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A Note from the EDITOR



As we all look forward to the Easter Bank Holiday weekend, we have lots for you to enjoy in this week's Killarney Outlook.

The Charity is set cast off for its 38th Annual Open Wet Fly Angling Competition, thousands were raised at a charity auction and a local man living with Cystic Fibrosis is calling on the community to support 65 Roses Day.

The Killarney Alzheimers Cafe will host its April gathering on the 15th, A Speakeasy cake took centre stage at a recent 50th birthday celebration and a much loved Killarney milkman has delivered his last orders after 40 years on the job.

Ballyhar Church is planning to mark 200 years with a commemorative book, Spring into Storytime has been launched at the library and Kilcummin CCE shines at the county finals.

With a weather advisory in place for the weekend, there have been calls to protect nature over Easter, Glenflesk Parish pupils celebrated their Confirmation and a young soccer star had a taste of the big time on a recent trip to the UK.

In sport, Kerry Ladies have secured a win, Kerry FC's trip to Bray ended in defeat and Killorglin Rowing Club is celebrating success at the National Coastal Rowing Championships.

Hope you all have a wonderful Easter!



Aisling Crosbie



That was some sky this evening to kick off Summer Time - captured by Bridget Gleeson Healy



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At the launch at Ross Castle, were front row from left, Padraig O'Donoghue, Rise & Shine Trust, Corrie O'Flaherty, Chairman, Lough Lein Anglers, Chris Sanbak, Lough Lein Anglers, Helen O'Donoghue, Rise & Shine Trust, Chief Executive Officer at Lee Strand Co-op Gearoid Linnane, Tim O'Brien, Rise & Shine Trust.

Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

Killarney to Host 38th Annual Open Wet Fly Charity Angling Competition

The Lough Lein Anglers Association, in partnership with main sponsor Lee Strand Cooperative Creameries Limited, has announced the return of its much-anticipated Open Wet Fly Charity Angling Competition, affectionately known as "The Charity." The event will take place on Lough Lein, Killarney, on Sunday, 26 April 2026, marking the 38th anniversary of this popular and long-standing competition. Each year, anglers from across the region and beyond gather for a day

of sport, community spirit, and fundraising for a worthy cause.

This year's chosen beneficiary is Rise & Shine Trust (formerly the Irish Pilgrimage Trust). The organisation provides children and young people with additional needs the opportunity to take part in a week-long, fully supported Easter pilgrimage to Lourdes. These life-enriching trips are made possible entirely through dedicated volunteer fundraising efforts.

Organisers are once again looking forward to a strong turnout, with participants not only enjoying a day of angling on one of Ireland's most picturesque lakes but also contributing to a cause that makes a meaningful difference in the lives of young people and their families. Further details on registration and event arrangements will be announced in the coming weeks.

AUCTION RAISES THOUSANDS FOR THE PHILIPPINES

At a recent Charity event hosted by the Killarney Women's Shed, Chandra Arias and her amazing team raised €3,035 for the victims of a hurricane in the Philippines.

The event was a great success combining an auction, raffle, entertainment and Filipino finger food.

The auction showcased Chandra's very creative, unique and beautiful upcycled furniture.

Raffle prizes were most gratefully received from local businesses. Fabulous food was prepared by Chandra's team, including a professional caterer, Nympha Tacasa. Music and song was by Ryan Largo.

All proceeds will be donated to the relief efforts in Mandaue city, in the Philippines from where Chandra originates. Residents in central Philippines were severely affected by a devastating typhoon last November and hundreds of thousands of people are still struggling to rebuild their lives, having lost homes, schools and businesses.

The event was supported by members of Killarney Women's Shed, the business community, members of the public and the Mayor of Killarney, Cllr. Martin Grady. Many donations of furniture have subsequently been made to Chandra for upcycling and they will be available at a future Charity event.

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Kerry County Council Issue Moderate Weather Advisory for Kerry

Kerry County Council have issued a moderate weather warning for Kerry for unsettled and mixed over Easter with a mobile Atlantic flow affecting Ireland including:

Windy or possibly stormy in places later Saturday.

Potential for some severe or damaging west to southwest gusts.

Coastal flooding is likely, especially around high tide times and in exposed, low-lying locations along the Atlantic coastal counties.

High astronomical tides (Spring Tides) coinciding with storm surge and persistent onshore winds will further increase the risk of coastal flooding. Areas along the west and north coasts are particularly vulnerable. Strong onshore winds combined with high waves may lead to wave overtopping and flooding in low-lying and exposed coastal areas.

With warnings are likely to be issued, the advice is to stay updated via Met Éireann's website, app and social media channels.

The weather advisory is valid from: Friday, 03/04 @ 12AM (midnight) to Saturday 04/04 @ 2PM



Minister O'Sullivan calls for vigilance in protecting nature over Easter

As the fifth anniversary of the devastating wild fires in Killarney National Park approaches, Minister of State for Nature, Heritage and Biodiversity Christopher O'Sullivan TD has called for vigilance in protecting nature, reminding both landowners and the general public that the nesting season, which began on March 1st, is a critical time for the breeding and survival of birds and wildlife.

Minister O'Sullivan said: "All around us we can see signs of nature renewing. Birds have been building their nests, laying eggs and getting ready to fledge chicks. During this time, they depend on our hedgerows, meadows and uplands for food and to protect them from predators.

"Damage to these valuable habitats and careless behaviour while out enjoying them can affect the survival of our much loved birds and wildlife. Over the coming weeks, let's all give them the space they need so that they get the best possible chance to survive and breed.

I'm appealing to the public to keep dogs on leads, pick up litter and leave the barbecues at home and asking landowners to be mindful of their responsibilities under the Wildlife Act."

Legislation prohibits the cutting, burning, or destruction of vegetation in hedges, ditches, or uncultivated land from March 1st to August 31st. There are no exemptions for the burning of vegetation during this period. Minister O'Sullivan reminded landowners of their responsibilities and consequences of burning activity in and near Special Areas of Conservation and Special Protection Areas. Increased investment from government in recent years has strengthened the capacity of the National Parks and Wildlife Service in preventing fires in protected areas.

The Minister added:

"Illegal, uncontrolled fires endanger communities, put emergency services and NPWS staff under huge pressure and have devastating consequences for nature. The

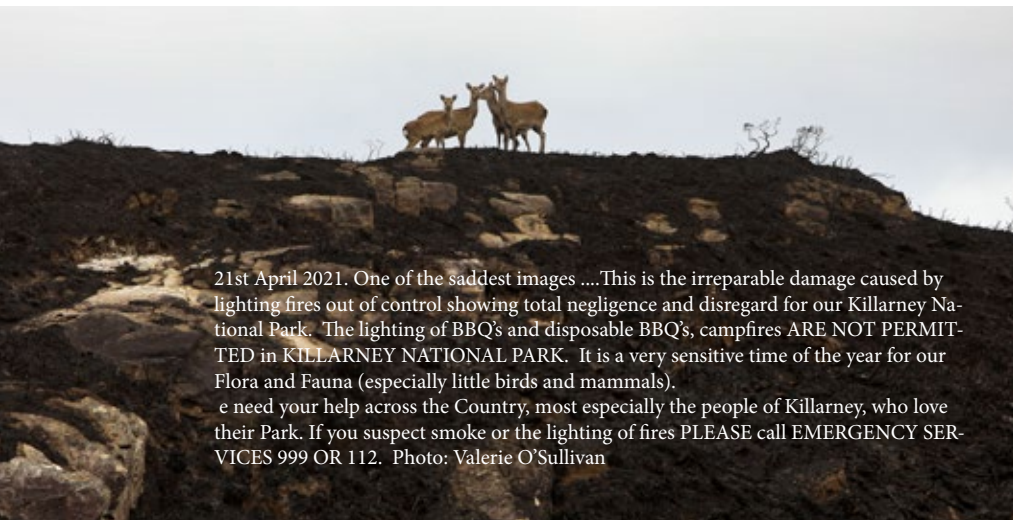
National Parks and Wildlife Service is ready to respond when our natural world is under threat. Aerial surveillance is a highly effective tool to prevent the outbreak of fire, and our 'eyes in the sky' patrols will once again be busy over the coming weeks and months. Our increased ground crews, investment in training, work with An Garda Síochána and the use of technology are also essential in preventing fires in our high nature value areas."

The Minister concluded: "We all love to spend time outdoors in nature during the longer evenings and warmer weather. Let's not put nature at risk while we're doing this. I've seen the impact of illegal fires on our National Parks and other protected areas

This destruction scars our beautiful landscape, destroys habitats and species and deprives communities of cherished spaces for education, recreation, and connection with nature. Please don't light fires in these areas, follow all of the guidance and co-operate with the emergency services."

Niall Ó Donnchu, Director General with the NPWS said: "Our National Parks and Nature Reserves welcome over 5.5 million visitors each year. These beautiful living landscapes are not ours to damage. Please leave nature's homes as you find them, whole, breathing, alive and unscarred by fires. The only memento you should leave would be the wondrous memory of a great day out in nature."

Breaches of the wildlife legislation may constitute a wildlife crime and subject to investigation and prosecution. Breaches may also be cross reported to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine and a sanction may be applied under Conditionality to the farmer(s) area based payments.



21st April 2021. One of the saddest images This is the irreparable damage caused by lighting fires out of control showing total negligence and disregard for our Killarney National Park. The lighting of BBQ's and disposable BBQ's, campfires ARE NOT PERMITTED in KILLARNEY NATIONAL PARK. It is a very sensitive time of the year for our Flora and Fauna (especially little birds and mammals).

We need your help across the Country, most especially the people of Killarney, who love their Park. If you suspect smoke or the lighting of fires PLEASE call EMERGENCY SERVICES 999 OR 112. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

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WELCOME FOR APPROVAL FOR MAJOR SCHOOL EXTENSION at St. Oliver's NS, Killarney

Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry, Michael Cahill, has warmly welcomed confirmation from the Department of Education that approval has been granted for a significant building project at St. Oliver's National School in Ballycasheen, Killarney.

The project, which has now been approved to proceed to construction under the Additional School Accommodation Scheme, will deliver a substantial extension to the school. The development includes the provision of 3 mainstream classrooms, 7 Special Education Teaching (SET) rooms, and 3 Special Educational Needs (SEN) bases.

"I am delighted to see this project at St. Oliver's NS progressing to the construction stage. This is a very significant development that will greatly enhance the school's capacity to meet the growing educational needs of the area," he said.

"The inclusion of additional mainstream classrooms alongside dedicated SET rooms and SEN bases is particularly welcome. It reflects the importance of ensuring that every child,



regardless of their needs, has access to the appropriate supports in a modern and inclusive learning environment."

"I want to commend the school management, the Principal Colm Ó Suilleabháin, the staff, parents, and Board of Management for their continued engagement and dedication in advancing this project. Their efforts have been instrumental in reaching this important milestone."

"I will continue to work closely with the Department of Education to ensure that projects like this are delivered without delay and that schools across Kerry receive the resources and facilities they need to support our young people. I look forward to seeing the construction commence and the project delivered for the benefit of current and future students of St. Oliver's NS."

Camp MACademy's KPOP/Hunters Camp a Huge Success

Camp Macademy's KPOP/Hunters camp proved to be an incredible experience for all who attended, leaving lasting memories for participants and staff alike. Held from March 30th to April 3rd, the camp was filled with energy, creativity, and fun from start to finish.

Young performers aged 4 to 15 took part in a wide range of activities inspired by the exciting worlds of K-pop and Hunters, developing their skills in dance, performance, and teamwork. Each day ran from 9am to 2:30pm and was packed with enthusiasm, laughter, and impressive talent. Lily MacMonagle Shannon, director of The MACademy said that the participants fully embraced the theme, showcasing their passion and creativity throughout the week.

"It truly was a fantastic camp, and everyone involved looked back on it as a fun, rewarding, and unforgettable experience", she added.





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Killarney Community College Students Honoured at ETB Awards Ceremony

Outstanding student achievement was celebrated in style at Killarney Community College on Thursday, 12 March, as students from across the region gathered for a special awards ceremony recognising excellence in education and school life.

The event brought together representatives from the Kerry Education and Training Board's eight post-primary schools and Youthreach centres, highlighting the dedication, commitment and positive contributions of students throughout the county.

Guest speaker for the occasion was Michael Moynihan, Minister of State at the Department of Education and Youth with responsibility for Special Education and Inclusion. Addressing attendees, he praised the students for their hard work and encouraged them to continue striving for excellence in all aspects of their lives.

A number of students from Killarney Community College were among those honoured on the day, earning recognition across a wide range of categories.

Dimitris McCarthy received the School Academic Excellence Award, while Daniel O'Donovan was presented with the Junior Cycle Academic Award. Brian O'Connell was recognised with the LCA Student Award, and Anna O'Shea received the TY Achievement Award for her contribution during Transition Year.



Award winners pictured with Michael Moynihan, Minister of State at the Department of Education and Youth with responsibility for Special Education and Inclusion, Cllr. Marie Moloney and staff from Killarney Community College.

Leadership and community involvement were also acknowledged, with Wiktorija Gluza honoured for Exceptional Leadership in the School Student Council, and Fionn Lynch receiving the School Ethos Award. Sporting success was celebrated through Pa Casey, who took home the Sporting Excellence Award. The ceremony served as a powerful reminder of the talent and dedication present within the

school community. Staff at Killarney Community College extended their sincere congratulations to all award recipients, noting the pride felt in seeing students recognised for both their academic and personal achievements. The event concluded on a high note, with students, families and educators reflecting on a successful year and looking ahead to continued excellence in the future.

Trevor O'Donoghue Calls on Kerry Community to Support 65 Roses Day

A Killarney man living with cystic fibrosis is calling on the people of Kerry to show their support this April as Cystic Fibrosis Ireland prepares for its annual 65 Roses Day fundraiser.

Trevor O'Donoghue is urging the public to help the organisation reach its national fundraising target of €300,000 on 65 Roses Day, which takes place on Friday, 10th April. Volunteers will be out in force across the country selling purple roses at locations including Dunnes Stores and the Killarney Outlet Centre.

Cystic fibrosis (CF) is a life-limiting inherited condition that affects multiple systems in the body, including breathing, digestion and reproduction. Ireland has the highest rate of CF per capita in the world, with more than 1,400 people living with the condition and approximately 33 new cases diagnosed each year. While advances in treatment - including modulator therapies - have significantly improved quality of life, there is still no cure, and many challenges remain.

Speaking ahead of the campaign, Trevor shared his own experience of living with CF and the importance of continued support.

"Hi, I'm Trevor. I am a son, an uncle, a partner, a

friend, a dog lover and a photographer. I also have CF. Thankfully I am living well and long may that last. But living well with CF takes an extra layer of hard work that people don't always appreciate or see," he said.

"The support from Cystic Fibrosis Ireland is invaluable, whether that is through grants or raising awareness. On 65 Roses Day, I'm calling on everyone to buy a rose, visit Dunnes Stores or donate online. Every donation goes towards supporting people with CF in Ireland. We really appreciate your support."

Funds raised through the campaign help Cystic Fibrosis Ireland provide a wide range of essential services, including a dedicated support line, financial assistance grants and peer-support groups that connect those living with the condition. As part of this year's campaign, Trevor is behind a powerful new exhibition titled "Rewriting Tomorrow," which opened in Killarney Library and will take place at The Copper House from April 7th to 12th. The exhibition features personal letters written by CF ambassadors to their future selves, alongside artwork created by children living with CF in collaboration with



cartoonist Brendan Lonergan. The exhibition reflects a growing sense of hope within the CF community, as improved treatments allow many to look ahead to futures that once seemed uncertain.

Cystic Fibrosis Ireland is encouraging people throughout Kerry to get involved, whether by purchasing a purple rose locally or making a donation online. Public support, organisers say, is vital to ensuring that services continue and that progress towards better treatments - and ultimately a cure - remains on track.

For Trevor and many others, the message is simple: community support can make a life-changing difference.



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Anne Lucey looks at the positive news happening in Killarney



KILLARNEY UNIQUE IN "GLOOMY WILD KERRY".

The Spirit of Ireland by Lynn Doyle is not a new book. Written in August 1935, I came across it in a second hand shop in Tralee. It is "not a guide book", in the words of the author itself.

A Dublin man, he travelled around Ireland to write about different parts. Very appropriately he included Killarney with Cork in the one chapter. Appropriately? There is a long affinity between Killarney and Cork. There is the butter road. But there is also the accent - many people mistake Killarney accents for Cork, and vice versa. Until recently most people from Killarney

who went to university chose Queen's College Cork, UCC or other Cork institutions.

Back to the book. Doyle went to Killarney by rail from Mallow and he writes about the changing face of the landscape "where the hedges became all furze and mountains began to appear".

He wasn't too enthused about a visit to Killarney. He had an abiding disgust for the tune "Killarney" because in his football and cricketing youth he took his relaxation in the music halls, when the last song would be "heaven's refle-he-hex Killarney.". He expected to be bored.

"I was wrong. It is one of the world's beauty-spots, beautiful itself, but gaining enormously

by its setting. Co. Kerry is wild, savage, gloomy, awe-inspiring. It is not every man's meat. The Lakes of Killarney, with a crowding loveliness of verdure softening and enriching ..., perfect foil for the more austere beauty that surrounds them."

His piece prompts me to ask why we don't celebrate the unique beauty of Killarney anymore? I think we are too focused on the wildness and wandering in rough wilderness and the park and letting woods, deer etc manage themselves. What entrances about Killarney is not found in Glencar or Kilgarvan or west Cork or barren Dingle or the boglands of south and east Kerry.

SOUTH KERRY GREENWAY ANOTHER JEANIE J?

It took 700 million euro to restore the priceless Notre Dame Cathedral in France in five years. It is taking over 70 million euro to put back an old rail line along rough land and ditches through back yards in south Kerry. The project was announced in 2014. But there is no restoration of the rail line under which Cahersiveen once thrived.

It will be "a recreational pathway", beginning nowhere and ending nowhere. The "between 232,000 and 428, 000 visitors" (there's quite a gap in the council estimates) annually will have to bus it or car with their bikes to Glenbeigh, clogging the roads even further.

This project and I have covered it from the very beginning has many questions. No amount of slapping down on social media by the fierce and to be fair

desperate greenway loyalists will erase the questions. Questions articulated bravely by the Healy-Raes from the beginning, let it be acknowledged. Particularly Johnny Healy-Rae.

The figures are very loose. In 2014 it was to cost €5 million then €16 million and €19.5 million in 2019 at the oral hearing to decide on the controversial CPO pushed by the council management and voted through reluctantly by councillors. That was for over 30 km. Now with 7 kms barely open, some €22 million has already been spent.

ClIr Jackie Healy Rae has ascertained the projected cost for 27 kms is now €72. That would be good value and scarcely any dearer if it were in fact a rail line connecting Cahersiveen with Killarney and Tralee.

I also covered the great fiasco of the recreation of the Jeanie Jhsnton famine ship by the council at the start of the millennium. That too exceeded all costs and at one stage threatened to sink the ratepayers of Kerry. After the dream of Jeanie was found to be a sinkhole, it was offloaded to another semi-State, the Dublin Docklands Authority. The cost of "our ship" (I can't help recalling Brendan Cronin's key phrase full of sarcasm) was around 16 million. Or 15 million. No one really knows exactly how much was sunk into it. It was valued at just 700k in 2019. Two years ago I found it loitering unloved on the Liffey. Councils like Kerry were never again to be put in charge of major tourism projects after Jeanie.

SOCIAL MEDIA ADDICTION

This column has a number of years ago likened Facebook to cigarettes - believing social media to be highly addictive. It was easier to give up the cigs than Facebook, I wrote. Courts in the US now subscribe to this notion and have ruled in the case of at least one young woman in Los Angeles that indeed Meta and Google designed platforms are addictive.

This is no surprise to me. I know people and not just young people who have given up social media entirely and have struggled to do so. But they are delighted they did, and feel a lot less anxious.

It is the scrolling nature that is addictive and time wasting. We are targeted by algorithms that are designed to keep us looking and make us upset and provoke reaction and cause anger and envy and all sorts of high emotions - and gossip - many of which we used to label deadly sins.

The courts' ruling signals there is a change in thinking about social media. We are only coming to grips with social media as a species, after all. I have begun to harbour reservations about RIP.ie, I have to confess. I have questions about whether the site intrudes on the dignity of death and bereavement and if it is altogether too upsetting and maybe even a little voyeuristic.

RIP.ie is in essence a social media site that feeds on the Irish fascination with death; it has millions scrolling through it. Most leave deeply felt messages which ordinarily would pass quickly into the ether but are now there for everyone to view. Forever.

I am not sure the public should actually view other people's condolences and think this should be for the bereaved family alone to see. A private matter.

People count how many pages condolences run to and how popular a person was etc.

It is all a little distasteful, I am beginning to feel and I have stopped leaving comments/condolences.



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Kerry Trails Lead Ireland's Hiking Boom as Social Media Buzz Surges

Snow set... An Evening Sunset from Torc Mountain, Killarney National Park. Photos: Valerie O'Sullivan

As spring brings us longer days and brighter skies, Ireland's hiking season is already off to a strong start - and nowhere is that more evident than in Kerry. New research from Trailblazers, analysing Instagram hashtag trends, reveals that Kerry's trails are among the most talked-about in the country, cementing the region's reputation as a powerhouse for outdoor adventure.

While Glendalough tops the national list with a staggering 258,000 Instagram posts, Kerry dominates the rankings overall, claiming four spots in the top 10. From rugged mountain ascents to sweeping coastal routes, the county's diverse landscapes are clearly capturing the imagination of hikers both at home and abroad. Leading Kerry's charge is Carrauntoohil, Ireland's highest peak, famed for its challenging Devil's Ladder route and dramatic setting in the MacGillycuddy's Reeks. Not far behind is Torc Mountain, a more accessible climb that rewards walkers with panoramic views over Killarney's lakes.



Piaras Kelly of Kerry Climbing guiding experienced mountaineers along the typical terrain on the MacGillycuddy's Reeks, along the Binn Chaorach Ridge, part of the Coomloughra Horse Shoe, with includes Carrauntoohil (1039 m) Ireland's highest Mountain. The Classic Binn Chaorach Ridge (1010 m).

Further west on the Dingle Peninsula, Mount Brandon continues to attract attention for its spiritual heritage and Atlantic vistas, while The Dingle Way - a long-distance loop through coastal villages and wild headlands - highlights the growing appeal of multi-day hiking experiences.

Tourism experts say this surge in online visibility is no coincidence. "Kerry offers a unique mix of accessibility and raw beauty," said Trailblazers Marketing Manager Rebecca Ryan. "Whether it's a first-time hiker or an experienced trekker, there's something here that resonates - and people want to share that."

Beyond Kerry, Ireland's hiking hotspots are seeing renewed interest across the board. Diamond Hill and Croagh Patrick continue to draw crowds seeking both scenery and cultural significance, while the Wicklow Way demonstrates the enduring popularity of long-distance walking routes.

Meanwhile, iconic locations such as Cliffs of Moher Coastal Walk and Mount Errigal round out the top 10, offering hikers dramatic coastal views and striking summit experiences.

Despite Kerry's dominance, Glendalough remains Ireland's most photographed hiking destination. Nestled in the Wicklow Mountains, its boardwalk trail above the Upper Lake combines natural beauty with accessibility - a winning formula in the age of social media.

"Glendalough offers instant visual reward," Rebecca explained. "You don't need to be an expert to experience something truly spectacular there, and that's a big part of its appeal online."

With more people hitting the trails, preparation remains key. Ryan advises hikers to invest in sturdy waterproof boots, dress in layers to adapt to Ireland's unpredictable weather, and carry essentials such as navigation tools, food, water and a first-aid kit. For those planning overnight trips, proper camping equipment is also crucial. As Ireland's landscapes continue to trend online, one thing is clear: the call of the wild - especially in Kerry - has never been stronger.

Killarney Alzheimer Café Continues to Offer Support and Connection

A vital support initiative for those affected by dementia continues to make a meaningful difference in the Killarney community, with the monthly Killarney Alzheimer Café set to host its next gathering this April.

Organised in partnership with the The Alzheimer Society of Ireland, the café provides a warm and welcoming space for individuals living with dementia or cognitive impairment, along with their families, carers and healthcare professionals. The initiative aims to foster connection, share knowledge and reduce the sense of isolation often experienced by those affected.

The upcoming session will take place on Wednesday, 15 April 2026, from 11am to 1pm at the Coill na Darrach Community Room in Killarney. Open to all, the event encourages members of the public to attend, whether they are directly impacted or simply interested in



learning more. This month's guest speaker is Michael Cahillane, who will lead a discussion on advocacy - an area of growing importance for individuals navigating life with dementia and those supporting them.

Held on the third Wednesday of every month, the Alzheimer Café has become a cornerstone of community support in the area, offering not just information but also companionship and understanding in a relaxed, informal setting.

Organisers emphasise that no booking is

required and that everyone is welcome to attend. Further information is available through local organisers, who continue to encourage community engagement with this important initiative.

As awareness around dementia grows, events like the Killarney Alzheimer Café highlight the power of community in supporting those on the journey - ensuring that no one has to face it alone.



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Minister Foley and Minister Higgins launch €3.5 million national Disability Participation and Awareness Fund

The Minister for Children, Disability and Equality, Norma Foley and the Minister of State with responsibility for Disability, Emer Higgins have today launched the €3.5 million Disability Participation and Awareness Fund.

The fund will enable organisations across Ireland to support people with disabilities to take part in community, sports and physical activities, arts and cultural activities, social enterprises and apprenticeships; and innovative animal-assisted approaches to inclusion and wellbeing.

The most recent round of Disability Participation and Awareness Fund grants provided funding for a variety of projects, including the opening up of canoeing clubs for people with disabilities, audio theatre workshops, disability arts festivals and a DIY wheelchair repair programme.

Charities, social enterprises and nonprofit organisations working directly with disabled people can now apply for the new round of the Disability Participation and Awareness Fund, which is managed by Rethink Ireland. Applications are open now at rethinkireland.ie and will close on 23 April 2026.

Minister for Children, Disability and Equality, Norma Foley, said: "I am pleased to announce the opening of the call for applications for the €3.5 million Disability Participation and Awareness Fund. People with disabilities have the right to participate fully in every aspect of life. That is why we are investing in accessible sport, inclusive arts, meaningful employment



Minister for State with responsibility for Disability, Emer Higgins; Minister for Children, Disability and Equality, Norma Foley; Rachel Willoughby, When Forests Sing participant; and Deirdre Mortell, CEO, Rethink Ireland pictured at RIAM for the announcement of the Disability Participation and Awareness Fund launch. Photo: Aisling Conway.

and innovative supports that will make a real difference to people's everyday lives."

Over €13.5 million has been invested in 60 organisations nationwide since the Disability Participation and Awareness Fund was established by the Department of Children, Disability and Equality. This has enabled more than 5,000 disabled people to participate more fully in their communities, and over 150 people to secure paid employment or apprenticeships. Previous awardees include: The Royal Irish Academy of Music, Dublin (When Forests Sing),

Galway Community Circus (Circus is for Every Body), My Canine Companion, Cork (MCC School Therapy Dog Programme), and Saint John of God Community Services (DigiCoaching – Advancing Digital Accessibility).

The fund aligns with Ireland's National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People 2025-2030, the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and Ireland's Wellbeing Framework.

Milestone Birthday Celebrated in Style for Gavin

A special celebration took place recently as Gavin O'Donoghue marked his 50th birthday surrounded by family and friends.

The occasion was made all the more memorable with a bespoke cake created by Laura from Bake. The impressive design paid tribute to Gavin's well-known establishment, Speakeasy Bar, with intricate detailing capturing the essence of the much loved venue.

Adding a personal touch, skis were placed atop the cake in recognition of Gavin's passion for skiing holidays in Austria. Gavin celebrated the

milestone alongside his wife Michelle O'Donoghue, son Darragh and daughter Lauren, making it a truly family-centred occasion.





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The 5th Irish Open Karate Championships in Killarney was a major success, attracting over 200 competitors from across Ireland and abroad. Clubs from throughout County Kerry were strongly represented, alongside participants from counties including Cork, Waterford, Carlow, Roscommon, and Clare, as well as visitors from Belfast, Derry, Italy, and Nigeria. The Mayor of Killarney, Martin Grady, welcomed attendees and praised the dedication of competitors, referees, organisers, and sponsors in delivering such a prestigious event.

Spectators enjoyed a high standard of competition, with impressive displays of skill and sportsmanship throughout the day. Referees from Ireland, Northern Ireland, and Italy keep a close eye on the competition throughout. Overall, the championships were a great success, further strengthening Killarney's reputation as a host for major sporting events.

Killarney Karate Event a great Success with over 200 competitors



Mayor of Killarney, Martin Grady pictured with competitors and spectators at the 5th Irish Open Karate Championships.

Beloved Killarney Milkman Mike O'Connor Retires After 40 Years of Service



The Cronin Family celebrate Mike's Retirement. From left: Margaret, Michelle, Mike, Mossy, Cathal, John Cronin and in front, Fiadh.

After four decades of early morning starts and dedicated service to the community, Mike O'Connor has officially retired from his role delivering milk around Killarney, marking the end of an era for many local households.

Well known and warmly regarded throughout the area, Mike became a familiar and trusted face as he made his daily rounds, ensuring generations of families received their fresh deliveries with reliability and care.

Speaking on his final day, his wife Margaret reflected on the milestone moment. "On the last day of work after forty years, it's time to relax," she said. "We want to thank all of our customers who were amazing.

Lee Strand were wonderful to work with, they were always so helpful."

Mike's retirement brings both celebration and reflection, as friends, customers, and colleagues acknowledge not just his years of service, but the personal connections he built along the way.

As he steps into this new chapter of life, there is a shared sentiment across the community: deep gratitude for his dedication and warm wishes for the future. Mike O'Connor leaves behind a legacy of hard work and kindness, and is wished health and happiness in the years ahead.

The Cycle of Anxiety

Anxiety is a feeling of worry or fear that everyone experiences at times. Feelings of anxiety are your body's natural reaction to some stressful or dangerous situations. Symptoms such as worry, fear, a racing heart, sweating or a feeling of being overwhelmed. Anxiety can sometimes build up over time and be difficult to manage. Uncomfortable symptoms are controlled by avoiding the anxiety-producing situation. Examples of avoidance include: skipping class to avoid a presentation, using alcohol to numb feelings, procrastinating on challenging tasks. The fear that initially led to avoidance worsens, and the brain learns that when the anxiety-producing situation is avoided, the symptoms go away. As a result, the

symptoms of anxiety will be worse the next time, and avoidance is more likely.



There are many things you can try to help you learn how to manage feelings of anxiety, starting with a healthy diet and exercise plan, along with mindfulness and breathing exercises. Avoid Alcohol as this can affect your mental health and can make anxiety worse in the long-term.

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4km section from Glenbeigh towards Mountain Stage open from Thursday, 2 April

Following the opening of the first section of the South Kerry Greenway to the public at Kells before Christmas, a further 4km of the amenity will be open by the end of this week. The new section between Glenbeigh and Mountain Stage will be accessible to walkers and cyclists from 2pm on Thursday afternoon just ahead of the Easter weekend. The completion of this newest section of the South Kerry Greenway between its starting point at the Glenbeigh Trailhead and a new boardwalk near Mountain Stage means that 7km or one quarter of the entire greenway will be in public use from this weekend.

It comes as work continues on the construction and completion of other parts of the facility. It is anticipated that a further 2km of the Glenbeigh to Mountain Stage portion of the route will be open by the beginning of the summer.

Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr Michael Foley warmly welcomed the latest development: 'This is another very exciting step forward for this transformative recreational amenity. The feedback from those who have visited the 3km section at Kells which opened in December has been incredibly positive and is very encouraging.'

'I want to acknowledge local landowners for their cooperation and support as well as our partners in the Department of Transport and Transport Infrastructure Ireland.'



Cathaoirleach of the Kenmare Municipal District, Cllr Norma Moriarty said: 'It's wonderful to have this new part of the greenway operational in time for Easter and I would encourage everyone to enjoy what it has to offer over the coming weeks and months. We look forward to the opening of the next section before the summer.'

Car parking is available at the Glenbeigh Trailhead carpark which is located a short distance from Behy Bridge in Glenbeigh. Greenway users are reminded that the first section of the incorporates a 'quiet road' which is a shared space used by vehicles, walkers and cyclists. Advisory signage has been installed in this regard.

Past Pupil Inspires Students with Career in Dietetics

Students at St Brigid's Secondary School recently welcomed back a familiar face, as past pupil Zena Shine returned to share her knowledge and experience as a community dietician.

Speaking to Transition Year students, Zena delivered an engaging and informative talk focused on the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle, offering practical advice on balanced nutrition and overall wellbeing. Drawing from her professional experience, she also provided valuable insight into her career path in dietetics, giving students a real-world perspective on the opportunities within the field.

Her visit formed part of the TY YSI group's "Nourish To Flourish" initiative, a student-led project aimed at promoting healthy eating habits, encouraging positive lifestyles and raising awareness around eating disorders. Students were particularly interested in learning about the day-to-day role of a dietician, as well as the academic journey required to



Zena Shine, fourth from left, pictured with TY students at St. Brigid's Presentation Secondary School.

enter the profession. The "Nourish To Flourish" programme continues to play an important role within the school, encouraging students to take an active interest in their health and

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BALLYHAR CHURCH MARKS 200 YEARS

A remarkable milestone will be reached later this year as Sacred Heart Church, Ballyhar celebrates the 200th anniversary of its opening—a moment of deep pride, reflection, and gratitude for generations of parishioners who have passed through its doors.

For two centuries, the church has stood at the heart of the community, witnessing the life in Ballyhar and the surrounding townlands. From baptisms and First Holy Communions to the union of couples in marriage, its walls hold countless memories that have shaped families and strengthened community bonds.

In honour of this historic occasion, a dedicated group of parishioners has come together to prepare a commemorative book that will capture the spirit and story of the church across the years. The project aims to celebrate not just the building itself, but the people whose lives have been intertwined with it.

Earlier this year, an invitation was extended through the Firies Parish Newsletter encouraging families to share photographs of special

moments—baptisms, First Communions, weddings, and other church-related occasions.

The response so far has been heartening, with many already contributing treasured images that reflect the deep connection between the church and its people.

The organising group is hopeful that every family with ties to the church will take part, ensuring that the book becomes a true reflection of the community it represents. Each



photograph tells a story of faith, of family, and of continuity across generations.

There is also a call to those who may have photographs of parish events or gatherings, capturing the wider life of the church beyond its sacraments. These snapshots of shared experience will add richness and depth to the commemorative publication.

Parishioners who wish to contribute are asked to submit their photographs to Bob O'Connor no later than the weekend of April 25th/26th.

As the anniversary approaches, there is a growing sense of anticipation and pride. The 200-year journey of Sacred Heart Church is not just a story of a building, but of a living, breathing community—one that continues to gather, celebrate, and support one another through all of life's moments. This bicentenary will serve as both a tribute to the past and a hopeful look to the future, ensuring that the legacy of Ballyhar Church endures for generations to come.

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Kerry Library is pleased to bring a busy programme of events and activities to our libraries as part of its 'Spring into Storytime' programme this April. This annual library series aims to encourage young children to develop a love for reading and it celebrates the importance of families reading together and sharing stories. 'Spring into Storytime' is part of the Right to Read initiative, a national programme promoting literacy and reading development for people of all ages and backgrounds.

The 2026 programme includes storytelling and rhyme sessions, Spring themed craft workshops, toy construction sessions and much more. In addition to general enjoyment of storytime sessions, stories and reading also help children to further develop their own creativity and imagination, while supporting their concentration and communication skills.

Membership of Kerry Library is free for everyone, with fines long abolished, while all libraries are open on Saturdays. Membership gives access to the magic of stories and reading all year round with a wide array of books for all ages. Activities for children take place in libraries throughout the year including, storytimes, book clubs, Lego free play, board games, and nursery rhyme sessions. The library digital collections also offer a wide range of options for everyone from eBooks to eAudiobooks to eComics and eMagazines. Go ahead, Spring into Storytime!

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Kilcummin Shines at Scór na bPáistí County Finals

There were scenes of pride and celebration in Kilcummin following their success at the County Finals of Scór na bPáistí, held recently in Ballybunion.

Young performers from the club delivered a flawless series of performances, securing first place in every category they entered - a remarkable achievement that highlights both talent and dedication within the community.

In the Solo Music category, Colm Fleming

impressed judges with a confident and skilful performance, while Brynn McCarthy captured top honours in Solo Singing, showcasing both vocal ability and stage presence. The Group Music title was also claimed by Kilcummin, with a talented ensemble featuring Colm Fleming, Aoibhinn O'Connor, Caitriona Blake, Leah Brosnan and Cillian Brosnan delivering a standout performance that drew widespread praise. The success did not end there. Long-

serving Scór Officer Marie O'Leary was honoured with the prestigious "Siobhán Cotter" Memorial Shield, awarded to the best overall club at the county finals - a fitting recognition of years of dedication to promoting Irish culture and talent at grassroots level.

Scór na bPáistí, celebrates traditional Irish music, song, dance and storytelling among young people, fostering cultural pride alongside community spirit.



Marie O'Leary was honoured with the prestigious "Siobhán Cotter" Memorial Shield.



Colm Fleming with his coach Steven O'Leary.



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MTU Enterprise Showcase Kerry Start-Up Challenge Celebrates Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and New Frontiers Talent

The newly opened An Cuan building at the MTU Kerry Campus was the vibrant setting for the 2026 MTU Enterprise Showcase & Kerry Start-Up Challenge. The high energy event brought together emerging start ups, regional enterprise stakeholders, and industry leaders for a day of pitching, networking, and celebration of entrepreneurial achievement.

This year's showcase also marked two major milestones: The completion of Enterprise Ireland's New Frontiers Phase 2 Programme for the 2025 cohort at the Tom Crean Business Centre, and the official launch of the recruitment drive for the 2026 Phase 2 New Frontiers programme.

Over the past six months, ten founders have engaged in an intensive programme delivered by MTU, the Tom Crean Business Centre, and experienced industry mentors. The programme supported participants in developing their business models, refining their strategies, expanding networks, and preparing for growth and investment. The showcase offered attendees the chance to meet the founders and explore their innovative ventures first-hand. Speaking at the events, Niamh O'Kennedy, New Frontiers Programme Manager said "It's inspiring to see such strong potential at this early stage - their drive and creativity will be key to shaping successful businesses." The judges on the day



Pictured on the day were L-R: Donagh Ó Buachalla; Ailtir, Oisín Flynn; Chess Ireland, Suzy Griffin Dunne; Hildun Beauty, Seán Field; dppmanager.com, Matthew Collins; Sibly Food Company and Niamh O'Kennedy; MTU
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came from a panel of distinguished founders shared insights from their entrepreneurial paths: Matthew Collins, Sibly Food Company, Suzy Griffin Dunne, Hildun Beauty and Donagh Ó Buachalla, of Ailtir

Three shortlisted companies pitched live to the judges, each given three minutes to present their business vision. Best New Business Idea was awarded to Sean Field, and his company DPPManager.com. Sean, a current participant of New Frontiers Phase 2, was recognised for DPPManager.com, a platform transforming how companies manage their digital product

passports (DPP) and project workflows. Best Pitch went to Oisín Flynn, co founder of Chess Ireland. Oisín impressed judges with his pitch centred on expanding chess education in schools and workplaces nationwide. Flynn and co founder Tomás Fitzpatrick were recently featured in the Sunday Independent's 30 Under 30. The audience also heard from Tralee based Shane Hassett, CEO and New Frontiers alumnus at WAZP, the who shared his journey scaling an award winning 3D printing solutions company.



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Glenflesk Parish Pupils Celebrate Their Confirmation Day

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Glenflesk parish Confirmation with Bishop Ray Browne and Parish priest Fr. Jim Linehan.



Raheen school pupils with teachers and Bishop Ray Browne and Fr. Jim Linehan.



Barraduff School pupils and teachers with Bishop Ray Browne and Glenflesk parish priest Fr. Jim Linehan.



Leah O'Doherty who received her Confirmation last Wednesday in St. Marys Cathedral.



Sean McGillicuddy Glenflesk who received Confirmation last Wednesday in St. Marys Cathedral.



Glenflesk National School pupils and teachers with Bishop Ray Browne and Fr. Jim Linehan.



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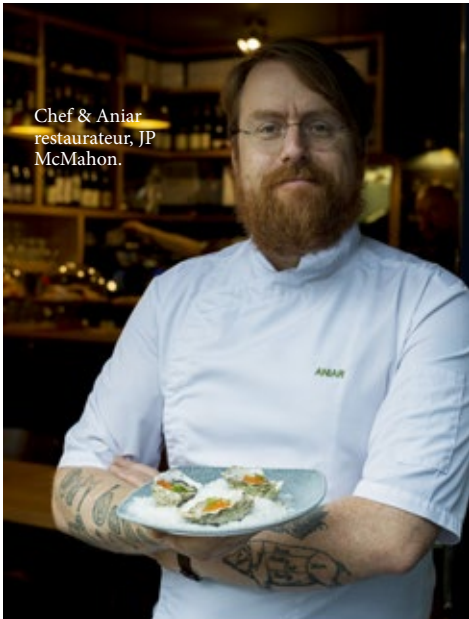
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Chef & Aniar restaurateur, Jp McMahon.



The Tan Yard Team.

The elemental flavours of the Wild Atlantic Way are set to collide in spectacular style as chef and restaurateur Jp McMahon brings Galway's Michelin-starred Aniar to The Tan Yard Killarney for an exclusive, one-night collaboration on Saturday April, 18th.

This exceptional 10-course tasting experience marks Aniar's first event in Kerry, offering a rare opportunity to showcase both its distinctive west of Ireland ethos and the incredible produce on Killarney's doorstep. Aniar has been a defining force in Galway's dining scene for over 14 years and has played a pivotal role in shaping the modern Irish food landscape. The cooking style at Aniar is renowned for its micro-seasonal approach, drawing from farms, wild ingredients and the surrounding shoreline. The menu evolves constantly, guided by nature and underpinned by traditional techniques such as curing, pickling, smoking and fermenting.

For this special collaboration, that ethos travels south, reinterpreted in partnership with The Tan Yard, and its talented team. Known for its farm-to-fork philosophy and commitment to local producers, The Tan Yard kitchen also champions

The O'Donoghue Ring Collection's Killarney Urban Farm; Ireland's first hydroponic farm supplying fresh produce directly to The Tan Yard's kitchen, and also to Pig's Lane, the collection's award-winning underground bar and speakeasy.

The evening's menu will unfold as an immersive journey through Irish food past and present, with dishes that are both deeply rooted and strikingly contemporary. Taking place during the same weekend that Killarney celebrates Kerry and the great outdoors with Wander Wild Festival, the timing couldn't be more fitting for a dining experience exploring landscape, seasonality and place.

Highlights from the menu will include oyster with seaweed and sea herbs, venison tartare with cured egg yolk and chips, and Kerry lamb saddle with wild garlic and asparagus. Each course will be paired with a carefully curated wine selection, with a full non-alcoholic pairing also available on the evening.

Speaking about the upcoming collaboration, Jp McMahon said: "It's great to bring a taste of Aniar and Galway to The Tan Yard, Killarney, I feel there are similarities given our mutual geography

along the Wild Atlantic Way. Collaborations are an important feature of the Aniar project because they offer the opportunity to share ideas and spread the message of Irish food and the terroir of the west of Ireland."

Jamie Cronin, O'Donoghue Ring Collection Group Head Chef added: "At The Tan Yard, our cooking is rooted in a deep sense of place, inspired by the land and the legacy of local ingredients, so there's a natural alignment with Jp and the Aniar ethos, something we've long admired. It's a real pleasure to welcome him and his team to Killarney for what promises to be a very special collaboration. With the town coming alive for Wander Wild Festival that same weekend, there's an added sense of energy and excitement. We're really looking forward to a great atmosphere in The Tan Yard on the night."

Together, the two kitchens promise a rare chance to see two distinct culinary voices come together in a collaborative format that captures the essence of Ireland's west coast in all its depth and diversity. Bookings are being taken for 5pm onwards on Saturday 18th April. Tickets are €140 per person and available now.

Dogs Trust issues Easter warning over chocolate toxicity in dogs



This Easter, the charity is advising dog owners to keep chocolate, and other Easter treats, out of reach of curious canines

As Easter approaches, Dogs Trust is reminding dog owners to be aware of the toxic threats posed by a number of festive favourites. Chocolate, hot cross buns and even spring flowers like daffodils pose a risk to our canine companions and should always be kept well out of reach to avoid accidents.

Chocolate is highly toxic to dogs due to the presence of theobromine, a substance which dogs cannot metabolise effectively. Even small amounts can cause serious illness, with symptoms including vomiting, diarrhoea, excessive thirst, seizures, and in some severe cases, heart or kidney failure. Dogs Trust is

urging owners to contact their vet immediately if they suspect their dog has ingested any amount of chocolate.

The charity is also warning dog owners about a number of lesser-known seasonal hazards that can pose serious risks to pets. Popular Easter treats such as hot cross buns contain raisins, which are highly toxic to dogs, even in small quantities. Spring flowers, including daffodils, can also be dangerous, particularly as the water in which they are kept may contain toxins that can cause illness if consumed.

It's also important to be vigilant when out on walks and make sure your dog doesn't eat anything that might have accidentally been left behind during an Easter egg hunt.

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The Dubliners Encore

The Official Story Of The World's Greatest Folk Band Is Coming To Town

The Dubliners Encore, the official story of the world's greatest folk band's Irish tour will take place at the the Gleneagle Arena Killarney on Sunday 12th April.

'This show was put together with the love, care, attention to detail, and grandeur that only a crew wholly invested in the true legacy of the Dubliners would ever dare to risk.' 'The cumulative effect of it all was something so nostalgic, educating, nourishing, funny, sad, incredibly rich, and spiritual. But there was some element of magic I could not quite put my finger on.' - Declan O'Rourke

'The musicianship of the band representing The Dubliners is incredible. It's classy, emotive, informative, an impressive night of music, great film footage and incredible stories' - Imelda May. Fresh from their seven sold-out shows in Dublin's Gaiety Theatre, The Dubliners Encore are proud to announce their Irish National



Tour, set to captivate audiences across nine venues in April 2026. The celebrated ensemble will bring their acclaimed show to Waterford, Wexford, Cork, Limerick, Drogheda, Derry, Belfast, Castlebar, and conclude in Killarney, promising an unforgettable celebration of Irish music and storytelling.

Created and produced by original Dubliner John Sheahan and his daughter Ceoladh Sheahan, with Musical Director Phil Coulter, The Dubliners Encore is the official stage show telling the story of Ireland's beloved bearded balladeers. This hugely talented cast captures the magic of The Dubliners singing all their hits, including The Wild Rover, Seven Drunken Nights, The Black Velvet Band, Whiskey in the Jar and The Irish Rover.

Since launching on The Late Late Show, The Dubliners Encore stage show has performed to thousands of Irish music fans at sold-out

venues across Europe. Now, The Dubliners Encore takes to the stage again at home from 4th -12th April.

The popularity of The Dubliners is unquestionable, their contribution to the world of folk music unparalleled. True originals, the bad boys of Irish folk put Ireland on the world stage, releasing 30 original albums, selling 40 million records, and playing sold-out tours in a musical odyssey lasting 50 years. John and his late great bandmates Luke Kelly, Ronnie Drew, Barney McKenna and Ciarán Bourke caught the imagination, playing Irish traditional music in a way never heard before, with an attitude never seen before. They revolutionised Irish music, taking it from the parlour and the pub to the world stage, leaving a legacy that helped transform Ireland and Irish music forever.

Locals Take Centre Stage at the World Irish Dancing Championships

Each Easter, the An Chomhdháil World Irish Dancing Championships transform the INEC Killarney into a vibrant centre of Irish dance and music, with local dancers proudly competing on the world stage.

This year, dancers from the Hegarty Irish Dance Academy, under the tutelage of Maureen & Lisa Hegarty, are representing Killarney, including Abbey O'Leary, Maria Blennerhasset,

Klara Morczewska, Máire Lynch and Isabelle Hindle. For these young performers, the event marks the culmination of extensive training and dedication, and a unique opportunity to compete at world level on home ground.

Beyond the competition, the championships deliver a significant boost to Killarney's economy, attracting over 2,500 dancers along with their families and supporters, benefiting local hotels,

restaurants, shops and services during the Easter season. The event not only supports local business but also highlights Killarney's standing as a leading tourism destination and a global hub for Irish culture. The strong local participation reflects the commitment of teachers, families and the wider community, creating a lively and welcoming atmosphere throughout the town.



Máire Lynch and Isabelle Hindle.



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Irish firm's new home design could help solve housing crisis

An Irish architectural firm has unveiled a housing design it claims could help solve the housing crisis.

Designed specifically for Ireland's needs, the 'compact green city' is a new way to build affordable, quality homes around public spaces, at sufficient densities to grow communities and support local businesses.

The three-storey medium density design delivers four times more dwellings than existing estates of semi-detached houses, which dominate Ireland's housing landscape.

The developments, predicted to save 30pc on apartment building costs, minimise roads, with cars parked in a perimeter shape or underneath the homes.

"Solving the housing crisis is not just about delivering units, it is about creating communities. Great public spaces are just as important as high-quality houses," said Claire McManus of Dublin-based JFOC Architects, and housing spokesperson for the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland (RIAI).

"Streets of houses are cheaper to build than apartments, but they don't deliver sustainable densities which allow businesses and communities to flourish.

"Apartments are expensive to produce, less popular than houses and their communal landing and stairwell spaces can feel uncomfortable.

"We have designed a living suburban community plan, which complies with all building and planning regulations, a place where people can interact and one that sustains local businesses."

Every resident has their own balcony or private terrace, and their own front door leading to a shared garden.



The development is made up of two alternative forms of block arranged around shared gardens.

The first form comprises small apartment blocks arranged in a checkerboard pattern, with semi-private gardens in the spaces in-between.

Eight homes enjoy direct access to these gardens in addition to their own balcony or private garden.

Balconies overlook the shared spaces, which are perfectly sized areas for children to play together safely, and for grown-ups to sit and chat with friends and neighbours.

The second is the perimeter block comprising

two-storey apartments stacked upon each other and arranged around a raised shared garden with car parking economically hidden below.

Some homes are entered through the garden while others are entered from the street.

"Good housing is a win for all. It improves the neighbourhood for the people already living nearby," said McManus.

"With the compact green city, people have a network of safe green spaces to use, as well as people to support existing and new facilities."

Concerns Raised Over Staffing Vacancies at Kerry University Hospital

Concerns have been raised regarding staffing levels at Kerry University Hospital following a motion brought forward at the Regional Health Forum by Cllr. Marie Moloney.

Cllr. Moloney sought clarity on whether shortages exist among consultants, specialist staff, nurses and midwives at the hospital, and whether any beds have been left unused as a result of staffing gaps. In response, the forum was informed that while there are currently significant vacancies, all beds at the hospital remain fully open and operational.

According to figures provided by the Health Service Executive, there are approximately 125 permanent vacancies across several staffing categories at the hospital as of the end of February 2026. These include roles in medical and dental services, nursing and midwifery, health and social care, management and administration, and general support.

The response noted that many of these



positions are at various stages of recruitment, with some already filled on a temporary basis pending permanent appointments. It also highlighted that certain nursing posts are newly created roles currently in the recruitment phase, rather than longstanding vacancies.

Despite assurances that patient services and bed availability have not been directly impacted, Cllr. Moloney has expressed concern about the broader implications of such staffing levels.

"While I welcome confirmation that beds remain open, it is difficult to see how this level of vacancies does not place additional pressure on existing staff," she said.

Cllr. Moloney has since requested a more detailed breakdown of the vacancies to better understand how shortages are distributed across departments and the potential impact on frontline services.

Healthcare staffing remains a key issue nationwide, with ongoing recruitment challenges and increasing demand continuing to place pressure on hospitals and healthcare workers alike.



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Learners Come Together to Shape the Future of Further Education in Kerry

Almost 60 adult learners gathered at the Rose Hotel in Tralee for the Kerry regional meeting of the National Further Education and Training (FET) Learner Forum. The event provided an open and inclusive space for learners to share their experiences, reflect on their learning journeys, and contribute to shaping the future of further education and training.

The National FET Learner Forum is run by AONTAS, the National Adult Learning Organisation, in partnership with SOLAS, the Further Education and Training Authority, and local Education and Training Boards. The forums place learners at the centre of conversations about further education and training and ensure that learner feedback directly informs improvements across the FET sector.

Speaking at the forum, Aoife McCormick, Quality Manager with Kerry ETB, said:

"We are here to discuss your experiences of being a learner in Kerry ETB. We really want to hear from you about the things that we are doing well, but also the parts that we might fall short on. Your voice matters and that is why you are here. In the past, we have made changes based on what learners have said. There is such a depth of richness and experience in this room. We do this for you, because of you and inspired by you."

Learners spoke very positively about the welcoming and open atmosphere of the forum. Participants shared "A great space for discussion. Really well managed and put together" and "Friendly and relaxed atmosphere and good communication with wonderful people." Others highlighted the inclusive nature of the event, noting "I liked how accessible they made the event to attend" and "Open atmosphere. It was encouraging and welcoming."

Many learners emphasised the importance of having a safe space to speak openly, with feedback including "Being able to communicate our fears and worries and having an open place to talk" and "Easy to talk about things and people listened." Learners also appreciated the opportunity to share honestly, with comments such as "I felt it was nice to be listened to, and the open and anonymous format was useful for



Attendees at the National Further Education and Training (FET) Learner Forum.

feeling more open" and "It was well facilitated with a lovely group, and open and honest."

Learners valued the opportunity to connect with others from different courses and centres. Participants noted "I liked that there were people from different courses and centres with different ideas and stories. It was very interesting and I was able to participate and have my voice heard" and "Very interesting listening to other learners' experiences. Very pleasant morning and lovely facilitators."

Many learners reflected on the impact of the forum, sharing "It's brilliant that you care about our feedback. It sounds like it's important to the organisation" and "I learned that there is a space to discuss these issues and that we can be open." Others highlighted the potential for change, noting "I learned that there could be change in the future and we can improve classes for the next generation" and "I learned that my voice matters." One learner also shared "I learned how important adult education is and how good it is for all ages. I am in my 60s

and didn't finish secondary school so I am delighted to meet so many likeminded others." Key themes discussed during the forum included the vital role of tutors and staff in creating supportive learning environments, as well as the value learners place on gaining new knowledge and skills across a wide range of courses.

Learners also provided constructive suggestions for improvement, including enhancing the advertising and visibility of FET courses and supports, as many learners noted they had learned about opportunities through word of mouth. Participants also highlighted the need for increased access to course equipment to allow for practice outside of class hours.

If you are thinking of returning to education, further information is available on the AONTAS website or through Kerry Education and Training Board.

On Wednesday 11 March 2026, the employees of the NSSO (National Shared Services Office) in Killarney, held a bake sale in aid of Kerry Hospice Foundation, alongside Dept of Justice employees in the building they raised over €2,300.

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Human Resource Consultancy services, HR Buddy Ltd has this week announced a new partnership to make content available for no extra cost on its HR Buddy Manager platform. Managing Director of HR Buddy, Damien McCarthy announced that "As the spotlight on Employee Wellbeing continues to grow, we're pleased to share that HR Buddy has partnered with Irish Life Wellbeing to bring a growing library of complimentary content to you directly within our HR Buddy platform."

These expert-led resources are designed to support everyday workplace challenges, from managing stress to strengthening team wellbeing. Examples of some of the tools and resources include, Men's Wellbeing - presented by Rab Das & The Importance of Emotions - presented by Dr. Carol Rogan.

Senior Wellbeing Commercial Manager at Irish Life & Wellbeing, Rob Slattery added "We're pleased to share that Irish Life Wellbeing content is now live and available directly within your HR Buddy platform."

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Senior Wellbeing Commercial Manager at Irish Life & Wellbeing, Rob Slattery

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Muckross Traditional Farms Reopens for Easter Season

One of Kerry's most iconic visitor attractions, Muckross Traditional Farms, is set to welcome visitors once again this Easter, offering a unique glimpse into Ireland's rural past.

Located in the grounds of Muckross House & Gardens, Killarney, the popular attraction will open its gates from Saturday, April 4th to Sunday, April 12th, between 1.00pm and 6.00pm daily. The reopening marks the beginning of what promises to be another busy season for the much-loved heritage site.

Muckross Traditional Farms has long been a favourite destination for families, combining education and entertainment in a setting that brings history to life. Visitors can explore a working farm environment, meet traditional breeds of animals, and experience activities that reflect

everyday life in rural Ireland generations ago.

The Easter opening provides the perfect opportunity for locals and tourists alike to enjoy the outdoors while learning about the region's rich cultural heritage. With interactive experiences such as traditional baking and farm demonstrations, the attraction offers something for all ages.

To mark the new season, visitors are also being encouraged to consider farm membership, which includes unlimited access throughout the year, discounts in the on-site craft shop and garden restaurant, and priority booking for special events.

A spokesperson for the attraction said they are looking forward to welcoming visitors back, adding that the support of the public plays an important role in preserving and celebrating Kerry's folk heritage.



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SPA PARISH

By Leanne Cronin



Tim Ryan and Eugene McSweeney collecting their Kerry Card Championship Cheques and Trophy from Spa organisers Paddy B Lynch and Dave Herlihy

KERRY 31 CARD CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Congratulations to local pair Tim Ryan and Eugene McSweeney, who were recently crowned winners of the Kerry 31 Card Championship Final held in the Arbutus Hotel, with the pair taking home the championship trophy along with €700 each in prize money. Starting with 64 teams, the competition attracted players from across the county, including Cahersiveen, Glenflesk, Kilgarvan, Kilcummin and Waterville, underlining the prestige of the event. The competition was organised by dedicated Spa members Seanie Kelliher, Dave Herlihy, Paddy B Lynch and Paddy O'Keefe. The 31 card game remains a key part of community life in Spa, with weekly social games taking place in the clubhouse, providing an important outlet for members while also supporting regular competitions throughout the year that raise valuable funds for local causes.

MEN'S COUNTY LEAGUE RESULTS

Spa were second best to Glenflesk in Round 2 of the McCarthy Insurance Senior County League Division 1 last Saturday afternoon, on a scoreline of 1-10 to 2-19. After a competitive opening period where the sides were evenly matched, a strong spell from the visitors either side of half-time proved decisive as they built a strong lead. Spa showed some positive moments, particularly in the first half and with a well-taken second-half goal, but Glenflesk's accuracy and scoring efficiency saw them run out winners. Spa will now look to bounce back when they host Kilcummin on Saturday 4th April, 6:30pm. NOTE: This match was due to be played in Kilcummin but is now being played in Spa. Spa Juniors picked up their first point of the season in Division 7B, drawing with a scoreline of 1-12 to 3-6. They travel to Kenmare in their next match.

EASTER EGG HUNT & SPA ACADEMY UPDATE

Spa GAA Academy is now well up and running for the season and continues to go from strength to strength, with great numbers attending each Saturday morning. The club will host its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4th from 10am, which promises to be a fun morning for all involved. The academy takes place every Saturday from 10-11am for children aged 3+, with new members always very welcome, and any



Spa Senior Men's Team in Action last Saturday

interested families can contact Coiste na nÓg Secretary Tracey on 087 138 5612 for further details.

SPA U14 & U16 GIRLS LEADING THE WAY

A special word of thanks to members of the club's U14 and U16 girls' teams who continue to volunteer their time to help coach and coordinate the younger age groups at the Spa Academy. Their energy and enthusiasm make a huge difference, and they are fantastic role models within the club community!

WEEKEND FIXTURES

- Minor Ladies – Minor County League Division 7 – Spa v Milltown-Castlemaine, Fri 3rd April, 6:30pm in Spa
- Senior Men - McCarthy Insurance Group County League Division 1 – Spa v Kilcummin, Sat 4th April, 6:30pm in Spa
- Senior Ladies - Donal Curtin County League Division 2, Spa v Annascaul-Castlegregory, Sun 5th April, 12pm in Spa
- Junior Men – McCarthy Insurance Group County League Division 7B – Kenmare v Spa, Details TBC

Keep an eye on our socials and website via www.spagaa.com/fixtures for full details on the matches.

SYMPATHY NOTICE

Spa GAA extends its sympathy on the recent passing of Dermot Griffin. Dermot had a connection with the club as a member of the Spa team that won the East Kerry U16 Championship in 1968. He also served as an officer with the East Kerry Board. The club offers its condolences to his family and friends at this time.

CLUB LOTTO

Spa Lotto 30/3/2026 Results. Numbers drawn: 5, 17, 24, 25. No jackpot winner. Lucky Dips €50 each: Alan Breen, Online, Amber Fleming, Killorglin, Kathleen O'Leary, Mileen, Pdraig & Margaret Brosnan, Scrahan. Next week's draw will be on Monday 6 April for a jackpot of €4,500. Play online via www.spagaa.com/draws



Spa U16 Girls who have been volunteering their time to coach at the Spa GAA Academy



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KILCUMMIN PARISH

Written by: Helen Moynihan

KILCUMMIN RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Kilcummin Rural Development will be holding their A.G.M. on Tuesday 7th April @ 8pm in the Rural Development Office. New members welcome.

COUNTY CLEAN UP

The Kilcummin County Clean Up will take place on Saturday, 12th April. Red bags are now available in the Rural Development Office for volunteers who wish to clean around their area. Bags can be brought to the Rural Development Office or collection of bags can also be arranged, please contact 064 6643357 (Office Hours).

KILCUMMIN CONFIRMATION

We warmly congratulate the children of our Parish who received the sacrament of confirmation last Friday. May the Holy Spirit guide and bless you always, wishing you and your families a joyful and special day, you are remembered in our prayers.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING AUDIT

The Diocesan Safeguarding Committee would like to thank all Parish Safeguarding Representatives, Priests and Parish Secretaries for taking the time to complete the annual Parish Safeguarding Audit. Results from the audit are included in the most recent Safeguarding Newsletter which is available on the diocesan website.

KILCUMMIN GAA

McCARTHY INSURANCES CO LEAGUE DIVISION 6

Kilcummin 2-05 Milltown/ Castlemaine 1-08

Goals from Shane McSweeney and Gavin Cronin helped us to draw this Rd 2 fixture against Milltown/Castlemaine played in Direen on Saturday last. Colin O'Leary, Shane McSweeney, Aaron Buckley and Kevin

McSweeney were stand out performers in a great team effort. Thanks to the Legion club for the use of their facilities. Team: Dylan Cronin, TJ Healy, Kevin McSweeney, Darragh Brosnan, Andy Lowin, Sean O'Leary, Jake Dann, Shane McSweeney, Gavin Morrissey, Colin O'Leary, Aaron Buckley, Stephen Heelan, Paudie Moynihan, Sean Doolan, Gavin Cronin, Subs used Jer Sheehan, Killian Gorman, Colm Janot.

MCCARTHY INSURANCES CO. LEAGUE DIVISION 1

Kilcummin 1-16 Austin Stacks 2-13

After a great game that swung to and fro, our senior team showed great resilience and earned a share of the spoils in this Rd 2, division 1 encounter played in Connolly Park on Saturday evening. Gary O'Leary accounted for 1-02, Mikey Casey 0-03, B Kealy 0-02, Paul O'Shea and Jack Fogarty 0-01 and the superb Philip O'Leary 0-07. Our next game is a home game against Spa but will be played on the Spa pitch at the weekend. Team B. Kealy, Damien O'Leary, Keelan O'Shea, James Williams, Chris O'Leary, Dara O'Callaghan, James Nagle, Kieran Murphy, Paul O'Shea, Colm Kelleher, Cian Lynch, Philip O'Leary, Mikey Casey, Gary O'Leary, Jack Fogarty, Subs used Danny Cronin and Kevin Gorman.

LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Monday 23rd March for the Jackpot of €7,250. Numbers drawn were 02,07,10,12. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Brenda Murphy, Muireann Sheehy, Daniel & Colm Casey, Irene O'Donoghue. Our next draw will be on Monday 06th April for Jackpot of €7,500. Thank you for your continued support.

RATHMORE | GNEEVEGUILLA PARISH

By Michael O'Mahony

GNEEVEGUILLA ATHLETES

Tom Joe O'Donoghue races, under 5 to under14 (Born 2013 to 2022) including Special Needs races (male & female) Easter Monday April 6th Kiskeam GAA field, register from 11am, first race 12 Noon sharp, prizes for all finishers. A lovely family event all races finished before 1pm.

LOTTO

No winner of last weeks Lotto, Jackpot for this coming Friday April 3rd €10,800 + Bonus draw for €1000 from now until Good Friday, all tickets each week will be entered into a draw for two Easter Hampers

CONGRATULATIONS

Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group reminds you that Share the Bucket takes place weekly. The draw is every Friday evening in Teach Fáilte @8 pm and can be viewed live on our Gneeveguilla CommunityFacility Group Facebook Page. This week's jackpot was €212 and the winner was Sheila O'Donoghue. Tickets cost €2 each or 3 for €5. They are available at Teach Fáilte and can be bought online at <https://tinyurl.com/y2ade5om>. or in local businesses where you see the Green Share the bucket.

Your support is greatly supported and all funds will go towards our new proposed community facility. We would like to thank our local businesses, shops and pubs who continue to support our project and thanks too to everybody who purchases tickets every week.

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

- Good Friday 3rd: Rathmore 3.00p.m The Lord's Passion
- Good Friday 3rd: Gneeveguilla 3.00p.m The Lord's Passion
- Good Friday 3rd: Shrone 6.00p.m Stations of the Cross
- Good Friday 3rd: Knocknagree 7.00pm Stations of the Cross
- Holy Saturday – 4th: April Blessing of Food for the Polish Community in Millstreet Church @ 2.00pm
- Holy Saturday 4th: Shrone 6.00p.m Easter Vigil Mass
- Holy Saturday 4th: Knocknagree 7.30p.m Easter Vigil Mass
- Holy Saturday 4th: Rathmore 8.30pm Easter Vigil Mass
- Easter Sunday 5th: Gneeveguilla 9. 30am, Rathmore 11.30am

SYMPATHY

We at Rathmore GAA Club wish to express our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to Denis, Mairéad, Caitriona and Aislinn and the extended



Danielle O'Leary of Kerry gets past Aine Mernagh of Kildare during the Lidl Ladies National Football League Division 1 Round 7 match between Kildare and Kerry at Manguard Plus Kildare GAA Centre of Excellence in Kildare. Photo by Piaras Ó Midheach/Sportsfile

Desmond and Murphy families on the death of Judy. May he rest in peace **BEST WISHES** to Isabelle and Grace O'Sullivan who, along with their classmates from the Áine Murphy Dance Academy, are competing for top honours in the prestigious CLRG World Irish Dance Championships 2026 in Chicago.

NOTES

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

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By Dermot Cronin
Financial Advisor

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LISTRY PARISH

Written by: Colette Leslie

LOTTO

March 29th 2026, Jackpot €3,900. Numbers Drawn: 15,17, 26, 27. No Winner. €100 Mike Courtney, Doonkinane. €50 Carmel Counihan, Faha. €50 Patricia Flynn, Rockfield East. €25 Danielle Blenerhasset, Culleeney Beg. €25 Frank and Noreen Hickey, Faha. Jackpot 5th April 2026 €4,050

SENIORS

Best of luck to Listry senior team who are away to Fossa Saturday the 4th April at 6.30pm

JUVENILE ACADEMY

Our Academy will return to action on Friday, April 10th, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back.

U14

The U14 A team are at home V Keel Tuesday 7th April at 7:00pm

U14 B team are home V Na Fianna Friday April 3rd at 6pm .

Well done to Ruairi Murphy on making the Higher Education Team of the year. Fantastic achievement and this is Ruairis 2nd time making the Team of the Year



GLENFLESK PARISH

Written by: Sean Daly

COUNTY LEAGUE

McCarthy Insurance Group Senior County League Division 1 Round 2

Spa 1-10 Glenflesk 2-19

Helped by 2 clinical second half goals from Dylan Roche, Glenflesk continued their excellent start to the 2026 County League, with a convincing 12 point win over Spa. Glenflesk once again started quickly, with Patrick Darcy and Luke Crowley giving them an early lead. Spa replied with frees from Evan Cronin and Cian Murphy. It was during this period that Spa had their best spell of the game, with Niall McCarthy, Gary Vaughan, Cronin and Michael McCarthy giving the home side a 6 points to 4 lead after 22 minutes. From here, Glenflesk responded well, finishing the half strongly. Helped by a superb outside of the boot 2-pointer from Killian O'Sullivan, plus another great score with his left foot, they charged into a 14 to 7 half time lead, with Crowley, Roche and Emmett Finnan also among the scorers as their dominance all over the field became more apparent. Even though Spa got the first point to start the second half, from David Spillane, Dylan Roche then struck for his first goal of the day. After a great run and superb pass from Callum Cronin, Roche finished well, and 2 points from Darragh Roche quickly followed. Spa got a badly needed goal when Spillane made a terrific catch from a high ball from Cronin and blasted to the net. Glenflesk though, whose work in the tackle as a team was noteworthy throughout, finished any doubts about the destination of the points when Liam O'Brien and Jeff O'Donoghue combined to set up Roche to grab his second goal, and third of the League already. Dara O'Connor and Michael McCarthy swapped points just before the end, leaving Glenflesk with a well deserved victory. A tough start for Spa with 2 back to back losses. With players to come back though, they should improve as time progresses. For

Glenflesk, with 2 wins and 3-40 scored in 2 games, and defensive efforts from all players evident, the signs are promising for the year ahead. Spa: David Spillane 1-01, Evan Cronin 0-03, Cian Murphy 0-01, Gary Vaughan 0-01, Michael McCarthy 0-01, Eric O'Donoghue 0-01, Niall McCarthy 0-01, Luke O'Neill 0-01. Glenflesk: Dylan Roche 2-04, Luke Crowley 0-04, Killian O'Sullivan 0-04, Darragh Roche 0-03, Patrick Darcy 0-01, Tommy Bowler 0-01, Emmett Finnan 0-01, Dara O Connor 0-01. Thanks to Michael Healy for the match report. In Division 6, Glenflesk were due to face Asdee, however the fixture was conceded by the opposition.

WALK & TALK

Glenflesk Healthy Club Committee will continue our "Walk and Talk" sessions on the walking track every Monday at 7pm, offering a friendly space for a chat and a bit of company. The kitchen will also be open for anyone who'd like to relax with a cup of tea. All ages and all fitness levels are welcome. Stroll, walk, or run at whatever pace feels right for you. We can make time to meet, walk, talk and listen. Open to all club members and the wider community.

LOTTO

There was no winner of Glenflesk Lotto which took place on 23/3/26. Jackpot €6,000 The numbers drawn were: 10, 13, 26, 27. Consolation Prizes of €50: Michael Healy, Headford, Pat Healy, Sellers' Prize, P. Moynihan, Rathmore, Evan Horan, Curreal (On Line).

KERRY LADIES

Well done to Kathryn Ryan who was part of the Kerry Senior team who beat Kildare by one point last weekend in the National Football League.

BEAUFORT PARISH

By Bridget Hartnett

LOTTO

There was no winner of the Lotto Jackpot of €10,400 on Sunday night. €80 winner: Tony Manton. €50 each to Jerry Kelliher, Brookhill, Martin Flynn, Churchtown Park and Cliona Coffey, Carnahone.

Next Draw on Sunday, 12th April for Jackpot of €10,600, if you're not in you can't win. Tickets available from Lotto sellers, local shops, Public Houses or online at <https://beaufortgaa.clubforce.com/products/lotto/beaufort-gaa-club> It's quick and easy, with options for Quick Pick, buying for a friend and more. Your support is greatly appreciated.

RESULTS

An understrength senior team lost to Kerins O'Rahillys on Saturday evening on a score-line of 1-13 to 0-9.

Our Minor ladies were beaten by Glenflesk in Beaufort on Sunday.

FIXTURES

Seniors 3rd Round game of Division 1 County League this Sunday at 2pm v Austin Stacks in Beaufort.

Juniors Division 7B Round 3 game v Na Gaeil in Beaufort this Saturday at 6.30pm in

Sunday 5th April Beaufort senior ladies play Rathmore @12 midday in Rathmore, in Rd 2, Division 1, Donal Curtin Cup.

COMMISERATIONS to Mike Breen who lined out at centre-back for Kerry who lost to Donegal on Sunday last in the Division 1 League Final against Donegal and to Sean O'Brien who was unable to play due to injury.

WELCOME BACK to all our U6 to U8 boys and girls and U10 boys on Sunday next at 10am. Any queries to Jason on 087-1328718

TRAINING

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Soccer Star Ben Shines on Dream Trip to England

A talented young soccer player from Listry has enjoyed a remarkable taste of life at the top following an action-packed trip to Anfield and Old Trafford.

Ben Clifford, the 10-year-old son of Jason and Jacqui Clifford, was one of 177 delegates selected from across Ireland to take part in the prestigious experience. Ben was one of three players chosen from Kerry, with two others travelling from Killorglin.

To earn his place, Ben successfully came through competitive trials to make the regional Tempo Team, where he was honoured with the role of captain. He made a strong impression throughout the trip, even scoring a goal against Manchester United.

The team competed against both Liverpool and Manchester United academy sides, holding the lead in both matches for the opening 40 minutes. However, the final 20 minutes proved challenging, as the Irish side is more accustomed to shorter 25-minute games.

Despite the tough finishes, it was an unforgettable experience. The players had the rare opportunity to compete at both clubs' academy facilities,

something many young footballers can only dream of.

The trip concluded on a high note with a thrilling match against Malta. After a 9-4 victory that went to a penalty shootout, Ben confidently converted his spot kick, capping off a fantastic performance. Playing in the number 8 position, he was delighted with his contribution.

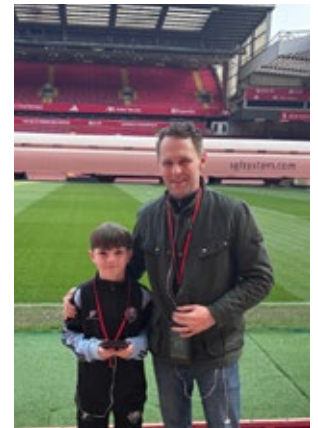
Ben is a member of the Tempo Football Junior Academy, where young talent begins its journey. The academy operates across four regional centres - Kerry, Cork, Limerick, and Tipperary - offering structured weekly training delivered by UEFA-qualified coaches in a high-performance, player-focused environment.

He represents Tempo Kerry and is fortunate to share the experience with his friend and neighbour, Fionn O'Sullivan, who is also part of the team. The boys regularly travel to Limerick for matches and training sessions, showing great commitment to their development.

This memorable trip marks just the beginning of what promises to be a bright future in football for Ben.



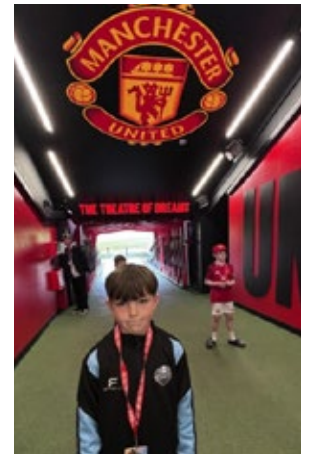
Ben Clifford pictured in the Liverpool Dressing Room



Ben with his dad Jason Clifford



The team from Tempo



Man United fan Ben pictured at the Training Ground.

St. Brendan's school awarded national LGBTQ+ Quality Mark

On Thursday, 26 March 2026, St. Brendan's College, Killarney received the Belong To LGBTQ+ Quality Mark, recognising its work over an 18-month period to create safe, welcoming and inclusive environments for LGBTQ+ young people, at a ceremony in The Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.

St. Brendan's College was among 39 post-primary schools and Youthreach centres from across Ireland recognised at the event, in total representing over 2,300 staff and 22,000 students from across the country.

Key Achievements of the Accredited Schools: Policy Reform: Implementation of robust, LGBTQ+-inclusive anti-bullying policies.

Student Voice: Establishment of 'LGBTQ+ and Allies' clubs to foster peer support.

Community Engagement: Direct outreach to parents and the wider school community to build a culture of belonging.

16 schools and centres were formally awarded the LGBTQ+ Quality Mark for the first time following an 18-month programme of evidence-based interventions designed to strengthen LGBTQ+ inclusion and student wellbeing. A further 23 schools and centres were reaccredited, having first achieved the Quality Mark in 2023.

A National Commitment to Inclusion

The LGBTQ+ Quality Mark is the first national accreditation of its kind, supporting schools

and centres in Kerry and across Ireland to embed sustainable, long-term practices that protect LGBTQ+ students' wellbeing and foster a culture of belonging.

The event brought together school leaders, teachers, Youthreach staff, students, and representatives from across the education sector to celebrate the impact of the programme and the progress being made nationwide.

Commenting at the event, Mr Séan Coffey, Principal at St. Brendan's College, said: "We are delighted to accept on our LGBTQ+ Quality Mark on behalf of the whole school community. We take pride in helping our students grow not

only in knowledge and skill, but in character and compassion.

"Embracing diversity and nurturing inclusion strengthens our school community, enriches school life, and prepares our young people to lead in the modern world. Our achievement is the beginning of a renewed commitment to continuing to build a school culture where difference is celebrated, inclusion is lived, and every student knows they belong. The Sem strengthens its position as a forward looking school grounded in respect, empathy, and community-a place where tradition and progress work hand in hand. Together we are one."



Pictured receiving the Belong To LGBTQ+ Quality Mark at a ceremony in The Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin on Thursday, 26 March 2026, recognising their work over an 18-month period to create safe, welcoming and inclusive environments for LGBTQ+ young people are Sean Coffey, Principal with staff and students from St. Brendan's College, Killarney.



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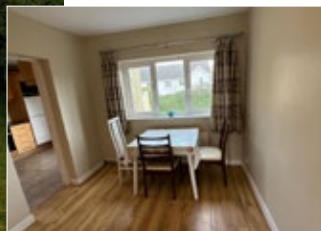


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- **Dates:** The next Irish Citizenship Ceremonies will take place on **Tuesday, 14th and Wednesday, 15th April 2026** at Gleneagle Killarney.
- **Attendees:** Over **12,000 people** are expected to attend across six ceremonies over the two days. Ceremony times are **11:00 | 13:00 | 15:00**. The duration of each Ceremony is approximately 30 minutes.
- **Traffic Delays:** Significant delays are anticipated, especially near the **Gleneagle Arena** and along **Muckross Road** between **09:30 – 16:30**.
- **Parking:** Parking at or near the venue will be **very limited**. Guests are encouraged to leave cars at their accommodation and use shuttle buses.
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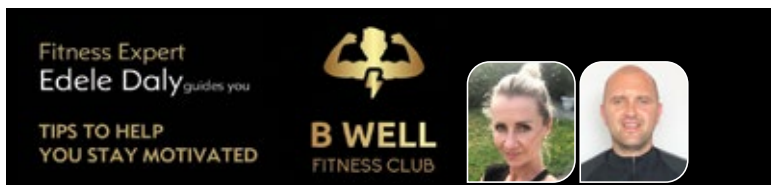
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Strength training, on the other hand, focuses on building and maintaining muscle, which becomes increasingly important as we age. Strong muscles support healthy joints, improve posture, and make everyday tasks easier, from lifting groceries to climbing stairs. Strength work also helps maintain bone density and supports a healthy metabolism, making it a key component of long-term physical independence.

When combined, cardio and strength training create a well-rounded routine that supports heart health, muscular strength, balance, and resilience. This blend not only enhances physical fitness but also contributes to better sleep, improved confidence, and a greater sense of vitality in daily life. No matter your starting point, incorporating both forms of exercise can help you feel stronger, healthier, and more capable in the years ahead.

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Most contact lenses fitted in Ireland are soft lenses. They are available as single-use daily, fortnightly and monthly disposable lenses, and more specialist lenses that are designed to last for longer.

Which type of contact lens is best?

The type of lens that is best for you will depend upon several factors. These include how often you want to wear your lenses – for example do you want to wear them just for certain activities such as sport, or do you want to wear them most of the time, instead of glasses?

As soft lenses are initially more comfortable than RGP lenses, they are ideal for people who only want to wear lenses occasionally. RGP lenses are a little more uncomfortable than soft lenses at first, so they take a bit more getting used to

Are contact lenses safe?

Modern contact lenses are very safe, as long as you follow advice about how to wear and look after them, and have regular check-ups. It is possible that anything that touches your eye could introduce an infection.

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Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry Michael Cahill Welcomes Extension of School Transport Driver Age Limit

Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry, Michael Cahill, has welcomed the decision by Bus Éireann to extend the upper age limit for drivers operating small vehicles under the School Transport Scheme from 70 to 72 on a trial basis.

“This is a positive and pragmatic step by Bus Éireann that recognises the valuable experience and reliability of older drivers, many of whom have been providing an essential service to families and schoolchildren for years,” said Deputy Cahill.

“As a Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry, I am acutely aware of the challenges facing school transport in rural communities. This extension will help to ease pressure on the system, particularly in hard-to-reach areas where driver shortages have been an ongoing concern.”

The new policy will be introduced on a two-year trial basis from the beginning of the 2026 school year in September, running until June 2028. Deputy Cahill noted that the decision follows extensive research, stakeholder engagement, and a comprehensive safety review.

“It is important to emphasise that safety remains paramount. I welcome the additional safeguards being introduced, including six-



monthly medical fitness assessments for drivers over the age of 70 and ongoing monitoring of compliance throughout the trial period,” he said.

“In counties like Kerry, where communities are often dispersed and transport routes can be

more challenging, measures like this can make a real difference in ensuring children can get to and from school safely and reliably. I will be monitoring the progress of this trial closely and will continue to advocate for improvements to the School Transport Scheme.”

Calls for Introduction of Paid Miscarriage Leave

Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry, Michael Cahill, has written to the Taoiseach to consider the introduction of paid miscarriage leave in Ireland, in line with provisions in Northern Ireland and the UK.

Deputy Cahill said the issue was raised with him by a constituent who highlighted the emotional and practical difficulties faced by those experiencing miscarriage.

Deputy Cahill said:

“I have written to the Taoiseach to ask that consideration be given to introducing paid miscarriage leave in Ireland. This is about acknowledging the profound loss that people experience and ensuring they are given the time and space they need to grieve and recover.

“At present, many people are forced to rely on sick leave and, in doing so, must repeatedly relive and explain deeply personal circumstances to their employer. That adds an unnecessary burden at an already devastating time. People should be able to process their loss with dignity, without additional stress or financial worry.”

Deputy Cahill added:

“This is a compassionate and practical measure that is already in place in Northern Ireland and the UK, and it has made a real difference to those affected. There is a strong case for introducing a similar approach here.

“I will continue to engage constructively on this issue and to advocate for supports that truly reflect the lived experiences of individuals and families facing this kind of loss.”



MINISTER FOLEY WELCOMES NEW SUICIDE CRISIS ASSESSMENT NURSE TEAM IN KERRY



Minister for Children, Disability and Equality and Kerry T.D Norma Foley has welcomed confirmation of the establishment of a new Suicide Crisis Assessment Nurse (SCAN) team in Kerry. Suicide Crisis Assessment Nurses (SCAN) are a critical safety net for people in suicidal crisis. SCAN nurses provide rapid, specialist assessment in primary care settings for people in suicidal distress who present to their GP.

Each SCAN team is made up of two senior mental health nurses at Clinical Nurse Specialist grade under the clinical governance of the National Clinical Programme for Self-harm and Suicide-related Ideation.

Minister Foley said: “I welcome confirmation of the establishment of a new Suicide Crisis Assessment Nurse (SCAN) team in Kerry to help people in mental health crisis. The senior mental health nurses on this team will provide a timely response to requests for assessment of patients in suicidal crisis from GPs.”



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1st Thursday 8.30 PM 9.00 PM 9:30 PM 10:00 PM	Glenflesk & Barraduff The Kerry Way, Glenflesk Spillane's Headford Murphy's Bar, Barraduff Corner Bar, Barraduff	4th Thursday 7:00 PM 7.30 PM 8:15 PM 8.30 PM 8.45 PM 9.15 PM 10.00 PM	Killorglin Area Golden Nugget, Fossa Galvin's Bar, Beaufort O'Grady's Bar, Killorglin Francie Sheahan's Bar, Killorglin Clifford's Tavern, Killorglin The Plough, Milltown Griffins Bar, Castlemaine
1st Friday 8.45 PM 9.00 PM 9:30 PM 10:00 PM	Kenmare, Tuosist & Lauragh Roughty Bar, Kenmare O'Connors Bar, Kenmare Sailors Bar, Killaha West Helen's Bar Kilmacalogue	4th Friday 8.30 PM 9.30 PM 10.30 PM	Kenmare & Sneem Area The Roughty Bar, Kenmare Riney's Bar, Sneem Blackwater Tavern
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CALL FOR THE SHINGLES VACCINE TO BE FREE OF CHARGE

The Fianna Fáil Spokesperson for Older People, Michael Cahill has repeated his call that the National Immunisation Programme (NIP) include a vaccination for Shingles, free of charge for citizens of the Republic of Ireland on their list.



“A vaccine to prevent Shingles would be of great benefit for the entire population, but would particularly benefit older people, who are more susceptible to viral disease. Shingles can be extremely painful and debilitating and again these effects are more pronounced in older people” stated Deputy Cahill.

“I previously called for the roll out of a free vaccination to prevent Shingles while a member of Kerry County Council and I will continue to push for its inclusion now as a member of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Health and Party Spokesperson for Older People. The cost of this vaccine would be beyond the budget of many people and as a Public Health

issue, I believe a nationwide free vaccination scheme would benefit the entire population. Given that it is already available free of charge in Northern Ireland, it makes sense that all of this island would be singing from the same hymn sheet, health-wise” stated Deputy Cahill.

“We must support and protect our most vulnerable, those with health issues and those getting on in years and I am anxious that a vaccine for Shingles is available, free of charge especially to all those aged 65 and over” added Michael Cahill TD.


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Cahill Welcomes €25 Million Community Centre Investment Fund and Encourages Local Groups to Apply

Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry, Michael Cahill, has warmly welcomed the announcement by Dara Calleary of a new €25 million round of funding under the Community Centre Investment Fund (CCIF) 2026.

“Community centres are the heart and soul of towns and villages across Kerry. They provide a vital space for social interaction, recreation, support services and community development. I strongly encourage all eligible groups to consider applying for this important funding,” said Deputy Cahill.

“This funding can support a wide range of projects, from essential repairs and energy upgrades to improved accessibility, kitchen facilities, and enhanced community spaces. It is a real opportunity to future-proof our community infrastructure and ensure these



centres remain vibrant and accessible for all,” he added.

Grants will be available in two categories:
Category 1: €10,000 to €25,000 for smaller scale projects (with 95% funding available)
Category 2: €25,001 to €100,000 for larger scale projects (with 90% funding available)

“I would urge community groups to begin preparing now, gather quotes, review the guidelines, and ensure all necessary

documentation is in place ahead of the application window opening in late May and closing the 13th July 2026. There will also be a range of information sessions and supports available to assist groups in putting forward strong applications.”

“We have seen firsthand the difference this type of investment can make. Upgraded community centres not only improve quality of life locally but also strengthen community ties and support rural sustainability.”

“I commend Minister Calleary for continuing to prioritise investment in our communities. I would strongly encourage all eligible groups in Kerry to seize this opportunity and I am available to assist any group in navigating the application process.”

Ministers announce regulations banning scrambler use in all public places

Minister for Transport Darragh O’Brien, Minister of State with responsibility for Road Safety Seán Canney, and Minister of State with responsibility for Rural Transport Jerry Buttimer, today announced new regulations to implement an explicit ban on scrambler use in any public place. The new regulations come into effect on 3 April, strengthening existing provisions and powers of enforcement by An Garda Síochána. The Road Traffic (Control of Certain Vehicles) Regulations 2026 bring additional legal clarity by consolidating the disparate existing provisions into a single legislative instrument in respect of scramblers.

The Regulations prohibit the use of an off-road motorcycle, such as a scrambler or quadbike, in any place other than on private land. Using a scrambler in any public place will now explicitly be an offence, whether or not it is being driven dangerously. Off-road motorcycles are now only legal for use on private land by the landowner themselves, or with their written consent. This will allow for the continued appropriate off-road use of scramblers or quadbikes, for agricultural purposes and for controlled licenced sports events.

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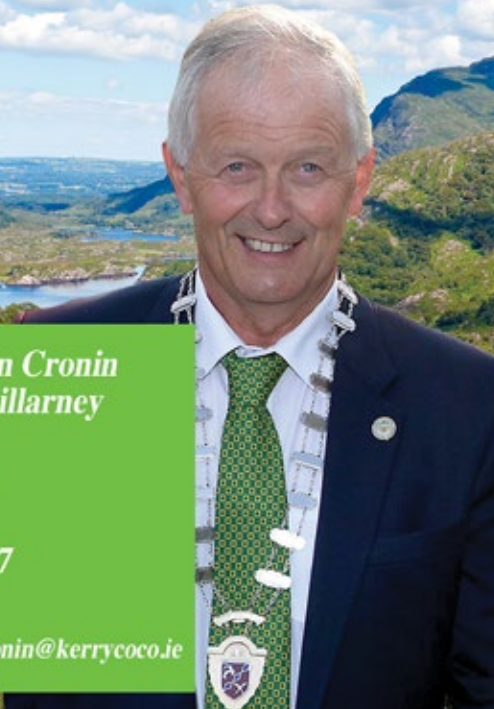
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Continued government paralysis in the face of surging energy prices totally unacceptable - Pa Daly TD

Sinn Féin spokesperson on Climate, the Environment, Energy and Transport, Pa Daly TD, has slammed the government's response to the deepening energy crisis. Deputy Daly called on Fianna Fáil, Fine Gael and the Regional Independents to urgently ramp up supports for hard pressed households by adopting Sinn Féin's proposals scrap the carbon tax increase, remove excise duty completely from home heating oil, deliver the maximum reductions possible on petrol and diesel and reintroduce energy credits. The Kerry TD made the comments in response to the CSO analysis of the latest flash estimates from the EU Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices, which show that the prices rose by 3.6% when compared with the same month last year, largely driven by a surge in Ireland's



energy prices.

Teachta Daly said:

"Today, we learned that energy prices have risen by 11.1% in March and were up by 12.3% last year.

"The situation is quickly spinning out of control.

"These are eye watering figures that clearly demand decisive action.

"The meagre measures the government have introduced so far have been totally inadequate.

"They have left people feeling abandoned and exposed.

"The Taoiseach has claimed that their response so far has got the balance right – tell that to the households who are already rationing heat, unable to get to work as they cannot afford to commute there or having to forego other

essentials like food just so they can fill their tanks. "These are impossible choices that no one should ever have to make. And now they have been told that the situation is likely to get harder before it gets any better.

"That is not good enough.

"Fianna Fáil, Fine Gael and the Independents who support them must urgently change course and adopt Sinn Féin's proposals.

"This is a clear and workable alternative.

"It is not too late to admit they got this badly wrong and take the decisive action needed to tackle this head-on.

"Government must act now by reducing diesel and petrol by the maximum amount, scrapping the carbon tax increase, reintroducing energy credits and removing excise duty entirely from home heating oil to deliver real, immediate relief."They cannot continue to abandon the hundreds of thousands of workers and families work cannot keep warm."

Government Rules Out Fuel Price Cap as Costs Continue to Rise

The Government has ruled out introducing a price cap on fuel, despite growing pressure from some politicians and members of the public amid rising living costs.

Speaking in Warsaw this week, Taoiseach Micheál Martin said that Ireland would not follow Poland's example, where authorities have moved to limit fuel prices in an effort to shield consumers. He warned that such measures could interfere with market dynamics and potentially lead to unintended consequences, including supply issues.

Martin's comments come at a time when households and businesses across the country are feeling the strain of increasing fuel costs, which have had a knock-on effect on transport, goods, and essential services.

Independent TD Danny Healy-Rae criticised the Government's stance, describing the decision as "very disappointing." He argued that the continued rise in fuel prices is placing an unfair burden on ordinary people, particularly those in rural areas who rely heavily on cars and agricultural machinery.

Deputy Healy-Rae called for immediate action, suggesting that a price cap could provide much-needed relief and stability for families struggling



to make ends meet.

The debate highlights a wider divide over how best to tackle the cost-of-living crisis. While some European countries have opted for direct intervention in energy markets, the Irish Government appears committed to alternative measures, such as targeted supports and tax adjustments. As fuel prices remain volatile, the issue is likely to stay at the forefront of political discussion in the weeks ahead.

Cahill Welcomes New Grants to Unlock "Above the Shop" Homes

Government TD and Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry, Michael Cahill, has warmly welcomed the announcement by Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, James Browne of a new suite of grants aimed at converting vacant "above the shop" spaces into much-needed homes.

The measures include the introduction of a new Vacant Above the Shop Grant of up to €135,000, alongside enhanced supports under the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant and a new Expert Advice Grant to assist property owners in bringing forward projects.

"I very much welcome this announcement from Minister Browne. I have been raising the issue of vacant and underutilised spaces above shops for some time and have pushed for practical supports like these within Government," said Deputy Cahill.

"By addressing over-the-shop dereliction, we have a real opportunity to transform our towns and villages, inject life back into them and crucially provide new homes for people in the heart of our communities," he added.

The new measures will provide: Up to €135,000 to convert vacant "above

the shop" spaces into residential units while retaining ground-floor commercial use

A top-up of up to €40,000 for projects converting entire commercial buildings into multiple homes

A €5,000 Expert Advice Grant to support property owners with professional guidance Cahill continued, "This is about making better use of the buildings we already have. Too many of our towns have empty or derelict upper floors while people are struggling to find accommodation. These grants will help bridge that gap."

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ON MARCH 28TH AND 29TH WE HELD THE THIRD ROUND OF THE M D O'SHEA SPRING LEAGUE.

This was a stableford competition and was kindly sponsored by Donie Broderick Plumbing & Heating

The winners were :-

1st: David Murphy 35 (13)

2nd: John Fleming 35 (23)

Division 1

1st: Shane Dennehy 34 (8)

2nd: Finbarr Murphy 33 (8)

Division 2

1st: Steve Shine 34 (17)

2nd: Michael J O'Sullivan 32 (13)

Division 3

1st: Franck Guerineau 29 (21)

2nd: Mark O'Donoghue 29 (19)

FIXTURE

On April 4th and 5th we will hold a Three Man Rumble competition.

SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to Ross GC member Denis Desmond and Family on the recent death of his wife, Judy. R.I.P.

ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB

COMPETITIONS

Saturday 4th April 2026 Easter Scramble very kindly sponsored by Lir Cafe.

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS MEET & PLAY

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

GOLF LESSONS

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

KILLARNEY GOLF & FISHING CLUB (LADIES)

MIXED TEAM OF 4

Kindly sponsored by Keanes Jewellers, Killarney & Cork. Shotgun start held on O'Mahony's Point Course 29-03-2026

Winners & Best Gross: Ellen Barry, Tomas Barry, Eimear O'Sullivan & Eugene O'Sullivan 46pts

2nd Place: Muireann O'Farrell, Enda Curtaigne, Mary Tobin & Frank Tobin 45pts (back 9)

3rd Place: Kate O'Leary, Brendan O'Toole, Lorna O'Leary & Mike Maher 45 pts

4th Place: Mairead O'Sullivan, Carty Donoghue, Bernie Galvin & Jerry Galvin 44 pts

5th Place: Cara Fuller, John Culloty, Noreen Coffey & Tommy Galvin 42 pts (back 9)

NEXT FIXTURE FOR KILLARNEY GOLF LADIES CLUB

Singles Stableford with a choice of 18h or 11h competition, it will be held on Killeen Course April 4th/5th sponsored by 'The Beautz' Killarney.

BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB (LADIES)

18 HOLE STROKEPLAY COMPETITION PLAYED ON SATURDAY 28TH MARCH.



Annette McNeice Captain (fifth from left) presenting first prize in the Keanes' Jewellers Mixed Foursomes to winners Tomas and Ellen Barry with (left) Frank and Mary Tobin 2nd (right) Lorna O'Leary, Kate O'Leary and Brendan O'Toole 3rd (back from left) Mairead O'Sullivan, Jerry and Bernadette Galvin 4th, Noreen Coffey and John Culloty 5th at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

The competition was very generously sponsored by Woods Electrical, Killorglin.

1st: Maura Kennedy (42) 65 nett

2nd: Maeve Quirke (20) 75 nett

3rd: Grainne McShortall (16) 75 nett

DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB

SUNDAY DRAWS

Two Ball Scramble- First Nett: Mike 'Seve' O'Leary & Dan Kiely 35, Gross: Nathan Cronin & James Foley 45 and Second Nett: Alan O'Sullivan & Niall O'Loughlin 36

RANKING EVENT

Congratulations to Damien Fleming on his third place finish at the Mens National Ranking Event in Tullamore last Saturday which solidifies his second place in the Irish Mens Rankings at present.

COURSE CLOSED

Reminder no draws on Good Friday this year due to the staging of the Mastergeeha Soccer Club Fundraiser all day.

WILLIE PARKER MEMORIAL

Scheduled for Easter Monday, play for this competition will be over 36 Holes Strokeplay with entry €10 per player. Names to be in for 9am. This is both the club's first major of the year as well as the first event in the Club Player of the Year (sponsored by Murphy's Bar Killarney).

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Following on from our recent announcement as regards membership applications for 2026, the Committee wishes to announce that due to the present high volume of applications received in the Family and U16 categories, it has decided not to accept any further applications for both new Family and U16 Members at this time. New Adult (Non-Family) and all renewing applications from 2025 (Adult and U16) will still be accepted the Committee wishes to stress however.

KERRY PITCH AND PUTT CLUB

IN difficult playing conditions last Sunday morning, the all Tralee semi-final line-up in the

Tim Scannell Memorial Inter-Club Matchplay did not disappoint as both matches went right to the end and in one case even further in producing the eventual winners.

That both matches were level at 1-1 each after the Scotch Foursomes only added to the drama on the morning as in the case of Tralee 1 v Tralee 3 the match was decided by the final singles game. Eddie Sheehy of Tralee 1 defeated James Smullen of Tralee 3 in the first Singles with Darren Goodall of Tralee 3 defeating Roger Guthrie of Tralee 1 to keep that match level at 2-2. The game between Gavin Dillane (Tralee 1) and Jason O'Regan (Tralee 3) finished level as the deciding match saw Danny O'Leary of Tralee 1 come from behind to defeat Gavin Carroll of Tralee 3 meaning a 3.5-2.5 victory overall for Tralee 1.

The drama was even higher in the Tralee 2 v Tralee 5 encounter as sudden death was needed to determine a winner after both sides shared two Singles wins each to make it 3-3 overall. Three players from each team were selected for three three-hole playoff matches as Alan O'Connor (Tralee 5) and John Lynch (Tralee 2) exchanged victories over Gerry Lee and Mark Lucey respectively. It then came down to the game between John O'Regan (Tralee 2) and Tony Blake (Tralee 5). Leading 1 up John O'Regan chipped in for birdie on the second as Tony Blake missed a putt to bring the match to the third hole meaning Tralee 2 were declared match winners.

The drama now clears the way for a decider between Tralee 1 and Tralee 2 next Sunday, Easter Sunday to determine which members in Tralee will be taking possession on the Tim Scannell Memorial Shield this year. The County Board will confirm full details of the final in due course. Elsewhere last weekend Deerpark's Damien Fleming was third in Pitch & Putt Ireland's National Mens ranking event in Tullamore last Saturday with his score of 13 under par, two shots off the winning total posted by Tipperary's Stephen Shoer.

The result solidifies Damien's second place in the Irish Mens rankings at the moment behind Limerick's Kieran Earls.



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251D36678	A6 2.0 40TDI 204BHP S-LINE AUTOMATIC	BLACK	€68,330	€60,000	€8,330	20,000Kms	Audi Kerry
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261C5424	Q3 30TFSI 150BHP S-LINE AUTOMATIC	GREY	€68,750	€65,000	€3,750	589Kms	Audi Kerry
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Killarney Rugby Club U18.5 Girls Stopping at the Kerry Border with their Munster League Trophy



Killarney Rugby Club Winning U14 Girls Team

KILLARNEY VALLEY ATHLETIC CLUB

SEVEN NATIONAL MEDALS FOR KILLARNEY VALLEY AC AT JUVENILE INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Killarney Valley AC enjoyed a highly successful weekend at the Athletics Ireland National Juvenile Indoor Championships in Athlone, winning seven national medals and recording a host of personal best performances.

On Day 1, the club secured four medals. Teagan Lyne claimed silver in the U14 girls 60m hurdles (9.45 PB), while Lauren McEvoy also took silver in the U17 girls 60m hurdles with a personal best of 8.95. Charlie Clarke won bronze in the U17 boys 200m (23.41 PB) and Dominik Wasila secured bronze in the U19 boys long jump with a leap of 6.19m.

There were several strong performances elsewhere, including sixth place for James Doody in the U12 boys 600m (1:45.06 PB), fourth for Daniel Smith in the U15 boys pole vault (1.85 PB), and fifth for Kieran Moloney in the U16 boys shot put (12.19m). Lily Horgan ran 10.85 in the U13 girls 60m hurdles while Maddie O'Riordan and Sophie Duke also ran personal bests in their U18 girls 200m heats.

Day 2 brought three more medals for the club. Kayla O'Sullivan won bronze in the U13 girls 60m sprint (8.45 PB), while Anna O'Shea (U19) and Finn Moloney (U18) both took silver in the pole vault with clearances of 2.55m and 2.45m



Anna O'Shea, left, both took silver in the pole vault

respectively.

Five KVAC athletes reached national 60m finals, with Gary Arthur (U12) finishing sixth in a personal best 8.66, Charlie Clarke placing fifth in the U17 final (7.32 PB), and Lauren McEvoy and Eanna Hennigan also competing strongly. Maria Coleman finished fifth in the U17 pole vault with a personal best 1.95m, while Katie O'Sullivan competed in the U17 long jump.

With seven national medals, numerous finals appearances and a large number of personal bests, it proved an outstanding championship for Killarney Valley AC athletes.

Our Streets of Killarney 5 Mile takes place on 3rd April (Good Friday). Please take note of road closure signs and best of luck to all taking part.

Our Kids Easter Camp will be returning this year for 1 week only (Tuesday 7th – Friday 10th April) so book online on our website killarneyvalleyac.ie to avoid disappointment.

Please email the club on killarneyvalleyac@gmail.com if you would like to join the club.

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EASTER CAMP

All places in our beginner Easter Rowing Camp are now full but we are keen to hear from boys and girls aged 11-14 (5th class-2nd year) with an interest in sport and the outdoors, who may wish to learn more about rowing or starting in the sport this year or in the years ahead. Email to muckrossrc.camps@gmail.com for enquiries or to add your name to the list for our summer camps. Alternatively, why not call to the boathouse on a weekend morning (calm weather recommended!) where you can see all the action up close and learn more! We will continue to have a number of beginner rowing opportunities in the weeks and months ahead.

UPCOMING

Following the excitement of our own rescheduled Muckross HOR which closed out the time trial season, we are now eagerly looking forward to the first regatta of the season and a return to racing. Our first regatta will be the Skibbereen Grand League Regatta taking place on the weekend of 11th-12th April 2026 at the National Rowing Centre in Farran, Cork. Other upcoming events in April include the Limerick Regatta at O'Briensbridge on Saturday, April

25th followed by the Schools Regatta at the same venue on the following day Sunday, April 26th. The Bantry Sprint Regatta will take place on Saturday, May 2nd at Reendonegan Lake.

KILLARNEY RFC CLUB

A BRILLIANT SHOW OF SKILL AND SPIRIT FROM KILLARNEY'S STARS

What a week for Killarney RFC! This past weekend was a true testament to the dedication, talent, and incredible spirit that flows through our entire club, from our youngest players right up to the flagship Senior squad.

While it wasn't a complete clean sweep, it was a profoundly positive weekend with all three of our youth teams in action, securing fantastic victories, and our Senior men putting in a valiant, hard-fought performance that they can hold their heads high about. The future is incredibly bright at Aghadoe!

MATCH REPORTS & RESULTS

U14 Girls Kick Off the Weekend with a Thrilling Win in Coonagh

Result: U14 Girls 21 vs 19 Tralee RFC (Away at Coonagh, 28.03.2026)

Our K.I.C.K. U14 Girls set the tone for a fantastic day of youth rugby with a nail-biting 21-19 victory away against local rivals Tralee RFC on Saturday. Playing at a neutral venue in Coonagh, this was a contest for the ages.

Both teams displayed immense skill and determination in a try-for-try encounter. K.I.C.K.'s young players demonstrated fantastic composure in a high-pressure environment, holding their nerve for a grittily-earned victory by the narrowest of margins. This result showcases the incredible progress they are making as a squad and is a testament to the hard work of their coaching team. Congratulations to all the girls for such a superb performance.

U18.5 Girls Deliver a Stellar Performance at Virgin Media Park

Result: U18.5 Girls 28 vs 7 Clonakilty RFC (Away at Virgin Media Park, 29.03.2026)

On Sunday afternoon, our K.I.L.K. U18.5 Girls travelled to the iconic Virgin Media Park and delivered what was a truly dominant performance, securing an emphatic 28-7 victory over Clonakilty RFC.

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legends of Munster rugby, our girls simply rose to the occasion. This was a stellar, four-try masterclass where K.I.C.K. controlled the match in every department. They showed superb attacking rhythm and a formidable defensive line that Clonakilty rarely threatened. It was a complete performance, and to deliver it at such a prestigious venue made it even more special. Well done to the entire squad and backroom team.

U16 Boys Secure a Hard-Fought Derby Win at Ballymalis

Result: Killorglin RFC 0 vs 7 U16 Boys (Away at Ballymalis, 29.03.2026)

On Sunday morning, our U16 Boys took on local rivals Killorglin RFC at Ballymalis and emerged victorious from a fierce, tight local derby, winning 7-0 in wintry conditions.

This match was a real battle of wills, a true defensive clinic by both teams. In a game dominated by territory and tenacious tackling, Killarney's defensive effort was heroic, preventing a very good Killorglin side from crossing their line. A fantastic, solitary converted try was all that separated the teams, and it proved decisive. This was a win built on incredible grit, composure, and character. It was a hugely satisfying victory, and the boys can be immensely proud of their performance. They advance to the West Munster Cup Final, where they will play Tralee.

Men's Senior J1 Team Fought Valiantly in Nenagh Battle

Result: Killarney 7 vs 17 Nenagh Ormond RFC (Away in Nenagh, 29.03.2026)

Our Men's Senior J1 team played All-Ireland League Club Nenagh on Sunday afternoon for a tough challenge, putting in a truly gallant effort that ended in a narrow 7-17 defeat.

Facing a strong Nenagh Ormond side, our Seniors gave it their all from the first whistle to the last. This was a hard-fought battle where the final scoreline, a tough defeat, was a cruel reflection of the fighting spirit and effort shown by the team. They created chances and fought for every inch of territory. A special thanks to all the supporters who came to cheer on the lads in such a tough encounter. Their dedication is greatly appreciated.



Badminton: Kerry's Brewster cup team

CLUB NEWS & LOOKING AHEAD

Killarney RFC continues to thrive, and this weekend's clean sweep by our youth teams is a testament to the hard work and passion of everyone involved, from the players to the parents, coaches, and volunteers. It's a wonderful foundation for the club's future.

TRAINING SCHEDULE

Training continues for all age grades as per usual schedules. Please check with your team manager for details.

KILLARNEY BADMINTON CLUB

Congratulations to Sinead Galvin and partner Tom Bourke on winning division 1 mixed county final.

Congratulations to Edel Broderick and Mirim Rohan on winning div 1 doubles and to Sinead and Jennifer on runners up after a thrilling final that kept us on the edge of our seats during play.

Jennifer Nash, Sinead Galvin and Adele O'Brien representing Killarney on the Kerry team last Sunday in causeway in the Brewster cup team. It was very high standard from all 4 counties with all matches being very close ... Cork came out victorious.

Keep an eye out for our club teams reaching mixed kerry finals as all matches are finishing up at moment with finals to be played by end

of week April 10 th.

KILLARNEY SWIMMING CLUB

8 Swimmers from Killarney Swimming Club proudly represented their schools at the Irish Minor Schools Championships at the National Aquatic Centre in Dublin on Sunday.

Caoimhe Casey, Nina O'Mahony, Maebh O'Reilly, Reece O'Donoghue, Aideen Casey, Aoibhin Creedon, Cora Sheehan & Juan Avila all had excellent swims on the national stage.

Congratulations to Reece O'Donoghue representing St Oliver's National School who made finals in the 50 Back and 50 Fly finishing in 8th and 9th place overall.

FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB

RESULTS FOR 26TH MARCH

N/S

- 1st: Ursula Daly & Ciarán Broadbery
 - 2nd: Conor Dwyer & Ger McSweeney
 - 3rd: Hanneke Neiman & Don O'Sullivan
- E/W

- 1st: Anne Wrenn & Breda Counihan
 - 2nd: Pauline Lyne & Phyllis O'Regan
 - 3rd: Karen O'Keefe & Imelda Healy
- Well done everyone.

Bridge continues every Thursday morning at 10am at The Castlerosse Hotel.



Killarney Swimming Club Members Caoimhe Casey, Nina O'Mahony, Maebh O'Reilly, Reece O'Donoghue, Aideen Casey, Aoibhin Creedon and Cora Sheehan.



Killarney Swimming Club Members Reece O'Donoghue and Juan Avila.



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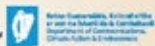


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TRIP TO BRAY ENDS IN DEFEAT

Bray Wanderers 2-1 Kerry FC

Kerry FC were on the road Friday night for the third time in four weeks as they made the trip to Wicklow to take on Bray Wanderers in the Carlisle Grounds.

Since entering the league in 2023, Kerry FC had not been able to take a single point from a trip to The Garden County but hoped that Friday night would see them get over the line in some capacity. Kerry FC are now on a four-game unbeaten run with three back-to-back draws followed by last week's win in Mounthawk Park against Finn Harps, showing that the side has been very hard to beat in the opening stages of the season.

For Bray Wanderers, it's just the one defeat for them, which came courtesy of a Sean Maguire for Cork City on the twenty-seventh of February. The Wanderers sit in third position in the league table, ahead of Athlone Town by a single point and five behind Cork City in first. All of their games so far have been tight contests, and this looked to be much of the same going into the fixture.

Kerry FC got their clash with Bray Wanderers underway at the Carlisle Grounds, and they made a dream start in the first minute. A long throw-in from the right by Cian Bargary caused immediate problems for the Bray defence, with the ball flicked on at the near post into a dangerous area. Niall Brookwell reacted quickest, collecting the loose ball and calmly finishing into the far bottom corner to give the visitors an early 1-0 advantage. Bray looked to respond quickly and won a corner in the ninth minute, but their effort was headed wide of the far post. Kerry remained dangerous on the counter, though, and continued to threaten the Bray backline. In the eleventh minute, Kieran Cooney was shown a yellow card following a late challenge, setting the tone for a competitive battle.

Kerry came close to doubling their lead in the fourteenth minute when Cian Murphy showed great determination to chase a long ball over the top. He managed to get his shot away from a very tight angle, but his effort crashed off the crossbar, denying the visitors a second goal.

Bray were fortunate to still be within a goal, and they relied on their goalkeeper James Corcoran in the eighteenth minute. He produced a superb save to deny Kieran Cooney, who had found space and struck a goal-bound header. Kerry continued to create openings, and in the twenty-third minute, another big chance went begging. Cian Murphy delivered a dangerous ball across the six-yard box, but it evaded everyone in the area and rolled harmlessly out of reach.

As the half progressed, Bray began to settle into the game, though clear-cut chances remained limited. Ifunanyachi Achara was booked in the thirty-ninth minute as frustrations started to show. Kerry maintained their narrow lead heading into the closing stages of the half, with Eric Koufie firing an effort wide of the right-hand



Goalscorer Niall Brookwell in action.

post in the forty-fifth minute.

Two minutes of added time were signalled at the end of the first half, and there was still time for another booking, this time for Cian Murphy, following a late challenge. Despite Bray's attempts to draw level, Kerry held firm, and Brookwell's early strike ensured they went into the break with a 1-0 lead.

Bray Wanderers came out with renewed intent after the interval and almost found an equaliser in the fifty-first minute. A corner was met at the near post, but the resulting effort drifted just wide of Harry Halwax's left-hand post.

Kerry made their first change in the fifty-third minute, with Sean O'Connell replacing the already-booked Kieran Cooney. However, Bray's pressure soon paid off. In the fifty-eighth minute, they drew level through Ben McCormack. A well-delivered chip cross into the area found McCormack at the back post, and he rose to head the ball home despite the best efforts of Harry Halwax, making it 1-1.

The momentum had shifted, but Kerry continued to battle. In the sixty-eighth minute, Ryan Kelliher and Brandon Bermingham were introduced in place of Eric Koufie and Sean McGrath. It marked a significant moment for Kelliher, who was making his return after a long absence due to an ACL injury.

Bray pushed for a second goal and came close in the seventy-first minute with a double chance. The ball was flashed dangerously across the box twice in quick succession, but no Bray player was able to apply the finishing touch. Kerry responded with an opportunity of their own in the seventy-fourth minute, when Cian Murphy again found space at a tight angle, only to see his effort saved and turned behind for a corner, which Bray subsequently cleared.

Tensions rose as the clock ticked down, with Cian Bargary receiving a yellow card in the seventy-

third minute and Niall Brookwell following him into the referee's book in the eighty-first minute. Both sides continued to search for a winner, and Bray came close in the eighty-third minute when Ryan Kelly struck from outside the box, forcing a superb save from Harry Halwax.

Five minutes of added time were indicated at the end of the ninety, setting up a dramatic finale. In the ninety-second minute, Bray found the breakthrough. Ryan Kelly produced a moment of quality, striking from outside the area to beat Halwax and put the home side 2-1 ahead, leaving Kerry's defensive efforts undone at the death.

Kerry attempted to respond immediately, making late substitutions in the ninety-third minute as Cian Brosnan and Luke Palmer replaced Cian Bargary and Arran Healy. However, there was no way back for the visitors.

The final whistle confirmed a 2-1 victory for Bray Wanderers, with Kerry left to rue missed opportunities and a late collapse after having led for much of the contest. The Kingdom now must look ahead to next weekend's bank holiday double week, starting with a home fixture against Cobh Ramblers in Mounthawk Park on Friday night.

Bray Wanderers Team: James Corcoran; Alain Kizenga, Jamie Duggan, Richard Ferizaj, Ifunanyachi Achara, Declan Osagie, Aime Azende Nyembo, Cian Doyle, Ben McCormack (GOAL '58), Tyreik Sammy, Dean O'Shea.

Subs Used: Conor Knight, Daniel Ring, Ryan Kelly (GOAL '90+2), Ethan Cheese.

Kerry FC Team: Harry Halwax; Kilian Cantwell (C), Kieran Cooney, Sean McGrath, Cian Murphy, Jonas Häkkinen, Eric Koufie, Niall Brookwell (GOAL '1), Ewan Lee, Arran Healy, Cian Bargary.

Subs Used: Sean O'Connell, Cian Brosnan, Ryan Kelliher, Brandon Bermingham, Luke Palmer.



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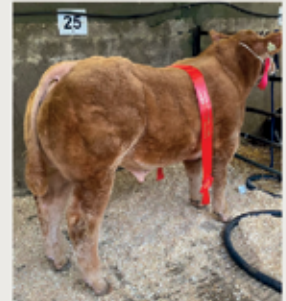


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LOTTO

No.s 3,15,19,20. There was one winner of the Jackpot of €3800. Congratulations to Aaron Nealon, Ballyhar. Next draw for a jackpot of €2000 will take place on Sunday next 5th April at Henderson's Bar, Firies. Tickets available from Committee members, Sheehans Filling Station, Farranfore, Spar & Hendersons shops, Firies and Butlers Bar, Firies. Thanks to all who support & help out with the club lotto.

TEAMS

The U9s had a series of home games against Milltown FC where all the skills of the games were displayed. Thanks to the coaches & parents of both squads for facilitating the fixture.

The U12 B squad travelled to Dingle and came away with a fine 1-5 win to qualify for the Bowl final thanks to a fine squad effort with Noah McCarthy, Jamie O Connor, Jack O Mahony, Sean Daly, Shane O Connor & Sean O Callaghan each contributing to the win.

The U13 B squad made the trip to Mounthawk Park where they shadowed the Kerry FC team on entry to the pitch on their recent home victory over Finn Harps. All enjoyed the occasion & the Kerry FC win.

The U14 B squad lost away to Park B on a 0-2 scoreline in the trophy knockout competition in a close contest. Ballyhar can be proud of their effort & work rate on the day with Evan Greensmyth, Diarmuid Fitzgerald, Lachlan Leslie, Paddy Hurley, Ewan Myers, Dara Flaherty, Jack Cooper, Jack Sheehy, Darragh Curran, Dara Flaherty & Dermot Nealon all putting in big efforts.

The Club U12 girls lost out at home to Dingle Bay Rovers in the Shield Competition with the each of the squad getting a good run out.

The U13A squad defeated Killarney Celtic to advance to the trophy semi final. Jack sheehy with a hat trick, Jack Cooper with two goals & one from Tadhg Fitzgerald were the players on target in a good squad effort.

The ladies social soccer squad made the trip to Mounthawk Park on Saturday night last where they played Killarney Athletic FC A & B & Fenit Samphires in close and entertaining encounters.

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC

AFC NOTES

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Ballyhar Dynamos FC U9s who hosted Milltown FC in a series of mini games. Thanks to both sets of coaches & parents for facilitating.

Seamus O' Donoghue Beaufort. €100 - Pamela Walsh. €100 - Michael Cotter. €100 - Anne Marie O'Sullivan Darcy. €100 - Donagh Gleeson

U15 BOYS SHIELD SEMI-FINAL

Killarney Athletic B 2 - 2 Inter Kenmare A (AET)

Miron Svyrypa x 2

Killarney Athletic B 7 - 6 Inter Kenmare A (Pens)

One for the spectators down in Woodlawn today, a game that had everything as we faced Inter Kenmare A in the Shield Semi-Final. Both teams started well, but it was Kenmare who struck first with a cracking effort on 8 minutes. The lads responded well and pushed for an equaliser before half-time, creating chances but just unable to find the net. The second half began and once again it was Kenmare who got the next goal, scoring 7 minutes after the restart. 2-0 Kenmare Strangely though, at no point did it feel like the lads were out of this one and from here on they really began to take control. Miron pulled one back on 50 minutes before rising highest to head home his second goal just 6 minutes later after a great delivery from Dylan O'Connor. The lads continued to push hard and it was incredible that a winner didn't come in normal time or extra time. Credit to the Kenmare keeper who made some outstanding saves to keep them in it. So penalties it was, which is never easy. Huge credit has to go to every player who stepped up, it takes real courage in those moments. While both sides converted well, the difference on the day was our keeper Marco Regosa. He was immense in the shootout, saving 3 penalties and getting strong hands to 2 others. An unbelievable performance. The lads book

their place in the Shield Final. Massive credit to Inter Kenmare for a real competitive game and to the referee for officiating. MOTM – Marco Regosa Very proud of this group, thoroughly deserved

U15 BOYS DIVISION 3

Mastergeeha B 2 - Killarney Athletic D 1

Goal: Eric Reed

Playing against a very strong wind in the first half, Athletic struggled to get forward but defended well to keep the score to 1 down at half time. Conditions settled in the second half. Mastergeeha doubled the lead early after the break as Athletic failed to clear a goal mouth scramble after a corner. Athletic played better for most of the second and rewarded 10 minutes from time with a well taken finish by Eric Reed, low and into the corner. However it wasn't to be in the end, Mastergeeha were well organised and strong in defence and hung on for the win.

BOYS U15 HEALY CUP SEMI-FINAL

Boys U15 Healy Cup Semi-Final

Killarney Athletic 1 - 4 Listowel Celtic

Patrick O'Connor x 1

A tight game up to the last 15 minutes. Three quick fire goals from Listowel to settle the tie. Listowel were deserved winners. Thanks to Listowel and the referee for a good game.

U12 GIRLS SOCCER TROPHY SEMI-FINAL

A huge home performance from Killarney Athletic against LB Rovers today. It finished 1-1 at full time after a brilliant battle, but unfortunately the girls lost 3-1 after extra time. Goal scorer: Fiadh Driver x 1 Player of the Match: Lily Falvey An incredible effort from all the Killarney



Ballyhar Dynamos FC U12 girls who were defeated at home by Dingle Bay Rovers in the shield competition.



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u13 A squad who advanced to the semi final of the Trophy competition.

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Athletic girls. They gave absolutely everything and just couldn't match a very strong LB Rovers side in extra time. A big thank you to the referee for officiating today's match. And well done to LB Rovers — best of luck in the final So proud of this team and their hard work, spirit and determination

KERRY SCHOOLBOY/GIRL SOCCER

NATIONAL TOUGH DAY FOR KERRY IN ALL-IRELAND QUARTER-FINALS

It proved a challenging outing for Kerry sides across the U12, U13 and U15 Boys All-Ireland Cup quarter-finals, with all three teams exiting at the last-eight stage despite battling performances. In the U12 quarter-final, Kerry were edged out 1-0 by Donegal in a tight contest where chances were limited and the decisive goal proved the difference. At U13 level, Kerry fell to a strong Galway White side 4-1, with James Tansley getting Kerry's goal in what was a difficult encounter against quality opposition.

The U15 side were also narrowly beaten, losing 2-1 to South Belfast. Kerry's goal came from an own goal following a Kian Cronin corner, but despite their efforts, they were unable to find an equaliser.

GIRLS NARROW WINS AND SEMI-FINAL DRAMA IN DOMINIC SCANLON COMPETITIONS

There was a mix of tight contests and strong performances in the U12 Dominic Scanlon Girls Perpetual Cup and Trophy, as teams battled for places in the latter stages.

In the Cup quarter-final, Park edged a narrow 1-0 victory over MEK A, with Emma O'Shea scoring the decisive goal in a closely fought encounter to send Park through. In the Trophy semi-finals, Dingle A delivered a commanding performance to defeat Inter Kenmare 4-0. Aoife Ní Shúilleabháin led the scoring with two goals, while Meadhbh Corcoran and Emma Kennedy also found the net in an impressive team display. The other semi-final proved much tighter, with LB Rovers A overcoming Killarney Athletic B 3-1 after extra time. Fiadh Driver scored for Killarney Athletic, but goals from Maggie Dillane, and extra time strikes from Millie Flavin, and Eva James ensured LB Rovers progressed after a hard-fought battle.

STRONG WINS AND STALEMATE IN U14

GIRLS ACTION

There was a mix of dominant performances and a tightly contested derby in the latest round of O'Sullivan's Bakery U14 Girls fixtures.

In the Premier Division, Mastergeeha secured a solid 3-0 win over Killorglin, with goals from Ruby Moynihan, Laura Breen, and Gracie Maher sealing a confident performance. Meanwhile, there was nothing to separate Killarney Celtic and Killarney Athletic, as they played out a 0-0 draw in a closely fought encounter where both defences stood strong.

In Division 1, Tralee Dynamos delivered a dominant display to defeat MEK 5-0. Tia Falvey was in outstanding form with a four-goal haul, while Aoibhinn Begley added the fifth to complete an emphatic win.

GOAL-FILLED GAMES IN U16 LOL O'LEARY CUP

There was plenty of attacking action in the U16 Girls LOL O'Leary Cup, with two high-scoring encounters delivering excitement and drama.

Inter Kenmare A produced a strong performance to defeat Camp 4-2, with Brittney Bevan leading the way with two goals, while Alice O'Connor and June McCarthy also found the net to secure the win.

In a thrilling contest, MEK edged LB Rovers 6-5 in a nine-goal battle. Elise Brunner starred with a hat-trick, supported by Isabelle O'Connor with two goals and Ellis Reen-Cronin adding another. LB Rovers pushed them all the way, with Eilidh Cregan scoring three, alongside goals from Leona Meaney and Saoirse Brosnan, but MEK held on in a dramatic finish.

BOYS

ACTION-PACKED U13 JOHN-JOENAUGHTON CUP AND TROPHY STAGES

There was plenty of action across the U13 John-Joe Naughton Cup and Trophy, with strong performances and goals across both competitions as teams progressed through the knockout rounds.

In the Cup knock-out, Killarney Athletic A secured a convincing 3-0 win over Dingle, with Harry Randles scoring twice and Ryan O'Donoghue also finding the net in a composed display.

The Cup quarter-finals saw Park A produce a 5-1 victory over Fenit A, with goals from Oran Maguire (2), Tadhg Gilligan, Michael Broughton, and Daniel Jahimaa. Listowel Celtic A also advanced with a 4-1 win against Castleisland A, as Eoin Griffin, Tyler Enright, Christopher Bradley, and Seanie Kissane were on target, while Amari Pabon scored for Castleisland.

In the Trophy knock-out, Killarney Celtic C

edged a thrilling 4-3 win over MEK A, with Oliver Stachowiak delivering a standout performance with a hat-trick, supported by a goal from Zsombi Vida.

However, in the Trophy quarter-finals, Ballyhar A proved too strong, defeating Killarney Celtic C 6-1. Jack Sheehy led the scoring with a hat-trick, while Jack Cooper added two goals and Tadhg Fitzgerald also found the net.

COMPETITIVE ACTION ACROSS U13 DIVISIONS

While the Cup and Trophy brought plenty of drama for the 13's Boys age group, there was plenty of competitive action across the U13 divisions, with strong wins and closely fought contests highlighting the latest round of fixtures.

In Division 1, Tralee Dynamos A secured a solid 4-2 victory over LB Rovers A, with Gavin Conway scoring twice alongside goals from Max McCarthy and Abdul Razzouk. Harry Bennett and Darragh Walsh O'Boyle replied for LB Rovers. Mastergeeha edged a tight encounter against Park B, winning 1-0 thanks to a decisive goal from Sean Breen.

In Division 2 North, Park C came out on top in an entertaining 5-3 win over Camp B, with Ryan Greensmith scoring twice and further goals from Anas Hakimi, Paudie Hayles, and Aidan McCarthy. Ardfert also impressed with a 4-1 victory over Tralee Dynamos B, as Eamonn Flaherty struck twice alongside goals from Ciaran Sheehy. MEK B were awarded a 3-0 walkover win over Fenit B. In Division 2 South, Iveragh B and Milltown shared the points after a 2-2 draw, with Henry Ireland and Olly Sheahan scoring for Milltown in a closely contested game.

SEMI-FINAL DRAMA IN U15 HEALY FAMILY CUP AND SHIELD

There was plenty of excitement in the U15 Healy Family Cup and Shield semi-finals, with a mix of dominant performances and dramatic penalty shoot-out action deciding the finalists.

In the Cup semi-final, Listowel Celtic A produced a strong display to defeat Killarney Athletic A 4-1. Joe Joy netted a brace, while Dylan Browne added two more goals to secure a convincing win. Patrick O'Connor replied for Killarney Athletic, but Listowel's attacking quality proved decisive as they booked their place in the final.

The Shield semi-final delivered the drama of the round, as Killarney Athletic B and Inter Kenmare A played out a thrilling 2-2 draw after extra time. Miron Svyripa scored both goals for Athletic, before they held their nerve to win 7-6 on penalties. Successful spot-kicks came from Artem Dzhandra, Jack Gleeson, Ezio Santos,



MEK U10 Black Team who played St Brendans Park last weekend.



MEK U10 Orange Team who played Camp last weekend.



Killarney Celtic U14 Girls vs Killarney Athletic



Mastergeeha B 2 U15 Boys Division 3

Torin Lyne, Miron Svyripa, Daniel Quinlan, and Maks Wesolowski.

Goalkeeper Marco Regosa was the hero of the tie, producing a series of crucial saves during normal and extra time before an outstanding performance in the shoot-out, where he saved three penalties and got hands to two others. His display proved decisive in sending Killarney Athletic B through to the final.

GOALS AND DRAWS HIGHLIGHT U15 TC CONSTRUCTION FIXTURES

There was a mix of dominant wins and closely fought draws across the TC Construction U15 divisions, with plenty of goals and competitive encounters throughout the round.

In the Premier Division, Mastergeeha A delivered a strong performance to defeat Killarney Celtic A 4-0, with goals from Diarmuid O'Carroll, Cian Kennedy, Kacper Kobilnska, and Daniel Donnelly sealing an impressive win.

In Division 1, there were two entertaining draws. Killarney Celtic B and Iveragh shared the points in a 3-3 thriller, with Luke Clifford scoring all three goals for Celtic. Another high-scoring game saw Camp and Killarney Celtic B also finish 3-3, with Luke Clifford, Jack Clifford, and Cillian Scannell on target for Celtic.

In Division 2, Listowel Celtic B and Fenit B played out a 1-1 draw, with Tommy O'Connor scoring for Listowel. LB Rovers A were the standout performers, recording a dominant 6-0 win over Tralee Dynamos A, with Cian Fitzgerald hitting a hat-trick, alongside a brace of goals from Chams Tarkhani and Aaron Mulvihill.

In Division 3, Park B and Castleisland B shared the points in a 1-1 draw, with Corey Kinsella and Cian Bolger on the scoresheet. Mastergeeha B secured a 2-1 victory over Killarney Athletic D, thanks to goals from Darragh O'Donoghue and Luke O'Sullivan, while Eric Reed replied for Athletic.

BOYS TEAM OF THE WEEK

1. Marco Regosa (Killarney Athletic U15)
2. Myles Kearney (Listowel Celtic U15)
4. Donnacha O'Callaghan (Mastergeeha U13)
5. Michael Broughton (St Brendan's Park U13)
3. Daniel Donnelly (Mastergeeha U15)
6. Cian Fitzgerald (LB Rovers U15)
8. Gavin Conway (Tralee Dynamos U13)
10. Luke Clifford (Killarney Celtic U15)
7. Jack Sheehy (Ballyhar Dynamos U13)
9. Joe Joy (Listowel Celtic U15)
11. Eamonn Flaherty (Ardfert U13)

GIRLS ROLL OF HONOUR

1. Shauna O'Riordan (Mastergeeha)
2. Lily Falvey (Killarney Athletic)
4. Clodagh O'Connor (Killarney Celtic)
5. Evanne Mason (LB Rovers)
3. Rachel Luchinni (Killarney Athletic)
6. Meadhbh Corcoran (Dingle Bay Rovers)
8. Eliza Lynch (Killorglin)
7. Eva James (LB Rovers)
10. Emma O'Shea (St Brendan's Park)
9. Elise Brunner (MEK Galaxy)
11. Tia Falvey (Tralee Dynamos)

KILLARNEY CELTIC CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 5, 6,13, 25. No Jackpot winner. No Match 3 winner so Lucky Dip winners received €50. Next jackpot €8,400 on Monday April 6th. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through Clubzap.

FAI JUNIOR CUP

Killarney Celtic 2-0 Abbeyfeale Utd

Kennedy Amechi, Liam Carey
Celtic qualified for round 3 of the FAI Junior Cup after a bright opening half enabled Celtic to lead 2-0 at the break. Celtic were strong early on with a high press which was rewarded with goals inside the 1st 25 minutes. Celtic hit the front through Kennedy Amechi who netted from a Liam Carey pass. Celtic worked the keeper again soon after but Liam Carey was denied. Liam Carey doubled the lead to put Celtic in the driving seat when Dylan Quirke put him in on goal. Shortly after half time Abbeyfeale threatened the Celtic goal. Celtic responded with a Liam Carey effort that forced a fine save from the keeper. Padraic Looney headed over from the corner. Stephen

McCarthy went close to extending the lead but the Abbeyfeale keeper was equal to the task and Abbeyfeale fashioned late chances forcing Roy Kelleher into action.

U17 DOMINO'S PIZZA SHIELD

Killarney Celtic B 4-2 St Brendan's Park B

Garvan Collins, Jason Harrington, Tadgh O'Dubhain, Lukas McGough

A good start by Celtic B was instrumental in the team qualifying for the shield semi final. Celtic were 3 up before St Brendan's Park replied to leave Celtic 3-1 ahead at the break. Celtic edged further in front before Park replied again. Park pushed hard to get back on parity but Celtic held firm to take the win.

U15 PREMIER

Mastergeeha A 4-0 Killarney Celtic A

Celtic A went down to defeat last weekend in Mastergeeha.

U15 DIV 1

Camp 3-3 Killarney Celtic B

Luke Clifford, Jack Clifford, Cillian Scannell

Celtic B and Camp played out an exciting draw last weekend. Both teams tried hard to get the win but in the end a draw was the end result.

U13 TROPHY

Ballyhar A 6-1 Killarney Celtic C

Eryk McGrath

Celtic C bowed out of the U13 Trophy after they lost out to a strong Ballyhar A team.

GIRLS U 14 PREMIER

Killarney Celtic 0-0 Killarney Athletic

Celtic drew with league leaders Athletic last Saturday. Celtic remain 3rd in the league. Next up is the Cup.

CONGRATS to Luke Clifford U14/15 who made the KSBGL Team of the Week and to Clodagh O'Connor who made the Girls Roll of Honour.



Killarney Athletic U15 B

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LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 28/03/2026 for a jackpot of €7,350 were 11, 16, 23, 24. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Peter Kelliher, Emma Redmond, Cronin Grandchildren, Timmy O'Leary, Sandra Daly.

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

Our seniors picked up their first win of the county league when they took on Ardfert on Saturday evening in Gortroe. The opening half was a cagey affair, Fossa started well with scores from Matt Rennie, Cian and Emmett O'Shea giving them a three point cushion after eight minutes. Both sides were finding it difficult to get scores but Ardfert got back on level terms with three quick fire points from the dangerous, Nathan O'Driscoll by the 20th minute. Emmett O'Shea pushed Fossa in front again and the home side led at the break, 0-5 to 0-4.

The game opened up in the second half, Fintan Coffey kicked a point immediately from the restart, Ardfert replied with a free from Nathan O'Driscoll but scores from Darren Ryan, Matt Rennie and Emmett O'Shea gave Fossa a four point lead by the 10th minute. Cian O'Shea was winning some great ball around the middle third and Fossa started to attack with pace, the impressive Fintan Coffey kicked a fine two pointer in the 20th minute to put a bit of daylight between the sides. This was quickly followed by a goal and point from Ted O'Gorman and even though Ardfert never gave up the fight, Fossa finished stronger with scores from Dan O'Keeffe and Peadar Kelliher to leave the final score, Fossa 1-14, Ardfert 0-9.

They are at home again next weekend when they face Listry in Rd 3, date and time to be confirmed.

DR CROKES

SFL DIV. 1

Dr. Crokes 0:11 Rathmore 1:19

We made the short trip to Rathmore on Saturday last but came away empty-handed after a 1-19 to 0-11 defeat against a sharp and clinical home side. Fielding without a number of key players due to intercounty commitments and injury, we were always facing an uphill battle. That challenge was made even more difficult early on when Billy Courtney was forced off with injury after just 15 minutes. Rathmore's goal proved decisive, as they pulled clear despite our battling efforts.

U14 COUNTY LEAGUE

We started our season with a trip to Gaeltacht on Sunday evening. Despite missing a few regulars our boys performed valiantly and never gave up. Gaeltacht were very strong physically and we had a very difficult first 15 minutes. Gradually we found our way into the game with Ewan Marshall, Senan Pendergast, Rob Young, Andrew Bilokhvosk and Thomas Mulvihill to the fore. We had a very good second half scoring 3 goals and 6 points in total with Lucas Uchyll getting



Karen Buckley accepting the proceeds of the Fossa Two Mile Comhaltas Annual Ceili on behalf of the Loughquittane National School Parents Council from Catherine Joy Foss Two Mile Comhaltas Ceili in aid of with (front from left) Fionn O'Donoghue Ronan Carey, Jemma Reid, Ruby O'Donoghue (second row from left) Chloe O'Connor, Sean O'Brien, Ellie and Peg O'Donoghue (back from left) Jenny O'Donoghue, Luke Hannon

2 goals and John Byrne getting the other. Others to impress were Nathan Cronin, Maro Kovacevic, Oisín Carey Brickley, James O Mahony and Jadon Reif. Our B team had a much closer game scoring 5:08. John Byrne, Mark Clifford and Luke McMahon among the goal scorers. The lads played really well which included great performances from our 6 under 12s Alex Doolan, Fedir Kosminskyi, Finn McDonald, Tiarnan Kavanagh, John Byrne and Finan O Connell while Oran Barrett, William Sjogren, Mark O Leary also gave great performances on the night. A big thank you to the players and the parents who travelled. Our next game is Tuesday 7th against Listowel at home.

MEMBERSHIP IS NOW DUE

Membership can be paid through the club app. Download today <https://drcrokes.com/join-our-club/>

FIXTURES

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

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

FR. PADDY'S CARDS has finished up for the season and will resume in the Autumn.

KATHLEEN'S GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS continues on Tuesdays from 11am in the clubhouse.

GENTLE YOGA FOR BOTH MEN AND WOMEN take place on Thursdays from 6:15pm-7pm. It is €40 for 4 weeks, valid for 5 weeks.

LOTTO took place on March 30th Numbers drawn were 9, 10, 17, 23. Jackpot of €20,300 was WON. Jackpot for draw on April 6th will be €5,000. Play online by following the link below and follow instructions attached <https://>

member.clubspot.app/club/dr-crokes-gaa/fundraisers

BINGO

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

CONDOLENCES to Breda, Bridann and the Griffin Family on the passing of Dermot. Also to the Fogerty Family Waterville on the passing of Paddy. May they rest in peace.

NOTES

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

LEGION GAA CLUB

LOTTO

Lotto Numbers: 5,7,14,19. Bonus 26. Jackpot not won. Match 3s: Peter Moloney, Antoinette Cahill, Kitty Moynihan

COUNTY LEAGUE SENIOR DIV 6

County Football League D6 Round 2.

Tuosist 0-11 Legion B 2-11

Back to back wins for our Senior B team after an impressive game, the first to be played on Tuosist's super 4G pitch.

The home side took the lead with the first three scores but Legiin grew into the half and like in the opening game, tenacious defending was the platform for success.

Aaron, Dean, Paudie, Cathal, Alan & Sean were focused and working together very well.

Standin Keeper Ian Prender was excellent throughout

Jamie Alade's physicality and primary ball winning was a great addition to midfield in his first game back.

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Forward Finan Blackwell and midfielder Kevin Looney helped create opportunities for Darragh Murphy, Eoin Murphy and Gavin Moriarty which were well taken.

Kyle Griffin and Tom Cronin were working hard in both attack phases and advanced defence Legion took a slender lead into the break and a positive team talk by Roman and the players focussed on ways to win the game.

Instantly, a powerful run with the gathered throw-in by Jamie saw a good combo with Finan for the midfielder to rocket home.

The teams traded scores in the second half with Legion keeping a 3pt cushion for most of the period. The game was settled when minor David Courtney, introduced in the second half for his first Senior game, reacted first to a ball in the square and coolly finished the goal chance.

Thanks to ref Donal and the Tuosist players and mgt for a very sporting and open game. A large local support turned up to contribute to the atmosphere and we greatly appreciate the hospitality and spread put on afterwards for our players.

We hope that the super 4G pitch proves to be

an excellent investment by the south Kerry club in their community and Football development in Beara.

SENIOR DIV1 RESULT

Our senior team went down by a single point away to Kenmare last Saturday evening on a 0-16 v 0-15 scoreline

MINOR B BOYS RESULT

Group F shield final

Legion B 0-10 Gneevegauilla 0-12

Unfortunately our B team lost there county shield final last Monday evening in Dereen.

We were down a number of players through injuries and holidays, so many thanks to the U16 boys who stepped up to help out this evening.

They performed very well and were very unlucky not to come away with the win.

The game was tight the whole way through. The lads played some fine football and kicked fine points with some lovely moves, however the all important goal proved elusive.

Gneevegauilla finished the stronger and scored the last 3 points to win by 2

Our minor boys are back in action next Monday night in the east Kerry league V Listry

FIXTURES

SENIOR MEN DIV1

Round 3 Senior Football League Killarney Legion V Gneevegauilla (Sunday April 5th 2pm)

SENIOR MEN DIV6

Legion B v Dr. Crokes C Friday April 3rd 7.30 at 7.30 pm

SENIOR LADIES

Senior ladies Donal Curtin Co league D2 R2 Away to Fossa, Sun 12pm throw in

UNDERAGE ACADEMY

The academy will continue every Saturday morning at Dirreen for both Hurling and football. All new kids are very welcome. Any query please contact Justin 086 3684108 or Derek 089 2299769

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is now due for all members. Sign up in the Clubzap app or click on your renewal email. Any queries please contact Fiona 085 8263358

Nursing Homes Ireland (NHI) Renews its Partnership with GAA+ for the 2026 GAA Championship Season

Nursing Homes Ireland (NHI) is pleased to announce that it has renewed its partnership with GAA+, the GAA's live and on-demand streaming platform, for the 2026 football and hurling championship seasons. Through this partnership, over 30,000 residents and staff in all HIQA-registered private and voluntary nursing homes across the country will have access to approximately 40 live matches, as well as a host of exclusive GAA+ original content, such as a The View (a twice weekly live show), the Ratified Podcast Series, and Classic GAA Games from previous seasons - all free of charge.

Through this partnership, GAA+ has provided NHI with a unique code for each of its members, so that they can access live matches and the full catalogue of GAA+ content for the 2026 Championship season.

NHI CEO Tadhg Daly welcomed the renewal of this unique partnership saying: "The renewal of this partnership goes far beyond the provision



of free-to-access streaming of live Gaelic Games. It helps to strengthen the connections between the GAA, nursing home residents, and communities nationwide. This partnership also supports the shared commitment of NHI and the GAA, to ensure that nursing home residents remain connected to their communities through the

tradition of watching live Gaelic Games."

This renewed partnership will also facilitate the development of truly meaningful connections and shared experiences between nursing home residents and staff members through the connection that only sport can bring.

NHI have now issued the GAA+ access codes to all registered private and voluntary nursing homes and looks forward to residents and staff enjoying what proves to be another exciting and successful GAA season.

Dandelions Provide Vital Lifeline for Bees

A splash of yellow along Countess Bridge is proving to be far more important than it might first appear, as blooming dandelions offer a crucial food source for bees at this time of year.

With spring still in its early stages, many flowering plants have yet to fully emerge, leaving bees with limited options for nectar and pollen. Dandelions, often dismissed as weeds, are among the first flowers to bloom and play a vital role in supporting pollinators as they begin to reappear after the winter months.

Killarney Tidy Towns member Johnny McGuire, who took the photo said that bees gathering around the dandelions near Countess Bridge, highlighted the importance of allowing these natural resources to flourish. The bright flowers provide an accessible and nutrient-rich source of food, helping sustain bee populations during a critical period.



A Single Point Secures A Win for Kerry

Kerry 2-10 | Kildare 2-9

By Dan Kearney

Kerry secured their Lidl National League Division 1 status for 2027 with a narrow victory in a tense relegation decider at Manguard Plus GAA Centre of Excellence which saw Kildare lose their top flight status.

With both sides aware that a win would preserve their top-flight place, the contest was played with real intensity and carried a strong championship feel throughout.

Kildare made the brighter start with Aoife Rattigan leading the way. She converted two early frees and added a point from play to give the hosts a three-point advantage.

Kerry responded decisively when Danielle O'Leary struck for goal – the forward rounding the goalkeeper to tap in after good work by Roisin Rahilly in the buildup - and she quickly followed up with a point as the visitors settled into the game. Éabha Ní Laighinn also raised a white flag as Kerry edged in front.

Kildare regrouped well, with Molly Aspell and Rattigan both on target before Rattigan intercepted a kickout finding the net to swing the momentum back in their favour. Kerry stayed in touch through Síofra O'Shea frees, and although Kildare lost captain Laoise Lenehan to a yellow card, they managed to keep their noses in front.

Further scores from Rattigan and Ciara Wheeler were met by a Kerry effort from Leah McMahon, leaving Kildare ahead by 1-7 to 1-5 at the interval.

Kerry emerged strongly after the break, with points from newly introduced Mary O'Connell and O'Shea pushing them into the lead. O'Shea and Niamh Ní Chonchúir added further scores as Kerry built momentum, but Kildare struck back through a well-taken Alannah Prizeman

Aishling O'Connell of Kerry in action against Aine Mernagh, left, and Laoise Lenehan of Kildare during the Lidl Ladies National Football League Division 1 Round 7 match between Kildare and Kerry at Manguard Plus Kildare GAA Centre of Excellence in Kildare.

Photos by Piaras Ó Midheach/Sportsfile



goal to regain the advantage.

Danielle O'Leary was again central for Kerry, reacting quickest after her shot was saved to palm home her second goal. Kerry then had a chance to extend their lead from the penalty spot, but Rachel Fennin produced an excellent save from Síofra O'Shea to keep Kildare in contention.

A Rachel Dwyer point edged Kerry two in front once more – a pivotal score as it turned out – and although Rattigan responded with a late free, Kerry held their composure in the closing stages to secure a hard-earned 2-10 to 2-9 victory and confirm their Division 1 survival, while Kildare will make the drop.

Scorers - Kerry: Danielle O'Leary 2-1; Síofra O'Shea 0-4 (2f); Leah McMahon, Éabha Ní Laighinn, Mary O'Connell, Niamh Ní Chonchúir, & Rachel Dwyer 0-1 each.

Kildare: Aoife Rattigan 1-7 (5f); Alannah Prizeman 1-0; Molly Aspell 0-1; Ciara Wheeler 0-1.

Kerry: C Butler, E Lynch, D Kearney, R Rahilly, É Ní Laighinn, A Dillane, A O'Connell, N Carmody, A Galvin, K Enright, N Ní Chonchúir, C Evans, S O'Shea (capt), D O'Leary, L McMahon. Subs: M O'Connell for K Enright (HT), M Mulvihill for N Ní Chonchúir (50), J Lucey for C Evans (50), R Dwyer for N Carmody (53).

Kildare: R Fennin, Á Mernagh, M Doherty, A Murnane, H McLoughlin, R Sargent, L Lenehan (capt), J Harney, G Wheeler, L Shaw, C Wheeler, M Aspell, A Rattigan, M Doyle, A Prizeman. Subs: R Forde for J Harney (15), L Curran for M Doyle (43), A Irhue for L Shaw (48), R Dillon for A Murnane (54), A Mahon for M Doherty (54).

Referee: Paul McCaughey (Westmeath).

Niamh Ní Chonchúir of Kerry.



Leah McMahon of Kerry in action against Aine Mernagh of Kildare.





JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY

takes a look at all things sport...

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE FINAL

Donegal 3-20 Kerry 1-10

Last year Kerry did a clean sweep of titles (some-one is going to try and mention the McGrath Cup at this stage. Lad, if you offered me a McGrath Cup medal as a swap for a lollipop, I wouldn't take it). Last year's League was a bit of a strange one for me, though. I honestly feel that other teams, especially Donegal, could have pipped us to the final if they had really wanted, but were too close to the start of a nailbiting Ulster Championship, easily the best provincial competition in football, to give a full commitment. In short, I think they quietly decided to forfeit, and I would have done the exact same in their position. This year is a bit different, a little more breathing space. I don't think either Jack O'Connor or Jimmy McGuinness was treating last Sunday's game as a championship encounter – I think both sides could have gone stronger if need be in selection – but it was a final in Croke Park. No player will have been dropped after a game like that this early in the championship year, but a few may well have moved up the pecking order. I know about Jack O'Connor's record of winning Sam after winning the Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh, even before the National League Cup had that illustrious name. But I genuinely don't think that's an actual piseog of Jack's. I think it's statistically likely that any Kerry team decent enough to win a National League (when we are rarely at full strength) has a decent chance of winning Sam. People might not like me saying it, but in recent years we are coming out of a very weak province.

Cork ran us very close in the last two years, usually by finishing stronger than they started – a touch of a confidence issue, maybe? Regardless, I actually think it's great to have Cork back in Division One. The Rebels always honed Kerry steel and vice versa.

In a very real sense, this was a free shot for all of the teams involved. I'm not knocking a National League title, but its not something by which the year can be measured.

Cagey start. Very cagey start start, both sides playing it around and waiting for an opening. Kerry with an early goal chance but it was smothered. Good sign, though. David Cifford with the opening score, a nicely worked point. I thought Eoghan Ban Gallagher should have equalised, poor enough shot after a brilliant run.

Great turnover by Mark O'Shea near the endline. That's the kind of intensity I was looking for from every player. And, in fairness, I think we got it from every player in green and gold.

Pity we were wearing blue on the day.

Michael Langan with Donegal's opening score. Ten minutes gone and 0-1 apiece. I'm sorry



Action from the National League Final: Kerry V Donegal. Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans



to be blunt, but the reason we had the whole rulebook rewritten was to get away from this sort of game. I want action.

Michael Langan with a two pointer. Lovely turn and kick. But I am on record; he was Donegal's best player last year, and that's no dig at Michael Murphy.

Nice ball in by Joe O'Connor and Keith Evans makes no mistake from close range. I think Kerry are set up for goals today (ye can go away with yere hindsight).

And that's as good as it gets. The hits just keep coming. Donegal absolutely lord the middle third. It really does look like boys against men. Not only that, but Donegal have pace to burn and they start burning it repeatedly. Langan again. Michael Murphy with a free from outside the arc. Max Campbell. Ryan McHugh. McHugh again. First one was half a goal chance, second one a fantastic save by Shane Murphy. The hits keep coming. Peadar Mogan. Conor O'Donnell. Campbell again – he looks the real deal. We'll be meeting him again. Liam Smith hauled ashore for Tomás Kennedy. Some change absolutely had to be made around the middle.

Seán O'Shea with a Kerry point. He's trying hard, in fairness to him. Joe and David involved

as well. Hard work for a single point; Donegal are making it look easy.

Half-time. Donegal 0-13 Kerry 1-2.

I'm not writing this off yet. Kerry have been dismal but we are better than this. Get a grip on the middle – I'm only talking parity, not dominance – and I'll back our sharpshooters over theirs. We are still in this.

There you go. Dylan Geaney to open the second half scoring, and Keith Evans with another. Joe O'Connor with the pass. If this thing is to be turned around, it'll be Joe and Mark who do it. Ah, well, that's not happening. Michael Langan again, and Conor O'Donnell with that burst of deadly pace before launching a thunderbolt. Meath scored an absolute cracker of a goal against Cork; that one wasn't far behind it. Michael Murphy's was.....ah, look, it's that sort of day. Caolan McGonagle, pace again. Three goals in as many minutes.

The hits just keep coming. 3-19 to 1-4....

Speaking of hits coming.....I suppose I had better mention it. Yes, that should have ben a red card for Michael Murphy. That was closed fist, twice, on Dylan Casey. But it wasn't exactly scandal of the century either. They were 'tackle with the closed fist' punches, not haymakers.



Action from the National League Final: Kerry V Donegal. Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans

I'm not suggesting that the referee got it right, he didn't, but can we leave off the witch hunt? Any Kerry player or member of management who is coming out of that game talking about Michael Murphy's yellow card is glossing over much bigger problems; that's the truth of it. In the long run, this genuinely might not do us any harm. I think it helps Jack to have a metaphorical stick. This was a very bad day at the office, they happen. Are Donegal really that good, or are Kerry that bad? Just like he reverse in the All Ireland Final, neither is completely true nor wholly false.

Donegal: Gavin Mulreany, Caolán McColgan, Brendan McCole, Eoghan Bán Gallagher, Ryan McHugh (0-3), Caolán McGonagle (1-0), Max Campbell (0-3), Jason McGee, Hugh McFadden, Shane O'Donnell, Michael Langan (0-6 , 2tp), Peadar Mogan (0-1), Conor O'Donnell (1-1), Michael Murphy (1-5, 2tpf, 1f), Shea Malone. Subs: Finnbar Roarty 0-1 (for Michael Murphy, 56 mins), Stephen McMenamain (for Shea Malone, 60 mins), Seán Martin (for Max Campbell, 62 mins), Eoin McHugh (for Ryan McHugh, 64 mins).

Kerry: Shane Murphy, Tadhg Morley, Jason Foley, Dylan Casey, Tom O'Sullivan (0-1), Mike Breen, Armin Heinrich (0-2), Mark O'Shea, Liam Smith, Joe O'Connor, Sean O'Shea (0-1), Graham O'Sullivan, Dylan Geaney (0-1), David Clifford (1-1), Killian Evans (1-1). Subs: Tomás Kennedy 0-1 (for Liam Smith, 32 mins), Micheál Burns (for Graham O'Sullivan, 46 mins), Tom Leo O'Sullivan (for Jason Foley, 52 mins), Paul Geaney 0-2, tp (for Dylan Geaney, 56 mins), Cillian Trant (for Keith Evans, 60 mins). Referee: David Gough

MUNSTER CUP NAMED FOR PÁIDÍ Ó SÉ

The Munster Senior Cup now has a name, one of the most iconic in the competition ever. Paidí O Sé won Munster 11 times as a player, once as captain in 1985. His most iconic moment had arrived a decade earlier though, that famous



clash with Dinny Allen. Páidí was tackling Dinny from behind, maybe a bit roughly - watch it again, those are slight belts from side to side that he is giving. Dinny, a deserved legend himself, expressed his appreciation by flaking Páidí with his elbow. The referee is now arriving on the scene as Páidí steadies himself and throws an absolutely perfect left roundhouse punch. Dinny goes down. So does the referee, slipping as he steps forward to intervene.

Dinny gets up, the referee talks to both players, they embrace with both of them grinning, and play on. No sending off. No card - they didn't come in until 1979, with Weeshie Fogarty the first referee to use them (that May, he refereed a fundraiser game between Kerry and Offaly in The Fitzgerald Stadium in aid of the injured Garry Scollard). No punitive action towards Páidí - or Dinny, for that matter. The two men became great friends off the field, and would remain so ever afterwards. But they never gave each other an inch on it.

Páidí had many a tussle on the field. Dublin's David Hickey could tell you a few stories as well. Or how about that famously unfriendly charity game for Sr. Consilio in 1978? Jimmy Deenihan got his nose broken, and the perpetrator famously said, "Sorry, Jimmy, I thought you were Páidí Ó Sé!"

They have named the Munster Senior Football Cup after an absolute melted rogue. And they got it absolutely right.

NATIONAL HURLING

LEAGUE DIV TWO FINAL

Kerry v Laois

I'd have only been bluffing to make any prediction. Laois absolutely walloped us last year in the Joe McDonagh. Last year was the absolute nadir for my pretences at knowing anything about hurling. I had confidently expected Laois to have just enough to pip Meath to the McDonagh Cup. I was even more confidently predicting that Kerry's opening game against newly promoted Kildare would decide the relegation spot.

Ye know what happened. Kerry duly pipped Kildare by a point....and then the Lilywhites went on a winning run that saw them crowned champions, while Kerry, missing too many key personnel, sank like a stone in both league and championship. Laois beat us by 5-28 to 1-21 in the McDonagh, all five goals coming in the first half.

That was a very different Kerry, though. This year they only pipped is with an injury-time winner, 1-18 to 1-17, and I think Kerry could justifiably feel a little aggrieved. No complaints about Kyle O'Connor's second yellow, clear pull-down in the square and a penalty. I don't blame Kyle (I wasn't overly happy with the support cover, but the game was fairly frenetic at that stage). But Michael Leane's two yellows were very harsh. First one, okay....second one, I felt much tougher fouls were being let go all day.

Kerry had a stronger panel heading into the league final but Laois are a better side than they showed in that league encounter. I was looking forward to an improvement in both sides.

I got an improvement in one. And it wasn't us. That was a tough watch, to be truthful. Laois looked bigger, faster, a lot more skillful and, worst of all, much hungrier. Tomás Keyes had the sliotar in the Kerry net almost straightaway. Fantastic run, to be fair, but we left the door open. Again, the second goal....stunning shot, but the top teams are reacting faster to the knock-down.

You could tell from early on that they had us.

We picked off some long shots, but Laois were always that bit sharper. 2-11 to 0-8 down at half-time. And that was with the strong wind. Early in the second half, we coughed up another goal. Just one of those, an awkward ball falling into the net. On the days where everybody is keyed in, you don't give up those. Worse, for me, was the three wides on the trot before it. You need to take something, anything, out of those chances.

Game was gone by then, and everybody knew it. Some days you'll fancy Kerry to battle back into it, dig something out. Some days you don't. This was definitely the latter. Ah well, if John Griffin meets Jack O'Connor, they'll have something in common to talk about!

Are we the Kerry that were unlucky to lose to Laois in the regular league games? Or the Kerry that were hockeyed by them in the league final? I suspect that we are somewhere in between. And lads, the truth is that 'in between' isn't winning any Christy Ring. I sincerely hope that I am wrong.

Kerry: Conor Bohane, Eric Leen, Seánie McGrath, Kyle O'Connor; James O'Connor, Jason Diggins, Michael Leane (0-1), Kevin Goulding, Ronan Walsh (0-3, 2f), Tom Doyle (0-1), Colin Walsh, Jordan Brick (0-2), Liam Óg O'Connor (0-4, 3f), Daniel Casey, Michael Slattery (0-1). Subs: Adam Segal (for Kevin Goulding, 39 mins), Ivan Conway (for Ronan Walsh, 55 mins), Pádraig Boyle 0-1 (for Michael Slattery, 55 mins), Evan Murphy (for Jason Diggins, 63 mins), Luke Rochford (for Jordan Brick, 69 mins).

NEW HURLING RULES EFFECTIVE FROM 28TH MARCH 2026

Dissent

This is the main theme of the new rules. It has worked really well in gaelic football, especially in terms of a real sanction of coughing up a soft scoreable free for any attempt to delay a free kick – a previous blight on the game (even more so in Ladies). Harsh enough sanction, but necessarily so; it works.

Hurling is in much better shape than gaelic football was. To be bluntly honest, the big ball game was brutal to watch. I'm a lifelong supporter in the fortunate position of going to games for free and even getting a few bob for it. And I didn't want to watch a lot of the negative tripe that was on offer. Not that the GAA's Central Council acted out of sympathy for me – attendances were falling faster than Donald Trump's credibility, and that was what prompted action. In 2024, one rugby game (albeit a big one) had a bigger attendance than every Dublin game in the Leinster Championship.

Hurling was not that. Hurling is a faster game anyway (the ball travels quicker) and, although you have less participants at the top table (i.e. Liam McCarthy Cup), almost all of them are genuine contenders.

I do think there is an issue with how often the top teams are meeting. National League, Munster Championship (which is a league with

a final) and then All Ireland Championship. With that amount of games, even though they are mostly hugely entertaining, the adrenaline rush wears off. To be fair, that's easy for a Kerry supporter to say, given that I have no skin in those games. Jaysus, lads, it's fantastic to get back to 1B in the National League next year, but we'll have ferocious battles to stay there. There's talk of Mackessy and Conway on their way back and some of the young talent definitely look like the real deal. I'm less confident than most about winning the Christy Ring, though – we cut that league promotion very fine and the Christy Ring is harder again – and Kerry for years have had a 'potential panel next year' of hurlers that never seems to materialise en masse.

Anyway, the new rules...the big theme of these concerns dissent. I could say hand on heart that I have never seen any sign of dissent in Kerry hurling, especially not in the County Championship. I could say that; I won't. Definitely not. I could tell ye stories, and I wouldn't know the half of it.

Changes to the Dissent Rule (players)

Previously, dissent was punished by bringing the sliotar 13 metres closer to the opposing goal. Not that much of a deterrent, really, given the long distance accuracy in hurling nowadays. Personally I think the sliotar travels too far nowadays; you could end up with goalkeepers scoring with puck-outs. Not much entertainment in that kind of hurling, and I'd like a lighter sliotar that travels less with wind friction.

Regardless, the referee can now bring the sliotar forward 30 metres for dissent, but only once (bringing a sliotar up 60 metres? Lads would be laughing at you). Further dissent from anyone, including a different player, can (and I believe should, while allowing for referee's discretion) incur a yellow card.

Extra sanctions for U18 and Juvenile Grades

In those games, dissent can incur a black card and ten minutes in the sin bin. It differs from the ladies' game in that you can bring on a substitute for that ten minutes. Does it incentivise teams enough to try eliminate dissent from their ranks? I'm fine with giving it a try, the player gets punished without hurting the team too much, and the last thing you want is to detract from games at this level.

New sanctions for Team Management (sideline)

Team management (e.g. manager, selectors, coaches, backroom staff) can now be penalised under the Dissent Rule. Which is seriously strange to me, because I was under the impression that they always could face such sanction?

The rule defines dissent as using abusive language towards or challenging (that one is a bit of a catch-all) match officials, abusive or provocative language to an opposing player or official, disruptive conduct (again, that has

a very wide latitude, including attempts to delay the play), minor physical interference with a referee or match official, or threatening behaviour towards them (that veers far outside 'dissent' to me – I'd be straight red card and lengthy ban for that). Look, my understanding is that a referee has the discretion to issue a warning, a yellow card, a black, or even a red card, depending on the degree of dissent and the category of offence he applies according to the rulebook.

Penalties for Team Management offences

A free puck is awarded to the opposing team on the offending team's 20-metre line, in front of the scoring space. If the dissent occurs during an official break in play (e.g. half-time or before the start of extra-time) play restarts with such a free puck for the opposing team.

WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS Czechia 2 Ireland 2

Technically it was too late for last week's column, so by rights it fits into this week. But let's kind of not bother, shall we?

It was no more of a penalty, in all fairness. And that second goal? That was pinball, not craft.

The funny thing is that the goals were undeserved, but I thought Ireland were playing really well. Strong press, and it was working. Czechia were forced into playing hoofball for the most part. I thought Ogbene was fantastic. Bit of an edge to him....great. I love to see it.

Look, it was an awful penalty for us to concede. My heart goes out to the lad, but you can't dress that up. Rush of blood to the head. It happens. But at 2-1, the game really started to change.

Is it that we dropped the up front press, or is it that Czechia were able to force us into a midfield battle we were always going to lose? Either way, by the second half there was one team in it – and it wasn't us. We did have chances, good chances, but the difference between the teams going to the World Cup or not is that the good teams take almost all of those chances. We took none. In fairness, Troy Parrott tried very hard (and spoke brilliantly in the tough aftermath) but Czechia obviously had their homework done on him. For that matter, I didn't think that their half-time switches made all that much of a difference. As far as I am concerned, this idea that Soucek gave them a platform up front is nonsense. He didn't; we just ran out of energy. They controlled the midfield tempo. Maybe we could have ran our bench earlier....ifs and buts. Still, hanging on. Until we weren't. Four minutes. Silly chance to cough up in those circumstances and we paid the price.

We were never going to score in extra-time. The truth is that it was always Czechia's to lose from there. And when it came to penalties....you just knew.

2-0 up against a bang average team....and I honestly think it was a fair result in the end. Says it all.

FROM THE BACKROOM TO GAA FOOTBALL ALL-IRELAND SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP SUCCESS:

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AIB, proud supporters of club and county, launched its campaign in support of the 2026 GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship, by celebrating the profound impact of the managers, coaches, mentors, and backroom teams who support the players on Gaelic football's biggest stage and in doing so, lift all those around them.

To kick off their support for this year's Championship, AIB released exclusive teaser content featuring Gaelic Football legend Kieran Donaghy. The sneak peek offers an emotional glimpse into the unexpected tribute he received, reflecting moments where his support changed the course of careers and lives of people around him. The full piece will follow on Friday and is a powerful testament to AIB's campaign message, that behind every county team are those who empower and enable Gaelic Football's greatest players as they strive for All-Ireland success and, in doing so, lift us all.

The 2026 Championship season promises thrilling encounters and continued tactical innovation. Some of the game's biggest stars Seán O'Shea (Kerry), Oisín Conaty (Armagh), Aidan O'Shea (Mayo), and Jordan Morris (Meath) are teaming up with AIB in advance of the Championship's first fixtures on April 11th and 12th, that will see defending champions Kerry chase a historic 40th title. Yet behind every tactical battle and match defining moment, the common theme is the unwavering support and guidance from the backroom team behind the players.

AIB remains committed to supporting Gaelic games at all levels of the game having renewed its sponsorship of both the GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship and AIB Club



Seán O'Shea of Kerry, pictured today for AIB at the launch of the 2026 GAA All-Ireland Senior Football Championship. This year marks a significant milestone as AIB celebrates its 11th year supporting the GAA All-Ireland Senior Football Championship. This season, AIB are celebrating the profound impact of managers, mentors, and backroom teams who embody the spirit of supporting players for the life they're after. Mandatory Credit ©INPHO/Dan Sheridan

Championships until 2028. This long-standing partnership also includes sponsorship of the AIB Camogie Club Championships and the AIB Ladies Gaelic Football Club Championship, making AIB the first and only sponsor to support the four codes of Gaelic games.

AIB Chief Executive Officer, Colin Hunt said: "At AIB, we are committed to empowering communities to thrive and achieve their shared goals, for this generation and future generations to come. This commitment is

mirrored in Gaelic games. True success, both on and off the pitch, is built on a foundation of shared expertise, unwavering encouragement, and profound personal connection. That's why our support for the 2026 GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship is a tribute to the dedicated managers, mentors, and backroom teams who consistently lift those around them, empowering players to reach their full potential and achieve their sporting ambitions."

Uachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael, Jarlath Burns stated: "The launch of the 2026 GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship, powerfully underscored by the content with Kieran Donaghy, truly speaks to the very heart of our Gaelic games. For many years, AIB has been an unwavering champion, helping us celebrate the raw passion, exceptional skill, and the vital community spirit that makes our games so unique. This year's brilliant focus on those who lift our players – the dedicated managers, mentors, and backroom teams, often operating behind the scenes – is an acknowledgement of the immense, indispensable work without which our athletes could never achieve their full potential. We thank AIB for their steadfast commitment to the GAA, and for honouring the players, the clubs, and the enduring traditions that make the All-Ireland Senior Football Championships such a cherished and unforgettable period of the year for us all."

For exclusive content and behind-the-scenes action from the AIB GAA All-Ireland Senior Football Championships, follow @AIB_GAA on Twitter and Instagram, and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/AIBGAA.



Aidan O'Shea of Mayo, Seán O'Shea of Kerry, Jordan Morris of Meath and Oisín Conaty of Armagh, pictured today for AIB at the launch of the 2026 GAA All-Ireland Senior Football Championship. This year marks a significant milestone as AIB celebrates its 11th year supporting the GAA All-Ireland Senior Football Championship. This season, AIB are celebrating the profound impact of managers, mentors, and backroom teams who embody the spirit of supporting players for the life they're after. Mandatory Credit ©INPHO/Dan Sheridan

Scotts Lakers End of Season Review

The curtain came down on Utility Trust St Pauls Lakers season when they fell to defeat to the Drogheda Wolves at the quarter stage of the National League playoffs. But when looking back at the season it's fair to say that it has been one of huge progress and the team is certainly heading in the right direction. Luke O'Hea came in as head coach at the start of the season and was joined by his assistant Aidan Cremin. With his calm demeanour Luke brought his mantra to the squad after a difficult start, results wise and the upward trajectory of the team was soon visible. Aidan has been a huge addition to both Luke and the club and has also taken other coaching roles within the club. We thank both Luke and Aidan for their work which we will be looking to continue into next season.

The signings of Steve Kelly, Sam Grant and Pablo Murcia were both positive on and off the court. They settled into the squad seamlessly and all three contributed hugely to the club off court. Steve had a stellar season, leading the league in assists and finishing fourth in scoring, as well as holding top five spots in the free throws and two pointer categories. Sam Grant was top ten in rebounding and fourth in three point shooting and in the top twenty in scoring. Pablo brought a defensive mentality to the team and he also doubled his playing role with the club coaching officership for which he was most popular amongst the club.



The local contingent in the squad continues to progress. Eoin Carroll is the leading Irish rebounder in the league, Jack O'Sullivan had a great season after an injury interrupted opening while Mark Sheehan gave some memorable displays notably against the Cougars and Tipp Talons. Oisín Spring is the ultimate team player but always comes up with a big moment, be it a defensive stop or a scoring contribution. The likes of Darragh O Callaghan, Cathal Spring and Cillian O leary have all seen their game time increase and that must be their goal for the future. As with all young players the need to continually improve and develop is crucial and

there are exciting times ahead for the club if that's the case. Players like Rui Saraiva can play a big role in this area as he is seen as a guiding influence to the squad.

The undoubtedly highlight of the season was the eleven game winning run which stretched from mid November all the way to mid February and that helped catapult the team into playoff contention. It will go down as the longest winning run by a St Pauls team at National level and shows the capability of the team going forward. With more players filtering through the clubs juvenile system it gives every reason for positivity in the years ahead.

Utility Trust St Pauls Womens Team Season Review



While defeat was their lot in the Dominos Womens Super League Quarter finals, one must remember, when assessing Utility Trust St Pauls, that this is only their fourth season back at National basketball level and their second in the higher echelon. To complete the regular season locked together at the top with Killester was a marvellous achievement and shows that they have the tools to compete at the top level. Of course last year's appearance in the final itself would have been an indicator but this season's showing has certainly emphasised that. Coach James Fleming and his crew of Shane Horgan, Aoife Nolan, Luke Ryan

Brid Moran, Vince Barry and Stephen Brosnan can take great credit out of their season's work. What has been on point was undoubtedly the recruitment pre season. The arrival of Maisie Burnham, Tara Cousins and Lovisa Hevinder saw them click straight away with the playing group and their figures reflect that. Maisie Burnham had the highest three point percentage in the league, at 43%, was top five for scoring and efficiency and in the top 10 in almost every other category. Tara was one of the most creative players in the league and knew how to pick the opponents pocket also, in the top ten in steals. Lovisa Hevinder had

one of the most accurate outside shooting stats in the league and averaged ten points per game. We thank our professional trio for their great year of work. Of course the homegrown talent also played a huge part. Lorraine Scanlon is now a fully fledged Irish International, starring for James Weldon's side over the winter months but also leading from the front for St Pauls. Siofra O Shea has the huge responsibility of being the Kerry Ladies Football captain but the commitment she showed to basketball was rewarded with some excellent displays and she deserves great credit for juggling both. The exact same can be said for Leah McMahon, a rising star of Kerry GAA but an established star now of Killarney basketball, her performances this year have gone up a notch. Last year's captain Denise Dunlea has put her shoulder to the wheel both on and off the court and her commitment also must be acknowledged. Deirdre Geaney showed great versatility all season making a comeback from a serious knee injury while the big question is Lynn Jones ready for another season. Her loyalty will be a legacy the likes of Naoise O Connor, Annie Brosnan and Clodagh O'Sullivan simply have to tap into to fulfil their undoubted potential.

The season had many highlights but a few spring to mind. The epic overtime win over Waterford Wildcats, the superb away win over reigning champs Killester and the Brunell victory in the famed Parochial Hall. So another season of progress for the team, one which they will use as a ladder to reach the top once again.



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By Nicky Barry

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That will echo in his heart, when he's alone at home.
His mirth was infectious, every time he scored a goal,
For he had pure genius, and a football soul.
People say of heroes, we'll never see their likes again,
For this is a Mersey manta now, and a noble refrain.
Through all the adulation, he retained his modesty,
For he was a one-off, who every winger would love to be!*



Spectacular legacy continues for Killorglin Rowing Club

Killorglin Rowing Club has etched its name deeper into Irish coastal rowing history, delivering yet another dominant performance at the National Coastal Rowing Championships in Courtmacsherry last weekend.

Winning a championship title once is an achievement. Retaining it over multiple seasons is exceptional. But sustaining that level of excellence for eight consecutive years is something truly remarkable - and Killorglin has made it look routine.

The championships, traditionally held each August, were cancelled in 2025 after three unsuccessful attempts to stage the regatta. Rescheduled for last weekend, the event also sets the stage for the 2026 edition, which will return to its usual August slot.

Killorglin fielded four crews, each carrying the weight of an extraordinary legacy. Titles in the Women's Quad, Women's Double, and Women's Single had been held for eight, seven, and eight consecutive years respectively - a streak that would test even the most seasoned crews.

In the Women's Quad, the crew of Celine Kavanagh (cox), Ava O'Sullivan, Maria Murphy, Fia O'Gorman and Freya Doyle faced an early challenge, trailing the field approaching the first turning buoy, nearly 1km into the 4km race.

But what followed was a display of composure, strength, and experience. Gradually reeling in their rivals, Killorglin surged ahead to secure victory by an emphatic 41 seconds over a Castletownbere/Kilmacsimon composite crew in second.

One of the standout stories of the weekend came in the Women's Single Sculls, where Monika Dukarska returned

to competition just four months after welcoming her daughter, Maggie Kate.

Chasing an eighth consecutive national title, Dukarska delivered a commanding performance, taking control early and never relinquishing it. She crossed the line comfortably ahead of Miriam Sheehan (Castletownbere) and Gabrielle O'Donoghue (Rosscarbery).

Just an hour later, Dukarska was back on the water, this time pairing with Fiola Foley in the Women's Double Sculls. Alongside them, Kate McMahon and Freya Doyle also represented Killorglin.

With calmer conditions on the opening leg but a tricky crosswind complicating turns, racing proved demanding. McMahon and Doyle finished strongly in fifth place, while Dukarska and Foley showcased their class to secure yet another title - marking a seventh consecutive victory in the event for the club.

Killorglin's remarkable championship run dates back to 2017, reflecting not just dominance at the top level but a sustained commitment to athlete development and club culture.

The club extends its thanks to Courtmacsherry Rowing Club for hosting a successful championship, as well as to coaches, volunteers, and supporters whose continued efforts underpin this success. Appreciation also goes to the club's sponsors LocalSolicitor and supporters for their ongoing support both on and off the water.

Attention now turns to the Skibbereen Regatta at the National Rowing Centre in Cork scheduled for April 11th and 12th, where Killorglin will look to carry this momentum into the next stage of the season.



Left to right: Ava O'Sullivan, Maria Murphy, Celine Kavanagh (cox) Fia O'Gorman, Freya Doyle and Joe Cantillon (swift racing) presentation of Womens Quad.



Womens Quad in action at the championship | to r Celine, Ava, Maria, Fia and Freya



Monika Dukarska, winner womens coastal solo



Monika Dukarska (left) with Maggie Kate, Fia Foley right with daughter Lile



Fiola Foley (left) and Monika Dukarska (right) in the womens double looking at the course



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Cllr Jackie Healy-Rae Blasts HSE Over “Deeply Concerning” Killarney CNU Delay and Lack of Transparency

Cllr Jackie Healy-Rae has strongly criticised the HSE following revelations that the long-promised opening of the Killarney Community Nursing Unit has been delayed yet again, with no confirmed opening date and serious concerns now emerging around staffing and engagement.

Cllr Healy-Rae, who sits on the Regional Health Forum South West, said he is “deeply shocked and concerned” at the latest developments, particularly in light of the assurances he received directly from HSE management at recent meetings.

“At the most recent Health Forum, I raised this issue directly and sought absolute clarity on the opening date. I was told on the record that it was the HSE’s intention to have the entire facility open by the end of March,” he said.

“Now we have a situation where that deadline has passed, the building remains empty, and serious questions are being raised about whether proper engagement has even taken place with staff.”

Cllr Healy-Rae said the latest claims from the Irish Nurses and Midwives Organisation that there has been no engagement from HSE senior management since May 2025 are “extraordinary and completely unacceptable.” “If what the INMO is saying is correct, that there has been no meaningful engagement for 10 months, then the public representatives on the RHF have not been given the full truth about the readiness of this facility,” he said.

“We were told that staffing arrangements were in place and that engagement was ongoing. That now appears to be in direct conflict with what frontline representatives are saying.”

Cllr Healy-Rae said the situation has now gone beyond delays and has become a matter of trust.

“This facility has been talked about for years. It was supposed to open in September 2024, then early 2025, and most recently we were



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told the end of March 2026. Every one of those timelines has come and gone.”

“At this stage, people are right to ask serious questions. How can a brand new, state-of-the-art facility be sitting idle while elderly patients and their families are crying out for beds?

He said the impact on local families cannot be overstated.

“Every delay means more pressure on families, more people being forced to travel outside the area, and more strain on existing services like University Hospital Kerry.”

“The people who are suffering here are the very people this facility was built for.

He has now called on the HSE to urgently come forward with full transparency.

“We need honesty now. Not intentions, not ambitions but facts.”

“When will this facility open? What is the exact status of HIQA registration? Has engagement with staff actually taken place, and if not, why not?”

“Most importantly, what is the new definitive timeline?”

Cllr Healy-Rae concluded:

“The people of Kerry and Killarney have shown patience for long enough. That patience is now wearing very thin.”

“This building is ready. The need is there. There can be no more excuses. The HSE must get this open and they must do it now.”

Cahill Welcomes Major Reform to Medicine Supports and Free Blister Pack Provision for Vulnerable Patients

Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry and Spokesperson on Older People, Michael Cahill TD, has warmly welcomed the announcement of significant reforms to medicine supports under the Community Pharmacy Agreement, including the provision of free blister packs for eligible medical card patients.

“I have been raising the need for improved access to blister pack services for some time, particularly for older people who are often managing multiple medications daily. This announcement is a very positive development and reflects what



I have been calling for,” said Deputy Cahill.

Under the new reforms, which come into effect from June 1st, 2026, pharmacists will be empowered to provide a range of patient-centred supports, including blister packs where clinically necessary, free of charge to eligible medical card holders. The changes form part of a broader €40 million investment aimed at improving medicines optimisation and patient safety.

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Welcome back dear student, wishing you a very Joyous Resurrection Sunday! It is the highlight of our faith, for without the promise of Resurrection, faith is meaningless (1 Corinthians 15:17). This is where the Truth of Christianity is revealed: 'that God so loved the world - that's you, me and anyone who will believe in Him - that He gave His Only Begotten Son Jesus, the Christ, to die for our sins - that we who believe in Him and accept Him as Saviour and live under His Lordship, shall not die, but have eternal life' (John 3:16). The Gospel is Good News, not bad news! Without Jesus, we could never pay for our sins or make ourselves holy and righteous. Through His sacrifice, when He laid down His life for us, we are given the 'Gift of Righteousness'. Salvation comes through His Name alone (Acts 4:12). People have strived for centuries to find other ways to get right with God, but neither money, nor good works, nor holy living, will ever make the grade. Even though the motive may be good - these things are of the flesh, not the Holy Spirit. God made the gift of Salvation simple, and free of charge (Ephesians 2:8). It costs us nothing but our surrender, for it cost Jesus everything. In John's Gospel, Jesus revealed Himself as the only Way to the Father (John 14:6). He was the promised Messiah - prophesied by God to man in the garden of Eden. "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed. He will crush your head, and you will strike His heel" (Genesis 3:15 KJV). None of us can come to our Holy God unless we come through the Blood of Jesus. He is the Gate (John 10:9). And the Redeemer. "There is only One Mediator between God and man, the Man Christ Jesus" (1 Timothy 2:5). Only Jesus died on the Cross, and God raised Him from the dead. The grave could not hold Him, for He had never sinned (Acts 2:24). Some scoff at the Word of God, mocking believers as being foolish - but they are the fools. "The fool says in his heart there is no God" (Psalm 14:1). Just because certain people deny God doesn't mean they are right. For the Lord always confirms His Word with signs following (Mark 16:20). That's why someone who comes to faith, turning back to God by calling upon the Name of Jesus, suddenly has no more desire for sin, immorality, or the works of flesh. Because when Jesus comes into a believer's heart, that person's spirit is re-connected to God's Spirit, and a total life transformation begins from the inside out. 'Man looks at the outward appearance, but God sees the heart' (1 Samuel 16:7). The price for our sins has been paid dear friend - all we have to do is repent, and believe, and receive that newness of life that Jesus paid for (Romans 6:4). The disciples wrote about what they had witnessed before, and after Jesus was raised from the dead. They all gave their lives to tell this Good News. There was no conspiracy to fool mankind, as many spoofer claim. The Truth is Jesus is not on the Cross, He's not in the tomb - He is Alive, and He wants you to know Him forever. Hallelujah!

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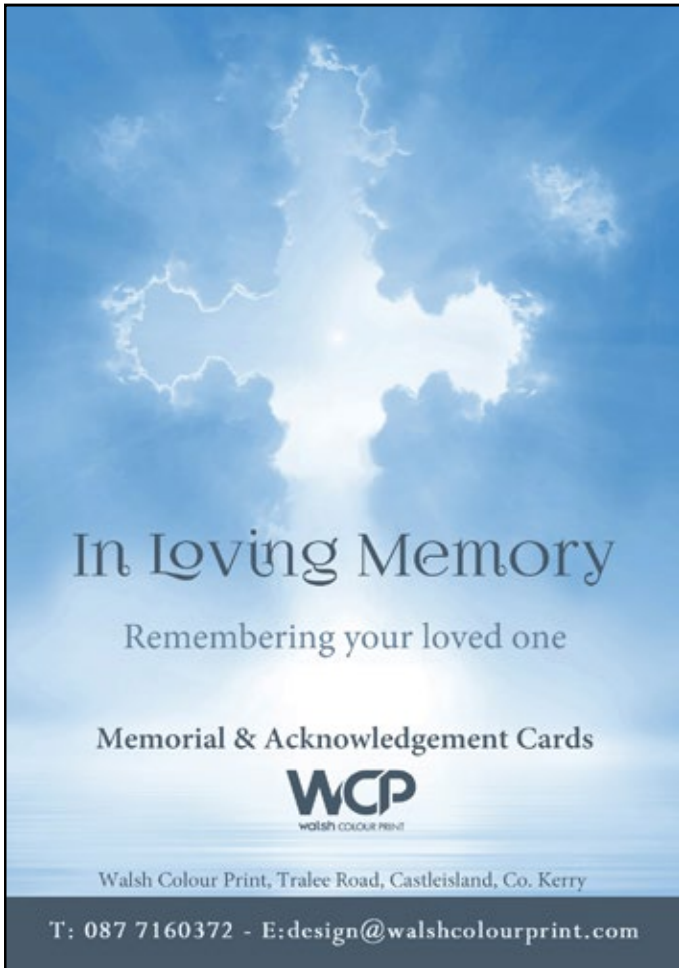
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O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

Amen.

PRAYER TO THE LITTLE FLOWER ST THERESE

O Little Therese of the Child Jesus, please pick for me a rose from the heavenly gardens and send it to me as a message of love. O Little Flower of Jesus, ask God to grant the favors
I now place with confidence in your hands . .
(mention in silence here)

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

Amen

NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART

Dear Heart of Jesus in the past I have asked many favours.
This time I ask you this special one,
(mention favour).
Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it within your heart where your Father sees it.
Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favour not mine.
Amen.
Say this prayer three times for three days and your favour will be granted.

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O Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.
O Saint Joseph, assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord; so that having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.
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