of concerns which are critical for the public to respond to and for the MD councillors to be aware of. Many other people have expressed their concern about the proposals and this letter collates some of that feedback.

LETTER EDITOR

Killarney residents continue to express their objection to the Part 8 - Development of a New Car Park at Green Lawn Killarney proposal which was brought before Killarney M.D. Councillors last Friday 25th July.

It is understood that the Councillors deferred the vote on the proposal during the process of amendments, and that another vote will take place within two weeks of the 25th July.

Local members of the community have been highlighting a number of critical issues that need to be considered for the Killarney M.D. Councillors vote again on this proposal.

- First and foremost, there is already a daily gridlock on the Mission Road.
- The granting of planning permission to a development of 224 houses on Port Road will add a significant volume of traffic to the town.
- Mission Road is the only clear direct route between Fossa and Muckross, along the southern perimeter of the town. All other routes bring traffic to other well documented congestion points.

- All three of Killarney's second level schools plus two primary schools are located within a 500 meter radius and the main need for traffic users is ease of access and drop off.
- A prominent bus stop for the Big Red Bus, Flight Link etc is located on Mission Road. Bus users need to meet their flights on time.
- There is already a congested and dangerous junction located where Beech Road and Mission Road meet, combined with a busy walking and cycling path and an entrance to the National Park. Pedestrians are crossing in the most dangerous places despite the addition of a designated crossing.

All these factors point to a number of concerns:

• Killarney's reputation both locally and externally is facing a crisis - it has been said to a number of people from Killarney, that it's very easy to get to Killarney, but once you get here, you're stuck; that people are avoiding Killarney, with people travelling over Ballaughasheen pass to go from Killorglin to Kenmare.People are going shopping to Macroom or Killorglin simply to avoid Killarney.

An Garda Síochána, in their submission to the proposal, have cited great concern at the increased traffic congestion that would be caused by this development. A new car park would be perceived as inviting more people to travel to this part of the town to then queue to get in and out, causing needless additional congestion, noise and

pollution.

· In the Bridewell Lane, Pond Lane and Green Lawn areas the community is made up of young and old, across all generations. They come and go from our homes just like everyone else, and this proposal would dysregulate the delicate balance of the place and its people. Already, due to the existing pedestrian gateway from Bridewell Lane to the New Street Car Park, locals to this area regularly witness people engaging in anti-social activity, often with beer cans strewn about. We certainly do not need another reason for this activity to increase.

• This neighbourhood is one of the oldest parts of Killarney, with a sizeable community of all ages, backgrounds and abilities. In fact, it is a lovely feature of the community that there is housing for the elderly and their connection to the town and their fellow residents has great benefits for quality of life and longevity. This proposal would completely negate the great benefits the current housing arrangement has for this cohort.

The local community encourage Kerry County Council to consider how best to address such fundamental traffic congestion problems in a long term manner rather than a quick fix takeover of a beautiful, peaceful neighbourhood.

One resident said, "Have we been brainwashed into thinking that

progress means more concrete, car parks and fumes? We believe progress is about finding better solutions, easing traffic flow and making the local communities safer and more sustainable places to thrive in."

Another local says, "Can we have it all - a large, grey, concrete and tar car filled town full of fumes, right beside the wild and wonderful National Park where birds fly free and the air is clean, where we sip from reusable coffee cups and slide into paradise. Then revert to traffic chaos, pollution and stress as we exit until we repeat over and over again?"

The ongoing Thrive project brought extensive planning and architectural heritage expertise to the town, and consultants recently met with some of the local residents and businesses. It would be very interested in their feedback about Killarney town, and wonder if you can gain insights from their ongoing findings.

Let's not lose sight of the people who live here, who know the actual daily gridlock and congestion caused by the amount of traffic on the Mission Road, and how all the streets around can often be completely impassable. The people are the beating heart of this town. Many of us want to be assured that those representing the people are truly representing the issues and concerns that we have raised, and we believe that your voice as our representatives truly counts.

Let's not need to go to print on a new type of postcard for Killarney - Get Stuck in Killarney.

Yours sincerely,

A Group of the Local Community from Bridewell Lane, Pond Lane and Green Lawn, Killarney











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Anne Lucey looks at the positive news happening in Killarney



The Áras Plan: an O without a figure



King Lear grandiosely warned his youngest daughter "nothing will come of nothing" when he wanted to hold onto the illusion that he could give everything away, and still retain power. So he gave everything to the two daughters who flattered him most. And left the youngest, the truth teller, with nothing.

A few scenes later, Lear stripped of his property is himself being cast aside. The Fool who is really the wise man in the play bluntly reminds him: "Now thou art an O without a figure".

King Lear came into my head after the council vote on Friday in Killarney in which 47 million euro was essentially cast aside.

This column welcomes the "alternative proposal" for a library instead of a medical centre at the Lewis Road site. It would be the "ideal solution" as suggested here a few weeks ago. But there is no financial foundation for it. The councillors have acted grandly - they have listened to the people and overturned what they approved only in April. They say they know the risk.

There is is real risk they will end up with nothing, town Manager Angela McAllen and senior engineer Frank Hartnett both warned There is no partner but the HSE. There is no separate funding for theatres. There is no guarantee now Killarney will even retain the 16 million euro URDF funding.

The councillors said they were swayed by the 160 public submissions received the second time round. But why was no one uneasy about the false premise in many of these submissions

- "the generous gift" by the Franciscans? It was not a gift, as we revealed. The market price for the derelict áras was confirmed on Friday at €225,000.

This is the problem with Kerry County Council and most other public bodies now, even the courts: fudge, lack of clarity and lack of communication. We are all shuffling around in the dark, left with vague ideas and heightened emotion.

The public needed and were not given a lot more clarity about the HSE plans.

The primary care centre is badly needed. It had a garden and outdoor play area. It was to serve children, the mental health needs of children and adolescents. And the dental needs of children. For south Kerry.

I don't think it became anyone, public or councillors to waive it aside and say blithely it will be built anyway. Elsewhere. Politicians and the public jump up and down about children and adolescent health needs in Kerry - then cast aside the solutions in quibbles about location and architecture!

It would have been a fine project in my view; It would have been far better than what's there now. It may well be built elsewhere. But it won't be built soon. That's the point. The last attempt at a primary care centre was in the Reeks in 2011 and it was turned down. A generation of children have grown up since.

MORE TRAFFIC LIGHTS, LESS ROUNDABOUTS

There was another item of interest emerging from the marathon planning meeting on Friday- how roundabouts in urban areas are becoming a thing of the past. Traffic is the biggest problem facing Killarney. So is parking and traffic and parking both played a part in the rejection of the 47 million euro project in Lewis Road. (I keep repeating the figure because I am stunned, as a graduate of the 1980s at how Killarney can turn down such investment)

There was a fine clear input from Paul Curry engineer on Friday on the plans for the upgrade of the N22, from the MD O'Shea Roundabout to the turn-off for Ballycasheen. The removal of the existing roundabout at the

entrance to SuperValu and the installation of traffic lights, pedestrian crossings and a shared pedestrian and cycle path were voted through with only Maura Healy-Rae opposing.

Traffic lights are a better solution for urban areas than roundabouts, Paul said. (We could have told the engineers decades ago.)

Roundabouts were "really fashionable" 25 years ago and they worked fine at off-peak times. But traffic signals controlled the flows better and this was the experience in Dublin. Killarney now had urban traffic like Dublin once had.

"The national trend is to swap from urban roundabouts to traffic lights," Paul said.

For traffic lights to work properly to allow traffic to flow needed to be intelligent and linked up. Hello! Could the council engineers please look at the top of Ross Road. We are all parked there and nothing moves.

A number of submissions including from Kilgarvan based Killarney representatives Danny Healy-Rae and his daughter Councillor Maura Helay-Rae felt the project and especially the removal of the roundabout should not go ahead until the major N22 bypass. Hello again! The bypass, which of course is the ultimate solution, won't even be going to An Coimisiún Pleanala until at least 2027 and won't be built for another decade.

What is Killarney to do in the meantime? We'll all move to Kilgarvan, I suppose. I'd need only to go over Mangerton: It might be easier than trying to negotiate the roundabout and cross the N22 near Whitebridge.



PUCK FAIR HANGING ON

Each year it seems a tradition has to do battle with a new urbane Ireland. The All-Ireland was rooted in the third Sunday of September, I thought. The hay was made and the turf was in and the ball could be played.

This was agricultural Ireland and rural Ireland when cities were really only big towns and Dublin and as the late great Con Houlihan put it was "a series of villages".

Roll on the 2025 to a July All-Ireland. I was sent to Rathmore for the homecoming and I have never seen such a great turn out. Full of young children in Kerry jerseys, many of them No 1 goalie jerseys as that fine young man Shane Ryan noted in his address.

The tradition to stop in Rathmore was honoured. But the neatness of the team and management all in similar attire, all getting off the train, would have been truly remarkable just decades ago. Especially after an

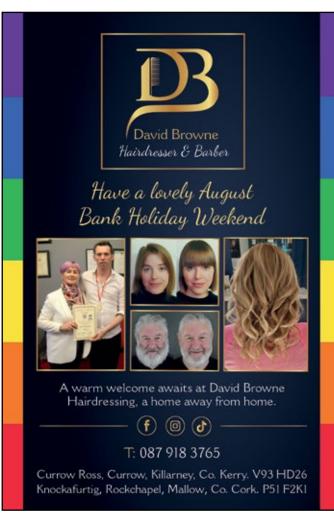
All-Ireland. With not just the train staggering to a halt!

Something similar is happening with Puck Fair. The late night drinking has been under attack with a while, and only barely survived this year. This is partly because of the strains on policing. But also because drunkenness now is increasingly frowned upon. At least publicly.

Puck though is essentially about the goat. And the reality is the goat is no longer raised on the stand for three days and three nights.

Ireland is losing its roots. We are living in a rapidly changing world. It is not just there is an air of puritanism, there is a different set of priorities now we are no longer tied to the agricultural world.

We are being refined out of existence. Yet while we have taken down the goat, physically, we have elevated the animal to such an extent there is as much care and money spent on a dog as on a child. Maybe more in some instances.

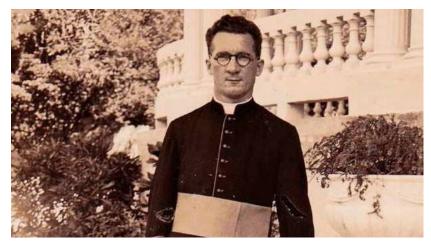






KILLARNEY WALKING TOUR

to Commemorate Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty's Legacy



A special Killarney Town outing exploring the local connections of Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty will take place on the August Bank Holiday, Monday, August 4th, beginning at 2:30 p.m. from St. Mary's Cathedral Car Park.

The walking tour, led by the Monsignor O'Flaherty Committee in conjunction with the Kerry Archaeological and Historical Society, marks the Centenary of Monsignor O'Flaherty's ordination in 1925.

Along the route, a tribute will be paid to local heroine Janie McCarthy, formerly of New Street, who bravely served as a member of five Paris Escape Lines during World War II.

This commemorative event offers a chance to reflect on remarkable local contributions to global history. Fáilte roimh cách – all are welcome.

Fancy Dress Carnival

Winners

Announced as Birds Funfair Celebrates 87 Years in Killarney

Community spirit was on full display this week as the annual Fancy Dress Carnival brought crowds to Killarney, marking the 87th year of Birds Funfair in the town.

This year's event was made even more special as Mayor Cllr Martin Grady was invited to present prizes to the carnival's costume winners.

Birds Funfair, recognising the Mayor's personal commitment to the Kerry Cancer Bus an organisation to which he donates 5% of his annual salary presented a cheque for €500 to the cause.

The Kerry Cancer Support Group, which operates the Cancer Bus service, recently announced a new initiative: the launch of a replacement vehicle for their Limerick route. The bus will transport patients to the Mater Private Network's Mid-Western Radiation Oncology Centre.

The Fancy Dress Carnival and the communityfocused gesture by Birds Funfair served as a heartwarming reminder of Killarney's generosity and the deep connections that continue to support those in need across Kerry.



A cheque for €500 was presented by Birds Carnival to the Kerry Cancer Support Group







Winners of the Birds Fancy Dress Competition pictured with Mayor of Killarney Martin Grady

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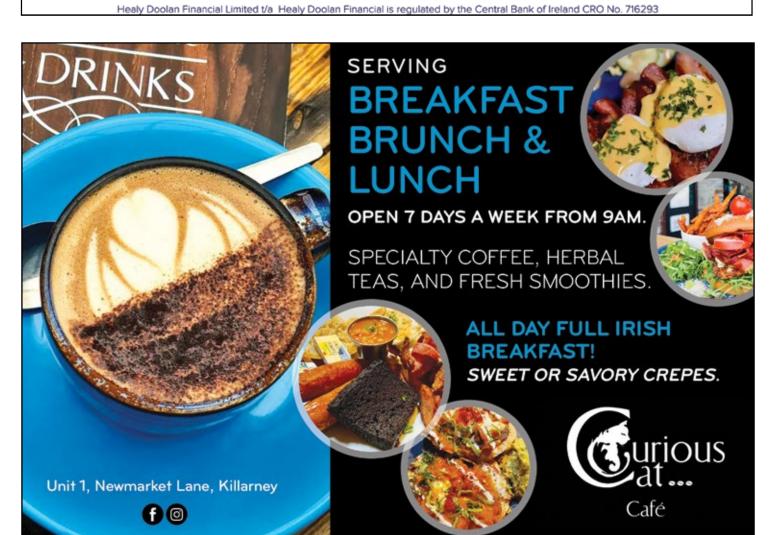








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New cancer support bus launched for

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he Kerry Cancer Support Group (KCSG), supported by Mater Private Network, has launched a new bus for its Limerick Healthlink Transport Service, a vital lifeline for cancer patients traveling from Kerry to Mater Private Network's Mid-Western Radiation Oncology Centre. This new vehicle replaces the original bus, which since 2019 has clocked up nearly 300,000 kilometres helping hundreds of people in the region get to their treatment safely and comfortably.

With this upgrade, the service continues to offer patients and their families peace of mind,

knowing they have reliable, free transport during a challenging time.

What began with one patient's need for help getting to radiotherapy has grown into a lifeline for many. With significant support from Mater Private Network, it now provides reliable transport for both public and private cancer patients who might otherwise struggle to reach treatment due to distance, treatment side-effects, or lack of support.

Breda Dyland, Manager of Kerry Cancer Support Group said: "We are very proud to be able to launch a new bus on our Limerick route and, of course, to continue our association with Mater Private Network. Their ongoing support has allowed us to transport hundreds of patients to thousands of vital hospital appointments. This new vehicle will ensure that we can continue to do so in comfort and for many years to come. Our service addresses rural isolation and limited transport infrastructure. It also contributes to healthcare system efficiencies reducing inpatient admissions, parking demand, and transport costs, while providing emotional and social support akin to a 'travelling support group."



Kerry County Council (KCC) have been asked to investigate the feasibility of providing a Blueway from Lough Léin in Killarney to the historic Ballykissane pier in Killorglin, by Fianna Fáil Councillor, Tommy Cahill. A Blueway is a multi-activity trail, based on and adjacent to waterways. Both Councillor Cahill and his father, Deputy Michael Cahill are strong believers in providing healthy outdoor activities, which can be enjoyed by all the family outside in our natural environment.

"Walking, cycling, canoeing etc are very popular pastimes and here in Kerry, we need to put facilities in place, not alone for our residents, but also for our many visitors, so that they can all enjoy our beautiful, scenic landscape. Where could be more beautiful than Killarney's lakes and the River Laune all the way to Ballykissane?" stated Councillor Cahill.

"KCC advise that they will 'facilitate, where appropriate, the provision of Blueways where it can be demonstrated that such development will not have significant adverse effects on the environment including the integrity of Natura 2000 sites. Obviously, with an approximate length of 20km, there are many places and species that could be affected along the way and their needs and that of landowners would need to be treated with the utmost sensitivity" said the 3rd generation Rossbeigh Councillor.

"This would be a major undertaking and that is why I believe that we need to have a detailed feasibility study completed, to point us in the right direction" added Councillor Tommy Cahill.

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Enjoying the homecoming last Monday Marian and Molly O' Connell, Charlie and Michael Dineen, Darragh O' Connell and Tim Dineen.



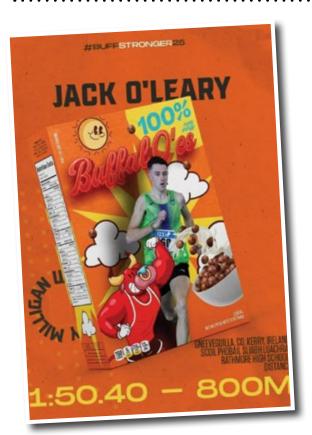
Dáithí, Ròisin & Fiadh Fleming all wrapped up in Green and Gold in Rathmore last Monday.



Rathmore last Monday.



Loyal Kerry supporters Timmy Moynihan with Sisters Corrina Favier and Olive Guerin with Conall and Seimi his daughter Clara Rose welcoming Sam to Favier all ready to welcome Sam to Rathmore last Monday.



KILLARNEY VALLEY **AC STAR JACK O'LEARY**

secures major athletics scholarship to the U.S.A.

Middle distance star athlete Jack O'Leary, has secured a major athletics scholarship to Milligan university Tennessee U.S.A.

Jack becomes the third member of Killarney Valley AC senior track and field team to earn a scholarship to the U.S.A. Mollie O'Riordan goes to Louisiana and Oisin Lynch is in Colorado.

Jack who holds a personal best of 1.50.40 for the 800m and is in the top tier of Ireland's 800m runners presently and is progressing towards the very top. Jack has medalled at provincial and at the national championships over the years through his development. He has raced in London, Manchester, Dublin, Belfast and recently was the pacemaker in the Cork city mile.

Jack's range goes from 400, 800m, 1500m and to the mile and caught the eye of the scouts over his career.

Killarney Valley AC (athletics club) are delighted for Jack as he furthers his education at Milligan university buffaloes in what is a truly global sport.

The track in Killarney has enabled athletes and their coaching team to reach towards the very top, more announcements are expected as young athletes develop over the coming years.





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The Heights Hotel

Celebrations went into the early hours of Sunday morning as the team and patrons of The Heights Hotel celebrated 50 years.

"Over 300 people were in attendance at the event" said Managing Director, Collette Andre O Riordan "I would like to extend a sincere and heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us to celebrate our 50th birthday this past weekend. Over 300 patrons, guests, and friends gathered to mark this incredible milestone five decades of hospitality, heart, and heritage", she

The event was a true celebration of community, with live entertainment, children's activities, delicious food and drinks, and the grand opening of our "50 Years of The Heights" exhibition, showcasing the rich history of our hotel and the land it stands on.

We would like to express our deepest thanks to our incredible suppliers and partners who helped bring the day to life your creativity, reliability, and continued support were felt in every detail. Most importantly, we want to honour and thank the staff, past and present, who have shaped The Heights Hotel into the beloved establishment it is today.

From the very first team in 1975 to our current colleagues, your dedication, warmth, and service have left an unforgettable mark on generations of guests. As we look forward to the next chapter, we carry with us the stories, relationships, and memories of the past 50 years.

Thank you for being part of our journey.



Members of the O'Riordan Family at the 50th Birthday Celebrations at the Heights Hotel.

Herry on the

as Tipperary Farmer Walks 550km for Mental Health Awareness

erry will soon welcome John Wallace, a Tipperary farmer undertaking 550-kilometre solo walk across Ireland in memory of his late father and in support of mental health services.

Beginning this August, John Wallace will follow the Beara-Breifne Way, Ireland's longest inland walking trail. The route stretches from the rugged Beara Peninsula in West Cork, through the Kingdom of Kerry, and on through Limerick, Tipperary, Offaly, Galway, Roscommon, and Cavan.

Kerry marks one of the early and most scenic stages of Wallace's two-week journey and local communities here are being asked to play a vital role in supporting his mission.

Carrying only a tent and essential supplies, Wallace is walking entirely unsupported, with no

backup team or prebooked accommodation. He is relying instead on the kindness of strangers, and he says that's no accident.

"The whole point is to show that help is out there, but you have to be willing to ask for it," he said. Too many people, especially men in rural Ireland, still think they have to face things alone." The journey is more than a test of endurance. It's a tribute to his father, William Wallace, who died by suicide in 2015. As the tenth anniversary of his father's passing approaches this October, John is walking raise awareness, foster conversation. and generate vital funds for three leading Irish mental health charities: Aware, Jigsaw, and Pieta House.

As John treks through Kerry, he's inviting locals to walk beside him for a stretch, offer a hot meal or a bed for the night, or simply help spread the word.

"I'm not asking for much," he says. "Even just a sandwich or a chat could make a huge difference."

journey followed on Instagram at @ miles forminds 2025, where updates, photos, and donation links are shared.

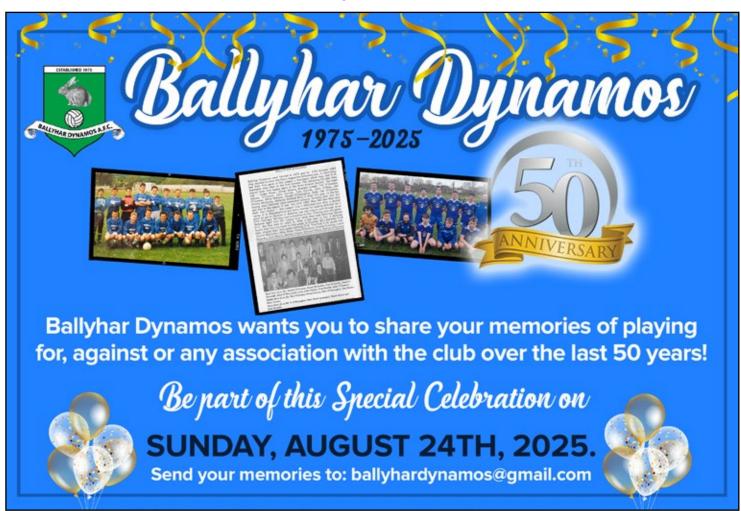
How to Support John Wallace:

Accommodation or meals: If you're in Kerry and near the Beara-Breifne route, consider hosting John for a night or offering a warm meal.

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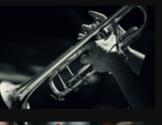
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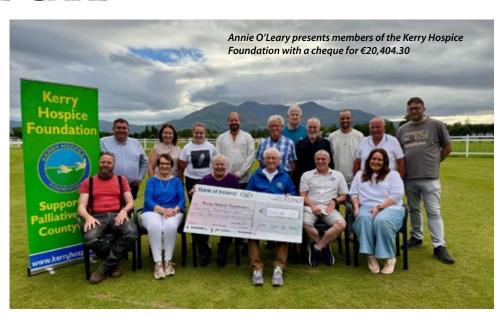
ANNIE RAISES OVER €20,000 FOR PALLIATIVE CARE

A Killarney woman who bravely shaved her head in support of the Palliative Care Unit at University Hospital Kerry has raised an incredible €20,000 for the cause. Annie O'Leary received phenomenal backing from hundreds of supporters and sponsors during the fundraising event, which took place at Killarney Racecourse on June 20th.

This week, Annie proudly presented a cheque for €20,404.30 to representatives of the Kerry Hospice Foundation.

"I am absolutely overwhelmed with the support I got and would like to thank everyone, rom my biggest sponsors to my smallest supporters for the amazing support," Annie told Killarney Outlook.

On behalf of the Hospice Foundation, Chairperson Pat Doolan thanks Annie for her fantastic donation.











Hair we go.... the shave that raised so much money for Palliative Care

Minister of State Michael Healy Rae

Welcomes Funding Boost for Local Festivals and Summer Schools

Minister of State Michael Healy Rae has welcomed the announcement of funding for local cultural events in Co Kerry under the Small Scale Local Festivals and Summer Schools Scheme 2025, confirmed by Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport, [Patrick O'Donovan TD]

A total of €9800 has been allocated to support events in the area, helping local organisers bring unique, homegrown activities to life in towns and villages across the county.

Those receiving funding in Kerry include:

Ballybunnion Community Centre - €4800.00
 Caherdaniel Festival Group - €5000.00
 The Diarmuid O'Cathain Cultural Centre Lixnaw - €5000.00

Feilte na Snadhma CLG in Sneem - €5000.00 Kerry Cultural & Literacy Centre Listowel - €5000.00 Teach Siamsa Finuge €- 5000.00

Minister of State Michael Healy Rae "Welcomes this funding for these Community Groups and wants to acknowledge the hard work that is put in by the organisers. Without the help of these volunteers these festivals etc would not take place.

A total of 64 local events across Ireland will benefit from this funding, which supports smaller cultural initiatives that may not qualify under the criteria of larger national schemes such as those managed by Fáilte Ireland or the Arts Council.



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KILLARNEY BARRISTER APPOINTED

to Board of Irish Writers Centre

A Kerry man has been selected to help shape the future of Irish literature. Patrick Barrett, a practicing barrister from Killarney, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Irish Writers Centre.

Mr Barrett joins a group of nationally recognised leaders guiding the organisation at a time of significant growth and renewal. The Irish Writers Centre, Ireland's national support body for writers, is entering a dynamic new phase under its recently appointed CEO, Mags McLoughlin.

A graduate of University College Cork and the Honorable Society of King's Inns, Patrick Barrett has developed a strong legal practice with a particular focus on governance, regulatory compliance, and public service. He is also a dedicated volunteer with FLAC (Free Legal Advice Centres) and has contributed to a number of legal publications.

Speaking on his appointment, Mr Barrett expressed his enthusiasm for supporting writers and strengthening the literary landscape across the country. His appointment brings valuable legal expertise to the board at a time when the Centre is expanding its support for writers on an all-island basis.



Afro-Irish Folk Fusion at The Anam Sessions





The Anam Sessions continue this Monday, August 4, at 7pm in Anam Centre, East Avenue, Killarney, with a vibrant evening of Afro-Irish folk fusion featuring Samuel Kiwanuka and Tim O'Shea, two-thirds of the group Afro Trad Ireland. Hailing from Tralee and Uganda, Samuel Kiwanuka brings a rich blend of African rhythm and soul to the performance. A passionate drummer and singer since childhood, Samuel has become a familiar face on the Irish music scene. He has played a key role in ensembles such as Different Skins and Drum Dance Ireland, and has led numerous drumming workshops and community drum circles across the country.

With a deep understanding of traditional African music and an ability to connect through gentle, unassuming performance, Kiwanuka's presence is both powerful and warmly engaging. His collaboration with Irish folk stalwart Tim O'Shea promises an evening of rhythm, harmony, and cultural fusion that celebrates both heritage and innovation.

Don't miss this unique musical journey at Anam Centre, where Irish tradition meets African spirit.

Kerry Celebrations Stretch to Milltown with Rocco the Rock Snake



Straight after the final whistle blew in Croke Park on Sunday, confirming Kerry's victory over Donegal and securing their 39th All-Ireland Senior Football Championship title, celebrations were already underway far beyond Dublin. In Milltown, young fans Oisín Murphy and Cathal Brosnan wasted no time in marking the Kingdom's latest triumph, by painting a rock for Rocco the Snake.

Rocco the Rock Snake is a community art installation led by Milltown Tidy Towns. The project encourages residents and visitors to paint and place decorated stones along the growing "snake," symbolizing community spirit and creativity. Each rock tells a story, and Sunday's addition proudly commemorates Kerry's 39th Sam Maguire Cup win.

As more people continue to contribute, Rocco stretches longer, a colorful reminder of both local pride and shared celebration.









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Killarney Women's Shed Marks First Anniversary with Summer Celebration



The Killarney Women's Shed (KWS) marked its first anniversary in style with a vibrant Summer Buffet held on July 22 at the scenic Killarney Golf and Fishing Club. Over 80 members and guests gathered for the event, celebrating a year of community, creativity, and connection.

Set against panoramic views of Killarney's landscape, the event was a colourful celebration of friendship and progress. A highlight of the evening was the launch of the group's first Photography Competition, themed "Timeless Landscapes". Michelle Breen Crean, who has been delivering digital photography training at the Shed, introduced the competition, which

encourages members to combine creative expression with digital skills.

On the evening, the Shed presented a €1,200 cheque to Meals on Wheels Tralee & Killarney, funds raised at a recent Summer Fayre organised in partnership with Catherine O'Brien of Kit's Vintage. Founded in 2024 after a well-attended public meeting, the KWS has grown rapidly, now boasting 130 members and over 200 supporters in its WhatsApp group. From fashion shows to photography walks and seasonal events, the Shed has become a vital hub for women in the community.

"Our vision is to create a permanent home," said Sheila K. Martin, a founding member and PR officer. "Currently, we meet once a week at the Spa GAA Club, but a dedicated premises would allow us the flexibility and space to grow."

An official Expression of Interest has been submitted to the Killarney Municipal District for a plot of land to build an eco-friendly log cabin and local councillor Martin O'Grady has been a key supporter of the initiative.

KWS will resume its weekly meetings on Tuesday, September 9 with a "Hat Walk" event at the Spa GAA Club in Tiernaboul. Further details can be found on the group's Facebook page.

Photos: Michelle Breen Crean Photography





























Members of Killarney Women's Shed presented €1,200 to Meals on Wheels Tralee & Killarney with funds raised from their recent Summer Fayre. The money was donated on Tuesday evening at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club during the Summer BBQ. Pictured from l-r were: Maureen O'Donoghue, Ann O'Leary, Chairperson Killarney Women's Shed, Sheila Martin, Treasa Walsh (Meals on Wheels), Paddy Kevane (Meals on Wheels) and Catherine O'Brien (Kit's Vintage).







Kerry FC Welcome Trio of New Signings to Bolster Squad

Kerry FC have strengthened their ranks with the signing of three new players as the club looks to build for the future and add experience for the remainder of the 2025 SSE Airtricity Men's First Division campaign.

Among the latest arrivals is Killarney native Luke Doolan, a highly promising 17-year-old forward who has made the move from Killarney Athletic. Luike Doolan has been a standout performer in the Kerry District League, earning a reputation as a lethal finisher and exciting prospect. His impressive run included five goals in the Munster Youths Cup and a pivotal role in Athletic's senior side. He was also recently called up to the Republic of Ireland U18 squad, where he impressed in friendly fixtures.

Luke will now train with the Kerry FC first team while also featuring for the club's MU20 Academy side. Regarded as one of Kerry's most exciting young footballers, the move to Mounthawk Park marks a significant step in what many believe will be a long and successful career.

In a move that adds valuable League of Ireland experience to the squad, goalkeeper Matthew Connor has joined Kerry FC from Athlone Town. The 28-year-old Tramore man brings with him a wealth of knowledge, having played over 140 games across several clubs, including Waterford United, Wexford Youths, Cork City, Bray Wanderers, Galway United, and Waterford FC. Matthew, who started the 2025 season as Athlone's number one, has made 17 appearances this year and will now don the number 16 jersey for Kerry.

His arrival comes at a crucial time, as Kerry prepare for an important stretch of fixtures in the First Division. His experience and leadership are expected to be vital in steadying the defence and mentoring younger players in the squad.

Rounding off the trio of signings is defender Ewan Lee, who joins from University College Cork (UCC). The 22-year-old Cork native steps into League of Ireland football for the first time but is no stranger to Kerry FC, having previously lined out against them for both Ringmahon Rangers in the FAI Cup and the Munster FA representative side during the UEFA Regions Cup. His performances at amateur level earned him recognition, and his versatility and composure in defence will be a welcome addition to the Kingdom's back line.

With a blend of youth, experience, and ambition, Kerry FC's latest signings signal the club's continued commitment to developing local talent and strengthening their presence in the League of Ireland.



Luke Doolan arrives in Mounthawk Park



Goalkeeper Matthew Connor signs for Kerry FC



Ewan Lee switches from UCC to Kerry FC







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Diamant Linen issue Statement

The owners and management of Diamant Linen, the Kerry-based commercial linen company whose production facility was gutted in a fire in the early hours of Sunday morning, are liaising with their customers to ensure their requirements are being catered for.

Investigations into the source of the fire are ongoing. Very extensive damage was caused to the 10,000sq ft production facility where approximately 50 people are employed.

In the meantime, Diamant Linen has made alternative arrangements to meet customer needs.

Diamant administration, despatch and delivery staff remain in constant contact with their clients to minimise any disruption to their businesses.







TOUR DE MUNSTER Rolls Into Its 25th Year with Four-Day Charity Cycle Across the Province

Tour de Munster gearing up celebrate a major milestone this year as it marks its 25th anniversary. The much-loved charity cycle returns from Thursday, August

7th to Sunday, August 10th, with over 100 amateur cyclists set to take on a 600km journey through all six counties of Munster.

The event, which has become a fixture in Ireland's sporting and fundraising calendar, raises vital funds for the Munster branches of Down Syndrome Ireland. Each kilometre cycled helps support children and adults with Down syndrome, as well as their families, through muchneeded services and resources.

Cycling legend Seán Kelly will once again saddle up for the four-day tour, which will kick off at the iconic English Market in Cork and finish with the traditional final climb up St Patrick's Hill, ,a gruelling but symbolic end to the journey.

Cyclists Tackle Stunning Kerry Scenery in Stage 3: Tralee to Kenmare Saturday, August 9, 2025: Stage 3 The third stage of the cycle will take

riders on a breathtaking 147-kilometre journey from Tralee to Kenmare, passing through some of Kerry's most iconic locations.

The day will began early in Tralee, with staggered departures: Easy-Riders set off at 9:00 a.m., followed by the Bus at 9:25 a.m., the Pretenders at 9:45 a.m., and finally the Contenders at 10:00 a.m..

By 9:30 a.m., the first group will have reached Stradbally (27km).

At 47km, riders arrived in Dingle around 10:30 a.m., where they completed a ceremonial lap of the town before breaking for lunch at the Skellig Hotel.

By 1:45 p.m., cyclists will arrive into Castlemaine (91km), greeted with refreshments generously provided by SuperValu at the N70/R561 junction.

Just a short push further will bring them into Milltown (94km) by 2:00

The afternoon included a climb toward Aghadoe Heights at 112km, reached around 2:55 p.m., offering panoramic views across the Lakes of Killarney. A quick descent brought the riders to Killarney (114km) by 3:15 p.m., where they were warmly welcomed at the Deenagh Lodge by representatives from DSI Kerry.

The final leg of the day pushed through the beautiful national parkland and rolling terrain, culminating in a celebratory arrival in Kenmare at 4:55p.m. Riders completed a lap of the town before heading to the Brook Lane Hotel to rest and regroup.

$Spraoi\ Chiarrai$ Marks 20 Years of Youth Talent and Tradition in Killarney

Spraoi Chiarraí, Killarney's cherished youth concert series, celebrates its 20th anniversary this summer, continuing its mission to spotlight young

performers in traditional Irish music, song, dance, and storytelling.

Founded by folk musician and producer Tim O'Shea, the series offers a platform for emerging talent in historic venues around Killarney. This year's programme features five free concerts, supported by Kerry County Council Arts Office, Killarney Chamber of Commerce, Kerry Gems Publishing, and others.

The next performance takes place tomorrow, Saturday, August 2nd at 8pm, at St. Mary's Church of Ireland, featuring Kenmare fiddle duo Peggy and Li Qin Healy, with O'Shea joining on stage.

Audiences can expect a rich showcase of Irish instruments, seanchaí storytelling, and set dancing, with upcoming concerts on August 16 and 23. Spraoi Chiarraí will also return as a featured act at this year's Puck Fair.

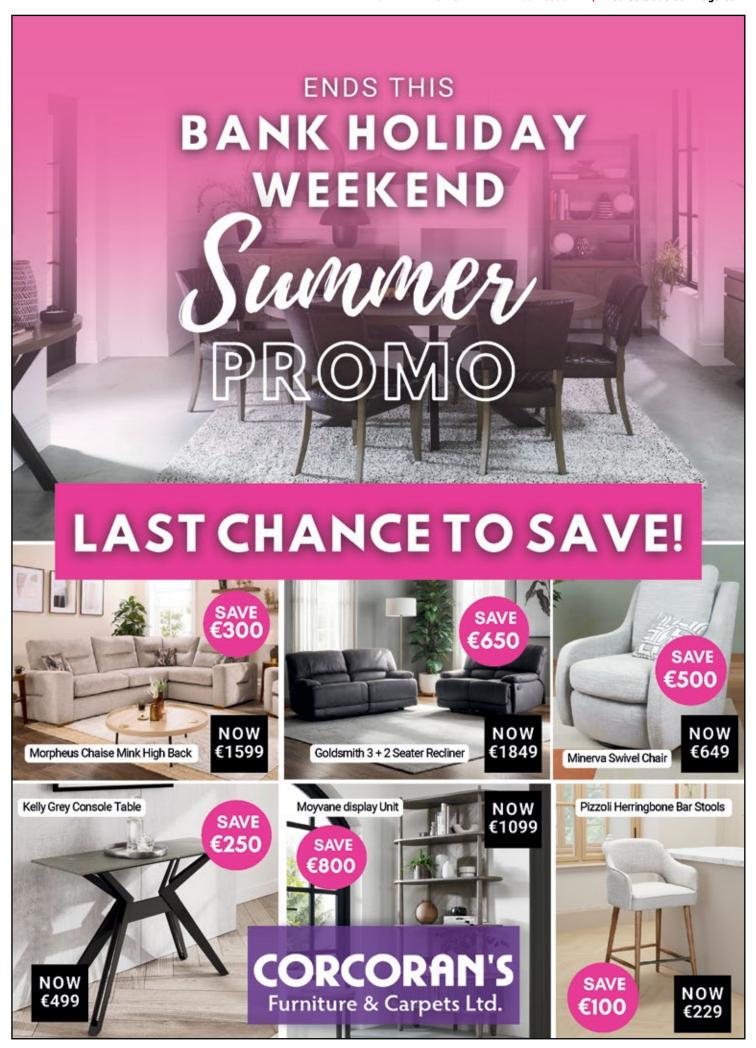
All events are family-friendly and free, celebrating two decades of youthful creativity and Kerry's cultural heritage.

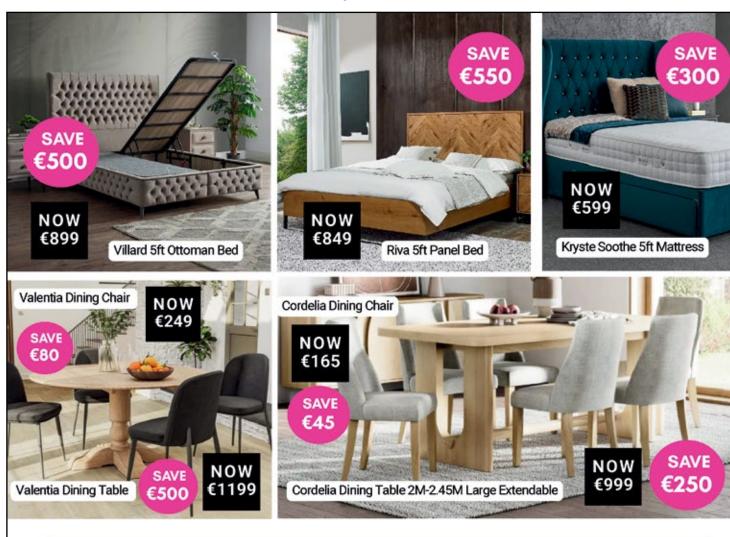




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Minister Foley launches Kerry Community Youth Service Family Support Evaluation Report

On Monday 28th July 2025, Norma Foley, Minister for Children, Disability and Equality launched the KCYS Family Support Evaluation Report which was undertaken by Finbarr Fitzpatrick, Business Improvement Solutions.

The launch was attended by a wide cross section of statutory and community services working with children and families in Kerry. In her opening address, Minister Foley commended KCYS for taking this courageous step and congratulated the organisation on its long history of supporting children, young people and families in the community. She particularly welcomed the engagement of young people and parents in the research and stressed that the participation of young people in service design and decisions affecting their lives must be central to how we work.

Researcher Finbarr Fitzpatrick gave a brief overview of the key findings and recommendations included in the report advising that two main strengths emerged: intensive family support interventions led to positive outcomes for family functioning and targeted work with teens produced multiple benefits for youth mental health.

KCYS Intensive Family Support Services receives considerable funding from Tusla, the Child and Family Agency. Breda Lynch, Area Manager for Tusla Kerry spoke of the universal need for family support and how the collaboration between Tusla and KCYS, dating back to 1971 when the charity was first founded, enables additional resources to be made available to work more intensively with families when needed. She advised that the ultimate aim of this community-based



The KCYS Family Support Team pictured at the launch of the KCYS Family Support Evaluation Report in Aras an Phobail, Tralee, on Monday were: Peig O'Sullivan, Pavlina Hrachovinova, Linda Moriarty, CEO KCYS Berni Smyth, Brigeen Wrenn, Brogan O'Sullivan, Tim Nolan, and Finbarr Fitzpatrick (Business Improvement Solutions). Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography

service is to provide a range of supports to families referred by Tusla which could include increasing parenting capacity, strengthening fostering arrangements or supporting a family reunification process in line with Tusla's mandate to keep children and young people protected and safe from harm.

Tim Nolan, Interim Manager of KCYS Intensive Family Support Services spoke of the principles that underpin their project's work: strengthsbased, voluntary engagement, partnership approach and a commitment to building trust by meeting the family 'where they are at'.

Berni Smyth, CEO of KCYS explained that the review of KCYS Family Support Services coincided with the recent name change and re-brand the organisation undertaken in 2024 – transitioning from Kerry Diocesan to Kerry Community Youth Service. The evaluation allowed the organisation the space to reflect upon where family support sits within the KCYS integrated youth work model. KCYS concluded that family support and youth work are complementary and have many guiding principles and approaches in common.

'Our integrated youth work model aims to be as accessible and inclusive as possible. By providing a range of supports, services and activities from universal to highly targeted interventions we are continuously striving to assist young people to reach their full potential which is the ultimate Purpose of our organisation. For some young people, work with their family is the vital first step towards creating stability and opens the door multiple opportunities on offer to young people via our integrated youth work model.'

The KCYS Family Support Evaluation Report is available to download at www.kcys.ie



KCYS CEO Berni Smyth pictured with Conor Flaherty (KCYS Administrator to CEO) at the official launch of the KCYS Family Support Evaluation Report in Aras an Phobail, Tralee, on Monday.

Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography



Breda Lynch (Area Manager Tusla), Norma Foley TD, Minister for Children, Disability and Equality, and KCYS CEO Berni Smyth pictured during the official launch of the KCYS Family Support Evaluation Report in Aras an Phobail, Tralee, on Monday. Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography



Ann Moynihan (PPFS Senior Manager Tusla), Breda Lynch (Area Manager Tusla), Norma Foley TD, Minister for Children, Disability and Equality, KCYS CEO Berni Smyth, and Tim Nolan (KCYS) pictured during the official launch of the KCYS Family Support Evaluation Report in Aras an Phobail, Tralee, on Monday. Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography

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Congratulations to Kerry team & management especially Paul Murphy & Shane Ryan on winning the All Ireland on Sunday last over Donegal

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Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group reminds you that Share the Bucket takes place weekly. The draw is every Friday evening in Teach Fáilte @8.30 pm and can be viewed live on our Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook Page. This week's jackpot was €207 and the winner was Páraic Finnegan

Tickets cost €2 each or 3 for €5. They are available at Teach Fáilte and can be bought online at https://tinyurl.com/y2ade5om.or in local businesses where you see the Green Share the bucket. Your support is greatly supported and all funds will go towards our new proposed community facility. We would like to thank our local businesses, shops and pubs who continue to support our project and thanks too to everybody who purchases tickets every week.

301 CLUB

Rathmore Community council 301 Club membership now open for 2025/2026. Renew your membership now. New Members welcome. €10,000 worth of prizes won to date. Don't miss out - Contact a committee member. Details on Community Council Facebook page.

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BINGO in Rathmore community centre every Friday evening **NOTES**

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



Rathmore and Kerry players Shane Ryan & Paul Murphy holding the Sam Maguire after Kerry defeated Donegal on Sunday last



What a fantastic occasion for the Gneeveguilla u12 team, taking to the same pitch, Croke Park, on Tuesday, as the fantastic Kerry team only 2 days after their All Ireland win. Special mention to our coaches Donie, Brendan, Aisling and Helene for all their hard work in organising the day! Well done to all involved!











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KILCUMMIN PARISH

Written by: Helen Moyniho

KILCUMMIN LOOKING GOOD

Kilcummin Looking Good website is now live and can be viewed at www.kilcumminlookinggood.com. The website has all the up to date information of what the group are involved in and also a wealth of information on the history of Kilcummin, complementing the information sign located in Kilcummin Village. If you have a contribution for the website please contact a member of Kilcummin Looking Good.

UPCOMING CEMETERY MASSES

New Cemetery Mass will take place on Monday the 4th of August at 7pm and Old Kilcummin Mass on Wednesday the 6th of August at 7.30pm. Please spread the word to those living away who would like to attend.

PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY

Home owners are most welcome to take the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady into their homes for 1 to 2 weeks. For further details contact 087 2106281.

KILCUMMIN GAA By Donal Barry PRO

ALL IRELAND FINAL

Congratulations to the Kerry Senior team on securing a 39th All-Ireland football title following a great display against Donegal on Sunday at Croke Park.

It was also great to see 4-time All-Ireland winner and 3-time All Star Mike McCarthy on the team of 25 years that was presented to the crowd ahead of the game. Mike played cornerback on the team of 2000 that defeated Galway following a replay.

INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Best of luck to the senior team who on Saturday evening, August 2nd, take on Firies in the opening round of the 2025 Kerry Petroleum Intermediate Football Club Championship. The Group 1 Round 1 game has a 7pm throw in with Fitzgerald Stadium as the host neutral venue. All teams in the opening group stages will have a home, an away, and a neutral venue.

MINOR FOOTBALL

Our Minor footballers will take on St. Senan's in the Keane's SuperValu Minor Football County League, Division 4 Shield Semi-Final at home in Kilcummin on Thursday evening with a 7pm throw-in time.

KERRY DEVELOPMENT SQUADS

It was a bust weekend for our players on the various Kerry underage development squads. Well done to Cian Stack who played with Kerry South U16, defeating Longford 2-14 to 1-14 to earn a place in an All-Ireland. Cian Maher, Darragh Keane, and Oran Lynch also earned an All-Ireland berth after their Kerry South U15's defeated Cork 2-08 to 0-08 at Fitzgerald Stadium. While Max Moynihan and Darragh Fleming who also played with the Kerry South Under14 teams in a series of matches against Cork at Currans.

KILCUMMIN GAA CLUB SUMMER CAMP

There is a limited amount of spaces left on the Kilcummin GAA Club summer camp which commences on Tuesday, 5th August, and runs until Friday, 8th August, 10am to 1pm. The Kilcummin GAA summer camp is open to club members only and for children aged 5 to 12 years and is suitable for all, from beginners to children who have been playing the game for many years. Players will be divided into various groups according to age & ability.

UNDER 16 LADIES

Well done to our Under 16 girls, who defeated Annascaul/Castlegregory



Colm Fleming representing Kilcummin CCE, competed in the under 12 Melodeon where he was crowned Munster Champion at last weeks Munster Fleadh. Later in the day Colm went on to represent in the under 12 accordion competition where he placed second and once again will represent at Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann.

8-8 to 6-9 in round 2 of the county league on Thursday evening. Having trailed 6-5 to 1-5 at the break, Kilcummin regrouped at halftime and came out a different team in the 2nd half. Some fantastic scores from Rebecca O'Connell, Tara Cronin, Rhea Kate Devane, Isla Cronin and Ella Murphy saw Kilcummin turn things around. Brilliant defending by all the backs, only conceding 3 points in the 2nd half, led by Hanna Kelleher and Ellie O'Sullivan. Kilcummin ran out winners on the night.

UNDER 13 LADIES

Best of luck to our U13s who play Currow in the Division 3 East Kerry Final on Friday evening with throw in at 6.15pm. The game takes place in Currow.

GAA LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Tuesday 29th July for the Jackpot of €3,000 Numbers drawn were 05, 15, 24, 26. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Siobhan O'Sullivan online, Denis Doolan, Shane O'Donoghue and Patie O'Leary. Our next draw will be on Monday 11th August for Jackpot of €3,250.

MASTERGEEHA F.C.

LOTTO

There was no winner on Friday 25th July 2025 of the Jackpot €9,200. Numbers drawn were 09, 15, 16, 17. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Michael O'Connor, Glounonea; S. Appiakorang, Dublin; Tim Casey, Glounonea; Ellen O'Sullivan, Scartaglin. The next draw will be on Friday 1st August for Jackpot of €9,400.

LISTRY PARISH

Written by: Colette Leslin

LOTTO

Jackpot €10,900. Numbers Drawn: 5, 16, 25, 26. Not Won. €100 Sarah O Mahony, Faha (online). €50 Anthony O Leary, Listry. €50 Megan & Ali O Sullivan, Listry. €26 John O Sullivan, Rockfield West. €25 Gavin Nolan, Listry X. Jackpot next week Sunday 03/08/2025 €11,050

ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to Ruairi Murphy and the Kerry senior team and

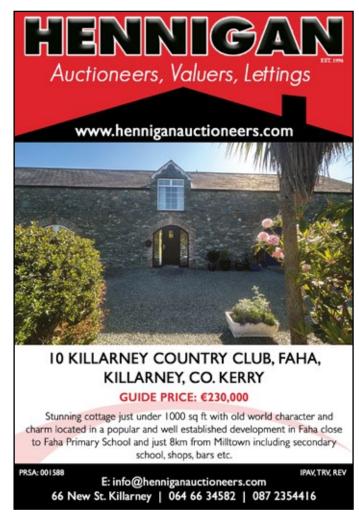
management on winning the All Ireland Final.

U12

U12 Listry team headed to Croke Park this week for the Croke Park Blitz! Just days after Kerry's big win over Donegal in the All-Ireland Final, these young stars now got their own chance to shine on the same hallowed turf. An exciting day for all involved.

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MONEY MATTERS..

By Dermot Cronin, Financial Advisor



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CLEAR THE CLUTTER: BOOST YOUR ENERGY THIS SUMMER

Summer is the perfect time to declutter your space and refresh your mindset. With longer days and brighter light streaming in, it's easier to see what's gathering dust—both physically and mentally. Clearing clutter not only transforms your home, but also lifts your energy and mood.

When you let go of items that no longer serve you, you create space for movement, creativity, and calm. A tidy, organized environment can reduce stress, improve focus, and boost motivation. That pile of papers or that crowded closet might seem harmless, but visual chaos drains your mental energy—especially when you're trying to enjoy the vibrant, light-hearted energy of summer.

The act of clearing clutter itself can be energizing. As you sort, clean, and reorganize, you gain momentum and a sense of accomplishment. Put some music on, open the windows, let the light stream in and enjoy the process. This makes it feel less like a chore and more like a seasonal re-set.

Whether it's a drawer, a room, or your whole house, start small and build up. You'll be surprised at how light and invigorated you feel afterward. This summer, give yourself the gift of space—and feel your energy rise with the temperature.

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- 3. Apply Sunscreen in the morning to protect against aging, sunburn and skin cancer.
- 4. Use an Exfoliator 1–2 times a week to remove dead skin and prevent ingrown hairs.



5. Serum can be used daily to target issues like wrinkles or acne.

Shave carefully using a sharp razor and shaving cream to avoid irritation and razor bumps.

If you only want 1 step wear SPF daily.

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WOMEN'S HEALTH & STRENGTHTRAINING: FAQ Breaking myths, building strength, and supporting women on their fitness journey.

Q5: What are some health benefits of strength training for women beyond muscle tone?

A: So many! Strength training improves bone health (reducing osteoporosis risk), supports hormonal balance, helps regulate blood sugar, boosts confidence, and reduces anxiety and depression. It's a full-body and mind benefit!

Q6: I feel intimidated in the weights section of the gym. What can I do?

A: You're not alone. Many women feel this way at first. Try these tips:

Go during off-peak hours for a quieter experience.

Bring a friend for support.

Use a workout app or plan so you know what you're doing.

Remember: everyone started somewhere, and most people are focused on their own workout!

Confidence comes with practice, each session builds both strength and self-assurance.

Q7: Should women eat differently if they're lifting weights?

A: Fueling your body properly is key. Focus on a balanced diet with lean protein, healthy fats, whole grains, and plenty of fruits and vegetables. Protein is especially important for muscle repair and recovery. Don't be afraid to eat! Nourishing your body supports energy, strength, and long-term results.



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SMOKING AND EYE HEALTH

Why stopping smoking is one of the best steps you can take to protect your vision.

Smoking, and exposure to smoke, significantly increases your chances of developing eye disease and suffering sight loss. It's never too late to benefit from stopping. But the sooner you stop, the better the outcome is likely to be.

Below is a list of five eye conditions that are related to smoking.

1. Age-related macular degeneration (AMD)

AMD is the most common cause of sight loss in Ireland and mainly affects older people. Smokers are up to four times more likely to develop the condition.

AMD affects the central part of your vision and can make everyday activities, such as reading or even recognising faces, difficult or impossible. There are two types of AMD – wet AMD, which can often be treated with injections in the eye if caught early enough, and dry AMD, for which there is currently very little effective treatment. Stopping smoking is the best way to reduce your risk of developing AMD.

2. Cataracts

Smoking doubles your risk of developing cataracts. Cataracts cause the lens inside your eyes to become cloudy.

Smokers tend to develop cataracts at an earlier age than usual. The cataracts develop more rapidly than normal, and usually affect the central part of

the lens.

3. Dry eye

Dry eye can make your eyes feel sore and itchy and cause them to water. Smoking often causes this condition or makes it worse.

4. Uveitis

Smokers are at least twice as likely to develop uveitis – a condition where the middle layer of the eyeball becomes inflamed, causing eye pain and changes to your vision. The condition can also lead to secondary eye conditions, such as glaucoma and cataracts.

5. Diabetic retinopathy

If you suffer from diabetes, smoking increases your risk of developing retinopathy, where the blood vessels in the retina at the back of the eye become damaged. This often causes blurred vision and dark spots and can lead to permanent loss of vision.

Looking after your eyes

Stopping smoking is one of the best steps you can take to protect your vision.

Whether you are a current smoker, an ex-smoker or have never smoked, it is important you visit your optometrist regularly.

We recommend that you have a sight test at least every two years, or more often if your optometrist recommends it.

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MUNSTER RUGBY SUMMER CAMP – A HUGE SUCCESS!

A big thank you to Munster Rugby and all who helped run this week's Munster Summer Camp at Aghadoe. The camp was a fantastic few days filled with rugby skills, new friendships, and loads of fun. It was great to see so many young players enjoying the game and proudly wearing the red jersey!

Thanks as always to our amazing volunteers, coaches, and supporters who continue to make our club such a special place.

FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB

RESULTS FOR 24TH JULY

1st: Marie O'Sullivan Kenmare & Horst Rosler 2nd: Doreen Brosnan & Ron Carron 3rd: President Margaret O'Sullivan & Maura

3rd: President Margaret O'Sullivan & Maura Horan. Well done.

SUMMER BRIDGE continues every Thursday morning at 10am at The Castlerosse Hotel. All bridge players are welcome

FOSSA ROWING CLUB

VALENTIA REGATTA A HUGE SUCCESS

Last Saturday we travelled en masse to Knightstown on Valentia Island to take part in the Valentia County Championships in glorious sunshine. Again we had a fantastic turnout with crews competing in the vast majority of races. Another hugely successful event with crews winning medals at various categories.

A special mention must go to our U14's boys crew of Adam Murphy, Luke Hurley, Noah Slattery and Tim Madden who won gold in the highly competitive U14 race. It was truly wonderful to see so many of our younger crews competing



Members of St. Brendan's Rowing Club men's crew, Brendan, Tom, Brendan and Shan who successfully competed in The Flesk Valley Regatta. Best wishes to Shan on his new career in Austria, great member of the club over the last few years. Any persons interested in trying rowing please contact Brendan on 0830965503. Club is located at Ross Castle.



Fossa Rowing Club members Adam Murphy, Luke Hurley, Noah Slattery and Tim Madden who won gold in the highly competitive U14 race.

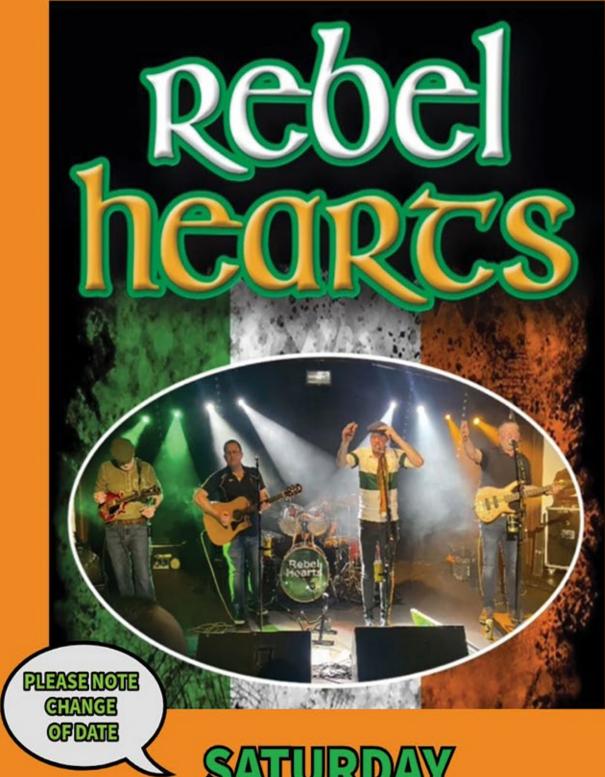


Deerpark Pitch & Putt Club members Fionn McMonagle and Aodhan O'Halloran pictured with their medals from last Saturday's Munster U16 Strokeplay & Inter-County Championship in Crosshaven as the pair finished second and third respectively in the Boys 8-12 Section as they also won bronze medals with the Kerry 'Gold' Pitch & Putt team on the day as well.

and to see this crew win was fantastic. Well done lads. Also a huge congrats to our Senior men and our Prevet ladies on winning gold in their respective categories.

Below are the results from Valentia regatta:

Senior mixed, second Pre vet men, second Junior ladies, third Novice men, second U14 boys, first Prevet ladies, first Vet mixed, second Senior men, first Junior men, third Senior women, third Intermediate men, third



16TH AUGUST 2025 HEALY RAE'S KILGARWAN

Minister Browne extends regulations to waive street furniture fees for outdoor dining up to September 2026



This waiver will continue to assist the Irish hospitality sector and many small and medium businesses across towns and villages by reducing the cost for maintaining outdoor dining.

The Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage James Browne TD has signed the Planning and Development (Street Furniture Fees) Regulations 2025, waiving street furniture fees up to and including the 30 September 2026. These Regulations relate to the removal of street furniture licence fees for 'tables and chairs outside a hotel, restaurant, public house or other establishment where food is sold for consumption on the premises'.

The regulations are a repeat of initiatives since 2021 and are aimed at supporting economic recovery and business activity in urban areas, particularly in the hospitality, restaurant and tourism sectors, up to the 30 September 2026.

This waiver will continue to assist the hospitality sector by reducing the cost for maintaining outdoor dining on public roads.

Minister Browne signalled in May of this year that he would seek to waive street furniture licence fees for tables and chairs associated with outdoor dining for the remainder of 2025.

However, following further consideration, the waiver was extended to September 2026 to allow for greater certainty particularly for small businesses.

The regulations Minister Browne has now signed waive licence fees which are currently set at €125 per table, per year.





SouthWest Counselling Centre CLG

FIANNA FÁIL TD FOR KERRY, DEPUTY MICHAEL CAHILL, HAS WARMLY WELCOMED THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY MINISTER FOR DISABILITY, CHILDREN AND EQUALITY, NORMA FOLEY TD, OF €1.5 MILLION IN ANNUAL FUNDING FOR 73 COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS PROVIDING VITAL COUNSELLING AND THERAPEUTIC SUPPORTS TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES NATIONWIDE.

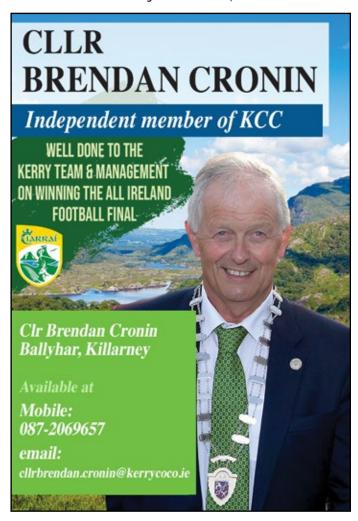
Of particular significance to Kerry, two local organisations, Kerry Family Resource & Counselling Centre in Tralee and the South West Counselling Centre in Killarney, will each receive €33,000. This €66,000 in total funding represents a major boost for local mental health supports in the county. Deputy Cahill praised the decision to move this critical support from Dormant Accounts funding to permanent, mainstream provision, "This is an extremely important step forward for community-based mental health supports in Kerry and across the country. The €66,000 allocated to the Kerry Family Resource & Counselling Centre and the South West Counselling Centre will have a tangible impact on children and families who need timely and accessible help.

These services are a lifeline for young people facing challenges, and the new model of sustained funding will allow them to plan and expand their work, reduce waiting lists, and support more families regardless of Deputy Michael Cahill
Welcomes €66,000 in Annual
Funding for Kerry Counselling
Services as Part of National
€1.5M Investment

their financial or geographical circumstances."

Deputy Cahill concluded, "We know that early access to mental health and emotional supports makes a world of difference in a child's life. By embedding this funding in Tusla's core provision, the Government is showing clear recognition of the vital work these centres do every day in our communities. I am proud to see Kerry represented in this funding and will continue to advocate for the resources our families and young people need."















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FEXCO GROUP ACQUIRES SAINSBURY'S

TRAVEL MONEY Marking Major Expansion in UK Market

Fexco Group, a leading international financial services and fintech company, today announced the acquisition of Sainsbury's Travel Money, a major strategic move that strengthens Fexco's position in the UK market and significantly enhances its digital and instore offering. The consideration has not been disclosed.

Through this acquisition, Fexco will assume full responsibility for the Sainsbury's Travel Money business, including its digital platforms and channels, and more than 220 physical outlets in the Sainsbury's retail network. The deal will extend Fexco's retail presence to more than 460 locations across the UK, firmly establishing the group as one of the top five players in the retail foreign exchange sector.

This acquisition also opens up access to over 18 million Nectar members, the UK's largest loyalty programme, offering a significant opportunity to expand access to Fexco's travel money solutions across multiple channels.

Integration of the Sainsbury's Travel Money brand and services is planned for early 2026, and customers can expect a smooth transition with uninterrupted service and a broader range of options in both digital and physical formats. The brand will join Fexco's existing portfolio across Ireland, the UK, Australia,



New Zealand and the Pacific Islands, which include No1 Currency, Currency Exchange Corporation, Thomas Exchange Global, and BestForeignExchange.com

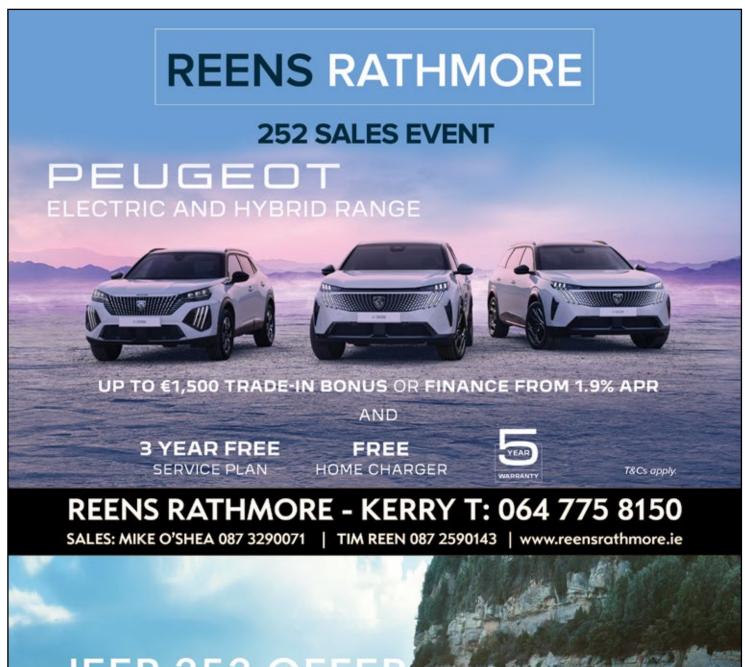
Neil Hosty, CEO, Fexco Group, said: "We are thrilled to welcome Sainsbury's Travel Money, its talented team, and their millions of loyal customers to Fexco Group. The reputation and reach of the Sainsbury's Travel Money business, with over 220 locations, make it a perfect fit with our commitment to delivering market-leading travel money services. Since 1981, Fexco has built a legacy of outstanding customer service, delivered through strong partnerships and product innovation. We are excited to extend that same level of excellence and continuity to the exceptional Sainsbury's group as we bring the Sainsbury's Travel Money business into the Fexco family."

Bláthnaid Bergin, Sainsbury's Chief Financial Officer, said: "Travel money is a service our customers value and we're pleased to be



entering a new long-term partnership with Fexco Group that ensures they can continue to access foreign exchange both in-store and online with the same ease and confidence. With over 220 bureaux nationwide and almost 10 per cent of the UK market, this is a wellestablished part of our offer and we're pleased it will continue under the Sainsbury's brand. With specialist expertise and a strong track record in foreign exchange, Fexco Group is a strong fit for our business. I'm also pleased to confirm that there will be no immediate changes, and customers can expect the same high level of service they know and trust."

The move aligns with Fexco's long-term strategy to scale through innovation, operational strength and customer-led growth. With growing demand for both digital and in-person solutions, this acquisition brings together two complementary models to serve customers with more flexibility, more value, and a stronger travel money offering across the UK.





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CASTLEROSSE GOLF CLUB

(LADIES)

CHARITY FUNDRAISER: PLAY IN PINK DAY IN AID OF BREAST CANCER RESEARCH

1st: Barbara O'Shea, Claire Horgan, Garry Fagan, Jerry Kelleher

2nd: Josephine Nolan, Margaret Crowley, John Carlton, Roy Stone

3rd: Kay Spillane, Anne O'Sullivan, Liam Sweeney, James Sheehy

Longest Drive: Kay Malone (Ladies), Garry Fagan (Gents)

Nearest the Pin: Catherine Woods (Ladies) Roy Stone (Gents)

A great day was had by all for this very worthy Charity. Weather and golf was good and the craic was mighty. We would like to thank the Castlerosse Hotel for providing tea/coffee and scones for all the players. We would also like to thank our Sponsors for the day: Castlerosse Hotel & Resort; Killarney Golf & Fishing Club; Dooks Golf Club; Joe Gaffey Window Cleaning; Eddie Slattery Dairy & Refrigeration Ltd. Tralee; Kieran Crehan, PGA Professional Golf Coach Castlerosse Hotel; Renew Hair Boutique Castlerosse Hotel; Killarney Organics Castlerosse Hotel; Tesco Ireland Ltd. Killarney and Castlerosse Ladies Golf Club

SOCIAL GOLF

Social golf every Wednesday at 10.30am. Meet at 10.15am for draw. Book on BRS.

MIXED SCRAMBLES

Mixed scrambles every Tuesday at 6pm. Visitors welcome.

GOLF LESSONS

Kieran Crehan is available to give golf lessons. Contact Kieran directly on: 087 2748777.

ROSS GC (GENTS)

ON JULY 26TH AND 27TH WE HELD A THREE CLUB STABLEFORD CHALLENGE COMPETITION.

The winners were:-1st: M J O'Sullivan, 34 pts 2nd: Peter Wickham, 33 pts 3rd: Alan Flynn, 33 pts 4th: D J Hayes, 32 pts.

ON TUESDAY JULY 22ND THE FIFTH ROUND OF OUR OPEN DAYS IN THE SUMMER SERIES TOOK PLACE.

The winners were:1st: Franck Guerineau, 19pts

2nd: Dan Cronin, 16 pts
ON THURSDAY JULY 24TH OUR SENIORS
HELD A 10 HOLE STABLEFORD

COMPETITION.

The winners were: 1st: John Ivory, 20 pts (9) 2nd: Sean Hickey, 20 pts (10) 3rd: Donal Doherty, 19 pts (7)

4th: Seamus McCarthy, 19pts (12)
ON FRIDAY JULY 25TH WE HELD OUR FRIDAY
EVENING MIXED 10 HOLE SCRAMBLE

The winners were:-

1st: D J Hayes, Frank Guerineau, Sean Hickey, Ger Scott

2nd: Dan Cronin, Michael O Leary, Ted Conway, Seamus McCarthy

3rd: Michael O'Keeffe, Brenda Kelliher, Anthony



Castlerosse Golf Club Ladies playing in pink in aid of Breast Cancer Research



The Kerry U16 'Gold' Team of Thomas Keane, Fionn McMonagle, Aodhan O'Halloran and Tommy Daly pictured receiving their medals for finishing third at the Munster U16 Pitch & Putt Inter-County Championship in Crosshaven in Cork last Saturday from Pitch & Putt Ireland Official Margaret O'Riordan.

O'Mahony, Tim Ryan

FIXTURES

On Tuesday 29th the Summer Open Days Series continues with the 9 hole open competition. Members €10, non members €20. All details available in the clubhouse.

Thursday 31st our Seniors meet at 12.45pm and play their 10 hole competition at 1pm.

On Friday August 1st our Friday evening mixed 10 hole scrambles will continue. Please get your name on the entry sheet before 5.30pm to enable us to be playing golf by 6pm . No Late entries allowed.

On Saturday August 2nd - The Captain's Prize to the Seniors will be at 3pm.

On Sunday August 3rd ourCaptain Peter Wickham will hold his Captain's Prize. This will be a stroke play competition kindly sponsored by Celtic Steps-The Show. The tee time booking will be available for 7pm on Thursday for a zoned draw. The prizegiving will take place at the President's Dinner on Sunday at 8pm in the Clubhouse.

ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB

CAPTAIN PETER WICKHAM'S PRIZE TO THE LADIES SATURDAY 26TH JULY.

Well done to everyone who played

18 Hole Results

1st: Emir Coffey 2nd: Eileen Fleming 3rd: Elaine Casey 4th: Breda O'Farrell

9 Hole Results

1st Emir Brosnan 2nd: Margaret Hickey

3rd:: Caitriona Shanahan

LADY CAPTAIN ELAINE CASEY'S CAPTAIN'S PRIZE

Saturday 26th July 2025. Prize-giving will be this Sunday night, 3rd August. Tickets can be purchased in the Club House. Enter via the BRS App.

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

Gordon Howard is available to give golf lessons. Please contact Gordon directly in the Club House.

DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB

MUNSTER U16 STROKEPLAY & INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Although Kerry's winning run as Munster Inter-County champions since 2017 came to an end in Crosshaven in Cork last Saturday, Fionn McMonagle & Aodhan O'Halloran still picked up two medals each on the day after finishing second and third respectively in the Boys 8-13 Singles Section and third with the Kerry Gold team in the Inter-County event. Thomas O'Sullivan, Fionn O'Callaghan and Daniel Quinlan also wore the county colours on the







day and performed admirably in the 54 holes played.

NATIONAL STROKEPLAY QUALIFIERS

Congratulations to Damien Fleming (Senior), an in-form Ger O'Connor and Cillian Courtney (Intermediate) as well as Robbie Harnett (Junior) on qualifying for the National Strokeplay Finals in St Annes on the weekend of August 10th in last Friday evening's event in Tralee. Commiserations to club members who just missed out on qualifying on the night.

DOUGLAS SCRATCH CUP

Congratulations to Eileen McCarthy on shooting the best Ladies Gross score at this event last Saturday in Cork.

FLESK RESTAURANT SUMMER SERIES:

Wednesday July 23rd Results- Winners: Eileen McCarthy, Fionn Culloty, Adam Twomey & Ronan Browne. Runners-Up: Brian McCarthy, Adrian O'Donoghue, Reece O'Donoghue & Thomas O'Sullivan.

SUNDAY DRAWS

Two Ball Scramble- First Nett: John Looney & John Murphy 32 (B18), Gross: Connie O'Sullivan Jnr & John Murphy 40 and Second Nett: Connie O'Sullivan Jnr & Gerard O'Brien 36.

U16 COMPETITION

Wednesday July 23rd Results- Winner: Daniel Quinlan 37, Gross: Aodhan O'Halloran 51 and Runner-Up: Max Moynihan 39 (B9).

CLUB MATCHPLAY

Our Murphy's Bar sponsored event will be beginning in due course. Entry €10 per player with this year's format starting off with a Round Robin followed by knockout. Further details on noticeboard. Entries close on this Sunday August 3rd.

PAUL O'SULLIVAN MEMORIAL SCRATCH CUP

Best Wishes to club members taking part in this event on the Bank Holiday Monday in Tralee. Contact 087 6403417 as regards the timesheet. **DEEPEST SYMPATHIES**

The club offers its sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Jamie Doolan following his sad passing this week. May he Rest in Peace.

BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB

RESULTS 26TH & 27TH JULY

MEN'S SECTION - STABLEFORD SPONSORED BY ESB CASTLEISLAND AND KILLARNEY

White tees

1st: Michael Conway (24) 43 points 2nd: Denis McCarthy (17) 40 points

Yellow tees

1st: Gerry O'Sullivan (30) 39 points 2nd: Denis McCarthy (30 38 points

LADIES' SECTION

18 HOLE STROKE PLAY, GOLFER OF THE YEAR ROUND 4, SPONSORED BY DAYBREAK, BEAUFORT.

1st: Maura Kennedy 112-48 = 64 strokes 2nd: Karen Tess 83-13 = 70 strokes 3rd: Marian Kerrisk 95-24 = 71 strokes (B9) MONDAY 4TH AUGUST - OPEN DAY, 4 BALL BETTER BALL, SEPARATE COMPETITIONS



Anne O'Leary of The Laurels and 40 Main (fourth from left) presenting first prize in the GOY 11 hole stableford competition to Annette Sheehan with (left) Patricia Walsh 4th GOY V Par, Nuala Meade 1st Strokeplay competition, Captain Máire Murphy (back from left) GOY V Par competition winners Claire Horgan 5th, Betty O'Farrell 3rd, Margaret Campion Best Gross and Ailish Mulcahy 2nd at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club, Killarney on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

for men & women, Members €25, Visitors €30. Men's Sponsor, Killarney Plaza Hotel; Ladies' Sponsor, Killeen House Hotel.

KILLARNEY GOLF & FISHING CLUB

HAYES CUP KINDLY SPONSORED BY O'BRIEN COFFEY MCSWEENEY GOY PRIZE 18 HOLE SINGLE STROKE PLAYED ON KILLEEN COURSE ON 26TH & 27TH JULY 2025

Winner: Daniele Froment (20) 71 2nd: Eimear O'Donnell (11) 73 Best Gross: Tracy Eakin 76 3rd: Anne O'Keeffe (24) 73 4th: Mary O'Rourke (25) 74 5th: Maria Murphy (19) 75

11 Hole Winner: Peggy Barrett (23) 25 pts

Next Fixture will be Captain Mike's Prize 3rd August 2025 is GOY Single Stroke 18 Hole Medals on Mahony's Point Course. 13 Hole Single Stableford. On the 8th August 2025 Member / Guest Invitational Mixed Team of Four Champagne Scramble kindly sponsored by The Trustees of Muckross House.

KERRY PITCH & PUTT CLUB

Unfortunately, it was not to be for any of the Kerry U16 Inter-County teams in their bid for a seventh straight Munster U16 Inter-County title as for the first time since 2016, the county did not finish in top spot in the event.

The 'Gold Team' of Aodhan O'Halloran, Fionn McMonagle, Thomas Keane and Tommy Daly fought hard to keep Kerry's winning run since 2017 going but their combined total of seven over par was only good enough for third place behind the winning Cork 'Red' side and Tipperary 'Blue' who finished in second. The 'Green' and 'White' teams acquitted themselves well in a tricky Crosshaven course in Cork as there was some consolation in both Aodhan

and Fionn finishing second and third in the Boys 8-12 category respectively with scores of one and two over par.

The County Board thanks 'White' team participants Ruairí Turbinski, Joey Blake, Sean Stack and James Gould for taking part last Saturday as well as the 'Green' team of Fionn O'Callaghan, Thomas O'Sullivan, Diarmuid Lyons and Daniel Quinlan. Our thanks to Sewells Pharmacy Killarney and Utility Trust for their continued support of the teams. Elsewhere the National Mens Strokeplay Qualifiers took place last Friday evening in Tralee with the places for the Finals in St Annes in Cork decided on the day.

Joining Tralee's Jason O'Regan who is automatic this year as the 2024 Senior Runner-Up are Damien Fleming of Deerpark who shot 17 under par on the night, Darren Goodall (Tralee) 14 under, Jason Cregan 13 under, Michael Conway with -8, Jamie Blake -7 and Chris Gibney of Listowel who got the last spot on countback with -6.

The Intermediates were headed by Michael Creagh with eight under as his club-mate Tony Blake shot seven under. Deerpark's Ger O'Connor was next on five under par followed by Tralee's Padraig Hobbart on -4 with Deerpark's Cillian Courtney and Listowel's Bobby McCarron both shooting -3 as Reece Sugrue claimed the final spot here on countback with -2.

The Junior event also needed countback to decide the last two spots meaning all three grades needed a thrawl through the cards, Robbie Harnett of Deerpark and Gavin Dillane of Tralee (both +5) were successful in the countback as the two players ahead of them were Ajay Barrett of Listowel on +2 and Robbie O'Connor of Tralee on +3. Congratulations to all those who made it through.

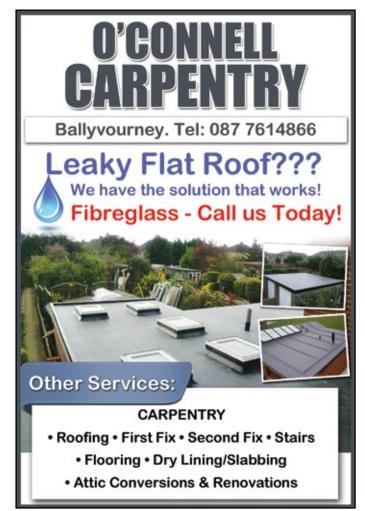
This coming weekend our action takes place on the Bank Holiday Monday with the staging of the Paul O'Sullivan Memorial Scratch Cup in Tralee. A timesheet is in operation for the event and anyone interested in a tee-time is asked to contact 087 6403417 for further information.

IF YOU HAVE A SPORTING STORY... Contact Aisling on: 086 0400 958











A Night of Celebration at Killarney Golf & Fishing Club

Photos: Michelle Cooper Galvin

Patricia Walsh of Walsh Colour Print (third from left) presenting the Walsh Colour Print Ladies competition to prizewinners Annette McNeice and Lelia Moloney with the prizes and Captain Máire Murphy at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club, Killarney on Friday.



Captain Máire Murphy presenting first prize in the Ladies Club Strokeplay competition to Nuala Meade with (from left) Patricia Quane 2nd, Ann Moynihan Best Gross and Annette Sheehan 4th at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club.



Captain Máire Murphy presenting first prize in the Murphy's Bar and Townhouse Mixed Foursomes to winners Eugene and Eimear O'Sullivan with Patricia Walsh 3rd (with missing from photo Tony Walsh) Paddy and Mary Looney 2nd at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club, Killarney on Friday.



Mark Heinemann Killarney Golf Club Golf Professional getgolfing.ie presenting first prize in the Ladies Competition on Killeen to winner Claire Horgan with (left) prizewinner Margaret Campion and (right) Captain Máire Murphy at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club, Killarney on Friday.



Killarney Golf Club Junior Boys competition winners at their presentation of prizes with Captain's Michel McAuliffe and Máire Murphy at Killarney Golf ans Fishing Club, Killarney on Friday.



Captain Máire Murphy presenting first prize in the Flesk Restaurant Single Stableford competition to winner Betty O'Farrell with (left) Mary Looney 3rd, Ann Moynihan Best Dressed, Patricia Walsh 9th, Annette McNeice nearest to the Pin (back left) Marie O'Brien 4th and Catherine Walsh 8th at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club, Killarney on Friday.



Captain Máire Murphy presenting her Captain's prize to Junior Girls winners (from left) Annabelle 2nd and Eimear O'Sullivan 1st 18 hole competition and Ariana Hynes 1st 9 Hole competition Killarney Golf and Fishing Club, Killarney.









Catherine Walsh of Walsh Brothers Electrical (centre) presenting first prize in the Walsh Brothers Electrical Mixed Foursomes Open Day to winner Annette Sheehan (with missing from photo Joe Geaney) and (right) Captain Máire Murphy at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club, Killarney on Friday.

Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Captain Michael McAuliffe presenting first prize in the Monthly Medal competition sponsored by Boyles of Killorglin to winner Barry Duggan and Brian O'Keeffe Cat 4 winner at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club, Killarney on Friday.

Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Tracy Coyne (third from left) presenting first prize in the International Hotel Ladies Open Day to winner Kay O'Connor with (left) Cillian O'Connor and (right) Captain Máire Murphy at Killarney Golf ans Fishing Club, Killarney on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Mark Heinemann Killarney Golf Professional getgolfing ie presenting first prize Junior Girls to winner Vida Moloney with (right) Captain Máire Murphy at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club, Killarney on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin











KILLARNEY CELTIC

Cadbury Kick fit in association with the FAI continues on Wednesdays at Killarney Celtic. Starting time is 7pm and the training runs for 1 hour until 8pm. It is open to women over 18 years of age and all levels of ability.

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC

All at Killarney Athletic AFC are deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Jamie Doolan. Jamie came up through our underage teams and went on to represent the club at senior level. He was a talented player and will be fondly remembered by all who knew him in the club. Our thoughts are with the Doolan family and Jamie's many friends. Ar dheis Dè go raibh a anam

AGM

The AGM has been deferred till Thursday 7th August

Shane Maroodza signs for the Kingdom

Kerry FC are delighted to announce the arrival of 21-year-old Zimbabwe international Shane Maroodza, who signs for the Kingdom after a long period with Huddersfield in the UK.

Maroodza becomes Colin Healy's 3rd signing of the summer transfer window, following on from the recent arrivals of Arran Healy and Robbie Cleary.

Maroodza has enjoyed a successful period playing football in England, previously playing for Huddersfield Academy teams from Under 17 to Under 21 before graduating to Huddersfield B. He also had loan spells with Ossett United and Bradford PA. He had a successful period with the latter in the National League, playing 11 games.

Shane has also represented his native Zimbabwe on a number of occasions, making his debut in March 2024. He was also part of the international squad in June 2024 as part of their World Cup Qualifying campaign.





David Leacy of Woodlawn, Killarney (centre at the back) who is a member of the Kerry Middle East GAA Club pictured here at his wedding in Faro on Friday with his new bride, Minal Taylor (front) his sisters and cousins.



East Kerry Secretary Dermot Griffin and Chairman of East Kerry Garry O Halloran at the homecoming in Killarney on Monday night. Photo: Anne Holland





The happy couple.... Peter Ahern, Listry and Christina Nolan, Ardfert pictured with their bridal party. The couple were married in Listry Church on Friday July 18th and held their receptionat the Heights Hotel, Killarney.







 $Congratulations \ to \ the \ Kerry \ Team \ from \ the \ team \ at \ Killarney \ Royal \ Townhouse!$ l to r: Joanne Brosnan, Santosh Magar, Liliia Yakubina, Yuliia Fytsyk



Katie Crowley Dan Doherty Peg Doherty and Corinna Favier all from Glenflesk all at Up for the Match in RTE studios on Saturday evening.



Jimmy and Mary Moynihan enjoying the celebrations in Croke Park



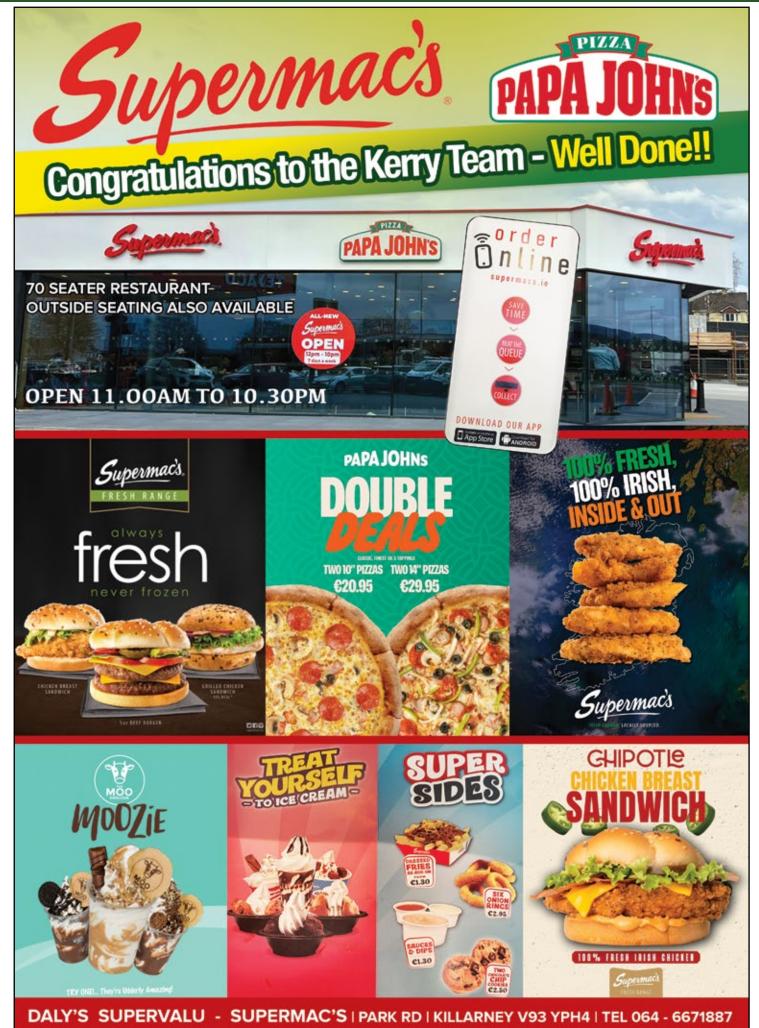
Cousins larlaith & Fionn Murphy celebrating after the Kerry victory on Sunday at Croke Park.



Kerry Supporters At Home and Away









JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY

takes a look at all things sport...

There is one topic of conversation this week, and only one

I'm writing this column for a while now (I'd like to thank ye all for yere patience). You know the way yourself, some weeks there's loads to talk about, and some weeks you are struggling. This week would not really be one of the latter.

We could talk about the Lions. Ye don't want me to – every since they charged €65 for the team announcement, the announcement, like! - I couldn't get worked up about it. The All Blacks or South Africa, maybe, but an Australia side who have been struggling? Yes, two wins from two and heading for a record three from three. A hugely dramatic comeback and a great game in front of a record 90,000+ fans. Even a whiff of controversy. Was Dan Sheehan's try legal? Arrah, spare me that guff. Of course it was, and everybody knows it. He dived forward to score a try, not to avoid anything. "In principle, in a try scoring situation, if the action is deemed to be a dive forward for a try, then it should be permitted." Hugo Keenan's late try, on the other hand.....look, a lot depends which team you are supporting. That looked dodgy enough to me. Oldest rule is sport applies, though - if the referee deems it to be legal, it's legal

Luke Littler and the darts. That fella is something else, and that was some match. So I'm told; I didn't actually watch it. Otherwise engaged.

The Tour de France. It attracts the biggest to audience of any sports event in the world. Does it deserve it? For those who understand the intricacies of the sport, definitely. Pogacar.... well, if you could only name one cyclist, it would be him (okay, for most people, it would be Lance Armstrong, and that sour odour still lingers a bit, unfortunately). Ben Healy ninth, that's some going.

How about the English Lionesses retaining their European crown? Apparently there are redemption stories galore and Princess Charlotte was only delighted. It was glorious in its own way. In the sense that it wasn't the mens' team. Lads, we'd have no peace at all.

Pádraig Harrington is only the fifth player ever to win the British Open and the British Senior Open. He also won the US Senior Open earlier this year. I like Pádraig Harrington. That is to say, I like how he comes across; I've never actually met the man. For the record, the other four are Bob Charles, Darren Clarke, Tom Watson, and



Gary Player. To answer the obvious question, Bob Charles was a New Zealander who won the British Open in 1963 and was the only lefthander to win a major for forty years.

Jaysus, I could write plenty about loads of things this week and, for once, not be entirely bluffing.

Obviously, I'm not going to do that. There is one topic of conversation this week, and only one.

2025 CHAMPIONSHIP TOP SCORERS

I'm not going to comment, I just thought it was interesting. Thanks as always to Tim Slattery of Austin Stacks for his statistics.

- 1. David Clifford 8-62
- 2. Seán O'Shea 1-50
- 3. Michael Murphy 0-52
- 4. Robert Finnerty 3-40
- 5. Sam Mulroy 4-37
- 6. Ryan O'Donoghue 2-39
- 7. Eoghan Freyne 0-41
- 8. Darren McCurry 0-37
- 9. Pat Havern 0-36
- 10. Conor O'Donnell 3-25
- 18. Michael Langan 1-25
- 19. Darragh Canavan 1-24
- 20. Oisin Gallen 1-24
- 21. Patrick McBrearty 1-23
- 22.Ciarán Thompson 1-22
- 48. Dylan Geaney 0-16
- 50. Paul Geaney 2-10
- 67. Joe O'Connor 2-7
- 83. Paudie Clifford 0-10
- 96. Killian Spillane 0-9 99.Gavin White 1-5

Over nine championship games Kerry scored 16-201 (26.6 average) and conceded 4-179 (21.2 average). The 1-26 to 0-19 scoreline in the All Ireland Final is the highest aggregate total ever, surpassing the 1973 Final where Cork defeated Galway by 3-17 to 2-13.

Total Scored 16-201 (249 points, 26.6 per game



average)

Total Conceded 4-179 (191 points, 21.2 per game average)

Kerry's All-Time Championship Scorers

Colm Cooper 23-283 (352 points in 85 games) Mike Sheehy 29-205 (292 in 49 games) David Clifford 22-222 (288 in 45 games) Sean O'Shea 7-254 (275 in 46 games) Paul Geaney 16-153 (201 in 67 games)

Awards Contenders

Footballer of the Year

Joe O'Connor and Michael Langan will be wearing nice suits on the night, but I wouldn't suggest that either prepare a speech. Eamonn Sweeney made a very good point in the Independent. Since 2000, only two players have scored more than 60 points in the championship, and Dean Rock (1-58 in 2016) and Cillian O'Connor (3-66 in 2017) were primary free-takers. David scored 8-62. 33 points more than second place. Think two-pointers made a huge difference? He scored fourteen all told, twelve from play. Want to substract that and see how big a difference it makes to the standings?

Young Footballer of the Year

I know he didn't have a great final, largely because of the tactical line-outs, but Roarty had a superb breakout season and I expect

WHEN NOT BORN AND

When blow-ins come to Kerry, they bring baggage with them, Like resentment of the Kingdom, and their football domination. Most have suffered torment, at the hands and feet of Kerry, When their county team was stuffed, above in Edenderry, Or up north in Donegal, in Derry or Armagh, In Cavan, Cork or Monaghan, in Galway and Omagh. Most of these teams have won a few, in their glory days, But Kerry just keep doing it, such are Kerry's ways. The odd time they fail to win, they rebound with style, For they feel that Sam is theirs, with their football guile. They've won it thirty nine times now, above in Croke Park, And lost twenty three All-Ireland's, but they keep coming back. It used to be just catch and kick, hoping for the best, But now it's skill and know-how, with lots of craftiness. They have a conveyor belt, that keeps producing stars, From Dingle to Killarney, and from Tralee to Kenmare. They also produce managers, who know how to win, By adapting constantly, to the ever changing winds. But now back to the blow-ins, who hope Kerry will be bate, For they carry tribal baggage, which is a heavy weight!









Action from the All Ireland Football Final in Croke Park on Sunday. Photo: Orla Coyne Kerry GAA Fans

him to get the nod. Meath's Conor Duke and Tyrone's Eoin McElholm are likely contenders.

All Stars

Look, I'm only musing here; there's plenty of dust to settle yet.

Kerry will surely have Shane Ryan, Jason Foley, Gavin White, Joe O'Connor, Seán O'Shea, and Paudie and David Clifford as certainties. Brian Ó Beaglaíoch will definitely be in the conversation. For Donegal you'd have to be looking at Roarty, McCole, McHugh, Langan, Murphy, and Conor O'Donnell.

Meath will have Seán Rafferty in the full back line (possibly move Roarty out to the wing?) or Ciarán Caulfield at seven (Gavin to centre back?). Kieran McGeary of Tyrone will be in that conversation, and deservedly so.

Joe O'Connor and Michael Langan will be the midfield pairing; that shouldn't even be up for discussion.

Forwards....we have picked a lot of them already. Rob Finnerty of Galway, Sam Mulroy of Louth, and Jordan Morris of Meath deserve honourable mentions, but it would be a squeeze. I don't see room for Armagh's McKernan in the half back line, so Oisín Conaty could well get a forward berth; both were excellent.

That's 22 players to trim down to 15, and that's just my own guesses. That's a much longer discussion for another day.

ALL IRELAND FINAL 2025

Pre-Match

God be with the days where you'd wake up on the floor of a friend's gaff - there's always some crathur who ended up studying in Dublin and sure, he could hardly refuse. Or 26 other people. You'd all rise early, regardless of the night before (some few crathurs would have greeted the dawn from the wrong side, I was never that tough a soldier). Some couple of you would head to the shop and buy enough for a fry-up. Sausage, eggs, rashers, a bit of pudding. Bread and milk (buy plenty - it's not like your friends' housemates are impressed with ye already). Beans would be fairly optional. Tomatoes.... yerra, there wouldn't be room in the frying pan for vegetables (some of ye want to get technical about fruit in regard to tomatoes. Lads, it's way too early in the morning for that craic). Some people have hash browns with a fry-up. Such people are known as 'English', and there's nothing wrong with that.

Off into town. Dubliners are good fun and there's a lot of people to catch up with, it's a busy morning. There's usually one or two ticket deals to be sorted.

I'd always buy a roll of some kind and a bottle of 7-Up and head to the minor final, regardless of who was in it. Most wouldn't bother, but I genuinely never had any interest in early houses or the like. I actually miss the minor finals. A great platform for young players and you'd remember the names a few years later.

As I say, God be with the days. I like my comfort nowadays. I usually try to book the train. The drive is fairly grand now anyway with the motorways. I always went through Limerick don't bother trying to go around Adare, there's a hundred cars with the same idea. Plenty go up through Mallow, but you can get caught on that narrow stretch. Farm country, tractors will do their best for you but they don't have much room to pull in. Actually, I only found out this year that the best option is to go up through Cork City and the Jack Lynch tunnel, motorway almost all the way. A decent footballer himself, they tell me. He once started full back on a Munster Schools team with Joe Barrett in the corner; he must have been good.

Predictions

Pre-match discussion on the way up. Jaysus, you were very confident the day before (not that we ever said as much in front of outsiders). Drained out of you fast, didn't it? I'm worried about McHugh's runs. They have plenty of linebreakers, Roarty, Mogan, Moore (he's an extra half back, not a forward). McHugh has that bit of vision, though, he's able to spot vulnerabilities and drive right at them before laying off to the O'Donnells or Thompson or Langan for an outside shot. I'm much more afraid of Langan than Murphy, truth be told. Murphy is a fantastic ball-winner, but the movement hasn't been there all year. My big fear is if we get taken at midfield - Donegal have good fielders, including McGee and McGonigle (he actually started ahead of McFadden) on the bench. Seán O'Brien and Mark O'Shea have been brilliant since coming in and Joe O'Connor is in Footballer of the Year territory, but our first choice midfield is on the injured list. There is no dressing that up. Donegal are very good on the breaking ball and their scoring efficiency is off the charts. They don't foul, either. I'm worried about primary possession.

I'm also wondering if we have brought enough ham sandwiches. I knew a fella once that used to bring cheese sandwiches. God knows what that crathur did in a past life to deserve it. On All Ireland Final day, the little details matter.

Pundits' Analysis

For my sins I did read them and listen to the podcasts. Poor enough fare, in all honesty. Most of them seem to follow fairly predictable lines. Every Ulster pundit is going for Donegal. Most of the Kerry ones (let's be honest, there are a lot of Kerry pundits) are going for Kerry, but quietly. That hoary old cliché about Kerry being a one man team is trotted out several times. Really? The old "Maurice Fitz/Colm Cooper doesn't perform in All Ireland Finals" nonsense. Arrah, I suppose as long as fools will rise to it, people will throw it out. It doesn't matter what reaction you get as long as you get a reaction. Especially if you haven't watched Joe O'Connor all year, or Seán O'Shea against Armagh.

The truth is that both teams are good. Donegal have been the most consistent and against top quality opposition. Kerry started off slow (I still say Cork aren't given enough credit; that's a better team than people think). They almost flatlined against Meath, but suddenly looked a transformed side after that. Of course, Donegal hammered the same Meath side in the semifinal that had obliterated us in the group stage. Nobody's reading too much into that. An All Ireland Championship isn't a straightforward narrative anymore. A lot of it is timing your peak and Kerry seem to have gotten it right. Mind you. Donegal have had ten battles to get here and none of them were easy. Moreover, they seemed to get stronger the longer each game went on. They'll take a lot of beating - if they get beaten.

Throw-In

People read too much into the pre-match parade. Yes, Donegal have sixteen players – that's because Paddy McBrearty is captain and sub, of course he's entitled to lead the team out. I do like the fact that Kerry stayed in formation when Donegal broke – it felt like Kerry weren't bothered what Donegal did. I could easily be reading too much into that, though. Just the one change, McGonigle for McFadden. I'm







Congratulations

To our Brand Ambassador DAVID CLIFFORD

And to Patrick O'Sullivan, Chairman and all the Kerry Team on winning the All Ireland and bringing Sam home to Kerry!



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guessing to protect the half back line, that's where the game will be won or lost.

Frankly, I was expecting a cagey start. Get possession, hold possession, probe. A few minutes to assess the formations.

So much for my ideas. Mark O'Shea taps the throw-in to Gavin White and he's off. Donegal weren't ready for that burst of pace and Gavin hares down the left before laying off to Dylan Geaney for a simple score. That felt like a message being sent, Kerry are hungry. To be fair, Shaun Patton has the ball off the tee in record time and Donegal find Oisín Gallen, who rounds Paul Murphy before firing over. Good score too, in fairness, and Donegal made it look easy.

Both sides probing a bit, looking for openings. New rules or not, managers don't want frantic football. Paudie Clifford with an effort from range....Seán O'Brien has drifted in and gets a fist to knock it over. That was a lapse by Donegal, O'Brien found space with Kerry rotating in and out. McCole is picking up David Clifford but otherwise, Donegal are trusting to their formation. That was nicely worked by Kerry to get the man in space.

Super catch by Joe O'Connor. Shaun Patton's kick-outs were supposed to be a major weapon for Donegal, that's a huge turnover. Kerry make it count, too, with Gavin White once more putting on the after-burners and fisting over. Kerry's captain is posing a huge problem for Donegal.

Caolan McGonigle with a very good kick. As long as Donegal are taking chances like that, we'll have a real battle on our hands. Once again, though, Gavin White slices down the wing and along the endline before fisting over. Tight enough angle, that was more difficult than it looked. I like how Dylan Geaney is staying near the corner to stretch Donegal's defence, while Paudie and Seánie are drawing players in the half forward line.

Ciarán Thmpson with a wide, but he was fouled as he pulled the trigger – ah, yeah, correct decision, to be fair (I wouldn't be noted for fairness in All Ireland Finals). Michael Murphy with the free; that's bread and butter. 0-4 to 0-3. Kerry are playing much better football, but Donegal are absorbing it and staying with us. Joe with another great catch. Dylan out to link up with Paudie Clifford and Paudie slots it over. Donegal win the kick-out but Paudie cuts out

a careless pass. He lays it off to his brother for David's first touch outside the arc not much on....ah jaysus. How do you stop that? McCole did everything right and David still popped over a two-pointer with his left. Had he a foot of space?

Kerry well on top now. Donegal are tracking Seán O'Shea, but that just opens space for Paudie Clifford and Paudie is absolutely lording the game. Kerry are on top around the middle surprisingly dominant. The three big men, Joe, Mark, and Sean, deserve huge credit, but so do our half back line and Graham O'Sullivan. It'd be easy to get sucked forwrad into temptation, but they are very focussed on the task at hand. Paudie has a wide, Kerry's first, but his brother sends over another two-pointer. Kerry win the kick-out again and Seán O'Brien takes a wellworked point. McHugh feeds Oisín Gallen for a badly needed Donegal point. 0-10 to 0-4. Donegal are at sixes and sevens. I'd be putting McHugh on Paudie and sacrificing Eoghan Ban for McFadden. Quite possibly bringing Murphy out to midfield. That was always his greatest strength. Frankly, in the old days I used to consider it a waste of a fantastic talent; Armagh used to do the same with Rian O'Neill. Donegal are flatlining in midfield and can't cope with Kerry's movement in the half forward line. I always do my best hurling on the ditch. Jimmy McGuinness is made of sterner stuff than that; it looks like he'll stick with Plan A for a while yet. Genius if it works, of course, but....

Mind you, there's a few Kerry lads saying that it's game over already. Don't be tempting fate and don't be counting any eggs while there are foxes like Gallen and the O'Donnells prowling around the henhouse.

Second Quarter

Another good ball into David and he's sprinting on it when he's caught by McCole. Looked like a deliberate trip at the time, but the replay afterwards is very clear. No card and correct decision. Brendan Cawley is having an excellent game, but you'd have to say that it's very clean football as well.

Seán O'Shea fires over the two-pointer. Kerry eight points clear.

Finnbarr Roarty with a chance, but Gavin White is there to smother it. How good is Gavin in this game? I'll put it this way; David Clifford is only the second best footballer on the field.

Arguably third, considering Joe O'Connor's contribution....ah no, let's not get ridiculous.

Sean O'Shea just short with a two-pointer and Patton gathers. Donegal look jittery, though, and Dylan Geaney makes a turnover before laying off to David for a simple point. I don't think anyone would argue that Dylan has a starting jersey because of injury to his older cousin; he might be in no hurry to hand it back judging by this display.

Kerry get a small bit sloppy with a few chances, though, Brian Ó Beaglaíoch and Dylan both taking it a little bit too far. At the other end Michael Murphy has a bread and butter free..... and hits the post. It's one of those days.

Donegal are made of fair steel though. Michael Langan is fouled but Cawley plays the advantage and Shane O'Donnell has a go. Doesn't make it but Oisín Gallen pounces on the loose ball. Gallen is worrying me. Conor O'Donnell adds another. David gets turned over, to a huge Donegal roar, and it ends up with Michael Murphy popping over. He quickly adds another. Four points on the trot. I'm worried; Donegal tend to really punish teams when they get on top. We need to break the momentum. Trouble for them, though, as Ciarán Thompson limps off. That's a blow for Donegal, Thompson is their best two-point shooter. Mind you, Dara Ó Baoill would have been starting on virtually any other inter-county team; he's deadly accurate himself.

Paudie doesn't need to be told about momentum. His shot comes back off the woodwork, but advantage is played and it's an easy free for Seán O'Shea. That settles Kerry, and Dylan Geaney adds a beautifully worked score.

Donegal work a nice point through Conor O'Donnell. Paudie Clifford has a two-point effort skew just wide. Conor O'Donnell is wide in turn. That's Donegal's first wide. I was worried about their shooting efficiency and I was right; I just thought they would be getting off more shots. So did every Donegal supporter.

Joe O'Connor with a fantastic interception in the half back line and he gets it up to David Clifford, but his two-point effort falls just short. Shane O'Donnell with a point, just five in it now. Finbarr Roarty in possession, sends a long ball into the Kerry square....where Shane Ryan gathers it uncontested. Not sure what the game-plan there was; I'm guessing he expected





Action from the All Ireland Football Final in Croke Park on Sunday. Photo: Orla Coyne Kerry GAA Fans



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runners bearing down on goal.

Brian Ó Beaglaíoch under the kick-out, but he touched it on the ground. I thought he had a case for a free, but I'll admit to a certain bias! Regardless, Donegal with the free, and it's sent to Ó Baoill. Like I said, I rate him highly, but that was a poor enough effort and Shane Ryan gathers safely. Kerry with possession and they are in no hurry as the hooter goes. They work it very patiently, ignoring the boos from the crowd. Festina lente, as Julius Caesar used to say (it means 'to hurry slowly' and Caesar never said that; he was famously impatient with sieges). Eventually, Paudie lays off to his brother and David launches another monster kick. Two points and seven between them. A fair reflection - but I'm conscious of the second half totals that Donegal have been racking up. This is a long way from done.

Half-time Kerry 0-17 Donegal 0-10

Third Quarter

Again Mark O'Shea tips the throw-in towards Gavin O'Shea, and again the captain needs no invitation. He takes it up the field before laying off to Seán O'Shea for a point. Along the way he collides with an off-balance Ryan McHugh. Most people beforehand would have been fairly confident predicting who would come off second best in those circumstances – it says a lot about Kerry's physical preparation that most people would have been wrong and it's McHugh that has to come off. Another big blow to Donegal. A decent man would feel sorry for them; let me know if you see any.

Paudie with another perfectly measured pass to his brother. McCole is unlucky to slip at the crucial moment and David calmly slots it over. McCole is actually doing as well as anybody could on him. I'm amazed that Donegal haven't tagged Paudie Clifford, though. He is directing this game.

Shane O'Donnell wide, but advantage is played and it's another handy one for Michael Murphy. Jason Foley leaves his arm a fraction too long on Oisín Gallen and it's another handy one for Murphy.

Kerry respond with a real beauty, though, Paudie finishing off a fantastic team move. 0-20 to 0-12.

Short kick-out....too short, as it happens. A rare error, and Michael Murphy slots over from a tight angle. Donegal are starting to make hay from Kerry's kick-outs in a role reversal from the first half and Conor O'Donnell splits the posts. Still six points in it but with half an hour left.....I'm not cut out for drama.

Fourth Quarter

Dylan Geaney with his third point after good work by Seán O'Shea. Conor O'Donnell quickly replies, though. Jason McGee came on for McHugh and he makes a superb catch. I would have brought McGee on – Donegal have to take midfield, and frankly they most likely need two-pointers – but I wouldn't have been taking McHugh. Shane O'Donnell slots over. 0-21 to 0-16.

Paddy McBrearty on for Oisín Gallen. I thought Gallen was doing serious damage, but he may



A proud moment for the Clifford family as Paudie, David and Oigi hold the Sam Maguire following the epic win on Sunday in Croke Park.

be tired. McBrearty is a serious shooter in his own right. McFadden makes a great turnover and finds his captain, McBrearty shoots.....and it's just wide. That felt like a big moment to me. Great run by Brian Ó Beaglaíoch, but the finish is wide. Instead Michael Murphy points another free. Just four points in it.

Once again the Kerry captain takes charge, cutting in along the end-line and fisting over. At the other end Jason McGee is fouled and Michael Murphy's kick is his fifth free of the half. David Clifford fouled. Shane Ryan comes up for the free. It eats a few precious seconds off the clock, but with four points between them, I'd have been looking to Seán O'Shea. I want Shane minding the house. They know themselves, though. Shane slips in kicking but that's alright; Kerry recover seamlessly and he has time to get back.

Conor O'Donnell with a chance to put a goal between them. He doesn't miss many, but when he does....there's a Carlsberg ad in there somewhere. Bodies are tired now. Sure, I'm tired myself, and I'm only watching it!

Paudie Clifford fouled. This time Seán O'Shea stands over it. Remember that iconic kick in the 2022 semi-final? This one is only slightly less dramatic, and worth double. Paudie follows up by fisting over after Gavin White won possession. Just like that, it's 0-25 to 0-18.

Dara Ó Baoill with a Donegal point. They'll go out with their boots on. Finnbarr Roarty with a speculative effort; Evan Looney mops it up with the assuredness of a veteran. Graham sets up David Clifford at the other end, his ninth point from play.

Seán O'Shea intercepts the kick-out and plays David in. He draws Shaun Patton and rolls it past him, but Conor McDonnell leaps to deflect it. Maybe a tiny bit casual from David?

Dying seconds now, but there's no let-upin Kerry and it's Joe O'Connor who bursts through

to fire home a goal. More icing than cake at this stage as Kerry finish with a flourish.

I could tell ye about the road home but yerra, let's just say that Odysseus had it easy. As for Barrack Obama Plaza....lads, Barack Obama knows as much about Moneygall as Donald Trump does about climate change. We'll leave it off; all's right with the world.

Teams and Scorers

Kerry: Shane Ryan, Paul Murphy, Jason Foley, Dylan Casey, Brian O Beaglaoich, Mike Breen, Gavin White (0-3), Sean O'Brien (0-2), Mark O'Shea, Joe O'Connor (1-0), Séan O'Shea (0-6, 2tpf, 1f), Graham O'Sullivan, David Clifford (0-9, 3tp), Paudie Clifford (0-,3), Dylan Geaney (0-3). Subs: Diarmuid O'Connor (for Seán O'Brien, 49 mins), Killian Spillane (for Dylan Geaney, 54 mins), Evan Looney (for Brian Ó Beaglaoich, 62 mins), Tadhg Morley (for Mike Breen, 65 mins), Micheál Burns (for Graham O'Sullivan, 68 mins), Shane Murphy, Paul Geaney, Tom O'Sullivan, Tomás Kennedy, Tony Brosnan, Armin Heinrich, Extended Panel: Conor Geaney, Dara Moynihan, Ruairí Murphy, Darragh Lyne, Eddie Healy, Cillian Trant, Damien Bourke, Keith Evans.

Donegal: Shaun Patton, Finnbarr Roarty, Brendan McCole, Peadar Mogan, Ryan McHugh, Eoghan Bán Gallagher, Caolan McColgan, Caolan McGonagle (0-1), Michael Langan, Shane O'Donnell (0-2), Ciarán Thompson, Ciarán Moore, Conor O'Donnell (0-4), Michael Murphy (0-8, 6f), Oisín Gallen (0-3). Subs: Daire Ó Baoill 0-1 (for Ciarán Thompson, 22 mins), Hugh McFadden (for Caolan McColgan, 35 mins), Jason McGee (for Ryan McHugh, 40 mins), Paddy McBrearty (for Oisín Gallen, 49 mins), Jamie Brennan (for Eoghan Ban Gallagher, 58 mins)

Referee: Brendan Cawley (Kildare)

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FOSSA

MINOR COUNTY LEAGUE

Fossa welcomed Duagh to Gortroe on Monday evening in the final group game of the county league. The first half was a tight affair with both sides finding it hard to find their range, Fionn Doyle, who had a fantastic game throughout, kicked the opening score. The sides traded scores and points from Shay McCormick and a brace from Harry O'Connor left the half time score, Fossa 0-5, Duagh 1-4.

Fossa emerged a different side in the second half, Duagh extended their lead early on but scores from Fionn Doyle, Dylan O'Meara and Sam Clerkin started the fight back. In the 8th minute Dylan O'Meara scored their first goal of the game and this was quickly followed by another from Shay McCormick. Duagh replied with a goal in the 11th minute but Mark Kennelly was winning great ball around midfield which allowed Fossa to attack continuously. Again, Fionn Doyle broke forward to kick a lovely point and Dylan O'Meara scored his second goal in the 16th minute. It was all Fossa at this stage with players winning individual duels all over the field and in a blistering three-zminute spell they added further goals through Jack Hallissey, Karl James O'Neill and Dylan O'Meara to seal the win. Duagh, to their credit never gave up and pulled a goal back but scores from David Butler, Fionn Doyle and Dylan O'Meara left the final score Fossa 6-12, Duagh 3-10.

DIV 3 CREDIT UNION DONAL CURTIN FINAL Fossa v Laune Rangers GAA

Fossa and Laune Rangers played out a highly entertaining game in the Credit Union Donal Curtin Div 3 Final in Miltown Castlemaine's pitch on Friday July 25th. Laune Rangers Saoirse O'Shea was the first to register a point with Nicole Moriarty getting their second. Midfielder Lucy O'Sullivan settled Fossa into the game with a fine point with full forward Lily O'Shaughnessy adding another. Both teams battled it out over the next five minutes before another score would be registered such was the intensity of the game.

Alibhe Clifford pointed for Laune Rangers but it was Anna Clifford's long range point which deceived Sarah O'Connor in the Laune Rangers goals that raised a green flag. Fossa 1-02 Laune Rangers 0-03. Fodhla Houlihan pointed for Laune Rangers. Defensively Fossa were getting in control of the game Amy Moriarty, Iseult Conlon, Sara Sheehan and Aoife Kissane stood strong with Anne O'Shaughnessy in the Fossa goals directing proceedings from behind. Rachel Wallace, Anna O'Reilly and Grainne Kelleher driving forward at every opportunity yielded excellent points from Erica McGlynn (2) and the hardworking Melissa Buckley putting Fossa ahead 1-05 to 0-03. Laune Rangers added two points one from Ciara O'Brien and one from a free. With Fossa's Lucy O'Sullivan adding another while Shelly Clifford with a fine fisted effort over the bar had the half time score Fossa 1-07 Laune Rangers 0-05.

On resumption Fossa introduced fresh legs in Seodhla Colleran, Ciara Griffin and Naoise O'Connor this helped Fossa keep the intensity which saw Ava O'Neill point from a free with Lucy and Erica adding fine points from play.

Nicole Moriarty pointed for Laune Rangers while Lily O'Shaughnessy replied for Fossa. Fossa 1-11 Laune Rangers 0-06. Fossa's Emily Buckley, Caoimhe O'Sullivan and Kelsey Cummins took to the field and continued to insert dominance on proceedings. Laune Ranger's hit a purple patch scoring 1-02 from the hard working Ciara O'Brien before Fossa followed up with a well worked goal expertly finished by Erica McGlynn who put in a tremendous hour's work. Fossa added returning Alison Butler to the pitch and Tara O'Sullivan before Laune Ranger's Fodhla Houlihan scored the last score of the final as referee Paul Hayes blew the full time whistle after the kickout.

Fossa 2-12 Laune Rangers 1-09.

U-16 BOYS

Fossa Under-16s played host to Beale in the Division 5 County League semi-final. Beale got off to a strong start, registering the opening point of the game. The early exchanges were dominated by solid defensive work from both sides. For Fossa, Kevin Breen and Sam O'Leary stood out, repeatedly closing down space and keeping things compact at the back. In midfield, Donnacha Vaughan and Luke Clancy were dominant, controlling much of the play. Up front, Ross O'Gorman and Fionn O'Donovan linked up well, generating several scoring opportunities. Despite enjoying plenty of possession, Fossa

Despite enjoying pienty of possession, Fossa didn't draw level until the 15th minute, when James O'Meara slotted over a free. Shea Driver, stepping up from the Under-14s, was outstanding in defence, limiting Beale's most dangerous forward to just a single point in the first half. Fossa then added the next three points through Donnacha Vaughan, Ben O'Sullivan, and Fionn O'Donovan. Beale responded in the 20th minute with a point of their own, but Fossa closed out the half strongly with scores from Eoin Bennett and another from James O'Meara, leaving the half-time score at 0-6 to 0-2 in Fossa's favour.

Beale began the second half in explosive fashion, notching a quick goal and point to bring the sides level. Fossa answered with scores from James O'Meara and Luke Clancy. However, Beale regained momentum with three consecutive points to take the lead. Charlie Griffin was immense, contributing significantly in both defence and attack, ably supported by Paddy Myers and Oisin Cryan. In goals, Dara Whelton made a number of crucial saves to keep Fossa in contention.

The game was level again when Mike Moroney fired over a point. With fresh legs introduced in Gerry Moroney and Johnny Myers, Fossa surged ahead with scores from Mikey Moroney and James O'Meara. Both sides traded points, with James O'Meara again on target for Fossa. In a dramatic finish, Beale held their composure and landed the final two scores to tie the game and force extra time. The score at the end of normal time was 0-12 to 1-9.

Eoin Bennett opened the scoring in extra time for Fossa, but Beale quickly responded, netting a penalty and adding a point to go three clear. The contest became increasingly end-to-end, with Jason Allen and Morgan O'Brien winning several key midfield battles. Luke Rennie also made a big impact, proving a real handful for the Beale

defence. Fossa battled back to outscore Beale three points to two, narrowing the gap to two at the break, with the score standing at 0-16 to 2-12

The second half of extra time was tense, with both sides digging deep despite fatigue setting in. Beale edged further ahead with an early point to make it a three-point game once more. Charlie Griffin and Luke Clancy continued to drive Fossa forward, while Mikey Moroney caused persistent problems for the Beale defence. Luke Clancy cut the deficit back to two points, but despite creating further chances, Fossa couldn't find the scores they needed. A resolute Beale defence held firm, and the final whistle saw the game end 0-17 to 2-13 in Beale's favour.

It was a difficult result for the Fossa boys after such a spirited performance. Well done to Marc Sheehan, Mateusz Golebicki, and Charlie O'Meara for their valuable contributions. Thanks also to referee Brendan Brosnan, and best of luck to Beale in the final.

EAST KERRY U14 LEAGUE

Division 1B Round 1: Fossa 1-15 Firies 5-14

This evening our Fossa U14 boys played their first game in the East Kerry League as they welcomed a very fancied Firies side to Fossa.

Firies played in Div 1 of the County League this year putting in some excellent performances.

The visitors started much stronger tonight and very quickly had Fossa on the back foot when they raced into a 10 point lead within the first 15 minutes. Fossa were very slow out of the blocks before Johnny Myers kicked a few good scores to raise the spirits of the home side. As the half time whistle blew it was Firies who enjoyed a 7 point lead on the scoreline of Fossa 0-07 Firies 3-05.

Fossa will certainly rue the 3 goal scoring opportunities that they missed in the opening half, if they had taken a few of those the score line at HT would have been a lot different.

Fossa played a lot better in the 2nd half and in doing so they scored 1-08 against a top side in Firies. Shea Driver scored a cracking goal to lift his team mates, but unfortunately it was not to be enough as Firies ran out comfortable winners on this occasion on a final score of Fossa 1-15 Firies 5-14. Best on the night for Fossa were Shea Driver, Johnny Myers, Tristan Cryan and Aaron O' Sullivan.

Fossa Scorers: Johnny Myers 0-08, Shea Driver 1-03, Ross Cronin 0-03, Ryan Lynch 0-01.

CONGRATULATIONS

A massive congrats to the victorious Kerry team and management on winning their 39th All-Ireland title on Sunday. It was certainly a team effort but our boys, Paudie and David shone brightest of all with superb performances so well done to them both on what has been a magnificent year for them.

EAST KERRY GAA

EAST REGION U14 LEAGUE

Division 1A

Spa 3-11 Kilarney Legion 3-08 Kilcummin 5-19 Dr Crokes 4-10 **Division 1B**

Fossa 1-15 Firies 5-14 Rathmore 5-18 Kenmare 5-09

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Division 4

Spa B 5-13 Rathmore B 5-09

ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations to the Kerry team on winning the 2025 All Ireland Championship.

COUNTY SKILLS FINAL

Kerry Coaching and Games organised County U14 Skills final day in Currans. The format was a team of three players with all scores combined in the team competition. Twenty six teams took part in the well run event with all players showing fantastic skill levels on the day. East Kerry clubs were well represented with Vince Cooper East Kerry GDC delighted with the players skill levels great credit to all club coaches work on the training ground.

DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

Kerry South players were in action all over the province in the National Development League. Kerry South U15 team defeated a strong Cork outfit in a well contested match in the Fitzgerald Stadium. Connie O Connor (Kerry South U15) was delighted with the team performance on the day. Kerry South U16 team defeated a powerful Longford unit in a tight affair in Clare. Cathal Moriarty (Kerry South U16) learned plenty about his panel of players with every player digging deep to grind out a well deserved victory. It was great to see lots of supporters attending the matches. They were treated to a feast of football on the day.

LEGION

ALL IRELAND NO.39

A huge congratulations to Brian Kelly, Goalkeeping coach and Darragh Lyne for the part they played in Kerrys 39th All Ireland win in Croke Park yesterday. In what was a comprehensive showing Jack O Connors men put on an exhilarating display to run out 1-26 to 0-19 winners. A special part of the day is the celebration of the jubilee team, in this instance, the 2000 All Ireland champions. Congratulations to Sean Hegarty and Peter O Leary who were both honoured as part of that in Croke Park yesterday.

DEVELOPMENT SQUADS

Well done to Cian Hegarty, Jamie Fleming and Conor Moynihan who were part of the U15 Kerry Development Squad that defeated Cork in an All Ireland semi final in the Fitzgerald Stadium on Saturday morning. Jake Coffey, Samuel Scroope, Ronan O Brien, and James Murphy, were in Clare on Saturday to take on Longford for the Kerry South Development U16 squad. They won by 2-14 to 1-14. Mark Looney and Jack Culloty are also part of the squad. Patrick Mac Sweeny, Robert Murphy, and Cian Whitty were on Kerry South U14 duty as well with a home game at the Centre of Excellence in Currans against Cork. **U12 BOYS**

Our U12 boys' first outing in the East Kerry league Go Games series was in Kenmare on Thursday evening. Our hosts had two well drilled and determined team ready for our visit. Our green and white team started slowly and



Well done to Killarney Legion players Jake Coffey, Samuel Scroope, Ronan O Brien and James Murphy, who were in Clare to take on Longford for the Kerry South Development U16 squad. They beat Longford by 2-14 to 1-14. Mark Looney and Jack Culloty are also part of the squad.

shortly before half time found their rhythm and had some good passages of play with some good team scores. Kenmare kept attacking as the game wore on. A quiet, similliar affair with the black and white team two well matched and very even teams played out a great game that was very even throughout. In the end, kenmare edged both games by the narrowest of margins. Thanks to Kenmare for hosting and excellent refereeing by the young whistlers. The game marked the end for our visiting Spanish resident, Eric Dominguez. Eric has played with us for a year and is one of the best players in the group. He will be missed hugely not only for his football ability but also he is a great guy. We wish Eric and his family the very best in their travels back home. Erics brother Nando last training session with the clubs U16s also came during the week before he too returned home to Spain.

Nando joined us a year ago and has become a valuable member of our squad. He's a natural footballer and his skills improved very quickly. He played some super football for our B team and had a great game in our east Kerry league final win over Glenflesk in May. We presented him with one of our jerseys as a little reminder for his time with Legion. Best of luck to Eric, Nando and his family, and we hope to see them again in Derreen soon playing football or supporting the lads.

U16 BOYS

Our U16 boys played their last group game in Division 9 on Wednesday evening away in Scartaglen. We faced each other earlier in the year in the East Kerry league, and again, tonight, it was a tight affair. It was 13 a side, so it allowed for an open game of football. We had the aid of the slight breeze in the first half, but it was the home side that had the better of the opening exchanges and lead 1-09 to 1-05 at half time.

Scartaglen extended their lead midway through the second half, but in fairness to our lads, they grew into the game and made the Scart goalie make two fine saves. We continued to press, and a well taken goal and point cut the gap to two points, but we ran out of time. Final

Score Scartaglen A 1-14 Killarney Legion 2-9. We're in the division 9A semi-final v Ballymac B in the next week. Time and date TBC.

U16 LADIES

The girls battled brilliantly on Tuesday evening

in Direen to earn a deserved draw in what was an extremely competitive but very sporting County League Division 2 encounter. Trailing by five points midway through the second half, they showed great resilience and character to keep pushing and were rewarded with a wellworked equaliser in the final seconds of the game. Thanks to Listowel for a very sporting match and to John Purcell for officiating. Final Score Killarney Legion 2-8 Listowel Emmets 2-8 KERRY PETROLEUM INTERMEDIATE

KERRY PETROLEUM INTERMEDIAT

The date has been set for our opening round fixture in the County Intermediate Championship. Austin Stack Park will play host to the game against Laune Rangers on Saturday August 9th. The throw in time is pencilled in for 5pm.

LOTTO

Results Monday July 21st. Numbers were 4,12,15,28. Bonus No 1. Match 3s / Lucky Dips. 1.Mary Griffin 2.Mike Bustin 3. Michael Myers

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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 Gavin, Micheal, Tony, Shane, Mark, Evan and the Kerry Senior Football team who won the All Ireland last Sunday.

CONDOLENCES

Our Sincere condolences to Eddie, Margaret, Shane, Michelle, Chantal and all of the Doolan and Fennell Families on the passing of club stalwart Jamie Doolan. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a ainm.

NOTES

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



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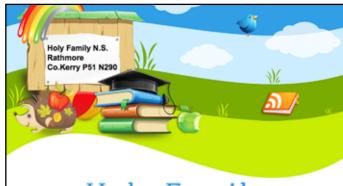
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KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL **STOPPING HOUSE BUILDING IN KERRY**

ith the country in the midst of a unprecedented housing crisis and builders are putting the blame for this squarely on the shoulders of senior management staff of Kerry County Council, accusing them of making the problem worse.

ERRATIC PLANNING DECISIONS WITHOUT CONSEQUENCES FOR KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

Builders have expressed the view that it is easier to build houses in Cork than it is in Kerry. In Cork, for example, builders carry out the work, a snag list of any outstanding issues is created, the builders rectify those issues and any bond funds are promptly returned to the builder. Bond funds are amounts of money held back from the builder by the bank until all work has been completed. If the council delays signing off on the completion of the snag list, the bond funds are not released back to builder and they are left out of pocket. In Cork, once the snag list has been signed off, the maintenance of any new housing development is promptly taken over by Cork County Council. Builders claim that it is much more problematic dealing with Kerry County Council. It can take years for an official snag list to be created. The saga does not end here. When that list is finally completed, more maintenance issues are added. Builders have claimed that this final stage can take years and can add unnecessary financial stress. In effect, builders are being used to maintain an estate, post-build. In many cases, the builder ends up just forfeiting the bond, as it

becomes too costly to continue completing the constant snag lists generated by Kerry County Council. Works are rarely carried out with these bond funds and ultimately the money ends up in the road maintenance programme for the whole

While waiting for Kerry County Council to take over the maintenance of their estate, the residents are obliged to pay for that maintenance themselves, and all the while, Kerry County Council continue their delaying tactics. These residents already pay road tax which goes towards road maintenance. And they are also paying local property tax. Why are the most pressured group in society being treated so badly? Typically these are young people with young families struggling to pay bills and Kerry County Council has the power to make their lives a little bit easier but unfortunately, the opposite is the case.

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



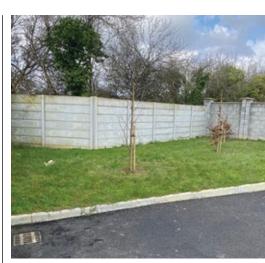
The builder rerouted heavy traffic away from the estate and used an existing farm road at the rear of the site to access the building site. The photo shows the relief road and this road was in existence long before his company built these houses. After the houses were built the Council instructed the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

not entice builders to build houses.



This is a photo of a manhole that was built in 2008. This manhole is in perfect condition after sixteen years The specifications on building a manhole has changed recently and Kerry County Council wants all the manholes in the estate dug up and rebuild under the updated specifications and this work will cost the builder €45.000.

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



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

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"But God is my Helper, He surrounds and protects me. The Lord is with them who uphold my soul" (Psalm 54:4).

Welcome back dear student, God bless the victorious Kerry footballers for the joy they've brought us. The summer is galloping on - I pray that you are growing in your knowledge of God's Word as we study together every week. It's a privilege to share this journey with you. Again, just to remind that simply reading the study articles won't benefit as much as looking up these Scripture's for yourself and asking the Lord for His wisdom. He is always willing to answer. Ask Him - how does this Word relate to your heart, your mind, and your relationships? Write out the Scriptures that He ministers to you in a journal. Pour out your heart to Him as you reflect, for it is when we confront the issues that surface that we receive the deliverance that Jesus paid for. God's answers to our questions can surprise us, and often we think of others who could do with hearing that teaching or sermon - but the reality is all of us need work and help (Romans 3:23). It's a foolish person who believes they have it all together. Would they be some of those the Lord Jesus refers to when He tells them to "depart from Me, I never knew you?" (Matthew 7:21). Similarly, He warned that we are not to judge by looking at the speck in our brother's eye, but rather we are to deal with the big plank in our own. (Matthew 7:1-5). The discipline and rebuke we receive from God is rarely convenient and may actually be downright uncomfortable! (Hebrews 12:5-15). The beautiful thing though, is, He is so gentle in helping us to work through our problems and fears. Furthermore, in His Kingdom, we get to partner with God in praying for our families and friends, our enemies, and even our nations to intercede for their Salvation and freedom too.

Intercession is sacrificial prayer - pouring out one's heart for God to intervene in the needs of others. But sadly, sometimes intercession is used as a means of manipulation or gossip - for instance praying to God to make a person do something that the intercessor wants; or exposing a person's private issues in a public prayer. That's not intercession - that's spiritual witchcraft. And God hates that. We will give an account one day to our Righteous Judge for every idle word we speak (Matthew 12:36). People may think they're getting away now with wicked behaviour, but God watches and sees everything (Hebrews 4:12-13). His Word exposes the thoughts and intents of the heart. Thankfully, the Lord is merciful, patient and full of unfailing love. We can repent of our sins and turn from the influence of evil to obey His commands instead. He is the God of the ultimate fresh start (John 3:16-17; 2 Corinthians 5:17). We may see issues with others, but it's the Holy Spirit Who brings conviction and transformation, not us. We leave them to God, trusting Him to sort it. The lead Scripture above highlights how God helps us even if there are strong enemies against us. He sustains us and brings others alongside to stand with us. It's one of the joys of fellowshipping together in church worshipping and growing together - united in God's family. When fellow believers are in a battle, it is brothers and sisters in Christ who join together to hold them up and believe God with them for deliverance. God was displeased when there was no one to intercede as truth and justice were outlawed (Isaiah chapter 59). Lord, may we choose the right side, be led by Holy Spirit and inherit Your blessings.

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(Mention your Intention Here)

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

PRAYER TO THE LITTLE **FLOWER ST THERESE**

O Little Therese of the Child Jesus, please pick for me a rose from the heavenly gardens and send it to me as a message of love. O Little Flower of Jesus, ask God to grant the favors

I now place with confidence in your hands...

(mention in silence here)

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

the saints forever. I promise, O Blessed St.

PRAYER TO PADRE PIO

O Jesus, full of grace and charity, victim for sinners, so impelled by Your love for us that You willed to 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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