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# A Note from the **E** DITOR



As the town prepares to welcome thousands to Killarney for the annual Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle, we have lots for you to enjoy in this week's magazine.

Main Street has reopened to traffic and pedestrians this morning, opening up the town for what promises to be a busy weekend, the Killarney Valley Classic & Vintage Club will host their annual car show on Sunday and a coffee shop on Main Street is celebrating its ranking in the top 50 in Europe.

Family and friends took part in a Hyrox event in memory of Ollie Favier, the Summer Arts programme has begun at the ANAM centre and a National Geographic photographer has captured an iconic shot.

A golf classic has raised €35,500 in memory of Dermot Galvin, the first of the Summer in Killarney parades took place and the Diocese of Kerry has announced new clerical appointments.

Killarney Celtic has announced a new management team, Killarney Valley AC athletes are going from strength to strength and Jimmy takes a look at All Things Sport.

I hope you all enjoy this week's Killarney Outlook!

*Aisling Crosbie*



*A beautiful summer's evening at Ross castle captured by Julie Gaffey*

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# MAIN STREET OPENS TODAY AS TOWN CENTRE WORKS ENTERS NEXT PHASE



Main Street in Killarney will reopen to traffic and pedestrians on Friday, July 3, following the completion of the latest phase of the town centre Public Realm Improvement Works.

Kerry County Council has confirmed that the section from Kenmare Place to Plunkett Street will reopen after the majority of underground infrastructure works were completed, including

major utility upgrades and the installation of a reinforced concrete base for the new granite paving. As an interim measure, the road surface will be finished in bitumen ahead of the reopening.

The Council said a number of unforeseen challenges have impacted the overall project timeline, including complex underground infrastructure requiring additional investigation, extensive utility diversions to future-proof the town centre, global supply chain delays affecting specialist materials, and a phased construction programme designed to minimise disruption during the busy summer tourist season.

Construction will recommence on September 1, with the overall project now expected to be completed by the end of February 2027.

To reduce disruption, the remaining works will be carried out in phases. Kerry County Council has confirmed that the Main Street/Plunkett Street junction will reopen to vehicular traffic in advance of the Christmas in Killarney Festival Series, while additional sections of the project area will be reopened to pedestrians as paving works are completed.

The Council said it will continue to monitor progress closely and provide further updates as the project advances.

## National Geographic Photographer Captures Iconic Kerry Moment

A chance encounter with a Kerry flag and a perfectly timed change in the wind resulted in a striking image captured by National Geographic photographer Jeff Mauritzen during a recent visit to South Kerry.

The Washington D.C.-based photographer was in the area as part of a photographic study of the historic Napoleonic Barracks on Bolus Head, St. Finan's Bay and the Glen, Ballinskelligs.

As the group made their way down a hillside near a local sheep farmer's shed, Mauritzen spotted a Kerry flag fluttering in the strong easterly breeze. Recognising the potential for a great shot, he waited patiently for the wind to shift.

Moments later, the flag turned towards the north-west, perfectly revealing the word "Ciarraí" with the spectacular Skellig Islands providing a dramatic backdrop.

With his keen photographic eye, Mauritzen captured the fleeting moment, producing an image that beautifully combines Kerry's landscape, heritage and identity in a single frame.



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## BOARDWALK COFFEE KILLARNEY RANKED AMONG EUROPE'S FINEST



The team at Boardwalk... Abbie O'Sullivan, Jason Murphy, Lou Malaise and Boardwalk Coffee founder Ger Flanagan



The team at Boardwalk pictured at their outdoor area with their extensive range of coffees.

### Killarney café claims 48th place in prestigious Europe-wide awards

There is every reason for celebration in Killarney after Boardwalk Coffee Killarney was officially named the 48th Best Coffee Shop in Europe at the prestigious Europe's 100 Best Coffee Shops Gala in Brussels.

Selected from more than 5,300 coffee shops across the continent, the Killarney café, which is located at the front of the Main Street Mall, earned its place among Europe's elite, cementing its reputation as one of Ireland's premier destinations for speciality coffee.

The accolade is particularly significant as Boardwalk Coffee Killarney is the only coffee shop in Munster to feature in the Top 100 rankings and one of just nine cafés across Ireland to receive the honour.

The recognition is all the more remarkable considering the café only opened its doors in April 2025. In little over a year, it has established itself as a favourite with both locals and the thousands of visitors who flock to Killarney each year.

Leading the award-winning team is Jason Murphy, whose talent and dedication have been recognised nationally after being named among the Top 12 Baristas in Ireland. His commitment to excellence, together with the hard work of the entire Boardwalk Coffee team, has helped propel the Killarney outlet onto the European stage.

Situated in the heart of Ireland's tourism capital, Boardwalk Coffee has quickly earned a reputation for serving exceptional coffee in a welcoming atmosphere, combining expertly roasted beans with first-class customer service.

Following the announcement in Brussels, Boardwalk Coffee founder Ger Flanagan praised the Killarney team for their passion and professionalism, paying special tribute to manager Jason Murphy and Head Roaster Vadym Zvarch, whose expertise has been instrumental in developing the company's award-winning coffee.

Being recognised as the 48th best coffee shop in Europe is a landmark achievement for Boardwalk Coffee and a proud moment for Killarney. It also highlights the growing international reputation of Ireland's independent coffee industry, demonstrating that local passion, quality and innovation can compete with the very best Europe has to offer.

## Annual Aghadoe Graveyard Mass to take place on July 28

The annual Mass at Aghadoe Graveyard will take place on Tuesday, July 28, with organisers reminding parishioners to note a change to both the date and the time of this year's celebration.

The outdoor Mass, which is a cherished tradition for many families with loved ones buried in Aghadoe Graveyard, will begin at 7.30pm. The annual gathering offers an opportunity for the local community to come together in prayer, remember those who have passed away and honour the rich history of one of Killarney's oldest burial grounds. Parishioners and visitors are encouraged to make a note of the revised arrangements, as the service will now be held on Tuesday, July 28, at 7.30pm.

The annual cemetery Mass continues to be an important occasion in the parish calendar, with families travelling from near and far to remember deceased relatives and join in the celebration of the Eucharist in the peaceful surroundings of Aghadoe Graveyard.



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# HOMESAVERS Opens New Store at Killarney Outlet Centre

Official Opening – Thursday, 9th July 2026, 10am

Killarney Outlet Centre is delighted to announce the opening of a brand-new Homesavers store on Thursday, 9th July 2026, further strengthening the centre's retail offering.

The impressive new 5,000 sq. ft. store will create 20 new jobs and brings one of Ireland's fastest-growing retail brands to the heart of Killarney. Founded in 2018 with its first store in Ballysimon, Limerick, Homesavers has experienced remarkable growth and now operates more than 50 stores nationwide, employing over 1,200 team members across Ireland.

As an Irish-owned retailer, Homesavers has become a favourite destination for shoppers looking for exceptional value, offering an extensive range of products including:

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Homesavers prides itself on delivering outstanding customer service alongside unbeatable value, making it a one-stop shop for everyday essentials and great bargains. Welcoming the new arrival, Paul Sherry, Centre Manager at Killarney Outlet Centre, said:

"We are delighted to welcome Homesavers to the tenant line-up at Killarney Outlet Centre and I am confident that they will be a huge addition to the expanding offer available at the Centre. Their fantastic range, excellent value and strong Irish heritage will make them a wonderful addition for both local shoppers and visitors to Killarney."

A spokesperson for Homesavers added: "We are delighted to be opening our newest



Homesavers store in Killarney and look forward to welcoming customers through our doors. Our mission is simple—to offer variety, choice and outstanding value while providing a friendly shopping experience for everyone."

The official opening takes place on Thursday, 9th July 2026, and customers are invited to call in, explore the extensive range of products and enjoy fantastic opening offers.

*Homesavers – The Home of Variety, Choice & Value.*

## THE GREAT SOUTHERN KILLARNEY Partners Again with the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle

The Great Southern Killarney is proud to continue its longstanding support of the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle as one of the main partners for this year's event, which takes place on July 4th.

Now in its 44th year, the charity cycle follows the spectacular 170km Ring of Kerry route and raises vital funds for a wide range of worthy causes across the county. This year, The Great Southern Killarney will be cycling in support of its official charity partner, Breakthrough Cancer Research.

Speaking about the continued partnership, Jamie Power, General Manager of The Great Southern Killarney, said: "We are delighted to once again support the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle in aid of the fantastic work of Breakthrough Cancer Research. The Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle is always a wonderful day for everyone involved, and we are incredibly grateful to the organising committee and the many volunteers whose hard work makes this such a memorable event year after year. A number of our team members will be taking part, and we look forward to seeing everyone out on the route on the day."



Pictured are: L To R – Michael Jacobi, Cathal Walshe, Jamie Power & Mark Scally

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## Killarney Mourns the Passing of EILEEN FOLEY



business a much-loved part of Killarney's social fabric.

Beyond her contribution to the town's hospitality sector, Eileen was a dedicated member of the Killarney Soroptimist Club, generously giving her time to support the club's charitable work and community initiatives.

Paying tribute, members of the club said: "There are people who leave a lasting mark on our lives, and Eileen was one of those. We are all so grateful for the time we shared with our fellow sister in the Soroptimist Club, the camaraderie, laughter and memories we will hold onto forever."

Speaking on the passing of Eileen Foley, President of the Killarney Soroptimist Club, Teresa Irwin spoke about her friend and colleague in the club.

"Eileen was President of Killarney Soroptimist club 1997/98. She was a great member who loved to man the door and meet and greet the people at the Annual Pancake Morning. She accompanied me to all the overseas Conferences before, during and after my National Presidency.

She was joint treasurer with Noeleen O'Sullivan for many years. We will miss her terrible in the club as she was always there with a can do attitude. If there a trip to make or an event to

attend Eileen's name was first on the list", Teresa said.

Eileen passed away peacefully on 26 June 2026, surrounded by her loving family and in the exceptional care of the nurses and staff at the Mater Private Hospital, Mahon, Co. Cork.

Predeceased by her beloved husband, Colm, she is deeply mourned by her loving children, Grace, Cormac, James and Colm. She will be sadly missed by her son-in-law Pat; daughters-in-law Rosemarie, Monika and Leanne; her adored grandchildren Claire, Avril, Laura, Jack, Kate, Conor and Luke; her sister Imelda; brothers-in-law, sister-in-law, nephews, nieces, relatives, neighbours and her many friends.

Following Requiem Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, Killarney, Eileen was laid to rest in Dromavalla Cemetery, Killorglin.

Eileen Foley's passing marks the end of an era for Killarney. She will be remembered not only as a respected publican but as a devoted family woman, a loyal friend, and a generous community volunteer whose kindness and welcoming spirit touched countless lives. Her legacy will endure through the memories she created, the friendships she nurtured and the lasting impact she made on her beloved town.

An air of sadness enveloped Killarney this week following the passing of Eileen Foley, a woman whose name was synonymous with both the town and its renowned public house tradition.

For many years, Eileen was the welcoming face behind Foley's Bar on New Street, where she became a much loved figure among locals and visitors alike. Her warmth, generosity and hospitality earned her the respect and affection of generations of customers, making the family

## Killarney Valley Classic & Vintage Club Set to Host Annual Car Show at Killarney Racecourse

Motoring enthusiasts from across the country are expected to descend on Killarney Racecourse this Sunday, July 5, for one of the highlights of the classic vehicle calendar as the Killarney Valley Classic & Vintage Club hosts its annual Car Show.

The popular family-friendly event will showcase an impressive collection of classic and vintage vehicles, with entries restricted to cars that are 20 years old and older. Gates open to participating exhibitors at 10am, while the public will be admitted from 11am. Admission is by donation, with children admitted free of charge. This year's event promises plenty of attractions for visitors of all ages. A special raffle offers the chance to win a Fiat 500 that is over 20 years old, while a cup prize will be presented for the Best Originally Restored Car, recognising the dedication and craftsmanship involved in preserving automotive history.

Visitors can also enjoy refreshments throughout the day, with organisers promising a relaxed atmosphere where classic car owners and enthusiasts can share their passion for vintage motoring. The event is proudly sponsored by Reens Rathmore, with support from several leading motor brands, and continues to grow in popularity each year as one of the region's premier classic vehicle gatherings.

In keeping with the club's strong community ethos, proceeds from the day will also benefit the Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind, with a donation from the event supporting the charity's vital work. Organisers from the Killarney Valley Classic & Vintage Club are encouraging classic car owners to take part and members of the public to come along for what promises to be a memorable day of motoring nostalgia.



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*Thank you Pat and your team. Catherine & Rory Walsh, Listowel.*



**Anne Lucey** looks at the positive news happening in Killarney



**MAIN STREET WORKS**

The Main Street Kenmare Place Works are parked for the summer from July 3rd. There were unforeseen challenges according to a report from the council. Intriguingly I read how during the course of the operation “the project team encountered complex underground infrastructure that required detailed investigation assessment and coordination.” Well, at last I thought. We will have a huge archaeological find in what is the oldest part of Killarney town alongside St Mary’s and the Holy Well behind the town hall. Not to be alas. It was merely piping and other stuff, much of which has now been replaced. (I am still holding out for a New Grange on Mangerton - the area has never been properly investigated!) The job will resume on September 1st. Alas though the reopening on a phased basis will see the return of “vehicular traffic” at the Main Street / Plunkett Street junction before the Christmas in Killarney parades get underway.



*An artists impression of the public realms works on Main Street Killarney*

Is it my imagination, or has traffic on the Mission road flowed better since Main Street was closed off at Kenmare Place? My friends in Fossa too report how they find the Mission Road much easier now. One thing that has delayed the local works is the global supply chain challenges affecting the availability of specialist materials, apparently.

Once completed, the project will deliver significant long-term benefits, including a more attractive town centre environment, improved accessibility and safety, a sustainable urban drainage system, and an enhanced streetscape for residents, businesses, and visitors alike, the council says.

**THE BIG CANICULES - NO COINCIDENCE**

I was in France, south of the Loire last week for the all-time June record of the dog days. Once again air from Africa became trapped over the country and nights did not cool. The mercury hit 40 plus degrees three days running. The previous worst canicule or heat dome in France was in August 2003 when 15,000 people died and temperatures soared to 45.9 degrees. They are calling it the Omega now after the shape of the Greek letter. Or an air balloon. Ironically air balloons are popular in the Loire. They are also saying it is caused by climate change. It is. But there is something more immediate: war in the Gulf. The invasion of Iraq was in 2003 when oil wells burned and tonnes of gunk was pumped into the sky in March and April. This year in February the Americans were at it again. This time Iran. And guess what? Two canicules in France. The air is getting trapped when Uncle Sam’s fireworks go off in the gulf. Simple as. No one of course has mentioned the war. Yet. But they will. The immediate causes are one thing. The experience in this garden of France is another. Nothing escapes. The beautiful pink and cream roses shrivelled in front of my eyes; a bilbao flopped and banana leaves blackened on the edges. Worse were the birds, les oiseaux. Fat pigeons from the

rich grain fields which turn this part of France golden in June literally dived into bamboo bushes for cover. More afraid of the heat than of man. People slept in their downstairs cellars and sheltered in the limestone caves. Normally reserved for cheese and wine. Coming out of the cinema late on the Wednesday afternoon, a blow torch of warm air hit us. Businesses shut down. Schools closed. A local pizzeria placed a notice on social media : “like the desert only lacking the camels”. People tried to get out early. Cycling the greenways worked for a few days. But the sun was onto this too; he steadied his gaze and his chariot horses and it was already 30 degrees at 8 am by day three. I recalled my old Inter Cert DH Lawrence poem The Snake : “A snake came to my water trough on a hot hot day”. That was about the sweltering heat of Sicily in the 1920s. 100 years on, 2,300 kms to the north, the Loire of the 2020s is hotter than Sicily.



*Much needed Fountain and shade in Chinon, France last week*

**NO FOURTH OF JULY THIS YEAR AS SPARKS STILL FLY OVER GAZA**

There are to be no Fourth of July fireworks this year - in a year when many American citizens are catching a breath in Killarney as a haven from Trumpland. The Chamber’s Johnny McGuire says it’s not down to the ugly scenes last year by the Pro Palestinian protestors. Americans remain a central part of Killarney, he told TG4 who spotted the departure from normal. But it seems such a shame in their hour of need and respite in the old sod that a few Disney characters like Mickey Mouse and Mini can’t parade without fear down Main Street Killarney to comfort the exiles. The scenes at the Market Cross last year were ugly and unwarranted and frightened children and I have no doubt that despite the diplomatic language by Johnny, there was fear of repetition. Last year a letter came to this publication and to the mayor of Killarney threatening an even bigger protest for 2026 drawing in even more people from outside Killarney. Indeed as I go to file this the Killarney For Palestine group take full credit for the cancellation. Their protest last year had “changed the dynamic”, they said. The Chamber wouldn’t

listen last year, so they had to protest. The 80 member group will put up with the Chamber’s stand of Irish-American writers. Well, we are glad to hear this! But I have a concern. Whatever the righteousness or self-righteousness of the cause or not, and whether you agree or not, what will happen when the next small vocal self-appointed pressure group comes along for the next cause célèbre. The way the native people are treated in Australia, for instance. Have we anything Australian we can shout down? Can we not prioritise what is local anymore and get excited about the pollution on the lakes of Killarney for instance. A far closer and even more existential threat. But a good dose of reality is also needed in our attitude and gratitude to America. Whether we like it or not, we depend on the US for 87 per cent corporation tax, one fifth of all other taxes and most well paid jobs. As John McManus put it in the Irish Times: Thinking that our standard of living is not utterly dependent on US companies is as touchingly naive as AJ Soprano’s belief that his father worked in “waste management”.

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# Summer programme announced for ANAM Centre in Killarney



Kerry County Council's Arts Service in association with the Killarney Arts Working Group announced the 2026 ANAM Summer Arts Programme (ASAP). ANAM is a dedicated arts and cultural space in Killarney that has hosted over 57 events so far this year. The Killarney Arts Working Group members have delivered several arts experiences in ANAM already this year. As part of Cruinniú na nÓg, ANAM played host to two events, both very well attended.

The ANAM Summer Arts Programme aims to provide artists with further opportunities to present their work, and to provide audiences with the opportunity to experience live art in an accessible setting. 'This year's ANAM Summer Arts Programme includes a multitude of music performances, theatre and film and will provide an important platform for all ages to participate in and to enjoy the arts', stated Cathaoirleach of Killarney, Cllr. Martin O'Grady. Long serving member of the Killarney Arts Working Group, Mary Murphy, confirmed that the opportunity to use ANAM brings new audiences to the arts in Killarney, which is important for artists, locals and visitors alike.

Events include: Bog Jazz (musicians Eoin 'Stan' O'Sullivan & Shane Murphy). This duo explores the outer edges of Sliabh Luachra fiddle music through electric guitar and drums. Grounded in traditional forms, the project reworks polkas, slides and airs through a stripped-

back, amplified sound, where the rhythmic drive and phrasing of the music remain intact, but the texture shifts into something heavier and more immediate. There's a sense that Bog Jazz operates in a kind of parallel timeline, one where traditional music evolved alongside electric instruments rather than apart from them. In this version, the tunes sit naturally on overdriven guitar and drums, not as an experiment, but as a continuation. Their approach draws a natural parallel with global folk traditions such as the desert blues of Tinariwen and Mdou Moctar, highlighting a shared musical language that emerges when traditional melodies are carried through contemporary sound. Bog Jazz has performed at festivals including Cork Jazz Festival, Cork Folk Festival, Clonakilty International Guitar Festival, Love Is A Stranger, and A Sliver of Light (Doolin), building a reputation for focused and immersive live performances.

Sliabh Luachra Musician in Residence, Aidan Connolly is delivering a series of performances over two nights at the end of July, featuring Aidan (fiddle), Bryan O'Leary (accordion), Colm Guilfoyle (flute) and Charlie O'Brien (guitar and vocals). These renowned Sliabh Luachra musicians will bring the Sliabh Luachra Music style alive to audiences in Killarney. Building on the format developed in 2025, the concerts would explore the music, song, stories and history of the Sliabh Luachra region. The

programme will combine traditional tunes and songs with stories about the musicians, places and traditions that have shaped the music of Sliabh Luachra.

The Anam Sessions (Free) early evening Concerts of Irish Folk, Singer songwriter and Afro Irish, music concerts, at ANAM. These sessions are directed & produced by Tim O'Shea, accompanied by many new and emerging talents from Killarney and beyond. The series of 5 concerts runs every second Wednesday from 7pm - 9pm, July 01, July 15, July 29, August 12 & August 26. The lineup includes:

Fiona Doyle Beaufort, (Vocals & Guitar) with original & well-known folk songs.  
Samuel Kiwanuka Tralee, (Vocal & Djembe) Afro Trad Ireland, Irish & Afro Music,  
Mike Walsh Knocknagoshel, (Irish Flute & Whistle).

The best of traditional with Philip Crickard Ardfert, Fiery (Fiddle/Mandolin) Irish dance tunes and songs.

Battle of the Bands, brainchild of Michelle Rosney, is being delivered this year in partnership with Music Generation Kerry and will provide opportunities for more young people to get involved with a Senior and Junior competition taking place.

The above performances are sponsored by Kerry Arts Service of Kerry County Council. Queries to arts@kerrycoco.ie or call 066 7183541.



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# Killarney Celtic appoint Brian Spillane and Tim Jones to lead National League Team

Killarney Celtic FC has appointed Brian Spillane as manager and Tim Jones as assistant manager of the club's new FAI National League team.

The appointments mark a significant milestone for the club following its admission to the National League, with two of Killarney Celtic's most experienced figures entrusted to lead the historic new chapter.

Brian Spillane returns to the managerial role after overseeing the most successful period in the club's history. During his previous tenure, Celtic won four consecutive Kerry District League Premier Division and Greyhound Bar Cup doubles, as well as the Munster League Champions Trophy in 2020, while enjoying strong runs in the FAI Junior Cup. A lifelong club member and UEFA B Licence coach, he previously stepped down in 2022.

Tim Jones, who continues as the club's Facilities Development Manager, reunites with Spillane after previously serving as his assistant during the club's successful spell. A former chairperson and interim manager, Jones has also played a key role in the club's development off the pitch, including overseeing the award of the FAI Club Mark One-Star accreditation.

Speaking following his appointment, Brian said he was honoured to lead the club into its first National League campaign, describing it as a landmark achievement and pledging to build a team that reflects the club's values and ambition.

Tim said he was excited to work alongside



Left to right: Philip O'Callaghan (Killarney Celtic FC Chairman), Brian Spillane (KCFC National League Manager), Tim Jones (KCFC Facilities Development Manager & KCFC National League Assistant Manager), Mikey Lyne (KCFC Director of Football), Jane O'Donoghue (KCFC MC member)

Spillane once again and looked forward to helping create an environment where players can thrive while building a team the community can be proud of.

Club chairman Philip O'Callaghan welcomed both appointments, describing Spillane as the outstanding candidate to lead the club

into a new era and praising Jones' extensive contribution to Killarney Celtic both on and off the field.

The club is expected to announce further details on its coaching staff, squad and preparations for the inaugural National League season in the coming weeks.

## Spraoi Chiarraí Returns for 21st Season of Free Summer Concerts

One of Killarney's most popular summer cultural events is back, with Spraoi Chiarraí celebrating its 21st season of showcasing young traditional musicians from across County Kerry.

The acclaimed youth Irish folk and traditional music mentorship and performance collective will present five free concerts at St. Mary's Church of Ireland, Killarney, beginning on Saturday, July 4, at 8pm.

Directed and produced by Tim O'Shea, Spraoi Chiarraí has spent more than two decades providing a valuable platform for emerging performers while offering locals and visitors alike an opportunity to enjoy the very best of traditional Irish music in one of Killarney's most historic concert venues.

The opening concert will feature acclaimed accordion player Maighréad Ní Lúasa, originally from Coolea, Ballyvourney, alongside students from her Fermoy music school. They will be



joined by Tim O'Shea and fellow musicians for an evening celebrating the rich musical traditions of the south-west.

The concert series showcases a wide range of traditional instruments, including fiddle, Irish harp, accordion, flute, whistle, uilleann pipes, guitar, harmonica and bodhrán, together with traditional song.

In addition to the Killarney concerts, the group has once again been invited to perform at this year's Puck Fair, continuing its long-standing contribution to Kerry's cultural calendar.

The aims of Spraoi Chiarraí are to nurture and mentor young performers, provide valuable live concert experience, celebrate the region's traditional musical heritage and offer high-quality, free family entertainment throughout the summer months.

The remaining concerts will take place on July 25, August 1, August 15 and August 22, all beginning at 8pm in St. Mary's Church of Ireland, opposite Killarney Town Hall.

Admission to all concerts is free.

The series is supported by Kerry County Council's Killarney Municipal District, Kerry Arts Office, the Community Support Fund, Killarney Chamber of Tourism & Commerce, Kerry Gems Publishing and St. Mary's Church of Ireland Vestry Committee.
















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# KERRY AIRPORT LANDS STRONGEST PERFORMANCE IN ITS HISTORY

KERRY Airport has released the Annual Report & Accounts for the 12-month period ended 31st December 2025 reporting an Operating Profit after Taxation for the period of €840,979 as compared to an after-Taxation Operating Profit of €1,373,300 in the previous year.

Kerry Airport delivered the strongest performance in its history in 2025, handling 440,367 passengers, representing a 5.5% increase on the previous year.

Commenting on the financials of the Airport for the year, Basil Sheerin, Chief Financial Officer of Kerry Airport, said:

"2025 was an excellent year for Kerry Airport with the completion of the new Arrivals building, officially opened by An Taoiseach Micheál Martin in November, and the renovation of our Departures Area.

"Passenger numbers soared to a new high which helped to propel a 19% increase in turnover for the year to €10,220,721.

"This growth was supported by strong performances across several commercial areas, particularly Fuel, Gift Shop/Duty Free, and Car Park operations, however, cost pressures remained a significant challenge during the year. "Administrative expenses increased by 23%, driven principally by higher payroll costs,



Basil Sheerin, Chief Financial Officer of Kerry Airport.

local authority rates, energy costs, depreciation, and maintenance expenditure. "These increases continue to place pressure on our gross profit margin, and management remains focused on rigorous cost control and ensuring that the airport continues to achieve optimal value for money across all areas of expenditure. "Overall, we are pleased to report a final profit for the year which was supported by Government Grants of €1,427,417."

Basil Sheerin, on behalf of the Executive Team, sincerely thanked the Chairperson, Denis Cregan, and the Board of Directors for their continued leadership, guidance, and support.

He expressed his deepest gratitude to the dedicated team at Kerry Airport, each of whom understands the critical role the airport plays in supporting the regional economy, connectivity, tourism, and business activity.

"We also acknowledge and greatly appreciate the ongoing backing of our elected representatives and our colleagues in the Department of Transport," said Basil Sheerin.

Kerry Airport entered 2026 with confidence, strengthened by passenger growth, continued investment in infrastructure, and the unwavering support of the staff, stakeholders, and the wider community.

## Killarney for Palestine welcomes decision NOT TO HOLD JULY 4TH PARADE

Killarney for Palestine has welcomed the decision by the Killarney Chamber of Commerce not to hold a Fourth of July parade in the town this year, describing it as a principled decision. The group said protesting the parade had been the most difficult undertaking since its formation more than two years ago. As parents, grandparents, siblings and active members of the local community, members said they were deeply saddened that so much of their time and energy had to be devoted to opposing an event in their own town.

However, they said they felt they had little choice, believing it was morally indefensible to celebrate a nation that continues to facilitate the destruction of Gaza and the killing of Palestinian civilians.

Killarney for Palestine reiterated that it values and warmly welcomes American visitors to the town. The group noted that it includes several American members living in Killarney and has received consistent messages of support from American visitors who have attended its events,

many expressing opposition to the actions of their own government and questioning the need for such a celebration in Ireland.

The group said that, despite diminishing international attention, the humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza continues. It cited conservative estimates of more than 75,000 Palestinians killed, the majority women and children, with more than 171,000 seriously injured. It added that thousands more remain missing beneath the rubble and may never be identified or receive proper burial.

According to the group, these events would not have been possible without the continued military, financial and diplomatic support of the United States Government. Against that backdrop, it argued that a Fourth of July parade would have amounted to a celebration of policies that have enabled immense human suffering.

The statement also criticised the current US administration's wider foreign policy, citing actions involving Venezuela, Lebanon, Iran



and Cuba, and argued that the United States represents one of the greatest threats to global peace and security.

Concluding its statement, Killarney for Palestine said it now looks forward to the two more inclusive parades taking place in Killarney this summer. It expressed the hope that members can once again attend community events with their families as ordinary citizens, and that they will never again be placed in the position of having to protest in their own town.

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# SUBMERGED FLOWERS ARE A WORTHY WINNER

Ade Desbrow has captured first place in the Unrestricted Category with his stunning photograph titled 'Submerged Flowers' in Killarney Camera Club's recent competition. This remarkable photo was the winning entry in the final competition of the KCC season, an Open Print Competition.

The Open Print Competition is a special highlight of the club calendar, encouraging members to print their photo thus bringing them to life in print. Seeing an image presented as a physical print offers a unique experience that differs greatly from viewing a digital file on a screen. The detail, texture, and craftsmanship of a printed photograph creates an entirely new appreciation of the photographer's work.

The competition showcased the talent and creativity of KCC members, celebrating the skill involved not only in capturing an image but also in presenting it in print. Ade's beautiful "Submerged Flowers" was a fitting winner to close out another successful season.

### Results Unrestricted.

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| 1st | Ade DesBrow | 'Submerged Flowers'  |
| 2nd | Liz Browne  | 'And she said what?' |
| 3rd | Julia Deady | 'Lake Bled'          |

## Killarney Cycling Club Geared Up For The Ring

Killarney Cycling Club recently wrapped up its latest Mentoring Programme, and we are thrilled to welcome 17 new club members who are now cycling competently, safely, and with confidence. Just in time, too - the group is fully geared up for the Ring of Kerry charity cycle this Saturday!

This year's cohort brought a fantastic, spirited energy and a wide mix of backgrounds. Some were returning to the road after a long hiatus, others had never sat on a road bike before, and a few were Killarney National Park regulars who initially wondered how they'd ever push their distance past the 80km mark.

They certainly found their answers thanks to a dedicated team:

Kevin Murphy led two indoor turbo nights, tuning everyone into the best use of gears and efficient cycling.

Dan O'Connor braved the challenging weather of April, May, and June to lead the group out on the road on Wednesday evenings, alongside two longer weekend cycles, freely sharing his wealth of cycling knowledge.

Fiona O'Donoghue coordinated the mentoring programme, keeping everything running smoothly from start to finish.

Mary Cussen had this to say at the end of her



Killarney Cycling Club Mentoring programme members pictured at Molls Gap.

training. Joined the Killarney cycle club mentor programme to introduce me to cycling, as a total newbie to cycling. Best decision ever. Met lots of new people in addition to the super mentors. Each person has their own reasons & goals. The group were incredibly supportive & encouraging.. lots of laughs, coffee stops along the various routes! Am definitely more confident

on my bike. Cannot believe what I have achieved on this journey & am actually proud of myself for taking this on.

A massive thank you to every club member who turned up mid-week to offer encouragement and advice, which is the magic of this programme.



Killarney Cycling Club Mentoring programme members enjoying a well deserved break in Kenmare

*Best of luck to all our new members this Saturday - you've earned it!*

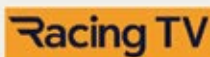
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# Local TDs Must Listen to People with Disabilities in Kerry This Summer

While our elected representatives leave Dublin for the summer, heading back to their constituencies, next winter might seem an eternity away. But the summer offers little comfort for people with disabilities. Our representatives at local and national level must return to business in September prepared to speak out for people in disabilities in the next budget negotiations, writes Terry O'Brien, Service Coordinator with Irish Wheelchair Association in Kerry.

While the cost-of-living crisis has affected us all, the daily costs for a person with a disability are even higher. People in our communities are at breaking point; my colleagues and I see it every day.

One member told me, "This is not living – it is surviving. Poverty is not just about paying bills; it is about exclusion from normal life. Many of us struggle to simply keep rent paid, food on the table, the lights on or the heating running. A balanced diet has become a luxury for many disabled people. I have on occasions gone to bed hungry, I wouldn't have had dinner."

No one should have to choose between heating their home, buying food, or paying for essential disability-related supports. But this is the reality facing many people with disabilities in Kerry and across Ireland today.

We know that people with disabilities face significantly higher energy costs than the general population. Many rely on motorised wheelchairs, medical devices and other essential assistive equipment that needs regular charging. In the winter, and even the summer, people need to keep their homes warmer because they are moving about less, have poor circulation or underlying health conditions. These are not lifestyle choices or discretionary expenses – they are unavoidable



*Terry O'Brien,  
Service Coordinator  
with Irish Wheelchair  
Association in Kerry.*

costs of living with a disability.

Many people with disabilities, in Kerry and across the country, are being pushed into poverty. The Government needs to introduce a universal Cost of Disability Payment of €55 per week to ensure its members can achieve an adequate standard of living and participate fully in society. Every day we are working with people who have high prescription costs, they need extra home heating, electricity to charge chairs and medical equipment, transport to appointments, mobility-related costs and other countless day-to-day expenses that people without a disability simply may not have.

I know that every staff member of IWA can think of someone who is cutting back on their food to

make sure they have enough money to pay their electricity and heating bills, especially during the winter.

Ireland's public transport system and national building regulations only meet the bare basic minimum standards in wheelchair accessibility. This blocks people out of education, work and housing. Ireland has one of the lowest employment rates for people with disabilities in the European Union. Only 32.6% of people with disabilities in Ireland are employed, falling below the EU average of 51.3%.

We are excluding people from participating in our society and then refusing to compensate them fairly. Is this the type of community we want to have?

In September our local TDs will be back in Dublin negotiating for Budget 2027. People with disabilities need a €55 per week permanent Cost of Disability Payment, the Disability Allowance must be increased, and the fuel allowance should be extended to 52 weeks of the year for those with a permanent physical disability. IWA is also demanding a one-off emergency Disability Payment of €400 now, to alleviate the suffering of our members until a permanent Cost of Disability is introduced.

I would appeal to people as they meet their local TDs at events and festivals around the county over the summer- to ask them about a Cost of Disability Payment as people brace themselves for another winter. People with disabilities need the voice of their community behind them.

Learn more about Irish Wheelchair's campaign for a Cost of Disability payment [www.iwa.ie/costofdisability](http://www.iwa.ie/costofdisability)

## BNI Kerry Chapter Celebrates Canada Day with Canadian Members and Visitors

This week, BNI Kerry Chapter proudly celebrated Canada Day with a special themed networking meeting, welcoming Canadian members and visitors to mark the occasion.

The Chapter was delighted to celebrate with member Sherry O'Callaghan of O'Callaghan Town & Country Real Estate and Chapter visitor Heather MacIver of Meadowlands Hotel, both Canadians living in Ireland, along with several other guests who joined the morning's celebrations. Members embraced the occasion by wearing red and white, proudly displaying the Canadian flag, and bringing a vibrant energy to the weekly business networking meeting. The celebration highlighted the strong international connections within the Chapter and the warm community spirit that defines BNI Kerry.

Speaking after the event, members commented on the fantastic atmosphere and the importance of celebrating the diverse backgrounds and experiences that enrich the Chapter. BNI Kerry Chapter continues to bring together business professionals from across Kerry and beyond, helping members build meaningful relationships, generate referrals, and grow their businesses through the philosophy of Givers Gain®. Members meet weekly and welcomes visitors from all sectors who are interested in growing their business through trusted networking and referrals.



*Sherry O'Callaghan, O'Callaghan Town & Country Real Estate pictured with fellow Canadian Heather MacIver (of Meadowlands Hotel) at the BNI meeting this week*

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# Kerry tourism companies join Tourism Ireland at The Meetings Show in London

'Meet in Ireland' – that's the message at The Meetings Show in London this week. Tourism Ireland – together with Fáilte Ireland and Tourism Northern Ireland, as part of the 'Meet in Ireland' team – is attending the event, together with 28 tourism companies from Ireland, including Gleneagle Group, Kerry Convention Bureau and Scally Hotel Collection (which includes The Great Southern Killarney and Killarney Royal Townhouse). The Meetings Show is a leading exhibition for Business Events i.e., the corporate meetings, events and incentive travel industry. The tourism companies from Ireland – all specialists in Business Events – are engaging in around 840 commercial meetings with global meeting and event planners during the two-day event, which will, in turn, deliver Business Events for Ireland from around the world in 2026 and beyond.

Tourism Ireland's message is that Ireland offers a winning combination of world-class infrastructure, unique and luxurious accommodation, state-of-the-art venues, spectacular landscapes, the warmest of welcomes and fantastic hospitality, making it an ideal destination for meetings, incentive travel and events of all sizes.



Denise O'Sullivan, Scally Hotel Collection; Fiona O'Donoghue, Kerry Convention Bureau; Ann Shanahan, Gleneagle Group; and Simon Gidman, Tourism Ireland, at The Meetings Show in London.

## Revenue reminds online shoppers of new Customs rules for goods from outside the European Union (EU)

From 1 July, a new Customs Duty of €3 for each item in a parcel will apply to goods bought online from non-EU countries, including Great Britain.

For example, a package from Asia contains a pen, a notebook and a key ring purchased online. As the package contains three distinct items, each will have a €3 Customs Duty charge, so there will be €9 Customs Duty, plus Value-Added Tax (VAT) due.

If the package contained two identical pens, these are considered one item and there will be a €3 Customs Duty charge, plus VAT, due.

This change is designed to ensure fairness for Irish and EU businesses.

Revenue is encouraging all consumers to be aware of these changes before they shop online to avoid unexpected costs and possible delays.

### How the new Customs Duty will be paid

Consumers will pay the €3 Customs Duty per item in one of two ways, depending on the terms and conditions of the business they are buying from:

**Charged at checkout:** Some websites will be set up to collect the duty at the point of sale. In this case, the €3 duty will be shown to you and will indicate that the total price you pay at checkout will be the final price, with no extra



charges on delivery.

**Charged on delivery:** Other websites may not collect the duty at checkout. If this is the case, the delivery company (for example, your postal service or courier) will require you to pay the €3 duty per item before your goods can be delivered.

**Action for consumers:** Before completing a purchase, check the website's terms and conditions to understand how the business selling the goods apply Customs charges.

### Important information on returns

The new rules will also impact the returns process for goods bought from outside the EU:

**Customs Duty is non-refundable:** If you decide to return an item, you will not be refunded the €3 Customs Duty you paid, unless the goods are faulty. VAT refunds vary by website: Some online suppliers will refund the VAT you paid if you return an item, but many will not. This is dependent on how individual businesses account for VAT liabilities. This may not be obvious to consumers.

**Action for consumers:** You should read the website's terms and conditions carefully to see what the business's terms and conditions are regarding refunding VAT for returned goods. Shopping within the EU and identifying a website's location

There is no Customs Duty if your goods are based in Ireland or another EU country at the time the goods are ordered.

Some websites may appear as if the business is Irish or EU-based (for example, by using a '.ie' domain or showing prices in Euro), however, the goods may be shipped from a non-EU country.

**Action for consumers:** For businesses who do not show Customs Duty on its website, it is vital to check the website's "Terms and Conditions" and, or "About Us" page to confirm its physical business address and the location from where the goods will be shipped.

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# Family, Friends and Gym Community Unite for Hyrox Tribute to Ollie Favier

Family and friends of Ollie Favier at the Hyrox 4.0 at the Racecourse



Family, close friends and gym buddies of the late Ollie Favier came together at the Racecourse in Killarney at the weekend for a special Hyrox 4.0 event, celebrating the life of a man remembered for his ability to bring people together.

The emotional event attracted members of the Belief Fit community alongside participants from Glenflesk, Killarney and gyms across the surrounding area, many of whom were taking on a Hyrox challenge for the very first time in Ollie's memory.

Among those taking part was close friend Damien McCarthy, who described the occasion as both emotional and uplifting.

"The Hyrox 4.0 event was both heart-wrenching and heartwarming," he said. "It brought together so many of Ollie's family and friends at a time when people needed it most, and I believe everyone took something special away from the day."

Damien said the event reflected the kind of

person Ollie was.

"Ollie had a remarkable gift for bringing people together, so this was a fitting tribute to the man he was."

He also praised organisers Josie and Eric McDonnell for making the tribute possible.

"Josie and Eric deserve enormous credit for organising such a wonderful event. The tribute was their idea, and they brought it to life with incredible care and dedication. Ollie, his wife Siobhán, myself and so many other family members and friends are part of the Belief Fit community, and it was inspiring to see people from Belief Fit, Glenflesk, Killarney and surrounding gyms come together to celebrate his life."

For many participants, it was their first experience of a Hyrox event, but Damien said they embraced the challenge for a special reason.

"They pushed themselves beyond their comfort zones, and they did it for Ollie. That

Participants wore a T-Shirt in memory of Ollie



speaks volumes about the impact he had on those around him."

"He meant so much to so many people, and his family are deeply appreciative of everyone who made such an incredible effort to honour his memory. His legacy lives on in the friendships he built."



Josie McDonnell Belief Fit and Siobhan Favier pictured at the Hyrox



Members of the Favier family with friends at the Hyrox

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## *Tributes Paid to MR JOHN BUCKLEY on Retirement from Bons Secours Hospital*

Warm tributes were paid to consultant urological surgeon Mr John Buckley as colleagues, family and friends gathered to celebrate his retirement following a distinguished career at Bons Secours Hospital, Tralee.

Mr Buckley joined the hospital as a consultant urologist in 1998 after completing specialist training in Cork, Boston, London and Glasgow. During his career, he earned a reputation as one of the region's leading urological surgeons, renowned for his clinical expertise, professionalism and unwavering commitment to patient care.

A graduate of University College Cork, Mr Buckley achieved honours in Physiology before obtaining Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, completing an MCh degree, gaining FRCS (Urology) in London and becoming a European Board Fellow in Urology. His extensive training equipped him with expertise across all aspects of modern urological surgery.

Throughout almost three decades at Bons Secours Hospital, Mr Buckley cared for thousands of patients and became widely respected by colleagues for his dedication, leadership and willingness to mentor younger doctors and healthcare staff. Patients frequently spoke of his compassion, reassurance and exceptional standard of care, with many crediting him with transforming their lives.

Speakers at the retirement celebration reflected on the lasting impact Mr Buckley has made on healthcare in Kerry, describing him as an outstanding surgeon, teacher and colleague whose legacy will endure long after his retirement. Mr Buckley now looks forward to spending more time with his family, following an exceptional career devoted to the care of others.



*Mr. John Buckley pictured with his family on the occasion of his retirement from the Bon Secours Hospital in Tralee*



*Mr Buckley and Cara Buckley (urology clinical nurse specialist)*



*Mr. Buckley pictured with his secretaries.*

## The **ANAM SESSIONS** Return to Killarney *This Summer*

Following the success of last year's pilot programme, The Anam Sessions return to ANAM, East Avenue Road, Killarney, with a series of five free early evening concerts celebrating the best of local acoustic music.

Directed and produced by Tim O'Shea, the concerts begin on Wednesday, July 1, and continue every second Wednesday throughout July and August (July 15, July 29, August 12 and August 26), from 7pm to 9pm.

The series will feature an exciting blend of Irish Folk, Traditional, Singer-Songwriter and Afro-Irish music, showcasing both established performers and emerging talent from Kerry and beyond.

The opening lineup includes Fiona Doyle (Beaufort), performing original songs and folk favourites on vocals and guitar; Samuel Kiwanuka (Tralee), whose unique Afro-Irish style combines vocals and djembe; Mike Walsh (Knocknagoshel) on Irish flute and whistle; and Phillip Crickard (Ardfert), bringing lively traditional tunes on fiddle and mandolin. Tim O'Shea will host, curate and perform at each concert.

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# Councillor Martin Grady Welcomes New Private Children's Assessment Clinic to Killarney

Councillor Martin Grady has welcomed the news that respected healthcare professional Dr. Maya Sharma is set to open a private child and adolescent mental health and neurodevelopmental assessment clinic in Killarney within the next two months, describing the development as "fantastic news for families across Kerry."

Following a recent meeting with Dr. Sharma, Councillor Grady said he was delighted to have been able to offer support in helping to secure suitable premises for the new clinic, which is expected to significantly improve access to specialist children's assessments in the county. "I am absolutely delighted that we were able to work together to secure suitable premises for Dr. Sharma here in Killarney," said Councillor Grady. "She is a tremendous asset to our town and to County Kerry. The work she has carried out over the years has made a real difference to so many children and families."

Councillor Grady praised Dr. Sharma's dedication and commitment to improving children's healthcare, describing her compassion and professionalism as second to none.

"Dr. Sharma genuinely cares about every child and every family she works with. She is incredibly passionate about what she does, and that passion is reflected in the outstanding reputation she has earned."

He also noted that Dr. Sharma has developed a strong connection with the area during her time in Kerry.

"She absolutely loves Killarney, she loves the National Park, and she has a great appreciation for County Kerry and its people. She can't wait to get back up and running and continue providing services here."

Councillor Grady said the opening of the clinic would help address one of the biggest challenges facing local families.

"There are massive waiting times for children requiring assessments through the public system. While this private clinic won't replace public services, it will provide families with another option and will greatly increase local



Councillor Martin Grady with Dr. Maya Sharma following a meeting in Killarney where plans were finalised for the opening of Dr. Sharma's new private clinic.

capacity."

The premises have now been secured, with the clinic expected to open within the next two months.

"This is very positive news for Killarney and for the wider county. We are fortunate to have someone of Dr. Sharma's calibre choosing to establish her practice here. I wish her every success and I look forward to seeing the clinic officially open in the near future."

Speaking following the meeting, Dr. Sharma said Councillor Grady's support had been instrumental in helping her progress plans for the new service.

"After attending the World Whistleblowers' Day event at Leinster House, I travelled to Killarney to meet Councillor Martin Grady following his kind invitation. The meeting was not only highly productive, but personally very meaningful.

"Councillor Grady helped me think through the practical steps involved in establishing a private child and adolescent mental health and neurodevelopmental assessment clinic in Killarney in a way that was pragmatic, generous and genuinely helpful.

"After some very difficult years, during which I have often felt dehumanised, disregarded

and isolated for speaking up, it was profoundly healing to be met with such respect, kindness and practical encouragement.

"Councillor Grady's support reminded me that public representatives can make a real difference not only through words, but through humane and constructive action."

Dr. Sharma said her aim is to establish a service that complements existing healthcare provision while providing timely access to specialist assessments for children and young people.

"My hope is to build a careful, compassionate and high-quality service in Killarney that supports children, young people and families, while complementing rather than replacing the public system.

"I have developed a deep affection for Killarney, for the National Park, and for the people of Kerry, and it would be a privilege to contribute something positive here."

The new clinic is expected to provide a range of specialist assessment services for children and adolescents, offering local families improved access to timely, high-quality care without the need to travel long distances outside the county.

## Diocese of Kerry Announces Clerical Appointments

The Diocese of Kerry has announced a number of clerical appointments and retirements, with the changes taking effect on Wednesday, July 15, 2026.

The appointments, announced by Bishop Ray Browne, include significant changes in the Killarney and East Kerry pastoral areas.

Among the appointments, Fr. Kieran O'Brien, currently Administrator of Killarney Parish, has been appointed Parish Priest of Rathmore, succeeding Fr. Pat

O'Donnell, who will become Administrator of Killarney Parish.

Other appointments include Fr. Pdraig Walsh, who moves from Our Lady and St. Brendan's Parish, Tralee, to become Parish Priest of Castleisland. Fr. Teddy Linehan, currently Hospital Chaplain, has been appointed Parish Priest of Our Lady and St. Brendan's, Tralee. Fr. Gearóid Walsh has been appointed Parish Priest of Ballybunion, while Fr. David Kibet-Rugutt becomes Parish Priest of

Ballinskelligs. Fr. Vitalis Barasa has been appointed Parish Priest of Ballymacelligott, and Fr. Seán Murphy will minister in Killarney. Additional appointments see Fr. Jim Lenihan become Moderator of Kileentierna, Fr. Brendan Walsh appointed Moderator of Duagh, and Fr. Gearóid Walsh also serving as Moderator of Ballydonoghue. Bishop Browne also announced the retirement of four priests: Fr. Patsy Lynch of Ballinskelligs, Fr. Seán Hanafin of Ballybunion, Fr.

Richard O'Connor, Professor of Theology in Rome, and Fr. Maurice Brick of Castleisland.

The Diocese noted that priests across all pastoral areas will continue to undertake additional responsibilities outside their own parishes, with these arrangements to be communicated locally.

The appointments were announced by Fr. Nicholas Flynn, Diocesan Secretary, on behalf of Bishop Ray Browne on June 26.



# THE DANNY MANN DINNER MENU

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Forever shooting bubbles, Tony Moloney, providing entertainment on the streets at the new Summer in Killarney Festival, which began last night with first Street parade through Killarney town.



Lorcan Healy, not missing a moment watching the new Summer in Killarney Festival.

# Summer In Killarney DRAWS THE CROWDS

Photos: Valerie O'Sullivan



Diarmuid Leen, Festival Organiser, Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, stewarding in the new Summer in Killarney Festival.



Convoy...parade stewards, Fiona Carroll, left and Katie O'Connell, testing the McAuliffe's vintage arctic truck,



Croí Carroll gives a birds eye view to Ciara Bennett.



Carol Dempsey, Vice President, Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, stewarding in the new Summer in Killarney Festival.



Dancing Queens...cheerleaders performing at the new Summer in Killarney Festival, which began last night with first Street parade through Killarney town.



Catching bubbles...Lucas Madigan, enjoying the new Summer in Killarney Festival.



Minding the Mayor... Newly Elected Cathaoirleach Killarney Municipal District, Cllr., John O'Donoghue, with fellow Councillors, Cllr., Niall O'Callaghan, left and Cllr., Martin Grady, enjoying the new Summer in Killarney Festival.



Videographer Kieran Healy, recording the moments in the new Summer in Killarney Festival.



Showman Jack Patrick Healy, performing in the new Summer in Killarney Festival.



.Christine Carroll, right, with all her children and grandchildren, enjoying the new Summer in Killarney Festival.



Birds Eye View...Nuala McCarthy-Doolan, left and Yulia Fytsyk.



Tony Wonder entertaining Ryan and Kelly Musick.



Gleneagle Concert Band, waiting for their Q, before the street parade, at the new Summer in Killarney Festival.



Watching from the side-lines.



Tadhg Gallivan taking part in the new Summer in Killarney Festival.



Tony Wonder entertaining the parade goers.



John O'Sullivan-Greene, stewarding in the new Summer in Killarney Festival.



Gleneagle Concert Band, performing in the new Summer in Killarney Festival.

# Outstanding Attendance and Achievement for DANIEL LENIHAN

Congratulations to Daniel Lenihan of Gortdarrig, Headford, who graduated from Sixth Class at Shrone National School, Rathmore, during the week.

Daniel completed nine great years at Shrone N.S. with a remarkable record of 100% attendance, never missing a single day of school. In recognition of his exceptional commitment and dedication, he was presented with an Outstanding Achievement Award at his graduation ceremony.

Daniel's parents, family and the entire staff of Shrone N.S. were delighted to celebrate this special milestone with him and praised his outstanding dedication throughout his primary school years.

Everyone at Shrone N.S. wishes Daniel every happiness and continued success as he begins the next chapter of his education at Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra.



*Pictured on the occasion are Daniel with his class teacher, Diarmuid Coakley, Principal Michelle Murphy, SNA Carina O'Mahony, and his younger brother, Denis.*

## KMS PRODUCTION TEAM ANNOUNCED

KILLARNEY MUSICAL SOCIETY IS THRILLED TO UNVEIL THE PRODUCTION TEAM FOR ITS 2026/27 PRODUCTION OF SISTER ACT. THE SHOW WILL TAKE TO THE STAGE AT THE GLENEAGLE ARENA FROM 2ND-4TH MARCH 2027, WITH FURTHER DETAILS ON AUDITIONS AND TICKET SALES TO BE ANNOUNCED IN THE COMING MONTHS.

Returning to direct this feel-good musical is Oliver Hurley, founder of The Oliver Hurley School of Musical Theatre. An award-winning director, Oliver has been a valued member of the KMS creative team for many years, and Sister Act will mark his 16th production with the society. KMS is delighted to welcome him back.

Joining KMS for the very first time as choreographer is Barbara Meany. Barbara brings a wealth of experience, having choreographed numerous acclaimed productions, and recently received the AIMS Gilbert Award for Best Choreographer. The society is excited to welcome Barbara and looks forward to seeing her creative vision come to life on

stage.

Musical Director Jimmy Brockie returns for his fourth production with KMS. With extensive experience in conducting, musical direction and composition, Jimmy will once again lead the cast and a full live orchestra, ensuring the show's unforgettable score is brought to life for audiences each night.

Also returning is Choral Mistress Sorcha O'Connor, who will work alongside Jimmy Brockie to develop and rehearse the cast's vocals. Sorcha is passionate about supporting the cast throughout the rehearsal process and is especially excited to be working on one of her favourite musicals, Sister Act.

With such an experienced and talented production team in place, Killarney Musical Society is eagerly looking forward to bringing this uplifting, heartwarming and hilarious musical to audiences in March 2027.



### PRODUCTION TEAM



DIRECTOR  
OLIVER HURLEY



MUSICAL DIRECTOR  
JIMMY BROCKIE



CHOREOGRAPHER  
BARBARA MEANEY



CHORAL DIRECTOR  
SORCHA O'CONNOR

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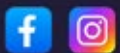
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# Clean Coasts' #2MinuteBeachClean Campaign raises awareness at Inch Beach parkrun

On Saturday the 27th of June, Clean Coasts attended Inch Beach parkrun to promote the #2MinuteBeachClean Campaign. This exciting collaboration between the two communities gave parkrun participants the opportunity to chat with Clean Coasts Development Officer for Cork, Kerry, and Waterford, Elaine Doyle, to learn about how they can get involved with the #2MinuteBeachClean Campaign.

Picturesque Inch Beach is located on a 5km sandpit in Dingle Bay and enjoys spectacular views of the Slieve Mish Mountains and the Iveragh Peninsula are visible in the distance. It was a windy morning on the beach but that didn't stop local and visiting parkrunners alike from turning out for their Saturday morning run. We were delighted with the high level of engagement from people who dropped by the #2MinuteBeachClean stand afterwards.

As World Sand Dune Day was also celebrated on the 27th of June, the conversation turned to sand dunes. The parkrun community had many questions for Elaine in relation to the dunes at Inch. They notice movement and erosion in the dunes, and they said that they sometimes have to move the 2.5km marker for the run which takes place on the strand.

Several lucky participants received #2MinuteBeachClean kits by being the first participants up to the stand to say: "Small Actions – Big Impact". Each kit included a foldable litter picker, making it easy to keep at hand for whenever the opportunity arises to do a quick two minute clean up. Elaine noted that one of the beach lifeguards took part in the parkrun, did a beach clean, and went for a swim before turning in for his shift! She also remarked that it was lovely to hear the parkrunners encouraging each other As Gaeilge.

The parkrun community understand better than most just how valuable two minutes can be. Volunteering is also something they place a high value on, meaning the message of the #2MinuteBeachClean really resonates with them.



Participant at Inch Beach parkrun



Pictured on the occasion are Daniel with his class teacher, Diarmuid Coakley, Principal Michelle Murphy, SNA Carina O'Mahony, and his younger brother, Denis.

## All-Twin Baby Reflexology Class a First for Killarney

A unique baby reflexology class currently underway at Killarney Sports & Leisure Centre has become a first of its kind, with every baby taking part in the course being a twin. It is the first time in eight years that instructor Una O'Donoghue of Reflexology Killarney has welcomed an all-twin group, making it a special milestone in her years of teaching baby reflexology.

The four-week course, which began on June 22, provides new parents with an opportunity to meet and socialise while learning gentle reflexology techniques to use with their babies. The sessions are designed to encourage parent-child bonding and may also help support babies experiencing common issues such as digestive discomfort, colic and sleep difficulties.

The classes, led by Una O'Donoghue of Reflexology Killarney, are being held at Killarney Sports & Leisure Centre and have attracted plenty of interest thanks to the unusual all-twin group, making for a memorable and enjoyable experience for both parents and babies alike.

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**BROKERS**

# Golf Classic Raises €35,500 in Memory of Dermot Galvin

Family, friends and supporters gathered at O'Mahony's Point, Killarney Golf & Fishing Club, last Friday for the 'Teeing Up for Charity - The Dermot Galvin Golf Classic', held in memory of the late Dermot Galvin of Killarney.

The poignant fundraising event was organised by Dermot's wife, well-known photographer Michelle Cooper-Galvin, who has now raised an incredible €35,500 through her charitable efforts.

"We, as a family, Caoimhe, Grainne and Diarmuid and myself decided to do this fundraiser in memory of Dermot, for the amazing care he received in the Palliative Care Unit", Michelle said. "I had great help from Maureen Creedon and Noreen Coffey in organising it and on the day Mish O'Donoghue and Mary Knoblauch along with my sister Catherine were a huge support", she added.

One of the highlights of the day was a raffle for four tickets to the Ryder Cup Practice Day, which was won by Andrew McCarthy from Lacabane.

The proceeds of the fundraising day will be shared between Kerry Hospice Foundation and Comfort for Chemo, two organisations that provided invaluable support to the Galvin family during Dermot's illness. Dermot was cared for in the Specialist Palliative Care Unit at University Hospital Kerry before his passing last year. The Kerry Hospice Foundation supports the provision and development of specialist palliative care services throughout the county, while Comfort for Chemo is working towards creating a centre of excellence in Kerry for patients undergoing chemotherapy and oncology treatments.

The golf classic was a fitting tribute to Dermot's memory, with the generosity of participants and sponsors ensuring that his legacy will continue to benefit families facing cancer and life-limiting illness across Kerry.



'Teeing Up for Charity - The Dermot Galvin Golf Classic' was held at O'Mahony's Point, Killarney Golf and Fishing Club, last Friday in memory of the late Dermot Galvin, Killarney. The poignant event was organised by his wife, well known Photographer, Michelle Cooper-Galvin (centre). Collectively she has raised to date an incredible €35,500, which will be donated to Kerry Hospice Foundation and Comfort for Chemo. Both charities are very close to their family, especially when Dermot was a patient in the palliative care unit, Kerry University Hospital last year. Kerry Hospice Foundation Palliative Care Unit is dedicated to supporting the provision of Kerry Specialist Palliative Care Service. Comfort for Chemo whose vision is to build a centre of excellence for the patients of Kerry, who need Chemotherapy and Oncological treatments. (front from left) Tomas Lyne, Fergus Houlihan who had a Hole in One on the 18th O'Mahony's Point, Pdraig Cronin, John O'Callaghan, Grainne Galvin (second row) Marcus Twomey 2nd, Vincent Casey and Dermot O'Sullivan 3rd, Elma Culloty and Karena McCarthy Killarney Credit Union (third row from left) Tadhg Gallivan and Jonathan Greene 4th (third row from left) Mayor of Kerry Mikey Sheehy Comfort for Chemo, Geraldine Rosney and Sheila Crowley 8th, Jack Buckley 6th Mickey Cronin 9th (back row) Mary Horgan Comfort for Chemo, Dermot O'Reilly, Cathal Walshe, Pam Treacy and Pat Doolan Kerry Hospice Palliative Care  
Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Making the presentation of €16,000 to Comfort for Chemo, Michelle and her Daughter Grainne Galvin, present members of Kerry Hospice Foundation volunteers with a cheque of €16,000, from left, Pat Doolan, Chairperson, Kerry Hospice Foundation, Dermot O'Reilly, Cathal Walshe and Pamela Treacy.  
Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Breda Duggan, Seanie Kelliher, Tim Geaney, and Carmel Fitzgerald of the Duggan team participating in the Teeing Up for Charity, the Dermot Galvin Golf Classic at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club, Killarney on Friday. Photo: Michelle Cooper Galvin



Grainne Galvin and Michaelle Cooper Galvin with Karena McCarthy and Elma Culloty of the Killarney Credit Union main sponsors at the Teeing Up for Charity The Dermot Galvin Golf Classic in aid of Kerry Hospice Palliative Care and Comfort for Chemo at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club Killarney on Friday.  
Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Making the presentation of €16,000 to Comfort for Chemo, Michelle and her Daughter Grainne Galvin, present Cathaoirleach Kerry County Council, Cllr Mikey Sheehy and board member Comfort for Chemo and Mary Horgan of Comfort for Chemo Charity.  
Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Philip O'Connor, Paudie Lynch, Seamie O'Connor and Maureen Creedon participating in the Teeing Up for Charity, the Dermot Galvin Golf Classic at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club, Killarney on Friday.



James and Finn O'Donnell, Sean Lyne and Declan Roche participating in the Teeing Up for Charity, the Dermot Galvin Golf Classic at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club, Killarney on Friday.



Jason Arthur, Dara McCarthy, Donnacha O'Brien and Colin Daly participating in the Teeing Up for Charity, the Dermot Galvin Golf Classic at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club, Killarney on Friday.



Brian McCarthy, John, Teddy and Colm Bowler of the Bowler Centra team participating in the Teeing Up for Charity, the Dermot Galvin Golf Classic at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club, Killarney on Friday.



Kay O'Connor, Mary MacMonagle, Margaret O'Donoghue and Betty Farrell Gleneagle Hotel Team participating in the Teeing Up for Charity, the Dermot Galvin Golf Classic at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club, Killarney on Friday.



Rory O'Connor, Larry Daly, Sean Moynihan and Con Healy participating in the Teeing Up for Charity, the Dermot Galvin Golf Classic at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club, Killarney on Friday.



Dr John McCullough, John Ivory, Joe Scally and Donie Broderick participating in the Teeing Up for Charity, the Dermot Galvin Golf Classic at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club, Killarney on Friday.



Vincent and Olive Shannon, Noreen and Kieran Coffey participating in the Teeing Up for Charity, the Dermot Galvin Golf Classic at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club, Killarney on Friday.

# Community Text Alerts Information Evening Held in Killarney

**Cllr Martin Grady** joined residents of Ardshanavooley and members of An Garda Síochána at a recent community information evening in Killarney to promote the new Community Text Alerts initiative.

The event, held at the Killarney Pastoral Centre on Rock Road, focused on encouraging local people to get involved in making their area a safer place to live, work and visit. The Community Text Alert programme aims to strengthen links between residents and Gardaí by sharing important safety information and alerts quickly within the community.

During the evening, attendees heard practical advice on crime prevention, including home security, protecting vehicles and property, and raising awareness around scams and fraud. Information was also provided on how the Community Text Alert programme works, the benefits for residents, and the importance of neighbours working

together to support a safer Killarney.

The meeting also highlighted opportunities for residents to register their interest, sign up to the Community Text Alert programme and volunteer in future community safety initiatives.

Cllr Martin Grady welcomed the new programme and said he was delighted to see it being rolled out, with hopes that it will now expand to other areas. He said the initiative would be particularly beneficial for those who are not active on social media, ensuring that nobody is left out when important community information is being shared.

He also thanked An Garda Síochána for the significant work that went into organising the event and for their commitment to rolling out the programme to other communities.

*Ardshanavooley Residents pictured with members of An Garda Síochána and Cllr. Martin Grady*

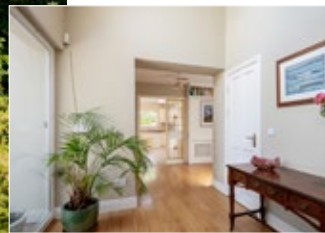
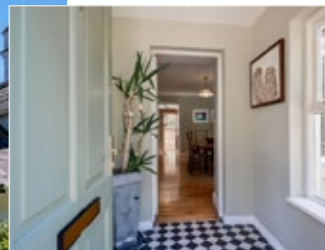


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**KILCUMMIN PARISH**

*Written by: Helen Moynihan*

**THE GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH**

The Golden Jubilee Celebration held last weekend was a truly memorable and joyful occasion, as a Parish Community we wish to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make the night so special. We thank Bishop Ray and all our priests for their presence, prayers and support. Sincere thanks to the Choir, Stephen O'Leary's Music Group, Moriarty School of Dancing, Holy Communion Singers, Readers, Altar Servers and all who participated in the Liturgy, to Tony and Robert who kept everyone safe crossing the road. A special thanks to Mike Murphy for kindly making the school hall available and to the staff and pupils for the beautiful art work they created and displayed, for the beautiful refreshments and celebrations afterwards, to all who attended, helped in any way, donated their time and supported the celebration. We offer our sincere appreciation, your generosity and community spirit ensured that our Golden Jubilee was a wonderful success and a fitting celebration of 50 years of faith, prayer and fellowship.

**CHURCH EVENTS**

Graveyard Mass on Wednesday, 5th August @ 7.30pm.

**FOUND**

Car keys found between Finnegan's Cross and Coolick School, can be collected in the Rural Development Office.

**MASTERGEEHA FC LOTTO**

There was no winner of our lotto on Friday, 26th June for the Jackpot of €8,600. Numbers drawn were 03, 15, 21, 27. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Denise c/o Village Inn; Brendan Will, Milleen; Michael Baker online; Tina Lyne Healy, Knocklebede. Our next draw will be on Friday 3rd July for Jackpot of €8,800.

**GAA LOTTO**

There was no winner of our lotto on Monday 29th June for the Jackpot of €9,000. Numbers drawn were 02,18,19,22. Consolation prizes of €50 Mike Moloney, Teresa Murphy, Debbie Doolan, Denis Harrington. Our next draw will be on Monday 13th July for Jackpot of €9,250 Thank you for your continued support.

**BEAUFORT PARISH**

*By Bridget Hartnett*

**FIXTURES**

Senior men will be away to Dr Crokes on Saturday, 4th July at 6pm in Div. 1, round 11, Co League and home to Listowel Emmetts in Div.7A on Sunday, 5th at 2pm.

**RESULTS**

Keel 0.13 Beaufort 3.08 in round 3, Mid Kerry Junior league. Well done to Beaufort minor men and management who won the minor football Club Championship, Group C, Shield final against Finuge last Monday. Final score was Beaufort 5.19 Finuge 3.10.

**LOTTO**

The lotto jackpot will be €4,400 on Sunday, 5th July. Tickets are available from usual sellers, shops, public houses and online on [www.clubforce.com](http://www.clubforce.com). Thank you to everybody who support the lotto.

**HEALTH SCREENING**

As part of our Healthy Club initiative, the Dillon Quirke foundation will be holding free health screening at Beaufort G.A.A. Club on Wednesday, 8th July. It is for 45 players from 12 to 18 years of age. To book a place for your child, please contact Mary 086 0640065 or Bridget 087 9975737.

**MEMBERSHIP**

Beaufort G.A.A. Club membership is still open. For information on Club and Gym membership, please contact Patie on 087 2515311.

**SUMMER CAMP**

As part of their Healthy Club initiative, Beaufort will host a summer camp from 6th to 10th July in Beaufort G.A.A. Complex.

It is open to ages 4 to 14 and will run from 10am to 2pm. Cost is €65 for one child, 2nd child, €60 and 3rd and subsequent children is €55. Open to members and non-members. More information from Mary 086 0640065 or Tara 087 6032774.

**RATHMORE | GNEEVEGUILLA PARISH**

*By Michael O' Mahony*

**SHARE THE BUCKET**

Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group reminds everyone that Share the Bucket takes place every week. The draw is held each Friday evening at 8.00pm in Teach Fáilte and is streamed live on the Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook page. This week's jackpot was €205. Congratulations to this week's winner, Gneeveguilla Athletics Club, who won €205.

**KERRY SENIOR FOOTBALL TEAM**

Congratulations to Paul Murphy, the Kerry senior football panel and management on their All-Ireland quarter-final victory over Tyrone. Best wishes also to Shane Ryan, who is part of the Kerry panel. Kerry will now face Dublin in the All-Ireland semi-final on Sunday, July 12, at 4.00pm in Croke Park. Best of luck to all involved.

**KERRY LADIES FOOTBALL**

Best of luck to the Kerry senior ladies football team as they take on Meath in the All-Ireland quarter-final on Saturday, July 4, at 5.15pm in Austin Stack Park.

Special good wishes to Daniel O'Leary of Rathmore and Nora O'Connor of Rathmore, who is part of the Kerry management team.

**FAREWELL CELEBRATION FOR FR. PAT O'DONNELL**

A parish-wide farewell celebration for Fr. Pat O'Donnell will take place following the Mass of Thanksgiving on Friday, July 10.

To make the occasion a special one, volunteers from across the parish are invited to help with the celebrations. Your support and ideas would be greatly appreciated.

**SOCIAL ACTION GROUP RATHMORE**

The Social Action Group Rathmore is delighted to have been selected as a Tier 2 beneficiary of the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle 2026.

The cycle takes place on Saturday, July 4, and registration is open online. Please consider taking part on behalf of the group and help spread the word among family and friends. For further information, call 086 0604732 or 064 7758013.

**LEGION OF MARY**

The Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre, Millstreet. New members are always welcome.

**ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY OF IRELAND**

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland will host "Musical Melodies" in Millstreet Day Care Centre on Friday, July 3, from 11.00am to 12.30pm.

The event is open to everyone in the community. For more information contact Marie Gallagher at 086 2396057 or email [mgallagher@alzheim.ie](mailto:mgallagher@alzheim.ie).

**MILLSTREET HOSPITAL CHURCH GATE COLLECTION**

Sincere thanks to everyone who supported last weekend's Church Gate Collection for Millstreet Hospital. Ballydaly: €659.75 Millstreet: €1,896.22 Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**GNEEVEGUILLA ATHLETES**

Huge congratulations to Luke Scollard taking gold in the shot at Gormanston College special Olympics Ireland games, Coach Shiela O'Donoghue and team taking Silver in Basketball and Nicola Dwyer taking Bronze in badminton.

No winner of last weeks Lotto, Jackpot for this coming Friday June 26th , €13,200 + Bonus draw for €1000

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**COMMUNITY NOTES**

If you would like to include an item in these notes, please email Michael O'Mahony at [momahony14@gmail.com](mailto:momahony14@gmail.com) or text/ring 087 6676817 before 6.00pm each Sunday.

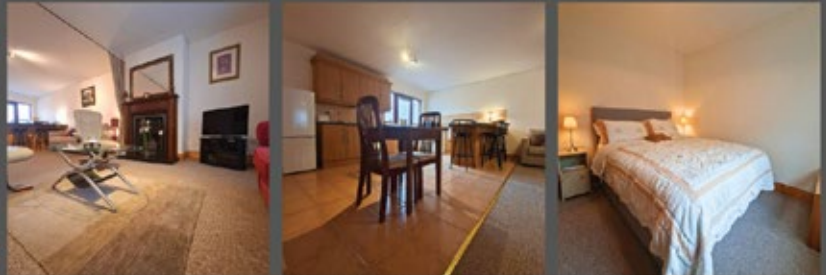
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**GLENFLESK PARISH**

*Written by: Sean Daly*

**COMMUNITY GAMES**

Best wishes to Juan Avila who will take part in the Swimming National Finals in The Watershed in Kilkenny this weekend. Juan will compete in the U12 Freestyle competition. Good luck Juan!

**LOTTO**

There was no winner of the Glenflesk Lotto which took place on 22nd of June. Jackpot €7,400. Numbers drawn 14, 16, 19, 25. Consolation prizes of €50. Diarmuid & Noreen Kennedy, Brewsterfield, Seamus O'Mahony, Cools & Perth, Isabel Carey, Clonkeen, Mary Carey, Clonkeen (Sellers Prize). Next draw 6th July. Jackpot will be €7,600. Thanks to all who support our Lotto & to Damien McCarthy & HR Buddy for sponsoring our tickets.



*Glenflesk U14 girls who were narrowly beaten by Scartaglen / Cordal in the U14 County League Division 3 Final last Sunday in Glenflesk.*

**LISTRY PARISH**

*Written by: Colette Leslie*

**LOTTO**

June 28st 2026, Jackpot €3,300. Numbers Drawn: 4, 6, 18, 20. No Winner. €100 Eileen Murphy, Keel. €50 Phillippa Keating. €50 Martina McCarthy, C/O Phil Ahern. €25 Edel Greensmyth. €25 Breda Tangney. Jackpot next weekend 5th July 2026 €3,450

**SENIOR'S**

Saturday July 4th the Listry seniors are at home v Tarbert at 7pm. The Div 3

trophy will be presented to our senior team following the game

**MINORS**

The Listry minor team are away to John Mitchels Monday 6th July at 7pm **U16**

Listry U16 team play Ballyduff away the 9th July at 7pm

**U12**

Under 12 boys play Furies Friday 3rd July in first round East Kerry league



*Listry U8s girls and boys who welcomed Legion to Faha this week*



*Well done to Cillian Scannell, Dara McCarthy, Mark van de Merwe, Lorcan O' Mahony and Jack Mannix who played with East Kerry u14's in the County shield semifinal this evening v Kenmare District. The win this evening puts East Kerry through to the shield final next Tuesday vs Castleisland District.*

Fossa U12 Soccer Team win Munster Community Games Competition  
The Fossa U12 Boys Community Games Soccer team, who were crowned Munster Champions last weekend in Limerick, for consideration in this week's edition.

The Fossa Team representing Kerry overcame Tipperary in the Semi Final before going on to claim the Munster title by defeating Clare in the final.

The team will now go on to the All-Ireland stages representing Munster which will be held in August.



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SPA PARISH

By Leanne Cronin



Aerial shot of Spa GAA Grounds during the good weather last week



Spa U14 Boys representing East Kerry

**BEST OF LUCK TO OUR RING OF KERRY CYCLISTS**

We extend our very best wishes to everyone in the community taking part in this weekend's Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle. A special mention goes to the Cronin family, who will be completing the cycle in memory of their beloved brother and uncle, Gene. Sean, Patrick and Dermot, together with Gene's nieces Aisling and Norrita and his brother-in-law Jerry, are taking on the challenge while raising funds for the Kerry Hospice Foundation in appreciation of the outstanding care and support shown to Gene and his family. We wish them, and everyone taking part, safe cycling and every success on the day. Anyone wishing to support the Cronin family's fundraiser can do so by visiting: <https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/aislingcronin191> or by contacting a member of the Cronin family.

**SENIOR LADIES FINISH LEAGUE CAMPAIGN ON A HIGH**

Spa Senior Ladies rounded off their league campaign in impressive fashion with a 4-10 to 0-9 victory over East Kerry neighbours Glenflesk, responding in the best possible way after last week's defeat to Fossa.

The win sees Spa finish third in the league table, securing a place in the League Cup semi-finals. Their next match is on Monday, with a place in the final at stake.

Fixture details will be confirmed on our social media channels and will also be available on our website at [www.spagaa.com/fixtures](http://www.spagaa.com/fixtures)

**FINAL ROUND OF COUNTY LEAGUE FIXTURES FOR MEN'S TEAMS**

The McCarthy Insurance Group Senior County League comes to an end this weekend. On Friday night, the Spa Junior Men's team travel to Currow and a win would see them take the Division 7B title. Throw in for that one is 7:30pm. On Sunday at 2pm, the Senior Men's team host Gneevguilla in Division 1. The impressive win against Kenmare two weeks ago has put Spa in a strong position, and a win on Sunday will retain Division 1 status for 2027. All support is welcome.

**SPA PLAYERS REPRESENT EAST KERRY**

Congratulations to all our Spa players who proudly represented East Kerry in recent county competitions. Shay O'Meara, Oran O'Neill, Joey McCarthy (captain), Darragh Brosnan and Luke O'Neill were all members of the East Kerry U21 panel that narrowly lost out to Austin Stacks in the County

Championship. At U14 level, congratulations to Sean Brosnan, Noah Murphy, Conor Rice, Jack Kissane, Cian O'Donoghue, Keenan McCarthy, James Brosnan and Eanna Mulligan, who were part of the East Kerry side that recorded an impressive 5-15 to 4-8 victory over St Brendan's Board.

**U13 BOYS CROWNED EAST KERRY DIVISION 2 CHAMPIONS**

Congratulations to our U13 boys on winning the East Kerry Division 2 League following an excellent campaign. The team opened with impressive away victories over Na Fianna and Dr. Crokes before recording a hard-fought home win against Listry in a closely contested encounter. Although their unbeaten run came to an end with a narrow defeat away to Fossa in the final round, Spa had already done enough to secure the league title. It was a fantastic team effort throughout the campaign, with 26 players seeing action across the four games, highlighting the strength and depth of the panel while providing valuable playing experience for all involved. Congratulations to all the players and to the management team of Conor O'Riordan, Adrian McCarthy, Paul Casey and Neily Kerins on a well-deserved success.

**SPA ACADEMY GOING FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH**

Our Spa Academy has been thriving over the past four months, with fantastic numbers and a great atmosphere every Saturday morning from 10.00am. Open to boys and girls from 3 years of age upwards, the Academy provides a fun and welcoming environment where children can learn new skills, make friends and enjoy being active. New members are always welcome. If you would like to get involved, simply come along on a Saturday morning and speak to one of our friendly coaches, or contact Tracey on 087 936 5347 for more information. With our popular coffee dock also open each week, Saturday mornings at Spa have become a great social occasion for children and families, and you might even meet Spark the Mascot!

**CLUB LOTTO**

Spa Lotto 29/06/2026 Results. Numbers drawn: 2, 8, 18, 28. No jackpot winner. Lucky Dips €50 each: Susan Hayes, Sheila Curtin, Ger Galvin, Liam Og Daniels, Carmel O'Riordan.

Next week's draw will be on Monday 6 July for a jackpot of €8,400. Play online via [www.spagaa.com/draws](http://www.spagaa.com/draws)



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**By Dermot Cronin**  
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*If you require any further information on the above or any other matter you can contact Dermot Cronin at [info@dermotcronin.ie](mailto:info@dermotcronin.ie) or 0646622775 or 0872893649.*

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# National League Success and Championship Medals Highlight Remarkable Season for Killarney Valley AC

Killarney Valley AC continues to establish itself as one of Ireland's fastest-rising athletics clubs, with outstanding performances at both national league and championship level underlining the club's remarkable progress.

Competing against Ireland's elite athletics clubs in the 2026 Athletics Ireland National Outdoor Track and Field League, Killarney Valley AC has made a significant impact. With 16 of the country's top clubs fielding both women's and men's teams, the club currently sits in third place in the women's division and fourth place in the men's standings.

The women's team is captained by Keelie O'Connor, while Jordan Lee leads the men's squad. A key factor behind the club's success has been its ability to field athletes across almost every discipline, with competitors consistently delivering high-quality performances.

The impressive results reflect the commitment and dedication of the athletes, the expertise of the club's coaching team, the tireless work of its committee, and the outstanding facilities at the Killarney Valley AC Arena.

The stakes are particularly high, with the overall winners earning the honour of representing Ireland at the European Club Team Championships. For Killarney Valley AC to be competing at this level is a source of enormous pride for the club and the wider community.

The club's momentum continued at last weekend's Athletics Ireland National Track and Field Championships, where Killarney Valley AC athletes claimed three



national medals.

Sprint sensation Lauren McEvoy produced another outstanding performance to win silver in the Girls' Under-17 100m hurdles, clocking a personal best of 14.90 seconds. A key member of the club's highly regarded sprint squad, Lauren has continued to improve year after year under the guidance of hurdles coach Alan Delaney, himself a former national hurdles and high jump medallist. Delaney remains an active masters athlete and is also a member of the club's National League team.

In the field events, Finn Moloney secured bronze in the Boys' Under-18 pole vault with a clearance of 2.45m, while Daniel Smith earned bronze in the Boys' Under-15 pole vault with a new personal best of 2.20m.

The club's pole vaulters are coached by the renowned Alan Burke, one of Ireland's most respected figures in the event. Burke, now in his 60s, continues to compete at masters level and won silver at last year's European Masters Championships in Madeira with a clearance of 3.40m. During his competitive career, he represented both Great Britain



Finn Moloney



Lauren McEvoy and Daniel Smith

and Ireland and became the first athlete in these islands to clear the five-metre barrier in the pole vault. The continued success of Killarney Valley AC is a testament to the hard work of its athletes, coaches and dedicated committee, whose efforts are producing results on the national stage.

Looking to the future, the club is investing significantly in the refurbishment of the track at the Killarney Valley AC Arena this summer. The project represents

a major investment in both the club and the local community and reflects the vision that has transformed Killarney Valley AC into one of Ireland's leading athletics clubs.

With both the senior women's and men's teams qualifying for the National League Final on August 9, and national championship medals continuing to arrive, the future looks exceptionally bright for Killarney Valley AC.

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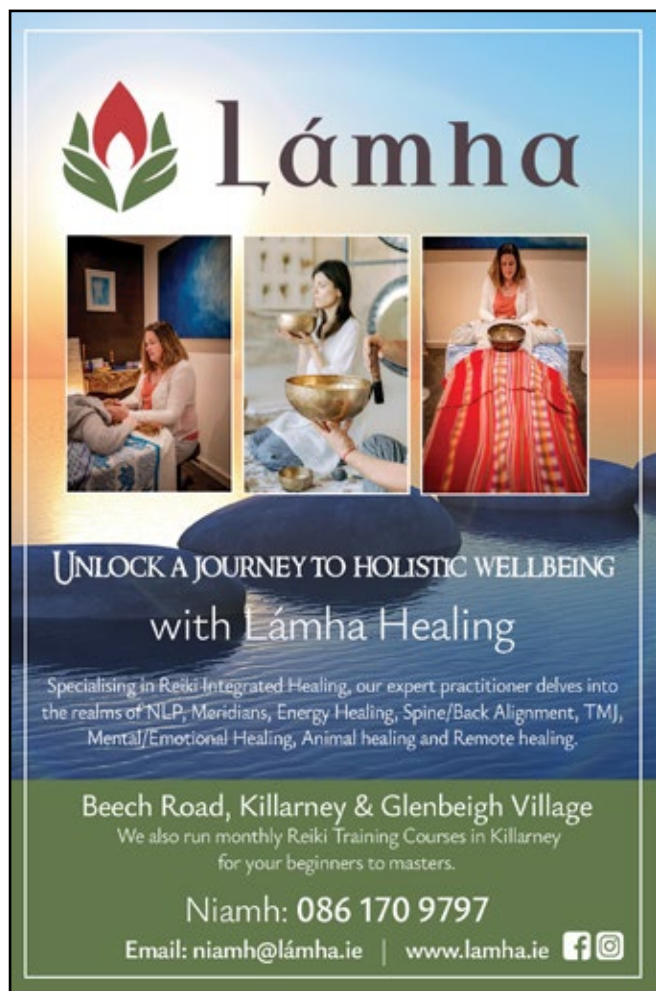


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When it comes to feeling happier, calmer and living your best life, every time you do something small that contributes to this, you are building momentum and an attitude of "I can do this."

**Coaching tip**  
There will still be days along the way when you feel upset, frustrated, angry or impatient because you think you are slipping back into old ways. This is normal. Learn from these moments and remember how far you've come. Focus on heading in the right direction rather than trying to be "perfect." Trust the process and focus on one day at a time. Stay committed to your journey and what it will bring you and celebrate those small wins because you know where they will lead you.

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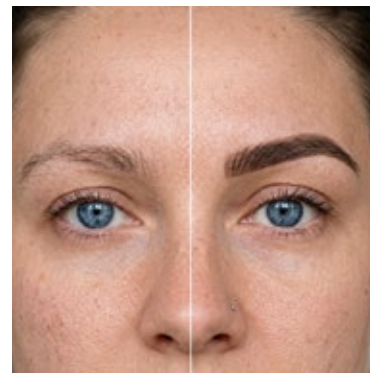
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A balanced routine for over 50s include;  
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can hurt your central vision. It can damage the macula, a part of the retina at the back of your eye.

**UV-B**

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

**WHAT EYE PROBLEMS CAN UV RAYS CAUSE?**

**Macular Degeneration**

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

**Cataract**

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

**Pterygium**

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

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**Skin Cancer**

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

**Corneal Sunburn**

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

**PROTECTING YOUR EYES FROM THE SUN**

If you are spending time outdoors, especially in the summer or on holidays abroad, make sure that you and your children have good quality, dark sunglasses with UV protection.

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# New Tertiary Degree Opens Doors for Future Community Leaders Across Munster

A new route into higher education for people who want to make an impact in their communities has been launched by Munster Technological University (MTU), Cork Education and Training Board (Cork ETB) and Kerry Education and Training Board (Kerry ETB).

The new BA in Applied Social and Community Development is being delivered through Ireland's Tertiary Degree Initiative, offering students a more accessible pathway to a Level 7 qualification while preparing graduates for rewarding careers creating positive social change.

Students begin their studies in a Further Education and Training (FET) College, in either Cork ETB or Kerry ETB, before progressing to MTU to complete their degree. The programme offers an alternative route into university, with no traditional CAO points requirement, while also providing recognised exit awards at each stage of the three-year programme.

Designed for people who are passionate about making a positive difference in society, the programme prepares graduates for careers in community development, family support, youth services, advocacy, social inclusion, community education, local development and the voluntary and community sector.

The programme combines classroom learning with extensive community-based experience, enabling students to apply their learning in real-world settings from an early stage. This



emphasis on practical engagement ensures graduates leave with both a Level 7 qualification and valuable experience working alongside community organisations and practitioners. The programme is ideally suited to people who are passionate about creating stronger, more connected communities and addressing social challenges including inequality, exclusion, poverty and health disparities. It also offers an attractive option for school leavers, adult learners and those seeking an alternative route

into higher education.

Applications for the September intake are now open through Cork ETB and Kerry ETB.

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## LOCAL ISSUES RAISED AT MONTHLY MEETING

At this month's meeting of Killarney Municipal District, newly elected Cathaoirleach of Killarney Municipal District, Cllr. John O'Donoghue raised the following issues.

• **That a footpath be provided linking the one in front of Coolgrean Park with Kerry Cheshire. There are numerous wheelchair users in Kerry Cheshire and to be forcing them out onto the main road when leaving is extremely dangerous. This would have the dual purpose of also serving The Community Hospital next door.**

This area of the town has perhaps the highest concentration of wheelchair users in the town, yet remarkably when leaving The Cheshire Home, do not have a footpath to travel on at the start of their journey and instead are forced out onto the roadway. The nearby Rock road recently had a major overhaul and a footpath linking Kerry Cheshire and the Community Hospital with the footpath leading out to Rock Road is urgently required. The current

situation is extremely dangerous and entirely unacceptable and I ask that the Council remedy the situation as soon as possible. It is simply not good enough in this day and age as it currently stands.

• **That we would receive an update on the proposed walkway cum cycleway between Torc and Dinis.**

This project, which will create a spectacular path along the lake shore, while serving the added benefit of allowing bicycles and pedestrians to keep off the main road where it is dangerous for them and they impede traffic. I have no doubt it would instantly become one of the most travelled paths in Killarney, and offer views to rival those anywhere else in the world. It is very close to completion, and while I accept that the reasons for the long delay are not the fault of Kerry County Council, it is very frustrating to think that the project has not yet come to fruition. Is there any update available to us or do we have any idea when it might begin moving again?

• **That the drain on the Lough Guitane (L.3015) road, just above the junction of Loreto Road would be repaired as currently it is so far below the level of the road cars are swerving out to avoid it and an accident is inevitable.**

This drain is on the Lough Guitane road just above the junction of the Loreto road and the surface of the road is a couple of inches above the level of the drain. This is causing cars travelling eastbound towards Lough Guitane to swerve out into the centre of the road and potentially into oncoming vehicles travelling in the opposite direction. This road was resurfaced 2 years ago by Uisce Éireann after they laid their water main pipe and the drain in question was not a hazard before the work was completed. The company doing the work on behalf of UÉ were excellent and did a tremendous job, but this one spot is problematic as the drain seems to have sunk down into the road. I am not sure if it is an issue for our own road crew to fix, or one to chase down UÉ about, but I ask that

someone rectify the situation as quickly as possible please.

• **That the Council would monitor the bus carparks in town, and if they are not found to be full each night, that the bus parking currently on the Anam Centre side of Railway road would all revert back to car parking.**

I do not believe the bus parks in the town to be full very often, so do not see the need for roadside parking in the town. This area I have highlighted is not huge, but it can fit in 3/4 buses which could therefore provide parking for approximately 10 cars. While this may not seem enormous in the grand scheme of things, parking is under such pressure during the summer months due to one of our main carparks being unavailable to cars for over a month, every little bit would help so I ask that the Council consider my request and if indeed the bus parks are not full, that this area be returned to car spaces.

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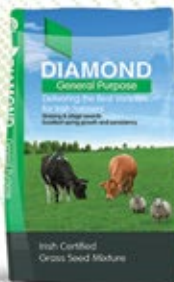
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# Healy-Raes Call for Extra Transport Capacity as Kerry Reach All-Ireland Semi-Final



Deputy Michael Healy-Rae and Councillor Jackie Healy-Rae have congratulated the Kerry senior football team on reaching another All-Ireland Senior Football Championship semi-final and are calling on transport providers to act immediately to ensure supporters can travel to and from the game.

Deputy Michael Healy-Rae said the coming week provides a valuable opportunity for transport providers to put plans in place before demand peaks.

"Kerry supporters have once again shown tremendous commitment in following their county the length and breadth of Ireland. We now know an All-Ireland semi-final lies ahead, and it is vital that every effort is made to ensure people can actually get to the game."

"I am calling on Irish Rail to examine every possible option to provide additional rail capacity, including extra services where feasible, as well as increasing capacity on existing trains. We have seen special trains provided for major sporting occasions before, and I believe Kerry supporters deserve the same consideration."

"This is not just about sport. Thousands of people travelling to Dublin generates significant economic activity and encourages people to leave the car at home where suitable public transport is available. I would urge Irish Rail to engage with the relevant stakeholders without delay so that supporters can make



their travel plans with certainty." Councillor Jackie Healy-Rae, whose electoral area includes Kerry Airport, said air travel should also play an important role in meeting demand.

"The Kerry to Dublin air service is an excellent and well-used connection, particularly for people who want a quick and convenient journey to the capital. With an All-Ireland semi-final now confirmed, I believe there is an opportunity for additional capacity if it is operationally possible."

"I am appealing to Ryanair to examine whether a special or additional service could be provided, particularly a late return flight on Sunday

evening after the match, subject of course to operational and commercial feasibility."

"Such a service would be hugely welcomed by supporters, would showcase the importance of Kerry Airport, and would give many people another practical option for travelling to one of the biggest sporting occasions of the year."

Both Michael and Jackie Healy-Rae said they look forward to engaging with the relevant transport providers over the coming days and expressed hope that every possible effort would be made to accommodate the anticipated demand from Kerry supporters.

## Over €85,000 in Funding for Kerry's Public Libraries

Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Kerry T.D Norma Foley has welcomed the allocation of €85,931 under the Libraries Capital Programme for the provision of equipment and facilities for public libraries across Kerry.

This funding will support our public libraries through four key measures: sensory equipment and facilities; accessibility upgrades; ICT and broadband speed enhancements; and upgrade of furniture and equipment.

Welcoming the announcement, Minister Foley said: "The funding announced today by Government will ensure our public libraries across Kerry will remain vibrant, modern and accessible spaces where every member of the community can connect, learn and thrive."



## 9% VAT will support businesses in Kerry to grow

- Senator Mike Kennelly -

The 9% VAT rate for small businesses in the hospitality, tourism, and food industries will protect jobs and help businesses thrive, a Fine Gael Senator has said.

Senator Mike Kennelly said this week's reduction in VAT for hospitality will help businesses remain competitive, continue to create jobs and provide quality services in our local communities across Kerry.

"In Fine Gael, we know that running a business isn't easy and we are committed to working hard to reduce costs for businesses.

"There are around 20,000 restaurants, pubs and hotels across the country. They are in every town and village in Kerry providing a great service for the community.

"Jobs in hospitality are vital for so many communities across Ireland, and we need to do all we can to protect them and our economy.

"In 2025, there were 186,000 people employed in Accommodation and Food Services, with 75% of businesses employing less than 10 staff.

"That's why this reduction in VAT for the hospitality sector will be a huge help to so many.

"This change will be felt on the ground; by our family-run shops, cafés and service providers who have worked hard through challenging times. It gives them space to reinvest, innovate, and expand.

"Fine Gael is committed to supporting our SMEs in our local communities in Kerry by helping them reduce costs," concluded Senator Mike Kennelly



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### Danny Healy Rae TD - Monthly Clinics

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| <b>1st Wednesday</b><br>8.00 PM<br>8.30 PM<br>8.45 PM<br>9.00 PM<br>9.30 PM<br>10.00 PM | <b>Killarney Area</b><br>Torc Hotel, Lissivigeen<br>The Village Inn, Kilcummin<br>The Club, Kilcummin<br>Old Killarney Inn, Aghadoe<br>The Golden Nugget, Fossa<br>The Faha Court, Faha | <b>3rd Friday</b><br>7.30 PM<br>8.15 PM<br>9.00 PM<br>9:30 PM<br>10.00 PM                         | <b>Castleisland Area</b><br>River Island Hotel, Castleisland<br>The Crown Hotel, Castleisland<br>Hughes Bar, Cordal<br>Lyon's Bar, Scartaglen<br>Flemings Bar. Scartaglen  |
| <b>1st Thursday</b><br>8.30 PM<br>9.00 PM<br>9:30 PM<br>10:00 PM                        | <b>Glenflesk &amp; Barraduff</b><br>The Kerry Way, Glenflesk<br>Spillane's Headford<br>Murphy's Bar, Barraduff<br>Corner Bar, Barraduff   | <b>4th Thursday</b><br>7:00 PM<br>7.30 PM<br>8:15 PM<br>8.30 PM<br>8.45 PM<br>9.15 PM<br>10.00 PM | <b>Killorglin Area</b><br>Golden Nugget, Fossa<br>Galvin's Bar, Beaufort<br>O'Grady's Bar, Killorglin<br>Francie Sheahan's Bar, Killorglin<br>Clifford's Tavern, Killorglin<br>The Plough, Milltown<br>Griffins Bar, Castlemaine |
| <b>1st Friday</b><br>8.45 PM<br>9.00 PM<br>9:30 PM<br>10:00 PM                          | <b>Kenmare, Tuosist &amp; Lauragh</b><br>Roughty Bar, Kenmare<br>O'Connors Bar, Kenmare<br>Sailors Bar, Killaha West<br>Helen's Bar Kilmacalogue  | <b>4th Friday</b><br>8.30 PM<br>9.30 PM<br>10.30 PM   | <b>Kenmare &amp; Sneem Area</b><br>The Roughty Bar, Kenmare<br>Riney's Bar, Sneem<br>Blackwater Tavern   |
| <b>3rd Monday</b><br>8.30 PM<br>9.00 PM<br>9:30 PM                                      | <b>Knocknagoshel &amp; Brosna</b><br>O'Connor's Bar, Knocknagoshel<br>Walsh's Bar, Knocknagoshel<br>Kate Pat's Bar, Brosna  | <b>Last Monday</b><br>8:00 PM<br>8:30 PM<br>9:00 PM<br>10.00 PM<br>10:15 PM                       | <b>Farranfore Area</b><br>Ulick's Bar, Farranfore<br>James Daly's Bar, Farranfore<br>Cunniffe's Bar, Currow<br>Butlers Bar, Furies<br>John Hendersons, Furies  |

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# Kerry County Development Plan Must Now Be Updated To Reflect New National Rural Planning Statement

– Cllr Jackie Healy-Rae -

Councillor Jackie Healy-Rae has welcomed the publication of the Government’s new National Planning Statement on Rural Housing and has said that Kerry County Council must now move quickly to incorporate the new policy into the Kerry County Development Plan, ensuring clarity and consistency for rural families seeking planning permission.

Cllr Healy-Rae said the publication of the new national framework represents an important step forward for rural Ireland, but stressed that its success will ultimately depend on how quickly it is implemented at local authority level.

“The publication of these new national guidelines is only the first step. The next and equally important step is ensuring that the Kerry County Development Plan is amended so that there is absolute clarity for applicants, planners, elected members and planning consultants alike.

“For too long there has been uncertainty surrounding rural housing applications. Families often found it difficult to understand what was expected of them, while similar applications could receive different outcomes depending on how policies were interpreted.”

“I have consistently argued that people with a genuine need to live in rural Kerry should be given a fair opportunity to do so while respecting proper planning principles and protecting our environment. These new national guidelines are intended to provide that balance.”

Cllr Healy-Rae said it is now essential that Kerry County Council begins the necessary work to align its planning policies with the new national framework.

“There must now be a clear process for updating our County Development Plan so that everyone involved in the planning process is working from the same rulebook. That will give certainty to applicants and ensure the new national policy is implemented as intended.”

He added that providing clarity would benefit young people hoping to build near family, returning emigrants wishing to come home, farming families planning for the next generation and rural communities seeking to remain vibrant.

“The objective must be straightforward. People should know exactly where they stand before investing significant time and money in a planning application. Greater consistency, transparency and certainty will benefit everyone.”

Cllr Healy-Rae said he looks forward to engaging with Kerry County Council as the new national policy is incorporated into the County Development Plan and ensuring that rural communities across Kerry receive the full benefit of the reforms announced by Government.

## Minister Norma Foley welcomes €27.8 million in funding for national community and voluntary organisations

The funding will be provided to 92 national community and voluntary organisations over the next three-and-a-half years.

These include the Disability Federation of Ireland, Irish Rural Link, the National Youth Council of Ireland, Women’s Aid, Special Olympics Ireland, Aware, Barnardos and Active Retirement Network Ireland.

These organisations provide much needed support services across the sector including health, disability, homelessness, children and young persons, older persons, equality and social inclusion sectors, amongst others.

The funding is being provided under a new round of the Scheme to Support National Organisations (SSNO) and will run until the end of 2029. Minister Foley said: “I welcome confirmation from my cabinet colleague, Minister for Rural and Community Development Dara Calleary, of €27.8 million in funding for national community and voluntary organisations over the next three-and-a-half years.”



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## 2026 Roads Funding for the Ballyhar to Killarney Road

Cllr. Brendan Cronin has welcomed Kerry County Councils allocation of €191,280 for road improvement works to be undertaken in 2026 on the L2019 Ballyhar to Killarney road. This funding will be concentrated on the upgrading of a 1500 meter section beginning just north of Two Mile Community NS heading towards Droumduigh. This is very important investment as this an extremely busy link road and the condition of the carriage way at this location is very poor and badly needs this upgrade.

“I also want to report that following my allocation of over €7,500, two solar powered speed limit indicators will be erected in the coming weeks on the L2019 on both approaches to the Ballydunlea and Ballinilane junctions and Ballyhar Church and carpark entrances. This work has been undertaken on foot of the results of recent council speed limit survey at this location and local concerns regarding pedestrian safety to and from the Church and carpark and traffic safety exiting from the two adjacent junctions”, Cllr. Cronin said.



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Oisín Murphy with the Summer Island team at the Curragh  
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**KERRY RACING NEWS**

Oisín Murphy's fleeting visit back to Ireland on Friday yielded one success at the Curragh when Summer Island prevailed for Co Down trainer Natalia Lupini.

Five times Britain's champion rider, Murphy is not seen on these shores so much and usually only on the biggest days.

The Killarney jockey was seen to great effect in the seven-furlong handicap, swooping late along the grandstand rail to pinch the race by half a length on the 11-4 favourite.

He was back to England for racing at York on Saturday where he rode a double. Murphy leads in the British jockeys' title race at present with another Irish-born prodigy, Billy Loughnane, in second.

**KILLARNEY VALLEY AC ATHLETES SHINE AT NATIONAL JUVENILE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Killarney Valley AC enjoyed another memorable weekend at the 123.ie Athletics Ireland National Juvenile Track & Field Championships with the club's young athletes producing a series of outstanding performances against the country's top competitors.

Leading the way were three national medal winners which highlight the club's continued success in developing talent in the technical

disciplines of hurdles and pole vault. Lauren McEvoy claimed a superb silver medal in the Girls' Under-17 100m Hurdles while producing a personal best time of 14.90 seconds to finish second in the country.

In the Boys' Under-15 Pole Vault Daniel Smith secured the bronze medal after clearing a new personal best height of 2.20 metres. Meanwhile Finn Moloney added another bronze for the club in the Boys' Under-18 Pole Vault, equalling his personal best of 2.45 metres.

The medal-winning performances were complemented by a strong showing from a large Killarney Valley AC squad competing across the two-day championships. Athletes represented the club with distinction in a range of events, demonstrating the strength and depth of talent being developed within the club.

The club would like to acknowledge the invaluable contribution of coaches, parents and supporters, whose dedication and commitment throughout the season continue to play a vital role in the athletes' success.

The championships marked another successful chapter for Killarney Valley AC, with the club once again establishing itself among Ireland's leading juvenile athletics clubs.

Please email the club on [killarneyvalleyac@gmail.com](mailto:killarneyvalleyac@gmail.com) if you would like to join the club.

**FOSSA ROWING CLUB KILLARNEY REGATTA A HUGE SUCCESS**

Last Sunday we took part in the 237th annual

Killarney Regatta, and what a day of superb rowing it was. Fossa were very well represented on the day with crews at all ages and the vocal support for every race was simply phenomenal. In the end we won a total of 13 first place wins and 6 second place finishes with our girls and womens crews in particular leading the way, winning all of their races!

These results are a testament to our hard working rowers and coaches who have put in a huge effort between the winter training at the Old Church gym or on the water. To see so many people of all ages competing in the red singlet was just brilliant and bodes very well for the future with the next generation looking on and even winning the Bonny Baby competition too!

A huge thanks must go to everyone who moved the boats down, helped with the marquee and food and assisted in any way. Thanks to our hard working committee, our fantastic coaches and coxes too for their dedication and leadership. Thanks also to the Killarney Regatta committee for organising another brilliant regatta.



Flesk Valley Rowers in action at the Killarney Regatta.




Fossa Rowers pictured at the Killarney Regatta

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Fossa Rowers and supporters pictured at the Killarney Regatta on Sunday.



**WORKMEN'S ROWING CLUB**

Workmen's Rowing Club was proud to compete in one of the key events on the domestic coastal rowing calendar — the Killarney Regatta, bringing tradition to the shores of Lough Leane at O'Mahony's Point.

This eagerly awaited regatta delivered competitive racing and showcased some of the finest rowing talent from clubs across the county last Sunday.

Several of our crews delivered impressive performances throughout the day and congratulations to everyone who raced on the day.

The event was superbly organised, and the positive atmosphere made it an enjoyable experience both on and off the water.

**LOOKING AHEAD: FLESK VALLEY CHAMPIONSHIP 2026**

Our attention now turns to one of the key events on the domestic coastal rowing calendar — the Flesk Valley Championship 2026, scheduled for 5th July 2026

This eagerly anticipated regatta promises exciting and highly competitive racing, showcasing the finest coastal rowing talent from clubs across the country and preparations at the club are in full swing.

**KILLARNEY BRIDGE CLUB**

**RESULTS MONDAY 20TH JUNE**

- 1st: Joan Culloty and Phyllis O'Regan
- 2nd: Eithne Coffey and Hazel O'Connell
- 3rd: Anne Looney and Marie Moloney

Congratulations to all the winners. **SUMMER BRIDGE** continues on Mondays at the Monastery School, New Road at 7pm. All are Welcome.



Workmen's Rowing Club members competing in the Killarney Regatta



Rowers from Flesk Valley today taking part in the Killarney Regatta 2026



Fossa Rowers pictured at the Killarney Regatta



Jonah Healy and Tadhg O' Donnell age category 8-9, taking part in the hyrox at Killarney Racecourse on Sunday. Also Tadhg's sister Beibhinn and Amber Rose O'Donoghue



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- 2nd: John O'Driscoll 36 (23)

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- 1st: Niall O'Brien 36 (10)
- 2nd: Kevin O'Callaghan 33 (10)

### Division 2

- 1st: John Cuskelly 36 (13)
- 2nd: John Ivory 36 (16)

### Division 3

- 1st: Gerard Murphy 33 (20)
- 2nd: Patrick Gallagher 31 (39)

ON THURSDAY 25TH OUR SENIORS HELD THEIR WEEKLY 10 HOLE COMPETITION.

The winners were

- 1st: Michael J Casey 20pts.
- 2nd: Dermot O'Connor 19 pts
- 3rd: Donal Doherty 16 pts.
- 4th: John Fleming 15pts

CALLAWAY SUMMER OPEN SERIES (TUESDAY OPEN DAYS)

June 16th result

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- 2nd: Adrian Allman, Ross GC, 19 pts

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## CASTLEROSSE GC - LADIES BRANCH

### INFORMATION EVENING

An information evening on the Master Scored Card took place on the 25th June in the Castlerosse Hotel, providing attendees with an overview of the programme, its benefits, and how it can support professional development. Participants had the opportunity to ask questions, gain insights in the scoring process, and learn more about the opportunities available through the Master Scored Card initiative. Thank you to Donal and our Lady Captain Finola for organising the evening.

### MIXED SCRAMBLE 23RD JUNE, RESULTS:

- 1st: Barbara O'Shea, David Culhane, Donal O'Reilly (36) net 27.8
- 2nd: John Carlton, Gina O'Shea, Donie Green,

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## ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB

### CHALLENGE CUP

Well done to our Ladies who competed in the Challenge Trophy against Tralee Golf Club on Saturday. Tralee were victorious and we wish them all the best in the next round.

### NOREEN MOORE CUP

Well done to our Ladies who competed in the Noreen Moore competition against Ceann Sibeal Golf Club in the first round. Ceann Sibeal were overall winners. The second round away fixture is to be set.

### COMPETITIONS

Saturday 4th July 2026: 9 & 18 - hole single Stableford competition. Enter via the BRS App  
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Meet in the Club House 10.00am tee off 10.30am. 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

## BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB

### MEN'S CAPTAIN'S PRIZE COMPETITION RESULTS

On Sunday 28 June, we held the Men's Captain's Prize Competition. Format - Strokeplay, White tees

- 1st: James Kelleher - net score 66 (24)\*
- 2nd: Noel O'Hanlon - net score 67 (12)
- 3rd: Shane Ferris - net score 68 (25) (last nine holes)

Best Gross: Stephen Crooks 75 (4)

### Other winners on the day:

- 4th: Stephen Riordan - net score 68 (19)
- 5th: Niall O'Brien - net score 69 (22)
- 6th: Richard Gallagher - net score 70 (18)
- Best Front 9: Jason Giles - 30 (23)
- Best Back 9: Time Cronin - 34 (20)
- Past Captain: Pat Quill - net score 70 (23)

Nearest The Pin: Paddy Gumley

Longest Drive: Denis (Scart) O'Sullivan

Guest Prize: Tom Lyne (Castlerosse GC)

\*Denotes playing handicap on the day of the competition

NEXT WEEKEND 4/5 JULY - 18 Hole Stableford - White & Yellow Tees. Sponsor - The Men's Club

## DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB

### MUNSTER U16 MATCHPLAY

Both Fionn McMonagle and Aodhan O'Halloran reached the semi-finals of the Boys Championship last Saturday in Collins in Cork before being defeated. Aodhan would also win the U13 prize at the St Annes Open last Monday evening. Best Wishes to our U16's in general in this Saturday's County U16 Strokeplay in Listowel.

### NATIONAL O55'S STROKEPLAY

Well done to Connie O'Sullivan Jnr on a fifth place finish at the Intermediate Mens event in Rochfortbridge, Co Westmeath last Saturday.

### CASTLEISLAND SCRATCH CUPS

Eileen McCarthy won the Ladies Gross Prize last Saturday while Gearóid Cronin tied for the winning score in the Intermediate Mens event but had to ultimately settle for third on countback. John McGrath was also fourth in the Senior Mens event.

### BOB CASEY

Unfortunately, our 'Blue' team had to settle for third overall in the County Board's Inter-Club Strokeplay event which finished in Listowel on June 23rd last but there was the consolation of James Foley winning the Junior Mens category and Eileen McCarthy winning the Ladies category.

### FLESK RESTAURANT SUMMER SERIES

June 24th Results- Winners: Alan O'Sullivan, Scott O'Sullivan & Rory Moynihan 37¼ and Runners-Up: Connie O'Sullivan, Ella Lowe &



Ross Ladies Challenge Cup team pictured from left to right Lady Captain Elaine Casey, Bridget McGuire, Bridie Brosnan, Jennifer Nash, Kitty O'Grady, Noreen O'Mahony, Emer Brosnan, Miriam Hickey, Mona Looney & Bridie Doyle



Ross Ladies Noreen Moore team pictured left to right Mary Gorman, Mona Looney, Miriam Hickey, Emer Brosnan, Bridget McGuire, Bridie Brosnan, Jennifer Nash, Lady Captain Elaine Casey, Noreen O'Mahony & Betty O'Farrell

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Colin Murphy 37½. After the Wednesday July 1st event, these events are postponed until July 22nd with the club's preparations for hosting the upcoming Munster Strokeplay.

### SUNDAY DRAWS

Two Ball Scramble- First Nett: John Murphy & Dan Kiely 29½, Gross: Gerry Kelliher & Gerard O'Brien 47 and Second Nett: John Looney & Dan Kiely 35½. No further draws over the next few Sundays due to the Munster Strokeplay preparations.

### MUNSTER STROKEPLAY QUALIFIERS

Our best wishes to our club members heading to Castleisland on Sunday morning trying to qualify for the finals on our course on the weekend of July 19th. A reminder the event is a dress code competition.

### COURSE CLOSED

After this Sunday July 5th we are closed to the general public until Monday July 20th due to our preparations for the staging of the Munster Strokeplay Finals.

### DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

The club was immensely saddened to learn of the death of Eileen Foley of our Club Strokeplay sponsors Charlie Foley's Bar late last week. Eileen's son James serves on our Committee



Deerpark Pitch & Putt Club members Fionn O'Callaghan, Aodhan O'Halloran, Fionn McMonagle (beaten Championship semi-finalists) and Daniel Quinlan pictured at the Munster U16 Matchplay in Collins, Co Cork last Saturday. Missing from photo Ben O'Sullivan

while her son Colm has been a great supporter of the club over the last 20 years and more. Our sincerest condolences to James, Colm, their siblings and extended family at this time. As a mark of respect the club postponed the Club Strokeplay itself which was due to be played this week.

## Teeing up Kerry at important North American golf tourism convention

Tourism Ireland's drive to grow golf visitor numbers from North America continued at the IAGTO North American Convention in Cancún, in Mexico, last week.

Ten golf and tourism operators from Ireland, including Ballybunion Golf Club and SWING Golf Ireland (based in Tralee), joined Tourism Ireland at the convention – which was attended by influential golf and travel professionals from around the world. The event involved two days of one-to-one, pre-scheduled appointments and networking sessions, providing a valuable opportunity for the companies from Ireland to negotiate business for 2026 and beyond.

Tourism Ireland has also participated in other IAGTO Conventions this year – including the Asian Convention in Pattaya, in Thailand, in March, and the European Convention in Málaga, in Spain, in May.



Tourism companies from the island of Ireland at IAGTO North American Convention in Cancún, with Brendan Keogh, SWING Golf Ireland (left); Paul O'Dea, Tourism Ireland (seventh left); John Eggleston, Ballybunion Golf Club (fourth right); Beth Greenan, Tourism NI (third right); and Joe Murphy, Fáilte Ireland (second right).



The return of fine weather brought a real summer atmosphere to Kerry as locals and visitors headed outdoors to enjoy the warm weather. One of the highlights was Aqua Golf At Aqua Dome in Tralee. After months of redevelopment, the completely overhauled course design will deliver a fresh, modern, and more exciting experience for visitors of all ages. It features redesigned holes, new carpet greens, improved landscaping, refreshed water features, upgraded pathways and steps, galvanised vibrant red railings and a fully modernized guest experience. The O'Sullivan family Dad Enda and kids Charlie 11, JJ 8 and Ogir aged 5 from Kerry testing their skills on the Fun Golf Course. Photo By: Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD



Mags O'Sullivan Centre Manager in the Aqua Dome, Tralee testing her skills on the Fun Golf Course in a fun-filled afternoon. Photo By : Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD .

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# BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB CAPTAINS PRIZE

## 28TH JUNE 2026

### LADIES DOUBLES MATCHPLAY FINAL

Well one would be forgiven to think that Garth Brooks could have been found down the 3rd fairway of Beaufort Golf Club belting out the lyrics of one of his famous songs... and as the song goes

"And the thunder rolls and the lightning strikes" that is exactly the scene that played out on Thursday evening last as the final of the Ladies doubles matchplay final took place.

Rita Kelleher and Marie Flood took off into a flying lead over Laura Furlong and Mary Jo Coffey with a 2-up lead after two holes and were well on their way before they had to head to the club house to let the miserable weather pass. After almost 30 minutes the final resumed and to be fair the weather behaved with the ladies enjoying a wonderful, closely fought, very tight battle. The fact that there was only one shot being given between the pairings, made it a final that sky sports would be thrilled to cover. As the evening rolled on so did the scores and the holes counted down with the winning pair of Laura Furlong and Mary Jo Coffey taking the victory on the 17th hole. Lady Captain Mary Garvey would like to thank all the ladies who participated in the matchplay and congratulated the four ladies on a great final with some outstanding golf being played by both pairings.

### CAPTAIN CHARLIE MCAULEYS PRIZE TO THE LADIES

Congratulations to Captain Charlie McAuley on a very successful Captains Day on Sunday 28th June.

It was very generous and kind of Captain Charlie to put up three prizes for the Ladies on his big day.

**The winners on the day were :**

- 1st: Kathleen Cronin
- 2nd: Geraldine Collins
- 3rd: Maeve Quirke

### MENS CAPTAINS DAYS

Congratulations to Captain Charlie McAuley on a very successful Captains Day on Sunday 28th June.

There was a fantastic turnout out of golfers with a full time-sheet for the men for the stroke play competition.

The weather played its part as the day went on, leaving the drizzle of rain and wind behind and the sun came out warming the golfers as they participated in the most prestigious competition in the club calendar. Captain Charlie sent every golfer on their way with a lovely goody bag to help enhance their day. Captain Charlie had a spectacular display of prizes. Each prize going to a very worthy winner.



Captain Charlie presenting Past Captains prize to Pat Quill.



Captain Charlie presenting his first prize to James Kelleher.

There was a tremendous turnout for the prizegiving which was a true reflection on the admiration and respect that all the members have for Captain Charlie. Captain Charlie thanked General Manager Pauline and all her front office staff for all their help and support they have given him throughout his year. All the golfers availed of the hospitality provided by Britta and her staff and Sebastian and his crew in the kitchen after their round. Captain Charlie praised Padraig Bruton and his hardworking greenkeeping staff (and the newly installed robots) for having the course in such excellent condition.

The scores were incredibly close with some marvellous golf played.

The honours of the past captains' prize went to the 2006 Captain - Pat Quill.

There must have been great excitement with Paddy Gumley hit his shot on the 15th hole to find himself only 6'5" away, to win the nearest to the pin competition.

Longest drive on the 8th hole was driven a country mile by Denis Scart O Sullivan to claim the title.

For the fourth year in a row, Stephen Crookes won the Gross prize with a remarkable score of



Captain Charlie McAuley and his wife Colette.

75. Following the prizegiving Captain Charlie and the members enjoyed a beautiful meal in the newly refurbished Castle Corr restaurant at Beaufort Golf Club. A good night of chat, banter, shots being replayed, advice and fun was had by all.

Winning the Captains Prize is considered one of the highest honours a member can achieve, and James Kelleher can now add his name to that wonderful list.

- 1st: James Kelleher (24) 66 nett
- 2nd: Noel O'Hanlon (12) 67 nett
- Best Gross: Stephen Crookes (4) 75 nett
- 3rd: Shane Ferris (25) 68 nett
- 4th: Stephen Riordan (19) 68 nett
- 5th: Niall O'Brien (22) 69 nett
- 6th: Richard Gallagher (18) 70 nett
- Front 9: Jason Giles (25) 30 nett
- Back 9: Tim Cronin (20) 34 nett
- Past Captain: Pat Quill (23) 70 nett
- Nearest the Pin: Paddy Gumley 6'5"
- Longest Drive: Denis Scart O Sullivan
- Guest: Tom Lyne

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Booking for the Killarney Celtic Summer Camps are now open. Week 2 is Monday July 13th - Friday July 17th. Booking through the clubzap link on our social media pages. For more information contact 086 224 3435

**CONDOLENCES**

Killarney Celtic extends its condolences to the Horan family following the recent passing of Tomas's sister.

**APPOINTMENTS**

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# HOME WIN FOR KERRY FC

**Kerry FC 2-1 Longford Town**

By David Moriarty

On Friday evening, Kerry FC were back at home in Mounthawk Park when they took on Longford Town in Tralee. The Kingdom looked to be in very high spirits going into the game, winning two on the bounce after last week's massive win in Belfield, after taking all three points home from their trip to the Capital when they took on UCD AFC.

It meant heading into the match with Longford Town, Kerry FC were just four points off the playoff places, with certain results around the grounds meaning they could have finished the night just one point off Wexford in 5th place.

Longford Town started the evening ahead of Kerry FC by just three points, so a win in the Kingdom's favour could make a huge difference in the race for promotion. Longford wanted to get back on track after last week's massive 5-2 loss away to Bray Wanderers, where goalkeeper Kian Moore was sent off after just twenty minutes.

A big home crowd was expected as Kerry FC looked to win three games in-a-row for the first time in their short three and a half year history. And the Mounthawk faithful got what they came for.

**FIRST HALF**

Kerry FC got proceedings underway in Mounthawk Park, looking to impose themselves early, but the opening exchanges developed into a cautious and competitive contest with both sides trying to settle into possession and gain control in midfield. There was little to separate the teams in the early stages and, despite plenty of energy from both sides, neither goalkeeper was significantly tested as defences remained on top. Kerry began to show more attacking intent as the half progressed. In the twentieth minute, an intricate passage of play involving Vince Borden and Cian Brosnan opened up space for Daniel Okwute. Daniel drove forward and opted to test his luck from outside the area, but his effort failed to trouble CJ Odum.

Just two minutes later, Kerry threatened once again when Vince Borden connected sweetly with a half-volley from distance. The strike looked promising as it travelled towards the goal, but it drifted narrowly wide of the target.

The home side continued to push forward and nearly found a breakthrough in the thirtieth minute. Following a foul on Daniel Okwute in a dangerous area, Cian Brosnan stepped up to deliver a powerful free kick which forced Odum into an impressive save, the Longford goalkeeper tipping the effort over the crossbar.

Kerry remained the more threatening side for the remainder of the half, and Brosnan came close again in the fortieth minute. Receiving possession just inside the penalty area, he created enough room for himself before sending a low effort that



Ryan Perez beats his man.  
Photo: Konrad

narrowly passed the left-hand post. With one minute added at the end of the opening period, neither side could find the finishing touch, and the teams went into the break level after a hard-fought but scoreless first half.

**SECOND HALF**

Kerry resumed with positive intent after the restart and almost immediately looked dangerous. In the forty-eighth minute, Daniel Okwute stepped forward confidently and struck a powerful effort from long range, but Odum gathered comfortably. Longford created an opportunity of their own in the fifty-second minute when Pharrell Manuel laid the ball back into the path of Andy Paraschiv, whose strike sailed over the crossbar.

Kerry responded immediately, and Vince Borden again looked threatening as he tried his luck from distance, but his effort also travelled over the bar. The visitors enjoyed a stronger spell midway through the second period, and Dean Williams came close in the fifty-seventh minute when a dangerous effort flashed narrowly past the post. Colin Healy looked to freshen things up shortly afterwards, introducing Luke Palmer in place of Cian Brosnan in the fifty-eighth minute before Cian Bargary replaced Ryan Perez in the sixty-sixth minute.

Longford again threatened in the sixty-eighth minute when Williams found himself arriving at the back post, but he could not make the necessary connection, and the chance drifted harmlessly wide.

Kerry came agonisingly close to taking the lead in the seventy-fourth minute through Daniel Okwute. He unleashed a superb strike from distance, which crashed off the inside of the left post, somehow staying out in what looked certain to be the opening goal.

The home side continued pressing and, one minute later, substitute Cian Bargary delivered an inviting ball across the area which was intercepted by Odum before any Kerry FC attackers could apply the finishing touch. The breakthrough finally arrived in the eightieth minute. Bargary again played a crucial role, producing an excellent

delivery into the penalty area which found Cian Murphy making a run towards the near post. Murphy supplied the decisive touch to send Mounthawk Park into celebration and hand Kerry a deserved lead.

Longford responded quickly however, and restored parity just two minutes later. Following a scramble outside the area, the ball fell kindly to Andy Paraschiv, who produced an excellent finish into the bottom-right corner. Kerry refused to let the setback affect them and regained the lead dramatically in the eighty-seventh minute. Sean O'Connell delivered an excellent corner into the area, and Vince Borden rose highest, directing a header goalwards as the ball bundled over the line to restore the Kingdom advantage.

With the clock winding down, Colin Healy turned to his bench and introduced Colin Healy for his debut in place of Daniel Okwute in the eighty-eighth minute as Kerry looked to see out the closing moments.

The final whistle soon followed, and Kerry FC celebrated a hard-earned victory as goals from Cian Murphy and Vince Borden secured a memorable 2-1 win and all three points in Mounthawk Park.

It meant that Kerry FC won their third game in a row for the first time in their short history and were only just one point from the playoff places. They now have to play back-to-back away games before welcoming Shelbourne in the FAI Cup, in what is a big month ahead for the Kingdom.

Kerry FC Team: Matthew Connor; Sean O'Connell, Cian Murphy (GOAL '80), Daniel Okwute, Jonas Häkkinen, Cian Brosnan, Samuel Aladesanusi, Ryan Perez, Vince Borden (GOAL '87), Niall Brookwell (C), Ewan Lee.

Subs Used: Colin Healy, Luke Palmer, Cian Bargary. Longford Town Team: CJ Odum; Osaze Irhue, Taylor McCarthy, Jamie Egan (C), Pharrell Manuel, Sean Moore, Sultan Adenekan, Andy Paraschiv (GOAL '83), Jake Hough, Dean Williams, Darragh Murtagh.

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**CLUB ORANGE WOMEN'S FAI CUP**

**SUPERB VICTORY FOR KERRY FC IN THE FIRST ROUND**

**Drogheda United 1-3 Kerry FC**

By David Moriarty

Kerry FC's Women's Development League side marked a memorable milestone in club history with a superb 3-1 victory over Drogheda United in the First Round of the Club Orange Women's FAI Cup at Sullivan & Lambe Park, Drogheda. It was the first time the Development side competed in the competition, and Joan Croke's side delivered an impressive performance to book their place in the second round.

In 2026, the League of Ireland Academy introduced the Women's Development League to support players leaving the Under-17 grade to make their way towards senior football with an Under-23 league. With that came a golden ticket into the Women's FAI Cup, marking Kerry's first appearance in the competition in the club's short history.

**FIRST HALF**

The hosts settled quickly in Drogheda, and Kerry had an early sight of goal when Melanie Higgins tested Ellen Meade in the fifth minute, with the effort being turned behind for a corner which ultimately came to nothing.

Drogheda responded positively and came close to opening the scoring in the tenth minute when Caitlin O'Donohoe struck the crossbar. Jessica Pirtac then went close in the eighteenth minute, firing an effort wide of the left-hand post as the home side looked to build momentum.

The breakthrough arrived in the twentieth minute when Drogheda were awarded a penalty following a foul on Abby Molloy. Caitlin O'Donohoe stepped up and converted from the spot to put the hosts ahead.

Kerry continued to threaten, and Laura Falvey delivered an excellent cross in the twenty-fifth minute that Drogheda managed to clear. The visitors found their equaliser four minutes later when Melanie Higgins won a penalty before calmly converting herself to bring Kerry level. The Kingdom continued to push forward, and



*Kerry celebrate Laura Falvey's goal.  
Photo: Andy Murray*

Maggie Quirke produced an excellent save in the thirty-seventh minute to deny Alannah Brown and preserve parity. Kerry then struck just before the break with a moment of real quality. In the forty-second minute, Laura Falvey unleashed a superb effort from distance to put Joan Croke's side ahead and give Kerry a 2-1 advantage at half-time. A definite goal of the season contender!

**SECOND HALF**

Kerry began the second period strongly and nearly extended their lead in the forty-eighth minute when Melanie Higgins struck the post. Higgins remained a constant threat and saw another effort saved in the sixty-fifth minute after Kerry had introduced Caoimhe McCarthy and Emma Murnane from the bench.

The visitors eventually added a third goal in the seventy-first minute when Higgins grabbed her second of the afternoon to give Kerry breathing space.

Further changes saw Amelia Carroll Kelly, Aisling Hardiman and Fiona McCarthy introduced as Kerry controlled the closing stages. Laura Falvey came close to adding another goal, while

Drogheda efforts from Suvi O'Connor and Jessica Pirtac failed to trouble the scoreline as the hosts threw the kitchen sink at the Kingdom in the closing stages

It was a memorable afternoon for Kerry FC as their first-ever Club Orange Women's FAI Cup outing ended in victory and progression to the 2nd Round, where they will face SSE Airtricity Women's Premier Division side Bohemians in what is sure to be a very difficult assignment for the young Kerry outfit.

Drogheda United Team: Ellen Meade; Layla Woods, Isabelle McKeever, Kayla Abdul-Kareem, Ava Canty, Laura Frawley, Jessica Pirtac, Sophie O Boyle, Caitlin O'Donohoe (GOAL PEN '22), Hannah McLoughlin, Abby Molloy

Subs Used: Noelle Coyle, Isabel Hetherton, Alannah Brown

Kerry FC Team: Maggie Quirke; Saorlath Murphy, Aideen Riedy, Suvi O'Connor, Mollie Duggan, Melanie Higgins (GOAL PEN '29, '71), Rebecca Flanagan, Laura Falvey (GOAL '42), Julia Sobczak, Airida Mateviciute, Aisling Kelly

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**DR CROKES**

**U21 COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP**

*Dr. Crokes 0-10 St. Kieran's 1-09*

We bowed out of the U21 County Championship following a hard-fought two-point defeat to St. Kieran's. A closely contested first half saw us trail by the minimum at the break, 0-04 to 0-05, with a superb save from Kacper Robak denying St. Kieran's a goal and Ben Kelliher landing an excellent two-pointer to keep Crokes in touch. St. Kieran's struck for the decisive goal early in the second half, but we responded well through scores from Dara O'Shea, Sean Kiely, Mark O'Carroll and Ben Kelliher. Despite battling to the final whistle, we were unable to overturn the deficit as St. Kieran's ran out 1-09 to 0-10 winners.

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**LOTTO**

took place on June 29th Numbers drawn were 3, 4, 20, 25. Jackpot of €7,700 was WON. Jackpot for draw on July 6th will be €5,000. Play online by following the link below <https://member.clubspot.app/club/dr-crokes-gaa/fundraisers>

**BINGO**

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

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Amy O'Donovan and Colm Hickey on their wedding Day.

**BEST OF LUCK** to Shane, Mark, Gavin, Evan, Tony, Micheal, Charlie and the Kerry team in the All-Ireland Semi Final.

**CONDOLENCES** to the Foley family on the passing of Eileen. May she rest in peace.

**NOTES**

If anyone has anything they want to add to our club notes please email communications. [drcrokes.kerry@gaa.ie](mailto:drcrokes.kerry@gaa.ie)

**FOSSA GAA**

**LOTTO**

The numbers drawn on 28/06/2026 for a jackpot of €9,300 were 7, 20, 22, 27. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Gavin Miller, Colin Miller, Billy O'Leary, Tess Crowley, Pat and Norma Talbot.. 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>

**U-13 BOYS**

We welcomed Spa GAA to Fossa yesterday evening for the final game of our U13 East Kerry League campaign.

It was a tough campaign for our boys, playing with a very young team and coming up against some strong opposition throughout. Despite a number of losses along the way, there has been huge learning and development in every game. With Spa topping the group, the challenge was always going to be a big one. The lads were outstanding last night, producing their



Shane O'Riordan presenting Girls u14 Glenflesk team with Quarter Zips last Wednesday. Photo Jerh Healy.

best performance of the season to record a deserved victory. At one stage we found ourselves well behind, but the boys never gave up, showing incredible heart, work rate, skill and determination to battle their way back and finish strongly.

Every player made a huge contribution and it was great to see the progress that has been made over the course of the league rewarded with a win against a very good Spa side.

Thanks to Spa for a sporting and entertaining game this evening.

Finally, congratulations to Spa on winning the East Kerry League. A well-deserved achievement after an excellent campaign, and we wish them the very best going forward.

**SENIOR LADIES**

Fossa Senior Ladies delivered a composed and ultimately decisive win over Spa, with the influence of the new rules evident from the opening stages, shaping how both teams approached their scoring opportunities. Spa competed strongly throughout and were active around the contest, winning frees and generating turnover ball, but Fossa's ability to transition quickly and punish mistakes proved critical. The new rules favoured Fossa's approach stretching play, creating space, and capitalising on scoring chances.

At half time Fossa held the lead (Fossa 2-5, Spa 0-4), having made more effective use of key moments. While both sides produced turnovers, Fossa's return from these situations converting them into significant scores highlighted a more clinical edge under new game conditions. A well-taken two point free by Ava in the 2nd half (the 1st by a Senior ladies player in a home game) was one of many highlights in a great game for the neutrals. Our restart efficiency also played a major role and our near complete control allowed us to dictate tempo, and our shot selection and scoring efficiency was stronger overall. The new rules rewarded that discipline, and Fossa maintained control in the closing stages, managed the game intelligently and continued to exploit the space and scoring opportunities created. In the end Fossa ran out well deserved winners on a final scoreline of Fossa 3-12, Spa 1-8.

**COMMUNITY GAMES**

A huge congratulations to our Fossa U12 boys on being crowned Munster Community Games Soccer Champions.

This is the first time Fossa have won this U12 title since 2016, making it a particularly special achievement. It's likely that some of the boys from that 2016 winning team are now proudly lining out for our current senior team—a great reminder of the pathway from underage success to senior football.

Well done to all the players, coaches and families on a fantastic achievement. Best of luck to the boys in the next stage of their journey.

**LEGION GAA**

**LOTTO**

Lotto results: 2,19,27,28. Bonus 18. Match 3s/ Lucky Dips: Mary Healy, Theresa O'Neill, Kieran Herlihy

**SUMMER CAMP**

The summer camp is back again this year commencing Tuesday 4th August until Friday 7th August 10am to 1pm for boys and girls aged 4-13. You can register at [Legiongaa.com](http://Legiongaa.com)

**SENIOR LADIES**

Our senior ladies played their penultimate Co league game away to laune rangers this eve. In a fiercely contested game laune rangers led by 2 pts at the break. The lead was extended



Killarney Legion U8s travelled to Listry for a fantastic evening of Go Games football.

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mid way through the 2nd half with some well taken points but we stayed in touch with some good scores of our own. A well taken goal by A Fitzgerald got us within touching distance only For the home team to score a goal with the next attack. Legion pushed hard towards the end and reduced the lead to 2 points and on another night may have got a positive result. Nice to see minor player Kate Fleming make her senior debut. Well done to Laune Rangers on a great game and to the ref on the night. Laune R 2-14 Legion 1-15

Our final league game away to Abbeydorney on Wed.

**MINOR BOYS**

**MINOR COUNTY LEAGUE. DIVISION 1B LAUNE RANGERS 2-16 LEGION 0-15**

**Our minor boys travelled to Cloon earlier in the week to begin their county league campaign.**

The first half was a tight affair with the hosts leading 1-05 to 0-7.

Laune Rangers took control early in the second half and with over ten minutes remaining lead by 8 (we had it that we were down by 6).

We closed to gap to 3, (when it fact it should have being 1) with a couple of minutes left.

We tried for a goal but got caught on the counter attack and Laune Rangers scored 1-01 to run out winners.

We are at home next week v Churchill who had a big win over Austin Stacks so that will be a tough match

**U16 BOYS DIV9**

**U16 County League Div 9 Rd 2**

**Killarney Legion 4-14 GGC 3-9**

Our U16B Team hosted GGC in Rd 2 of the County League in Johnny Culloty Park last Monday evening. After a very strong first half performance we lead by 1-8 to 0-3 at half time. GGC battled very hard in the second half but the lads maintained their lead to run out deserved winners. Well done to all the lads. Thanks to GGC players and management for a fine sporting game

**U12 GIRLS**

Our u 12 girls played near neighbours Spa in Killarney Legion Johnny Culloty park This was the return fixture of the county league



Scartaglen/Cordal Girls u14 team and mentors. Winners of Div 3 Co. Final at Glenflesk last Sunday.

go games.

Two 9 a side game were played out in glorious weather on an evening ideal for football.

The hard work the girls are putting in at training is telling and the girls are improving each week.

Thanks to Spa for visiting and playing 2 very sporting games and to referee Justin Healy for refereeing on the evening

**U13 BOYS**

Final game of the East Kerry league took place for our u 13 boys.

Firies were the visitors to Johnny Culloty park on a glorious evening.

Firies ran into an early lead kicking some good scores and pressing our defence forcing mistakes and turnovers and they took full advantage.

Our lads settled shortly before the first water break and started to click and get some good scores of our own.

Some of the younger lads come on in the second half and made a big impression putting in a big shift Firies rallied in the third quarter and had our lads under pressure and asking lots of questions of ourselves.

We dug deep and kicked the last few points to leave the final score, Killarney Legion 5-20 Firies 3-16

Thanks to Mike Morrissey for excellenf refereeing and also to Firies for a good sporting game.

That ends the u13 competitive games for this year. Thanks to the clubs who accommodated

us by playing games on different nights and also thanks to the Eastkerry board for organising the competition

**CONDOLENCES**

The club sends its condolences to the family and friends of Niamh Horan Williams who sadly passed away last week.

Sympathy also to the family and relatives of Eileen foley who passed away. May they rest in peace

**EAST KERRY**

**U14 COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP**

St Brendans 4-08 East Kerry 5-15

South Kerry 4-09 Eoghan Rua 5-16

**U13 EAST KERRY LEAGUE**

Rathmore 0-20 Kilcummin 1-18

Legion 5-20 Firies 3-16

**EAST KERRY JUNIOR LEAGUES 2026**

**Division 1 & 2 Round 2, Tuesday 7th July at 7:30pm**

Rathmore V Firies

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Dr. Crokes bye

**Division 2**

Kilcummin V Listry

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**THE WEE COUNTY'S ON A ROLL**

By Nicky Barry

If you ask most sporting folk, about football in Louth, They'll mention their soccer teams, of which they are proud. There's Dundalk and Drogheda, who have had their shares, Of cups and league titles, but they can't compare, With the exploits of their county, all this summer long, Playing Gaelic football, to recall memories long gone. I worked up in Dowdallshill, in the summer of '57, Milking cows on Lynch's farm, and it was like heaven, For that year the Merry Ploughman, Ardee's Dermot O'Brien, Hoisted Sam Maguire in Croker, and grown Louth men cried. They beat Cork in the final, and the county went bananas, For men, women and children, became GAA fanatics. As Down were hopeless at the time, I joined in the fun, Never ever thinking, that soon Down's time would come.


In the intervening years, the Wee County was fodder, To big counties in Leinster, who hammered them no bother, Till this year something happened, and Louth beat the Dubs, And then Armagh and Monaghan, with the help of subs. Shortly they will meet Mayo, and they have a chance, To emulate the glory, of that long ago romance!





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## KERRY SURVIVE AFTER TITANIC STRUGGLE

### All Ireland Quarter-Final Kerry 2-25 Tyrone 0-27

Kerry came into this one on quite a high. After that sumptuous display against a very tough Armagh outfit, the general presumption by many people (including me) was that we had burned off the dirty petrol and were about to start hitting turbo. And there were periods in the game where it felt like we were about to do that. Except that Tyrone stayed with us, never let us pull away, and came very close to snatching a famous victory. Remember 2020? I do, all too well. I was remembering it quite a bit in the latter stages – I'll put it this way, the players weren't the only ones sweating at that stage!

Both sides left a scoring chance behind them before Michael McKernan was called for a late challenge and Paudie Clifford coolly drove the two pointer straight between the posts. A marker laid down for a cheering Kerry crowd. Except that Kerry followed up with a slightly careless turnover and Tyrone came down the field, Conn Kilpatrick racing in unchallenged to send over a great two pointer from play. Marker picked up very impressively – great kick, but no pressure put on?

Kilpatrick followed up by giving it inside to Ethan Jordan for a score. Well-executed, but I'm one of nature's worriers and again, I felt that was a little too easy. I want our defence asking harder questions of them.

Great kick-out by Shane Murphy and great Kerry move. David Clifford let the ball go past him, turned and hit turbo, chipped it up, little side-step, and straight over from a tight angle. The skill level, the balance....you just can't defend that.

Joe O'Connor turned over – I felt that he was trying a bit too hard to force something – and once again Tyrone moved it quickly and Seánie O'Donnell curled it over. They aren't wasting



Action from the Kerry V Tyrone game.  
Photos: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans

any time dithering in attack, are they? David Clifford with his second point, but back came Tyrone instantly and Eoin McElholm opened his account. Ronan Cassidy with another. 0-6 to 0-4.

It looks to me like the middle third is a maelstrom. Kick-outs are absolutely vital. Shane Murphy is doing brilliantly, but it's not Niall Morgan's first rodeo either. Both inside attacking lines are quite capable of making hay. Right now, I'd give Tyrone a slight edge; they seem to be having a bit more success bottling up our ball-carriers, even if they aren't as clinical with their own chances. Arrah, early days.

Case in point. Paudie Clifford turned over by good pressure and once again, Tyrone attacked fast and hard, none of that probing around the defensive shield probing for an opening stuff. Mattie Donnelly put a goal between the teams. Could have been more. We weren't in trouble yet, far from it, but this ain't going to be any procession!

Better from Kerry. David Clifford again. A tap-over by his standards. Let's be honest, all Kerry have to do is get the ball to him.

Paul Geaney, nice little cut-back to open space and he put it over. One point game now. Is it

just me, or have Kerry lifted a gear?

They have now! That was a goal from nothing. Gavin with a great burst of pace. I was almost certain that he had taken it a step too far but he managed to release it – I don't think it was a 'handpass' so much as just releasing it a fraction of second before he was dispossessed. And David just reached out one of those telescopic arms, gathered it, and his feet were already moving to his left. Still plenty to do, but he picked the perfect spot and smashed it home. Ethan Jordan has already missed a few chances, but this time he kicked a brilliant two pointer to level matters. Tyrone have obviously put work into their distance kicking, and it's paying off. Diarmuid O'Connor missed a good chance but made instant amends after good work by Dylan Geaney.

A sixth wide by Tyrone. At the other end Dylan Geaney was clearly brimming with confidence. He twisted to shake Michael Rafferty off before smoothly sending the leather between the posts. Kerry ahead by two.

Tyrone played the ball back to Kieran McGeary. He took one look and unleashed it – too ambitious an effort, I thought – I was wrong. Another orange flag, and Tyrone were level.



Action from the Kerry V Tyrone game. Photos: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans



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Good run by Mike Breen and a handy free for David. Dylan Geaney followed up with a great point. He's been finding space from the start; now his team-mates know to look for him. There's only two points in it, but Kerry's two-pronged attack is beginning to really hurt Tyrone.

That was a good reply by Michael McKernan, though, took his point very well. Their defence coughed up a bit of a lazy free, though, easy one for Paul Geaney.

There's the hooter. Kerry leading by two points, 1-11 to 0-12. Cracking first half, in fairness, great football by both sides. Little bit frenetic, perhaps, no harm at all in that. I don't want to be watching football played at half-pace; this is definitely all in. Kerry look capable of putting on a big scoring burst at any given moment. But Tyrone...seven wides to three...they'll be feeling that they don't need too much of an improvement.

Second half. Good defending by Tyrone, Ronan Casidy getting in a great hand just as Joe O'Connor was about to shoot for goal, and instead Kieran McGeary won a handy free for Ethan Jordan at the other end. Back to one between them.

Fantastic football by Kerry. Superb fetch by Mark O'Shea, good pass to Graham O'Sullivan, and he sent a beautiful ball into Dylan Geaney. Gather, swivel, shoot....orange flag. That whole move took maybe twelve seconds.

Great run by Gavin White. Unceremoniously ended by Conn Kilpatrick. Is that a black card? I honestly thought it looked at least borderline, but the referee deemed it accidental. Still, Paul popped over the free, we'll take it.

Kieran McGeary into Mattie Donnelly and a fine point. Two great soldiers for Tyrone.

Darren McCurry on. Tyrone do have dangerous scorers on their bench; McCurry can be absolutely deadly on any given day.

Mark O'Shea with another great catch. Fouled, and Tyrone are called for delaying the free. I thought maybe it was a smidgin harsh, but remember all the furore when it first started happening? How the price for the infraction was too severe? Well, think about how often you see it happen now. It's gotten rare, because players (and coaches) know full well that attempted delays will hurt their own team. That literally extends down to juveniles. Young players are growing up in a cleaner, faster, more

skillful game.

Because it was a technical infringement, David Clifford could bring the ball outside the arc and he kicked the two pointer. Five points in it now, 1-16 to 0-14. I'm fully expecting Kerry to kick for home. Tyrone have to take risks now, have to press forward, and Kerry have all the experience needed to keep the pressure on and pick off enough points to slowly and carefully widen the gap. Shows what I know.

Mike Breen was deemed to have impeded Kieran McGeary. Again, I've seen them given and I've seen them waved off....yellow card was harsh enough, though. Darren McCurry with the free, I think that was his first touch and it's an orange flag and a big score.

Well, if Tyrone can play an ace, we'll pull out a trump card of our own. This Kenmare lad is called Seán O'Shea; be nice to him.

Mattie Donnelly to Ronan Cassidy. Good jink inside....danger here....Shane Murphy was out fast and managed to deny him. Good save!

David Clifford to his brother, and Paudie fisted over the bar. Four points in it again.

Seán O'Shea across to Dylan with the goal gaping, but it's just a fraction overcooked and Dylan couldn't reach it. Gilt-edged chance to put it to bed.

McElholm at the other end, good point.

Tyrone turned over the long kick-out with Conn Kilpatrick getting a strong fist to send it to Micael McKernan (Kilpatrick and McGeary are playing as good as they ever have, and that's no small thing to say), Darren McCurry firing it over. Two points in it.

It's all Tyrone now. McElholm jinked inside and Mattie Donnelly found him. Good turn to his right and just like that, we were wide open. Powerful shot....clipped the crossbar and over. Lads, it was like being in a sniper's sights and the gun jammed. I'd have put the house on McElholm there.

Dylan Geaney. Another cut in from the left flank and another score. Dylan was absolutely on fire now. Chance of a two pointer....the form he was in, any chance was a sure thing. Two points and Kerry up by four.

Ouch. Kerry with only two players up and it was a two point free for McCurry. Bad time to cough one up so simply. In fairness to Tyrone, they are relentless rather than frantic; that takes practice to get right. Mattie Donnelly had a lot of work to do to get the next score, and he did it

well. Back to just one point now and that three week's rest was looking good for Tyrone now.

As good as Dylan had been, Kerry are looking to one man now. And it was Joe O'Connor who got the ball into David Clifford for a badly wanted point from a very tight angle.

Graham O'Sullivan with a foul on Conn Kilpatrick, and Darren McCurry extracted full price with a fine free-kick. I really think that the three games in three weeks was taking its toll now. We were on the ropes. Bobbing and ducking well, throwing a few jabs, but I didn't think we had a haymaker left in us.

Ciarán Bogue to Darren McCurry, and McCurry wasn't missing anything at this stage.

Graham O'Sullivan blocked as he was about to pull the trigger. The umpire signalled for a '45. It did look like it to me at the time. Fair enough, after watching replays from a few different angles, I do think that the Tyrone defender did toe poke it away, but Graham got a slight touch. But honestly, I'm not even sure of that; it is a very, very tight call. And that's after watching those replays. Jaysus, you get lads queueing up to take a pop at Hawkeye and VAR and what have you, but blaming the umpire for that one is ridiculous. Did we get lucky in the call? Quite possibly, in fact more likely than not.

But if that happened in the first five minutes of a game, no-one would bat an eyelid. That moment wasn't the winning or losing of any game. Paudie Clifford slotted the '45 and we were two up again.

McCurry. This is hot knife through butter stuff. The Red Sea provided Moses with more of an obstacle than anything we can put in McCurry's path at this stage. His tenth point in 25 minutes makes it a one point game again.

I've never believed in games being won or lost in any single moment. Absolutely there are hugely impactful moments of brilliance, howlers, blind luck....but I believe that the winning and losing of a game is the amount of small moments that a team gets right...or wrong. But if you want to single out one moment in this game that really made all the difference, I'd be picking the next play after McCurry's last score.

Because Shane Murphy hit a brilliant kick-out and Kerry gathered it. Possession was absolutely crucial there. If Tyrone had turned over that kick-out, they had at least one forward absolutely on fire and several others you could ban on to nail it. All they had to do

was even win a free. If it went to extra-time, I think the sheer mathematics of biology means that they would have more in the tank than us. And if they got a two-pointer, could we have even brought it to extra-time?

Ifs and buts....two roads not taken in a yellow wood....butterflies flapping their wings to cause hurricanes in Japan, the wee scuts.....

As it was, Kerry won possession and got it down the wing to David Clifford, who took it into the corner. He wasn't in any hurry. When they came out to tackle him, he passed it in to Armin Heinrich coming towards the near post. And Armin just gathered and very cleverly dinked it into the bottom corner. A great finish out of nowhere in the dying seconds.

Overall, I was one of those expecting Kerry to win with a lot to spare. And I was wrong – that four point winning margin is outrageously flattering. Tyrone had us on the ropes in the last quarter, no question about it. For that matter, they probably shaded the first half slightly as well, but just left too many scoring chances behind them. Huge credit to Tyrone; they were awesome and made it one of the all-time great championship games.

I kind of don't mind. When I look back over it, I don't think Kerry did too much wrong, Tyrone were just outstanding. I would like our defence to be a bit tighter, there are things that opposing managers can target there. But Shane Murphy's kick-outs were worth the admission alone, not to mind that great save. Midfield was once again superb. That four man phalanx of big men – I know that's a bit of a simplification, but it works. And up front? David is David, and was again, but in fairness, Dylan was David as well in that game. That jersey was up for grabs for a lot of the year; it's Dylan's to lose now. I'd be worried if that game turned into an epic because Kerry played poorly or let Tyrone into it. But we didn't. Tyrone were excellent and played themselves into what became a gripping contest. I'm pretty sure we will all be seeing a lot more of them, especially with those successful U20 players coming onstream, but we'll worry about that another day.

Kerry: Shane Murphy, Paul Murphy, Jason Foley, Dylan Casey, Gavin White, Mike Breen, Graham O'Sullivan, Mark O'Shea, Seán O'Brien, Joe O'Connor, Paudie Clifford (0-5, 1'45, 1tpf), Diarmuid O'Connor (0-1), David Clifford (1-8, 1tpf), Paul Geaney (0-2, 2f), Dylan Geaney (0-8, 2tp).

Subs: Seán O'Shea (for Paul Geaney, 46 mins), Keith Evans (for Seán O'Brien (55), Evan Looney (for Paul Murphy, 56 mins), Armin Heinrich 1-0 (for Graham O'Sullivan, 59 mins), Killian Spillane (for Dylan Geaney, 67 mins)

Tyrone: Niall Morgan, Cormac Quinn, Peter Teague, Joey Clarke, Michael McKernan (0-1), Niall Devlin, Kieran McGeary (0-2), Brian Kennedy, Conn Kilpatrick (0-2, 1tp), Seánie O'Donnell (0-1), Ronan Cassidy (0-1), Ciarán Daly, Eoin McElholm (0-3), Mattie Donnelly (0-3) Ethan Jordan (0-4, 1f, 1tp). Subs: Michael Rafferty (for Joey Clarke, bs, 24 – 33 mins), Darren McCurry 0-10, 2f, 2tpf (for Daly, 43 mins), Ciarán Bogue (for Ethan Jordan, 55 mins), Frank Burns (for Kieran McGeary, 58 mins), Michael Rafferty (for Cormac Quinn, 59 mins), Conor



Action from the Kerry v Tyrone game. Photos: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans



O'Neill (for Ronan Cassidy, 65 mins)  
Referee: Paddy Neilan (Roscommon)

## Mayo 0-22 Cork 0-17

As some of ye will know, I haven't exactly been hitting the bullseye in terms of predictions so far this year. Don't be waiting for any apologies – I didn't hear too many of ye telling me that Cork were going to derail Donegal in Ballybofey, or Down before that in the Ulster Championship, or Roscommon win the Connaught Championship, or Westmeath have eight points to spare over Dubin in the Leinster Final, or that there would be no Ulster team in the All Ireland semi-final.

So when I get one right, damn skippy I'm going to milk it a bit. Mayo v Cork went exactly as I had predicted. Now, I'm not saying that makes me any kind of genius. But I don't mind if you want to be saying it....

Cork were as good as Mayo in football terms. Cork are deservedly back among the big guns and I expect them to rattle us over the next few years (good – it takes a good whetstone to sharpen good steel). But shooters....

Kobe McDonald and Ryan O'Donohue opened Mayo's account. What would Cork give for two shooters like that? Sherlock nailed a '45, and his dead ball kicking was excellent again. Colm O'Callagahn scored a great point – he's making a habit of that these days. Cork were looking the better side to me in a lively end-to-end

contest. In football terms, I felt that they should have been four or five ahead at the break. But in chance conversion terms....oh, boy. They don't need me to tell them. They did push three points clear late in the half, but Kobe McDonald sent over a really superb two pointer and O'Donoghue equalised. Sherlock with a '45 and Chris Óg Jones...O'Donoghue with a two pointer. 0-9 apiece at the break.

Cork went in front through Chris Óg Jones on the resumption. And then Mayo just burst into a four point lead, Darragh Beirne with two orange flags. That's what I mean by a multiplicity of threats. Beirne, McDonald, O'Donoghue....nineteen points between them. Contain one, and another will just pop up. Cork had already shown their resilience by coming back against Donegal and they actually had just one point between the teams heading into the last quarter of an hour. But Mayo were able to respond and push it out again. A goal between them entering the final minutes. Brian O'Driscoll had a shot at goal, but it was saved and Mayo were able to push clear.

Mayo into the last four and they will go in as favourites against Louth. They must be feeling a familiar feeling beginning to rise....they have been on this emotional roller-coaster for over three score and ten years now. I will say it again, Kerry people talk about that great 'famine' between 1986 and 1997. We really have no idea, do we?

## Louth 0-27 Monaghan 2-18

Monaghan had the first three points and Louth lost midfielder Sean Callaghan to a red card – intent is not required for a red and to be quite honest, the ball was gone and I felt that he threw the shoulder in there. I think it was one of those “let the opponent know that you are there” and “lay down a marker” kind of hit rather than deliberately dangerous, but that was an extremely reckless challenge at best. I had Monaghan going in as strong favourites anyway, I felt that they would have a bit too much muscle mass for Louth over seventy minutes. I guess in terms of my predictive abilities, normal services are resumed!

Monaghan got another point before Louth opened their account. But great scores from Sam Mulroy and Dara McDonnell (tp) soon had them level. Game on! That extra man, though...I reckoned Louth were basically battling against a headwind. Both sides had goal chances saved and scored a brace each. This was really good football to watch.

Stephen O'Hanlon set up Oisín McGorman for a Monaghan goal. But that only seemed to galvanise Louth. Certainly they finished the first half brilliantly, outscoring Monaghan by 0-6 to 0-1, including a Ciarán Downey two pointer. Fourteen man Louth led by two points at the break.

Jmaes Maguire and Kieran McArdle pushed that lead out to four. Jack McCarron boomed over a Monaghan two pointer. Micheál Bannigan and Michael Woods squared things up. You'd fancy Monaghan to push on from here. But it was Sam Mulroy and Ryan Burns who got the next two points. Stephen Mooney pulled one back but sub Tadhg McDonnell replied.

Don't ask me why, but I'm rooting for Louth all the way now. I've just gotten caught up in my own underdog narrative. It's not that Monaghan have ever done anything to me, or Kerry for that matter. Or like I know a lot of people from Louth. Off hand, I don't know any. But for some bizarre reason, I now fervently want them to win. So much so that I am actively giving them advice through the television, because teams always find that invaluable. James Maguire with a goal chance, but it's a point for Louth instead. Goal in it. No Louth supporter would need telling about that after the Armagh game's ending!

Nor do the players. Craig Lennon with a point. Conor Early with another. Jack McCarron with a badly needed Monaghan two pointer. He has been their saviour in games before. Donal McKenny replied but McCarron picked off another. Stephen Mooney with a cross into the Louth square...Stephen O'Hanlon fisted it home. All square!

Louth on the break...McArdle...crossbar and away! Ah, lads. Their nerve held, though. Micheál Bannigan kicked a good point. Tadhg McDonnell fisted over another. Max Maguire replied for Monaghan. One in it. Conor McCarthy for Monaghan. One up. This was really gripping stuff, great credit to both teams.

Louth pushed for the finish line. Tadhg McDonnell with his third point after coming on. Ciarán Byrne with two on the trot. Finally, Ryan

Burns closed it out. Louth by three points and into an All Ireland semi-final. Dermot O'Brien was one of the finest singers Ireland has ever produced. One of his best known songs was “The Turfman from Ardee”. I might look it up on youtube and give it a listen – O'Brien captained Louth in their last All Ireland semi-final back in 1957. They won it, and went on to beat Cork in that year's All Ireland Final.

## Dublin v Galway

There were big talking points in all the games this weekend. Some of it was empty noise to fill airwaves, some of it was valid (including a few calls on either side in our game) and some of it...well, the calls in this game....I'll stop now before I get in trouble.

I don't want to be saying too much. We'll be keeping our powder very dry; we'll need it well primed for the semi-final. But this was a game where some really big calls were made that had a huge impact on the result.

Galway started with the stiff wind and Rob Finnerty quickly opened their account. Ciarán Kilkenny set up Cormac Costello for an equaliser. Cein Darcy and Con O'Callaghan exchanged scores, the latter set up by Niall Scully. For me, Scully and Paddy Small are two of the most improved footballers in the country, the real drivers in Dublin's engine now. Small nailed a two pointer and Con O'Callaghan gave Dublin a three point lead. This Dublin team were playing with the confidence of old; we haven't seen that in a while. Except so were Galway. Finian Ó Laoí and Finnerty with a long range monster instantly wiped out that lead. Dublin were winning more primary possession – they badly hurt Galway on kick-outs (Jack O'Connor, take note!) but Galway were excellent when they did get their hands on the ball. Paddy Small nudged Dublin ahead again. Colm Basquel doubled the lead but Dylan McHugh replied and Finnerty fisted an equaliser. Con O'Callaghan had just dropped a two point effort short; Dublin were leaving a few chances behind them (good, keep it up, lads).

Cein Darcy landed a Galway two pointer. Costello replied but Kieran Molloy quickly cancelled that out. A foul on Con O'Callaghan saw Costello clip over but Dylan McHugh replied. Con won another free for Cormac Costello and Niall Scully's two pointer put Dublin in front. Eoin Kennedy made it a two point lead.

Kieran Molloy with a great two pointer. All square again. Notably, Galway have yet to hit a single wide; Dublin can't say the same. They have one of the best forwards in the country, though, Con O'Callaghan fists over his third point just before the break to give his team a slender lead.

Second half. Rob Finnerty from way out. I thought he was joking when he started to kick it from that distance, it sailed over. Jaysus. I'd need the assistance of a tank to send a ball that far, let alone with accuracy. Shnae Walsh, quiet for the most part, showed his quality with a brilliant pass for McDaid to make it a three point game. The outstanding Finnerty was even better in setting up Ó Laoí for another. Galway are kicking for home, but Finnerty's next effort is just wide and instead, Colm Basquel picks

off a two pointer. Dublin couldn't score those for love or money earlier in the year; they have work put in. Cein Darcy restored the lead to three. Galway were beginning to dominate in the air now. Damien Comer coming off the bench won't have dented their confidence either.

Dublin on the break. Con O'Callaghan to Colm Basquel...just wide. If O'Callaghan had that chance, it would be in the net. To be honest, it should have been, and that's no dig at Basquel. Con tried a two point free, off the post but Niall Scully reacted well to win a tapover free. Kieran Molloy for Galway; two clear again. Molloy added another.

Goal for Galway. Evan Comerford had to stretch to stop Shane Walsh's dipping effort and John Maher was on hand to fist home the loose ball. Galway by six now and on the home straight.

Ó Cofaigh Byrne fouled and Con pulled one back. Paddy Small with another. Con O'Callaghan again, and there's just three between them again.

Liam Silke dragged down Colm Basquel. Black card all day long. But hold on....ah lads. Clear goalscoring opportunity....stop. As far as I am concerned a clear goalscoring opportunity means at least a 35% chance of a goal off that particular move. That wasn't anything like it to me; that's an awful decision. Look, I've never liked the nonsense about David Gough being biased towards Dublin because he teaches there, I truly despise that kind of whinging and there's plenty of it in Kerry, but the optics have never been good. I wouldn't have him refereeing Dublin games on the basis that Caesar's wife should be above suspicion (an old and kind of misogynistic story). But that call? That's very questionable, and that's me being diplomatic.

Con with the penalty, and just enough power to get past Connor Gleeson's hand.

Maher in the Dublin square. Ciarán Kilkenny wraps his two hands around him. No penalty. Sorry, now, the earlier one was a penalty for Dublin but that wasn't? Supposedly Gough had already blown the whistle for an earlier infraction. I...yeah. Not a good day for the man in the middle. And, look, I really hate saying that. I respect referees; it's a tough and lonely job and there's always a queue of spoofers on about them afterwards. But sometimes you have to call it as you see it. I have no skin in the game – it's not like I think Galway would have been easier opposition for us – but Galway were robbed twice. Seán Fitz, you are as well off on Love Island, and say hello to Lois for me. As for various pundits, particularly The Sunday Game and Colm Parkinson....if ye aren't careful, that fencepost will give ye haemorrhoids. Ah well, it could be worse. Imagine if RTE were still giving Joe Brolly a platform....

Look, it has to be said that it squared the game. It didn't win or lose it. Dublin pushed for home, and did so brilliantly. Strong, hungry, clever. Good football. Dublin of old, that everybody, absolutely including us, feared. Scully, Small, O'Callaghan all outstanding. Scully with a two pointer. Basquel. Con O'Callaghan after Scully is fouled. Seán Guiden. Dublin have unearthed some handy garsoons as well.

In the end, it's Dublin with a bit to spare. They will be dangerous. But – through no fault of their own – there's a slightly bitter taste to this one for any neutral. Football should be the main talking point after a game, and there was plenty of great football on both sides....but that's not the talking point, is it?

## FIFA WORLD CUP

by Óran O'Hare-Barry

### LES BLEUS SHOW THEIR CREDENTIALS France 4 Norway 1



A never before seen fixture in a major tournament, France comfortably saw off Norway in their final group stage match. When this group had been put together, there was an immediate attraction to the prospect of arguably the two greatest forwards of this generation playing against each other, Kylian Mbappé of France and Erling Haaland of Norway. Alas, it was not to be, and it can't

be denied that it stole quite a bit of thunder from this meeting. With both teams already qualified, the Scandinavians started what was evidently a second string team, with no sign of Haaland or Arsenal star Martin Odegaard. In fact, no less than 10 starting Norwegians were rested for this fixture.

Mind you, it can't be said for certain that a full strength Norway would have earned a more respectable scoreline. France, and particularly, Ousmane Dembélé, were finalists in the last World Cup for a reason and were now hitting full stride. The PSG man, of course, stole the show, earning a first-half hat trick, with all three goals being quite similar in terms of both quality, and appearance. It might seem easy to criticise the Norwegian defence for allowing the Ballon D'Or winner to go to his left. However, it shouldn't be forgotten his right foot is probably just as good as his left. In fact, in an interview from his days in Rennes in 2016, Dembélé himself seemed confused over which foot he finds stronger. Criticising a defender for 'letting' Dembele onto his strong side is a bit like criticising a defender for 'letting' Lionel Messi go past him.

While Dembélé and his hat trick are naturally the main talking points from this fixture, his overall performance was superb, even aside from his clinical goalscoring. He had been making threatening dribbles and passes into the box from the get go. Désiré Doué and Kylian Mbappé were also in top form, and were truly able to express a creative side of their game, making incisive passes, linking up as if by telepathy at times.

Norway weren't hopeless by any means, far from it, and managed to sneak one back immediately following Dembélé's second goal. It was maybe the only occasion during the entire contest where France truly looked as though they had switched off. It would prove to be the only critical mistake Les Bleus would make, as they restored their 2 goal lead about 10 minutes later with Dembélé's third.

Come the second half, Norway would earn a penalty when Oscar Bobb was fouled in the box, and they were given a genuine chance to get back into the game. However, without their star man Haaland to take the penalty, Strand Larsen failed to convert. Even before the shot was taken, his unconvincing run-up, stutter and all, didn't appear to intimidate Maignan, the French goalkeeper, who saved the poor effort. Dembélé and Mbappé were both taken off, with no need to risk either of the star forwards at this stage. The tie was capped off with a fourth and final French goal, this attempt coming from the other star PSG man, Doué, whose performance truly was deserving of a goal. The 21 year old was unmarked in the box, getting off a header that almost seemed to float past the goalmouth.

It's hard not to favour France at this stage of the competition to not win it out. With other favourites, such as Spain and Brazil, not quite as dominant over 90 minutes in their respective groups. Nevertheless, that could all change, as the best of the best of this tournament, is still to come.



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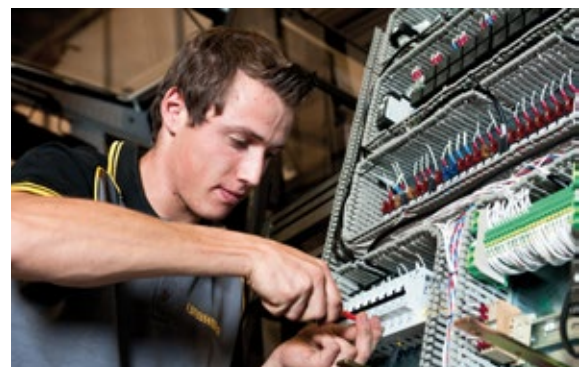
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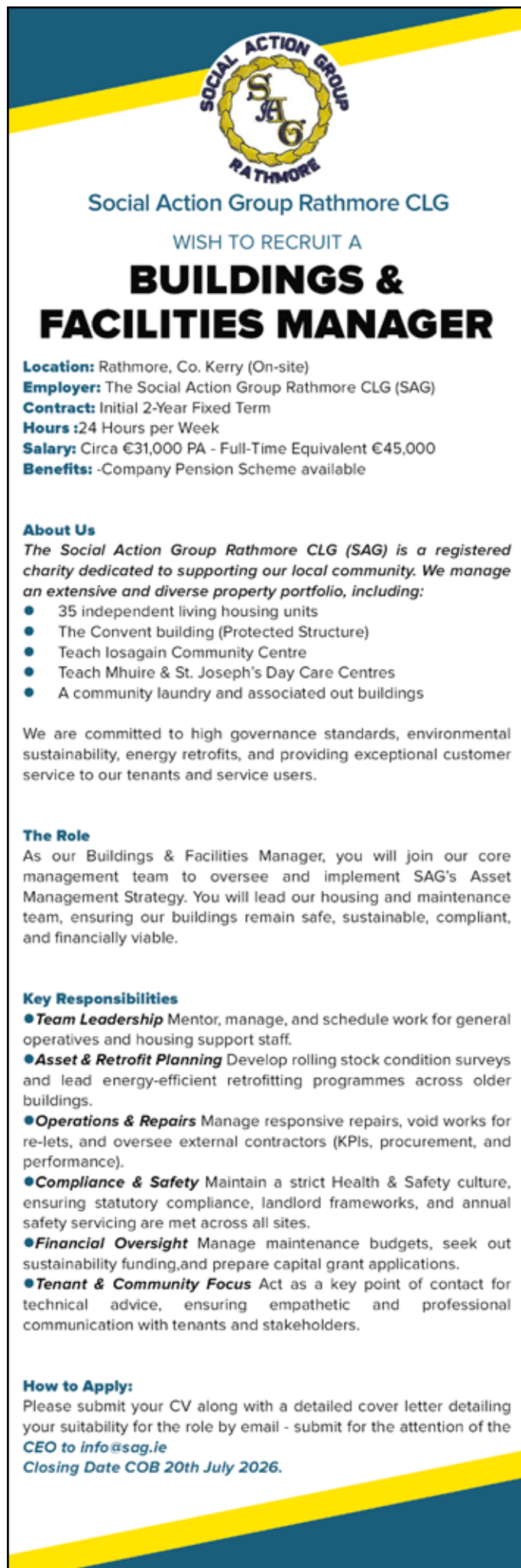
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# THE STORY OF KILLARNEY COURTHOUSE: A KEY LOCAL LANDMARK

By Tadhg Quill-Manley

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Killarney Courthouse is an important landmark in the centre of this bustling town, representing almost two centuries of Irish legal, architectural and civic history. Its completion dates from about 1835 and reflects the administrative and judicial reforms of early-19th-century Ireland under Crown rule. Local grand juries commissioned such public buildings to project order and authority throughout rural areas. It is a graceful, neo-classical design that has survived to represent continuity through periods of radical social and political change. The courthouse was designed by the English architect George Richard Pain (c. 1793–1838), who was a major influence on southern Irish architecture along with his brother, James Pain. The Pains were trained as architects in London under John Nash, specialising in civic and ecclesiastical buildings. George set up in practice in Cork City and helped design a number of the courthouses of the county. The Killarney structure is a single storey three bay building, with later additions to the sides and rear. It has classical detailing that was typical of the period, with symmetrical proportions, formal facades and elements that suggest dignity and permanence appropriate to the administration of justice.

Its construction was part of wider efforts to modernise the Irish court system. In the decades following the Act of Union (1800), local grand juries paid for new or improved courthouses in many Irish towns. The buildings often had a twin purpose, housing the assizes of the higher courts and the sessions of the lesser courts, while projecting imperial stability. The investment aided the growth of Killarney as a tourist area, with its lakes and mountains. The courthouse was one of the Georgian and early Victorian buildings of the town, set among the other public buildings of a developing urban centre.

During the 19th century, the courthouse was the scene of the routine machinery of local justice, petty sessions for minor offences,



land disputes and civil matters, punctuated by the occasional high-profile case at the assizes. Through eviction, agrarian crime or political offences, the walls would've probably echoed with Ireland's turbulent history, among them being the Great Famine, land agitation, and the push for Home Rule. Today, it stands as a protected building, a living link with that time.

The 20th century saw further developments. Following the Irish Free State's creation in 1922, the building passed to the courts of the new state, continuing to serve the District Court and occasionally higher sittings. Later in the 20th century, limitations became evident. It was struggling to meet contemporary standards for accessibility, security and capacity, with only one courtroom and ageing infrastructure, including a leaking roof. Administrative staff worked in tight quarters; reports from 2000 outlined that four staff worked out of two rooms, the

same space used by one employee in 1976.

Renovation efforts have highlighted its heritage value, but also practical challenges involved. Staff were moved in 2000, in preparation for works as plans were set out for a £1 million upgrade. However, during 2008, plans for major renovation and extension were put on hold because of difficulties in acquiring adjacent land from the then Killarney Town Council. These included issues arising from a historic 17th century royal charter concerning rights for fairs and amusements in the surrounding area. The town's Courts Service moved temporarily to rented premises, causing local fears that services would be transferred fully to Tralee.

Despite these obstacles, the courthouse has continued to function as a local legal hub. It hears District, Circuit and sometimes High Court sittings, covering everything from regular

cases to high-profile matters that attract public interest. Being centrally located, it becomes a focal point for legal proceedings, elections and public events. It's also listed in Kerry County Council's Record of Protected Structures for its architectural and historical significance, and benefits from safeguards that preserve its character.

Architecturally, the courthouse is a good example of the neo-classical style favoured for public buildings in 1800s Ireland. Its formal presence, together with landmarks like St Mary's Cathedral, provides Killarney with a distinct townscape. It's noted in local development plans (such as the Killarney Integrated Urban Strategy) as a building of interest, with fine neo-classical detailing that contributes to the sense of place and romantic appeal of the town.

Killarney's example is part of the broader story of Irish courthouse history, with national patterns of grand jury commissions in the 19th century, adaptation after gaining administrative independence in 1922, and contemporary pressures to modernise against heritage preservation. There are many similar buildings across Ireland that have been repurposed, but Killarney's has retained its judicial function, proof of the strength of the original design, intention, and the continuing role of local society. Today, the Killarney Courthouse still administers justice, and offers the opportunity for reflection on Ireland's legal heritage. Its story is of architectural ambition, civic leadership and resilience during economic, legal and political change. To locals and visitors, it's still much more than a functional building, rather, it's a silent witness to two centuries of local life, from Victorian assizes to 21st-century district court business. Ongoing efforts to balance preservation and functionality ensure its role as an integral part of Killarney's identity.



## A Word of Victory


*“So, commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these Words of Mine. Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. Teach them to your children. Talk about them when you are at home, and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed, and when you are getting up. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, so that as long as the sky remains above the earth, you and your children may flourish in the land the Lord swore to give your ancestors” (Deuteronomy 11:18-21).*


Welcome back dear student, continuing on from last week and the legacy of generational faith. God tells us to remind ourselves and remember His Word, memorise it, meditate upon His promises, and teach our children about His Faithfulness. Why? As we deposit the Word in our hearts, it becomes stored up ammunition and body armour for every battle. Some believe that ignorance is bliss - not when facing the enemy though! “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge” (Hosea 4:6). The battles we endure shape us – they can strengthen or flatten us. If you were to look back over the hard times in life, I’m sure you can acknowledge how God carried you in His Mercy. There is something powerful about being prepared (2 Samuel 22:35-40). It’s a horrible feeling facing situations with only your own strength to lean on. This is why many struggle with fear and anxieties. But with God in your corner, victory is assured, no matter how tough the warfare (Psalm 144:1). The comfort of His promise and His Presence eliminates fear as we learn to receive His Love (1 John 4:18). “When my anxious thoughts multiply within me, Your comforts delight me” (Psalm 94:19). Challenges and difficulties separate the men from the boys, in spiritual matters as well as in the natural. We live in a world where delusion and lies, strife, jealousy, bitterness, corruption, and wickedness are tolerated - and even promoted. We need discernment to know which way to go, and whose report to believe - the difference between the truth and lies. Discernment comes from relationship with God through the wisdom of His Holy Spirit with His Word as navigation. Jesus rebuked His disciples for their doubt and unbelief. He warns us to take heed to what we are hearing, and how we hear it. We tune in and out of various things – but not all these are true, and we may not understand the whole story. It is only by hearing from God’s Spirit Who knows all things, that we stay on the right path and find rest (Jeremiah 6:16).

Jesus noted two pathways - one is wide and easy: it’s the pathway to destruction that many folks find - often following others who have led them there. The other is a narrow, difficult path. Not many travel on it, because it requires discipline, humility, and obedience (Matthew 7:13-14). “My son, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear to My Words. Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; for they are Life to those who find them, and health to one’s whole body” (Proverbs 4:20-22). As we incline our ears unto God’s Word - paying attention to His commands, guarding our hearts against strife, anger, and toxic stress, our bodies respond by receiving healing. This is the outflow from relationship with God. Through the Blood of the Lord Jesus His Son, God has given us forgiveness and peace. Jesus is the Prince of Peace - the Word of God, Who was made flesh for our Salvation. Lord, teach us to remember and learn Your Word, that we may flourish in peace, rejoicing in Your Presence forever, Amen.

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### PROTECTION PRAYER

Dear Saint Christopher, protect me today in all my travels along the road’s way. Give your warning sign if danger is near so that I may stop while the path is clear. Be at my window and direct me through when the vision blurs from out of the blue. Carry me safely to my destined place, like you carried Christ in your close embrace. Amen

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## Appointments in the Diocese of Kerry, Summer 2026

The announcement of the appointments list is an annual opportunity for all of us to remember and reflect on activity and progress through the past year. I sincerely thank all in the diocese for their participation at parish and diocesan level. I think of all our priests, secretaries and sacristans; our deacons, pastoral leaders and volunteers; our choir members and musicians, readers and eucharistic ministers; our members of councils and committees. Thank you to all at the diocesan office, and at the pastoral centre, - especially their new members, Ailish supporting religious education and chaplaincy in secondary schools, and Colette supporting teenage and young adult ministry. Thank you and God bless one and all. We all realize the heart of church life is the contribution of every baptized person. Think of the following three situations: parents in the home living their faith and handing it on to their children; the person or family who regularly come to church on Sunday to join in the offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass; the opportunities life constantly affords each of us to be a good neighbour through daily acts of goodness and kindness, compassion and mercy.

With three parish priests retiring this summer, naturally there are many new appointments. In all there are eleven changes involving priests in parishes in seven of our twelve pastoral areas. A large number, - I am always conscious of the need for stability and continuity among the priests in each pastoral area. The Consultors and I each year seek to have a balanced team in each pastoral area. Sincere thanks to the retiring priests for their lifelong ministry in the priesthood. Sincere thanks to all the priests who have agreed to take up new appointments this Summer. Two years ago, we welcomed three more priests from dioceses in Kenya. Our five priests from Kenya come from dioceses where Irish Kiltegan priests served for many decades. It is a beautiful link. This year we have two more appointments of priests from India, members of the Camillian Order whose main charism is hospital chaplaincy. Fr Jomin now joins Fr Arlappa as hospital chaplains in UHK, Tralee. The third priest, Fr Jofree is awaiting his visa being granted and will minister in St John's parish, Tralee. Last September we secured a priest form Poland, Fr Szczepan (Stephan) to replace Fr Mario who had

been with us for six years. Fr Stephan will seek to have an availability to the Polish community throughout the diocese. He has a regular weekend Mass in Killarney on Saturday evening, and in Tralee on three Sunday mornings each month. He is establishing links with Polish communities in the other 10 pastoral areas. In the past I have outlined how the whole life of a church community can be summed up: "Think of your local church community in four ways: a social/friendship community; a caring compassionate community; a praying, worshipping and sacramental community; and a community whose mission is to nourish and develop its faith, and hand it on to the next generation. All four ways are essential in a healthy parish." Thinking of Church life in this way, so much that has traditionally been the task of the priest can be carried out by baptized people. I genuinely believe that each year we are making progress in having greater involvement of all the baptized as co-responsible for the fullness of parish life. Pastoral leaders, deacons and other volunteers are finding their place within Church structures. We now have eight international priests

ministering among us. As more priests reach retirement age in future years it is a combination of local priests, international priests, deacons and the ministry of all the baptized that will enable us to continue to have the fullness of parish life throughout the diocese. I ask all in the diocese to continue to pray, "asking the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest", - praying and encouraging teenagers and young adult men to consider if God might be calling them to be priests. Healthy faith communities will have sufficient priestly and other vocations for their own spiritual needs. At present in the diocese some young men in their twenties are considering if priesthood is their calling. A final thought, the past year has been another year dominated by so many ongoing wars, with such tragic consequences for people, communities and nations. Pope Leo constantly asks all in the Church to pray to God the Father for peace in the world. Our Lady, Queen of peace, intercede for the efforts of peacemakers everywhere.

*Bishop Ray Browne  
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