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A Note from the EDITOR



As Killarney basks in glorious sunshine, the town is preparing to welcome thousands of visitors for the May Bank Holiday weekend. A Killarney man has undertaken a fundraising race while undergoing treatment for cancer, the Mountain Meitheal has concluded but there is no rest for the volunteers as the Tidy Towns Clean Up begins in earnest and Killarney celebrates becoming an Autism Friendly Town.

With in excess of €300,000 raised to date, "The Charity" has raised €10,000 for The Irish Wheelchair Association, Killarney RFC has paid tribute to two outstanding clubmen and the Soroptimist Club honour their Person of the Year.

A well deserved honour was bestowed on Ring of Kerry Founder Denis Geaney, Kerry Friends of Motor Neurone presented funds to the National Association and Kerry Stars Special Olympic Club are celebrating a medal haul at a recent event in An Ríocht.

Hospice Sunflower Day has been launched, schools in the area are busy in the run up to the final weeks of the school year and Denis Kerin's retires after a lifetime of service to education.

It was prizegiving time at Killarney Golf & Fishing Club, Kerry Ladies are off to a winning start and Jimmy takes a look at All Things Sport.

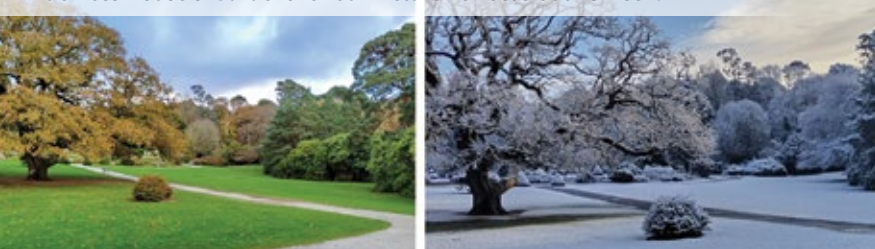
I hope you all enjoy this week's magazine and have a wonderful May Bank Holiday weekend.

Aisling Crosbie



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Johnny Murphy captured a day in Spring, Summer, Autumn & Winter at Muckross House & Gardens for our Picture Perfect slot this week.



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A Family Affair

as Ciaran & Charlene Cross the Finish Line

RAISING ALMOST €24,000

A Killarney man who was recently diagnosed with cancer has undertaken the The Streets of Killarney 5 Mile Road Race 2025 and is raising much needed funds for Cancer Trials Ireland CLG.

Ciaran Brosnan and his wife Charlene took part in the race with the hope of raising €500, however at the time of going to print this week, they have raised an incredible €23,383, for the charity.

On a post on social media, Ciaran said that he was in the middle of a chemo treatment plan. "My prognosis is good thanks to modern medicine, the quick thinking of my GP and how good the Irish healthcare system has been. Since my diagnosis, the one stat that has startled me is that 1 in 2 of us will get some kind of cancer in our lifetime, which means 50% of the people reading this will get cancer", he said.

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Speaking to Killarney Outlook, Chairperson of Killarney Valley AC, Jerh Griffin said that both Ciaran and Chantelle completed the race with incredible support from family, friends, fellow participant's and the vast stewarding team that amounted to 100 volunteers.

Ciaran and Charlene were officially welcomed on the evening to the start line by Chairperson of the municipal council Maura Healy Rae and by chairperson of Killarney valley ac Jeremiah Griffin where they were wished well and thanked for bringing awareness to cancer research.

DJ Niall "Botty" O'Callaghan who was MC welcomed them to the start line at Killarney house and introduced them to the vast crowd. Also out on the town laps Ciaran was encouraged by Niall as he passed.

"Killarney Valley AC through the AAI (athletics association of Ireland) facilitated the online appeal which has raised double so far what the best appeal has been so far since it was set up". Jerh added.

It is still open for donations and Killarney Valley AC also are making a donation from the proceeds of the race for the cause.

"Thank you to everyone who has made a donation and been in touch, thanks to all my family and friends for the great support throughout the last few months as well", Ciaran said.

If you would like to donate you can do so on the following link: <https://eventmaster.ie/fundraising/pages/CB43003518>



Charlene and Ciaran Brosnan with their children Noah, Bella and Bobby Brosnan.

Mountain Meitheal concludes - *bring on the Tidy Towns*

A 17-strong group of volunteers from the Kerry branch of Orienteering Ireland this week turned out to give their time and a huge effort to the final Killarney Mountain Meitheal outing of the season.

They joined a group of over 20 regular voluntary workers clearing the



hugely invasive rhododendron species and helping to restore the woodland habitats in Killarney National Park.

The Mountain Meitheal – supported by the National Parks and Wildlife Service with the invaluable support of the Trustees of Muckross House – held no less than 53 work camps between October and this week with an average over 20 volunteers per outing.

"These sessions are essential for keeping key areas free of rhododendron and giving native plants an opportunity to regenerate naturally," said volunteer Johnny McGuire.

"Thanks to the hard work, in all kinds of weather, we're already seeing great results," he added.

For the summer months the volunteers will now turn their hands to the Tidy Towns Meitheal with the aim of keeping Killarney Looking Good for the season ahead.

The first outing of the season will be on Monday, May 12 meeting at the bottle bank in the High Street car park at 6.00pm and everybody is welcome to lend a hand.



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KILLARNEY CELEBRATES BECOMING AUTISM FRIENDLY TOWN

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A landmark celebration took place at the Killarney Plaza Hotel to mark the town's official recognition as an Autism Friendly Town, a designation awarded in partnership with AsIAm, Ireland's National Autism Charity. Killarney is only the third town in Ireland, after Clonakilty & Maynooth, to achieve Autism Friendly Town status. The event brought together a wide array of community members, including local business leaders, families, and advocates, to recognise the collective efforts that have made Killarney a more inclusive and supportive environment for autistic people. Adam Harris, CEO and Founder of AsIAm, attended the event and praised the town's commitment to inclusion: "Today is a testament to what can be achieved when communities come together to embrace and understand neurodiversity. Killarney is leading the way in creating a society where everyone feels they belong." The celebration honoured over 30 local champion businesses that have completed training and made meaningful changes to their environments and practices, ensuring that autistic individuals and their families feel welcome and supported. Representatives from the autistic community also shared their experiences, highlighting the positive impact of the town's initiatives and the importance of continued education, acceptance and collaboration. "This milestone represents just the beginning of Killarney's journey in building an inclusive society where everyone, regardless of neurodiversity, can participate fully in community life." - Jessica O'Connor, Chairperson, Autism Friendly Killarney Committee. For further information on how to become an Autism Friendly Champion organisation, please contact: Info@autismfriendlykillarney.com



Celebrating Killarney being designated an Autism Friendly Town on Thursday are Mayor of Killarney Maura Healy-Rae with with local committee members from left, Claire Fowler, Elaine Doonan, Matt Aber, Caroline Neenan, Emilia Rypalska, Louise Byrne, Marie Moloney, Denis O'Donoghue and Jessica O'Connor. Photo: Don MacMonagle



Pictured at a special function celebrating Killarney being designated an Autism Friendly Town in the Killarney Plaza Hotel on Thursday, are from left, Timea Ecseki, Mr. Price, Pat Neenan, Tim Clifford and Sheila Griffin, Pony Tails. Photo: Don MacMonagle



Pictured at a special function celebrating Killarney being designated an Autism Friendly Town in the Killarney Plaza Hotel on Thursday, are from left, Bridget O'Keeffe with Jonathan and Debra Aber.



Killarney Celebrates Becoming Autism Friendly Town in Partnership with AsIAm Patrick Kaya (12) from Barraduff, who is a pupil at St. Oliver's National School, pictured with his family, Michael, Louise and Ela and Adam Harris, CEO and Founder of AsIAm



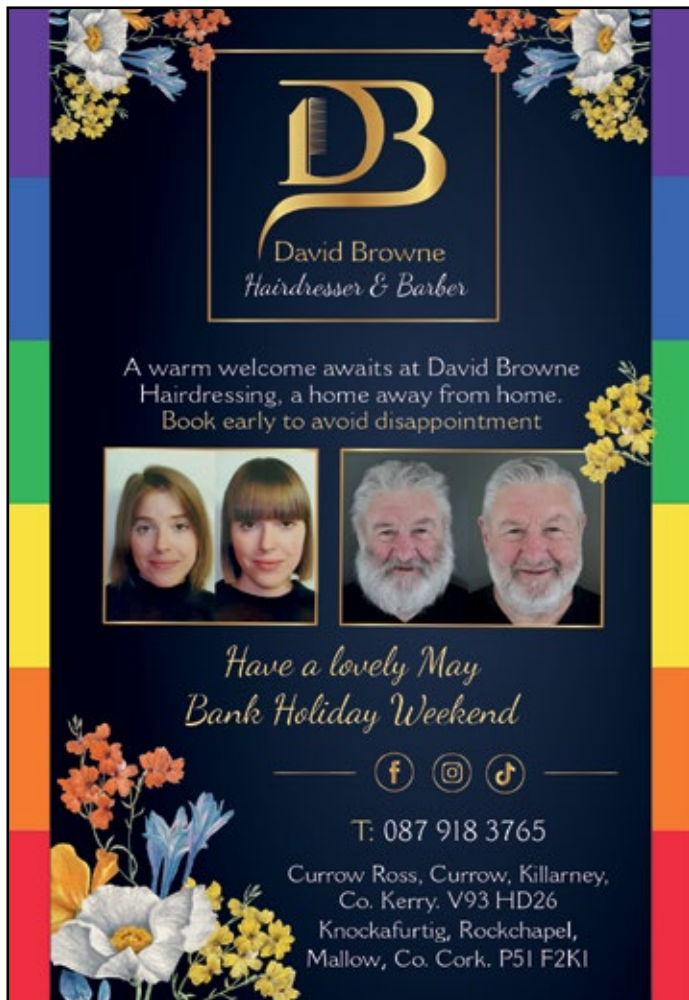
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Adam Harris, CEO and Founder of AsIAm, with Emilia Rypalska pictured at a special function celebrating Killarney being designated an Autism Friendly Town in the Killarney Plaza Hotel on Thursday. Photo: Don MacMonagle



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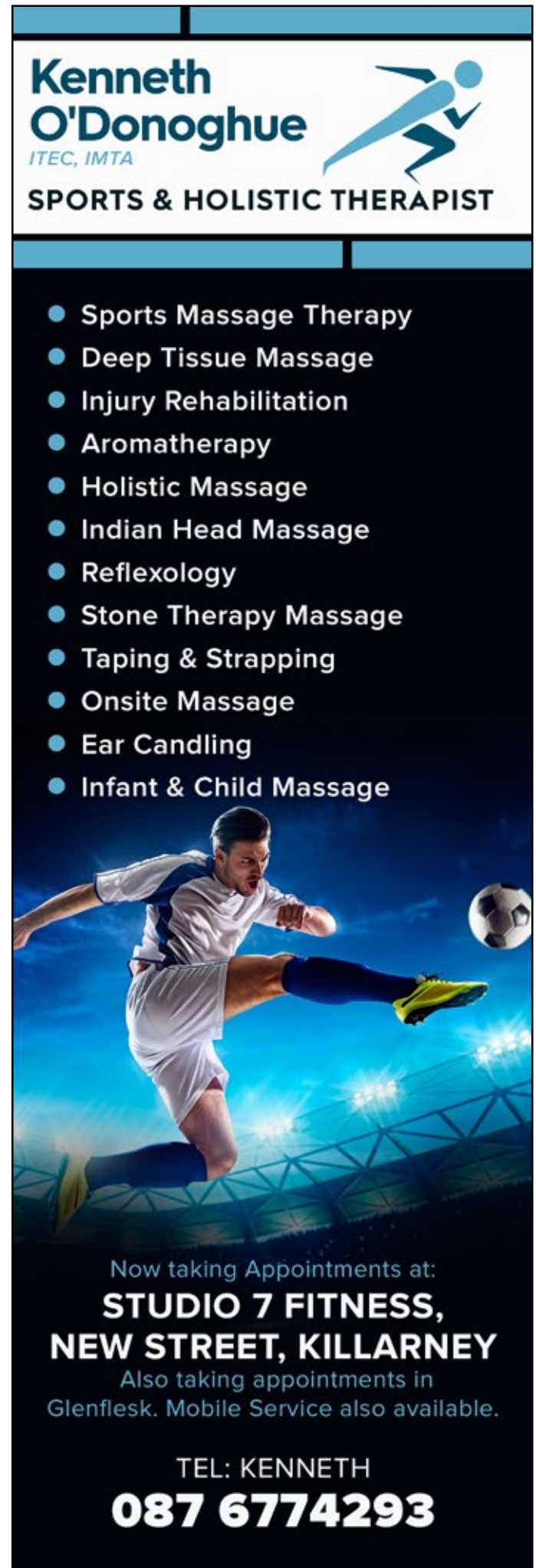


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Living Life with A Service Dog

In this week's Killarney Outlook, Michelle Corcoran, a parent of a child with an autism service dog shares her experience and raises awareness about autism service dogs and service dogs in general.

Service dogs play a crucial role in supporting individuals with various disabilities, especially those on the autism spectrum. These specially trained dogs provide not only companionship but also vital assistance in navigating everyday challenges. However, a common issue faced by service dog handlers is a lack of public understanding regarding how these dogs should be treated in public spaces.

Many people may feel inclined to approach or pet service dogs, often without realizing that such actions can disrupt the dog's important work. When a service dog is approached, it can lead to distractions that may compromise the safety and well-being of the individual they are assisting. It is vital that we educate the public about the importance of allowing these dogs to focus on their tasks, as well as the etiquette surrounding service animals.

When my son Joshua was diagnosed with autism, our lives changed dramatically. Navigating the world became a challenge, filled with anxiety and uncertainty. However, our journey took a significant turn when Baron, an autism service dog bred and trained by



Joshua out shopping with his mom, Michelle.

Autism Assistance Dogs Ireland (AADI), became part of our family.

Baron is not a pet; he is a crucial support system for Joshua. His presence helps ease anxiety during challenging situations, enhancing Joshua's confidence in navigating a world that can feel overwhelming. Baron guides Joshua in public, providing him with an independence he never had before. With Baron by his side, Joshua feels safer, showcasing how transformative the bond between a child and their service dog can be.

As we share public spaces with Joshua and Baron, I often notice a lack of awareness about how to interact with service dogs. While enthusiasm and curiosity are heartwarming, it's essential to understand that these dogs are working animals. A key rule to remember is: Do not approach or pet a service dog while they're working. Baron's focus is entirely on Joshua; any distractions can interrupt their essential tasks and compromise their safety and wellbeing. We are delighted by engagements and questions from the public, as they provide opportunities to educate and raise awareness. However, it is crucial to leave Baron to focus on his job. Instead, I encourage everyone to observe from a distance and appreciate the important work he is doing. If you encounter



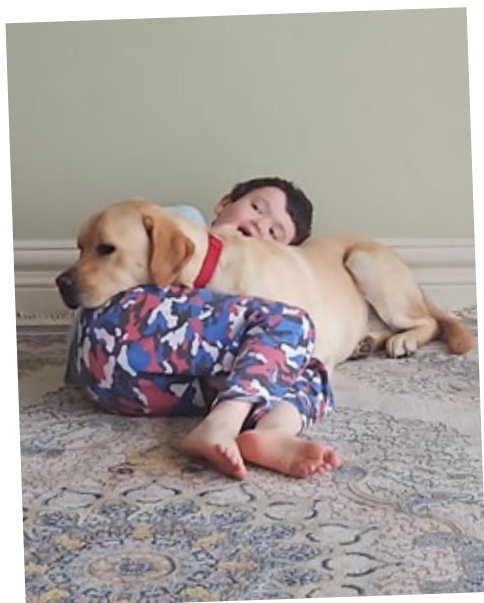
Joshua and his older brother Aaron. Aaron also has Autism, but he is verbal.

a child with a service dog, use the moment to explain the boundaries of interaction, teaching them about the dog's significant role.

While our overall experience in public areas such as retail stores, hotels, and restaurants has been positive, there have been instances where staff were not aware of Irish legislation surrounding the rights of access for service dogs. It is essential for businesses to understand and comply with these laws to ensure that service dogs and their handlers can access public spaces without hindrance.

Baron has not only transformed Joshua's life; he has also profoundly impacted mine. Knowing that my son has a reliable support system in Baron gives me peace of mind, allowing our family to engage more fully with the world which was not always possible before Baron came into our lives.

So, the next time you see a service dog, remember to admire from a distance. Acknowledge the bond they share with their handler, and together we can contribute to a culture of respect and understanding. Our collective effort can make a difference—not just for Joshua and Baron, but for countless families who rely on the dedication of service dogs every day.



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'The Charity' 2025

raises €10,000 for Irish Wheelchair Association



Anglers setting off for The Lough Léin Anglers Association Open Wet Fly Charity Angling Competition. This is the 37th anniversary of the holding of this most popular event. The organisation chosen to benefit from this year's Charity is the Irish Wheelchair Association (Killarney/South Kerry Branch). Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

The Lough Léin Anglers Association raised close to €10,000 at this year's Open Wet Fly Charity Angling Competition. It was held on Lough Léin, Killarney on Sunday 27 April 2025. The annual charity event is now in its 37th year and is still the highlight of the angling calendar of events in Killarney. The organisation chosen to benefit from this year's Charity is the Irish Wheelchair Association (Killarney/South Kerry Branch). This is a voluntary body and the funds raised will go towards financing a wide range of services for wheelchair users and people with mobility issues including supports, social events and making interventions on their behalf. This is a most worthy cause and the Lough Léin Anglers and Lee Strand hope that it will be fully supported. The main supporter of the event is Lee Strand Cooperative Creameries Limited. To date the Charity has raised in excess of €300,000 for local and national charities.



Anglers behind the scenes ...Boris Uzik, left, Timo O'Sullivan, Organiser and Liam Buckley, preparing for the Lough Léin Anglers Association Open Wet Fly Charity Angling Competition.



Anglers setting off for The Lough Léin Anglers Association Open Wet Fly Charity Angling Competition.



Anglers, Liam Buckley and Rory O'Flaherty setting off for The Lough Léin Anglers Association Open Wet Fly Charity Angling Competition. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Angler Ann Williams, setting off for The Lough Léin Anglers Association Open Wet Fly Charity Angling Competition.




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Anne Lucey
looks at the positive news
happening in Killarney

HOUSING FOR ALL, HOW ARE YOU!

Several strands in the housing crisis involving Kerry have emerged together over the last week. New minister for Housing, James Browne is essentially returning social housing to local authorities. He is setting targets for all councils.

The reality is councils by not being allowed to be directly involved in housing have actually interfered in the housing market.

Snapping up whole housing estates like Cronin's Wood to hand over to an agency for social housing, drives those seeking to buy their own home out of the town completely - not too far off the 17th century when people were driven out of Killarney to Gneeveguilla Barraduff and such.

I asked for figures about direct builds in the light of Minister Browne's new approach. A reply from the council reveals: KCC added only 32 units to its housing stock last year, 20 by direct build and 12 by acquisition.

At the same time, the stark reality of too much Airbnb is revealed in the new ESRI report which lays bare the explosion of holiday lets in Killarney in the last decade.

One in six houses in Killarney now are Airbnb and noise disturbance as well as removing housing supply from long term letting are issues.

What is really surprising is that in Killarney almost half of those who are hosts are NOT the single families or individuals trying to boost income which you would expect - but multiple property owners, many "hosting" five and more properties.

This is far from the comely picture normally painted of homely landladies and small operations.

In the Gaeltacht the plethora of short lets is actually undermining the language itself.

The ESRI report is a wake up call for Killarney and for the Government- the thing has to be reined in not just in terms of population but in

terms of number of houses being let.

Then we have the astonishing news revealed by Pa Daly of Sinn Féin:

"Not one property was delivered under the Local Authority affordable purchase scheme and just one property was delivered in the Cost Rental Tenant in Situ Scheme.

Pa adds: "Rents are also going through the roof. The average rent in Kerry has jumped an eye watering 64% in the last five years."

I see lots of calls by Fianna Fail and the Government independents like the Healy-Raes and the Cahills seeking to free up rural planning. With respect, one-off houses in the country will not solve the housing crisis in Kerry. The only solution is housing units in towns at an affordable price for all ages.

A crisis needs strong politicians and radical solutions - even if it means politicians and political parties have to upset their big donors and powerful backers. I am increasingly of the view Sinn Féin should be handed the housing ministry, even though they are in opposition. They seem the only party with the bottle to take on the vested interests.

THE ARAS PHÁDRAIG AND THE GREEN LAWN

Anger is mounting in Killarney over the traffic crisis. I know that Niall Botty O'Callaghan is not one bit pleased with the plans for the Green Lawn car park which he says are not as he was led to believe. He is going head-to-head with management on the issue.

A head of steam is also building about the Aras which will have to be voted on again. Taking out almost 60 car spaces is the big issue there. Prominent people like Kathleen O'Regan Sheppard are also questioning the need for a theatre saying it was not what was intended by the friars who wanted the building to be for community activities like dancing classes.

We already have the INEC, Kathleen says. The loss of car spaces will be hugely felt by mass goers, she said on Radio Kerry. Pressure will be coming on the Killarney MD



councillors.

Martin Grady, is to vote against the plans. He wants to see a 300-seat theatre and training rooms.

But he does not want council land to go to the HSE which "has a massive property portfolio" already in town.

The height argument in Killarney was lost years ago, with the building of the Plaza Hotel, the Reeks and the huge multi-storey buildings at the top of High Street and lower New Street. Besides, Lewis Road already has huge multi-storey buildings where the old mineral water factory was.

Niall O'Callaghan will not be opposing the plans - doing so would risk funding of perhaps 21 million euro in all being invested in Killarney, is his view. And without the HSE input the Aras and other town centre projects are at risk.

"Are we going to leave the Aras idle for another 15 years?" is Niall's question.

I am reminded how not so long ago the public swimming pool in Killarney was stoutly opposed by hoteliers and tourist interests saying there were enough swimming pools in the town. They were very persuasive about the loss to the public purse. But the majority in the Killarney Town Council resisted the huge pressure, supporting then Minister John O'Donoghue and availing of the generous grant money for the public pool.

The fine pool off the bypass is a great asset to south Kerry and Killarney. And while it is costing a few bob, just as a theatre will, isn't that why we pay taxes - for essential amenities as well as services?



Pope Francis

1936-2025

THE PEOPLE'S POPE

Pope Francis' death and funeral touched a chord that was probably last experienced on the death of "the people's princess", Diana. In fact, it was curious how the phrase "people's Pope" was repeatedly used last week. Francis was the people's Pope in a way that has not been experienced

previously even on the death of the Polish Pole, now saint John Paul. Diana's strides against the stuffiness and aloofness of the royals won her that title; and Francis' battle with the Vatican curia and his attempts to break out of the rigidity and pomp of centuries earned it for him.

The number of young people in Rome for the funeral surprised many. If we wanted a template of what it is that attracts the younger generation it was there in the simple coffin in St Peter's Square: simplicity and sincerity and a sense of humour. The world is producing fine young people at the moment. They are not at all the spoilt of recent generations. But people who understand the threat to the planet, are not hung up about things like race and sexuality. Even if I don't agree with them on Gaza! They are also increasingly aware that science does not have all the solutions: man does not live by bread alone and that too needs to be recognised.

One wonders how many little boys will now be called Francis?



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The respected Berlin International Spirits Competition announced their 2025 winners in April, naming Muckross Irish Gin as the gold winner that wowed the experts' taste buds in a blind taste test. Being awarded the title of Ireland's Gin of the Year was the icing on the cake with founders Andrea Kissane and Martin Wray saying 'We were thrilled to hear that Muckross Irish Gin was a double winner! Taking home Ireland's Gin of the Year was a really special moment for us. We are a new spirit from an ancient Kingdom, and it is this fusion of modern ideas with the timelessness of our home that makes our mellow, elegant gin so special. Thank you and go raibh maith agaibh to everyone who supports our small business. We pour love into everything that we create and we know that you can taste that magic in every sip. It's the natural order!'

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Killarney RFC Pays Tribute to Two Outstanding Clubmen



Fergus Cronin and Liam Murphy who have moved on from Mini Rugby structure at Killarney RFC



Liam with his four boys, Stevie, Donnacha, Adam and Ronan and Munster Clubmen Cian Hurley and Jack Daly



Liam Murphy, second from left with his wife Margaret, Munster Clubmen Cian Hurley and Jack Daly and Dave Hickey (second from right)

Killarney RFC has acknowledged and expressed their deepest gratitude to two incredible clubmen who are moving on from our Mini Rugby structure after years of unwavering dedication and service.

Liam Murphy is stepping back from Mini Rugby after an incredible 14 years of volunteering. Over the years, Liam has been a constant presence on Saturday mornings, guiding and inspiring countless young players. His commitment, leadership, and passion for rugby have helped shape the foundations of our Minis programme and left a lasting legacy at the club.

Fergus Cronin is moving on to Youth Rugby after seven fantastic years with the Minis. Fergus has brought energy, humour, and huge dedication to his coaching, playing a key role in helping our youngest players fall in love with the game. His transition to Youths will no doubt be a huge asset to that age group. Both men have given generously of their time, energy, and experience to the club and have made an immeasurable contribution to the development of rugby in Killarney. On behalf of everyone at Killarney RFC — players, coaches, parents, and committee — we extend our heartfelt thanks and wish Liam and Fergus all the very best in their next chapters.

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SOROPTIMIST HONOUR FOR PERSON OF THE YEAR BRIDGET

Members of Killarney Soroptimist Club gathered at Maurice O'Donoghue Park off Muckcross Road this week where they planted a Cherry Blossom. The club have a bench there, which was recently painted by the Killarney Municipal District employees. A plaque has been placed on the bench with the inscription: Mna le Cheile, Killarney Soroptimist 2025. The club also used the opportunity to make a presentation to their Person of the Year, Bridget Delaney for her unwavering dedication to the Killarney Cardiac Response Unit. Anne Wrenn, President of the club, made a presentation to Bridget of €500 for the purchase of equipment for the Unit.



Members of the Killarney Soroptimist Club pictured at their bench in Maurice O'Donoghue Park



Anne Wrenn makes a presentation to Bridget Delaney who has been honoured as the club's Person of the Year.



Members of Killarney Soroptimist Club plant a cherry blossom tree at Maurice O'Donoghue Park.

Kerry College Announces Return of Annual Creative Arts Exhibition – “WORK” opens at Siamsa Tíre

Kerry College is delighted to announce the return of its annual Creative Arts Exhibition, titled WORK, officially opened on Thursday, May 1st, 2025 at 6:00pm at Siamsa Tíre, Ireland's National Folk Theatre and premier cultural venue.

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

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

Exhibited work comes from learners enrolled in



Art, Craft & Design, Animation, Digital Design with Visual Communication, and Games Design. For the first time learners on the new Level 6 Digital Media Production Course and Second Years on the B.A. Hons. Animation, Visual Effects and Motion Design degree, delivered in partnership with MTU, will also showcase their work. The exhibition offers an exciting platform for the public to engage with the next generation of artists, designers, and creative thinkers.

The exhibition will run through Thursday, May 15th, 2025, with free admission for all. Visitors, industry professionals, and art enthusiasts are warmly invited to attend and experience the breadth of emerging creative talent.

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



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DENIS KERINS RETIRES

After a Lifetime of Service to Education

The staff at Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra pictured at The Brehon Hotel on the occasion of his retirement.



After more than 26 years of service in leadership at Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra (SPSL), Denis Kerins retired last October, leaving behind a legacy marked by compassion, commitment, and dedicated leadership. Colleagues, past and present gathered recently to celebrate this special occasion and the career of a man who was much admired by staff, students, parents and members of the local community in Rathmore. Mr. Kerins served as principal of SPSL from 2008 until his retirement in October 2024, having previously held the role of deputy principal since 1998. His long-standing presence in the school has left an indelible mark on the entire school community.

Denis began his teaching career in 1970 with County Dublin VEC, teaching Science at Stillorgan Vocational School for seven years. Following a career break in which he volunteered on a horticultural and education project in Lesotho, Africa, he returned to the classroom at St. Kevin's Community College in Clondalkin, where he taught for a further nine years, before moving to Kerry and joining the team at what would become SPSL.

As principal, Denis oversaw significant building projects and school extensions, helping to future-proof the school for generations to come. His leadership was especially evident during the Covid-19 pandemic, where he navigated the challenges of remote teaching and learning with calm, compassion, and an unwavering focus on student and staff wellbeing.

A standout moment during his tenure was the celebration of the 25th anniversary of SPSL's founding — the amalgamation of St. Mary's Secondary School and Rathmore Vocational School. The event symbolised the unity, growth, and spirit of the school, all values Denis worked tirelessly to uphold.

Known for his tireless work ethic and approachable manner, Denis was a steady presence in the lives of students and staff alike. He was especially mindful of those who faced personal or academic difficulties, always ensuring support was available for those who needed it most. Such sentiments were widely expressed by colleagues who spoke on the night about Denis and how he will be remembered in SPSL.



Denis Kerins who retired after 26 years of service

As he steps into retirement, Denis leaves behind not just a strong and vibrant school community, but also a deep sense of gratitude among those who had the privilege to work alongside him. His dedication, vision, and care have left a lasting legacy at Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra.

ART TRIP TO KILLARNEY HOUSE

This week, 5th year art students from the Killarney Community College, with their art teachers Ms Mahony and Mr Walsh, walked to Killarney House to view a temporary exhibition. The artwork on show was the winners of the AUB portrait Prize 2024. This work is normally on show on the National Gallery of Ireland so it is a real treat to have such an exhibition so close to our school. The winners of the portrait prize competition were on show and the art students were in awe of the talent by even the youngest artists giving them lots of inspiration for their own artwork



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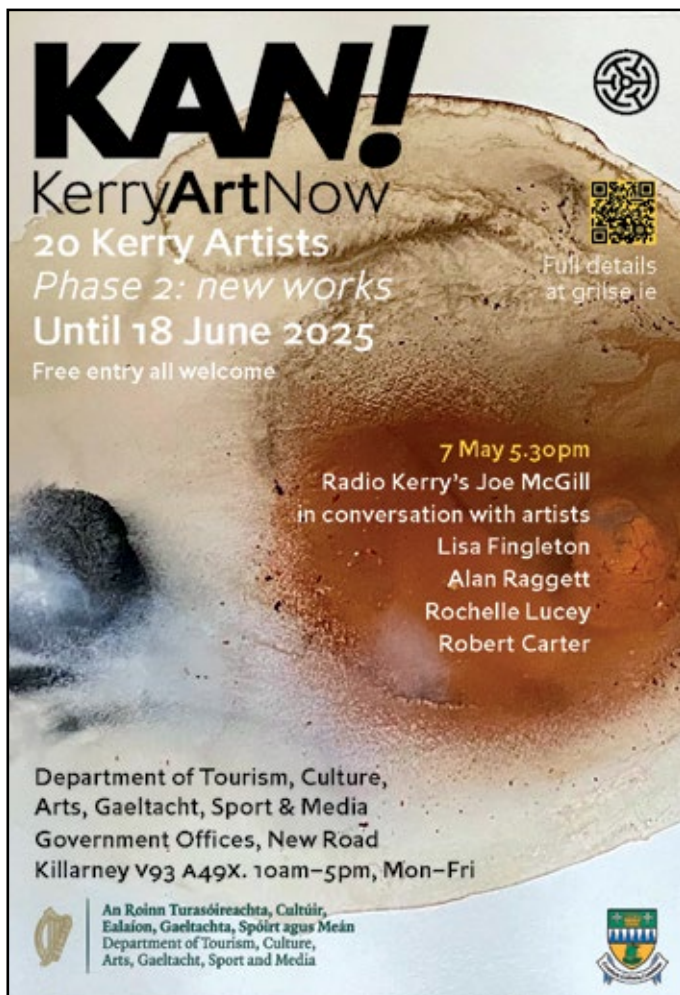
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KERRY FRIENDS OF MOTOR NEURONE

make a presentation to the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association

Kerry Friends of Motor Neurone were delighted to present a massive cheque for €107,614.53 to the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association on Wednesday 16th April 2025 at the Killarney Plaza Hotel. The cheque represented the proceeds of many fundraising events organised by both Kerry Friends of Motor Neurone and other groups who supported us since the last presentation made to the IMNDA on 27th October 2021. Accepting the cheque on behalf of the IMNDA CEO Kevin Burn stated that the very large cheque reflected the huge work being done by KFMN and their loyal supporters and he thanked all involved.

"Our fundraising started again In June 2022 when Kerry Friends of Motor Neurone were back on the streets of Killarney again for our annual Flag Day after a lapse of two years due to covid -19 Subsequent Street collections also took place in 2023 and 2024, We thank to the generosity of the people of Killarney and our loyal volunteers who never let us down", Christy Lehane, Chair of Kerry Friends of Motor Neurone told Killarney Outlook.

"After a lapse of two years our friends at the Tralee Lions Club made generous cheque presentations to KFMN for the years 2022, 2023 and 2024 for this we are so grateful. Spa GAA Club organised a coffee morning and Tureencahill Senior Citizens made a cheque presentation", he added.

In 2023 Killarney Rugby Cub held a competition honouring Millo O'Meara with proceeds going to KFMN, and the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle also presented a cheque.

In 2024 our friends at Lough Lein Anglers Association selected KFMN to be the beneficiary of their annual fishing competition and presented us with a handsome cheque. Mike Horan and his brothers along with members of the Vauxhall Vintage Club organised a vintage run in Killarney with the proceeds going to KFMN, while in Cahirdaniel members of the O'Donoghue family donated to our funds again. Thanks also to T J Nelligan and Keneth Galvin for organising ceilis with proceeds going to KFMN. Finally in 2024 the committee



Front l/r: Fiona Thornton, Head of Communications IMNDA, Christy Lehane, Chairman of Kerry Friends of Motor Neurone, Kevin Burn CEO IMNDA and Pat Kelleher, Treasurer of KFMN.

Back row l/r: Committee members Sheila Casey, Nora Murphy Secretary, Denis Russell, Mary Lehane and Betty Carmody. Absent from photo Paddy O'Keeffe and Tom McDonnell.

of Killarney Dart Town League donated the proceeds of a competition to Kerry Friends of Motor Neurone.

Finally on Saturday 29th March 2025 at a memorial night in Rathmore Co Kerry the surviving members of the late John Chris Crowley presented Kerry Friends of Motor Neurone with a huge cheque for €50,000 bequeathed by John in his will. Thanks to John for choosing KFMN to be one of his beneficiaries.

Since 2021 these donations along with the many other individual donations too numerous to mention here are included in the large cheque presented April 16th, 2025. It is impossible to name everyone who donated but I feel I owe it to those kind and generous people and organisations who always support KFMN and to let them know that their monies go to providing home visits by the six MND nurses, to providing financial assistance towards home care, provision of specialist medical equipment free of charge and supporting research in

causes of MND and the many more demands on the association.

Currently there are 470 people living with MND in Ireland and sadly 20 of these people live in County Kerry which has the highest number of MND sufferers per capita in the country, and It costs the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association approx. €2.75 million to provide these services annually, but it is sad to report that 85% of this figure is heavily dependent on fundraising.

"As Chairman of Kerry Friends of Motor Neurone I again want to thank most sincerely all you good people who came to our aid every year since we were formed back in 2011, making donations and fundraising for Kerry Friends of Motor Neurone", Christy added.

Finally I want to express my thanks to Ellen and the management and staff at the Plaza Hotel Killarney who looked after us so well on cheque presentation night. It was very much appreciated", Christy said.

EMERGENCY CENTRES RAISED AT KCC MEETING

At a recent Kerry County Council meeting, Cllr. John O'Donoghue raised the following Notice of Motion:

"In our recent briefing, ESB Networks stated that going forward they would see generators being utilised when necessary in the Community Hubs set up to great effect during the last storm. I now ask that that we would write to them and ask that in advance of next winter, they would liaise with these centres to ensure electrical wiring/infrastructure etc within the buildings are set up for a generator, and that they would provide assistance, either financial or by doing the work themselves, to facilitate this".

We recently received an excellent briefing from ESB networks where current policy and work practices were discussed. One item which came up for discussion was the emergency centres set up during the recent storms. These were a huge success and I know that here in my

own area, Spa Gaa Club's facilities were made available and those who availed of them were extremely thankful as it allowed them to charge phones etc and have showers. There has been much talk recently of generators being provided to those who may need to maintain power to lifesaving equipment, but it was explained to us that it is not as simple as connecting a wire to the generator in order to power the house. With this in mind I am asking that the ESB would identify the buildings they plan to use as emergency centres in the future, and that they would contact the organisations who own these buildings and install any electrical infrastructure necessary to operate a generator in case they suffer a power outage during a storm. It is imperative that any centre set up for use in times of emergency would not have any impediment to their delivery of service. It is equally important that this work is done in advance of them being set up again.



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Ring of Kerry Founder Denis Geaney

By: Jimmy O'Sullivan Darcy

You won't always recognise people who change the world. You think of people like Elon Musk or Steve Jobs. In an earlier age you'd think of the little Corsican (Napoleon wasn't that short; it was English propaganda), the first Caesarean emperor of Rome, or Bismarck pulling the European strings. When it comes to people who change the world, you don't necessarily think of quiet-spoken, friendly Currow natives.

And you'd be wrong. In 1982 Denis Geaney, a cycling enthusiast, was chatting with some friends in Seamus McCarthy's popular gym. Cycling wasn't exactly a mainstream activity back then, well before the likes of Seán Kelly and Stephen Roche, and the likes of Denis and the Looneys Pat and Theresa weren't pretending that it was. But they liked it, and Denis had an idea that it would be useful. How about a cycle for charity? They debated it as friends do, partially in jest but mostly in earnest.

I doubt if they thought it would make much of an impact on the world. How could it? What they were thinking was that Tralee General really needed a dialysis machine and they could play a small part in raising the necessary funds. That was it. That was all that they were trying to do.

Where to cycle? What would draw the support of a largely indifferent public? Carrauntoohil was mooted. Not a bad idea; maybe in hindsight a little bit impractical. Some-one else – history does not record who, it may well have been Denis himself – suggested the world-famous Ring of Kerry. 110 miles in one go. For amateurs, but enthusiastic amateurs. Difficult? Sure. Impossible? No.

Denis set to organising it, and there is a lot of organising in setting up such a thing. But the right man was on board to do it. In the end, 46 cyclists came on board and completed the cycle thanks to a host of volunteers along the way. A total of £10, 600 was raised, a huge sum in the context of the times – a pint of guinness cost a pound back then.

43 years later the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle is one of the most popular annual events in the calendar. For safety reasons – and safety is always treated as paramount – participation is limited to 9500. There are hundreds of volunteers along the way, including medical staff and gardaí. Over €20 million has been raised for a huge number of worthy causes. All of it goes to charity, neither Denis nor any of his cohorts, the likes of Cathal Walshe (long-serving PRO and a great charity contributor in his own right), Dan McCarthy, John Sheppard, and Paddy O'Donoghue, have ever taken a single cent for themselves. That's not who they are.

Denis stayed on as President of the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle until 2008 and remains actively involved to this day. It was announced this week that he is being honoured with a fully deserved Civic Reception.

Oh, and the dialysis machine in Tralee General? It's not called Tralee General anymore, it's University Hospital Kerry. And yes, it took a while, but they got a dialysis machine thanks to the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle.

That's how people change the world.



Denis Geaney at his civic reception to honour his founding in the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle with his family Laoise, Bernard, Jennifer, Norman, Keira and Linda in The Gleneagle Hotel Killarney on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Members of the original Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle Committee Denis Geaney, Cathal Walshe, Paddy O'Donoghue, John Sheppard and Dan McCarthy. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Maura Healy Rae Chairperson Killarney Municipal District making a special presentation to Denis Geaney to honour his founding in the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle at a civic reception to Denis in The Gleneagle Hotel Killarney on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Denis Geaney (centre) at his civic reception to honour his founding in the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle with James Looney, Paddy O'Donoghue, Tony Darmody and Dan McCarthy in The Gleneagle Hotel Killarney on Friday.
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Denis Geaney at his civic reception to honour his founding in the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle with Rosie and Derry Healy, Teresa Looney Secretary Irish Kidney Association Kerry and Mike Keane in The Gleneagle Hotel Killarney on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Denis Geaney (second from left) at his civic reception to honour his founding in the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle with his work colleagues in the Gleneagle Hotel Maura O'Connor, Christina Nolan, Caroline Papin, Patrick O'Donoghue MD in The Gleneagle Hotel Killarney on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Denis Geaney (third from left) at his civic reception to honour his founding in the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle with Bernie and John Leahy, Mary Geaney O'Connor, Joan Curtin and Geraldine Doherty in The Gleneagle Hotel Killarney on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Denis Geaney at his civic reception to honour his founding in the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle with Patrick O'Donoghue MD Gleneagle Hotel in The Gleneagle Hotel Killarney on Friday.
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Denis Geaney at his civic reception to honour his founding in the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle with Cllr Maura Healy Rae Chairperson Killarney Municipal District and his family Laoise, Linda, Bernard (back from left) Jimmy, Sheila, Jennifer, Norman, Keira, Michael, Nora and Eileen in The Gleneagle Hotel Killarney on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

High-Risk Forest Fire Warning in Place - Coillte Urges Public to be Vigilant During May Bank Holiday Weekend



STATUS ORANGE HIGH FOREST FIRE RISK WARNING IN PLACE NATIONALLY UNTIL 12PM TUESDAY 6TH MAY

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A status orange high fire risk warning is in place across the May Bank Holiday Weekend due to current dry weather patterns.

The warm, dry conditions Ireland is currently experiencing are expected to continue into the weekend, increasing the risk of fire spreading, particularly with low humidity and moderate winds.

With increased visitor numbers to local forests expected over the May Bank Holiday, Coillte is urging the public to avoid lighting fires or barbecues in high-risk areas outdoors and to remember:

Do not light fires in the outdoors around forests or open land.

Do not attempt to intervene or fight forest fires under any circumstances. Gather all family/group members and move to a safe fuel-free location

such as a car park, upwind of the fire.

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Evacuate if instructed to do so, and cooperate with all Emergency Service Instructions

Landowners and rural users should stay alert, report any suspicious activity to An Garda Síochána, and ensure emergency access routes remain clear.

With the weather becoming warmer and dryer, dead grasses, gorse and heather become much more flammable and fire spreads quickly once ignited. These forest fires can be devastating and almost always arise from preventable human activities- whether this be the lighting of barbecues or campfires in wooded areas or the burning of land that spirals out of control.

The ramifications of forest fires are far reaching and severe. Not only do they jeopardise public safety and the lives of those in the Emergency Services and working in forestry who are battling the flames, but they also wreak havoc on ecosystems, wildlife, and protected habitats. The ecological damage and heightened emissions of CO2 pollutants can be profound and enduring, requiring years, if not decades to recover. At this time of year, wildlife is especially vulnerable to fire such as ground nesting bird species.

Forest fires also exact a heavy financial toll on forest owners, encompassing the costs of firefighting operations, the devaluation of timber resources, and the expenses associated with rehabilitating scorched landscapes and replanting the forest.

Forest fires are extremely dangerous, they should never be approached and members of the public should never attempt to extinguish them. Visitors to forest recreational areas are urged to comply with fire safety protocols, respect relevant bye-laws, and ensure that parked vehicles do not obstruct access for emergency services.



MTU Staff and Students pictured at the MTU Kerry Campus Solas building located on the north campus for the Ag science careers day with industry mock interviews. Photo By : Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD

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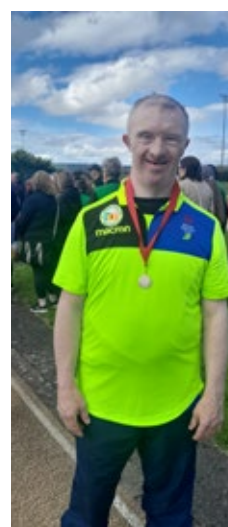
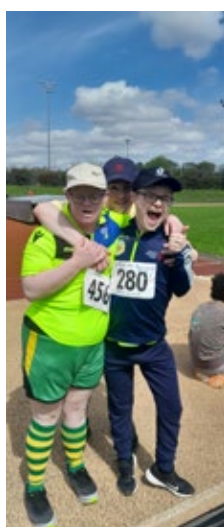
MEDAL HAUL FOR KERRY STARS SPECIAL OLYMPICS CLUB

Kerry Stars Special Olympics Sports Club made the journey to An Riocht Castleisland last weekend for an event run by Special Olympics Munster, which included workshops in shot putt and Javelin and competitions in running and walking events. All the athletes had a great day at the track, and came away with lots of medals.

The group are now hard in training for the upcoming athletics competitions in Cork, with thanks to our coaches and volunteers for all their dedication and time all our amazing athletes are thriving in 2025!!



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Medals galore for the Members of the Kerry Stars Special Olympic Club

Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant: **€2.9 million paid out in Kerry to bring 54 homes back into use**

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Refurbishment Grant



The Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, James Browne TD has today published figures which show that over €112 million has been paid out to Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant applicants, bringing more than 2,000 homes back into residential use from vacancy nationwide.

More than 12,400 applications for the grant have been received across Ireland by the end of March this year.

A new interactive story map developed by Minister Browne's Department has also been launched with today's statistics. The map shows the far reaching impact of the grant scheme across the country since its launch. Information includes the number of grants issued per local authority since the scheme's launch. 'Before and after' images of some of the refurbishment works already carried out by grant recipients under the scheme are available to view.

The new map is available at: Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant statistics. The number of grants being paid out continues to rise significantly each quarter, as works on properties are completed. More than 11 grants were issued in Kerry Q1 2025 on completion of works, according to the new figures.

Overall, since the launch of the grant in July 2022, in Kerry there have been 583 applications, 306 approvals and 54 grants issued up to 31 March 2025.

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MUNSTER RUGBY CALL ON CYCLISTS TO SUPPORT FOCUS IRELAND AND THE CHALLENGE TO END HOMELESSNESS

HOMELESS CHARITY'S GOAL IS TO RAISE €100,000 FROM THIS YEAR'S RING OF KERRY CHARITY CYCLE

Munster Rugby and Focus Ireland are calling on cyclists to sign up for this year's Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle and fundraise for the homeless and housing charity. Focus Ireland is aiming to raise €100,000 to help maintain the invaluable services and housing projects run by the charity to help tackle the increasing homelessness crisis.

Figures from the Department of Housing shows there are 15,378 people who are homeless in Ireland, with more people at risk. The number of families in emergency accommodation has doubled in the last two years and 4,653 children are without a home.

Focus Ireland helped more than 18,000 people last year and the charity is asking the public to support the ongoing effort to bring an end to homelessness.

Munster Rugby has pledged their support for the charity and are calling on cyclists to join the challenge this summer. The 170km Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle takes place on Saturday, July 5th when participants will cycle through some of the country's most scenic areas. Cyclists who sign up for Focus Ireland will receive a Focus Ireland cycling cap, socks and goodie bag along with a Focus Ireland cycling jersey for anyone who raises over €150.

Seán McMahon, Head of Communications with Munster Rugby said: "Focus Ireland is providing such an important service to so many people who are either homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. The charity depends on donations from the public to maintain these supports and Munster Rugby are proud to be part of the campaign to encourage people to come out on July 5th for the cycle and fundraise for such a worthy cause.

The Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle is aiming to raise €1 million for nominated charities and this is the second year that Focus Ireland is a beneficiary



John Hodnett, Munster; Stephanie Nunan, Munster; Cian Dalton, Focus Ireland; Lorraine Toner, Focus Ireland; Calvin Nash, Munster; Nicole Cronin, Munster, and Tony Butler, Munster, pictured at Thomond Park, Limerick, for the announcement that Munster Rugby is calling on cyclists to sign up for this year's Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle and fundraise for the homeless and housing charity, Focus Ireland. The cycle takes place on Saturday, July 5th and if anyone wants to register they can go to www.focusireland.ie/event-and-challenges/ring-of-kerry-cycle/
Picture: Michael O'Sullivan / OSM

with almost 75% of the registration fee going directly to the charity. To find out more or to sign up for the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle for Focus Ireland, go to www.focusireland.ie/event-and-challenges/ring-of-kerry-cycle/



St. Brigid's Presentation Killarney celebrate annual culture day

Over a hundred students representing twenty countries transformed St. Brigid's assembly area into a vibrant exhibition centre alive with the sounds, colours and flavours of their cultures.

Each year group had the opportunity to engage with the informative posters, listen to traditional music and watch the elegant choreography of dances from Ireland, Poland, China and Bangladesh. Students were treated to a variety of delicious traditional cuisine prepared by the enthusiastic participants.

Elaborate henna designs and brightly coloured face painting helped to create a fun atmosphere.

It was a wonderful day to celebrate inclusion and diversity in the school community.

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AWARDS FOR KILLARNEY CADETS AT REGIONAL COMPETITIONS

The Killarney Order of Malta Cadet Unit travelled to Thurles last Saturday to take part in Regional First Aid Competitions, they took part in Junior Individual (Lauren O'Sullivan), 2 Person Test (Michael O'Donovan & Eoin Cremin) Junior Team (Ned Donovan, Dylan Flynn, Michael O'Donoghue & Neil Keane) and Senior Team (Luke Looney, Daniel O'Donovan, Tom Donovan & Faye Sparling). Some of the injuries were stroke, burns, fractured ankle, cpr, arm laceration, Footdrill and Cadet of the Year. They were up against teams from Cork, Carrigaline, Thurles, Wexford & Kilkenny. They Placed 1st in Junior Team, Senior Team and Two Person Team and 4th in Junior Individual and will now travel to Fermanagh in July for National Competitions



Pictured are the cadets who travelled with Cadet Leaders Tara Sparling O'Riordan, Daniel Cremin & Sam Behal



Pictured are Currow Rural Development committee members Gráinne Fitzgerald, Joint Chairperson; Anthony Donnelly, Secretary; & Eamonn Moriarty, Joint Chairperson. Photo by Mairead O'Keeffe.

CLEAN UP AT CURROW GRAVEYARD

Currow Rural Development, in association with Killeentierna Parish Church are organising a "Clean-Up Day" at St Michael's Graveyard, Currow, on Saturday the 10th of May. This will be an all day event. Everyone is invited to attend to help maintain and tidy up around their own family graves and adjacent pathways prior to the graveyard mass on Wednesday, 14th May. This is a new initiative and a social event where we will look after those who looked after us. Looking forward to your support on the day.

A Heartwarming Visit to Killarney Nursing Home!

On Tuesday, the TY students from Killarney Community College had a truly special day visiting the residents of Killarney Nursing Home. From singing songs and playing games to creating beautiful art and sharing heartfelt conversations, it was a day filled with joy, laughter, and meaningful connections.

The students not only brought smiles to the residents' faces but walked away with valuable life lessons, enriched by the stories, wisdom, and warm enthusiasm of the older generation. A big thank you to the staff and residents for welcoming us so kindly — this was a day our TYs won't soon forget!



Students entertaining the residents of Killarney Nursing Home

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- 10am - 6pm Amusements
- 10am - 5pm Showjumping
- 11am - 4pm Ridden Horse & Pony Showing
- 11am - 4pm In-Hand Horse & Pony Showing
- 11am - 1.45pm Radio Kerry - Live Broadcasting
Sponsored by Lee Strand
- 12.30 - 3.30pm Little Rosebuds Children's Activities
- 2pm - 4pm Irish Country Home Crafts, Baking & Horticulture
- 2pm - 5pm Live Music - PJ Murrihy

SUNDAY, MAY 11TH

- 10am - 4pm Vintage Show
- 10am - 4pm Westport Sheepdog Experience
- 10am - 5pm Showjumping
- 10am - 6pm Trade Stands
- 10am - 6pm Amusements
- 11am - 4pm Garda Marquee
- 12noon - 1pm 75th Anniversary Parade & Official Opening With Minister Norma Foley
- 12noon - 3pm Sheep Showing
- 12.30pm - 3.30pm Little Rosebuds Children's Activities
- 12.30pm - 3pm Cattle Showing
- 1pm - 2pm Goat Showing
- 1pm - 3pm Dog Show
- 1pm - 2pm Irish Dancing Display In the Music Marquee
- 2pm - 3pm Macra Demonstrations
- 2pm - 4pm Bonny Baby In the Arts/Craft/Horticulture Marquee
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Nature Theme at Killarney Camera Club

Iryna Halaieva first place winner - Bread winner



Killarney Camera Club members enjoyed another great competition last week with a fabulous array of nature photos.

Well done to Iryna Halaieva's picture 'Breadwinner' who won the Unrestricted category with this beautiful image of two puffins, showcasing yet again her skill in capturing splendid pictures of seabirds.

"Puffin's courtship can sometimes involve food especially during the breeding season. Male puffins, will sometimes exhibit their ability to catch and carry fish. This is one way to impress potential mates and show them their skills which is important for raising chicks. The more common display of courtship is called "billing" rubbing their beaks together and head jerking movements. The Atlantic puffins form monogamous bonds and often return to the same burrow with the same mate year after year.

Congratulations to

1st Place: Iryna Halaieva, 'Breadwinner'

2nd Place: Anne Kelly, 'Lunchtime'

3rd Place: Julia Deady, 'Lake Jana'

The club welcomes new members so come along to our next meeting so check our our website <https://killarneycameraclub.ie>

Kiltallagh National School Pupils visit European Parliament with Sean Kelly MEP



A group of visitors representing Kiltallagh National School, Castlemaine, Co. Kerry, enjoyed an inspiring trip to the European Parliament recently, hosted by Ireland South MEP Seán Kelly.

Young students from Kiltallagh National School, Castlemaine, Co. Kerry, enjoyed an inspiring visit to the European Parliament recently, hosted by Ireland South MEP Seán Kelly. "It's brilliant to bring Irish students over to Brussels to experience the EU in action," said Mr. Kelly. "Even at a young age, visits like this can spark a lifelong interest in how Europe works."

The group explored the Parliament, took part in engaging educational activities, and got a first-hand look at the workings of the EU institutions. "You could see the excitement and energy in the room—these pupils were genuinely curious and eager to learn", Kelly, a former teacher, noted.

Reflecting on the visit, Mr. Kelly said: "There's something special about seeing young people take such an interest in European affairs. The questions they asked and the observations they made were incredibly sharp."

"These kinds of trips are more than just a tour," he added. "They're about planting the seed—helping young people see that Europe is theirs too."

Praising the group, Mr. Kelly concluded, "They were absolutely impressive. The enthusiasm they brought with them made it a joy to host them."

KCC STUDENTS CREATE INNOVATIVE FLOWER

On Tuesday, 29th April two teams of students from the Killarney Community College made the journey to Causeway Comprehensive for a STEAM event. Three first year students, Jack Barry, Aqeel Arif, and Dylan Fitzgerald, showcased their project on an aluminium flower which promotes sustainability and biodiversity. The flower is planted in the ground and helps the 99 species of bees to rest and feed throughout the day.

Three TY students, Cian, O Donoghue Anna O Shea and Shauna Keneally, exhibited their 'Hydroguard' product. It is a holder for your water bottle and gum shield and was created using our schools 3D printer. It is a more hygienic method of storing the gum shield, and this project shows where engineering can be used in more diverse way. They were mentored by their teachers Mr. Scanlon and Mr. Fleming and received very positive feedback about their innovative designs.



TY students, Cian, O Donoghue Anna O Shea and Shauna Keneally



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CRONIN EXPECTS NO HOME COMFORTS IN KILLARNEY

For Keith Cronin and Mikie Galvin, current leaders of the NAPA Auto Parts Irish Tarmac Rally Championship, this weekend's Assess Ireland Rally of the Lakes represents their home fixture. They are both members of the organising Killarney and District Motor Club, and Galvin is from the town. Cronin, meanwhile, hails from Ballylickey, in the far south west of County Cork, but still within the Killarney club's extensive hinterland. While the rally may be on familiar territory for the defending Tarmac Champions, it was not especially kind to them last year, and they will be hoping for a more successful outcome on this occasion.

Twelve months ago, they took the lead on stage two, and built up a sizable advantage of over half a minute through the next few tests. It seemed that they were on an unassailable path to victory, but that outcome was undone by a puncture on Ardgroon. They eventually took fastest time on ten of the event's fourteen stages, but that was not enough to undo the damage, and the win went to Callum Devine and Noel O'Sullivan, marking their third Rally of the Lakes success in a row. Cronin and Galvin went on to win the Tarmac Championship, but only after tie-break had to be invoked to separate them from Devine and O'Sullivan, who finished the year on the same points total.

Devine and O'Sullivan will lead the Rally of the Lakes field away from the Killarney start as the No. 1 seeds in their Skoda Fabia RS. They will be followed by Cronin and Galvin in the M O'Brien Group of Companies/Shane Casey Electrical Services Citroën C3 Rally 2, with Matt Edwards and David Moynihan next up in their Hyundai i20N. Welsh visitor, Meirion Evans, co-driven by local man, Ger Conway, starts at four in a Toyota GR Yaris.

"We've seen how fickle rallying can be, especially over the past couple of years," says Cronin. "We had a good lead built up on the Lakes twelve months ago when we got the puncture on Saturday afternoon, it cost us well over two minutes. Any chance of winning the rally was gone and I really

felt like parking it up, but Mikie pushed me on to keep going. We had another few fastest times on the Sunday, and wound up fourth. Later on in the season we won in Ulster, that was really important in terms of the Tarmac Championship, and we got it on the Cork '20' on the tie-break. This year we've seen both sides again, we got the win in West Cork after Jon Armstrong had his engine problem after the final stage, then on the Circuit of Ireland a couple of weeks ago we had the brake issues when we were leading with a couple of stages to go, and ended up eighth at the finish. You have to put in the times, but you need a bit of luck as well to get it over the line.

While he may be on home ground this weekend, Cronin is taking nothing for granted with regard to the rally or the championship, and is quick to recognise the strengths of the opposition. "Callum and Noel started the year late, but they already have a maximum score from the Circuit, and they always go well in Killarney, they've won the last three. They've also won in Donegal for the past two years. If they were to repeat those results again this season it would be very difficult to hold them back from winning the championship. Matt and David have had two non-finishes, so they've nothing to lose by going all-out from now on. I expect that Meirion and Ger will be pushing us also, we've seen what the Toyota can do on the British Championship rounds. We'll have to give it our best to stay in the mix. These two rallies will be crucial to how the year unfolds for all of us."

The Ceremonial Start of the Assess Ireland Rally of the Lakes will take place in Killarney town centre on Friday evening. There is an early start for the crews on Saturday, with the first of the day's nine stages getting under way at 8.13am. The layout will consist of three loops of three stages, Headford, Lisbabe and Red Bog, to the east and north of the town. The rally will re-start on Sunday morning with the famous Molls Gap stage at 10:50am, and this is followed by Beallaghbeama and Shanara. This loop is repeated in

the afternoon, making a total of six stages on Day 2. The Finish Ramp celebrations will take place at Rally Headquarters, the Gleneagle Hotel, at 5.15pm.

Keith Cronin and Mikie Galvin are supported by M O'Brien Group of Companies, Shane Casey Electrical Services, Michelin Tyres, Cronin's Centra (Ballylickey, Union Hall, Leap, Millstreet and Dundrum), Cronin's HomeValue Hardware, Daybreak Westlink, Cremin Coaches, Keohane Seafoods, Citroën Racing, and Race and Rally Motorsport. Their Citroën C3 Rally 2 is prepared and run by Tom Gahan Motorsport.

ASSESS IRELAND RALLY OF THE LAKES 2025

Top Ten Seeds:

1. Callum Devine/Noel O'Sullivan, Skoda Fabia RS Rally 2
2. Keith Cronin/Mikie Galvin, Citroën C3 Rally 2
3. Matt Edwards/David Moynihan, Hyundai i20N Rally 2
4. Meirion Evans/Ger Conway, Toyota GR Yaris Rally 2
5. Josh Moffett/Andy Hayes, Citroën C3 Rally 2
6. Eddie Doherty/Tom Murphy, Skoda Fabia Evo Rally 2
7. David Kelly/Arthur Kierans, Volkswagen Polo GTI R5
8. Declan Boyle/Patrick Walsh, Skoda Fabia RS Rally 2
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Saturday 3rd May
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Stage 2: Lisbabe, 08:43
Stage 3: Red Bog, 09:16

Service In: Liebherr, Fossa, 10:05
Service Out: Liebherr, Fossa, 11:35

Stage 4: Headford, 12:09
Stage 5: Lisbabe, 12:39
Stage 6: Red Bog, 13:12

Service In: Liebherr, Fossa, 14:06
Service Out: Liebherr, Fossa, 14:46

Stage 7: Headford, 15:21
Stage 8: Lisbabe, 15:51
Stage 9: Red Bog, 16:24

Parc Fermé: Lewis Road, Killarney, 17:08

Sunday 4th May
Stage 10: Molls Gap, 10:50
Stage 11: Beallaghbeama, 11:44
Stage 12: Shanara, 12:42

Service In: Liebherr, Fossa, 13:16
Service Out: Liebherr, Fossa, 14:08

Stage 13: Molls Gap, 14:38
Stage 14: Beallaghbeama, 15:32
Stage 15: Shanara, 16:30

Finish Ramp: Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney, 17:16



Keith Cronin and Mikie Galvin start the Assess Ireland Rally of the Lakes in Killarney as leaders of the NAPA Auto Parts Irish Tarmac Rally Championship. Photo: Martin Walsh.

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Tomas Kelliher Vice Captain Killarney Golf Club (right) presenting first prize in the Single Strokeplay competition sponsored by Educate.ie to winner Scott O'Meara with (from left) Daniel Shine and Sean Goulding at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Máire Murphy Lady Captain Killarney Golf Club presenting first prize in the Kate Kearney's Cottage Mixed Foursomes to winners Philip and Norrita O'Connor with (left) Annette McNeice 2nd (back from left) John and Kathleen Wall 4th and Anita O'Sullivan 3rd at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Máire Murphy Lady Captain Killarney Golf Club presenting the Killeen Stableford competition first prize to winner Julie Leonard with Ailish Mulcahy 2nd and Tina O'Sullivan 3rd at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Máire Murphy Lady Captain Killarney Golf Club (fifth from left) presenting first prize in the B Well Fitness ladies competition to winner Marie Leahy with (from left) Nicola O'Mahony 2nd, Geraldine Tarrant 3rd, Mary Treacy 11 hole winner and Mairead Martin best gross at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Tomas Kelliher Vice Captain Killarney Golf Club (right) presenting first prize in the Killarney Brewery Scotch Foursomes competition to winner Sean Moynihan with (from left) Alan and Donie McSweeney 2nd at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Tomas Kelliher Vice Captain Killarney Golf Club (right) presenting first prize in the O'Donoghue Ring Hotel Collection competition to winners Malcolm O'Brien, Conn O'Connor and Gerald Curran at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

at Killarney Golf & Fishing Club



Máire Murphy Lady Captain Killarney Golf Club (centre) presenting the Spring Match Play overall first prize to Eimear O'Donnell and (left) winner 21 and over to Kate McCan with (right) runner up Marie O'Brien and Winnie Ryan at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Máire Murphy Lady Captain Killarney Golf Club (fourth from left)) presenting tfirst prize in the Murphy's Bar Ladies competition to winner Mary MacMonagle with (from left) Mai Bergin 13 Hole winner, Catherine Hartnett, Marie O'Brien and Jane Dwyer 3rd and Claire Horgan 2nd at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club.



Máire Murphy Lady Captain Killarney Golf Club presenting first prize in the EZ Living Ladies competition to winner Kate McCan with (from left) Ann Moynihan Best Gross, Geraldine Collins 2nd, Mary Treacy 13 Hole Competition (back from left) Catherine Hartnett 4th, Tina O'Sullivan 5th and Anita O'Sullivan 6th at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Catherine White International Hotel (fifth from left) presenting first prize in the Single Stableford International Men's competition to winner Dara McCarthy with (from left) Ann Mangan International Hotel, Donal Aherne and Tomas Kelliher Vice Captain at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Máire Murphy Lady Captain Killarney Golf Club (right) presenting the Ladies Open Day sponsored by O'Donoghue Ring Collection to winner Geraldine Tarrant with (from left) Carol Ryan 2nd, Aoife Twomey and Elaine O'Sullivan 4th at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Tomas Kelliher Vice Captain Killarney Golf Club (right) presenting first prize in the Walsh Engineering Single Stableford competition to winner Gerald Curran with (left) Brian Horgan Cat 2 and Larry O'Donnell Cat 4 at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

Transition year students from Castleisland Community College won the Regional FEXCO Female Empowerment Award. 38 students from 8 different schools across Munster were selected to collaborate with their Fexco mentor to develop their innovative ideas created for the STEM Passport Inclusion programme. They were also mentored by their own teacher Cáit Mc Ellistrem on their journey to the final of the STEM Passport for Inclusion course held in the RDI Hub in Killorglin.

Their innovative project 'Nav Bands' was selected as the winning project. Nav Bands is a wearable assistive technology designed for visually impaired individuals, featuring a wrist band and earpiece that provides sensor-based navigation guidance. The students were applauded for their exceptional presentation skills, design and detail in their project. Each student won a personal new laptop, a certificate and work experience in FEXCO. The Stem Passport for Inclusion Award aims to encourage girls into careers in the areas of science, technology, engineering and maths. 'We are so proud of these students who have put in immense effort into this project', concluded Cáit Mc Ellistrem.



Norma Murphy, Róisín Bell, Sophie Horgan, Ruby Horgan, Alana O Mahoney, Aoife Reidy, Ruby Walmsley & Cáit McEllistrem (Science, Biology & Ag Science teacher)

Castleisland Community College JUNIOR AND SENIOR KERRY FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS!

Both Junior and Senior ladies football teams have become county champions and have now secured their places in Munster football finals. Both teams have progressed from regional competitions and will now represent the school in the Munster finals.

Following success against Regina Mundi College, Cork in the Munster semi-final, the junior team will now meet Presentation Secondary School, Ballingarry in the final, scheduled for late April or early May. The senior team secured their place in the Munster final after their semi-final fixture against Scoil Mhuire gan Smál, Blarney. They will also face Regina Mundi College, Cork in the Munster Senior final.

The teams are trained by Anna Kerin (SNA) and Annie Potts (History and PE teacher). Leah Boyle a past pupil and a member of the Kerry Senior Ladies football team was also involved in training the teams as part of her college placement.

'This is a great achievement to all players, some of who play on both the junior and senior panels. An honour to have progressed to this stage of competition. We wish the best of luck to both teams in their quest for junior and senior Munster titles,' stated Mairéad Corridan (Acting Principal).



Mairéad Corridan (Acting Principal), Norma Murphy & Caoimhe O Mahony (Joint Junior Captains) Leah Boyle (Kerry Senior Ladies Player & Coach) Katie Kerins & Tara Kerin (Joint Senior Captains) Anna Kerin (Coach & SNA), Annie Potts (Coach & PE teacher)



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Plan your strategy for the final weeks before the State Exams

TIME MANAGEMENT

As exam candidates attend school for the final term before the State Exams begin on the 4th June, they have already done a fair amount of work. Many exam candidates have worked diligently and consistently throughout the year. Others may have been less focussed and motivated as they travelled the road to next June's exams. But the fact remains that every exam candidate has a foundation of work, however solid or precarious, on which to build over the next few weeks. Efficient and careful use of the remaining weeks will be enough to get you safely over the finish line. No matter how little work you have done, you can still achieve a worthwhile result in your exam if you put your best effort into the final weeks. It's also important to appreciate that you know a great deal more than you realise.

SMART GOALS

The immediate priority now is to reassess your goals and make a plan of action. The time for procrastination has well and truly passed. It's essential to have clear goals and an action plan to help you to be successful. If you are to achieve your academic goals, they will have to be SMART – specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and time-lined. Your focus must now be on your total readiness for June's exams. Avail of all the help at your disposal during the next few weeks to ensure that you are in tip top shape for the challenge of the exams.

ATTEND

The subject teacher at school, who after all is the expert, will guide you through the last few weeks in revision, exam techniques and overall subject strategy. Attend school regularly during the final term and maintain a diligent work schedule to give yourself every possible chance of achieving your goals. Be clear in your own mind as to what exactly your goals are. Have confidence in your ability to achieve them. Have a plan to accomplish your aim

and, critically, execute your plan by doing the necessary work.

REVIEW

Carry out an honest review of your exam programme straight away. Make a decision about the level – higher, ordinary or foundation – of the paper you will answer in each subject. Set a target grade in each subject. Convert each grade to CAO points and add up your six best scores. Now you have a target grade in each subject and an overall points' target to help motivate you. It's vital at this late stage to set realistic goals. For example, if you feel you may not be able for a higher-level paper in a particular subject, are you not far better off taking an ordinary level paper in that subject where you may achieve a decent grade? Consider what you would like to do after the Leaving Cert exam. A singular determination to achieve enough points to get a place in your course of interest is a great motivator. Perhaps, your primary motivator should be to do yourself justice in the exam and to achieve results that reward your ability and effort. Having clear and focussed goals will make your last term more productive and rewarding.

CHALLENGE

Regard the next few weeks and the actual exam as a challenge that you will meet headlong and with determination. Approach it with confidence and belief in yourself. Take total control of your life and channel your energy in a positive direction. Every time you have a doubt or a negative thought about yourself replace it with a positive one. You will feel better about yourself if you are in control of your situation. To assume that control set aside some time to make out a plan of action. Decide what topics you need to revise between now and the exam. Make out an overall time schedule, a weekly schedule and a daily schedule. Make out that plan of action over the next few days.

CHECKLIST

- Every exam candidate has already done a fair amount of work
- Proper use of the remaining weeks will get you safely over the line
- Procrastination is the thief of time
- You know much more than you give yourself credit for
- It's essential to have clearly set goals in the final term before the exam
- Set SMART goals – specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and time-lined
- Put a clear plan in place to accomplish your goals
- Have confidence in your ability to achieve your goals
- Implement your plan by doing the necessary work
- Avail of all the help at your disposal
- Regular attendance at school during the final term is vital
- Set a target grade in each subject to help motivate yourself
- Set an overall CAO points' total to help motivate you.
- Your primary motivator should be to do yourself justice in the exam
- Regard the exam as a challenge that you will meet headlong
- Exam timetables are available on www.examinations.ie
- CAO online change of mind facility (free) opens at 12.00 noon on 6th May
- The priority closing date for new applications for a SUSI Grant is 10th July

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Members of the St. Brigid's Presentation Killarney Student Council proudly presented a cheque for €2,500 to the Kerry Branch of the Irish Cancer Society. The funds were raised through their Daffodil Day fundraiser.



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RATHMORE | GNEEVEGUILLA PARISH

By Michael O' Mahony

KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

Road closures for Annual Rally of Lakes this weekend:

Closing of Roads Regulations 1994, Kerry County Council has decided to close to public traffic the roads / carpark described hereunder to facilitate the holding of the Rally of the Lakes 2025 on Saturday, 3rd and Sunday, 4th May 2025.

Saturday, 3rd May 2025

Starting at Headfort, Via Headfort, Droom, Doon carrigbeg, Doon carrigmore Gortacarrin, Shrone, Auniskirtane, Raheen and finishing at Rath Beg Starting at Scrahanagullane via Banard, O'Keeffe's garage, Meentogues, Knockdoorah, Barraduff upper, Lisbabe and finishing at Knockyshehane. Starting at Ballynamaunagh via Clashnagarrane, Knockataggle Beg, Dooneen, Coolick, Buddihans, Knocklebede, Glandeagh, Currowross, Curracity, Rossanean, Killeagh Cross, Boolacullane and finishing at Scart Cross.

Rally continue on Sunday in Molls Grap & Ballaghbeama & Shanara in Kenmare area.

In addition, all adjoining public roads will be closed for a distance of 205M from each junction within the above routes.

Main Street, Killarney, from the Plaza Hotel to the Junction of Main Street and New Street, will be closed from 6.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. on Friday, 2nd May 2025 for the holding of a Ceremonial Start.

The Lewis Road Car Park will be used as Parc Ferme and will be unavailable for parking purposes from 7.00 p.m. on Thursday, 1st May to 9.00 pm. on Sunday, 4th May 2025.

Gortroe Car Park will be closed from 6.00 p.m. on Saturday, 3rd May to 6am on Sunday, 4th May and 6pm on Sunday, 4th May to 6am on Monday, 5th May.

On Sunday 4th May the Rally will be in Molls Gap Kenmare area. We wish all competitors volunteers teams & spectacular and Enjoy the weekend the organiser of rally really appreciates the support of the residents along the stages .

Rally of Lakes 2025 Killarney & District Motor Club will Hold A Quiet Hour for Killarney Autism Friendly. This hour is exclusively for autistic people and their families. Lewis Road car park Friday 2nd May 2025 5-30-6-30. Meet & great drivers and see the rally cars without the revving engine.

MASS

This Sunday May 4th Mass in City of Shrone at 1.30pm. Everybody welcome **BEST OF LUCK** to the Kerry team and management in the Munster Final on Sunday against Clare in Fitzgerald Fitzgerald at 1.45pm especially Shane Ryan & Paul Murphy

SYMPATHIES to Nora Ann, William and Dan Case Gneeveguilla & families & extended family on the death of their brother Michael (Mike) Casey, Muckross Rd, Killarney & Gneeveguilla. May he rest in peace

CONGRATULATION'S to Rathmore & Gneeveguilla U13 Girls community games basketball team who won the Munster final on Saturday and will go on to play in the All Ireland finals in May.

RATHMORE GNEEVEGUILLA COMMUNITY GAMES

Congratulations to our U12 Girls football team who won the Community Games County final against Listowel last Sunday. They met Abbeydorney in the semi-final and went on to play Listowel in the final. They won their final which was 6 consecutive wins on the day, a great achievement for this team of players. They will now go on to represent Kerry at the Munster Competition. Well done to all the team and to their coaches Derek Moynihan, Donie O'Connor, Miriam Moynihan and Barry O'Leary.

Congrats to the following players: Laura Breen, Eve Cleverly, Caoimhe Darmody, Aisling Fenton, Sinead Hurley, Abbey Kissane, Ava Knee, Eabha



U12 Girls football team who won the Community Games County final against Listowel last Sunday.

Moynihan, Ruby Moynihan, Saoirse Murphy, Mairead O'Leary, Makayla O'Leary, Clodagh O'Connor, Olivia O'Connor, Aoife O'Donoghue, and Olivia Olszok.

RATHMORE 301 CLUB RESULTS

- 1st: €500, Michael Cahill, Rathbeg, Rathmore
- 2nd: €100, Sheila O'Keeffe, Church place, Rathmore
- 3rd: €100, Denis Sheehan, Mallow road
- 4th: €100, Geraldine Reen, Rathbeg, Rathmore
- 5th: €100,, REEN's Family C/O Edel Reen
- 6th: €100, Tim Reen of Reens Garage

RATHMORE HOLY ROSARY FOR MONTH OF MAY

Daily for month of May at 7pm at Rathmore Grotto.

KNOCKNAGREE LADIES FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS JUNIOR LEAGUE WIN

Well done to our Junior Panel on a great win v Dromtariffe in the County League last Friday in Rathcoole, a great game for our girls to win on a scoreline of 1-07 to 0-06. Scores were hard to come by in this tough game but we came out on top due to a great team performance.

NEW MEMBERS & VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

Knocknagree Ladies Football Club welcome new players from Under 6 to Adult from anywhere within the parish of Rathmore & Knocknagree, Cullen & Ballydaly or anywhere that does not have a ladies football club, also eligible are any players who have a parent who lived in Knocknagree For underage girls who play with their local GAA Club, it is also possible to play for a ladies club as well. We offer structured training sessions, excellent trainers and game time for players.

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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

LISTRY PARISH

Written by: Colette Leslie

LOTTO

Jackpot €8,850. Numbers Drawn 2, 5, 9, 26. Not Won. €100 Frank & Noreen Hickey, Lahern. €50 Ciara O Shea, Lissivane. €50 Chris Horan, Milltown. €25 Sean Counihan, Castlemaine. €25 Helen Enrigh, Milltown. Jackpot next week 04/05/2025 €9,000

U14

The U14 team play Crokes away on Tuesday 6th of May in the next round of the county league

KERRY MINORS

Congratulations to David McCarthy and Danny Murphy who have been selected for the Kerry minor panel .Best of luck on Monday 5th of may at 7pm when they take on Cork in the Munster minor Championship quater final.

MUNSTER FINAL

Best of luck to Ruairi Murphy and the Kerry team and management in the Munster final Sunday

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KILCUMMIN PARISH

Written by: Helen Moynihan

BOG WALK

In recent months, there has been growing concern about the number of people allowing their dog's off-lead in the Bog walk areas of Kilcummin. This space is home to a variety of nesting birds and other sensitive wildlife, particularly during the breeding season when disturbance can have serious consequences. Unleashed dogs, even those that seem well-behaved, can easily disrupt nests, scare off parent birds, or harm young animals. We ask all visitors to respect the natural environment by keeping their dogs on a lead at all times, helping to protect the local wildlife that makes this area so special.

KILCUMMIN MOTHERS AND OTHERS

Our Mothers and Others football group return after their winter break. Our group are going from strength to strength but always open to new members. It continues every Monday night (excluding bank holidays) from 7.30pm- 8.30pm on the Kilcummin GAA juvenile pitch. Join us for Fun, Fitness & Football. For more information contact Ann Marie on 087 9047274.

MAY THE MONTH OF OUR LADY

All over Ireland people are meeting at their local grottos to recite the rosary. In Kilcummin, our two grotto venues are Kilcummin Church Grotto/Sacristy at 7.30pm every Monday and Glounonea every Monday evening at 8pm. All welcome.

MS SOUTH KERRY

Thanks to everyone who supported our recent Kilcummin Church Gate collection for the South Kerry Branch. All money collected stays in the local area.

KILCUMMIN GAA By Donal Barry PRO

SENIOR COUNTY LEAGUE DIV 1

Kilcummin secured their first win in the Credit Union County Football Division 1 campaign at their fifth time of asking accounting for Rathmore 1-21 to 3-9 on Sunday when dominant performances by Paul and Mark O'Shea who between them hit 0-11 saw James Foley's men gather two invaluable points. Rathmore held a one-point lead at the break 1-7 to 0-9 but there was plenty to be positive for the home side with some great scores in the opening half. The home side moved up a gear in the second half getting on top at midfield for long periods moving 0-13 to 1-7 clear by the 35th minute before Rathmore found the net once again to level up matters 2-7 to 0-13. Kilcummin made a number of efforts to get clear of their opponents as Mark O'Shea and Keelan O'Shea hit fine scores, but the bare minimum remained between the sides by the 49th minute as Kilcummin kept their noses in front 0-16 to 2-9. If Kilcummin were guilty of final quarter fade outs in some of their previous games, then there was no repeat on this occasion as Paul O'Shea and Mark O'Shea pointed them 0-19 to 2-7 clear before substitute Cian Lynch netted with his first touch to stretch the lead seven points before Sean O'Leary and Donal Maher points gave them their biggest lead of the day heading into injury time as Rathmore hit their third goal of the match in the final play of the day.

SENIOR COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 7B

Kilcummin got back to winning ways in the Credit Union Senior Football League Division 7B following a comprehensive 5-18 to 1-6 win over Clonmacdon on Saturday evening in Kilcummin. First half goals by Jack Fogarty (2), Gavin Cronin (2) and Aaron Buckley had the home side in front 5-9 to 1-5 at the break. Kilcummin had a lighting start to the game and hit the opening 4-4 before the away side opened the scoring and credit to the North Kerry side, they finished the first half on the up and Dylan Cronin was called on a few occasions to keep his goal intact. The goals dried up in the second half with Aaron Buckley's fine two pointer and TJ Healy's second point of the evening amongst the highlights as the home side ran out winners moving on the top of the Division once again with nine points gathered from a possible ten all but securing their passage to Division 7 proper with 3 games remaining. Up next is an away trip to Desmonds.

LADIES FOOTBALL

Our Senior Ladies were defeated 3-6 to 2-6 by Glenflesk on Sunday in a game in which there was a lot of happy about from the team who battled hard to the end. Best wishes to Ella Murphy who picked up an injury and hopefully it won't be long before we see her playing again. Our under 16's defeated MKL Gaels B 2-7 to 1-8 in Division 2 of the East Kerry league. A vital goal by Ellie O'Sullivan secured a one-point win. Congratulations



Caitríona Blake, Colm Fleming, Aoibhinn O'Connor, Leah Brosnan and Micheal O'Connor also came in first place in the U13 Group Music Category.

to John Purcell who officiated the Clare v Limerick Munster Ladies Senior B championship game on Sunday.

GREEN AND GOLD

Massive congratulations this week to Zach Cronin who was named in the Kerry minor football panel of 2025. Zach is the 25th Kilcummin player to represent Kerry at this grade.

COISTE NA NÓG

Well done to the under 10 boys who played at half time in the Division 1 Credit Union County League Round 5 game. The boys showed some great skills with many fine scores and a few excellent goal line saves as well.

UNDER 14

The under 14's made it 3 wins on the trot as they all but secured a Division 1 semi-final when they accounted for Na Gaeil 1-15 to 2-10. A brilliant 1-9 haul by Max Moynihan coupled with some great defensive play by the team secured the win.

UNDER 16'S

Best wishes to the Under 16 team who secured their place in the East Kerry Under 16B Div 3 Final against Dr. Crokes. The Under 16A team will face Firies on Saturday May 3rd at 5pm away to Firies in their East Kerry Division 1 semi-final.

GAA LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Monday 21st April for the Jackpot of €2,750. Numbers drawn were 06,14,19,30. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Paul O'Shea c/o Sean Doherty; Timmie Lane; Denis O'Connor c/o Jer Dwyer; Noel Duggan, Online. Our next draw will be on Monday 5th May for Jackpot of €3,000.

MASTERGEEHA FC LOTTO

There was no winner on Friday 25th April 2025 of the Jackpot €6,600. Numbers drawn were 03,12,22,28. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Connie O'Sullivan, Lyretough; Samantha McGillicuddy, Tiernaboul; Margaret Brosnan, Mastergeeha; Sheila O'Leary, Inch, Kilcummin. The next draw will be on Friday 2nd May for Jackpot of €6,800.

KILCUMMIN COMMUNITY GAMES

MUSIC

Congratulations to all who took part in the Community Games in Lixnaw on Sunday 27th April. Colm Fleming won 1st place in U13 Music Category. Caitríona Blake, Colm Fleming, Aoibhinn O'Connor, Leah Brosnan and Micheal O'Connor also came in first place in the U13 Group Music Category. Well done to Brynn McCarthy who represented Kilcummin in the U13 Singing Competition in Lixnaw.

ATHLETICS

Kilcummin Community Games Athletics will take place on Thursday May 8th in Killarney Valley Arena at 7pm. Registration from 6.45pm. Competitors must reside in Kilcummin Parish to take part.

KILCUMMIN PARENTS ASSOCIATION


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GLENFLESK PARISH

Written by: Sean Daly

SENIORS

In Division 1 of the County League last Sunday our Senior team were beaten by Legion on a scoreline of 0:17 to 3:16. The B team take on Milltown Castlemaine this Friday evening 2nd of May at 7pm in Milltown Castlemaine. Well done to the Senior ladies who beat Kilcummin 3:6 to 2:6 in the Donal Curtin Cup and are now through to the semi final.

COMMUNITY GAMES

Huge congratulations to Odhrán O'Sullivan who won a gold medal in the County Finals in U12 Cycling on Grass held in MTU Tralee last Friday. Odhrán will now go forward to represent Kerry at the Community Games national finals which will be held in Gormanstown, Co. Meath on Sunday May 25th, well done Odhrán!

KERRY

Congratulations to Liam O'Brien who has been named on the Kerry Minor Football panel for 2025. Kathryn Ryan and Éabha Rudden lined out with the Kerry team against a strong Cork side in the Munster Senior B

Championship losing out on a scoreline of 1:3 to 2:12. Roan Guerin started at full back for the Kerry South U16's who beat Galway 3-16 to 3-15. Luke Crowley scored 3 points for the Kerry hurlers in their defeat against Carlow in the Joe McDonagh Cup in Austin Stack Park last Sunday.

SOCCER

Massive congrats to Ryan O'Donoghue who was part of the U12 Kerry schoolboys team in a 5-0 win over Mayo in Castlebar in the All Ireland semi final. Ryan contributed with two assists. Ryan & team can now look forward to the All Ireland final in a few weeks time.

ACADEMY continues every Tuesday evening 6:15pm to 7:15pm in Barraduff Community Field. Little legends 3 plus, U6 and U8 Boys, U6 and U8 girls. **All welcome!**

NOTES

If you would like anything added in the notes, please email to pro.glenflesk.kerry@gaa



Odhrán O'Sullivan who won a gold medal in the Community Games County Finals in U12 Cycling on Grass held in MTU Tralee last Friday.

BEAUFORT PARISH

By Bridget Hartnett

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Kathleen, John and family, Catriona and family, and all the extended Moloney and O'Connor families on the sad passing of Seán Moloney, Ballagh.

Our sympathy is also extended to Michael, Daniel and extended families on the passing of Susan O'Sullivan. May they rest in peace.

FIXTURES

Senior men will be away to Kerins O'Rahilly's, on Saturday, 3rd May in round 6, Co League, Div.1

RESULTS

Kenmare Shamrocks 6.14 Beaufort 1.10 in Senior Co League, round 5, Div. 6 Beaufort 1.17 Laune Rangers 1.15 in round 5, Senior Co League, Div.1.

MATCH REPORT

Beaufort minors made the trip to Kilcummin in round 3 of the East Kerry Div. 3 League on Monday evening, 21st April.

Beaufort started the game well and some fine teamwork, outstanding fielding and a well taken goal by Michael Culhane had the visitors leading at half time by 1.12 to 0.04.

Kilcummin improved their performance at the start of the 2nd half and reeled off some fine scores including a 2 pointer.

However, Beaufort responded helped by a goal and a 45 both from the boot of Kevin Coffey ran out comfortable winners in the end.

Final score Beaufort 2.18 Kilcummin 0.14

The lads will now face Firies in the final.

LOTTO

There was no winner of Beaufort G.A.A. Club lotto draw of €5,600 on Sunday, 27th April. Numbers: 9,10,12,19. Consolation Prizes: €80 Grace O'Sullivan, Gearha, €50 Jimmy Kennedy, Dunloe. Elliemai and Amelia Wrenn, Listry. Levenia Lyne, Coolmagort. The next draw for a jackpot of €5,800 will be on Sunday, 11th May.

Tickets €2 each or 3 for €5 available from usual sellers, shops, public houses and online at www.beaufortgaa.com. Thank you to everybody who support our lotto.

BEAUFORT PIONEER COUNCIL wish to express their most sincere thanks to the people who travelled from far and near who helped make the 75th Anniversary celebrations such a tremendous success.

SPA PARISH

By Leanne Cronin

CREDIT UNION SENIOR FOOTBALL COUNTY LEAGUE ROUND 5

Spa played Ballymacelligott in Spa on Sunday last, in a high scoring game Ballymac saw the advantage with goals in their favour. The game finished Spa 2-16 Ballymac 5-10.

In the next round Spa play Rathmore on 11th May in Rathmore at 2pm.

Our Junior men had a great win over Austin Stacks at home on Friday 25th in Group 7B. They will play Castleisland Desmond's on Friday 2nd May in Castleisland at 7pm.

LGFA

The Spa Senior Ladies were away to Firies for the 5th round of the Credit Union Donal Curtin Cup Division 3.

Firies opened the score line with two points from play but with Spa playing with a very strong wind were able to take a commanding lead into half time, leading 0-10 to 0-04.

Both sides will rue their wides and the opening few minutes of the second half followed the same pattern of wides but Firies settled better and now with the wind at their backs began to close in on Spa's lead to bring it within 2 points in the closing few minutes. Spa's work rate was high though and defended strong against Firies relentless attacks and were rewarded with a victory. It finished 1-11 to 1-09 to Spa. Spa are home to Austin Stacks this week.

CONGRATULATIONS to our Scór Sinsear 2025 All Ireland Rince Seit winners Liam Spillane, Kianan O Doherty, Darragh Brosnan, Diarmuid O

Donovan, Meghann Cronin, Katie Cronin, Anna O Connor and Katie O Connor. This is a three in a row success for the dance group and we are so very proud of their achievements.

NOTES

Any items for our notes please contact Leanne 085-7762411



Congratulations to our Scór Sinsear 2025 All Ireland Rince Seit winners Liam Spillane, Kianan O Doherty, Darragh Brosnan, Diarmuid O Donovan, Meghann Cronin, Katie Cronin, Anna O Connor and Katie O Connor. Photo: Michael Aherne Scór officer with Spa



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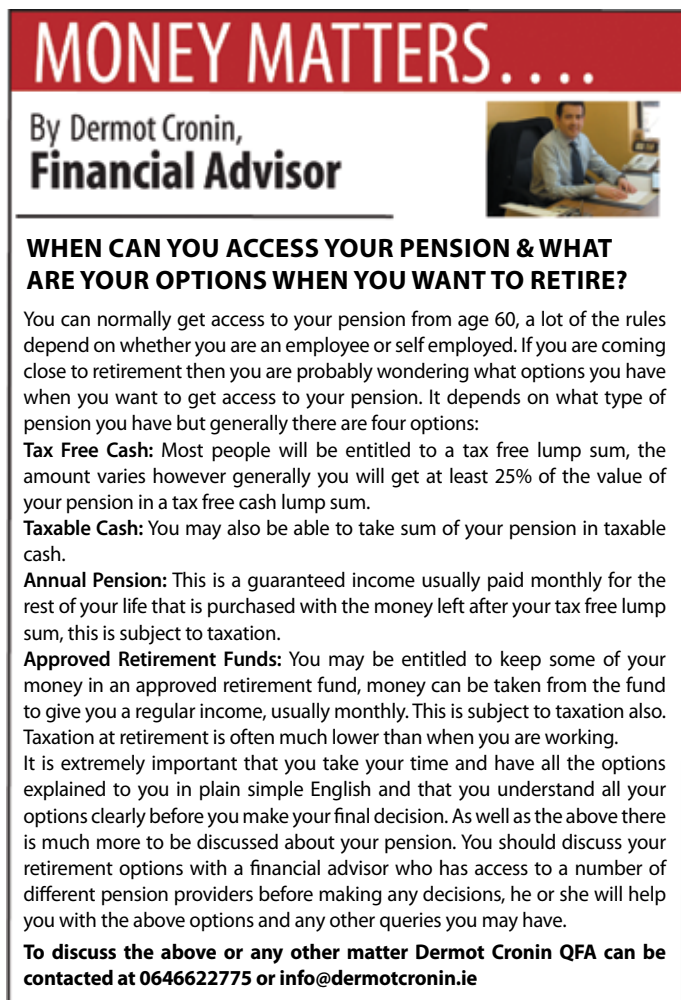
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TOGETHER FOR HOSPICE IS CALLING ON SCHOOLS, PRE-SCHOOLS, MONTESSORI'S AND CRECHES ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO HOST A HOSPICE SUNFLOWER FUN DAY THIS JUNE

Kerry Hospice Foundation is asking Montessori's, creches, pre-schools & primary schools across the county to host a Hospice Sunflower Fun Day this June to help them to raise vital funds as part of this year's Hospice Sunflower Days campaign.

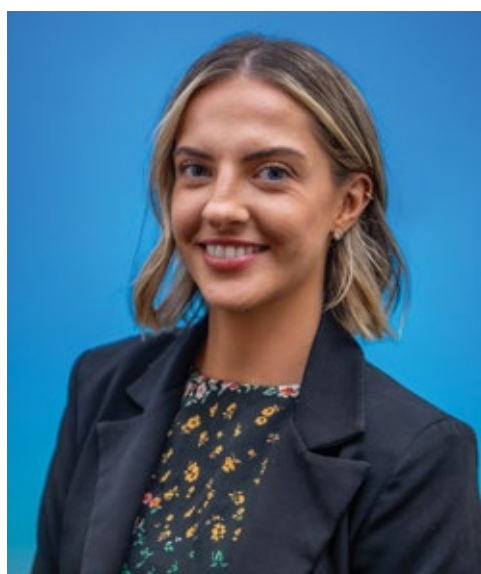
It has never been easier to get involved! Simply select the date in June you would like to run your Hospice Sunflower Fun Day and register at www.sunflowerdays.ie. Participants receive a welcome pack which includes colouring pages and sunflower seeds for the children to plant during the Fun Day. Families are asked to make a €2 donation, or whatever they can afford, with all funds raised going directly to Kerry Hospice Foundation.

Together for Hospice, The National Hospice Movement, represents 24 hospices nationwide and co-ordinates the annual Hospice Sunflower Days event. Every euro raised locally, stays locally and the funds raised play a vital role in supporting the delivery of specialist palliative care in communities across Ireland. The funds raised will be used to fund the 5 bed extension which will commence in June 2025 at a cost in excess of €6million.

For further information on how your school, pre-school, Montessori or creche can register to take part and host a Hospice Sunflower Fun Day this June to raise funds for Kerry Hospice Foundation simply log onto www.sunflowerdays.ie. You can also help Kerry Hospice Foundation by supporting their Hospice Sunflower Days on-street collections that will taking place on Friday, 6th and Saturday, 7th June 2025.



Maeve Dennehy from Love Cherish with cousins Liz Hourihan and Roisin O'Connell students of 1st class Ballinora NS photographed at the launch of Sunflower Fun Day at Marymount Hospice
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AOIFE KENNELLY

OFFICIALLY CO-OPTED ON TO KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

Aoife Kennelly was officially co-opted onto Kerry County Council at the April monthly meeting on Monday, filling the seat left vacant following her father Mike Kennelly's election to Seanad Éireann in February. She will also serve as a member of the Listowel Municipal District. At the meeting she was also nominated to be a member of Kerry County Council's Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee.

Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Breandán Fitzgerald officially welcomed Cllr. Kennelly and led the expressions of good wishes from all the Councillors.

Cllr. Kennelly's co-option was proposed by her Fine Gael colleague, Bobby O'Connell and seconded by Fianna Fail Cllr. Norma Moriarty.

Addressing the Council, Cllr. Kennelly said she was deeply honoured and that it was a source of immense pride to be co-opted onto the Council. Cllr. Kennelly said, 'I am looking forward to working with every Councillor. Each Councillor bring a unique perspective and essential voice to the Council chamber, working together to forge solutions and meaningful change, to build a better future for Kerry to ensure that it remains a wonderful place to live and work and raise a family'.

She paid tribute to her parents, and particularly her father Senator Mike Kennelly, whom she replaces as Councillor, 'I would like to thank you for showing what it means to serve with integrity and dedication, your passion for Kerry and the people of Kerry has always inspired me, and that is the reason I am here'.

Cllr Aoife Kennelly Electoral Area: Listowel of Kerry County Council

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KILLARNEY SWIMMING CLUB

Killarney Swimming Club was delighted to be back in the Tralee Sports Complex at the weekend for Kingdom Swimming Club's Invitational Gala. The club had 26 swimmers from 3 different squads competing at the two day event and each swimmer achieved at least one personal best. Overall we had 79 personal bests, 29 top three finishes with medals and of course a fantastic weekend of racing and fun! Results: Ella Cremin 1st 100IM, 100 Fly, 200 Free, 50 Breast; 2nd 50 Free, 50 Fly, 100 Free. Divo Lucic Kovacevic 1st 50 Breast, 2nd 100 Breast, 100IM, 400IM, 3rd 50 Fly, 50 Back, 100 Back. Evan O'Donoghue 1st 100IM and 400 Free, 2nd 200 Breast, 200IM, 50 Fly, 100 Breast. Aoife Daly 1st 100 Breast. Samuel O'Neill 2nd 50 Back. Daniel Cremin 2nd 50 Back. Hannah O'Connell, 2nd 50 Fly. Emma Sheehan 2nd 50 Breast. May O'Mahony 3rd 100IM. Katie Riordan 3rd 200Free and 50 Free. Emma Hallissey, 3rd 50 Fly.

KILLARNEY RFC

WHAT A FANTASTIC WAY TO WRAP UP OUR MINI RUGBY SEASON!

On aturday 26th April, we held our final Mini Rugby session of the 2024/25 season — and what a brilliant day it was! It was packed with fun, games, awards, and celebrations, as we recognised the amazing efforts and achievements of all our young players over the past year.

A huge highlight of the day was welcoming Munster Rugby players Jack Daly and Cian Hurley, who kindly came along to meet the kids and present medals and awards. It was such a special experience for the players to meet their heroes — thank you both for making it so memorable!

A massive thank you as well to all our coaches, parents, and volunteers who made this season such a success. We're already looking forward to another great year ahead!

We also took a special moment to pay tribute to two outstanding clubmen:

Liam Murphy, who is stepping back from Minis after an incredible 14 years of dedication.

Fergus Cronin, who is moving on to Youths Rugby after 7 years of fantastic commitment.

Thank you, gentlemen, for everything you have done to help grow and advance our club during your time in Minis. Your hard work, passion, and countless hours of service have left a lasting impact.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR U18.5 GIRLS!

On Friday 18th April, there was a brilliant win in Limerick for our combined Killarney, Iveragh, and Listowel U18.5 girls team, along with some loan players from Tralee & Killorglin who came away with a superb 29-12 victory in the plate final against Carrick-on-Suir.

Fantastic teamwork, determination, and skill on display from start to finish — well done to all the players and coaches.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE U16 GIRLS

What an epic battle in the Girls Clubs U16 Munster Plate Final on the 13th of April! A thrilling 31-29 win against a strong Kanturk/Fethard side.

Both teams were evenly matched and left everything on the

pitch — a fantastic game of rugby right to the final whistle. Congratulations to all the players and coaches on a brilliant performance!

BOYS U18.5 WEST MUNSTER CUP CHAMPIONS

A massive congratulations to our Killarney RFC U18.5 boys on an outstanding 36 - 20 victory over a strong Killorglin/Iveragh side in what was a thrilling and sporting West Munster Cup final! We're incredibly proud of the lads for their teamwork, resilience, and passion throughout the campaign.

A heartfelt thank you to our brilliant coaches — Feargal, Hughie, and Declan — whose time, energy, and commitment to the team have been second to none.

BOYS U16 WEST MUNSTER FINAL

Our U16 boys bowed out of the West Munster Cup at the weekend following a tough battle against a strong Rugbaí Chorca Dhuibhne side. Despite the result, the lads showed tremendous heart and determination throughout the match, crossing the whitewash for three well-earned tries and never giving up.

Huge credit to our players and coaches for the effort and commitment all season — the progress this group has made is something to be proud of.

WORKMEN'S ROWING CLUB

Despite variable weather over the weekend, several of our crews were able to get out on the water for valuable training sessions.

Looking ahead, our next sprints regatta will take place on Saturday, 3rd May 2025, at Reendonegan Lake in Bantry. Preparations are progressing well, and there's a strong sense of anticipation within the club as our crews gear up for competition. We look forward to a great day of racing and representation.

Regular training continues for all members as scheduled. Let's stay focused and build on the positive momentum.

KILLARNEY JUDO

MUNSTER TEAM AT THE INTERPROS

Last Sunday, 6 members of Killarney Judo Club were chosen to represent Munster in the inaugural Interpros in Dublin. This was a team based format where each province Munster, Ulster, Connacht and Leinster would fight for glory. As Judo is typically an individual sport, this added a heightened drama and team camaraderie compared to our usual events.

Each team had groups of 7 players and if the majority of your players won against a different province, you would take the winning point. This was a challenging event for Munster as we have the lowest membership across Ireland.

For our Minor Girls, four of the players from Killarney with one player from Cork City and Limerick City respectively which showed the strength of our local girls. After a gruelling opening loss against Ulster losing 4-3, Munster dominated Connacht winning 6 - 1 before beating Leinster 4-3. Ultimately, Munster won a well deserved Silver medal.



Killarney Swimming Club members Samuel O'Neill, Divo Lucic Kovacevic, Sean Farandon Coach, Dara Sheehan, Hannah O'Connell, Kate Kissane, Katie Riordan, Aoife Daly, Ella Cremin, Emma Sheehan, Michael Crowley, Evan O'Donoghue, May O'Mahony, Beibhinn Kiely.



Killarney Swimming Club members Evan O'Donoghue and Divo Lucic Kovacevic



Killarney Swimming Club member Emma Sheehan Silver Medal.



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Rian Horgan captaining the Minor Munster Boys team



Michelle Walsh, Zofie Kwiecinska (Limerick), Tim Kelly, Carolena Kelly, Danielle Walsh and Zarah Tomlinson

For our Minor Boys, we had one solo representative for Killarney, Rian Horgan amongst a strong team of Cork City and Waterford players. With tough wins against Ulster and Connacht, Munster ultimately lost to Leinster to earn a Silver Medal.

Furthermore, Zarah Tomlinson also fought in the Pre-Cadets to earn Bronze along with Coach Tim Kelly winning Bronze for the Senior Team.

Attention now turns to grading our players to their newest belts and perhaps a last chance for glory at the All Irelands Schools at the end of May. If anyone is interested in learning more about the club, please message us on Facebook or Instagram.

KILLARNEY BADMINTON CLUB

So much badminton on our last weekend. No luck for our division 3 team in Munster, losing their semi final 4-3. Everyone played so well & gave their all.

In Dublin Sinead Galvin was runner up in the Open Masters singles & doubles in her age category. Amazing achievement, as this competition is open to players outside of Ireland. Well done Sinead.

Next up for the Killarney Badminton Club is our

annual awards/dinner dance being held this year in the Rose Hotel Tralee on May 17 h. Please contact Kieran Crehan for tickets

And that's a wrap for badminton season 24/25 ... well done to all who put their names forward for all teams during the year, to all the winners and losers and also a fantastic well done to all those who got off the couch and came down for some social badminton during the winter months. It's not easy but you all are what makes Killarney Badminton Club a great place to play. Looking forward to welcoming all our members back next year ...

CALLINAFERCY 5K RUN/WALK/JOG

We are excited to announce the Callinafercy 5K Run/Walk/Jog, taking place this Saturday, May 3rd! The event will start from the Milltown Mart at 10:30am, with registration opening at 10:00am.

Whether you're running, walking, jogging – or just coming for the atmosphere – everyone is welcome! Bring your friends, your family, and your neighbours for what promises to be a fun-filled morning. There will be free teas and coffees available on the day to keep everyone refreshed and energized.

It's shaping up to be a fantastic family day out, with plenty of fun and smiles guaranteed. Come along, get active, and show your support for the club – we'd love to see you there!

KILLARNEY BRIDGE CLUB

A.G.M

The A.G.M of the Killarney bridge club took place on Monday April 14th. The club expressed a big thank you to, Ger McSweeney, outgoing president for all his hard work throughout the year. A big welcome to our new president Carmel McSweeney. We wish her every success in her new post. We would also like to thank Ciatan Broadbery, Maureen Culloty, Therese o Shea and Sheila Spillane for their expertise and attention to detail over the last couple of years on committee.

The club president (Ger McSweeney) prize was won by the very popular pairing of Michael McHugh and Maura B Moynihan.

BRIDGE WILL CONTINUE in the Mon school, New Rd every Monday night at 6.45 new members and visitors holidaying In Killarney are very welcome.



Members of Killarney Badminton Club



Sinead Galvin (Killarney) and partner Miriam Rohan (Castleisland)



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- Know what matters to you and what is acceptable and what is not. This gives you a great grounding for making decisions and choices based on what truly is important in your life.
- You don't need to explain your reasons or yourself (engaging in a dialogue sometimes makes things more complicated). Keep your answers simple, short and sweet.
- Use "I statements" rather than "You" statements. For example, instead of saying, "You always want to do things your way." Say, "I prefer to do things like this."
- Remember that you are not responsible for how other people feel.
- When someone is pushing their opinion on you, simply honour and acknowledge the other person's view point and then give your own. For example, "I can see why you think that... it is an interesting point of view, however, I think of it like this."

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As we get older our bone density naturally decreases causing them to be more fragile and more susceptible to fractures. Conditions such as osteopenia and osteoporosis are becoming more and more common especially in women after menopause. The good news is that we can slow or reduce bone density loss through exercise.

When you move your body especially through resistance or weight bearing exercises, it puts stress on our bones. This stress is good and causes the bones to become denser and stronger in order to handle the load.

The great news is that simple lifestyle changes can make a huge difference. Weight bearing exercises such as walking or dancing can easily be included into your daily routine and assists bone growth. Try to aim to get at least 30 minutes of eight bearing exercises every day.

Strength training in the gym or at home 2-3 times per week builds muscle and increases the strength put on bones which in turn strengthen them. Start small by doing bodyweight exercises or using a resistance band and make sure to include rest days!

Exercise isn't just about how you look but more about how you feel. Prioritising bone health can help prevent serious injuries and boost your activity levels and independence in the future.

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WHAT IS BLEPHARITIS?

Blepharitis causes eyelids to become red, swollen and inflamed. It doesn't normally cause serious damage to the eyes, but it can be very uncomfortable. It tends to be a long-term condition, which means you're likely to need ongoing treatment. Severe cases do have a risk of causing long-term damage, but fortunately these are quite rare.

TYPES OF BLEPHARITIS

There are two main types of blepharitis – anterior and posterior.

Anterior blepharitis

When the front (anterior) part of the eyelids becomes sore, this can be caused by an infection, allergy or a general sensitivity to bacteria present on the eyelids. It can also be associated with some scalp conditions, such as very dry or oily skin and dandruff.

Posterior blepharitis

Also known as meibomian gland dysfunction (MGD) is when the glands that make the oily part of your tears become blocked. Both types of blepharitis can cause dry eye or make it worse if you already have it. Many people will have a combination of blepharitis, meibomian gland dysfunction and dry eye.

RISK FACTORS

Blepharitis is more common in people over the age of 50, but anyone can develop it. This is often because the glands that make the normal tears, particularly the oily part of

the tears, tend to become less effective as you get older.

SYMPTOMS

Blepharitis can cause crusting and white scales may stick to the roots of eyelashes. Your eyelid edges may become red and your eyes will feel gritty, burning, sore or itchy. If you experience these symptoms, make an appointment with your optometrist.

TREATMENT

There is a range of products designed especially for treating blepharitis, such as sterile pads, individual moist wipes and separate cleaning solutions.

As part of the treatment, you need to remove all the crusting and debris from the edge of your eyelids and from between your eyelashes. You should use a special lid cleaning product. Treatment of blepharitis is a long-term procedure. You may not see any improvement for several weeks.

Continue the treatment twice a day for at least one month, then less often as it starts to get better. You will probably need to continue to clean your lids at least twice a week to help prevent the blepharitis from returning.

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TIDY TOWNS INSURANCE

The news that Tidy Towns committees will no longer have to fund insurance premiums due to a partnership between Local Authorities and the Irish Public Bodies Insurance, has been warmly welcomed by Kerry Fianna Fáil TD, Michael Cahill.

"This is great news for hard pressed local voluntary Tidy Towns committees all over the country and I know from talking to members in Kerry that, depending on the size of your village or town, these premiums are pretty significant. Worthy projects on their books can now be progressed with the freeing up of these funds, which are so difficult to source anyway" stated



Deputy Cahill.

"The fantastic work that is done on a volunteer basis by Tidy Towns committees in Ireland is very visible to us all and I would like to take this opportunity of extending my personal appreciation to everyone who gives of their time so selflessly on behalf of their local

Ministers announce additional resources for Local Authorities as they prepare to move to the national electoral registration system

Total funding allocation for 2025 is now €3m – building on significant progress to date

Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage James Browne TD, and Minister of State with responsibility for Local Government and Planning John Cummins TD, today (Monday 28 April) announced additional staffing for local authorities to intensify work on their electoral register data. The additional resources, agreed with the County and City Management Association, will be in addition to existing staff, and to the €1.7m already allocated to Local Authorities across the country this year to build on work done in 2023 and 2024.

The Ministers have now made over €3m available to local authorities for 2025 as they enter a critical phase of the electoral registration modernisation project.

The two elements of funding will enable local authorities to build on progress in 2023 and 2024 to update the electoral register and in addition, will put in place two additional staff resources in each local authority specifically to address identified data issues in preparation for the move to the new national electoral registration system in 2026.

The Electoral Reform Act 2022 made significant changes to the electoral registration process, including introducing rolling voter registration and enabling online applications. More than 880,000 online applications to register as a voter have been received and processed by Local Authorities.



Killarney Celebrates Becoming Autism Friendly Town in Partnership with AsIAm Killarney Gardaí, Sgt Dermot O'Connell, Chief Superintendent John Ryan and Garda Cathy Murphy with Joe Shannon, AIB, Killarney and Denis O'Donoghue, Autism Killarney at a special function celebrating Killarney being designated Autism Friendly Town in the Killarney Plaza Hotel on Thursday. Photo: Don MacMonagle

HOUSING CRISIS

Kerry's newest County Councillor, Fianna Fáil's Tommy Cahill, has identified the provision of Planning Permission for homes on family-owned land in the county, as one of the key factors in tackling the housing crisis.

"I believe that Planning Permission rules need to be loosened up a little to facilitate the building of more homes for our young people setting out in life and that we must come up with new initiatives to encourage and support it. I'd like South Kerry/Iveragh to be a pilot area to develop cluster/community housing for all of our people. We need Kerry County Council to come on board and initiate a scheme of low cost sites to get people up onto the property ladder" stated the Rossbeigh Councillor.

"Kerry County Council have responded to my suggestions by advising that their Planning Department offers a pre-planning service and will actively engage with landowners and other stakeholders who wish to develop such an initiative. I welcome that, but I would go one step further and say that KCC should be leading this initiative on behalf of the people of Kerry" said Councillor Cahill.

"Let's put a proper framework around this, utilise the expertise we have within Kerry County Council, identify initiatives and funding, lobby our Government to legislate appropriately in order that affordable homes can be built in Kerry in an orderly manner. If we all put our heads together, have an open mind on the way forward, we will discover solutions to this housing shortage" said Tommy Cahill. "Planning laws and Wastewater Treatment issues are two major obstacles that must be dealt with. If we crack these two nuts, we will be heading in the right direction on housing unit supply" added Councillor Cahill.



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TG4 Munster Senior Championship – Round 1

KERRY OFF TO A WINNING START

Cork 0-10 Kerry 1-13

By **Anthony Newman**

Kerry got the defence of their TG4 Munster Senior Championship crown off to a winning start at Cloughduv on Saturday.

The reigning provincial and All-Ireland champions did all the damage in the first half and by the break they led by 1-11 to 0-3, with Siofra O'Shea and Danielle O'Leary, Player of the Match in the recent Lidl NFL Division 1 Final, doing most of the damage up front.

They were playing with the aid of a strong wind and used it to their full advantage and it was always going to be difficult for Cork to overcome that lead.

Cork started without their dual players but the introduction of Aoife Healy and Libby Coppinger, after 24 minutes, helped steady the ship for Cork as they came back at Kerry after half-time.

But the experience of Kerry was too much for Cork in the end as they ran out deserving winners, particularly on their first half display. The Kingdom took the lead four minutes in when O'Shea set up O'Leary for the game's opening goal.

O'Leary added a point from the restart as the Kingdom were using the strong wind in their favour to their advantage.

O'Shea added another and with ten minutes gone they were 1-3 to no score up, with Katie Brosnan also scoring.

Lydia McDonagh got Cork off the mark, but Kerry kept driving forward as Caoimhe Evans increased their lead.

Rachel Dwyer, O'Shea and O'Leary all added points as the defending champions led by 1-7 to 0-1.

Katie Quirke got Cork's second point from a free, with O'Shea replying at the other end to keep them well ahead.

A great run from Melissa Duggan saw her score Cork's third point, with O'Shea again replying for the visitors.

Evans and O'Leary both scored before half-time to see Kerry well in control at the break, leading by 1-11 to 0-3.

All credit to Cork as they took the game to Kerry in the second half and now with the strong wind at their backs, it was their turn to drive forward in search of scores.

Quirke got their first from a free with Abigail Ring also on target as Kerry were finding it hard to get out of their own half.

Two more from Quirke, one a free, made it 0-7 to 1-11 after 40 minutes as Kerry had yet to get a shot off since the restart.

Emma Cleary added another and Quirke pointed a free to close the gap further, making it 0-9 to 1-11.

O'Shea got Kerry's first score of the second half, after 48 minutes, from a free, before Cork thought they had a penalty.

THE KERRY TEAM V CORK



Anna Galvin (9), Mary O'Connell (8), Aishling O'Connell (5)
Cork No 10. Abbie O'Mahony

Photos by Colbert O'Sullivan



Aoife Healy was fouled but after consulting with his umpires the referee awarded a free, which Quirke duly scored to put five between the sides.

O'Shea rounded off the scoring from another free to see Kerry get their title defence off to a winning start.

Scorers for Kerry: D O'Leary 1-3, S O'Shea 0-6 (4f), C Evans 0-2, K Brosnan, R Dwyer 0-1 each. Cork: K Quirke 0-6 (5f), L McDonagh, M Duggan, A Ring, E Cleary 0-1 each.

KERRY: ME Bolger; F O'Donoghue, D Kearney, E Lynch; A O'Connell, N Broderick, A Dillane; M O'Connell, A Galvin; C Evans, N Ní Chonchúir, K Brosnan; D O'Leary, R Dwyer, S O'Shea. Subs: N Carmody for R Dwyer, C Lynch for N Broderick (both ht), J Lucey for K Brosnan (41), R Rahilly for C Evans (52), L Boyle for D O'Leary (60).

CORK: S Murphy; D Kiniry, S Kelly, M Duggan; E O'Shea, S Cronin, R Corkery; A Corcoran, S McGoldrick; A O'Mahony, L O'Mahony, E Cleary; A Ring, L McDonagh, K Quirke.

Subs: A Healy for S McGoldrick, L Coppinger for A Corcoran (both 26), L Hallihan for L McDonagh (41), C O'Shea for R Corkery, H Looney for L O'Mahony (both 52).

Referee: Patrick Smith, Waterford.

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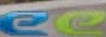
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ROSS GOLF CLUB

RESULTS

On April 26th and 27th we held a stableford competition.

The winners were :-

1st: Lucas Cronin 40 (18)

2nd: Denis Casey 36(19)

Division 1

1st: Trevor Nagle 35 (8)

Division 2

1st: Rolandas Bendikas 35 (16)

Division 3

1st: Eoin Moriarty 30 (28)

On Thursday April 24th our Seniors held a 10 hole stableford competition.

The winners were :-

1st: Donal Doherty (11) 21 pts

2nd: Ned Buckley (10) 21pts

3rd: Mossie Cremin (8) 20 pts

4th: Pat Mitchell (12) 19 pts

PIERCE PURCELL COMPETITION

Our Ross GC team travelled to Kenmare on Sunday to play our hosts in this competition.

It was a titanic battle played in good conditions however after a great performance Kenmare won on the second play-off hole. Well done to the Ross team and Manager.

SYMPATHY

We offer our sympathy to Ross GC member Noel Parker on the recent passing of his mother, Mary. R.I.P.

FIXTURE

On Saturday May 3rd and Sunday May 4th we will hold the Sahara Cup stableford competition.

CASTLEROSSE GOLF CLUB (LADIES)

RESULTS OF THIS WEEK'S COMPETITION: 9 HOLE STABLEFORD

1st: Nuala Ward

2nd: Finola Geary

3rd: Kay Malone

SOCIAL GOLF

Social golf every Thursday at 10.30am. Book on BRS.

GET INTO GOLF

The Get Into Golf is an 8 week beginners programme and will begin on Monday, 12th May, 2025, from 7.00 to 8.30 pm. This is



Pictured at Ross Golf Club are Front (l to r): Peter Wickham, Captain, Lucas Cronin, John Cuskelly, CK Decorators, Sponsor, Tristan Eadie, Seamus McCarthy
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ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB

It was great to have seen so many ladies on the course on Saturday

18 HOLE RESULTS

1st: Jennifer Nash

2nd: Elaine Casey

3rd: Brenda Kelleher

4th: Ailish Mulcahy

9 HOLE RESULTS

1st: Emir Coffey

2nd: Kaye Cremin

3rd: Susan Shorten

COMPETITIONS

Saturday 3rd May 2025, 9 & 18 hole single Stableford qualifying competition. Booking through the BRS.

Mixed Scramble 5th May very kindly sponsored by Joe scally, Hayfield Manor

LADIES GET INTO GOLF

The Get into Golf is starting up again this season. Wednesday evenings June 4th to July 9th. Please Contact Breda on 087 4629501 for further information and booking.

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS MEET & PLAY

Meet and play every Wednesday morning. Meet in the Club House 10.00am tee off 10.30am. All members welcome.

GOLF LESSONS

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2nd: Carol Shanahan, Carol Ryan, Donna Roche, 90pts

3rd: Cathy Barry, Fiona O'Toole, Miriam O'Donnell, 88pts (Last Six Holes)

4th: Aoife Twomey, Elaine O'Sullivan, Maeve Doohan 88pts

18 HOLE SINGLE STABLEFORD kindly sponsored by GMIB played on Killeen Course



The Dr Crokes GAA Club Golf Society recent outing at Waterville Golf Club was in memory of the late Denis Coffey, former member, player and officer. Pictured at the prizegiving function in The Speakeasy Bar Killarney were from left, Liam Hartnett, President, Noreen Coffey, Joey Sheehan, Captain, James Jones (overall winner) and Catherine Coffey.



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6th: Noreen Coffey (18) 34pts
7th: Kay O'Connor (15) 33pts Back 9

11 Holes Winner

Anne Wren (30) 19pts

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

This May Bank Holiday Sunday- May 4th- due to road closures associated with the Munster Football Final in Fitzgerald Stadium at 1.45pm the same day we will be closed for play that morning and until the duration of said road closures ends.

WILLIE PARKER MEMORIAL

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OPENING HOURS

The club wish to clarify that in order for the general public to enquire as to whether we are open at present they must contact 087 7823138 in advance regarding same. Our opening hours for the summer months (June, July and August) are 12pm-8pm (Weekdays) and 12pm-6pm (Weekends).

SUMMER SERIES

Please note this year we will be running a summer series in a scramble format from next Wednesday May 7th onwards. Full details on the club noticeboard currently. Looking forward to seeing everyone there on the night.

BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB

MEN'S RESULTS SUNDAY 27TH APRIL

18 HOLE STABLEFORD SPONSORED BY M D O'SHEA KILLARNEY.

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2nd: Terry Ahern (20) 42 points
3rd: Michael Kissane (22) 41 points
1st: Patrick Browne (20) 38 points
2nd: Vincent Hussey (17) 35 points (back 9)
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"We've had a phenomenal season with highs and lows and wish to share our successes with Enda who played a huge role this season and is a worthy recipient of the Club person of the Year", James Fleming said on social media.

"Enda was always in the background organising logistics for home & away games. He did super work as PRO reporting on every game and did not shy away from taking up the microphone at the home games. He was on call at the drop of a hat and no job went undone. He was selfless with his time and was always on the end of the phone when required. We are delighted to recognise Enda for this truly deserved award. Thanks for everything Enda", he added





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Conor and Siobhan O'Donoghue, with their children, Anna and Timmy O'Donoghue, taking part in the Killarney National Park Nature Education Centre Easter Family Nature FunDay at Muckross School House.



David Buckley with Mollie and Óisín Buckley, taking part in the Killarney National Park Nature Education Centre Easter Family Nature FunDay at Muckross School House



Nell Sheehan and Klara O'Connor, taking part in the Killarney National Park Nature Education Centre Easter Family Nature FunDay at Muckross School House



Siobhan McAllister, left and Tara Buckley, Killarney National Park Education Centre, delighting children at the Easter Family Nature FunDay at Muckross School House.

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EASTER FAMILY FUN AT KILLARNEY NATIONAL PARK NATURE EDUCATION CENTRE

Photos:Valerie O'Sullivan



Charlie Cahill, taking part in the Killarney National Park Nature Education Centre Easter Family Nature FunDay at Muckross School House.



David Fitzgerald with Breda Moriarty and their Children, Pádraic and Máire Fitzgerald, taking part in the Killarney National Park Nature Education



Mollie Buckley, taking part in the Killarney National Park Nature Education Centre Easter Family Nature FunDay at Muckross School House.



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TEAMS

The Club u12 A squad had a great Division 1 home win against Camp Juniors B. Goals from Fabian Mrotek, Jack Cooper & Dermot Nealon sealed the win with excellent performances by Gavin Sheehan, Micheal Griffin, Diarmuid Sheehy, Cole Buckley, Marcus O Sullivan, Sean Evans & Jack Sheehy. This win guarantees second position on the Table. Well done to the squad & management on their season with the squad still involved in the cup.

The club u13 B squad finished off their season with a 5-1 Home win to Killarney Celtic B with the game being tied at 1-1 at the break. The club has three u15 players with the Kerry schoolboy inter league squad who are participating in the Barcelona cup. Ryan Vickers, Eoin Casey & Jamie O'Brien are flying the club flag & as of the time of writing the squad have topped their group & made it to the semi final of the competition.

SYMPATHY

The club offers its Condolences to the Finn Family, Furies on the passing of Teresa & sympathy also to the Allen & Courtney families, Ballyhar on the passing of Con. May both rest in peace.

KERRY SCHOOLBOY/GIRL SOCCER

KERRY U15 BOYS CROWNED CHAMPIONS AT BARCELONA INTERNATIONAL CUP

The Kerry U15 Boys enjoyed an unforgettable weekend in Spain, delivering a series of outstanding performances to claim the Barcelona International Cup in style. Undefeated throughout the tournament and conceding just a single goal, the boys represented their league with immense pride, earning international praise for their skill,

discipline, and sportsmanship.

From the very first whistle, Kerry set the tone. They opened their campaign with a commanding 5-0 victory over Hanover Harps, displaying sharp passing, clinical finishing, and relentless energy. Ryan Vickers got Kerry off the mark before Cade Jameson powered home a second just before halftime. After the break, Eoin Casey, Oisín Cryan, and Kiernan Kelly added to the tally, sealing an emphatic opening win.

Their second group game proved a much tougher test against a strong and physical US Millery Vourles side. Opportunities were scarce, but Kerry's disciplined backline held firm, grinding out a valuable 0-0 draw and securing a second consecutive clean sheet to keep their momentum alive.

Saving their best for last, Kerry produced a scintillating attacking display in their final group game, defeating Swindon Town 8-0. Darragh Keane stole the show with a superb hat-trick, while Ryan Vickers, Cade Jameson, Lú MacGearailt, Donnacha Vaughan, and Lachlan Scannell all got on the scoresheet. It was a dominant statement performance, sending Kerry into the knockout stages unbeaten, full of confidence, and yet to concede a goal.

The semi-final against Don Bosco FC saw Kerry pick up right where they left off. Adrian O'Connor opened the scoring early before Darragh Keane doubled the advantage with another composed finish. Cade Jameson added a third before halftime to put Kerry firmly in control. Keane completed the 4-0 victory with his second of the game in the second half, securing their spot in the final with another dominant display.

In the tournament decider against Aquinas FC, Kerry once again came flying out of the traps. Darragh Keane settled the nerves with an early goal, and two quickfire strikes from Cade Jameson gave Kerry a commanding 3-0 lead at the interval. Aquinas pulled one back after the break, but Kerry's solid defence and game management ensured there would be no late drama, as they closed out a deserved 3-1 win to be crowned Barcelona International Cup champions.

It was a weekend that showcased not just Kerry's attacking firepower, but also their resilience, organisation, and teamwork,



Ballyhar Dynamos FC Kerry u15s who who won the Barcelona cup over the weekend. Congratulations to Ryan Vickers, Eoin Casey & Jamie O'Brien, their team mates & management.

hallmarks of a group that played with heart and intelligence throughout. Every member of the squad contributed to a truly special achievement on international soil.

There was further individual recognition for the team's standout performers. Evan Foley was awarded Best Goalkeeper of the Tournament after an outstanding weekend between the posts, Darragh Keane claimed the Top Goalscorer award for his prolific finishing, and Cade Jameson was deservedly named Best Player of the Tournament for his all-round brilliance. These accolades reflected the collective strength of a squad that left their mark on the competition in style. All 16 boys who travelled over played their part, and while their Inter League campaign ended in defeat, this was a great way to conclude the campaign for an impressive group.

KERRY U15 GIRLS FINISH RUNNERS UP IN COPA DURADA CUP

It all came down to one final game for the Kerry U15 Girls in their pursuit of Copa Daurada silverware. Despite a brave effort, they narrowly lost to Knocknacarra FC, a team they had defeated 1-0 on the opening day.

Kerry started their campaign with a strong 2-1 victory over Lancy FC, with goals from Leona



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u12 A squad who thanks to their home win against Camp Juniors finished 2nd in Division 1 of the Kerry schoolboy league.



Kerry U15 Boys Barcelona Cup

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Meaney and Saoirse Brosnan setting the tone for the tournament. Just 90 minutes later, they faced fellow Irish side Knocknacarra FC. In a tightly contested battle, Izzy Lyons' clinical finish secured another hard-fought 1-0 win.

Day two continued in similar fashion, with Kerry picking up two more impressive wins. They overcame German outfit SpVgg06 Ketsch 3-1, thanks to a brace from Eilidh Cregan and a goal from Meaney. Later that day, in the searing Salou heat, they edged past Limerick County 1-0, with Meabh Kennedy's sweetly struck free-kick, her first goal for Kerry, proving decisive and sparking memorable celebrations.

Riding a wave of momentum, Kerry entered their final group game on Thursday morning full of confidence. Against Swiss side AS Gambarogno, they produced a brilliant attacking performance, running out 6-1 winners. Izzy Lyons led the way with a superb hat-trick, while Taylor-Kate Leen, Saoirse Brosnan, and Eilidh Cregan also found the net. Having won five from five, the girls set up a rematch against Knocknacarra FC in the tournament decider. In a tense and fiercely competitive final, one goal ultimately separated the sides.

Knocknacarra struck with just 12 minutes to play. Kerry poured forward in search of an equaliser, leaving just a solitary defender at the back as they camped inside their opponent's half. Despite relentless pressure, Knocknacarra's defence held firm to deny Kerry a dramatic leveller.

Though they fell just short of the trophy, the Kerry U15 Girls can hold their heads high after an incredible week of football, showing skill, spirit, and heart throughout their Copa Daurada journey. It will give them great confidence against Sligo-Leitrim next month, as they look to pick up a national title.

Kerry U12 Boys March into All-Ireland Bowl Final

AN OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN CASTLEBAR SAW THE KERRY U12 BOYS DEFEAT MAYO IN THE ALL-IRELAND BOWL SEMI-FINAL WITH A COMMANDING 4-0 DISPLAY.

Kerry set the tone early, with captain Cillian Daly opening the scoring after just 10 minutes, finishing coolly to give his side the advantage. Tadhg Gilligan then doubled the lead with a superb long-range strike, sending Kerry into the break 2-0 ahead.

The visitors continued to dominate after the restart. Gilligan struck again, adding his second goal of the day to stretch Kerry's advantage further. Substitute James Tansley capped off the performance, finding the net twice to seal a memorable victory.

It was a true team effort, with all 16 players contributing tirelessly and showcasing their energy, composure, and determination throughout the contest, a display that left the Kerry coaching staff full of pride.

With this impressive win, Kerry now march into the All-Ireland Bowl Final brimming with confidence after a brilliant all-round performance.

GIRLS

LB EDGE PAST INTER KENMARE TO REACH

U12 DIVISION 2 FINAL

LB Rovers booked their place in the U12 Girls Division 2 Final after a hard-fought 1-0 win over Inter Kenmare A.

In a tight and competitive semi-final, it was Seoda Barron who proved the difference, scoring the only goal of the game to send LB Rovers through.

MEK AND PARK ADVANCE TO U15 GIRLS MARY LYNE PERPETUAL CUP FINAL

The semi-finals of the U15 Girls Mary Lyne Perpetual Cup produced exciting encounters, with MEK and Park emerging victorious to secure their places in the final.

MEK booked their spot in the final with a solid 3-0 victory over Camp. Izzy Lyons was the standout player, scoring twice, while Isabelle O'Connor also found the back of the net to seal the win.

ST BRENDAN'S PARK OVERCAME KILLARNEY ATHLETIC 2-1 IN A THRILLING ENCOUNTER

Athletic's Sophie O'Shea found the net for the hosts, but Park, through Nessa Kirby and Laura Heaphy, had enough firepower to advance into the decider.

U12 Dominic Scanlon Cup Q/F

Listowel Celtic 3-1 Park

U12 Girls Division 2 S/Final

Tralee Dynamos 2-1 Inter Kenmare B

Inter Kenmare A 0-1 LB Rovers

U13 Girl's Brid Devane Perpetual Cup Q/F

Fenit 0-4 Killarney Athletic

Killarney Celtic 5-4 Dingle

U13 Girl's Brid Devane Perpetual Shield S/F

Camp 4-3 LB Rovers AET

MEK 2-1 Ballyhar AET

U14 Girls Division 1

Killorglin 4-0 Mastergeeha

U15 Girls Mary Lyne Perpetual Cup S/F

MEK 3-0 Camp

Park 2-1 Killarney Athletic

U16 Girls O Leary Cup

Inter Kenmare 6-0 Killarney Athletic

BOYS

U12 Boys All Ireland Semi-Final

Mayo 0-5 Kerry

U12 Boys Premier

Killarney Celtic A 0-2 Park A

Killorglin A 1-1 Camp A

Killarney Athletic A 4-0 Dingle A

Iveragh United 1-0 Listowel Celtic

U12 Boys Div 1

MEK A 2-5 Tralee Dynamos A

Ballyhar A 7-1 Camp B

Killarney Celtic B 0-0 LB Rovers A

U12 Boys Div 2 (North)

Ardfert 2-0 Castleisland C

Park D 3-0 Fenit C w/o

U12 Boys Div 2 (South)

Killarney Athletic C 1-1 Killorglin B

U13 Boys Premier

Castleisland 0-6 Dingle

U13 Division 2 North Result

Ballyhar B 5-1 Killarney Celtic D

Listowel Celtic C 1-4 Castleisland B

U14 Boy's Tom Hayes Cup/Shield Round 1

Listowel A 3-1 Mastergeeha A AET

U14 Boy's Tom Hayes Trophy Round 1

Fenit B 4-3 Mastergeeha B

U14 Boys Premier

Killarney Celtic A 6-0 Inter Kenmare A

Park 2-2 Killorglin

Iveragh A 3-0 Castleisland A w/o

U14 Boys Division 2 (North)

Castleisland B 0-6 Killarney Athletic B

U14 Boys Division 2 (South)

Killarney Athletic C 1-5 Killorglin B

Mastergeeha B 2-5 Listowel Celtic B

Iveragh B 1-2 Killarney Celtic B

U15 Boys Healy Family Cup/Shield

Mastergeeha B 0-1 Killarney Celtic

Listowel Celtic A 0-3 Killarney Celtic B w/o

U15 Boy's Healy Family Trophy Q/F

Camp A 3-4 LB Rovers AET

U15 Boy's Healy Family Trophy S/F

Inter Kenmare B 4-3 Tralee Dynamos B

U15 Boys Division 1

MEK 5-7 Listowel Celtic

U16 Boys Premier

Tralee Dynamos A 1-3 Killarney Athletic A

Mastergeeha 0-5 Park A

Inter Kenmare A 0-3 Killarney Celtic A

U16 Boys Division 1

Camp A 5-1 Mastergeeha B

Iveragh A 3-0 Ballyhar A

BOYS TEAM OF THE WEEK

1. Joseph Bruce (Iveragh United U12)
2. Thomas Mulvihill (Killarney Celtic U12)
4. Dermot Nealon (Ballyhar Dynamos U12)
5. Kyle O'Flaherty (St Brendan's Park U12)
3. Cian McGill (Killarney Celtic U14)
6. Robbie Conway (Killorglin U14)
7. Fionn McGrath (Ardfert U12)
8. Gearald O'Grady (MEK Galaxy U12)
9. Luke O'Carroll (St Brendan's Park U16)
10. Malachy Audley (Killarney Athletic U14)
11. Yevhenii Mamontov (Castleisland U13)

GIRLS ROLL OF HONOUR

1. Elizabeth Downing (Inter Kenmare)
2. Ella Crowley (Killarney Athletic)
4. Ava Dewey (St Brendan's Park)
5. Roisin O'Sullivan (Killarney Athletic)
3. Mary O'Donoghue (MEK Galaxy)
6. Sadhbh O'Brien (Tralee Dynamos)
8. Nessa Kirby (St Brendan's Park)
7. Freya Nolan (LB Rovers)
10. Kayla O'Neill (Camp Juniors)
9. Izzy Lyons (MEK Galaxy)
11. Seoda Barron (LB Rovers)

KILLARNEY CELTIC

CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 9,10,18,27. No jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €50. Next jackpot €15,000 on Monday May 5th. Jackpot is capped at €15,000 with the additional €200 going on to the 1st jackpot after the next jackpot win. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through clubzap.

CHARLEVILLE CHEESE PREMIER

Classic FC 1-6 Killarney Celtic

Blake Bolster 2, Jason Kerins 2, Terry Sparling, Cillian Coffey

Celtic bounced back to winning ways with a comprehensive win last week in Tralee. Celtic were ahead on 15 mins through Blake Bolster. Jason Kerins added a 2nd to leave Celtic 2 up at the break. Further goals from Jason Kerins and Blake Bolster had Celtic clear before Classic

FC reduced the deficit. Celtic finished off the contest with further goals from Terry Sparling and Cillian Coffey. Celtic remain on target for the league final as they stay top of the table.

U16 PREMIER

Inter Kenmare 0-3 Killarney Celtic

Fernando Dominguez 2, Luca Mosca

Celtic U16s put in a good performance away to Inter Kenmare to claim all 3 points. Celtic goals came from Fernando Dominguez and Luca Mosca.

U15 HEALY CUP

Mastergeeha B 0-1 Killarney Celtic

Lachlan Scannell

In a game played last week Celtic A overcame a dogged Mastergeeha B thanks to a 2nd half strike from Lachlan Scannell.

U14 PREMIER

Killarney Celtic 7-0 Inter Kenmare

Cormac O'Sullivan 3, Emmanuel Iheme 2, Cillian Scannell, Paul McGrath

Celtic A overcame Inter Kenmare last week. Celtic were clear leaders after a quick start and the team continued to play good football to run out convincing winners.

U14 DIV 2 SOUTH

Iveragh 1-2 Killarney Celtic

Jack Kissane, Fionn Culloty

Celtic U14B overcame a stiff test away to Iveragh to remain on top of the division. Celtic led in the 1st half before Iveragh responded in the 2nd half. Celtic regrouped to grab a late winner to stay top.

U13 DIV 2 NORTH

Ballyhar Dyn 5-1 Killarney Celtic

Ryan Casey

U12 PREMIER

Killarney Celtic 0-2 St Brendan's Park



Killarney Celtic U17 Girls runners up in the Copa Daurada in Spain.

In this top of the table clash which Celtic had to win, it was Park who grabbed the goals to take the league title. Both teams had chances with Celtic carrying the game to the Park. However Park grabbed the important breakthrough goal and took the win.

U12 DIV 1

Killarney Celtic 0-0 LB Rovers

Despite the best efforts of both teams a draw was the outcome.

WELL DONE to our U10 and U11 squads who played in the knockout stages of the various competitions last week.

GIRLS

Well done to our U17 Girls squad who finished runners up in their tournament in the Copa Daurada in Spain over Easter.

U13 BRID DEVANE CUP

Killarney Celtic 5-4 Dingle Bay Rovers AET

Leah Mannix 3, Seodhna O'Sullivan 2

Celtic U13 Girls came from 4-1 down to peg back Dingle and qualify for the next round. Celtic had to work extremely hard to come back in normal time but once they hit the front in extra time they dominated the game.

WELL DONE to Cian McGill U13/14 and Thomas Mulvihill U12 who made the KSBGL Team of the Week.

CONGRATS to Lachlan, Kiernan and Stephen who were part of the u15 Kerry Inter League squad who won their tournament in the Barcelona Cup



Kerry U15 Girls Copa Daurada



Kerry U12 Boys All Ireland Semi-Final



Killarney Athletic A.F.C.

U16 Premier Result

Tralee Dynamos 1 - 3 Killarney Athletic

Our U16's rounded off a very good league campaign with a decent win away to Tralee Dynamos. With both squads down a few bodies, there was plenty of good football between the teams, with really good goals from Darragh, Leo and Jack. We look forward now to our cup final with Killarney Celtic on May 10th

Killarney Cycling Club Gears Up for Annual Three Peaks Challenge in Support of Killarney Cardiac Response Unit

The Killarney Cycling Club is proud to announce the return of its much-loved Three Peaks Cycling Challenge, taking place on Saturday, 14th June 2025. This year, the event is pedalling with purpose, with all proceeds going to support the vital work of the Killarney Cardiac Response Unit. Cyclists of all levels are invited to take part, with two stunning routes available: a 100km challenge for experienced riders, and a more accessible 75km option ideal for those looking to build confidence ahead of the Ring of Kerry Cycle. Both routes include Moll's Gap and promise breath-taking views of some of Ireland's most spectacular landscapes, warm camaraderie, and plenty of laughs and refreshments along the way with a BBQ at the Killarney Race Course to finish.

The event serves not only as a fantastic day out, but also as a meaningful way to give back to the community. The Killarney Cardiac Response Unit, a volunteer-led Community First Responder Scheme made up of around 40 dedicated individuals, provides round-the-clock emergency assistance in partnership with the National Ambulance Service. Every euro raised will help them continue delivering this life-saving service to people across the region.

Killarney Cycling Club prides itself on being an inclusive and welcoming club, catering to everyone from beginners to elite racers. In addition to regular road and mountain bike outings, the club hosts a wide variety of activities such as strength and conditioning classes, yoga, turbo and expert talks on cycling-related topics. A mentorship programme is also in place to support adults looking to get back into cycling or train for major

events like the Ring of Kerry Cycle.

Looking forward to seeing you on your bike cycling for our community on June 14th

Please register on <https://eventmaster.ie/event/r4oruPmS9y>

More information is available on the Killarney Cycling Club website <https://killarneycyclingclub.com>



Pictured at the launch of the Three Peaks Challenge are members of Killarney Cycling Club Kevin Murphy, Mabel Counihan, Killarney Cardiac Response Unit, Lisa Barton, Carole Moran, Killarney Cardiac Response Unit, Anne Marie Houlihan and Noel Ryan.

Council No-Show Is Dereliction of Duty - Griffin

Kerry County Councillor for the Corca Dhuibhne Electoral Area, Tommy Griffin, has described Kerry County Council's failure to provide a representative for a crime prevention meeting in Milltown as a dereliction of duty. Last night (Monday) over 150 people attended the meeting in Nagle Rice Community Centre in the town, which was organised and chaired by Cllr Griffin.

Members of An Garda Síochána and Cluid Housing Association were present to listen to concerns from the local community in relation to anti-social behaviour and social housing policy in Milltown. However, despite initially accepting an invitation, Kerry County Council said that it would not be sending a representative on the day of the meeting.

Cllr Griffin said that he was not just disappointed with the decision by Kerry County Council, but was disgusted by it.

He said: "This meeting was about bringing key stakeholders together to discuss in a sensible and respectful way the challenges facing Milltown in relation to crime prevention and balanced future development. That the local authority, perhaps the most important public stakeholder would refuse to attend is a slap in the face to the local people in Milltown, over 150 of whom saw it important enough to attend the meeting last night.

"Kerry County Council, as our local government, has an obligation to engage with local communities, especially in relation to areas such as forward planning and demographic shifts. I have recently worked very hard with the local community and Kerry County Council officials to help finalise a draft Town Plan, but now that this phase of work has concluded, it seems Kerry County Council has no further interest in one of Kerry's most rapidly growing

population centres.

"At a time when far-left and far-right extremism is becoming more and more of a feature of online and everyday life, factual and balanced grassroots community fora such as this meeting have never been so important. Decision makers in County Buildings need to review this case and consider whether ignoring the local people who they are there to serve is really a wise policy.

"I will be raising this no-show at the next meeting of Kerry County Council and will be demanding better for the people who elected me to represent them. Kerry County Council needs to work with communities not alienate



SPECIAL EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTED IN DAIL EIREANN

Deputy Danny Healy Rae spoke in the Dáil this week on Special Education.

I highlighted that "Nothing is more important than this. Parents have to fight for primary school education and special needs teachers. Then, when they move on to post-primary school, they have to do it again. Surely, when a student is diagnosed, the supports should follow through from primary to post-primary education automatically. They should not have to fight for this again. Every child has a right to education."



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LADIES MUNSTER CHAMPIONSHIP

Round One

Kerry 1-13 Cork 0-10

You'd always be wary of Cork. For the most of fifteen years they were almost unbeatable, and even on the days when Kerry were going well and Cork looked outclassed, they often took us to the cleaners anyway. Now, I wouldn't recommend anyone getting carried away – the opening round of the Munster Championship has never been a game for showing our full hand, and both teams know full well that they will be meeting further down the line. But this was good by Kerry. In fact, that first half was as good as I have seen Kerry play. Like our mens' team at the moment, they have a refreshing directness to them, largely thanks to an emphasis on fast and accurate foot-passing. Cork are Cork, and never easy, but in all honesty they looked outclassed in every sector of the pitch in that first half. And yes, Kerry's engines did splutter a bit in the second half, but they had the hard work done by then and while the scores dried up, it's not like they were flailing blindly.

That direct speed was evidence right from the start. Anna Galvin won a great ball and kicked it straight to Siofra O'Shea, as always Kerry's pivot up front, and she dropped a gorgeous pass straight into Danielle O'Leary's hands. The Rathmore girl did what she does so well and the Cork net bulged. Kerry won the kick-out and Siofra picked out Danielle again for a point. Good work by Aoife Dillane saw Siofra coolly fist over the crossbar and Katie Brosnan split the posts to make it 1-3 to 0-0.

Lydia McDonagh did get a shellshocked Cork on the scoreboard but Kerry were lording the middle third and putting it on the scoreboard. Caoimhe Evans, Rachel Dwyer, and Siofra O'Shea fired over and Danielle and Siofra added frees to make it 1-8 to 0-2. Katie Quirke had Cork's second point and she tried hard all through, but got very little change out of a tigerish Eilís Lynch.

Melissa Duggan, ostensibly a cornerback, is very much in the Tom O'Sullivan school of raiding from deep and kicked another Cork point. Siofra O'Shea replied with a free and Caoimhe Evans added her second point of the game. Just before the half-time whistle, Danielle made it 1-11 to 0-3 to Kerry, and the game looked done and dusted.

Cork are Cork. Even on the hard days, they will always muster some kind of response. They had the wind at their backs now and, more importantly, they had the character to stand up and be counted. Kerry were showing a little bit of complacency perhaps – certainly, it was Cork

who were giving off a sense of urgency now and it began to pay dividends.

Katie Quirke was in the eye of the storm and reeled off three rapid points (1f). Abigail Ring also split the posts. Emma Cleary and Quirke with another free made it 1-11 to 0-9 – that was six points on the trot from Cork. Just five points in it now; I was getting worried.

Siofra O'Shea got Kerry's opening score of the second half after Danielle was fouled, but Kerry had a lucky escape afterwards as Aishling O'Connell made a superb block to deny Aoife Healy an almost certain goal. Play was brought back for Katie Quirke to slot a point, but it did buy Kerry some much-needed breathing space. Siofra O'Shea pointed another free and Kerry were able – just about – to hang on. A six point win didn't flatter Kerry in the finish, not after that devastating first half, but Cork will take serious encouragement out of their fightback in the second.

Kerry: Mary Ellen Bolger, Faye O'Donoghue, Deirdre Kearney, Eilís Lynch, Aishling O'Connell, Niamh Broderick, Aoife Dillane, Mary O'Connell, Anna Galvin, Caoimhe Evans (0-2), Niamh Ní Chonchúir, Katie Brosnan (0-1), Danielle O'Leary (1-3), Rachel Dwyer (0-1), Siofra O'Shea (0-6, 4f). Subs: Niamh Carmody (for Rachel Dwyer, half-time), Cáit Lynch (for Niamh Broderick, half-time), Jadyne Lucey (for Katie Brosnan, 40 mins), Roisin Rahilly (for Caoimhe Evans, 51 mins), Leah Boyle (for Danielle O'Leary, 59 mins).

Cork: Sarah Murphy, Dara Kiniry, Shauna Kelly, Melissa Duggan (0-1), Erika O'Shea, Shauna Cronin, Rosie Corkery, Aimee Corcoran, Sadhbh McGoldrick, Abbie O'Mahony, Laura O'Mahony, Emma Cleary (0-1), Abigail Ring (0-1), Lydia McDonagh (0-1), Katie Quirke (0-6, 5f). Subs: Libby Coppinger (for Aimee Corcoran, 26 mins), Aoife Healy 0-1 (for Sadhbh McGoldrick, 26 mins), Leah Hallihan (for Lydia McDonagh, 40 mins), Clare O'Shea (for Rosie Corkery, 50 mins), Hannah Looney (for Laura O'Mahony, 51 mins). Referee: Patrick Smith (Waterford)

MCDONAGH CUP

Carlow 3-27 Kerry 0-17

Look, I'm not going to dwell too long on this one. We all knew that this was going to be one-sided. Last year Carlow ran Kilkenny pretty close in the Leinster senior Championship. Meanwhile Kerry were bloody glad to avoid relegation in the McDonagh Cup. Did you think that Kerry had a real chance at home here? That's adorable. Completely daft, but adorable, so fair play to you.

The rest of us knew full well. Three years ago we ran Antrim fairly close after a late comeback in the McDonagh Cup Final. But we had only two of those players available last weekend. Carlow had eleven of the team that contested the final

two years ago and went head to head with the Cats last year.

Even from this year's panel, we were without Pádraig Boyle and Shane Conway (that's 40% of our scoring power gone straightaway), Eric Leen, and Daniel Collins. We can all start listing names, but the simple truth is that we have lost about twenty hurlers in three years and no team anywhere can keep up with that rate of attrition.

I'm not throwing any of that out as excuses and I certainly don't want to take away from Carlow. They were superb. It was 2-9 to 0-2 at one point and 2-15 to 0-7 at half-time. Kerry had plenty of guts for the battle, but they just didn't have the deftness of control, accuracy from distance, or simple sharpness of the Carlow players.

This one neither surprised nor worried me. In fact, I thought the likes of Louis Dee, Paudie O'Connor, and Luke Crowley acquitted themselves admirably.

Much more worrying for Kerry – or at least for me – is Kildare's victory over Westmeath. I don't mean to begrudge the Lilywhites, but it would have suited me fine if Westmeath beat them. As long as Kildare didn't pick up any points, that narrow one point win over them in our first game would have been enough to maintain our McDonagh Cup status. Now? We kind of have to beat Down. And yes, Down have shipped two tough defeats, but they have come against top teams (Carlow are virtually certain to go into the final as favourites over Laois). Are ye really sure that we are going that much better than Down? Maybe have a glance at the recent history books – or go back a lot further if you want. Sheehan, McCrickard, Sands.....those lads will have absolutely no fear of Kerry.

Kerry: Louis Dee, Kyle O'Connor, Flor McCarthy, Dara Kearney, Darragh Shanahan, Kevin Goulding, Seánie McGrath, Paudie O'Connor (0-1), Dáithí Griffin, Tom Doyle (0-1), Killian Hayes, Luke Crowley (0-3), Darragh Conway, Oisín Maunsell (0-2), Dylan Moriarty (0-6, 6f). Subs: Rory Mahony (for Dáithí Griffin, 52 mins), Shane Nolan 0-3 (for Seánie McGrath, 55 mins), Seánie Brosnan 0-1 (for Dylan Moriarty, 60 mins), Luke Rochford (for Killian Hayes, 68 mins), Niall Mulcahy (for Luke Crowley, 68 mins)

MUNSTER U20 FINAL

Kerry 2-13 Cork 1-10

Again, I'm not going to dwell on this one. I see no point in doing so. Look, we all knew that one team was red hot favourites going into this one. Given the recent record at minor grade and college meetings between the sides, it was never likely to be a shock. But I thought Cork would rattle us harder, and they didn't. Now,

Kerry were very, very good. There's clearly a lot of physical work in the background, our strength and conditioning far surpassed the rebels. We were able to push through body collisions and turn Cork over repeatedly. I'm not sure about our actual scoring, we left a lot of chances behind us. But we could afford to – and that's a problem. The road is about to take a steep upward turn. We are going to meet better teams, ones that we can't outmuscle. Will we be able to outplay them? This cakewalk isn't providing any answers.

I didn't like this. Little secret, I like Cork, always have. Tough sporting county, gracious in victory or defeat – a lot more gracious than a lot of Kerry supporters when defeat is their lot. I took no joy in this. This never took on the feel of a contest; this was more like the bullying scene in a Disney movie.

Paddy Lane and Darragh Clifford exchanged early scores. Seán O'Leary had a chance to put Cork in front but he was swallowed up by tenacious defending. Ben Murphy drove through everyone – too easily for me – and forced a good save out of Billy Curtin. In fairness, back came Cork, and Dylan O'Neill's effort was cleared off the line – I'm told it was Killian Dennehy, I just couldn't make out the player at the time.

Kerry were already asserting themselves in the one on one exchanges though. Ciarán Collins adroitly fisted over. Tomás Kennedy broke a good ball down to Eddie Healy, whose close range volley went wide, a real goal chance. Tomás fired over himself, as did Ronan Carroll after a great run by Evan Boyle. Ben Murphy was well blocked with a goal effort.

Aaron O'Sullivan slotted a Cork '45 but Aodhna Ó Beaglaíoch pointed a well-worked effort in reply; it could have been a goal. Tomás Kennedy had another goal chance tipped away but nailed a mark instead and Ciarán Collins made it 0-7 to 0-2.

That had been the early score in the recent senior game that turned into such a cracker between the two sides. But his one never remotely felt like that.

Bryan Hayes pointed for Cork but the goal that Kerry had been threatening finally arrived, Killian Dennehy finishing to the net, and Paddy Lane pointed to make it 1-11 to 0-3 at half-time. Look, I travelled in company; otherwise I would have left and gone home. Sometimes – it's actually very rare – sometimes you can feel that a game is going nowhere.

Ben Murphy opened the second half scoring. Bryan Hayes had a poor enough wide from a free won by Dylan O'Neill; I doubt if it would have made much difference. Tomás Kennedy fisted home a second goal – shades of Kieran Donaghy there. Good work by Ronan Carroll saw Paddy Lane point a free – Paddy was quiet enough by his own high standards, but he could afford to be. Eddie Healy made it 2-11 to 0-3.

Aaron O'Sullivan (f) and Ben O'Connell pointed for Cork, not that anyone was paying much attention at that stage. Ronan Carroll drew another good save out of Billy Curtin. It wasn't about whether Kerry would win by then, it was about how big the margin was going to be.

Whatever they wanted, really. Donagh Shine O'Sullivan, impressive on his introduction, pointed. Evan Boyle and Tomás Kennedy added points. Jack Tagney fisted over; in other circumstances, he could have gone for goal.

A great drive by Ben O'Connell saw Dara Sheedy pick off a point. Colm Clifford drive home a goal – good goal, to be fair, pity it didn't arrive half an hour earlier and we might have had a contest. Aaron O'Sullivan and Darragh Gough nailed two pointer frees. That was an eight point swing in a couple of minutes. In most games it would produce a welter of excitement. In this one? Sorry, but it was respectability on the scoreboard, nothing more. Paddy Lane closed out a Kerry victory that, for me at least, was far too comfortable to enjoy. Tough night for Cork, very tough. Those are decent lads and I know how much work has gone into the background. Delighted for Kerry, of course, but both sides would have been much better off with a tighter contest.

Look, deeper waters lie ahead, much deeper (Derry and Tyrone in particular, while Mayo seem to be shaping well) but at least we are still swimming.

Kerry: Michael Tansley, Aodhna Ó Beaglaíoch (0-1), Gearóid Evans, Maidhcí Lynch, Liam Evans, Darragh O'Connor, Ben Murphy (0-1), Eddie Healy, Daniel Kirby, Ciarán Collins (0-2), Evan Boyle (0-1), Killian Dennehy (1-0), Paddy Lane (0-4, 2f), Tomás Kennedy (1-3, 1m), Ronan Carroll (0-1). Subs: Donagh O'Sullivan 0-1 (for Killian Dennehy, 39 mins), Jack Tagney 0-1 (for Ciarán Collins, 44 mins), Odhran Ferris (for Ronan Carroll, 48 mins), Dara Stack (for Gearóid Evans, 49 mins), Jack Murphy (for Daniel Kirby, 52 mins).

Cork: Billy Curtin; Niall O'Shea, Colin Molloy, Colm Clifford (1-0), Matthew Woods, Gearóid Daly, Seán O'Leary, Darragh Clifford (0-1), Colm Gillespie, Edward Myers, Dara Sheedy (0-1), Aaron O'Sullivan (0-5, 1 45, 2 2pt from frees), Bryan Hayes (0-1, 1f), Danny Miskella, Dylan O'Neill. Subs: Dylan Harrington (for Ed Myers, half-time), Ben O'Connell (for Matthew Woods, 37 mins), Micheál Maguire (for Dylan O'Neill, 44 mins), Darragh Gough 0-2, 1tpf (for Bryan Hayes, 46 mins).

Referee: Eoin Morrissey (Waterford)

KERRY MINOR FOOTBALL PANEL

That's a good panel. Lads, that's a very good panel. There's one or two lads out with knocks who could come into the reckoning, and there's a few surprise absentees to me, but you have some serious quality in there. I'd mostly recognise them from college games to be honest – that preposterous switch to odd ages was a disaster for absolutely everyone and I'm still getting up to speed on eligibility. That's fine; I don't agree with much speculation about U18s. That said, I still say that they should get to play as curtain-raisers to senior matches. It creates a different buzz, and one that they deserve. As an aside, I'd always be in favour of hurling, football, college games, development squads, ladies football, camogie.....with all the

worries about declining numbers (14,000 at Kerry v Cork, 10,000 at Dublin v Meath), isn't mixing and matching your target audience an obvious thing to do?

Alex Tuohy (Austin Stacks), Conor McGibney (Churchill), David Sargent (John Mitchels), Eoghan Joy (Ballymacelligott), Gearóid White (John Mitchels), Michael O'Sullivan (Churchill), Mikey Corridon (Ardfert), Nick Lacey (Kerins O'Rahilly's), Seán Sargent (John Mitchels), Tadhg Ó Slatara (Churchill), Ruairí Kennedy (Kerins O'Rahillys)

Ben Kelliher (Dr. Crokes), Danny Murphy (Listry), David McCarthy (Listry), Dylan O'Meara (Fossa), Fionn Doyle (Fossa), Liam Harmon (Firies), Liam O'Brien (Glenflesk), Marcus Clifford (Firies), Mark O'Carroll (Dr. Crokes), Ryan Walsh Murphy (Scartaglin), Seán Kiely (Dr. Crokes), Zach Cronin (Kilcummin)

James Kissane (Moyvane), John Curtin (Ballyduff), Ronan Sheridan (Duagh), Tadhg O'Connell (Tarbert), Brian Mangan (Keel), Tadhg O'Sullivan (Glenbeigh/Glencar), Donal Ó Laighin (An Ghaeltacht), Jack Power (Annascaul), Maidhc Ó Sé (An Gaeltacht), Pádraig Ó Máinnín (Lios Póil)

Kevin Griffin (St. Michael's/Foilmore)

ALL IRELAND SENIOR FOOTBALL DRAW



Group One

Ulster Winners (Armagh or Donegal), Connaught Runners-Up (Galway or Mayo), Tyrone, Cavan

That's a tough enough group. With three to qualify (which makes a slight mockery of this drawn-out procedure and I look forward to the new format next year), I'd expect Cavan to be the ones to miss out. They are good battlers, but any of the other three will be harbouring real ambitions of lifting Sam.

Group Two

Munster winners (Kerry or Clare), Ulster Runners-Up (Armagh or Donegal), Roscommon, Cork

I'll place a huge temptation in the path of fate – I'd be very surprised if we aren't in this group. Yes, I do remember 1992, I was there and it crops up every time that a Kerry team meets a Clare team. But you know what? Virtually none of the players on either side remembers it, due to not actually having been born yet. That's a fairly stale bugbear by now. Ulster Runners-Up is going to be a tough one, no doubt about that, and Cork came very, very close to beating

us. But we will be quietly targeting wins against both Roscommon and Cork and again, the fact of three teams qualifying gives us a safety margin.

Group Three

Leinster Winners (Louth or Meath), Munster Losers (Kerry or Clare), Monaghan, Down
I'd feel that this is possibly the easiest group. In fact, we might well actually be better off to lose the Munster Final – calm down, children, no Kerry manager could throw a game like that in Killarney. We are an unforgiving bunch at the best of times!

Group Four

Connaught Winners, Ulster Runners-Up, Dublin, Derry
We all knew that with Dublin and Tyrone as third seeds that there would be a so-called 'Group of Death', and it's fairly obvious who it is. Every one of these teams will be expecting – not just hoping, actively expecting – to play in the knock-out stages. Dublin are not the force that they were, but Meath actually only finished them off late on and rumours of their demise are greatly exaggerated. Same thing with Derry, they still have some outstanding talent to call on and those big runners through the centre.....I'm not going to make any predictions about this group except to say that it may, for the first time ever in a group stage of a gaelic football championship, actually become interesting.

TAILTEANN CUP



Group One

Kildare, Sligo, Leitrim, Tipperary
Tough enough group. Tipperary have been under-performing but I believe they have better talent than they are showing, and the other three will fancy their chances at silverware. Sligo, given that U20 team that beat us last year and the college exploits of Summerhill, should have several of those players hitting their peak. If – and for all I know, those players could be residing in different countries now – if that's the case, then they should be primed for this one.

Group Two

Offaly, Laois, Wicklow, Waterford
You'd have to fancy Offaly and Laois, and I give Wicklow the nod over Waterford.

Group Three

Westmeath, Limerick, Antrim, London
Westmeath surely, and the rest to fight it out.

Group Four

Fermanagh, Wexford, Carlow, Longford
Respectfully, I just can't really see the scoring power in Longford. Carlow get the best out of themselves but they are drawing from a very small playing base. Fermanagh have very good footballers but difficulty in translating it onto the scoreboard. They should be fine to qualify, but how far they go is another question.

SOCCKER Marc Canham



Marc Canham

The news broke last week that Marc Canham would be leaving the FAI shortly and retuning back to his native England. It was Billy Shakespeare, nigh on as good a writer as myself, who said "The evil that men do lives after them; the good is oft interred with their bones". Or, if I may borrow a phrase from my mother – who wouldn't be taking too much guff off me and even less off Billy – "If you can't say something good about some-one, say nothing at all."

I am racking my brain as I review Caham's brief enough FAI career. I have nothing at all to say except that I wish him well on farther shores.

Much farther shores. And can we please throw out that ridiculous development proposal, at least attempt to develop a system that involves a funding model for League of Ireland development academies (the League of Ireland is currently enjoying a popularity that hasn't been seen in over half a century – but the vast majority are still operating at a loss, and the LOI clubs have made it very clear that Abbottstown is not going to be operating their academies through their facilities) and a coaching programme that doesn't involve three hour bus journeys each way for juveniles. The Emerging Talent Programme wasn't perfect, but it was a lot better than the new proposals, but the ETP's were cancelled on the same day taht Marc Canham announced his 'promotion' to Chief Football Officer. If that sounds suspiciously like corporate guff at best, well spotted. It's no secret that the League of Ireland, Junior Leagues, Schoolboy/Schoolgirl Associations, and the FAI have all been at loggerheads with each other. Delaney and co. regularly exploited that divide. Hill, Courell, and Canham only succeeded in widening the cracks.

As for the idea of an international senior manager reporting directly to a 'Chief Football Officer'.....why? Is the administrative officer – and I am not knocking administrative officers in general, they provide a genuine crucial role in any organisation – going to over-rule a senior manager? Are they going to take coaching

sessions?

Marc Canham presumably did his best. But I don't think it's presumptuous to hope for better, much better, from whoever lifts that poisoned chalice next.

BACK TO THE EIGHTIES

Right up to the late seventies, the English League (long before the 1992 'Premiership' was surprisingly democratic, with a large number of club vying for the winners' enclosure every year. I know the wage cap was long abolished by then – apparently the Premiership are mooting the idea of introducing a team salary cap again, good luck with that and in the meantime, let us know how that famous 115 charges against Man City for breaching FFP regulations is going. Man United were dominant for a long time. They had a lad from Cork who was one of the most consistent players I ever saw and had a great knack for scoring goals. But enough about Denis Irwin, they had one of the Keanes out of Mayfield as well plus the O'Shea lad who captained Waterford in the 1995 Kennedy Cup. Chelsea and Arsenal gave them plenty of problems, but Man United were better more often. The scuts.

Then came Man City, and oligarch money really got ridiculous. They could basically afford the price and wages of almost anyone and I still firmly believe that it was bad for the game. It turned me off it, to be honest (I used to follow boxing quite a bit as well until oligarch money flowed into that as well – I'm not including a report on Eubank versus Benn because I didn't watch it and am never likely to do so). I do know genuine supporters of Man City, and I never had the craic with them when they won. In all honesty I thought it was kind of embarrassing. Now, it's not like altruism was ever a motive. You can blame Abramovich or the Glazers or the Fenway Group or whoever you want, but when it comes to 'professional sport', the 'sport' bit isn't all that important. Is the Reynolds/McElhinney revival of Wrexham one of sports' greatest ever romance stories?

That's a lot more Gráinne agus Fionn Mac Cumhal than Diarmuid agus Gráinne about Wrexham's story.

Those of ye who attended secondary school in the eighties will get that Irish cultural reference. Pretty much all of gaelic culture's romantic stories could absolutely double up as horror movies – mind you, those of a delicate disposition should stay very far away from the original stories from the Grimm brothers. Snow White.....no. All of that manufactured controversy about how the recent film wasn't true to the original story? That original story is far worse than anything you are imagining; it really was.

I studied Teoraíocht Diarmuid agus Gráinne for Irish. Well, I'll rephrase. I was supposed to study Diarmuid agus Gráinne. And that reminded me of something.

Liverpool are Premiership winners. And deservedly so. Don't any rubbish about moneyball – that nonsense applied to statistical stop/start sports with individual plays. It's a



It came instinctively in the 1980s, just like I found it easy to dislike Man United in the 1990s. Glasgow Celtic.....you almost had to support them as an Irish kid in the 1980s. There was one Rangers supporter in my entire year. Nice lad, but....Rangers? I mean, Aberdeen we could understand. Or even if Rangers were winning much. Celtic are the newly crowned Scottish champions.

Bayern Munich are just about to wrap up a German title. They did that almost non-stop throughout the eighties too – although, to be fair, that one probably doesn't count. They have basically been doing that forever. I'd be fairly sure that if you go back to when Charles Martel was first crowned emperor of this newly founded Frankish kingdom, you would find that Bayern Munich were German champions at the time.

Barcelona look set to be crowned La Liga champions. Barcelona in the '80s wasn't yet the Ronaldinho/Messi Barcelona, but they had

Cruyff, still the single most influential player on the game ever, Maradona (Barcelona's nightlife did him no favours, but he made his own mistakes) and, bizarrely, Terry Venables. Barcelona having a gruff Englishman as manager would be a bit like America electing a buffoon like Donald Trump, but there you are.... If AC Milan were on top of Italy's Serie A, I would be getting slightly freaked out (they're not, they are way down the pack).

As it is, I'm thinking about getting a bomber jacket, stonewashed jeans, and that relic of the seventies punk rock era, doc martens boots. Not that I had doc martens, I had blackthorn, same as all the rest of you did. And I didn't have Stock Aiken and Waterman albums, I had U2 and Bruce Springsteen. Like everybody else, I was a teen conformist pretending to be a rebel in the eighties. Nothing wrong with that, either. It's just called growing up.

useful tool for a lot of things, but a fluid field sport like soccer? No. Congratulations to Liverpool. They have been consistently the best team in England this year and they deserve. They are almost so good I could learn to hate them again.

FAI KERRY SCHOOLS BLITZ FINALS



St. Brigid's White Team



St. Brigid's Blue Team

St. Brigid's Presentation Killarney First Year Soccer players participated in the FAI KERRY SCHOOLS BLITZ FINALS at Mounthawk Park, Tralee.

The Competition follows a 9-a-side format and included 16 teams from 10 different Kerry Secondary Schools. St. Brigid's Killarney entered two teams, Blue & White, and both teams performed exceedingly well on the day.

St. Brigid's Blue team were drawn in a very difficult group, but still managed to top the group, making it into the Semi-Finals, but were defeated by just one goal against a strong Intermediate School Killorglin (ISK) team.

St. Brigid's White team had a more dramatic day out! They won all their group games, most by a very large margin, to finish as clear winners of their group. They met a very dogged Tarbert Comprehensive side in their Semi-Final, which ended 0-0 after normal time. A high stakes penalty shootout ensued, and a combination of cool finishing and heroic goalkeeping saw us progress to the Final.

The White team met the same ISK team that had narrowly accounted for St. Brigid's Blue team in the Semi but with a different outcome for St. Brigid's this time round!

The White team enjoyed the vast majority of possession and found themselves 1-0 to the good in the opening stages of the game. If it wasn't for the superb ISK keeper, they would have scored 4 or 5 goals, but it ended 1-0 and our girls won their first silverware of the season. A beautiful trophy modelled on the World Cup trophy.

St. Brigid's captain, Grace Barry accepted the trophy on behalf of the team. In an added bonus, Isabelle O'Connor was awarded MVP for her efforts!

St. Brigid's now look forward to doing the double after the Easter Holidays, when they face off against St. Mary's Secondary School, Nenagh in the Final of the FAI Munster Schools Cup, with the winners progressing to meet the winners of Connacht in the National Semi-Finals, followed by a National Final in May.

FOSSA GAA

LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 27/04/2025 for a jackpot of €9,900 were 11, 19, 22, 25. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Michael Talbot, Rian Colleran, Aine and Cait c/o Tina Myers, Caroline Hallissey, Jack Hallissey. Tickets are available from our sellers and can also be bought online with the following link <https://fossagaa.clubforce.com/products/lotto/fossa-gaa-club-lotto>

COUNTY LEAGUE DIV.2

Fossa secured a point in a close encounter in Ardfert on Sunday afternoon. The opening exchanges were close enough with both sides taking the lead at various stages. Unfortunately for Fossa, Ardfert kicked three points deep into injury time with their dangerman, Fionan Egan landing a monster two pointer to leave it tied at the finish, Fossa 1-13, Ardfert 0-16.

COUNTY LEAGUE DIV.5

Fossa B 0-21, Asdee 2-9

The Senior B team made the long trek to Asdee in the Co League Div 5. Playing with the breeze in the 1st half, we went in at half time leading by 0-13 to 1-3. However, it was the powerful 2nd half performance that was most impressive. Pdraig Talbot and Sam Buckley gave great performances in defence, Sean Dineen and Mark Dennehy were immense in midfield. Up front the all important scores came from Kevin McCarthy, Ryan Sheehan, Mark Donnellan and Cathal Breen. All in all, this was a very impressive team performance, with all players putting in a big shift.

MINOR BOYS

Our minors concluded their East Kerry League campaign with a tough away assignment against Listry on Monday evening. They played with great heart and determination, never giving up the fight and while they did end up on the losing side, they can be proud of the fact that they left everything on the field, kicking some great scores in the process. It finished Listry 2-17, Fossa 1-10, they now have a break before the county league commences later on in the summer.

U-16 BOYS

Fossa U16 boys welcomed Kilgarvan for their final group match in the East Kerry Division 2. Although Fossa opened the scoring, it was Kilgarvan who dominated the early exchanges, surging into a strong 2-4 to 0-1 lead. However, Fossa didn't let their heads drop. With Paddy Myers, Donnacha Vaughan and Mikey Moroney gaining control around midfield and Kevin Breen and Oisín Cryan solid at the back, Fossa mounted an impressive comeback. They scored 2-3 without reply to level the game after 20 minutes, with key goals from James O'Meara and Eoin Bennett.

Kilgarvan responded with another goal to edge back in front, but Fossa hit back swiftly with a goal from Luke Rennie. A thrilling first half ended with Fossa narrowly ahead, 3-6 to 3-5.

Fossa dominated the second half with Eoin Bennett putting in a tireless shift and Mikey Moroney finding his scoring rhythm. Dara Whelton made some key saves and was immaculate on his kick outs throughout. Ben O'Sullivan, Fionn O'Donovan and Marc Sheehan

helped maintain the momentum with Fossa adding 4-5 in the second period, while limiting Kilgarvan to just six points, Mikey Moroney starring with a hat-trick of goals.

Despite the slow start, Fossa showed real determination and heart as the final score read 7-11 to 3-10, a margin that didn't reflect Kilgarvan's contribution to an entertaining contest. The win sees Fossa progress to the East Kerry Division 2 semi-final, set to take place in the coming weeks.

UNDER 14 BOYS COUNTY LEAGUE ROUND 3

Fossa 5-18 St Marys/Renard/Valentia/Dromid/Waterville 5-07

This evening our U14's made the long trip to Cahersiveen to take on their South Kerry counterparts in the famed Con Keating Park in Round 3 of the County League, this is the home pitch of iconic Kerry legends Jack O'Shea and Maurice Fitzgerald so Fossa knew this was going to be a tough assignment.

Thanks to Referee Gérard Murphy for his excellent common sense handling of the game. Next up for this group is a home game next week v St Pats, Blennerville.

DONAL CURTIN CUP - RD 5

Well done to Fossa Senior Ladies who fought out a low scoring hard earned draw against table toppers Laune Rangers in JP O'Sullivan Park.

A marathon game was ruined by a strong wind that put the emphasis on defence and discouraged any real attacking football.

In a dour and tough affair Fossa battled bravely throughout and all put in a very solid defensive performance. Despite playing against the wind Fossa limited the home side to 0-5 in the 1st half and scored 0-1.

After going in only 0-4 down, Fossa stormed back into the game with two quick fire goals well into the 2nd half and were two points up with 10 mins to play. Alas, a number of close in opportunities gave the home side their chance's and they levelled it up close to the end.

In a game away from home where a draw felt like a loss this was a good result. The football will be soon forgotten but the game will be remembered for the 2nd half Senior debut of another Fossa star of the future, Kelsey Cummins who chipped in a poachers goal for good measure.

In the end it finished 2-03 v 0-9 against a team we know well and are sure to meet again. Well done to all on the day.

CONGRATS

Congratulations to Fossa boys - Dylan O'Meara and Fionn Doyle on making the Kerry Minor Panel for 2025. Great honour to have two Fossa minors wear the Green and Gold. Best Wishes to Adrian Sheehan who is part of the management team for the Kerry Minors

GAELIC FOR MOTHERS & OTHERS FOSSA & BEAUFORT

A great start to the G4M&O journey for our new Fossa Ladies team. On a good night for a match the Fossa team played their 1st ever official game v Beaufort at home. With great numbers participating for both clubs each had the players for two teams and got to play two evenly matched games. Both matches were played in a very good spirit and all the players new to the game and not so new played their part in two

very even and enjoyable contests.

Well done to the organisers, the players, coaches, referees and supporters who made it a great success on the night. There was a great buzz around the Clubhouse afterwards and we all look forward to many more great days out with this developing team.

KILLARNEY LEGION GAA

SENIOR LADIES

The Senior Ladies picked up their third win of the Donal Curtin campaign when they had an impressive win over the 2024 Junior A Champions Abbeydorney. The game was understandably played under a shroud of sadness following the sudden passing of Lillie Gaynor, the young Abbeydorney player taken all too soon. The game commenced with a minute's silence which was impeccably observed and it was the visitors who made the better start. An important result for Legion but a game that paled in significance to the trauma the Abbeydorney girls had endured in recent weeks. They paid their late teammate a perfect tribute with their display and the spirit they exuded throughout. For that they deserve massive credit.

SENIOR MEN

Our Senior Men picked up their third win of the County League campaign with a comfortable win over Glenflesk. A feature of the game was the competitive debut of Oisín Fleming who struck for two goals, the ongoing good form of Ryan O'Grady and when you couple those factors with David O'Sullivan, the inside line contributed 3-10 to their sides total. It moves the team onto seven points, second in the table behind Austin Stacks, and Beaufort are next on the agenda. The game being played in Direen on the weekend of May 10th/11th.

GOLF CLASSIC

Sean Murphy and his team are delighted to announce that our Annual Golf Classic will take place with Friday May 23rd pencilled in as the date. What an opportunity to play on one of Ireland's most picturesque courses, the famed but equally fair O'Mahony's Point where you will still enjoy the track regardless of your skill level.

We are committed to providing our members and the broader Killarney community with the best facilities possible to enhance their health and wellbeing. Every week, hundreds of families use the facilities in the Club and over the past few years, these facilities have been upgraded substantially including excellent floodlighting, upgrading and resurfacing of our 2 main pitches and installation of a 3rd smaller training pitch as well as upgrading of gym facilities to incorporate all ages and sections of the Club.

To continue to be able to fund this we are running our Classic and if you would look to support us now is your chance. A team of three is 300 Euro and a tee box can be sponsored for 100 Euro. We are delighted also to welcome the GlenEagle Hotel and Apartments as the main sponsor of our Classic and we are very grateful to Patrick and the O'Donoghue Family for their marvellous support.



RYAN GRADY WHO SCORED 1-5 FOR LEGION V GLENFLESK. PHOTO: MARIA O'SULLIVAN



ALL HANDS ON DECK... AT THE LEGION V GLENFLESK GAME ON SUNDAY. PHOTO: MARIA O'SULLIVAN

For more details, to book a tee time or sponsor a tee box you can contact Sean Murphy (087) 2461780, Tim Healy (086) 699 4297, John Bowler (087) 2464651, Dave Randles (086) 2595765.

U14 BOYS

Our U14 B team played Dr Crokes in a local derby on Sunday morning. A strong panel of players was available with 24 players getting game time. The boys played excellently throughout the game and showed some great teamwork and excellent score taking to finish the game as winners.

Up next for the boys is Laune Rangers. Thanks to Dr. Crokes for hosting us and to the referee for an excellent job.

U16 BOYS

Our U16 B team played their final group game in a wet and slippery Dieren on Thursday evening. Two evenly matched teams battled bravely in tough conditions with only a point or two in the difference throughout the whole game. At half time, it was a draw with the score at 1-02 each. The second half continued in the same vein. With a team almost running out, we had a lead of two points. However, Glenflesk struck for a late goal to take the lead. The lads won the resultant kickout and kicked a super equaliser through great teamwork. The team showed great heart this evening and again, games like these will bring the lads on. A semi-final, opposition, date, and venue are to be decided.

U14 LADIES

Our Under 14 Green team travelled to Knocknagoshel to play a combined team Knocknagoshel/Brosna during the week. The game was played in perfect conditions, and our ladies put in a strong performance in the first half to lead at half time 2-7 1-3. The second half was a tighter affair and scores eluded us, but with a few positional changes, our younger subs contributing and some great passing and space finding, we finished winners on a score line of 2- 14 to 2-5.

Our White team travelled to Waterville to play Southern Gaels and after the long trip, and we lost the toss and ended up playing against a strong wind. It was always going to be a game of two halves and this is what prevailed. Southern Gaels made the most of the conditions and we found ourselves with a mountain to climb in

the second half. The girls to their credit fought to the end in but to no avail. A lot of lessons learned today there will be better days. Many thanks to parents who made the long journey for their support.

U16 LADIES

Our U16 team secured their semi final place in the East Kerry League Division 2 with a comprehensive win over Cromane in Dieren in the last seven days. With numbers tight, all played their part and came out deserving winners. The performance was full of effort, teamwork and skill. Thanks to Cromane for travelling and Jason O'Brien for refereeing an extremely sporting contest.

MINOR LADIES

A Monday evening trip to Beaufort was in the offing knowing we would be in for a tough battle against a strong home team. These teams have turned up some great games in recent years and tonight was no different. After conceding an early goal, our girls knuckled down and got to terms with the opposition by battling all over the pitch and working some great team scores. Beaufort led 3-02 to 1-05 at half time. Our girls played like a team possessed in the second half, starting from the back with some magnificent goalkeeping, very strong defence and some great team scores. In and rip roaring end to end contest they eventually won out by 9 pts on a score of Beaufort 5-05 Legion 6-11.

Thanks to Beaufort for a fantastic sporting game and to the referee on the night for a very well refereed game.

LOTTO

Results Monday April 21st. Numbers were 1, 15, 17, 20 Bonus No 21. No Jackpot Winner. Match 3s / Lucky Dips: 1. James Twomey 2. Sean O Grady 3. Maura McCarthy.

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Division 2

Listry 2-17 Fossa 1-10

Division 3A

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Division 3B

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EAST KERRY U 16 LEAGUE

Div 1 Semi Final

Dr Crokes 4-14 Kenmare 4-10

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LOTTO took place April 28th. Numbers drawn were 9, 11, 21, 22. Jackpot of €5,900 was NOT WON. 14 patrons matched 3 numbers and receive €30 each. Jackpot for draw on May 5th will be €6,200. Play online by following the link below and follow instructions attached https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=734#Anchor(https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=734#Anchor)

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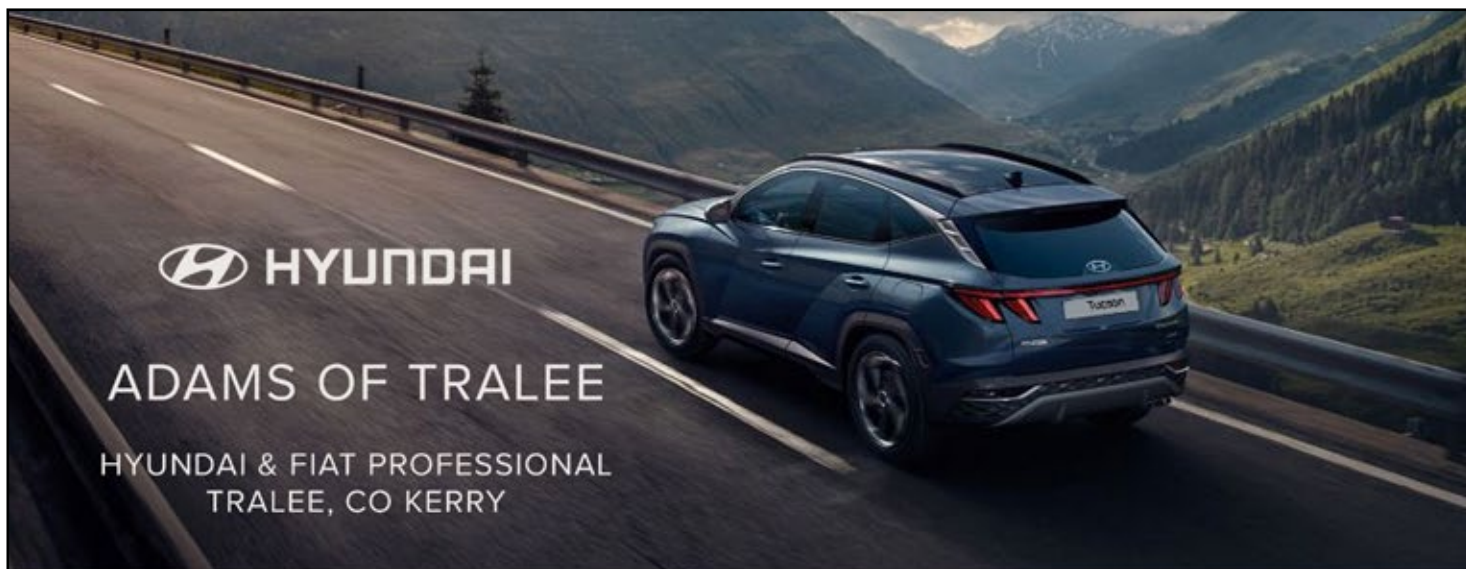
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CONGRATULATIONS to Lorraine Fleming and new husband Ger on their Wedding Day.

CONDOLENCES to the Parker family on the recent passing of Mary Parker. Condolences also to the Payne family on the passing of John Payne. Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a nanamacha.

NOTES

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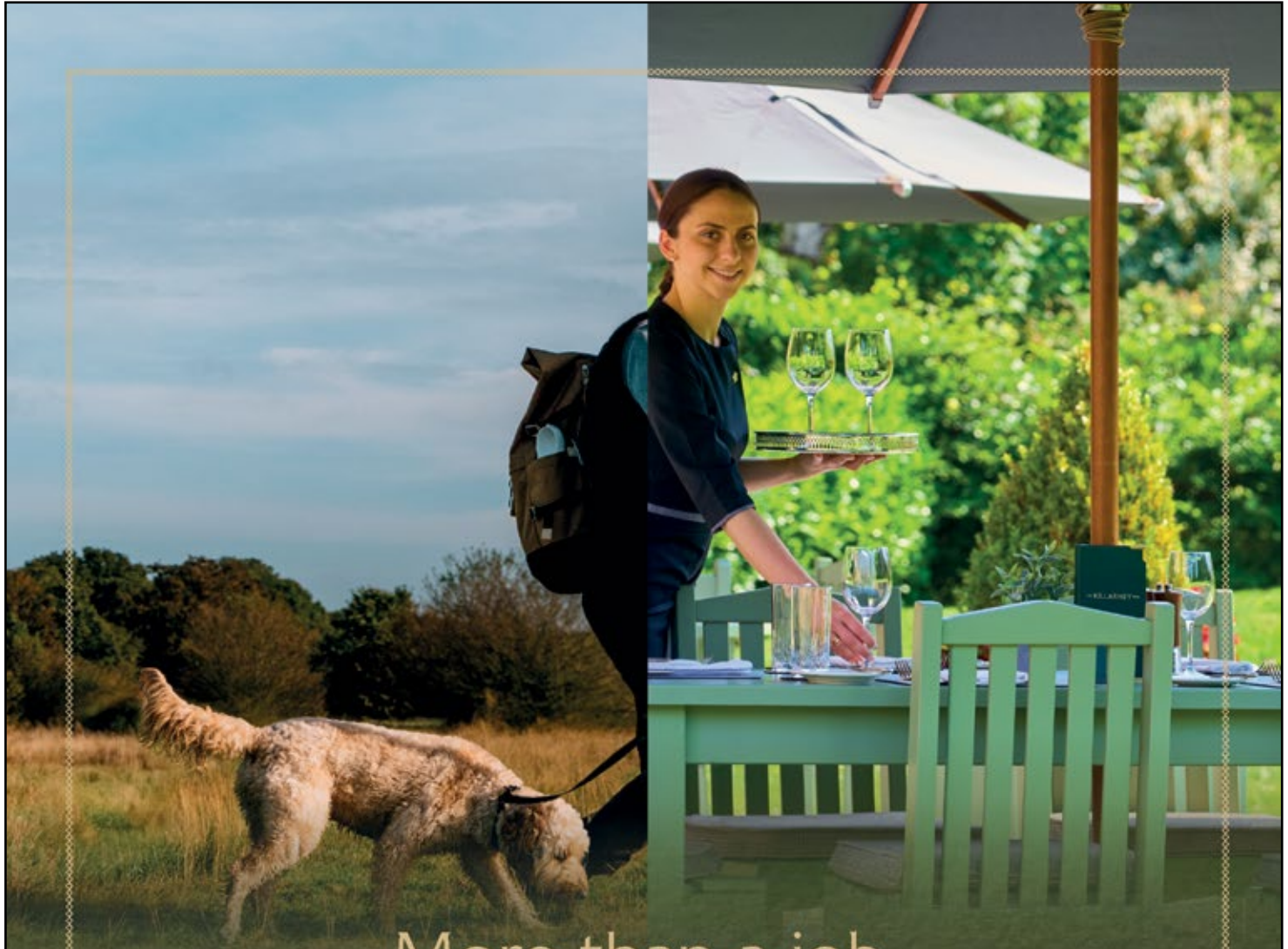
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Builders have expressed the view that it is easier to build houses in Cork than it is in Kerry. In Cork, for example, builders carry out the work, a snag list of any outstanding issues is created, the builders rectify those issues and any bond funds 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 county.

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.



A builder built an extra thirteen houses in an existing housing estate. 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 area. 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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(Psalm 145:9-14)*

Welcome back dear student, continuing on how God meets all our needs: the Scriptures revealed how Messiah would suffer in His Body - whipped, beaten, and crucified to redeem God's people from sickness and disease, sin, and death. Isaiah saw a vision of the Saviour's body upon the Cross - cursed, helpless, and broken for us to be set free. The freedom that Jesus paid for was for the forgiveness of our sins and the healing of our bodies: "But He was pierced for our sins, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5). What Jesus endured was beyond harrowing. "His face was so disfigured that He hardly seemed human, from His appearance one would scarcely know that He was a man" (Isaiah 52:14). Jesus faced the full brunt of a battalion of soldiers let loose to beat, whip and humiliate Him. Yet, He never opened His mouth to retaliate - heartbreakingly, knowing full well that it was for these very men's Salvation that He was being sacrificed to bring God's plan to fulfilment (Isaiah 53:7-12).

"No one is really willing to die for an honest person, though someone might be willing to die for a truly good person. But God showed how much He loved us by having Christ die for us, even though we were sinful" (Romans 5:7-8 CEV). The lead Scripture above declares that the Lord "is good to all". Neither your nationality, your financial status, your gender, or your past matter in God's eyes - for He is good to all who will believe in His Son Jesus - those who repent and call upon His Name for Salvation. Praise the Lord - we cannot help but tell of His Goodness for all He has done! None of us deserve God's kindness or mercy, yet freely He gives it to whomever will receive (John 3:16).

All of us have different and unique experiences in life. But suffering, pain and grief all taste the same, regardless of the cup they're presented in. One day when Jesus was in the synagogue He spotted a woman who was bent in half. Picture the scene - hardly able to walk with pain and stiffness - unable to raise herself up. Probably aged prematurely from the effects of the infirmity that tormented her body. The Bible says that it was a demon that was crippling her. She couldn't stand up straight - she was oppressed and bowed down. The Lord Jesus called her over and declared 'Dear woman, you are loosed and healed from your sickness!' (Luke 13:10-13 NLT). Then He touched her, and she was instantly healed. How she praised God!

"But you, O Lord, are a Shield about me, my Glory, and the Lifter of my head" (Psalm 3:3). Imagine the freedom this lady experienced - pain gone, back straightened, and no more tension - completely delivered by one touch from Jesus. As a daughter of Abraham healing was her birthright in the Covenant of God's unfailing Love and Mercy with His people. Thanks to the Lord Jesus we now have a better Covenant with better promises because of His Blood that washed and cleansed us (Hebrews 8:6). Friend, you won't need Botox, fillers, or a facelift - but prepare to 'be radiant with joy over the goodness of the Lord'. As you grow to know Jesus, you will see His Goodness in the land of the living: Only Believe! (Jeremiah 31:12; Psalm 27:13).

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*We know you still hear us,
So please know this is true,
Everything we are today,
is all because of you.*

Your pain is gone and your soul flies free.

*Rest easy Dada
xxx*

Sadly missed and always remembered by
Marie, Jerh, Nora, Mike Joe & Donal Óg.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & 1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

NEIL DOHERTY



FOILEADOWN, CLONKEEN,
KILLARNEY
WHO DIED ON THE
5TH OF MAY, 2024.

As we lovingly remember Neil on the first Anniversary of his passing, we, his family, would like to express our appreciation to all who sympathised with us and offered support over the past year. We are deeply grateful for the many kind messages, visits, phone calls and cards of condolences. Your thoughtfulness has been greatly appreciated.

A special thank you to our relatives, neighbours and friends for their support and assistance during this difficult time. We are sincerely grateful to all who brought refreshments, assisted with funeral arrangements and shared fond memories of Neil.

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the paramedics and staff of Kerry University Hospital who cared for Neil with such kindness and dignity. Thank you also to Murphys funeral directors, Tom and family for their professionalism and kindness in the handling of the funeral arrangements.

We offer our sincere thanks to Fr Jim Lenihan for his beautiful celebration of Neil's funeral mass and all his support, help and guidance at such a difficult time. The wonderful musical accompaniment provided by Stephen and Joan Cashman was greatly appreciated.

We are deeply grateful to Neil's friends and fellow Vintage Club members for providing a beautiful guard of honour to lead him on his final journey.

As it would be impossible to thank everybody individually, please except this acknowledgement as an expression of our appreciation. The Holy sacrifice of the mass will be offered for your intentions.

First Anniversary Mass for Neil
will take place on Sunday, May 4th at 9:30am
in St Agatha's Church, Glenflesk.

10TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**DENNY
MORIARTY**



COOM, GNEEVGUILLA

In loving memory of a dear Husband
and Father whose anniversary occurs
on the 4th of May.

*Memories of you are lovingly kept,
Of someone too special to ever forget.
Quietly thought of every day,
Loved and missed more than
words can say.*

Always remembered, never forgotten.

Sadly, missed by your loving wife Peggy,
Daughters Juliette, Aileen, Denise, Son
Jason, Daughter in Law Amanda and
Granddaughter Elsie

†

2ND ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

ELLEN CLIFFORD
(NÉE O'SHEA)



TWO MILE SCHOOL,
KILLARNEY.
6TH MAY 2023

*Your life was a blessing,
Your memory a treasure,
You are loved beyond words,
And missed beyond measure.*

Ellen is remembered by her loving
husband Dermot, children Paudie,
David and Shelly, their partners,
her grandson Oigi, her much loved
dad Pat, her sisters and brothers,
her extended family and
many friends.

May Ellen Rest In Peace

Ellen's 2nd Anniversary Mass will take
place on Tuesday 6th May at 7pm in
Fossa Church.

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3RD ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

JOHN C. BURKE



14 WOODLAWN ROAD
KILLARNEY, CO KERRY

WHO PASSED AWAY FROM THIS
LIFE UNEXPECTEDLY ON THE
7TH OF MAY, 2022.

*You left us all with very
happy memories.*

Always loved and forever missed
by your wife Mary and family.

Masses offered.

NOVENA TO ST ANTHONY

O wonderful St. Anthony, glorious on account
of the fame of your miracles, and through the
condescension of Jesus in coming in the form of
a little child to rest in your arms, obtain for me of
His bounty the grace which I ardently desire from
the depths of my heart. (State your intention)
You who were so compassionate toward miserable
sinners, regard not the unworthiness of those
who pray to you, but the glory of God that it may
once again be magnified by the granting of the
particular request (State your intention) which I
now ask for with persevering earnestness. Amen

Pray one Our Father,
one Hail Mary, and
Glory Be to the Father, in honor of Saint Anthony.
Saint Anthony, pray for us!

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