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# A Note from the EDITOR



In a week where a group of Killarney friends took centre stage at the Ryder Cup, we have a jam packed magazine for you.

Killarney Credit Union are asking their faithfuls to vote for them in the Credit Union of the Year Awards, Discover Kerry has launched the Ryder Cup 2027 Campaign and a Killarney woman is calling on the public to support the Big Pink Breakfast Campaign.

St. Paul's were celebrating on the fairways and the dance floor last weekend as they turned 40 Years old, two Killarney brothers have been honoured with Garda Youth Community Safety Award and the Chamber has heard that the new Kerry-Cork corridor could be possible within five years.

A BBC Archive clip posted on facebook put the spotlight on a local golfer, Amelia was crowned Regatta Queen and the Killarney National Park Autumn Talks Series have been announced.

The St. Brendan's Class of 1975 gathered for a reunion, Marc O'Se launched his autobiography and there was style in abundance at Listowel Races Ladies Day.

In Sport, the basketball season has been launched, MKL Gaels have been crowned U15 County Champions and Jimmy takes an deep dive into All Things Sport.

Hope you all enjoy this week's Killarney Outlook!



*Aisling Crosbie*



A stunning evening by the Meeting of the Waters captured by Ciaran Duffin

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# KILLARNEY CREW IN GREEN AND GOLD

## Embrace Ryder Cup Glory as Lowry Seals Europe's Win

A group of friends from Killarney made memories to last a lifetime last weekend as they travelled to the Ryder Cup 2025, where they witnessed Europe lift the famous trophy.

Among those who made the trip were Andrea Kerrisk, Maria Gallivan, Katie Kelly, Nicola O'Callaghan, Gary Kerrisk, Simon Gallivan, Shane Kelly, Kevin O'Callaghan, and Jer O'Sullivan. The group had been eagerly looking forward to the tournament, but little did they know they would end up right at the very heart of the drama on the decisive day.

"It was something else," Kevin O'Callaghan, told Killarney Outlook. "We found a spot by pure fluke when it was quiet, and next thing it was all happening there with Shane Lowry putting to win."

The Kerry crew made sure to bring a splash of home pride with them, all donning their green and gold Kerry jerseys as they cheered Europe on. Their colours stood out on the fairway, and caught the attention of one man in particular.

As Lowry sank the winning putt, the Offaly hero turned and headed straight towards them, embracing the group in the middle of the wild celebrations.

"To have Shane come straight over to us, hugging us while we were in our Kerry jerseys, was just surreal," said Kevin. "You couldn't write it. We'll be talking about it for the rest of our lives."

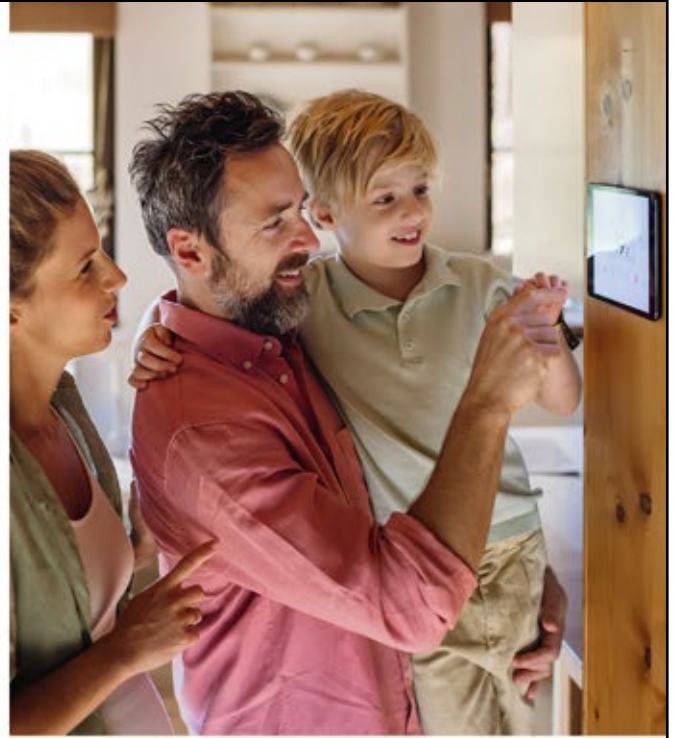
As Europe celebrated another famous Ryder Cup victory, the Killarney friends returned home with stories, photos, and memories to last a lifetime.





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## Are You a Faithful?

### Killarney Credit Union Shortlisted for Prestigious National Award

Killarney Credit Union is celebrating after being shortlisted for the Members Choice 2025 Credit Union of the Year Award, one of the most sought-after honours in the sector. The nomination shines a spotlight on the dedication of the team who serve members across Killarney, Kenmare, and Cahersiveen. The award is decided entirely by public vote, and staff at Killarney Credit Union are calling on the community to get behind them. "This is a huge honour for us," said Karena McCarthy, spokesperson for Killarney Credit Union. "To be shortlisted is recognition of the commitment our staff show every single day. But to bring the award home to Kerry, we need the support of our members and our local community."

To mark the exciting nomination, staff have taken a playful approach by creating a fun video inspired by the hit television series *The Traitors*. Featuring Noreen O'Sullivan, Shane Foley, Tom Ahern, Claudia Buckley, and Gillian Spillane, the short film brings in some of the drama of the popular programme while encouraging everyone to cast their vote. The video, which is already sparking conversation locally, can be viewed on the credit union's Instagram and Facebook pages.

As well as being in the running for Credit Union of the Year, Killarney Credit Union has also been named a finalist in the Loans Team of the Year category, further underlining the hard work and commitment of its staff. "It's fantastic to receive this recognition on two fronts," added Karena. "It really is a testament to the dedication of our team, and to the trust our members place in us."

Voting is now open and can be completed quickly and easily by scanning the QR code available in-branch or online. Every vote, staff say, will help bring the national title to Kerry.



### KILLARNEY GLAMPING Expands with New Site at Racecourse

Killarney Glamping is set to launch a major new venture on the grounds of Killarney Racecourse, with 15 bespoke glamping units planned for the site. Five of the lodges are scheduled to open before the end of this year, with the remainder due for completion by April 2026.

The development will combine family-friendly and adults-only accommodation, carefully separated by landscaped buffers to ensure privacy. A fully accessible unit will also form part of the project.

This marks the second site for Linda and Mike O'Sullivan, who first introduced luxury camping to the region in 2012 with Killarney Glamping at The Grove in Ballycasheen. Their original location, which primarily caters to couples, has recently been recognised with Fáilte Ireland's 4-star rating for both 2024 and 2025.

Unlike The Grove, the new Ross Road site will cater to families as well as couples. Family units will be equipped with kitchenettes, bathrooms and multiple bedrooms, while the adults-only lodges will feature king-size beds, spacious living areas and high-end bathrooms.

The location offers easy access to the town and surrounding attractions: guests can walk or cycle to Killarney town centre in under ten minutes or reach Killarney National Park via nearby cycle paths. Onsite amenities will include a reception area, parking facilities and breakfast hampers, while collaborations with Ross Golf Club, Celtic Steps, and local yoga providers will give guests a wide range of leisure options.



### Gardening for Nature Workshop This Saturday

The Fossa Climate Action Group will host a free workshop this Saturday focused on bringing more life into your garden.

As the Celtic year draws to a close on October 31st, the natural world begins its quiet transition into winter. While much of nature winds down, this is actually the ideal time to plan for the next growing season. Trees, for example, are best planted during the darker months, making now a perfect opportunity to begin something new.

The workshop will be led by Niamh Ní Dhuill of Transition Kerry. "Niamh is a very experienced and knowledgeable professional in the field of biodiversity and nature," said Diarmaid Griffin, PRO of Fossa Climate Action Group. "The focus will be on practical steps to make your garden more wildlife-friendly, starting with pollinators and other insects that form the foundation of a healthy environment."

The event will take place at The Nature Hub, an eco-friendly garden and forest site near the Gap of Dunloe. The site already features several biodiversity projects, including a food-growing polytunnel, a pond that has become home to tadpoles and frogs, and a living willow fence. It also serves as a venue for forest school, outdoor learning, and other nature-based workshops.

This workshop is free to attend thanks to support from the Department of the Environment and the Community Foundation for Ireland.

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## Discover Kerry Launches Ryder Cup 2027 Campaign to Encourage Visitors to Extend Their Stay and Discover the Magic of Kerry

As excitement builds for the Ryder Cup 2027, Discover Kerry is positioning County Kerry as the premier destination for visitors seeking unforgettable experiences during and after the tournament. Last week, the Kerry Tourism Industry Federation (KTIF) launched a targeted online promotional campaign across US and UK markets. The initiative aims to raise awareness and drive consideration for Kerry as a must-visit location. Early results are promising: the campaign's YouTube video has already surpassed 100,000 views, while social media and Google Search ads have generated over 5,000 clicks to a dedicated Ryder Cup landing page on DiscoverKerry.com. To support local engagement, KTIF has developed a comprehensive toolkit for tourism providers and community stakeholders. The toolkit outlines current promotional activities, upcoming plans, and includes shareable assets to amplify the campaign's reach. Interested parties can request a copy by emailing [info@discoverkerry.com](mailto:info@discoverkerry.com). KTIF Chair Pat O'Leary is calling on the tourism industry, local businesses, and community groups to help spread the word: "We encourage everyone to create a ripple effect online by sharing the Ryder Cup promotional video—whether on your website, social media, or within your networks. Let's showcase Kerry to the world."



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KCB Manager Becky Hargrove

## Kerry Rises to #12 in Global Destination Sustainability Index, Retains #1 Irish Destination

Kerry has climbed seven places in the Global Destination Sustainability Index (GDS-Index), moving from #19 to #12 out of 81 international destinations, marking the seventh consecutive year in the Top 20 and cementing its position as Ireland's top-ranked destination.

The GDS-Index evaluates destinations on environmental, social, and economic sustainability, covering leisure and business tourism, regenerative tourism, circular economy practices, climate action, and the legacy of events. Kerry first participated in 2018, led by Kerry Convention Bureau (KCB) in partnership with Kerry Tourism Industry Federation, Kerry County Council, Fáilte Ireland, and local tourism partners. This year, Kerry scored 82.8%, a 6.63% increase on 2024, achieving #1 globally in its population category. Performance was assessed across environmental strategy, social sustainability, industry support, and local policies. Initiatives contributing to the score included Meitheal's Sustainability Policy, Fáilte Ireland trade events, Killarney 2030 strategy, THRIVE schemes, Autism Friendly Towns, and Zero Waste Food Festivals.

KCB Manager Becky Hargrove said, "Our improved ranking reflects the shared sustainability ambitions of our tourism and event partners and positions Kerry prominently on the global stage."

Other Irish destinations Dublin, Cork, Clare, Galway, Limerick, and Belfast also ranked in the GDS-Index Top 40, highlighting Ireland's commitment to sustainable tourism. Fáilte Ireland's Sally Ann O'Brien noted, "Kerry's success reflects long-standing dedication to sustainable tourism and aligns with Ireland's Business Events 2030 strategy."

Pat O'Leary, Chairman of Kerry Tourism Industry Federation, praised the collaboration behind the achievement, and Kerry County Council's Cllr. Mike Foley highlighted its positive impact on residents and visitors.

Kerry Convention Bureau, supported by Fáilte Ireland and Kerry County Council, continues to promote Kerry as a premier destination for national and international business tourism events.



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# Killarney Breast Cancer Survivor Calls On The Public To Support The Irish Cancer Society's Big Pink Breakfast Campaign

Breast cancer survivor Marie Shannon from Killarney is supporting the Irish Cancer Society's Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign and encouraging the public to host a Big Pink Breakfast to help fund vital breast cancer support services and life-changing breast cancer research projects.

Every year, around 3,600 women and approximately 30 men are diagnosed with breast cancer in Ireland.

Marie Shannon (63) from Killarney was diagnosed with bilateral breast cancer – which means cancer was found in both of her breasts – in 2023 after going for a routine mammogram. Her treatment included lumpectomies, chemotherapy and radiotherapy. Marie finished her treatment in February 2024, and her first follow-up mammogram has come back clear since then.

Mother-of-two Marie says: "When I was diagnosed, the nurse was saying, 'Are you OK?' And I was saying, 'I'm fine'. I was in denial. I didn't get a shock from it, I just put it aside. But as time goes on, I realise how lucky I was, that it was caught so early."

Marie is sharing her story to encourage people to support the Big Pink Breakfast campaign to help people like her who have been affected by breast cancer.

Marie says: "I would encourage everyone to please get behind the Big Pink Breakfast campaign, a huge amount of the funding for the Irish Cancer



Marie Shannon.

Society's breast cancer support services and breast cancer research projects comes from donations made by the public. If you are at all able, please support this important cause. You can sign up at [cancer.ie/pink](https://cancer.ie/pink)"

Mary O'Kelly, Cancer Nurse with the Irish Cancer Society, said: "Self-examination is so important

for women of all ages, even those who are eligible for screening, as this only takes place every two years. Pick a date and try to do it as consistently as you can on a monthly basis.

"It's really important that we are breast aware and know what is normal for us. If you notice any of the signs or symptoms of breast cancer and the change persists, please go to see your GP as soon as possible.

"Women can sometimes feel embarrassed or uncomfortable attending their GP with breast issues, but this examination could save your life. Your GP will perform a routine examination of your breast and if appropriate, refer you for further assessment.

"If you are concerned about breast cancer, call the Irish Cancer Society's Support Line on Freephone 1800 200 700. You can also find out more at [www.cancer.ie](https://www.cancer.ie)"

This October the Irish Cancer Society is encouraging people to host a Big Pink Breakfast in their homes, workplaces, communities and colleges to raise funds to support breast cancer support services such as free counselling, transport to treatment, Night Nursing and much more. Funds raised will also be used to fund ground-breaking breast cancer research projects.

**To learn more or get involved, please visit: [cancer.ie/pink](https://cancer.ie/pink)**



Marie with her son Michael.

## Symptoms of breast cancer include:

- A lump or thickening in your breast or armpit.
- A change in size or shape of one breast like one breast becoming larger than the other.
- A change in the skin of your breast, like puckering or dimpling (the skin may look like orange peel).
- A breast abscess – (infected boil) this may appear as a red, tender area on your breast.
- A change in your nipple, like a pulled-in, sunken or flattened nipple.
- An unusual discharge (liquid) from one or both of your nipples. The discharge may be blood stained or watery.
- A change on or around the nipple like a rash or flaky or crusted skin.
- Swelling in your armpit or around your collarbone.
- Breast pain alone is not usually a symptom of breast cancer.

**9 out of 10 breast changes won't turn out to be breast cancer, but it's important to go to your GP if you have any symptoms and get them checked out.**

## Impact of your support:

*In 2024, generous support by the Irish public:*

*Fuelled more than 5150 lifts to treatment for breast cancer patients through the Irish Cancer Society's Transport Service.*

*Provided over 380 nights of vital end of life comfort and care to breast cancer patients through the Irish Cancer Society's Night Nursing Service.*

*Supported people affected by breast cancer through over 5,350 supportive and comforting conversations with the Irish Cancer Society's Support Line and Daffodil Centre nurses.*

*Provided over 5,330 free counselling sessions to help breast cancer patients cope with a with their diagnosis.*



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



## ALL THE PRESIDENT'S WOMEN?

Visits to Killarney last Friday by Heather Humphreys and Jim Gavin saw two contrasting campaigns. Heather took to the jaunting car with great glee at Kenmare Place. Jarvey Jimmy Coffey kept his hand on the halter while the presidential hopeful was accompanied by a very confident 16-month old Bláithín Connor-Scarteen - a fourth generation politician in waiting no doubt!

The Fine Gael hierarchy, ex TD Brendan Griffin, former Kenmare councillor Patrick Connor-Scarteen, and Senator Mike Kennelly and his daughter Councillor Aoife were out in force. By contrast, Jim Gavin's visit to Killarney was a low key shuffle into Radio Kerry for a pre recorded interview followed by a short walk about. Accompanied only by a lone campaign worker, none of the FF hierarchy past or present came into view.

Fianna Fáil seem to be going through the experience of Fine Gael in Kerry in the recent Dáil election: the local grassroots council is not happy.

Catherine Connolly has not visited Kerry yet, but she has a strong campaign online and in the media and is going down well locally from what I gather.

But that so-called TV debate on Monday night did nothing to reassure me about the next presidency. In the first place, the candidates should have been standing up and Virgin Media did not rise to the dignity of the occasion.

The polished well-turned out Maria Steen and the other articulate younger candidates who stood before Kerry County Council and had far more engagement and fluency with Irish questions. Connolly - who I felt could do with a



*Presidential candidate Heather Humphreys pictured with Katie O'Connell and her daughter Bláithín Connor-Scarteen*

loan of Steen's Hermes blue bag to lighten her up - was too focused on Gaza and everything dark.

She hadn't a single good thing to say about the country she wants to lead.

I saw no clear vision for Ireland from any of them. Apart from stereotype clips about a united Ireland which most people I know - apart from Sinn Féin - care little about.

The only "love" of the country and positive message I heard came from an emotional Heather Humphreys - Ireland had made her what she was and she loved this country. A wow moment.

By the way, have Sinn Féin done itself any favours with the middle ground in backing Connolly, a candidate who comes across as inclusive of Hamas, pro-Russia, and anti-American and anti-European? The suspicion will be that Sinn Féin is showing its true colours.

A buddy in the media remarked to me about all three after the tv debate "are they going for president of Ireland or Palestine?"

## Time for our council to get support to cut the hedges

Hedges are a regular topic on meetings of Kerry County Council and there is a hue and cry by the Healy-Raes and others.

In July, Cllr Jackie Healy-Rae pleaded with management to allow a pilot scheme in line with nearby Limerick; in September, Johnny made a strong case for cutting the Ring of Kerry ditches. Kerry should look at Clare and other counties and cut the hedges higher up, Johnny said. The council was cutting the blackberries and the ferns but nothing higher. "The Ring of Kerry is 112 miles long. Wherever they are being cut, I promise you it's not on the Ring of Kerry," he said

A "span new" lorry hit off a stump on the Killarney to Killorglin Road and sustained €5,500 damage.

Kenmare's Teddy O'Sullivan Casey call to "urgently" cut the Ring of Kerry hedges last Friday drew a rare admission: the council hasn't the money to cut the hedges. It has seen no increase since 2018 from the national budget doled out by the TII, Transport Infrastructure Ireland, despite looking for increases.

"The TII allocation for ordinary maintenance of national secondary routes has remained static since 2018, with no increase... The budget is insufficient to cut all of the hedges on the N70 Ring of Kerry."

There you go! All the councillors now have to do is approach Government ministers Healy-Rae and Foley, and Michael Cahill TD to get money to cut the hedges.

## PRETTY POLLY HOSPITALITY COLLEGE: THREE YEARS ON, LAMENTABLY LITTLE PROGRESS.

It is a full three years since then minister for higher education Simon Harris gave a commitment to Kerry education college in High Street that we would see a third level hospitality college attracting thousands of students in Killarney - All under the umbrella of the Kerry ETB.

Well not much has happened since, I regret to say. I put in queries and apart from the fact I needed a dictionary to understand the various abbreviations, there are three things which I feel confident in stating:

No one is mentioning the Pretty Polly site, so it is not at all clear that this is still the preferred location. The Department of Higher Education speaks of "sites" in Killarney.

Secondly, the preliminary case for the Killarney college is still not completed by the lead body the Kerry ETB and other agencies, three years down the road.

It will be up to the Minister in charge to give the go-ahead.

To help the reader make sense of what I got from the Kerry ETB:

Kerry ETB is the Kerry Education and Training Board

DFHERIS: The Department of Further and Higher Education, Research,

Innovation and Science

SOLAS is "The State agency that oversees the building of a world class Further Education & Training (FET) sector in Ireland"

FET is Further Education and Training.

"Kerry ETB in compliance with the Department of Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform (DPENDR) Infrastructure Guidelines, have submitted a Site Acquisition Proposal to SOLAS under the FET College of the Future Major Projects Fund. The Proposal is being reviewed by SOLAS and DFHERIS in consultation with Kerry ETB.

Subject to Ministerial approval Kerry ETB expect to be able to proceed shortly with the purchase of a preferred site.

In parallel, Kerry ETB is preparing to submit a Preliminary Business Case for the FET College project that will be developed on the preferred site. Following evaluation of Kerry ETB's submission, a recommendation on whether to allow Kerry ETB to proceed through Approval Gate 1 (AG1) will be made ...."

The department of higher education in a nutshell said it is waiting for the Kerry end of things to complete a preliminary business case with Solas etc.

"Substantial engagement has taken place between Kerry ETB and Kerry County Council regarding suitable sites in Killarney."





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Thank you, Peter & Mary O'Rourke, Rathmore.



# Connie's Son Takes the Honours in Memorial Golf Classic

After an indifferent spell of weather the sun shone and a gentle breeze greeted the thirty five teams that took part in the St Pauls Golf Classic, held in the memory of the legendary Connie Brosnan. The first ball was struck at 9am with the last putt being sunk shortly after 7pm and with benign conditions the scoring was impressive. The Beaufort course was in pristine condition and fittingly, given the amount of work he puts into organising the event, it was Connie's son Sean who took the honours.

He was part of the MC Construction Team led by Keith McMahon with Councillor Niall Botty O'Callaghan and Aidan O Connor all dovetailing wonderfully to hit an impressive 94 points. But chasing them home all the way was the Bunkers Bar team, a family effort, the Curtayne's, namely Enda, Ronan, Aileen and Darren. Pat O Shea showed his prowess wasn't just confined to the GAA pitch as he combined with Der Brosnan, John O Leary and Eric Whelan to finish third for the Tatler Jack Bar. The Victoria Hotel always put in a strong showing and Declan Kelly, John Guest, James McCarthy and David O Sullivan didn't let the side down, finishing in fourth.



1st. Team MC Construction 94 points (Sean Brosnan, Niall O'Callaghan and Keith McMahon).

Sean Brosnan showed his radar was dialled in early, winning the nearest the pin, at the second hole while Robert Gallagher channelled his inner Bryson DeChambeau to win the longest drive on the 4th.

The Club would like to thank most sincerely everyone who took part in the Golf Classic,

sponsored a team or a tee box. Special thanks to Tadgh Clifford and the greenkeeping team who had the course in immaculate shape despite the recent days of unpredictable weather. To Helen and the staff in the Clubhouse who made sure everyone got fed and watered. Finally this event would not be the success it was, over 35 teams took part, without the work of organising Committee, namely Sean Brosnan, Maurice O Donoghue, John Carroll and Tim O Sullivan.

## Results

**1st. Team MC Construction 94 points ( Keith McMahon, Sean Brosnan, Niall O Callaghan, Aidan O Connor)**

**2nd. Team Bunkers Bar 93 points (Enda, Ronan, Aileen, Darren Curtayne)**

**3rd Team Tatler Jack Bar 90 pts (Pat O Shea, Der Brosnan, John O Leary, Eric Whelan)**

**4th Team Victoria Hotel 89 pts ( Declan Kelly, John Guest, James McCarthy, David O Sullivan)**

**Nearest the Pin - Sean Brosnan**

**Longest Drive - Robert Gallagher**



Mike Kennedy, Mike Doyle and Robert Gallagher.



3rd Team Tatler Jack Bar 90 pts Pat O'Shea, Der Brosnan, John O'Leary, Eric Whelan.

## Kerry Player Wins €2,000 a Month in EuroDreams

A lucky online player from Co. Kerry is celebrating after winning €2,000 a month for the next five years in last night's (29th September) EuroDreams draw. The ticket, bought online on Friday, 26th September, matched six numbers to secure the Tier 2 prize.

This is the second EuroDreams Tier 2 win in Kerry, with previous wins recorded in Dublin, Cork and Wicklow. The National Lottery has confirmed that the Kerry winner has been notified and advised to contact the prize claims team to arrange collection.



Nearly 30 cent in every €1 spent on National Lottery games goes back to Good Causes in the areas of sport, youth, health, welfare, education, arts, heritage and the Irish Language. In total, more than €6.5 billion has been raised for Good Causes since the National Lottery was established 37 years ago. In 2024 alone, €239.3 million

was raised for local Good Causes in communities across Ireland. EuroDreams, launched in 2023, offers unique annuity-style prizes, with the top prize worth €20,000 a month for 30 years.





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# Great Celebrations for St Pauls Basketball Club

## 40 Year Anniversary

The Killarney Avenue Hotel played host last Saturday night to St Paul's Basketball Club on a night of celebration and nostalgia. The club was formed in 1985 and all but two of the founding members were present on the night. Rory O Flaherty, Christy Sheehan, Joey Sheehan, Paul Sheehan, Seamus O'Doherty and Tom Looney were presented with a specially commissioned certificate while family members of the late Sean Coleman and Donal O Doherty represented their loved ones.

Just like the old adage "When drinking the water, never forget those who sunk the well" the club is extremely grateful today to this dedicated group who from humble beginnings have made it the club that it is today. This was reflected in the 180 strong attendance who on the night enjoyed a sumptuous meal, expertly prepared, and also acknowledged those who have represented the club on the international stage.

There were also special recognition awards presented to those who have carried the torch in the club in recent years. The night ran very smoothly thanks to the promptings of MCs Niall Botty O'Callaghan and Enda Walshe and when all the honouring was done, young and old danced the night away to the tunes of DJ Brendan Fuller.

A big thank you must be extended to the organising committee but special mention must be given to Patricia McCarthy who brought the event from an acorn to an oak tree.



Patricia, Emer and Micheala Buckley, seated, with Fiona McMahon, Noreen Buckley, Lily and Patricia McCarthy at the St. Paul's Basketball Club 40th anniversary celebration in The Killarney Avenue Hotel on Saturday night. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Siobhan O'Donoghue, Chloe, Marian and Catriona O'Doherty at the St. Paul's Basketball Club 40th anniversary celebration in The Killarney Avenue Hotel on Saturday night. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Maidhci Lynch, Leah McMahon, Anne O'Shea, Aine and Karl McMahon at the St. Paul's Basketball Club 40th anniversary celebration in The Killarney Avenue Hotel on Saturday night. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Luke Ryan, Stephen Brosnan, Christina Bartlett, James Fleming and Shane Horgan, seated, with Leah McMahon, Lovisa Hevinder, Rheanne Kelly, Lorraine Scanlon, Tara Cousins, Lynn Jones and Maisie Burnham at the St. Paul's Basketball Club 40th anniversary celebration in The Killarney Avenue Hotel on Saturday night. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Rheanne and Brian Kelly, Trish and Seanie O'Shea at the St. Paul's Basketball Club 40th anniversary celebration in The Killarney Avenue Hotel on Saturday night. Picture: Eamonn Keogh





Paul Kennedy, Timmy and Micheal Clifford, Mary and Jackie Kennedy and Kenneth McCarthy at the St. Paul's Basketball Club 40th anniversary celebration in The Killarney Avenue Hotel on Saturday night. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Former St. Paul's player and officer Tracey O'Shea and her sister Sheila Dickson, former St. Paul's officer. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Left to Right: Lynn Burchill, Leah McMahon, Paul Sheehan, Orla Kavanagh, Mairead Finnegan, Muiriosa Galwey.



Founding member representatives Rory O'Flaherty, Christy Sheehan, Tom Looney and Eleanor O'Doherty (representing her late husband Donal O'Doherty) with Paul Sheehan, Peter Coleman (representing his late father Sean Coleman), Joey Sheehan, Seamus O'Doherty and Mike Buckley at the St. Paul's Basketball Club 40th anniversary celebration in The Killarney Avenue Hotel on Saturday night. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



St. Paul's Basketball Club President and founding member Christy Sheehan with his daughter Karen, sons Paul and Joey, grandchildren Ava, Mark and Nessa and daughters-in-law Teresa and Bridget. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Founding member Tom Looney stands at the memory table, dedicated to members of the club now sadly departed.



St. Paul's Basketball Club 40th anniversary celebration night committee members Christina Bartlett, Elizabeth Switzer, Theresa O'Neill and Patricia McCarthy, seated, with Niall O'Callaghan, Paul Sheehan, Shane Horgan, James Fleming, Timmy Clifford and Enda Walshe in The Killarney Avenue Hotel on Saturday night. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Utility Trust St. Paul's ladies players Tara Cousins, Lovisa Hevinder and Maisie Burnham with St. Paul's mens players Darragh O'Callaghan, Adam Whitty, Oisin Spring, Pablo Murcia, Eoin Carroll, Steve Kelly, Sam Grant and Jack O'Sullivan at the St. Paul's Basketball Club 40th anniversary celebration in The Killarney Avenue Hotel on Saturday night. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Former St. Paul's players Lynn Jones, Mairead Finnegan and Diane Griffin, who also played together on the Irish U-15 schoolgirls team in 1999, at the St. Paul's Basketball Club 40th anniversary celebration in The Killarney Avenue Hotel on Saturday night. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Front Row: Shane Horgan, Paul Sheehan, Adrian O'Donoghue. Back Row: Jordan Lee, Philip O'Connor, James Fleming, Brian Clarke, Cormac O'Donoghue.



# Brothers Honoured with Garda Youth Community Safety Award

Two Killarney brothers, Gary and Conor O'Sullivan, have been named winners of the prestigious Lee Strand Kerry Garda Youth Community Safety Award. The presentation took place on Friday night at the Rose Hotel, Tralee, where the O'Sullivan family was celebrated for their courage, resilience and commitment to raising community awareness about CPR and heart health.

The award comes after a life-changing incident on April 6th, 2025 – a day the O'Sullivan family will never forget. What began as an ordinary morning turned traumatic when the brothers' elder sibling, Seán Óg, suddenly collapsed at the family home in Whitebridge. Acting without hesitation, Gary, Conor and their father, Seán, immediately began CPR, keeping Seán Óg alive until paramedics arrived.

The quick response not only saved Seán Óg's life but also led to the discovery of a genetic heart condition within the family, Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (HCM). Both Gary and his mother have since been fitted with defibrillators, alongside Seán Óg.

Rather than retreat after the shock of this diagnosis, Gary and Conor turned their experience into a mission. They began speaking out locally and nationally about the importance of CPR and defibrillator training. In addition, the brothers have spearheaded fundraising initiatives supporting Killarney First Responders, Brú Columbanus, and the Michael Lenihan Heartsafe Campaign. Their efforts also funded the purchase of a defibrillator for public use at Whitebridge Manor Estate, adjacent to the Cork Road.

Proud aunt Anne Holland nominated her nephews for the award, praising their determination to transform a personal trauma



The O'Sullivan Family pictured at the awards.



Gary and Conor O'Sullivan.

into a positive force for others. "They stepped up, felt both grateful and thankful, and changed the narrative to positivity," she said. "Through their energy and efforts, they are helping others and potentially preventing other families from experiencing what they went through."

Now in its 27th year, the Kerry Garda Youth Community Safety Awards honour young people who make their communities a safer and better place. This year, the O'Sullivan brothers' bravery, advocacy, and dedication made them truly deserving recipients.



The O'Sullivan family with members of An Garda Síochána.



16 year old Rebecca O'Sullivan from Kenmare was announced as the Overall Winner of the Lee Strand Kerry Garda Youth Achievement Awards 2025.

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# NEW CORRIDOR POSSIBLE WITHIN FIVE YEARS

The new Kerry-Cork corridor, which will involve the construction of a major road from Farranfore to Killarney, could commence within a five-year period, Kerry County Council CEO, Fearghal Reidy, has said.

Addressing a Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce luncheon, Mr Reidy said €2 million was provided to advance the project last year with another €1 million approved this year.

"Don't hold me to this but with a fair wind and no surprises or objections, you could expect the contract to commence in about five years. That would be a gamechanger for this region if we had all that in line. It is very important as we are now a university county," Mr Reidy said. The CEO told the gathering of Killarney business leaders in the Great Southern Hotel that transport and connectivity was another big priority for the local authority.

Negotiations have taken place with Irish Rail regarding the provision of more frequent rail services for Kerry, and there has been significant investment in local and national roads and active travel.

"You can really see it here in Killarney," he said. Mr Reidy pointed out that when extensive work was carried out on Rock Road, all the existing cables were moved underground and that was funded by Kerry County Council.

"We hope to do that with other active travel projects going forward," he remarked.

Mr Reidy said it was hoped that the first phase of the South Kerry Greenway would be operational within the next six months, and there is an ambitious overall greenway strategy planned to connect the entire county.

"Kerry will be a top class greenway destination," he said.

The provision of housing was a key priority for the council, and while there are plans to add to the housing stock, rezoning would also be considered, and negotiations with landowners, developers and development agencies will continue to bring forward viable propositions. Climate action is another priority, and it was encouraging to witness how communities united at times of extreme weather events. Mr Reidy said such cooperation is essential in Kerry towns and villages.

"As a visitor, you really feel better if you feel you are part of a community effort to address climate change and when you see the measures introduced by the hospitality sector and others," Mr Reidy said.

"Our customers expect us to take responsibility for climate action seriously," the CEO said, adding that Killarney was to the fore with projects like the coffee cup initiative and Tidy Towns.

Mr Reidy said it was encouraging to hear Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce praising the work of the council's outdoor staff, and he said he is extremely proud of the local authority's operational teams.

"I walked the streets of Killarney at 8.15am this



*Padraig Treacy and Johnny McGuire (Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce Co-Presidents) present Fearghal Reidy (Kerry County Council CEO) with a copy of Killarney: History & Heritage at the Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce members luncheon at The Muckross Park Hotel Killarney. Picture: Eamonn Keogh*



*Patrick O'Donoghue (Gleneagle Group), Patsy Sheehan, Jessica Galvin and James Sheehan (Killarney Grand) and Michael Culloty (Orchid Accountants) at the Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce members luncheon at The Muckross Park Hotel Killarney. Picture: Eamonn Keogh*

morning and the outdoor staff were cleaning, planting and doing brilliant work. Killarney has a great reputation for its Tidy Towns work and for being so well presented," he said.

Mr Reidy said, going forward, there is a real need for partnerships between state agencies, the council and local organisations, including Killarney Chamber.

"Let's understand the priorities of residents, visitors and investors so we can meet their expectations. Killarney Chamber does such a brilliant job here," he added.

He stressed that there is a need for one strong voice for business in the town that will always

be listened to and make sure that they are heard.

Mr Reidy said if the Chamber disagrees with something, they should make it known that they disagree, but if they are in favour of something, they should also voice an opinion.

"It's your right to tell us if you disagree with something and if you feel something would be better with tweaks then tell us about those tweaks as we want to hear all views," Mr Reidy said.

*Pictures: Eamonn Keogh*





*Michael Coghlan (Sherry Fitzgerald Coghlan), Sean O'Sullivan and John Paul Coghlan (Coghlan Consulting Engineers) at the Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce members luncheon at The Muckcross Park Hotel Killarney. Keogh*



*Diarmuid Leen and Joe Shannon (AIB Bank) and Niamh O'Shea (The Innovate Room) at the Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce members luncheon at The Muckcross Park Hotel Killarney.*



*Roisin Kivlehan (ETC), Sheila O'Callaghan (The Lake Hotel) and Sarah Treacy (OCTK Chartered Accountants) at the Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce members luncheon at The Muckcross Park Hotel Killarney.*



*Declan Murphy (Killarney Municipal District), Fearghal Reidy (Kerry County Council CEO) Martin O'Donoghue (Killarney Municipal District Manager) and Matthew Farrell (Killarney Municipal District Officer) at the Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce members luncheon at The Muckcross Park Hotel Killarney.*



*Mike O'Leary (O'Learys Electrical), Joe Shannon (AIB Bank), Marcus Treacy (OCTK Chartered Accountants), Tom Randles (Randles Hotel) Michael Jacobi (Hayfield Family Collection) and Donal Culloty (REA Coyne & Culloty) at the Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce members luncheon at The Muckcross Park Hotel Killarney.*



*Siobhan Kissane, Tom Keane and Joanne Fitzgerald (Bank of Ireland) at the Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce members luncheon at The Muckcross Park Hotel Killarney.*



*Con Duggan, Fearghal Reidy (Kerry County Council CEO) and Tom Randles (Randles Hotel) at the Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce members luncheon at The Muckcross Park Hotel Killarney.*



*Anthony Walsh (Walsh Brothers Shoes), Breffni Ingerton (Gleneagle Group), Fearghal Reidy (Kerry County Council CEO) and Johnny McGuire, (Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce Co-President) at the Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce members luncheon at The Muckcross Park Hotel Killarney.*



*Josie O'Kelly (Muckcross Park Hotel), Sheila O'Callaghan (The Lake Hotel), Neil Grant (Brehon Hotel) and Siobhan O'Shea (Aghadoe Heights Hotel) at the Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce members luncheon at The Muckcross Park Hotel Killarney.*



Pint-Sized Prodigy Revisited:

# Bridget Gleeson reflects on her 1969 BBC debut

When the BBC Archive shared a clip from its vaults on Saturday 26 September few could have predicted the reaction it received from members of the facebook page Killarney Down Memory Lane.

The clip shows broadcaster Cliff Michelmore meeting five-year-old Bridget Gleeson from Killarney, introducing her as a pint-sized golf prodigy in the days leading up to that year's Ryder Cup. More than half a century later, the footage once again captured hearts, this time on social media.

The clip, posted on Facebook ahead of the 2025 Ryder Cup, was quickly was reposted on By Diarmuid O'Rinn on Killarney Down Memory Lane, drawing hundreds of likes, comments, and reminiscences from locals proud to see one of their own remembered.

Among those who appeared in the comments was Bridget herself to confirm her identity. "I'm the little girl in the clip and thankfully I'm still alive and well," she wrote with good humour,

adding, "I did get a bit bigger and I did finish school! I did not turn pro but I did play at senior international level before I had to retire due to back injuries." She went on to explain how she had turned to pilates during her recovery and now teaches it to help others "keep moving and doing what they enjoy for as long as they can."

Bridget also said that the film also features her late father, who passed away 13 years ago. "Amazing seeing my dad in this clip also," she wrote. "Thank you so much for all your lovely comments" She also revealed that last Frida was the first time she had ever seen the video! The Ryder Cup may be about the great names of the game, but for a brief moment, a five-year-old from Killarney, Bridget Gleeson-Healy stole the spotlight!

You can view the heartwarming clip on Killarney Down Memory Lane Facebook page or on <https://www.facebook.com/BBCArchive/videos/810881264959294>



Bridget pictured with Cliff Michelmore and her dad John in images captured from the BBC Video.



## SVP launches Young SVP in Kerry

Secondary schools across the county invited to attend event on 7th October.

The Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP) is inviting secondary school teachers and students from across the county to attend the first Young SVP event in Kerry on 7th October at the Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney.

The launch event will welcome representatives from secondary schools across Kerry, offering a clear overview of how Young SVP integrates with school life.

The initiative encourages young people to lead meaningful social-action projects while developing teamwork, leadership and a strong understanding of social justice.

Young SVP is a free, non-competitive school



programme designed for Transition Year students as well as Religious Education, CSPE and LCVP classes. It links directly to the curriculum and complements extracurricular activities such as Gaisce and the Pope John Paul II Awards. Students take part in workshops on poverty, equality, human dignity, leadership and project planning, with teachers receiving continuous support from the Young SVP team. Alita Kelly, Youth Development Officer with

SVP, says: 'We are thrilled to be hosting our first Young SVP event in Kerry. The programme has already inspired thousands of students nationwide to become active citizens, and we look forward to welcoming Kerry schools as we help young people learn, grow and lead positive change in their communities.' This event marks an important milestone in expanding Young SVP across the county and the beginning of a long-term partnership with Kerry's education community.

**To attend or find out more please contact Alita Kelly, SVP's Youth Development Officer, at [alita.kelly@svp.ie](mailto:alita.kelly@svp.ie) or on 086 0126 347.**





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# KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL HONOUR KERRY SENIOR FOOTBALL TEAM AND MANAGEMENT WITH CIVIC RECEPTION

Kerry County Council proudly hosted a Civic Reception on Thursday evening to honour the triumphant Kerry Senior Football Team and Management in recognition of their outstanding victory in the 2025 All-Ireland Senior Football Championship.

The event was hosted by Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr. Mike Foley, who praised the team for their commitment, determination, and the sense of pride they have instilled in the county. The reception recognised the achievement of the team in bringing home the Sam Maguire Cup for the 39th time, marking another glorious chapter in Kerry's illustrious footballing history.

Cathaoirleach of the Kerry County Board Patrick O'Sullivan thanked the Cathaoirleach and Councillors and the Chief Executive and members of the Executive for the Civic Reception and expressed his appreciation to Kerry County Council.

All Ireland winning manager Jack O'Connor said that the team and management were very appreciative of the welcome and homecomings receptions they received around the county following the win in July and emphasised how vital the support of Kerry fans was in helping



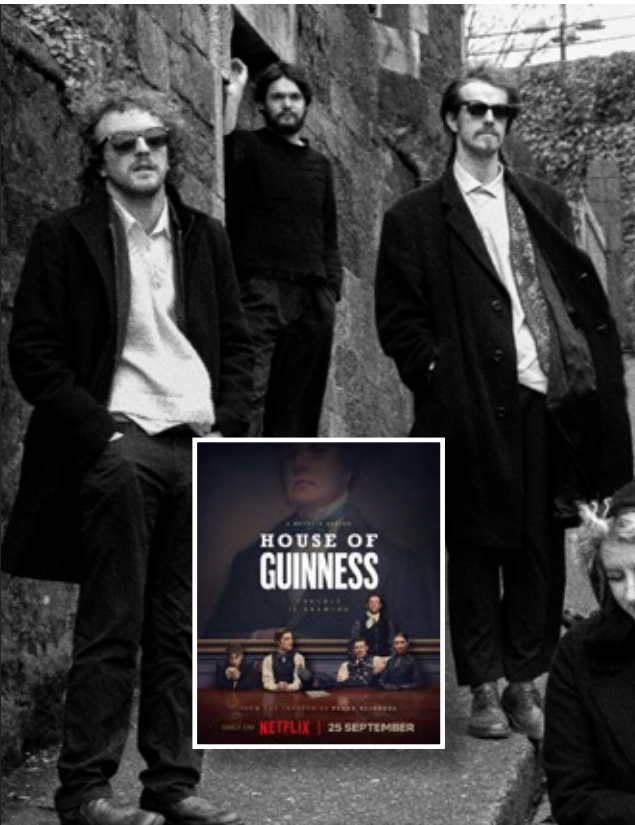
Mayor of Kerry, Councillor Mike Foley, hosted a civic reception at the Kerry County Council buildings in Tralee to celebrate the Kerry Senior All-Ireland Football Championship winning team. The event was attended by team manager Jack O'Connor, captain Gavin White, members of the victorious panel and backroom team, as well as proud supporters and members of the public who gathered to share in the celebration

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them achieve their success.

Kerry captain Gavin White said that winning the All Ireland was extra special this year given the challenges the team faced as the championship unfolded before ultimately capturing Sam Maguire for the 39th time. Kerry

County Council extends its congratulations to the players, management, backroom staff and the entire GAA community and looks forward to further success in the seasons ahead.



## Killarney Musician's Band Pebbledash Feature in Steven Knight's House of Guinness

There is a strong Killarney connection in Steven Knight's much-anticipated new series House of Guinness, with local musician Fionnbharr Hickey, frontman of the rising Irish band Pebbledash, featuring on the soundtrack.

The group's cinematic reimagining of the 17th-century lament "Carraig Aonair" was chosen for the series, introducing international audiences to a piece of Ireland's cultural and historical memory through a modern, atmospheric lens.

Released in 2024, Pebbledash's version of "Carraig Aonair" is a fresh take on the traditional séan nós lament, originally composed in the 1690s by Conchubhar Ó'Laoghair. The song mourns the drowning of his three sons and son-

in-law off the Cork coast. With Asha Egan McCutcheon delivering a soft yet haunting vocal and synth layers by Cormac Donovan O'Neill adding raw ambience, the track bridges the gap between past and present, grief and art. Fionnbarr Hickey, the son of Mike and Teresa Hickey from Woodlawn grew up in Killarney before helping to form Pebbledash in Cork, the achievement marks another step in a fast-rising career.

Pebbledash are now taking their sound across Europe and the UK, with performances at Left of the Dial in Rotterdam, They're Gonna Be Big in Paris, and a November headline tour including dates in Cork, Dublin, Belfast, London, Manchester, and Leeds.

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## Teenzone

Teenzone hosted the first of its kind Teen Wellfest in collaboration with *Cromane Seafest* on September 12th where almost 700 T.y students from across Kerry attended. The day provided Teens with a broad variety of health and wellbeing talks from self-care in relation to sleep and technology boundaries with Sleep Scientist Tom Coleman. Guest speakers Miriam Hussey, Linda O'Mahony Logan, Ronan Buckley, Sean O'Leary and Sinéad Buckley.

The final talk of the day hosted by Gerry Hussey was in keeping with the theme and focused on who you want to become. The event boasted Physical activities from pilates with Balance twenty one, yoga by Rosemarie, Trampolining by jump to the beat, kickboxing with Dagda, Zumba with Leila. The day incorporated fun with dance, music, drumming and highlighted the large spectrum of methodologies out there to enhance physical health and wellbeing.

The creative arts and dance was provided by Macademy.

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The initiative involves two sectors, firstly Teenzone provides *school based workshops* for the adolescent and also *engages with parents and teachers*. Secondly Teenzone aims to *provide community wellbeing zones* for teens as a safe space for personal development creating opportunities for peer connection, highlighting wellbeing resources and practices to enhance resilience and strengthen psychological well-being.



Our next event takes place on

## Tuesday October 28th

Midterm break and is suited to senior cycle Teens.

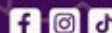
'The Cafe' will be hosted by Teenzone at Killarney Racecourse from 5pm - 8pm tickets are on sale now at [www.teenzone.ie](http://www.teenzone.ie)

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# Amelia Crowned Regatta Queen

By Padraig Mannix



Amelia Counihan of Workman's Rowing Club was crowned the 237th Killarney Regatta Queen.

The swirling waters of Lough Leane may have been too wild for racing this year, but the spirit of Killarney's rowing tradition could not be dampened. On Thursday, September 25th, the annual Killarney Regatta Dance lit up The Oaks Hotel, as rowers, families, and supporters came together to celebrate a sporting and cultural legacy stretching back over two centuries. The Killarney Regatta, first held in 1788, is one of Ireland's oldest rowing events. Originally a gathering for the local gentry and rowing enthusiasts, it quickly became a beloved community tradition, intertwining



The contestants were: Sorcha Coffey, Fossa, Amelia Counihan, Workman's, Jenna Coffey, Muckcross, Holly Heffernan, Flesk Valley, Emma Meehan, St. Brendan's (missing from photo).

competition, social celebration, and town pride. Over the centuries, it has seen generations of rowers take to the water, while families and supporters have gathered to witness feats of skill, endurance, and camaraderie. Even today, the Regatta remains a symbol of Killarney's sporting spirit and cultural heritage. Though this year's races were cancelled due to high winds, the passion for the event remained undiminished. The ballroom at The Oaks Hotel buzzed with excitement, as representatives from the six rowing clubs, Fossa, Workman's, St. Brendan's, Commercials, Flesk Valley, and Muckcross came together to celebrate the community and its shared history. Music, laughter, and stories of past Regattas filled the room, reminding everyone present that the tradition is about much more than the races themselves.

A cornerstone of the evening was the crowning of the Regatta Queen, a tradition that has been part of the event for generations. The Queen is more than a ceremonial figure; she represents the spirit, pride, and grace of the rowing community and the town itself. This year, the contestants were:

**Sorcha Coffey – Fossa**  
**Amelia Counihan – Workman's**  
**Jenna Coffey – Muckcross**  
**Holly Heffernan – Flesk Valley**

## Emma Meehan – St. Brendan's

After much anticipation, Amelia Counihan of Workman's Rowing Club was crowned the 237th Killarney Regatta Queen, adding her name to a long line of young women who have proudly carried forward this celebrated tradition.

Workman's Rowing Club shared their pride and congratulations saying the "The crowning of the Regatta Queen is more than a title, it is a celebration of history, community, and the spirit of Killarney rowing. Amelia embodies everything that our tradition stands for: dedication, pride, and grace. Congratulations to her and all the remarkable young women who represented their clubs."

*From its origins as a gathering of local rowing enthusiasts to its place today as a cherished symbol of community, the Killarney Regatta has witnessed centuries of history. While weather may have prevented the races this year, it could not dampen the energy, pride, and continuity of a tradition that has thrived for over 237 years, and promises to continue inspiring generations of rowers and supporters for many more to come.*



Representatives from all the Rowing Clubs pictured at the Regatta Dance at the Killarney Oaks Hotel.



Amelia Counihan with members of Workman Rowing Club.



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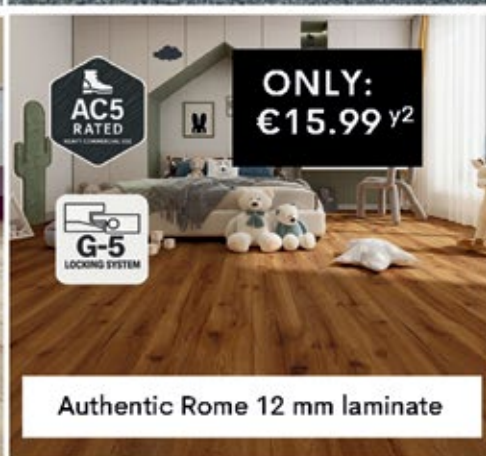
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# Killarney National Park Autumn Talks Series 2025 Announced

This year marks the 37th year of the annual Killarney National Park 'Autumn Talks Series' 2025, set to return to Killarney House commencing Thursday, 9th October, and will continue each Thursday night for six weeks. The popular weekly event will take place at Killarney House Auditorium at 8.00pm. The talks series is free, seating is limited, it will also be live-streamed via the Killarney National Park Facebook page @killarneynationalpark. Long time organiser of the Talks Series NPWS Conservation Ranger, Padraig O'Sullivan, added "We are very proud of the Autumn Talks

Series, which appears to be the longest running and most successful nature talks in the Country. The speakers and subjects chosen are always engaging. The live-streaming has enhanced the experience with audiences joining from all parts of the globe, which is so encouraging. The speakers stem from every walk of life this year and I've no doubt will prove very popular". For the latest updates keep in touch with the @killarneynationalpark Facebook page or instagram page.

## List and dates of Autumn Talks Series 2025

9th October: Julian Friers Artist 'Wild Ireland'

## Past • Present • Future

16th October: Alan McCarthy

'The Secret Lives of Owls in Ireland

23rd October: James Flynn 'Killarney Arbutus Furniture History 1825-1953'

30th October: Chris Barron 'Killarney National Park Education Centre: 40 Years of Conservation'

6th November: John Casey 'The History of Irish Forests from Tudor to the early 20th Century'

13th November: Éamonn Meskeel 'Killarney National Park Projects and Operational Works update 2025'



Close up great Grey Owl.



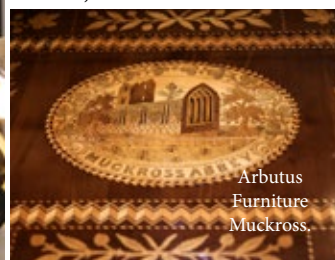
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## A new era begins at Castleisland Community College

Kerry Education and Training Board (Kerry ETB) has announced the appointment of Máiréad Corridan as Principal and Paudie Fleming as Deputy Principal at Castleisland Community College. Both leaders bring strong experience and vision to one of Kerry ETB's eight post-primary schools.

A native of Brosna, Co. Kerry, Máiréad Corridan joined Castleisland Community College as a teacher of biology and chemistry in 2010 and has been part of the senior management team since 2018. She now steps into the role of Principal, building on the school's long tradition of excellence in education. Speaking on her appointment, Ms. Corridan said:

"I am honoured and privileged to lead Castleisland Community College into its next chapter. This is a school where every student feels valued, empowered, and equipped with the knowledge and skills to thrive in an ever-changing world. Our mission is to provide an education that lasts a lifetime, preparing students to be lifelong learners, critical thinkers, and problem solvers."

She also highlighted the importance of student wellbeing and the school's strong culture of care:



Máiréad Corridan Principal and Paudie Fleming a Deputy Principal at Castleisland Community College.

"When students feel emotionally supported and valued, they are better equipped to engage in learning and reach their full academic potential. Together with staff, students, and parents, we will continue to nurture a school culture where every student thrives."

Paudie Fleming, who takes up the position of Deputy Principal, has been a staff member of Kerry ETB since 2014. He previously taught Graphics and Construction Studies at Killorglin Community College and most recently served as

Deputy Principal and Acting Principal of Coláiste Gleann Li in Tralee. Mr. Fleming is also a former student of Castleisland Community College. Reflecting on his return, he said: "It is both an honour and a privilege to return as Deputy Principal. As a past pupil, this school played a key role in shaping my values and beliefs. I now look forward to contributing to its ongoing legacy and helping shape its future success."

Looking ahead, he emphasised the importance of innovation in education: "Given the opportunities and challenges presented by AI and digital learning, I want to ensure our students are fully equipped to thrive in a rapidly changing world. Building on initiatives like the school's laptop scheme, we will continue to prepare students with the skills and adaptability they need for the future."

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# Good news for some CAO applicants as 3,935 individual subjects upgraded in Leaving Cert appeals

UPGRADE

The results of the 2025 Leaving Certificate Appeals were released to candidates through the Candidate Self Service Portal on [www.examinations.ie](http://www.examinations.ie) at 11am on Friday, last, 26th September. The timely release of the appeal results dovetailed with the issuing of the final round, Round Five, of college offers by the Central Applications Office (CAO) last Tuesday, 30th September. The lucky applicants to the CAO, who were entitled to an offer of a college place, following an upgrade, received the offer in Round Five.

APPEALED

10,048 of the 60,939 candidates who sat the traditional Leaving Cert appealed against 20,764 individual results. This was a 43% increase on 2024 when there were 14,287 individual subject appeals. A further 4,507 candidates did the Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA) exam but less than ten of them appealed their results. No results were downgraded. 16% of traditional Leaving Cert candidates appealed against one or more subject results compared to 12.8% in 2024. The 20,764 individual subject appeals represent 4.7% of the total number of 437,710 grades issued in 2025.

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While the final number of upgrades of 3,935 represents less than 1% of all Leaving Cert results awarded this year, more importantly it also confirms that 3,935 of the 20,764 individual subject appeals were upgraded. In other words, 19% or almost one in five of every individual subject appealed was successful. Those statistics again confirms the old maxim that if you have any doubts about the marks awarded, then it's well worth applying for a recheck. The appeal fee was only €40 per Leaving Cert subject and was refunded if the appeal succeeded.

ASSURANCE

Each year, the State Examinations Commission

(SEC) uses the appeals process as a further quality assurance check on its marking processes in the Leaving Cert. As a result, there was a pleasant surprise for 42 candidates, who had not appealed their results, but received an upgrade in the quality insurance check. The upgrades arising from these quality assurance measures are also notified to the CAO and updated on the Candidate Self-Service Portal. Hopefully, the CAO made college offers to some or all of the lucky 42 applicants in Round Five.

VIEWING

Candidates who appealed their exam results may view their remarked written exam scripts. The viewing of remarked scripts will take place online if at all possible. The deadline for applying to view remarked scripts was 5pm on Monday last, 29th September. Candidates may also refer their exam appeal to the Independent Appeals Scrutineers (IAS). The function of the Independent Appeals Scrutineers is to ensure that all of the exam appeals processes outlined by the SEC have been carried out correctly. The deadline for applying to the Independent Appeal Scrutineers is 5pm on Friday, 10th October. The Independent Appeal Scrutineers process will take place in November 2025.

JUNIOR CYCLE RESULTS

The State Examinations Commission (SEC) has also announced that it will release the 2025 Junior Cycle results on Wednesday, 8th October which is roughly the same time as last year. They will be made available to students in their schools on the day. More students will be awarded Distinction and Higher Merit this year after changes were made to the Junior Cycle grading bands. There is the same number of grade bands as before but the top four grade descriptors - Distinction, Higher Merit, Merit and Achieved - are being evenly distributed in bands of fifteen percentage points. Good luck to all candidates getting Junior Cycle exam results on Wednesday.

NEW JUNIOR CYCLE GRADE BANDS

- Percentage range
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- 70 but less than 85 - Higher Merit
- 55 but less than 70 - Merit
- 40 but less than 55 - Achieved
- 20 but less than 40 - Partially Achieved
- Less than 20 - Not Graded



Last Friday Killarney Community College Leaving Cert Geography students accompanied by Mrs. Fitzgerald and Ms. O' Sullivan completed their Geographical Investigation looking at the impact of erosion in the Liscannor Bay Area of Co. Clare. They visited Creg Beach, Clauhan Cliff as well as Lahinch town. Students examined the geology, impact of erosion and coastal protection features. It allowed students the opportunity to bring their learning from the classroom out onto the coastal environment.

## KCC STUDENTS ENJOY SPANISH TRIP

For some it was their first trip abroad and what an unforgettable one. Spanish students from Third, Transition and Fifth Year of Killarney Community College put their language skills to the test in a four day language trip to Salamanca, Spain with the Mester Academy. Each morning they took part in a four hour grammar and culture class with native Spanish teachers, followed by typical Spanish meals and cultural activities by night. They had a guided tour of the city, visited the Cathedral, took part in Salsa dancing lessons and Spanish tortilla making. A great experience which ignited a newfound appreciation and curiosity for the language and travel.







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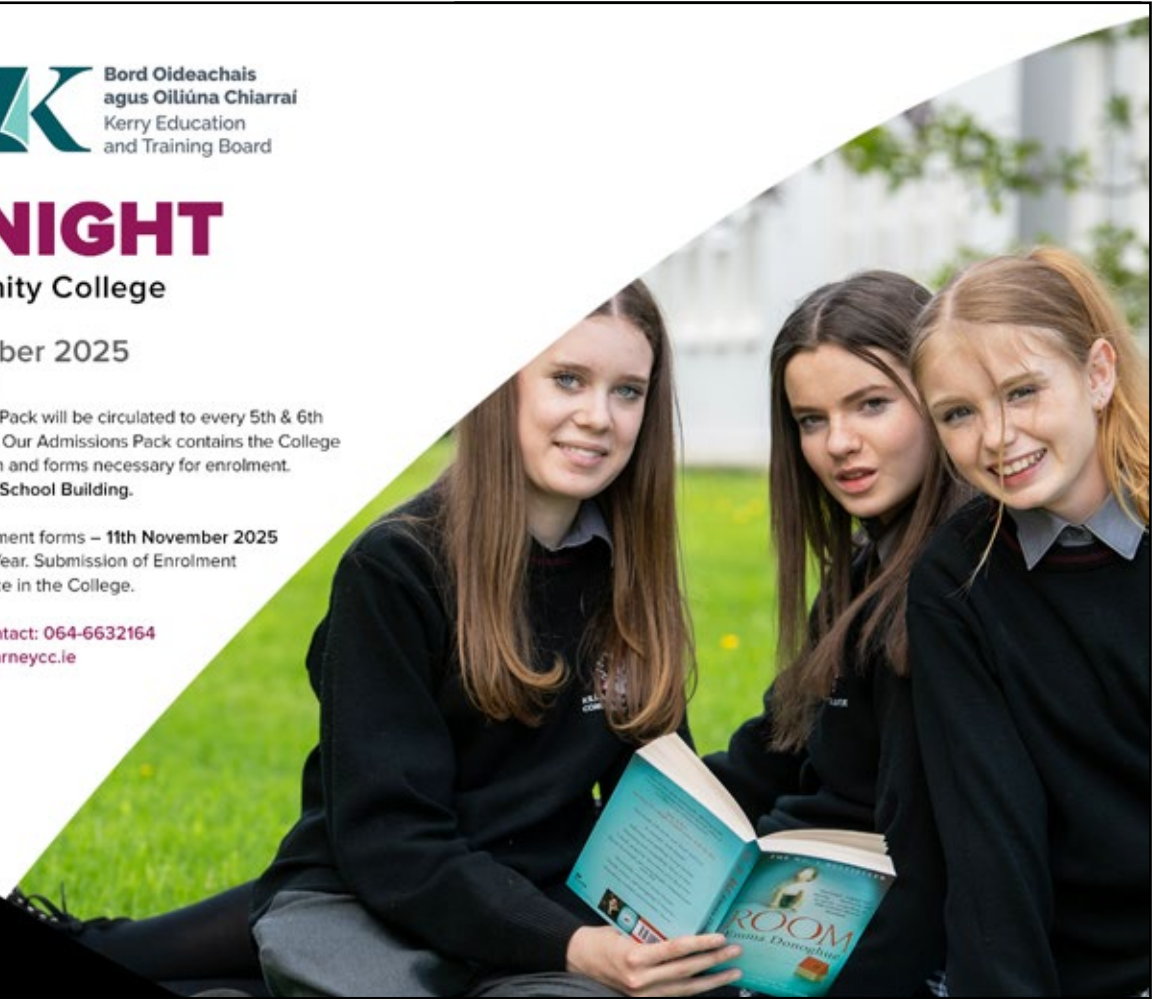
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# UTILITY TRUST ST PAULS WOMENS SUPERLEAGUE SEASON PREVIEW

Utility Trust St Pauls kick off their Superleague campaign with a trip to the scene of their best performance last season when they head to Mercy College to face the SETU Waterford Wildcats. The Wildcats had of course topped the league standings heading into the playoffs but they fell foul to a hugely determined Killarney side who of course went on to contest the Superleague Final in Tallaght. And while that day in the National Basketball Arena saw them lose out to Killester it certainly sowed the seeds for optimism for the upcoming season.

The summer has been a busy one with the recruitment of Maisie Burnham, Tara Cousins and Lovisa Hevinder.

Maisie comes to Killarney following an honour laden time in the Liberty High School where she also excelled at Volleyball. She went to Eastern Washington University where she led the team in scoring in the 2020/21 season with over 14 points. This average has been recorded in history's pages as the most by a Freshman.

She moved onto to the University of Portland where she really found her feet with the team, and as her time progressed with the Pilots her stats went North, peaking in the 2024/2025 season where she averages 16.3 points per game.

Cousins, a guard, stands at 5ft 8 and went to High School in the New Hope Academy. She later went to the University of Delaware and in the four years there she built up some very impressive stats.

After an initial settling in period, over the next three years she started 86 of their 87 games, and by the conclusion she led the team in scoring averaging 11.2 points per game. She was the heroine in their win over Hofstra, hitting 21 points and picking up the Player of the Week Award. She was also named in the ALLCAA Second Team of the season.

Lovisa Hevinder becomes the first female Swede to ply their trade in Killarney as the Stockholm native comes to the league via the University of Texas at Tyler Athletics where she spent her college career. Indeed on February 1st this year she set a new record for the Patriots, when she netted her 213th three pointer in their win over Oklahoma Christian. She was a regular starter in her final year where she contributed 7.2 points per game, 5.5 rebounds per game and dished out 82 assists, an accumulation of four years of effort and honesty. This was duly recognised as she was named to the LSC Athletic Performance All Conference Team.

She has represented her native Sweden at underage level and memorably played a leading role in their U16 European championship win in 2018. Standing at just over 6ft, Lovisa will be looking to bring her height and athleticism to the fore in the



Maisie Burnham wearing No.11



Tara Cousins  
wearing No.9

forward position.

They will of course join an Irish contingent who will have learned plenty from their league journey last season. Lorraine Scanlon is now a fully fledged Irish International and will lead the Utility Trust St Pauls challenge. Rheanne Kelly was the previous incumbent but following the news that she and husband Brian are expecting their first child, Rheanne will now be cheering on from the sidelines as she leaves the role in the capable hands of Lorraine. Previously a member of the Kerry Ladies Gaelic Football team, she is rightly acknowledged as one of Kerry's finest sports people. Denise Dunlea will use the experience of last season's captaincy to remain an influence while Siofra O Shea will have gained huge confidence after a winter on the hardwood. Leah McMahan's final

quarter performance in that Tallaght decider gave a glimpse into the future while at the other end of the spectrum, the recruitment of Emma Costello is a shrewd move. Emma has a world of experience having played top level basketball with Tralee, Castleisland and Killester and will be a great sounding board for the Club's young guns. There will be a thread of youth again in the squad with some of the younger squad members bound to benefit from the coaching handed to them by James Fleming and Shane Horgan.

The opening round fixture is set for Saturday October 4th at 7pm in the Mercy College and four of the first five fixtures are away from home. That run will be returned though with five home fixtures in a row thereafter. The Wildcats are led by the Hickey sisters, Irish Internationals Kate and Sarah and will provide a stern examination for the new look St Pauls side.

## HOME FIXTURES

**Fr Matthews Saturday October 18th 4pm**

**Killester Saturday November 29th 4pm**

**Glanmire Saturday December 13th 4pm**

**Brunell Saturday December 20th 4pm**

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**December 28th 1pm**

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# KILLARNEY COUGARS:

## NEW SEASON PREVIEW BASKETBALL IRELAND NATIONAL LEAGUE DIVISION 1

*The countdown is on as the Killarney Cougars Basketball Club gear up for their new campaign in the Basketball Ireland National League Division 1. With fresh faces, the Cougars are determined to build on the experiences of recent seasons.*

The squad has leaned heavily on its young core, who are gaining valuable experience across the campaign, with steady improvement through recent seasons.

While consistency proved a challenge against the league's most experienced teams, the Cougars never lacked fight or intensity. With a couple of years of development under their belts, the returning group now aims to turn hard-earned lessons into results.

### New Arrivals

The Cougars have made two significant signings in the off-season, Jackson Ryan – Player Coach

Standing at 6'3" Jackson Ryan arrives in Killarney after a standout rookie season with the Waterford Vikings, where he averaged an impressive 19.0 PPG, 6.5 RPG, 4.3 APG, and 1.5 SPG.

Originally from Connecticut, Jackson enjoyed a successful college career at Haverford College



Guard/forward Simon Olanipekun and Jackson Ryan – Player Coach.

(NCAA), where his leadership and two-way play made him a cornerstone of the programme. In Ireland, his impact was immediate, combining scoring ability with defensive toughness.

Off the court, Jackson is already an accomplished coach, having worked with the Limerick Sport Eagles, Huskies, and Limerick Lions youth teams. His dual role as Player Coach in Killarney brings experience, strategy, and vision to a young squad.

The Cougars are equally thrilled to welcome London-born guard/forward Simon Olanipekun, who joins after a strong University and National League career.

At the University of Portsmouth, Simon made an immediate impact as a scholarship athlete — winning league promotion and a national championship in his first season. He also trained with the London Lions, sharing the court with stars like Justin Robinson and DeAndre Liggins, experiences that sharpened his all-around game.

In the National League with Portsmouth Force, Simon twice earned Team MVP honors

(2022–23 & 2024–25) and finished runner-up in the League MVP race last season. Fresh out of university, he now takes the next step in Killarney, bringing athleticism, scoring ability, and leadership to the Cougars' roster. Returning players alongside the new additions, the Cougars are delighted to welcome back Nathan Cox, Aaron Buckley, Adam Linehan and youth players stepping up will include Lucas Cronin, Evan Cox, Conor O'Mahony and Jack Spillane contributing energy and enthusiasm to the roster and all will gain valuable experience at senior level. Further additions to the roster will be newcomers Elvis Mesters and Josh Vermiglio. Coach Jackson will look to complete a further new signing to bolster the young squad before the season tip off on this Saturday evening October 4th at the Galway University with a meeting with Moycullen first up in the Kingfisher Sports Arena and the opening home fixture of the season will see Team North West make the long journey south to the Presentation Gym to face Killarney Cougars in round two.

## COFFEE MORNING IN MEMORY OF DERRY O'LEARY

to Support Kerry Hospice Foundation

A Coffee Morning will take place on Sunday, 5th October 2025, in aid of the Kerry Hospice Foundation and in memory of Derry (Jeremiah) O'Leary. The event will be held from 12.30 pm to 2.30 pm at Kilcummin Recreational Hall.

Organisers are inviting the local community to attend and make a donation, no matter how big or small. For those who cannot attend in person, donations can also be made online at [www.hospicecoffeemorning.ie](http://www.hospicecoffeemorning.ie)

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# UTILITY TRUST ST PAULS LAKERS SEASON PREVIEW

Luke O'Hea's first competitive game in charge of St Paul's Men's National League team will be against the Titans in Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre on Saturday October 4th. The team will this year line out under the banner of Utility Trust St Pauls Lakers following the generous sponsorship agreement with James Fleming. Playing under the same banner as the Women's team also presents a nice synergy and the club is very grateful to James for his superb contribution. Not to forget the sponsor of latter years, Scotts Hotel, they remain on as associate sponsor, with their name on the back of the team vest.

O'Hea has been busy during the summer months acquainting himself with both the club and team and has recruited to match both the squads strengths and his own ethos.

Point guard Steve Kelly comes to Killarney off the back of a stellar final season at Edinboro College. He finished the season with 385 points, leading to a game average of 13.7 and also contributed four assists per game. These stats demonstrate his ability to both create and convert scoring opportunities. A proficient defender, his relentless ball pressure makes opposing players uncomfortable and his ability to create turnovers means he can dictate the pace on both ends of the floor. Previous to Edinboro he played for Clarion University, he is a native of Whitman Massachusetts.

Samuel Grant, standing at 6ft 9 inches, will bring his considerable height to the St Pauls line up and comes with a strong reputation having represented England at U15 level and Great Britain at U16, 18 and 20 level. While you would think his size would make him primarily an inside player, he actually has an impressive outside shot, something which helps him to regularly contribute 20 plus points in games. He attended the University of Sioux Falls the last two college seasons and previous to that he played for the Florida Institute of Technology. A native of Wellingborough he majored in Accounting, interestingly he worked under highly rated Kerry native Alan Keane when at Reading.

The Club was also delighted to welcome Pablo Murcia who will combine a playing role in the National League team with a coaching coordinator role with the Juvenile club. Pablo has spent his time recently coaching underage in his native Valencia in Spain and brings with him strong leadership, communication and organisational skills.

Eoin Carroll has been appointed as captain as O'Hea has earmarked Eoin as the ideal man to lead his team. Eoin was of course an integral part of the U20 league success last season, winning the MVP Award for a power packed display in the final win over Templeogue and has been a lynchpin in the National League effort since coming into the squad in his late teens and will once again be looking forward to the season ahead.

Mark Sheehan has also been appointed Vice Captain and this really highlights the Clubs philosophy in recent years of investing in the youth to bear fruit at senior level. Rui Saraiva has always been a very positive influence on the younger cohort in the squad and he has also been



James Fleming, Utility Trust with from left Steve Kelly, Eoin Carroll (Team Captain), Sam Grant and Pablo Murcia.



Front Row; Pablo Murcia, Oisín Spring, Mark Sheehan, Steve Kelly, Adam O'Neill, Adam Whitty.  
Back Row; Aidan Cremin (Asst Coach) Darragh O'Callaghan, Eoin Carroll (Team Captain), Sam Grant, Rui Saraiva, Oisín Hurley, Marco Bencic, Jack O'Sullivan, Luke O'Hea (Head Coach).

appointed Vice Captain. Jack O Sullivan will be eager to impress after a strong finish to last season while you know what Oisín Spring brings to the party. Marko Bencic has been looking to get back into the groove in pre-season while young guns like Cathal Spring, brother of Oisín, and the two Adams, Whitty and O'Neill, have been busy with the squad's preparations. Darragh O'Callaghan will have come on leaps and bounds after his first full season at this level while Oisín Hurley has also been showing up well at training.

The Titans are the first team in the firing line and they will have no complex about the trip down south after recording three victories over St Pauls last season. They possess in Fortune Igbokwe and Declan Gbinigie two stellar young talents and are coming into the season full of confidence following U20 success last term. They have also signed Umar Rashid who comes with an impressive CV and have made an interesting coaching appointment in Erin Bracken, the Kildare native has a very high basketball IQ. They will provide a stern opening test for Captain Carroll and Co and tip off in the Killarney Sports

and Leisure Centre is at 7.30pm, this Saturday October 4th.

## Home Fixtures

**Titans Saturday October 4th 7.30pm**  
**Malahide Saturday October 18th 7.30pm**  
**Moycullen Saturday November 1st 7.30pm**  
**Cougars Saturday November 29th 7.30pm**  
**Maree Saturday December 20th 7.30pm**  
**Dublin Lions Saturday January 24th 7.30PM**  
**Portlaoise Saturday January 31st 7.30pm**  
**Tipp Talons Bank Holiday Monday February 2nd 3pm**  
**Team NorthWest Saturday February 7th 7.30pm**  
**Limerick Eagles Saturday February 14th 7.30pm**  
**Drogheda Saturday March 7th 7.30pm**

In a new initiative the Club has launched a brand new season ticket which will allow access to all games, both mens and womens, at Superleague, National League, Development league and U20 level. These will be on sale through the clubs facebook page and on match days.





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## KILCUMMIN PARISH

Written by: Helen Moynihan

### COFFEE MORNING

A Coffee Morning is taking place on Sunday Morning 5th October 2025 in aid of Kerry Hospice Foundation and in memory of Derry (Jeremiah) O' Leary. The coffee morning will take place from 12.30– 2.30pm in Kilcummin Recreational Hall. It would be great if you could join us and give a donation no matter how big or small. If you would like to donate online [www.hospicecoffeemorning.ie](http://www.hospicecoffeemorning.ie) we look forward to seeing you all there. Every Euro Raised Locally Stays Locally.

### KILCUMMIN CCÉ AGM

The Annual General Meeting of Kilcummin Comhaltas Branch will take place on Wednesday 15th October in the Parish Office at 8pm. All members are invited to attend.

### UPCOMING DATES FOR STATIONS MASS

Upcoming Dates for Stations Mass: Mastergeeha Club House Area on Monday 13th October @ 7.30pm; Coolick School Area on Thursday, 16th October @7.30pm; Parish Church Centre on Thursday 23rd October @7.30pm.

### POSITIVE AGEING EXERCISE CLASS

Positive Ageing Exercise Class continues every Tuesday in Kilcummin Recreational Hall from 10.30am to 11.30am. For more information please contact Mary Coleman 087 9757951.

### JUNIOR SET DANCING

Junior Set Dancing continues every Friday in Kilcummin Recreational hall from 7 to 8pm for beginners and intermediates and 8 to 9pm for advanced. These classes give an opportunity for children to learn how to set dance and waltz while having fun. The classes are open to children from within and outside Kilcummin parish. Further information contact Mary on 087 9620135.

### KILCUMMIN GAA NOTES By Donal Barry

#### SENIORS

Our Senior team have drawn Fossa in the upcoming O'Donoghue Cup campaign which will take place after the conclusion of the Senior County Football Championship. A place in the quarter final awaits the winners with Dr. Crokes the opposition.

#### JUNIORS

Our Junior team were defeated by Castleisland Desmonds on Saturday 1-17 to 0-15 in the McElligott Cup.

#### NATIONAL CLUB DRAW

The National Club Draw is back for 2026. Running a Club comes at a cost so we are asking all Club Supporters and Members to consider purchasing a ticket which can be done by logging onto your Foireann.ie account. Tickets are €15 and all proceeds go to Kilcummin GAA Club. There are numerous prizes on offer including cash, holiday vouchers and football and hurling packages for 2026.

#### UNDER14S

Congratulations to our under 14 boys' team who have reached the East Kerry Under 14A final after their fine 5-13 to 4-9 win over Glenflesk on Sunday morning. Leading at the break 2-6 to 1-7 the team really came out of the traps early in the second half and buoyed by a couple of early goals slowly took command of an entertaining game.

They now play Scartaglin in the final after their 3-17 to 3-7 win over Rathmore with match details to follow in due course. Watch our social media for updates.



Mastergeeha v Killarney Athletic

### NOVICE FINAL

Congratulations to club referee Mike Morrissey who took charge of the Kerry Petroleum Novice Football Club Championship Final between Cromane and Finuge in Fitzgerald Stadium last Saturday. Mike and his team of officials were in top form and added greatly to an entertaining and high scoring final.

### UNDER 12 GIRLS

Our U12 Girls held their end of year presentations in the Klub Bar on Friday evening. Many thanks to Sadbh O Halloran, our Kerry U16 All-Ireland winner this year for presenting the medals. Well done to all involved and looking forward to seeing all the girls back in the New year.

### QUIZ NIGHT

Our Mothers and Others are holding a fun Halloween Quiz night in the Klub Bar on Friday 24th at 8pm. The evening promises to be a fun and community-focused event, and most importantly, all proceeds will be shared equally between Temple Street Children's University Hospital and the Kilcummin Mothers & Others Football Team. Temple Street provides life-saving care to some of Ireland's sickest children, and we are proud to support the vital work they do every day. Your generosity will directly help fund essential services, equipment, and care at the hospital. Your support will help us raise valuable funds for both a national children's hospital and our local team, which promotes sport, wellness, and connection among women in our community.

### MASTERGEEHA FC

#### GIRLS U13 PREMIER; Killarney Athletic AFC V Mastergeeha FC

A superb team performance by our girls today. Thanks to Killarney Athletic A.F.C. for a very sporting game and to Alf for officiating the game. Aine Herlihy, Gracie Maher, Mia O'Doherty, Sophie Moynihan & Lucy Devane were the goal scorers on the day.

### LOTTO

There was no winner on Friday 26th September 2025 of the Jackpot €11,000. Numbers drawn were 2, 5, 15, 18. Consolation prizes of €50 went to William Healy, Michael Pigott Cockhill, Joe Collins Dooneen and Alan Moynihan Online. The next draw will be on Friday 3rd October for Jackpot of €11,200.

## LISTRY PARISH

Written by: Colette Leslie

### LOTTO

Sept 28th 2025. Jackpot €12,250. Numbers Drawn: 1, 3, 7, 9. Not Won. €100 Lisa Ferris. €50 Neillidh Kennedy, Lahard. €50 Patrick Broderick Kilbonane. €25 Pat Mahony C/o Noel Sullivan. €25 N & J Ashe, Aughills. Jackpot next week Sunday 05/10/2025 €12,400

### SENIORS

Our Senior B team play the Cahill Cup final next Sunday October 5th at 12 noon in Farranfore v Ballymac. All support welcome.

### EAST KERRY COUNTY CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to U16 players Cillian O'Donoghue, Killian Fitzgerald, Sean

Clifford, Danny Murphy, and Kealan Riordan, who were part of the East Kerry squad that won the County U16 District Championship final against St. Brendan's Board.

### END OF SEASON PARTY

End of Season Party

Our end-of-season Coiste na nÓg party will take place this Friday 3rd September at the pitch from 6–7pm. We look forward to seeing everyone there to celebrate another great year of football.

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BEAUFORT PARISH

By Bridget Hartnett

RAMBLING HOUSE

Beaufort Pioneers will host a Rambling House in The local Community Centre shortly. Details later

BEAUFORT LOTTO

The numbers drawn for Lotto Jackpot on Sunday night were 10, 13, 19, 20. No winner. Consolation Prize winners: €80 Paul O'Neill, Deelis Park. €50 each Margaret O'Connor, Ownagarry, Pat Mahony, Killorglin and Donal Hartnett, The Gap. Next Draw for a Lotto Jackpot of €8,000 will be held on Sunday, 12th October. Tickets available from usual sellers, bars and shops, Lotto can also be done online [www.beaufortgaa.com](http://www.beaufortgaa.com)

**BEAUFORT'S JUNIOR TEAM** played An Ghaeltacht on Saturday evening last in Beaufort in The Barrett Cup. Time was running out for the home team as the visitors led throughout but a late penalty scored by Padraig Doona gave Beaufort a great win on a score line of Beaufort 2-13 An Ghaeltacht 2-12. They will now play Kerins O'Rahillys in the Final at a future date.

U16 BOYS

U16 boys will play Laune Rangers in Killorglin on Friday 3rd Oct @ 5.45pm.

U8 BOYS

We had a fun filled morning to finish off our U8 boys season. The boys were joined by their parents for some highly competitive games. They were then presented with medals and goodie bags to top off the

morning. Thanks to all players,parents and coaches for a great season. See ye all next year.

U10 GIRLS

Our U10 girls traveled to Listry on Sunday morning in our final outing of the season. The girls displayed some lovely football skills and determination. Great to see the progression from March until now. Thanks to all the parents & coaches for their support throughout the year.

**BEAUFORT SENIOR LADIES** played MKL in the semi- final of the Bons Secours Intermediate County Championship Sunday in Fossa. After a close entertaining game MKL Gaels ran out winners on a score line of 2-11 to 1-19.

**SAM MAGUIRE CUP** came to Beaufort GAA on Sunday, We were all delighted to see our two fine ambassadors for the game, Mike and Sean bring Sam to the Club. What a great honour for us to have two players involved with Kerry throughout the year. The celebrations began with our local musicians who got a party atmosphere going. After some speeches and sound advice by the lads to all our players, refreshments were served and photos taken for hours, such was the popularity of our boys. Thanks to everyone who helped out on the day as well as all the home baking etc., it was greatly appreciated.

**BEST OF LUCK** to all teams playing this week.

SPA PARISH

By Leanne Cronin

SENIOR MEN

Spa have drawn South Kerry in the Garveys SuperValu County Championship Round 1. This game will be played in Glenbeigh on Sunday 5th October at 2pm.

LADIES

Spa Senior ladies travelled to Firies today to take on Cromane in the Bon Secours Junior A Championship Semi-Final. It was perfect weather conditions for a great game of football with the sun shining and no wind to speak of.

Cromane got the start that Spa, being the underdogs, very much needed. A high ball in by Róisín Griffin saw a very uncharacteristic fumble by Spa which saw the ball in the back of the net putting Cromane on the score sheet. This was followed up by a point by Cromanes Cora Joy. A much needed first score to settle Spa came from a free taken by Saoirse Kelly but Spa had a difficult job closing down Cromanes attacks with Cora Joy and Eimear Burke, who scored 2-04 in the first half was playing incredibly strong fast football. Spa will rue a few wides, 7 in total, but Cromane had their homework done on Spa, swarming around Saoirse Kelly whenever she had the ball. Half time score was 3-05 to 0-04 to Cromane.

Spa started the second half better with Ciara O'Sullivan blasting the ball past Edel Murphy into the Cromane goal but Eimear Burke was able to slot two points over the bar to keep a comfortable lead for Cromane. Spa played much better in the second half. Edel Slattery and Sinéad White made a difference when they came on but the damage of three goals in

the first half was too much of a gap to close. Liadh Tobin had a great game and Mairead Bennett played outstanding football in midfield but Cromane were the better team on the day finishing with a score of 3-08 to 1-06. Cromane now advance into the Junior A final in two weeks time.

ABC

As we drew a close to the end of the season, last Saturday we celebrated Coach Appreciation Day in Spa GAA

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SPA LOTTO 29/9/25 RESULTS

Numbers drawn: 17, 18, 24, 25. No jackpot winner. Lucky dips €50 each: Tom Tobin, Online; Maurice Casey, Hotpoint; Mary O'Sullivan, Coolcaslagh; Jason Stack, Bridgefield. Next week's draw is on Monday 6 October @ 9pm for a jackpot of €7,500

NOTES

Any items for our notes please contact Leanne 085-7762411

GLENFLESK PARISH

Written by: Sean Daly

COUNTY FINAL

Best of luck to our Senior Ladies team who are playing in the Bons Secours County Junior B Championship Final this Saturday the 4th of October in Fossa at 4pm against Kerins O'Rahillys. Please come along to show your support for this great team.

EAST KERRY CHAMPIONSHIP

Glenflesk have been drawn away to Currow in the first round of the O'Donoghue Cup with the winners facing Kenmare. In the O'Sullivan Cup, we have been drawn at home to Firies. Times and dates to be confirmed.

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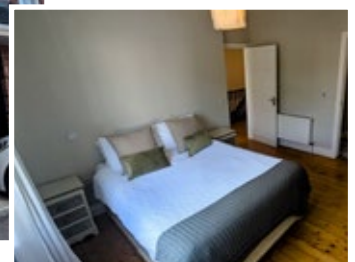
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301 CLUB RESULTS

The Rathmore Community Council 301 Club results are in. The first prize of €500 went to Rathmore Ladies Gaelic Football Association. The second prize of €100 was won by Eileen O'Keeffe from Kildare, while the third prize of €100 went to Linda and Shane McDonnell of An Droichaid, Rathmore. The fourth prize of €100 was claimed by Jamieson Hughes from Rathbeg, Rathmore. Fifth prize of €100 went to Nora and John McAuliffe of Froge Cross, Rathmore, and the sixth prize of €100 was awarded to Helcan O'Connor from West End, Rathmore.

SHARE THE BUCKET

Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group reminds everyone that the weekly Share the Bucket draw takes place every Friday evening at 8.30 pm in Teach Fáilte and can also be viewed live on the Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook page. This week's jackpot of €203 was won by Páraic Finnegan. Tickets cost €2 each or 3 for €5, and are available at Teach Fáilte, online at <https://tinyurl.com/y2ade5om>, or in local businesses displaying the Green Share the Bucket sign. All funds go towards the new proposed community facility. The committee thanks local businesses, shops, pubs, and everyone who buys tickets each week for their continued support.

SYMPATHY

Sympathies are extended to the Fitzpatrick family Jerry, Helen, Dan, Mary V (O'Leary), Máiréad, Donagh, and Sheila and their families on the death of their father, Denis (Denny) Fitzpatrick of Knocknagree. Denis was laid to rest on Saturday, 13th September in Knocknagree. Condolences also to Nora Mary Rahilly of Gardiners Hill, St. Lukes, Cork City, Cork & Rathmore, Kerry. May Denis and Nora rest in peace.

PILGRIMAGE

The Lourdes Pilgrimage takes place from 19th to 24th October, led by Fr. Martin Murphy from Tipperary. Interested individuals should contact Fr. Martin at 086 3868877. A Healing Weekend will be held at Charleville Park Hotel on 11th and 12th October from 9.30 am to 5.30 pm, featuring guest speaker Ros Powell, Catholic Evangelist from the UK. For more details, contact Tom at 087 6468658. Celebrating the legacy of Nora Herlihy at her birthplace took place last Sunday in Ballydesmond.

RATHMORE GAA

Rathmore won the East Kerry Senior Hurling Championship Shield Final against Laochra Óg with a score of 2-15 to 2-07. In Garvey's SuperValu Senior Football Championship Round 1, Rathmore received a bye to the next round. East Kerry will face Templenoe this Saturday, 4th October, at 3 pm in Beaufort. Rathmore's U11 hurlers were runners-up in the Denis Nagle Tournament, losing by just one point in extra time. In the U15 Girls Championship Semi-Final, Rathmore defeated Na Gaeil 8-16 to 3-11.

Congratulations to the girls on their impressive performance. Rathmore GAA Club congratulates Brian Moynihan and Katie Mulcahy on their marriage in Rathmore last Saturday. Best wishes for a long and happy life together from everyone.

COFFEE MORNING

A Coffee Morning in aid of Kerry Hospice Foundation and in memory of Derry (Jeremiah) O'Leary will be held on Sunday, 5th October 2025, from 12.30 to 2.30 pm in Kilcummin Recreational Hall. Donations, big or small, are welcome. Online donations can be made at [www.hospicecoffeemorning.ie](http://www.hospicecoffeemorning.ie). Every Euro raised locally stays locally.

IT HELP

St. Brendan's College is running a G ON Learning Programme offering IT help on Wednesdays from 11.30 am to 1 pm, starting 10th September and running until 26th November (no class on 29th October). This is a drop-in service, and attendees do not need to attend every session. To sign up, call 064 6631021.

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Boherbue, Co. Cork will hold a Christmas Market on Sunday, 23rd November, in the Pearse Memorial Hall. Those wishing to request a stall should contact "Boherbue Christmas Market" via Facebook or Instagram.

BINGO

A Monster Bingo will take place on Sunday, 28th September at 2.30 pm in Edel Quinn Hall, Kanturk, organized by Coláiste Treasa students Daniel Vaughan, Emily Sheehy, Jerry Murphy, Fionn Crowley, and Charlie Daly. The total prize fund is €3,000, with a €1,000 jackpot. Single books are €10 and double books €15.

SOCIAL

The Social Action Group is celebrating 50 years of making a difference with a 50th Anniversary Celebration Night on Saturday, 25th October 2025, at 7.30 pm in Killarney Racecourse. The evening will feature live music by Neily O'Connor and delicious finger food. Tickets are €15 and are available at Teach Iosagáin or St. Joseph's Day Care Centre.

SINGING

Adult group singing classes are held in Teach Iosagáin, Rathmore, every Thursday from 11 am to 12 pm. No audition is required; all are welcome. Classes cost €50 for a five-week session. Contact 087 9222753 for details.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL is available locally for confidential support at 087 3462332.

NOTES

For anyone wishing to add notes or announcements, please email Michael O'Mahony at [momahony14@gmail.com](mailto:momahony14@gmail.com) or call/text 087 6676817 before 6 pm on Sunday.

St Brendan's College Class of 1975 Reunion



The St Brendan's College Class of 1975 celebrated their reunion at the Castlerosse Hotel, Killarney, on Saturday. Among those in attendance were Mick O'Connell, Brian O'Kelly, Seanie Kelliher, Brian O'Mahony, Pdraig Brosnan, Noel Fitzgerald, John Wrenn, Tom O'Shea, Noel Lucey, Jim Ashe, Don MacMonagle, Noel Moynihan, John Flynn, Seamus Lane, Chris Barrett, Gerard Healy, Gearoid Walsh, John Donegan, Brendan Coffey, James O'Sullivan, Liam Walsh, Seamus O'Connell, Micheal Healy, Harry O'Connor, Jack O'Leary, Denis Spillane, Timmy Murphy, Fr Danny Broderick, Tom O'Leary, Tom Kelliher, Peter Foynes, Michael O'Leary, Tommy Cooper, Derry O'Mahony, Dan Walsh, and Seamus Moynihan. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin





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## PRESENTATION CASTLEISLAND

### Celebrates Student Enterprise Success with New 3D Printer

Presentation Castleisland has added an exciting new resource to its classrooms after winning a 3D printer through the national Student Enterprise competition. The school was one of only two schools in the country to win this prize, awarded in recognition of the advice it has shared with other schools on how best to promote a culture of enterprise among teenagers. Enterprise teacher Mr Clarke noted that "This is a fantastic new resource to inspire innovation and creativity in Pres Castleisland. We can now use the 3D printer to create new physical three-dimensional objects using digital designs from scratch in our school".

The school has a proud record of participation in the Student Enterprise Programme, consistently entering teams and enjoying renowned success over the years. Most recently, in May 2024, the school's Carry Camán team was crowned national champions in the Junior Category of the Student Enterprise programme, with the team's development of high visibility holders for students to easily carry their hurleys and sliotars to camogie.

As part of the award, staff at Presentation Castleisland will also receive professional training on how to use the printer to its full potential. The technology is already being used by students to support enterprise projects, giving them the opportunity to practice digital design and take practical steps towards turning their ideas into real products. It is also expected to play a key role in preparing future teams to compete at county and national levels.

Principal Mr. Dargan is delighted with the addition to the school, saying: "This 3D printer is a great addition to the school's technological resources. Some students are seeing 3D printing for the first time, and it gives a great insight into how products we use every day are actually



L-R: Caoimhe Fleming, Ciara O'Donoghue, Ellen Casey, Gwen O'Sullivan, Loren Caldwell and Eva Burke

made. We hope it will inspire the next generation of product designers from our school."

With this new technology and training, Presentation Castleisland looks forward to continuing its record of success in enterprise, inspiring students to combine creativity, innovation, and practical skills for years to come.



Former Kerry Footballer Marc Ó Sé with his wife Ellen and children, Alice, Tadhg and Tommy pictured at the launch of his autobiography in Tralee.  
Photo: Don MacMonagle

Former Kerry Footballer Marc Ó Sé with Minister Norma Foley pictured at the launch of his autobiography in Tralee,  
Photo: Don MacMonagle



## Marc Ó Sé Celebrates Career with Autobiography Launch in Tralee

Former Kerry football star Marc Ó Sé celebrated the launch of his autobiography on Thursday night, surrounded by family, friends, and a crowd of hundreds of GAA supporters. Joining him at the event were his wife Ellen and their children, Alice, Tadhg, and Tommy along with his brothers and their families.

The launch, held in Tralee, attracted a host of GAA legends from both past and present, highlighting the lasting impact Ó Sé has had on Gaelic football in Kerry and across Ireland.

In his autobiography, Ó Sé reflects on his illustrious career with Kerry, sharing behind-the-scenes stories from championship matches, his experiences representing his county on the national stage, and the highs and lows of life in the GAA spotlight. Attendees at the launch were treated to excerpts from the book and personal anecdotes that painted a vivid picture of his journey both on and off the field.

Speaking at the event, Ó Sé expressed gratitude for the support of his family and the wider GAA community. "It's been an incredible journey, and I'm delighted to share my story with everyone who has supported me. As one of Kerry's most celebrated footballers, Marc Ó Sé's autobiography promises to be a must-read for fans



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# Dove-Inspired Elegance and Dapper Style Shine at Listowel Races Ladies Day



Patrick McElligott, sponsor, with Judges Louise Duffy and Shauna Courtney and Joann Murphy, Kilgarvan winner of the McElligotts Kia Best Dressed Lady competition on Ladies Day at Listowel Races on Friday September 27th. *Photo: Don MacMonagle*



Stacey O'Leary, Kilcummin, Joann Murephy, Kilgarvan, (winner) Tasha O'Connor, Templeglantine and Jordana Lambadanos, Templeglantine pictured at the McElligotts Kia Best Dressed Lady competition. *Photo: Don MacMonagle*

Listowel Races Ladies Day delivered another spectacular showcase of fashion and flair, drawing huge crowds for the penultimate day of the Harvest Festival.

Top honours went to Joann Murphy from Kilgarvan, Co. Kerry, who was crowned McElligotts Kia Best Dressed Lady 2025. Wearing a striking all-white Celia B trouser suit styled with Dune accessories, Joann's look was elevated by a sculpted dove headpiece by milliner Carol Kennelly. She takes home the coveted prize of a luxury trip for two to New York, staying in the iconic Fitzpatrick Hotel on Manhattan.

The men also had their moment in the spotlight, with Tim Lacey from Caragh Lake, Co. Kerry, winning the Ryle Menswear Best Dressed

Man title in a sharp three-piece check suit paired with a red tie. He walked away with a custom-made suit worth €1,200, following the competition's biggest year yet.

Other winners included Jordana Lambadanos from Templeglantine, who scooped Most Creative Headpiece for her Marc Millinery creation, and Mairead Walsh from Listowel, who claimed Most Contemporary Outfit in a pre-loved Alessandra Rich dress famously worn by Kate Middleton.

With feathers, fascinators, and flair in abundance, Ladies Day once again proved why Listowel Races is among Ireland's top fashion and social events, where style on and off the track is just as thrilling as the racing itself.



Sisters Candice, Sadie and Shania Harty from County Limerick pictured at the McElligotts Kia Best Dressed Lady on Ladies Day at Listowel Races on Friday. *Photo: Don MacMonagle*



Patrick McElligott, sponsor, with Judges Louise Duffy and Shauna Courtney and the finalists, from left, Jacy Ybanez, Tralee, Jenny Tierney, Terryglass, Tipperary, Jordana Lambadanos, Templeglantine, Teresa O'Brien, Tralee, Joann Murphy, Kilgarvan, winner, Christine Duff, Sophie Small, Galway, Maria Dowling, Ballybunion, Ailbhe Courtney, Ardferd and Maria Walsh, Listowel. *Photo: Don MacMonagle*



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- Competitive and Community-Oriented: The structured race format encourages friendly competition and camaraderie.
- Time-Efficient Workouts: Hyrox workouts typically last around an hour, offering a comprehensive full-body workout in a relatively short period, appealing to busy individuals.
- Variety and Challenge: The mix of running and various functional exercises (like rowing, sled pushing, and burpees) keeps workouts engaging and prevents boredom.
- Rising Trend of Functional Fitness: As more people prioritize functional strength and athleticism, Hyrox's emphasis on practical movements and endurance aligns with current fitness trends.

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## WINTER EYE HEALTH

Here are some of the ways winter can affect your vision, or worsen an eye condition, and tips for prevention.

### Driving in winter

In winter you may have more difficulty seeing clearly because of darker evenings. When it is dark your pupils become larger to let in more light. However this can result in your vision becoming more blurred. This is why you may be more reliant on your glasses at night.

The glare of a low-lying sun can also make it more difficult to see, so make sure your windscreen is clean, both inside and out. It is useful to have a pair of polarised sunglasses in the car to help with the glare from the sun, even in winter.

### Dry eyes

If you already have dry eyes, central heating may make them worse. Here are some simple steps you can take to minimise the discomfort caused by dry eyes in winter:

- Lower the temperature in rooms when possible.
- Blink more often.
- Use a humidifier. Opening windows for a few minutes on cold days will also help.
- Lubricants. Certain lubricating eye drops may be helpful for you.

### Increased screen time

People tend to stay in and

watch more television and spend more time using computers during the winter. Using a screen will not damage your eyes but prolonged use can make your eyes tired and dry.

Remember to take breaks and operate the 20:20:20 rule; every 20 minutes, take a 20-second break and focus your eyes on something at least 20 feet away.

### Watery eyes

In cold and windy conditions, many people complain that their eyes water more than normal. Wearing glasses will provide protection against the wind, even if you don't usually wear them outdoors.

### Winter sun

Snow and ice are reflective, so the sun's damaging UV rays can reach your eyes from below as well as above. UV exposure is cumulative, so although you may not feel any immediate effects, you could be putting yourself at risk of long-term damage and risk cataracts and age-related macular degeneration (AMD) if you don't wear good quality sunglasses or goggles.

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# Heather Humphreys takes Presidential canvass to Kerry

Presidential Election Candidate, Heather Humphreys today (Friday) visited Kerry as part of her Presidential election campaign.

Heather began her visit by sitting down with Jerry O'Sullivan at Radio Kerry studios in Killarney where she chatted to Jerry about how the campaign has been going so far.

After this, she stopped off at the Ha-Ha to take a quick trip on one of Killarney's famous Jaunting Cars.

Next stop was a quick coffee at Luna Café before heading to Muckcross House where she was greeted by Minister Michael Healy Rae, who gave Heather his full backing, pointing to her ability and proven experience, saying "she is the best placed person to become the next President of Ireland".

Heather also met with Shane Treacy, Manager, and the Trustees at Muckcross House.

Speaking at Muckcross House, Heather said:

"I was delighted when I was Minister for Culture to support Muckcross House as well as the major refurbishment of Killarney House. These amenities along with the stunning National Park make Killarney a jewel in the crown for Ireland's Tourism Industry.

"I was pleased to also have the opportunity to speak with members of the Killarney Chamber of Commerce. I believe the President can play an important role in terms of opening doors for Irish business overseas as well as promoting our tourism sector. I was proud as Minister for Arts to work to ensure that Star Wars filming could take place on Skellig Michael which was a huge boost to the local tourism sector in Kerry. I want to use the Presidency to identify more



Presidential Candidate for Fine Gael, Heather Humphreys, Centre, tries her skill at wood turning with Craftsmen Kevin Dowling, from Sneem, when she visited the Architecture Kerry 2025 Kingdom of Skills weekend - Traditional Building Skills, Demonstrations & Conservation Talks at Muckcross School House, Killarney National Park. From Left, Toddy Doyle Manager, Muckcross Traditional Farms, Minister for State Michael Healy-Rae, T.D., Denis Cronin and Marcus Treacy Trustees of Muckcross House. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

opportunities like that for our country."

Heather also visited St Francis Special School in Beaufort where she met with Principal Colin O'Sullivan and the students.

Sean Kelly MEP also greeted Heather in Beaufort wishing her well on her campaign.

Heather recalled when Sean, many years ago, was taken down to Monaghan by a friend and togged out for her home club Aghabog. Sean even received an award from the Aghabog club when they celebrated their 125th Anniversary a number of years ago.

## Minister Foley welcomes new emergency communications system to boost rural safety in Kerry during extreme weather events

Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Kerry TD Norma Foley has today welcomed a new emergency communications system to boost rural safety in Kerry during extreme weather events

The Mission Critical Communications system will act as a system of 'last resort', allowing first responders to be able to continue to communicate in emergency situations, like extreme weather events such as Storm Eowyn last year, where power systems fail.

The system has built by Vodafone Ireland in partnership with the Office of the Government Chief information officer.

It will help emergency services including Gardaí, fire services, ambulance teams, and civil defence communicate and coordinate more effectively, even in the most remote locations.

Minister Foley said: "This is forward planning to build up our resilience for the future to respond to extreme weather events. Right throughout the country, including in Kerry, it is critical to have communications systems in place to keep



people safe during storms and other extreme weather events. I welcome this Mission Critical Communications system, which will provide very positive support at critical times."

**Key benefits for rural communities include:**

**Faster emergency response:**

First responders' teams can talk, text, share live video, and send maps instantly, even during storms or in areas with poor mobile coverage to help reach people in need quickly.

**Priority access for responders:**

The new Mission Critical Communications system ensures first responders always have a reliable connection, even when networks are busy.

Funding was provided from the EU's Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF), the main pillar of the European recovery plan, NextGenerationEU, which provides financial aid to Member States to combat the economic and social effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The new Mission Critical Communications system was successfully tested this week in Westport, with emergency teams from Ireland and across Europe taking part in live trials, which once fully operational will have a transformative impact on rural safety in Ireland.





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Cllr MAURA  
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9.30 PM

#### Rathmore & Gneeveguilla

Top of the Hill, Rathmore  
Bridge Bar, Rathmore  
Dennehy's Bar, Rathmore  
Richie McAuliffe's, Gneeveguilla

#### 1st Wednesday

8.00 PM  
8.30 PM  
9.00 PM  
9.30 PM

#### Killarney Area

Torc Hotel, Lissivigeen  
The Village Inn, Kilcummin  
Old Killarney Inn, Aghadoe  
The Golden Nugget, Fossa

#### 1st Thursday

8.30 PM  
9.00 PM  
9.30 PM

#### Glenflesk & Barraduff

The Kerry Way, Glenflesk  
Spillane's Headford  
Murphy's Bar, Barraduff

#### 1st Friday

9.30 PM  
10.00 PM  
10.30 PM

#### Tuosist & Lauragh

Sailors Bar, Killaha West  
Helen's Bar Kilmacalogue  
The Lake House Tuosist

#### 3rd Monday

8.30 PM  
9.00 PM  
9.30 PM  
9.45 PM

#### Knocknagoshel & Brosna

O'Connor's Bar, Knocknagoshel  
Walsh's Bar, Knocknagoshel  
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Sportsfield Bar, Brosna

#### 3rd Friday

7.30 PM  
8.00 PM  
8.15 PM  
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#### Castleisland Area

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#### 4th Thursday

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#### Killorglin Area

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Galvin's Bar, Beaufort  
O'Grady's Bar, Killorglin  
Larkin's Bar, Milltown  
Griffins Bar, Castlemaine  
Anvil Bar, Boolteens

#### 4th Friday

8.30 PM  
9.30 PM  
10.00 PM  
10.45 PM

#### Kenmare & Sneem Area

The Roughty bar, Kenmare  
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#### Last Monday

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8.30 PM  
9.00 PM  
10.00 PM

#### Farranfore Area

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## CALL TO ABOLISH VAT ON WEIGHT LOSS DRUGS

Cllr. John O'Donoghue has raised an issue at the recent Killarney Municipal District meeting that the council would write to The Ministers for Health and Finance and ask that the VAT be abolished on weight loss drugs due to their ability to combat such a wide variety of diseases.

"I was approached recently by a healthcare professional regarding these drugs and their high cost. As well as helping with weight loss, they have a huge amount of additional benefits as they help alleviate and in many cases prevent, many of the secondary health issues associated with obesity. Doctors are seeing a huge reduction in the likelihood of patients on these drugs getting such ailments as diabetes as well as seriously lowering the risk of strokes, heart attacks and other vascular complaints. Currently the high price of these drugs is putting them beyond the reach of many, and were the VAT to be abolished, as is the case with many other medicines, this would help somewhat with the high costs involved. The saving to the exchequer in the long run would quite likely far outweigh the initial cost as less people would ultimately have to go the hospital for procedures. A health system where the best treatments are only available to those who can afford them is far from desirable, and this would help eliminate the two tier health system and I call upon the relevant Ministers to abolish the VAT on these life saving treatments in the upcoming Budget", Cllr. O'Donoghue said.



## HIGH PERSONAL INJURY CLAIMS IN KERRY



Cllr. John O'Donoghue raised the fact that Kerry County Council has the second highest personal liability claim payouts per capita among all Local Authorities in the country. "As the recent National Oversight and Audit Commission scrutiny report on Kerry County Council identified that we have the second highest personal liability claim payouts per capita among all Local Authorities in the country for the period of the report, to ask have Kerry County Council identified the reason for our payouts being so high?", he said.

Cllr. O'Donoghue noted the reply and thank the Council for it. I see that the inflated payout rate in Kerry related to a historical payout in 2023 and am glad to see that our rate of payout for personal liability claims, although still extortionate, are back to a rate more in line with other Local Authorities and indeed compares favourably to most. There is an onus on us to be prudent when it comes to our finances, as they are after all public monies, and I thank the Council for clarifying the issue.

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## KILLARNEY GOLF & FISHING CLUB - LADIES

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Overall, Winner: Kay O'Connor (16) 40pts

2nd: Sinead O'Shea (17) 37pts

Best Gross: Fidelma O'Connor 25pts

3rd: Mary O'Doherty (17) 36pts

4th: Eimear O'Donnell (11) 35pts

**11 HOLE COMPETITION WINNER**

Kathleen Healy (25) 22pts

**NEXT FIXTURE** will be Christmas Hampers on 4th & 5th October 2025. 18 Hole Stroke GOY & 13 Hole Stableford on Mahony's Point Course kindly sponsored by Daly's Supervalu.

## ROSS GC - GENTS

**ON TUESDAY 23RD THE GRAND FINAL OF THE 30 YEARS ANNIVERSARY SUMMER OPEN SERIES TOOK PLACE.**

The winners were:-

1st: John Cuskelly 23 pts

2nd: Don McCarthy 19 pts

3rd: Derek McAllister 18 pts

4th: John Ivory 17 pts

5th: John Guest 17 pts

**ON THURSDAY 25TH OUR SENIORS HELD A 10 HOLE STABLEFORD COMPETITION.**

The winners were :-

1st: Sean Hickey 18 pts

2nd: Mossie Cremin 18 pts

3rd: Mike O Leary 17pts

## ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB COMPETITIONS

Saturday 4th October 2025, 9 & 18 hole single Stableford qualifying competition. Booking through the BRS.

**WEDNESDAY MORNINGS MEET & PLAY**

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

**KILLARNEY RACE COMPANY**

Best of luck to Killarney Race Company for the upcoming Races from Sunday 5th October to Monday 6th October 2025.

## DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB STROKEPLAY

Thanks to those who took part in last Sunday's competition in ideal autumnal conditions as after 20 years of sponsorship there was a special connection to Charlie Foley's with this year's winner as James Foley won his first club major with a score of 83 Nett. Congratulations to James on his win as the results in full were as follows: Overall Nett: James Foley 83, Overall Gross: John McGrath 92, Second Nett: Michael Cronin 85, +3-6 Nett: Daniel Kelly 89, 7-15 Nett: Denis Duggan 86, Hole-In-One: Dave Spillane (6th Hole).

**U16 SCRATCH CUP**

This event (sponsored by the Victoria House Hotel) was held for the first time in three years last Saturday. Aodhan O'Halloran began a new era for the competition with victory in the event



Deerpark Pitch & Putt Club U16 Officer Derry McCarthy (third from left) presenting the prizes for the Deerpark U16 Scratch Cup (sponsored by Victoria House Hotel, Killarney) last Saturday to L to R: Shona Griffin (Listowel, Girls), Luke Looney (8-13 Winner), Aodhan O'Halloran (Overall Winner), Fionn O'Callaghan (8-13 Third Place), Fionn McMonagle (8-13 Runner-Up), Adam Twomey (14-15 Winner) and Adam Shine (14-15 Runner-Up).

overall by a single shot as Shona Griffin won the Girls Prize. Our thanks to our U16 Officer Derry McCarthy for bringing back the event this year as we hope to grow it from here. Results- (Deerpark unless stated)- Overall Winner: Aodhan O'Halloran 102, 14-15 Winner: Adam Twomey 114 (B18), 14-15 Runner-Up: Adam Shine 114, 8-13 Winner: Luke Looney 103, 8-13 Runner-Up: Fionn McMonagle 113, 8-13 Third Place: Fionn O'Callaghan 114 and Girls Prize: Shona Griffin (Listowel) 136.

**ADULT SCRATCH CUPS**

At a recent Committee Meeting it was decided not to go ahead with plans to reschedule these postponed events from earlier this year for the October Weekend this month and instead prioritise current work on the course in relation to the staging of next year's Munster Strokeplay Finals. We apologise for any inconvenience caused and an announcement on the remaining Player of the Year events will be made shortly.

**CLUB SINGLES MATCHPLAY**

Our Murphy's Bar sponsored Championship event has not reached the final stage after Nathan Cronin and James Foley reached the final following their recent semi-final wins over both David Harnett and Daniel Kelly respectively.

**DEEPEST SYMPATHIES**

The club offers its condolences to Castleisland's John Fitzgerald and his family on the death of his son Shane last week. May he Rest In Peace.

## CASTLEROSSE LADIES GOLF CLUB

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF OUR SCRAMBLE AT THE CASTLEROSSE ON SATURDAY. A GREAT ATTENDANCE TURNED UP AND GOOD FUN WAS HAD BY ALL.**

1st place: Una Moroney, Joan Cashman, Sheila Rahilly.

2nd place: Margaret McCarthy, Catherine Woods, Eileen Lucey

3rd place: Siobhan Creedon, Margaret Crowley, Anne O Sullivan.

**WELL DONE** to Barbara O'Shea winner of the Summer League.

**NO WEEKLY COMPETITION THIS WEEK** due to Away Day in Kemmare on October 4th.

**SOCIAL GOLF**

Social Golf continues on Wednesday morning. Meet at 10.15am to play at 10.30am.

**GOLF LESSONS**

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

## KERRY PITCH & PUTT CLUB

Last Saturday saw Deerpark reintroduce their U16 Scratch Cup event (sponsored by the Victoria House Hotel, Killarney) for the first time in three years as it was played over 36 holes.

*By Jason O'Connor*

There was a tight finish for the overall title as only a shot separated Deerpark club-mates Aodhan O'Halloran and Luke Looney in the end. Aodhan was victorious on six under par with Luke's five under par total giving him the 8-13 prize on the day. The 14-15 section saw Adam Twomey and Adam Shine both finish on 114 with Twomey winning the section on countback. Fionn McMonagle was runner-up in the 8-13 section with 113 ahead of Fionn O'Callaghan who was a shot behind. Listowel's Shona Griffin prevented a Deerpark clean sweep of the prizes by winning the Girls prize on the day with 136.

We congratulate Deerpark on bringing this event back and hope to see it grow again in future years. As we are about to head into October we wish any Kerry teams heading to the Kildare Shortgrass Classic this weekend the very best of luck as the next major outing will be for the two Deerpark teams and the Tralee side that have qualified for the National Inter-Club Finals on the weekend of October 12th as the year will end with the National Scotch Foursomes Finals on the October Bank Holiday Weekend with Deerpark also expected to host their rescheduled adult Scratch Cups that weekend. The final official fixture by Pitch & Putt Ireland for the year will be the Mens Inter Provincial Challenge on the first weekend in November. Finally, the County Board wishes to offer our sincerest condolences to Castleisland's John Fitzgerald and his family on the death of his son Shane last week. May he Rest in Peace.





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*St Pauls Basketball Club 40 Year Celebration Night  
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*Con Stack (Tricel), Cllr Niall Kelleher and Diarmuid Leen (AIB Bank) at the Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce members luncheon at The Muckross Park Hotel Killarney. Picture: Eamonn Keogh*



*Former Kerry Footballer Marc Ó Sé with his legendary footballing brothers from left, Feargal, Tomás and Darragh at the launch of his autobiography. Photo: Don MacMonagle*



*Easy...Edward Donovan is watched by his Grandad, Edward Shanahan, working on his masterpiece at Architecture Kerry 2025 Kingdom of Skills weekend - Traditional Building Skills, Demonstrations & Conservation Talks at Muckross School House, Killarney National Park. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan/*




*Lily Ann Carew, left and Cara Corcoran, working on their stained glass masterpiece at Architecture Kerry 2025 Kingdom of Skills weekend - Traditional Building Skills, Demonstrations & Conservation Talks at Muckross School House, Killarney National Park. Photo: Valerie O'sullivan/*



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## KILLARNEY JUDO

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New members are always welcome – contact Tim at 086-260-1591.

## FOSSA ROWING CLUB

### REGATTA DANCE A HUGE SUCCESS

Last Thursday over 40 of our Underage crews attended the Killarney Regatta Dance at the Killarney Oaks. With the regatta cancelled unfortunately our crews were undeterred and thoroughly enjoyed the night and our own Saoirse Coffee represented the club with huge pride for the Regatta Queen selection. A huge thanks to Killarney Regatta Committee for hosting an excellent night.

### CLUB NIGHT THIS SATURDAY

We are holding a club night this Saturday night at the Old Killarney Inn to celebrate what has been a wonderful year for our club. All welcome and proceedings commence at 7:30pm

## KILLARNEY VALLEY

### ATHLETIC CLUB

The County Intermediate & Uneven age Juvenile Cross Country Championships were held in Killarney last Sunday.

Risteard Clifford came 2nd and Conor Crowley came 3rd in the Intermediate race and along with Erin Moloney, Donald O'Sullivan, Derek Pyne and Daire O'Brien won Team Gold. Karl James O'Neill won the U19 Boys and Michael Crowley came 3rd. In the U17 Boys, Conor Duffin came 2nd and Liam Murphy came 3rd. In the U17 Girls, Kirsten Kenny came 3rd and Tara O'Sullivan came 5th. Thomas O'Sullivan came 4th in the U15 Boys. Muireann Breen came 2nd in the U15 Girls. In the U13 Girls, Carolena Kelly came 6th. In the U11 Boys, James Doody came 2nd and Charlie Jay Kelliher came 3rd and won Team Gold along with Fionn O'Donoghue and Dylan O'Connor. In the U11 Girls, Lauren O'Sullivan came 2nd and Sadhbh O'Reilly came 4th and Fiadh Driver came 5th and along with Allie Casey received Team Gold. In the U9 Boys, Teddy O'Brien came 4th and along with Cillian Doody, Tadhg O'Donnell and Mark Fitzgerald received Team Silver. In the U9 Girls, Natalie Murphy came 1st and Alice Pyne came 4th and along with Holly Tobin and Heidi O'Doherty received Team Bronze. Congrats and well done to all.

Best of luck to all competing in the Juvenile



*Fossa RC underage crews who attended last weeks Killarney Regatta dance.*

Relays/Novice Cross Country competition on Sunday 5th October.

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

All relevant information on our club is on our website [www.killarneyvalleyac.ie](http://www.killarneyvalleyac.ie).

## MUCKROSS ROWING CLUB

### NEW SEASON

September brought a very mixed bag of conditions. With bad weather forcing the cancellation of Killarney Regatta on two occasions, last weekend saw a return of glorious sunshine and calm water. Ideal conditions for the start of our new winter season with our crews enjoying great conditions on the lake on both Saturday and Sunday morning last. The club is looking forward to the upcoming season with the winter series Head Of the River time trial events already coming into focus.

### EVENTS

St. Michael's Head Of the River (HOR), Saturday, October 11th, O'Briensbridge. Castleconnell HOR, Saturday, October 25th, Castleconnell. Skibbereen HOR, Saturday, November 15th, River Ilen. Provincial Indoor Rowing Championships, Saturday, November 22nd, UL Arena. Muckross HOR, Saturday, December 6th, National Rowing Centre, Farran, Cork.

### COACHING INTRODUCTION

For those interested in coaching, the club will be hosting a Rowing Ireland Level 0 Beginner Coaching course on Saturday, November 2nd at the Muckross Community Centre. We encourage all club members aged 16 or over or parents interested in helping out with coaching to participate. If you are interested or have any queries, please email to [muckcrossrowingclub@gmail.com](mailto:muckcrossrowingclub@gmail.com).

### WORLD ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Our club members join with all Irish rowing supporters in cheering the fantastic results from Shanghai in China last week where Ireland won two gold and two bronze medals at the World Rowing Championships. Fintan McCarthy (Skibbereen RC) scooped a historic gold in the inaugural Mixed Double event with Mags Cremen (UCC RC) while also claiming bronze with Philip Doyle (Belfast BC) in the Mens Double. Fiona Murtagh (University of Galway BC) won an impressive gold also in the Womens

Single while Jake McCarthy (Skibbereen RC) secured bronze in the Mens Lightweight Single.

### ANNIVERSARY MASS

The fifth anniversary mass in memory of the last Seamus Guiney, former Club President, will be held next Saturday, October 11th in St. Mary's Cathedral at 6.15pm.

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## MKL GAELS CROWNED U15 COUNTY CHAMPIONS

### After Late Comeback in Waterville



MKL Gaels U15 team with Management - Clíodhna Quirke, Mary Kennedy and James Daly.

Supporters in Waterville were treated to a thrilling U15 County Club Championship final on Saturday, as MKL Gaels produced a dramatic late surge to defeat Inbhear Scéine Gaels by 2-8 to 1-8 on a sun-drenched afternoon.

The contest was evenly poised from the outset, with both sides trading scores throughout a tense opening half. At the break, nothing could separate the teams, as the scoreboard read six points apiece.

On the restart, Inbhear Scéine Gaels seized control of the game, pushing five points clear with just ten minutes remaining. MKL Gaels, however, refused to wilt under pressure. Their breakthrough came when centre back Aisling Quirke, wearing the number 6 jersey, surged

forward from defence and blasted a superb goal to spark a revival.

With belief restored, MKL's forwards took charge. Kaylee Flynn and Lauren O'Sullivan struck vital points to level the contest once again, setting up a grandstand finish.

The decisive moment arrived with just two minutes left on the clock, when Alannah Daly pounced inside the square to fire home MKL's second goal. That strike sealed a dramatic turnaround, giving MKL Gaels a three-point cushion they would not surrender.

After the final whistle, captain Abbie Fleming lifted the county trophy, and Kerry senior county player Siófra O'Sheá presented the team with their medals, adding an extra touch

of honour to the celebrations.

This MKL U15 team have already enjoyed a remarkable year, having won the Féile title and represented their county in Derry over the summer, further cementing their reputation as one of Kerry's top underage sides.

The victory not only crowns MKL Gaels as U15 County Champions but also carries added significance for the club, as the captain of the 2026 U16 County team will be chosen from their ranks — a proud honour for the community.

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Members of the Kerry minor football squad and mentors pictured at the River Island Hotel, Castleisland on Friday night at the 50th anniversary of their All-Ireland title win over Tyrone (1-10 to 0-4) in Croke Park on Sunday, September 28th 1975.

Front from left: John Rice, Templenoe, representing his late father Johnny Rice, selector; Dónal O'Leary, selector; Séamus Mac Gearailt, trainer / manager; Robert Bunyan, Ballydonoghue, team captain with the Tom Markham Cup - on loan from Tyrone; John Joe O'Connor, St. Mary's Caherciveen; Tim Galwey representing his late father Mick Galwey, selector, Currow; Ambrose Lanigan, Tarbert representing his late father Mick Lanigan, selector and the late Tom Bridgeman; and Eric Murphy, South Kerry team members' transport, Caherciveen. Middle row from left: Neily O'Donovan, Gneeveguilla; Fintan Scannell, Tarbert; P.J. Houlihan, Ballyduff; Con O'Connor and Seán Walsh, Kerins O'Rahillys; Johnny Mulvihill, Moyvane; Mick Spillane, Templenoe; John Griffin and Billy Moyles, John Mitchell's; Pádraig Brosnan, The Legion and Humphrey Moynihan, Gneeveguilla. Back row from left: Vincent O'Connor, Dingle; Michel Colgan, Milltown; Gabriel Casey, Lispole; Jack O'Shea, St. Mary's Caherciveen; Charlie Nelligan, Castleisland Desmonds; Michael O'Sullivan, Rathmore; Paudie Sheehan, St. Mary's Caherciveen; Bernard O'Sullivan, Dingle and Pat Foley, Keel / Inch.

Team member Tadhg Óg Flynn, Castle Gregory was not available on the night. A minute of silence was observed on the occasion in memory of team member the late Tom Bridgeman of Tarbert who died in July 2018.

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## KILLARNEY ATHLETIC

### AFC

#### SENIOR A... LEAGUE GAME

##### Killarney Athletic AFC 5 Classic fc 3

Scorers: Josh Bowler, Terry Sparling x2 P, Donal Kelliher, Jack Cooper

#### KDL PREMIER RESULT

##### Killarney Athletic AFC 3 - 1 Killorglin AFC

Jack Cooper x2, Ian Prendergast x1, Assists Oisín O Sullivan 2, Terry Sparling 1

#### KDL YOUTHS LEAGUE MATCH REPORT

##### Killarney Athletic 3 - 1 Tralee Dynamos

Leo Allen x2, Ben Kelliher x1

Killarney Athletic U18s kicked off their season in impressive fashion with a well-earned 3-1 victory over Tralee Dynamos on Saturday afternoon. A dominant first-half display, led by a clinical brace from Leo Allen, set the tone for the hosts before Ben Kelliher sealed the win in the second half. The game started at a high tempo, with both sides eager to assert control early on. It was Athletic who found the breakthrough midway through the first half. Leo Allen pounced quickest, showing great composure to slot past the keeper for the opener. Minutes later, Leo doubled his tally with a smart finish after a well-worked team move, giving Killarney a commanding 2-0 lead going into the break. Athletics' response after the half time break was measured and mature. The midfield—featuring the dynamic combination of Evan Doona, Luca Mosca, Liam O'Brien, Jake Nash, and Ben Kelliher—regained control and dictated the pace of the game. Kelliher, who had been a constant threat throughout, capped off a fine performance with a goal of his own, creating a three-goal cushion and effectively putting the result beyond doubt. Defensively, Athletic were solid and organised, with Finan Blackwell, Mark O'Carroll, Bryan O'Connor, and Kalen Browne putting in a shift to nullify the Dynamos' attacking threats. Goalkeeper Fionn O'Donoghue Sheehan and defence worked in harmony to close out the game with composure. The depth of the squad was clear in the second half as Dylan O'Meara, Jack O'Grady, Darragh O'Sullivan, Brian McCarthy, and Liam Harmon were introduced and made valuable contributions, keeping the tempo high and ensuring Athletic saw out the game professionally. A deserved three points and a strong start to the league campaign for Killarney Athletic. Credit to Tralee Dynamos for a competitive and spirited match.

#### GIRLS U13 DIVISION 1 RESULT

##### MEK B 4 - 0 Killarney Athletic B

Killarney Athletic U13s Bs faced MEK Bs in a spirited match that ended with a 4-0 victory for MEK. Despite the scoreline, the Killarney girls delivered a fantastic performance, showing determination and skill throughout the game. While the result didn't go their way, there were plenty of outstanding individual efforts and moments of great teamwork. A big thanks goes to MEK and everyone involved for their warm hospitality and for hosting a memorable evening of soccer.

#### U14 BOYS DIVISION 1

##### Killarney Celtic B 2 Killarney Athletic 1

Goal: Cillian Sheahan

The lads were unlucky not to come away with something from their game away at Celtic on Saturday morning. It was tight game throughout. The lads kept going to the final whistle and were very unlucky to have a goal ruled out near the end of the game. An excellent goal from Cillian Sheahan to mark his return from injury.

#### U15 GIRLS DIVISION 1

##### Killarney Athletic B 1 - 7 Tralee Dynamos

Elody Walsh x1

Tough game for Athletic today from a strong Dynamos team. The game started with Tralee pushing hard but Athletic did well at the back to hold them out. Unfortunately Athletic lost Roisin O Sullivan to injury and a few minutes later Tralee got the first goal. Athletic tried hard but Dynamos grabbed another on the 15 minute mark. An already difficult task was made harder when another Athletic player went off with injury. With no other substitutes Athletic had to play the rest of the game with 10 players to Dynamos. Game finished Athletic 1 Dynamos 7

#### GIRLS U15 PREMIER RESULT

##### Killarney Athletic 6 - 0 Camp

Ella Crowley x1, Lilian Slattery x2, Reagan Browne x1, Evie Doolan x1, Elizabeth Brosnan x1

With the sun shining in Woodlawn the girls arrived with a sense of apprehension as they knew this was a must win game to remain competitive within the league. With a panel of 16 girls starting 11 was a tough call.

The game started fast and the pace was intense and Camp were up for the game as much as we were. The first goal came at a crucial moment in the game. It settled the girls and they continued with pressure and pace. The next goal came from a cross in from Lilian and a volley from Ella Crowley which wouldn't have been out of place

in the Premiership. Camp didn't give up and kept attacking. The goals were all super goals but it was testament to how well Camp kept pressure on until the final whistle. The panel of 16 girls were tantamount to winning This game. Each girl played a key role. Thanks to the ref for a very fair game and thanks to Camp for a very sporting game.

#### BOY U14 NATIONAL CUP RESULT

##### Coole FC 2 - 1 Killarney Athletic

Sean Quill x1

Unlucky from the lads today, up against a big physical side on a pitch that was hard to play on, we found it hard to play our game but when we did we looked dangerous, we plugged away and kept going and got our reward with a goal which came just a small bit too late but fair play to the lads for keeping going and not giving up, well done to Coole FC who deserved there win and best of luck to them in the next round, thanks also for providing food and some drinks after for the long journey back to Killarney, thanks to the parents who came up to support and massive thanks as well to everyone involved with organising the bus, Coole FC 2-Killarney Athletic AFC 1

#### BOYS U16 DIVISION 2 RESULT

##### Fenit A 3- 2 Killarney Athletic B

Mark Corkery x2

Athletic travelled to Ardfert to play Fenit and raced into a 2 goal lead through 2 Mark Corkery free kicks . Fenit pulled 1 back before halftime and equalised soon after in an entertaining match . Fenit got their winner in the last minute when the referee inexplicably decided to award a goal with the scorer a clear 2 yards offside . Tough lesson learned by our young Blues as a draw really would of been a fair result. Best for Athletic Daniel Fennelly, Rob Murphy and Motm 2 goal centre back Mark Corkery

## BALLYHAR DYNAMOS FC

### LOTTO

No.s 7, 13, 15, 28. No winner of the Jackpot. 5 x €25: Mary Pembroke, Currow. Mary Cooper Looney, Ballyhar. Jerry O'Donoghue, Killarney. Paudie O'Brien, Furies & Claire Callaghan, Farranfore. Next draw for a Jackpot of €2600 will take place on Sunday next 5th October at Butlers Bar, Furies. Tickets available from Committee Members, Sheehans Filling Station Farranfore, Spar & Hendersons Shops, Furies & Butlers Bar, Furies. Thanks to all who support & help out with



U14 Boys Division 1 Killarney Athletic AFC



Ballyhar Dynamos FC U12 Team 2 who were defeated at Murt Scott Park by Killarney Athletic D in Division 3 of the Kerry schoolboy league.





*Ballyhar Dynamos FC u16s who were defeated away by Pike Rovers, Limerick in the 1st Round of the National cup.*



*Killarney Celtic U14 Boys National Cup*

the club lotto.

### TEAMS

The Senior squad continued their good start to the season with a home 5-2 win against Inter Kenmare FC. Pdraig O Connor with two goals and one each from Declan O Connor, Danny Brosnan & Micheal Fitzgerald sealed the win.

The Youths kicked off their season with a 7-3 defeat away to Mainebank FC, Ross Lally, Aaron Moriarty & Ryan Breen were on the score sheet for Ballyhar.

Team Two of the U12s hosted Killarney Athletic D at Murt Scott Park on Saturday last, the Killarney boys took the points in a close encounter in a 1-3 defeat for the Ballyhar Boys Jack O Callaghan had a goal disallowed early on with Conor Ryan getting on the score sheet for Ballyhar. On the day Pdraig Allen, Sean O Callaghan, Ethan O Sullivan, Adam Dineen & Leo Duffin played well in a sporting encounter.

### SYMPATHY

The Club offers its Condolences to the McGillicuddy family, Ballyhar on the passing of Denis. Condolences to the Whelan family, Farranfore on the passing of Pat & condolences to the McKenna Family, Fries on the passing of Rita. May they rest in peace.

## KILLARNEY CELTIC

### CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 1,2,17,23. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €40. Next jackpot €3,200 on Monday October 6th. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through clubzap.

### KDL PREMIER

**Killarney Celtic 10-0 Ballyheigue**

*Matt Keane 3, Sean Lovett 2, Liam Carey 2, Blake Bolster, Dylan Quirke, Cian Doe.*

Celtic A took all 3 points last Sunday after a comprehensive win over Ballyheigue. Celtic were in front after 12 mins and went to the break 6up. Further 2nd half goals cemented the win as we sit 3rd in the table.

### KDL CHAMPIONSHIP

**Killarney Celtic B 2-0 AC Athletic**

*Mark Kolesnikov, Eoghan Crowley*

Celtic B recorded a win last weekend after getting the better of AC Athletic.

### U14 SFAI NATIONAL CUP

**Killarney Celtic A 7-0 Shannonside**

*Cillian Scannell 2, Jack Clifford 2, Luke Clifford 2, Conor Doherty*

A clear cut win saw our U14A team comfortably qualify for round 2 and home tie with Mungret B.

### U14 DIV 1

**Killarney Celtic B 2-1 Killarney Athletic**

*Eoin Murphy, George Nomikos*

Celtic B came out on top of this local derby after a good contest played last weekend.

**Killarney Celtic C 4-2 Camp A**

*Dylan McCarthy 2, Rowan Murphy 2*

Celtic C continued their good form with a good home win over Camp A.

### U14 DIV 3

**Killarney Celtic D 4-2 Milltown FC**

*Norman O Connor, Muhammed Gazal, Oskar Kozub, Sean Looney*

Celtic D got their 1st points of the campaign after a win over Milltown FC.

### U12 SFAI NATIONAL CUP

**Killarney Celtic A 1-0 Shannon Town**

*Zsombor Vida*

Celtic U12A came out on the right side of this National Cup game in which 1 goal was decisive. 0-0at halftime Celtic broke the deadlock through Zsombor Vida and though Shannon pressed late on, Celtic held firm to earn an away trip in the next round.

### U12

**Killarney Celtic B 1-1 Ballyhar Dyn**

*Hlib Ospyov*

**CONGRATS** to Jack Clifford U14 and Alex Stopa U12 who made the KSBGL Team of the Week.

## KERRY SCHOOL BOY/GIRL SOCCER

### NATIONAL

### MIXED START FOR KERRY 12'S TEAMS IN ABSORBING ROUND 1

There was no shortage of drama in the opening round of the U12 Boys National Cup, with Kerry sides advancing and falling short.

Listowel Celtic bowed out on penalties after a 2-2 draw with Moneygall, where Eoin Barrett and Joey Moynihan had found the net, but the visitors held their nerve in the shootout to advance 5-4. Killarney Celtic are safely through thanks to a narrow 1-0 win over Shannon Town, with Zsombor Vida grabbing the decisive strike.

Elsewhere, Mastergeeha impressed with a 6-0 win at Summerville Rovers C, thanks to four goals from the outstanding Mathew Cahill and further efforts by Dara O'Keeffe and Oliver Stazhoiwak. Their B team also advanced with a 3-0 walkover win against Avenue United C.

Killorglin hit top gear in a 5-1 victory over Newport Town, with Cillian Gleeson and Avery O'Sullivan each scoring twice, alongside a goal from Sean O'Sullivan. Fenit Samphires were equally sharp in front of goal, overcoming Aisling Anacotty 6-1 thanks to braces from Eoghan Gilligan and Tommy O'Brien, with Matthew Rael also on target.

Milltown FC also progressed in gritty fashion, edging past Abbeyfeale United 1-0 courtesy of a goal from Antek Zdeb. St. Brendan's Park had a strong showing across the board, with their A side beating Ennis Town 4-0, goals coming from Kyle O'Sullivan (2), Leo Fitzgibbon, and Igor Jasiński, while their B team were emphatic 5-1 winners over Pike Rovers thanks to the clinical scoring of Rian Bailey, Nahom Yosef and Rios O'Loinsigh Murray. Park's C team advanced too with a walkover against Shountrade AFC, ensuring a clean sweep for the Tralee club.

Tralee Dynamos B defeated Mountcollins 5-0, while their A side lost 2-0 at home to Knigh United. Despite battling hard, there was disappointment for Castleisland, who fell 1-0 to Shelbourne, while Camp were beaten 6-3 by Summerville Rovers. Killarney Athletic also bowed out after a 3-1 loss to Fairview Rangers, with John Hegarty getting their goal.

### 14'S MAKE STRONG START IN GOAL LADEN ROUND

Kerry clubs produced a strong showing in the opening round of the U14 Boys National Cup, with several sides advancing in style.

Mastergeeha A defeated Ballynanty Rovers on penalties after a dramatic 3-3 draw. Goals from Evan Burke, Michael O'Donoghue, and Gavin Moynihan forced the shootout, before O'Donoghue and Burke held their nerve to seal a 2-1 win from the spot.

There was no such tension for Killorglin, who ran out 6-0 winners away to Mountshannon Celtic. Freddie Glinwood and Fionnan Burke each struck twice, while Eoin McClure and Gerard O'Sullivan also found the net. St. Brendan's Park FC also impressed, with a 2-0 victory over Shannon Town thanks to a double from Tadhg





Castleisland U14 Boys National Cup



Killarney Celtic U12A vs Shannon Town

Gilligan.

Park's B side were also successful, beating Galbally United 3-1 through goals from Jotham Kiwunaka, Finn McKenzie, and Sam Zazai. Fenit Samphires put in a strong performance at home, recording a 3-0 win over Bunratty Cratloe. Castleisland matched that dominance, sweeping past Tulla United 5-0 with Yevhenii Mamontov netting a hat-trick alongside goals from Leo Flynn Luna and Liam Quirke.

Killarney Celtic A produced one of the standout displays of the round defeating Shannonside FC 7-0. Jack Clifford and Cillian Scannell each grabbed a brace, while Luke Clifford also struck twice and Conor Doherty added the seventh. Dingle Bay Rovers enjoyed a fine 4-1 victory away to Cloughjordan FC, with TJ Ó hAinfein scoring twice and further goals coming from Muiris Ó Shúilleabháin and Liam Mac Gearailt.

There was disappointment for Listowel Celtic, who lost out 5-4 after extra time in a thriller with Lough Derg FC, and for Killarney Athletic, who fell 2-1 away to Coole FC despite a strike from Sean Quill.

## HEARTBREAK FOR SOME 16'S TEAMS ON OPENING WEEKEND

It was a mixed weekend of results for Kerry sides in the U16 Boys National Cup, with some strong wins but also heartbreak for others.

Killarney Athletic advanced in style defeating Rathkeale AFC with a commanding 6-0 victory at home. Castleisland also booked their spot in the next round with a narrow 1-0 win over Mungret Regional, thanks to a decisive strike from Dean O'Donoghue.

There was disappointment elsewhere, however, as Inter Kenmare B fell to a 3-0 defeat against Kilmallock United, while Ballyhar Dynamos suffered a heavy 6-0 loss away to Pike Rovers A. In Round 2, one of the ties of the round saw Tralee Dynamos A edge past Mastergeeha A after a dramatic penalty shootout. The game had finished 2-2, with Oran Lynch and Dean Reirdon on target for Mastergeeha, while Danny Lane netted both goals for Dynamos.

The shootout provided even more drama, with Dynamos holding their nerve to win 5-4 on penalties. Lane added to his tally from the spot, joined by Adrian O'Connor, Cillian O'Brien, Ryan Clifford, and Eddie Carmody, who slotted home the decisive kick to send the Tralee side into the next round. Listowel Celtic won 6-0 over MEK Galaxy to book their passage.

## GIRLS

### GOALS A PLenty IN U13 GRADE

It was a big weekend of action in the Amber Killarney U13 Girls Premier and Division 1, with Park, Iveragh, Mastergeeha, MEK and Inter Kenmare all picking up strong wins.

Park were in free-scoring form as they saw off Listowel Celtic 5-1, with Rose Ahern, Caoimhe Field, Natalia McDermott and Faith Breen on target along with an own goal, while Katelyn Joy replied for Celtic.

Killorglin and Iveragh played out a thrilling clash, with a superb brace from Sienna Boyle keeping Killorglin in touch, but Iveragh had enough to see out the win. Mastergeeha made it three wins from three with a 6-0 win away to Killarney Athletic. Goals came from Áine Herlihy, Gracie Maher, Mia O'Doherty, Sophie Moynihan and Lucy Devane as the visitors produced a commanding performance.

In Division 1, MEK B ran out 4-0 winners over Killarney Athletic B, with Dearbhla Kiely grabbing a brace, while Blaithead O'Sullivan and Charlotte O'Connor also found the net to secure all three points.

Inter Kenmare maintained their strong form with a comprehensive 5-0 victory against Tralee Dynamos, thanks to a double from Lily Noonan Murphy and further strikes from Fallon O'Shea, Ally Cremin, and Laoisa Smyth.

## BIG RESULTS SET EARLY TEMPO IN 15'S DIVISIONS

The U15 girls had an action-packed weekend with some dominant performances across both the Muckross Park Hotel Premier and Division 1 action.

In the Premier, Killarney Athletic ran out 6-0 winners against Camp, with goals from Lillian Slattery (2), Ella Crowley, Reagen Browne, Evie Doolan, and Elizebeth Brosnan. Elsewhere, Park were 4-0 winners at home to Killorglin.

In Division 1, Tralee Dynamos claimed a 6-1 win over Killarney Athletic B, with strikes from Lucy Wynne, Ciara Hayes, Tia Falvey, Leah Duffin, Farren Ni Dhalaigh, and Caoimhe Daly.

Mastergeeha defeated Castleisland 3-0, with goals from Anna Linehan, Shauna O'Riordan, and Eabha Moynihan. Meanwhile, Iveragh defeated Dingle 4-3 at home, despite goals from Niamh Ní Shé (2) and Lucy Keane for the visitors.

## BOYS

### CELTIC DO THE DOUBLE IN DIVISION 1

Killarney Celtic had not one but two wins in the weekend's action in The Golden Nugget U14 Boys Division 1.

Killarney Celtic B came out on top in a tight encounter, defeating local rivals Killarney

Athletic B 2-1. Goals for Celtic were scored by Eoin Murphy and George Nomikos, while Cillian Sheehan netted for Killarney Athletic.

In another goal-filled fixture, Killarney Celtic C secured a 4-2 victory over Camp, with Dylan McCarthy and Rowan Murphy (x2) finding the back of the net.

## CLOSE ENCOUNTERS AND GOALS SET THE NARRATIVE IN DIVISION 2

It was an exciting weekend of action in the Power Travel U16 Boys Division 2, with plenty of tight contests and standout performances. Fenit A came out on top in a close encounter with Killarney Athletic B, running out 3-2 winners in a thrilling contest.

Castleisland B also claimed a hard-fought victory, overcoming Mastergeeha B 2-1 thanks to goals from Patrick Extremera and Ibai Jimenez, while Adam Counihan netted for Mastergeeha. Elsewhere, Iveragh A and Park B played out an entertaining 3-3 draw, with both sides sharing the points after a pulsating match.

LB Rovers A produced an impressive performance, defeating Tralee Dynamos B 4-1. Goals from Jake Bennett, Daniel Barriuso, Sean Dalton, and Adrian Manso secured the win, while Elliot Cajella scored for Tralee.

## BOYS TEAM OF THE WEEK

1. Alex Stopa (Killarney Celtic U12)
2. Bruno Grzybowski (Fenit Samphires U14)
4. Cian O'Leary (Milltown FC U12)
5. Mark Corkery (Killarney Athletic U16)
3. Karim Alhemdi (St Brendan's Park U12)
6. Mason Reen (Mastergeeha U14)
7. Evan Cronin (Castleisland U16)
8. Freddie Glinwood (Killorglin U14)
9. Yevhenii Mamontov (Castleisland U14)
10. Danny Lane (Tralee Dynamos U16)
11. Jack Clifford (Killarney Celtic U14)

## GIRLS ROLL OF HONOUR

1. Erin Cronin (MEK Galaxy)
2. Kourtney Moroney (Tralee Dynamos)
4. Kate Kirby (St Brendan's Park)
5. Macy Reidy (St Brendan's Park)
3. Tiarna Falvey (MEK Galaxy)
6. Sennait Forster (Tralee Dynamos)
8. Robyn Horgan (Milltown)
7. Lillian Slattery (Killarney Athletic)
10. Sienna Boyle (Killorglin)
9. Aine Herlihy (Mastergeeha)
11. Laoisa Smyth (Inter Kenmare)





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JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY

takes a look at all things sport...

## SENIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

### Templenoe v East Kerry

East Kerry might have had a few blips in recent years but they still have a huge pick from a lot of Intermediate clubs and panellists. Tempenoe are an amazing club and battle ferociously above their weight, but this is Barry McGuigan up against prime Mike Tyson. Even if East Kerry rest a few of their top guns, they should still be winning with a good bit to spare.

### Austin Stacks v Milltown/Castlemaine

Stacks have been coming back with a vengeance after their injury forced relegation and return to senior. I can't see Milltown/Castlemaine staying with them on the scoreboard, but they will make a battle of it.

### Dr. Crokes v Mid Kerry

I think Mid Kerry are a lot better than they have shown so far. Yes, of course the reigning champions will be favourites, especially with Gavin White, Mark O'Shea, and Tony Brosnan in their current form, but it will be a lot closer than most people expect. I think this could be the tie of the round.

### Dingle v Na Gaeil

Dingle were down a lot of players for the Senior Club Championship. I could be adding two and two and getting seven (any of the teachers who tried to teach me maths will confirm that's always a possibility) but I suspect that they were keeping a bit of powder dry for the championship they have come so close to achieving in recent years. Na Gaeil, on the other hand, had a great club Championship but I think they will be down too many players for this one.

### South Kerry v Spa

If this was South Kerry's first game, I'd fancy Spa. But it isn't, and South Kerry look an improved side to me. A lot will depend on the sharpshooters on either side; Ian O'Sullivan and Evan Cronin can be matchwinners in their own right. South Kerry to just about shade a good battle.

### Kenmare Shamrocks v North Kerry

North Kerry were the story of last weekend, with Joe Joe Grimes and Jason Foley pulling their bacon out of the fire at the last second. Again, those games will do them a lot more good than harm. Will Seán O'Shea play? Personally, I'd prefer county players rested – I think the glut of games is quite literally dangerous as well as

mentally exhausting, but it's easy for me to say it. If he plays Kenmare have always got a chance – that's a very solid team in their own right – but I'm tipping North Kerry to find their groove first.

### Rathmore and An Ghaeltacht received byes.



## ALL STAR NOMINATIONS

It's that time of year again where the All Star nominations are announced. The nominations are rarely controversial and don't exactly stir up any frenzies. There's a simple reason for that. Some people might not be aware of this, but the selection of All Star nominees is by a selection of highly regarded national sports journalists. Not me, obviously – I assumed I'm on a banned list somewhere. Myself and Jimmy Kimmel – the powers that be fear us.

My point is that I would be in conversation with those journalists, and sometimes the conversation would turn to likely nominees. The point is that those conversations happen from quite early on. They pick out players who impress them from the opening rounds onwards. It's not like they review the championship after it's all over and pick their best fifteen. A single brilliant display in the later stages might push you into the conversation, but overall excellence is the usual criterion. For example, I thought Michael Langan struggled to impact the All Ireland Final, but he was an awesome force up to that stage and deserves his Footballer of the Year nomination. The Electric Ireland Minor Team of the Year used to be selected by a three man committee, highly respected people, but it used to be very obvious that it was picked after the All Ireland Final. A good semi-final and final could put you in there, even if you had done nothing else all year.

My usual rule in conversations like this applies; I apply it to any team selection. Do not even think about telling me who should be in... without telling me who should be taken out.

The actual selection is by the inter-county players themselves, and it's a better way than selection by committee. You always used to have a forced 'controversy', and it always felt to me like an attempt to generate media coverage more than anything else. Brian Whelehan, the undoubted Hurler of the Year in 1995, couldn't win an All Star. A year later Jason Sherlock became the first modern media GAA superstar, electrifying far more than his native Dublin.... no All Star, though. No Cork forward in 1990 despite winning the All Ireland. There will be controversies this year as well, or at least, the pretence of one. At the moment the selling point seems to be that Donegal have more nominations than Kerry. Well, begorrah and begob, ready the placards and let's march in unison to demand justice.

I can actually understand it. Kerry really burst into life late on and nobody could live with them at that stage, but Donegal had come a longer road and fought good battles all the way. Ulster is the hardest province to get out of. Donegal showed great consistency in a lot of games. I have no problem with what county got most nominations. I am surprised that Meath's Conor Duke didn't get a nomination, but meh, I'm not likely to lose any sleep over it. As for Michael Murphy being a FoTY nominee? Listen, I'm on the record repeatedly as saying this has been the best footballer of a generation (just ahead of Dublin's James McCarthy) and did some amazing things this year (that late catch in the Ulster Final with the game on the line....) but Footballer of the Year? No chance. I'd have Michael Langan well ahead of him, not even close.

**Goalkeepers:** Shane Ryan (Kerry), Rory Beggan (Monaghan), Ethan Rafferty (Armagh)

**Defenders:** Brian Ó Beaglaíoch (Kerry), Jason Foley (Kerry), Gavin White (Kerry), Michael Breen (Kerry), Brendan McCole (Donegal), Finbarr Roarty (Donegal), Peadar Mogan (Donegal), Ciarán Moore (Donegal), Ciarán Caulfield (Meath), Seán Rafferty (Meath), Craig Lennon (Louth), Jarly Óg Burns (Armagh), Ross McQuillan (Armagh), Niall Devlin (Tyrone), Kieran McGeary (Tyrone), Dessie Ward (Monaghan), Jack Coyne (Mayo), Ryan McHugh (Donegal)

**Midfielders:** Michael Langan (Donegal), Joe O'Connor (Kerry), Odhran Murdock (Down), Conor Glass (Derry), John Maher (Galway), Peadar Ó Cofaigh Byrne (Dublin)

**Forwards:** David Clifford (Kerry), Paudie Clifford (Kerry), Seán O'Shea (Kerry), Michael Murphy (Donegal), Conor O'Donnell (Donegal), Rob Finnerty (Galway), Sam Mulroy (Louth), Shane O'Donnell (Donegal), Oisín Conaty (Armagh), Matthew Thompson (Galway), Michael Bannigan (Monaghan), Matthew Costello (Meath), Jordan Morris (Meath), Ryan Burns (Louth), Ciarán Thompson (Donegal), Rory Grogan (Armagh), Ciarán Kilkenney (Dublin),





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Ruairi Kinsella (Meath)

**Young Footballer of the Year:** Oisín Conaty (Armagh), Finbarr Roarty (Donegal), Matthew Thompson (Galway)

**Footballer of the Year:** David Clifford (Kerry), Joe O'Connor (Kerry), Michael Murphy (Donegal)

## CAMOGIE ALL STARS

The camogie All Star nominees were also released his week. Interesting to note that in this code as well, the losing All Ireland Finalists Cork have 11 nominees, while winners Galway only have 10. And nobody is interested in making a song and dance about that, thankfully.

More importantly, the Soaring Stars winners (i.e., Intermediate and Junior All Stars) have been announced, and Kerry have four winners. Goalkeeper Aoife Fitzgerald, corner back Rachel McCarty, midfield dynamo Patrice Diggin, and back to back winner Jackie Horgan up front. I will say that I personally am amazed that Niamh Sheen at centre back was not included; I thought she was superb all through the year.

## THE RYDER CUP

Samuel Ryder was from Lancashire, son of a nurseryman (gardener, nothing to do with childrens' rhymes) and a prosperous seed merchant. He was aware that 'Golf Illustrated' magazine had helped the invitation of professional US golfers to the British Open in 1921 (remember that professional sports was a fairly new concept in a game previously reserved for the wealthy). That led to the first international golf game between the two in Gleneagles. In 1926, after another meeting between the two countries, Ryder offered to put up money for a Gold Cup, and the first 'Ryder Cup' was played at Worcester in Massachusetts. You've never heard that story. You know why? That's the most mundane muck I've ever come across. There isn't one single memorable fact in that story.

No, I'm re-writing that. As Maxwell Scott said to Tom Stoddard in one of John Ford's best movies, "When the legend becomes fact, print the legend".

Samuel Ryder pretended to be a seed merchant, but he was actually a dashing and daring highwayman, having learnt the trade from his friend the Scarlet Pimpernel. However, once his torrid affair with the young Queen Victoria (give me a little artistic license to work with) was revealed by hard-boiled detective Winston Churchill (okay, a lot of license), he needed to flee the country. More importantly, to smuggle out all his pirate gold (that's right, he wasn't a highwayman, he was a pirate. Sorry about that). He had the brainwave of melting all the gold into little spheres and painting them to look like golf balls. Aha! Fooled everyone, those being less suspicious times (and Sherlock Holmes not being as bright as his biographer claimed). He initially fled to Ireland, but began to lose funds because it turned out that we were way better at golf (and smuggling) than he was, so he decided to go to America. But why? He decided to make a gold cup and set up a golf competition, in order to justify getting all these



surprisingly heavy golf balls past customs. And that's how the Ryder Cup (should have) really started.

The Ryder Cup is golf's showpiece. All the other events are individual and based purely on performance v monetary reward. But the Ryder Cup does have an echo (albeit hugely overblown) of patriotism about it. It represents an ideal in a very material domain, and is worth celebrating for that alone. The team element and the strategic match-ups always feel like forced elements in the story. Not insignificant, but nowhere near as paramount as commentators pretend. But in a world of LIV golf and that Soccer Club World Cup nonsense, seeing Rory McIlroy calling out Patrick Cantlay on his caddie's behaviour and the pair genuinely bristling at each other in Rome (in a car park, no less; you'd think it was an Irish wedding) was somehow genuinely refreshing. Except Cantlay was only fishing for cheap headlines and I don't think he expected Rory to call him out on being a showpony. What makes me think that? Well, Cantlay refused to wear the USA team cap in protest at not being paid to play (he denies it now; he didn't deny it at the time). Look, I'd have sympathy when it comes to expenses. But pay for play? Every single one of you is a multi-millionaire already; that's why you don't have to buy a ticket. Look, I expect the USA to win (and Donald Trump to claim credit, of course). Home advantage really is huge in this competition and US supporters tend to be....vocal.

But the US players are getting \$500,000 each to play, with \$300,000 of it going to charity. Look, charitable causes are of course worthy of support, but when money to charity is included in something like this, it's a PR gesture. It says "we know that this is completely contrary to the whole purpose of the competition, but our players are too self-centred to care". I'm extremely old-fashioned, I suppose, and LIV really lifted the facade of dignity from golf (the Irish Open in Trump Doonbeg, with the world class Lahinch half an hour away? That's criminal, and for once that isn't a dig at the man himself). I really think, whether it's the US or European team, getting selected should be an honour. I know that most of the players have succumbed to public pressure from the likes of the great Tom Watson and agreed to pay all the money to charity, but we have all seen yere true colours. The game made you rich. You haven't enough personal pride to want to stamp your name of this event out of all of them? Fair enough. Off with you lad, leave it after you.

As for the conduct of the American 'fans'....look, these people voted for Donald Trump. It was pointless to hope for anything better. Killarney

is a popular holiday destination for US golfers; the vast majority are ashamed of the conduct at Bethpage. Those people were somehow missing the whole point of the Ryder Cup. Or patriotism, for that matter. The best way to show pride in your country is by behaving as if you have some. Not that I would ever define myself as 'European', I'm Irish. That's not xenophobia in any way; the likes of Rhadisa Adeleke and Seán Óg Ó hAilpín are every bit as Irish as I am, if not more so.

I was avidly European during the Ryder Cup. The hype during previews was obviously and clumsily manufactured, but once the actual play started? Loved it. Cheered unabashedly. Frankly, I'm the same way watching the scoring during the Eurovision Song Contest. If you don't, then I am sorry to inform you, but you don't have a soul.

It started reasonably innocuously. There was catcalling early on, and Rory McIlroy did get booed on his appearance, but it felt more like banter than rancour. A few muppets trying to live up to a tough guy version of New York got louder as Europe began to really dominate, especially Rory, the mood got uglier. At one point Rory did make a gesture towards the US fans; frankly, I don't remotely blame him. Now, I didn't watch it all through. Not a hope; that was a busy weekend on many fronts. Like a lot of people, almost certainly a majority, I followed the scoring and the major highlights on my phone. It did feel like Shane Lowry was off his game, more a foil to Rory than a contributor in his own right, but he certainly wasn't afraid to match the ire of the US supporters. At the end of Day One, Rahm and Straka had beaten Scheffler and Spaun comfortably, Fleetwood and Rose (he was excellent) had beaten DeChambeau and Griffin, and the Irish pairing had tied with Burns and Cantlay – Rory hadn't been able to convert a late chance for birdie. Justin Thomas (seemed like the best player overall to me) and Young had beaten Aberg and Højgaard well. Still, Europe ahead by 5.5 to 2.5, that's a great start.

The atmosphere got much worse (honestly, well beyond the bounds of acceptability) on Day Two. Right from the start, the MC riled up the crowd to abuse McIlroy – and yes, there was no way that could have been mistaken for banter or humour of any kind. She did apologise and step down later that night. I suspect that US PGA officials insisted on it; this whole debacle reflects very, very poorly on them. And while I try very hard to fall in with the usual faux dramatic outrage and it was highlights, i.e., the worst examples, that I saw, I use the word 'debacle' advisedly. The presence of State troopers should not have been necessary – but it was, and not because of the fleeting appearance of the US President. Bethpage is the first public course ever to host the Ryder Cup. I don't see how that could have been a factor – personally I think the US embrace of patriotism and the hard right (including what I consider to be an unacceptable level of xenophobia – it's a hallmark of a particular political doctrine, but that's a different conversation) most likely played a big part. Golf was always considered an expensive, upper class pursuit where



personal dignity and honesty mattered most (that included a certain amount of snobbery, racism, and misogyny, to be truthful). This.... wasn't that.

Hatton and Fitzpatrick beat Cantlay and Burns. Spaun and Schauffle beat Rahm and Straka for a badly needed US victory. They were the only ones, though, with Fleetwood and Rose comfortably defeating the US big pairing of Scheffler and DeChambeau. US captain Keegan Bradley (does anybody else think that 'Bradley Keegan' is a more sensible name?) must surely have been banking on a win there. Bradley appears to be the scapegoat for the US' poor showing overall. There is also loads of nonsense being talked about Europe being a great team while the US are great individuals but poor team-mates. Amateur psychology at it's finest by pundits who had all expressed approval of Bradley's selections in their previews. It did seem to me that Europe's big guns did perform and America's didn't, but 'why' does not deserve any glib answer.

All that mattered on Saturday was Rory and Shane beating Thomas and Young. Europe in front by 11.5 to 4.5.

As far as I was concerned, that was that. The US would pick up points in the singles, but they would be doing well to reach respectability. All we (by now I was firmly committed to 'we') needed was a mere 2.5 points to wrap it up. Injury to Hovland meant his forced withdrawal with injury meant that his match was automatically halved. I was fairly blasé. Hubris. It makes fools of all of us.

Because Sunday....well, Day Three is called Moving Day by a lot of golfers (in four day tournaments, the third round is where you make your move up the leaderboard....or not). And the scoreboard certainly started to move here, and not in a good way for Europe.

Cameron Young took control very quickly against Justin Rose. The US ahead in four matches, five more halved but with US tails rising. Rory was only hanging on against Scheffler; Europe's talisman looked tired. Aberg was leading Cantlay and Fitzpatrick (another to absolutely excel) on top against De Chambeau, but this was suddenly starting wrack nerves. Mine, most definitely, but a few European golfers as well. America's chances were still remote, but now in a sense of 'winning a local church raffle' rather than the National Lottery. Justin Rose with three birdies in four holes from the 13th to the 16th but Young wrapped up the win on the final hole. Justin Thomas won in similar fashion. DeChambeau was five down at one stage but suddenly opened his sails and was level by the 17th and halved the match, a brilliant comeback. Scheffler beat Rory by one hole; it could have been more. Lads, this is not going well..

Aberg beat Cantlay. At last, Europe on the scoreboard. America with the next two points, Schauffle beating Rahm well and Spaun 2 and 1 against Straka. Oh lads, we cannot lose from here or the US supporters will feel that misconduct is completely justifiable in future. And regardless, losing from this starting position would make the European players immortal....and not in a good way.

Shane Lowry one down on the 18th. I like Shane, I like him a lot, but I don't see him as the one to turn it around. Except that Shane, arguably the most vocally passionate of all Team Europe, did exactly that. A beautiful chip to five feet away. Big pressure on the shot, but Shane was equal to it and drained the shot. Europe guaranteed a draw and retention of the Cup.

Griffin did put another American point on the board but the sense of drama had passed and the last matches were safely halved to wrap up a 15 – 13 win. A memorable victory – not a memorable occasion. Dear God, are they really going to host a Soccer World Cup?

The PGA reports are describing it as the best Ryder Cup of all time. That is literally how they describe every single Ryder Cup. Was it really that good? I didn't think so. Completely one-sided for the first two days. Plenty of drama on the last day but that was because Europe made it tougher than it should have been. Not a great occasion for golf at all, but I expect action taken by the PGA on both sides of the Atlantic to enforce higher standards. I expect a much better competition in Adare in two years time. I certainly hope so.

## NFL IN CROKE PARK

I have to balance any criticism of US fans in Bethpage with the highest praise for those in Dublin last weekend - I have to point out that the Steelers back-up quarterback Skylar Thompson getting mugged in Dublin is worse than anything that happened at the Ryder Cup. There was the usual whataboutery by have-a-go heroes about Croke Park hosting American Football. Lads, it's not a military or political parade, alright? It's a bridging of sporting cultures with arguably our biggest tourism (since Brexit) and trading market. Yes, I do have economic criticisms of America's export/import policies, but this is not that fight. I absolutely supported Colin Kaepernick's taking a knee during the National Anthem. That is the whole point of having political freedom; anything less is tyranny. But this is not any million men march; this is a sports match. The only issue is the GAA's restriction to no more than three non GAA events in a year, a constraint they fully agreed to in their planning but have subsequently chafed against (remember the GAA trying to blame everybody else for the Garth Brooks concerts' mess? They got greedy). The atmosphere, not just in Croke Park, was fantastic. I wasn't at the game but I've spoken to plenty who were, including many who brought their kids. And they loved it. The American supporters brought vibrancy, noise, colour, and craic (our version, not theirs). In practical terms, it's a good way to expand their own sport, and create a bigger market niche, and yes, simply make friends.

My own inclination was to favour the Pittsburgh Steelers over the Minnesota Vikings. Pittsburgh has very strong Irish connections (yes, more per capita than either Boston or New York). Was the original Quiet Man, Seán Thornton from Maurice Walsh's book 'Green Rushes' (the movie was very loosely based on a far less cliché-ridden short story in it) back from Pittsburgh? I

know he spoke of the steelworks. Maybe it was Philadelphia....I am not supporting the Eagles, end of story there. No offence to Taylor Swift or her in-laws. Actually, imagine the tourism boost of Taylor attending an Eagles game with the Kelces in Dublin?

As for Minnesota? Plenty of Irish went these in the 19th century, but it would have stronger roots in Scandinavia. Hence their adoption of the name 'Vikings' in 1960. Just think of our own history with the Vikings. "From the fury of the Northmen, Good Lord, deliver us" was the supposed prayer of the medieval age (it's a modern myth, but the sentiment would undoubtedly have been real). The Vikings were the biggest military power during the Dark Ages. Not just Scandinavia – the likes of England, France (Normandy just means 'land of the northmen'), Russia (the original 'Rus' were viking invaders), Iceland....they did actually attempt to settle America. And they were as much settlers and farmers as actual vikings, by the way. But any time in history that Vikings came to Dublin, it wasn't good for the Irish. Dublin was itself a Norse settlement and at one time the biggest slave market in Western Europe (no comparison to Eastern Europe – it was the vikings who gave the Slavic peoples their name and you can guess why). Ivar the Boneless, son of Ragnar Lothbrok

Remember Brian Boru and Brodar? That wasn't actually a battle between native Irish and Vikings at all. Both armies were mixed, with plenty of blood relations on both sides.

Look, I haven't heard stories of Minnesota fans plundering the docks last weekend. The Steelers did have their 'Terrible Towels' which is iconic in the sense that....no, I've got nothing. You played an important game in 1975, so a DJ called for all the Steelers' fans to show up with yellow dishcloths? And went on to beat the Colts and eventually win the Superbowl? I'm sorry, what? Like I say, it's a meeting of Irish and American sporting cultures, and some things just don't translate for me. The 'Terrible Towel' is one of them.

It was actually a great game. I didn't see it – I was at the Ladies semi-final and subsequently riveted by the Ryder Cup drama – but it sounds like the Steelers won a classic. But for once, and I say this rarely enough, the actual occasion was greater than the game and will have a greater significance in time to come. Kudos to all involved.





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The programme is designed specifically for registered primary teachers who wish to develop their competence and confidence in French. Entry is available at levels A2.1 and B1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. Each course will run for a total of 20 hours, with both online and blended options available to suit varying schedules.

The courses will be taught by a registered native French teacher, ensuring a high standard of instruction that combines language development with cultural insight. By participating, teachers will gain valuable skills to bring into their classrooms, supporting the Department of Education's strategy to broaden access to modern foreign languages at primary level.

The initiative is being coordinated by Hélène Olivier-Courtney of French for All - Killarney School of French, under the Languages Connect programme, which promotes foreign languages in education throughout Ireland.

**Teachers wishing to register or obtain further information are invited to contact Hélène Olivier-Courtney directly at 087 799 8629 or by email at [helene@frenchforallie](mailto:helene@frenchforallie)**

*This initiative represents an important step in supporting teachers to expand their professional skills and in fostering a greater appreciation of language learning among Ireland's primary school children.*

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Pictured Gavin White Kerry Captain at the Civic Reception at the Kerry County Council buildings in Tralee to celebrate the Kerry Senior All-Ireland Football Championship winning team. Photo: Domnick Walsh



## LEGION GAA

### U12 GIRLS

The U12 Girls season came to an end this afternoon with a festival of football in Legion, with us hosting teams from Beaufort, Dr Crokes, Fossa, Laune Rangers, Milltown and Spa.

Our girls were excellent on their final football event for 2025, playing all the clubs from around us in great spirit with some excellent football also. Thanks to the girls' parents and coaches for their efforts all year. Best of luck to the girls going up to u14 next year. The highlight of the year was the pizza at the end of the Blitz for all teams.

### O SULLIVAN/O DONOGHUE CUP DRAW

The draws have been made for the East Kerry O Sullivan and O Donoghue Cup.

In the O Sullivan Cup, we will play the winners of Glenflesk and Firies in the quarter final.

Meanwhile we have been drawn away to Gneeveguilla in the first round of the O Donoghue Cup.

### DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

Club extends its sympathies to the Doolan Family on the sad passing of Catherine. Her brother Timmy is a former player and loyal supporters while nephews and niece Tadgh, Darragh and Ciara all played for the club. May she rest in peace.

### SCOR NA NOG

The date for the Scor County Final is November 2nd, venue to be confirmed and if anyone would like to represent the club, please contact Caroline at 0838915953

### LOTTO

Results Monday September 22nd. Numbers were

4, 10, 21, 24. Bonus No.16. No Jackpot winner. Match 3s/Lucky Dips: 1. Fr. Pdraig Walsh 2. Joe Huggard 3. Patricia Quigley

## EAST KERRY

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## DR. CROKES

**LOTTO** took place September 29th. Numbers drawn were 1, 3, 11, 20. Jackpot of €12,500 was NOT WON. 7 patrons matched 3 numbers and receive €60 each. Jackpot for draw on October 6th will be €12,700. Play online by following the link below and follow instructions attached [https://play.clubforce.com/play\\_newa.asp?ll\\_id=734#Anchor](https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=734#Anchor) ([https://play.clubforce.com/play\\_newa.asp?ll\\_id=734#Anchor](https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=734#Anchor))

**FR. PADDY'S CARDS NIGHT** will return on Wednesday the 8th of October at 8pm in the clubhouse. All are welcome.

**GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS** with Kathleen resumes on Tuesday 7th October at 11am in the Clubhouse. Everyone is welcome.

### SCÓR

If anyone is interested in singing, dancing, performing music or taking part in the Quiz please contact Rachel Foley.

### BINGO

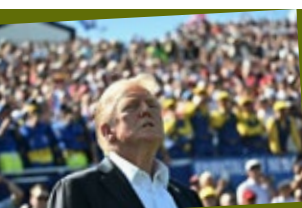
Dr. Crokes Bingo continues every Sunday in St. Mary's Parish Hall. Doors will open at 7pm with the first game commencing at 8pm.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Cillian and Brid Fitzgerald on the birth of their baby girl Fiadh.

**CONDOLENCES** to the Doolan Family on the recent passing of Catherine. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam.

### 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)



## THAT WHAM BANG BOTTLED BIRDIE AT BETHPAGE!

By Nicky Barry

Isn't there someone in America, to tell US golf fans,  
That they're a shower of gobdaws, down to the last man?  
Golf is a game of protocol, with strict etiquette,  
But they are not aware of this, in the Big Apple yet.  
But then again how could they, with a President like Trump,  
Who is an ignoramus, and a big bully chump.

He also is a golfing dude, and should show them the way,  
By outlawing foul language, and venom on fairways.

He appeared on the first tee, on the opening day,  
And his very presence, prepared them for the fray.

It was like a MAGA rally, with loud USA chants,  
And you felt that Team Europe, hadn't got a chance.

But a star from Offaly, and one from County Down,  
Would not be intimidated, by foul-mouthed US clowns.  
They let their clubs do the talking, and blew the Yanks away,  
In the foursomes and the fourballs, on the first two days.

But in all fairness as they say, the Yanks then struck back,  
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# KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL STOPPING HOUSE BUILDING IN KERRY

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

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DECISIONS  
WITHOUT  
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Builders have expressed the view that it is easier to build houses in Cork than it is in Kerry. In Cork, for example, builders carry out the work, a snag list of any outstanding issues is created, the builders rectify those issues and any bond funds are promptly returned to the builder. Bond funds are amounts of money held back from the builder by the bank until all work has been completed. If the council delays signing off on the completion of the snag list, the bond funds are not released back to builder and they are left out of pocket. In Cork, once the snag list has been signed off, the maintenance of any new housing development is promptly taken over by Cork County Council. Builders claim that it is much more problematic dealing with Kerry County Council. It can take years for an official snag list to be created. The saga does not end here. When that list is finally completed, more maintenance issues are added. Builders have claimed that this final stage can take years and can add unnecessary financial stress. In effect, builders are being used to maintain an estate, post-build. In many cases, the builder ends up just forfeiting the bond, as it

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

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

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



*A builder built an extra thirteen houses in an existing housing estate. The builder rerouted heavy traffic away from the estate and used an existing farm road at the rear of the site to access the building site. The photo shows the relief road and this road was in existence long before his company built these houses. After the houses were built the Council instructed the builder to go onto private property and dig up the relief road and turn the area into a green field otherwise Kerry County Council will take €20,000 via a bond from the builder. Kerry County Council contacted this publication stating that the heading of this article is "grossly misleading and incorrect". Nobody wants badly built estates but this example does not entice builders to build houses.*



*This is a photo of a manhole that was built in 2008. This manhole is in perfect condition after sixteen years. The specifications on building a manhole has changed recently and Kerry County Council wants all the manholes in the estate dug up and rebuild under the updated specifications and this work will cost the builder €45,000.*

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



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



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# TRADITIONAL BUILDING SKILLS CELEBRATED at the Kingdom of Skills Weekend in Killarney

Killarney National Park hosted an exciting celebration of traditional building crafts during the Kingdom of Skills Weekend, presented by Architecture Kerry 2025 in collaboration with Kerry County Council, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Muckross House, the Irish Georgian Society, the Heritage Council, and Creative Ireland.

Taking place at the historic Muckross School House, the weekend featured hands-on demonstrations of traditional building skills, alongside conservation talks that showcased Ireland's rich architectural heritage. Attendees had the opportunity to engage directly with expert craftspeople and learned about age-old techniques used in the construction and preservation of historic buildings.

The event underscored the importance of skill preservation in architecture and heritage conservation, offering both education and inspiration for professionals, enthusiasts, and families alike.



*Saw Wood... James Flynn, left, discussing working with Arbutus with staff of OPW, from left Kieran Casey, Liam Joy, James O'Donoghue and Darragh O'Brien at Architecture Kerry 2025 Kingdom of Skills weekend - Traditional Building Skills, Demonstrations & Conservation Talks at Muckross School House, Killarney National Park. Presented by Architecture Kerry 2025, Kerry County Council, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Muckross House, Irish Georgian Society, The Heritage Council, Creative Ireland.*

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*Philip Quinn Stone Carver showing Tadgh Mannix the art of stone carving, at Architecture Kerry 2025 Kingdom of Skills weekend*



*Abbey O'Leary working on her masterpiece at Architecture Kerry 2025 Kingdom of Skills weekend*



*Diane of Saille Baskets, Ballyheighue, demonstrating her skills at the Architecture Kerry 2025 Kingdom of Skills weekend*



*Páidí Mannix creating his stained glass masterpiece at Architecture Kerry 2025 Kingdom of Skills weekend*



*Jemma Herlihy and her Dad John, painting their stained glass masterpiece at Architecture Kerry 2025 Kingdom of Skills weekend*





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# Killarney Community Comes Together For a Wonderful Parish Mission

St. Mary's Cathedral hosted a parish mission from September 21st to 26th - the first held in Killarney in twelve years. The event proved to be a great success, drawing the parish community together in prayer, reflection, and renewal.

All local schools took part, with pupils contributing artwork, assisting at services, and attending Mass. Their involvement brought a youthful spirit that enriched the atmosphere of the week. A full programme of liturgies and events catered for all ages, featuring moments of remembrance, healing, and celebration.

Programme of Events Included:

Sunday, September 21 (7pm) – Opening Celebration & Baptism (with Baptism during the ceremony)

Monday, September 22 (7pm) – Healing of Hurts  
Tuesday, September 23 (7pm) – Service of Reconciliation, featuring The Drama of the Prodigal Son by Lissivigeen N.S.

Wednesday, September 24 (7pm) – Remembering Our Faithful Departed

Thursday, September 25 (7pm) – Justice and Values, with four short dramas performed by parishioners

Friday, September 26 (7pm) – Celebration of Our Community

The highlight of the mission came on the final evening, themed "Celebrating Community." Groups from across the parish participated, reflecting the unity and vitality of Killarney's faith community.

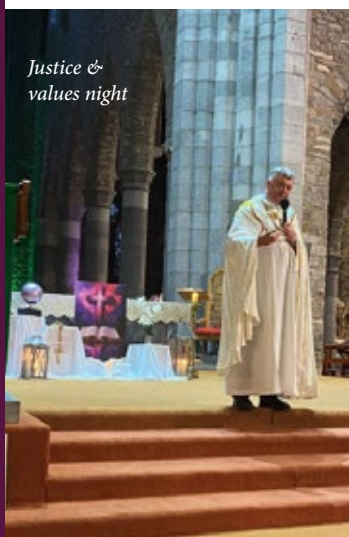
The week was fondly remembered as a joyful and uplifting occasion, one that renewed parish pride and deepened faith.



At the final night of the Mission, The Order of Malta volunteers presented Fr. Kieran with It's National Services Day Medal which is awarded to both Statutory/Voluntary Members of Emergency Services Nationwide, recognising Fr. Kieran's monumental contribution to the community.



Kerry footballer Tadgh Morley brings the Sam Maguire to the altar on Community Night



Justice & values night



Our community night



Members of Killarney Cardiac Response Unit pictured at Our community night



Healing of Hurt Night



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Our dearly departed night



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Bridie Collins (left) Moira Dineen (right) of Barleymount West preparing for 'Bewleys Big Coffee Morning' held at Bridies home on 25 Sept. Thank you to neighbours and friends who attended and helped raise over €500!

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## Celebrating 50 Years of Citizens Information in Ireland

Citizens Information recently marked a major milestone — 50 years of service to communities across Ireland. To celebrate the occasion, staff from the Kerry Citizens Information offices in Tralee, Killarney and Caherciveen gathered for a special function at the Tralee office.

*Pictured at the event (L-R): Marian Rose Curtin, Inna Adam-Kurtieva, Stephen Hennessy, Jodie Thompson, Melanie Vann, Deidre Vann Bourke (Development Manager), Declan Canty, Geraldine Carleton, Lillian Doolan, Eithne Garvey and Sandra Daw.*

*Missing from the picture were Imelda Elmes, Andrew McCarthy and Catriona Logue. Photo: Michael G. Kenny*





## A Word of Victory

*"But the Wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of Mercy and the fruit of good deeds. It shows no favouritism and is always sincere. And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of Righteousness" (James 3:17-18).*

Welcome back dear student often, when people are dealing with a crisis, or have to make a difficult decision they wonder 'how will I know what the right thing to do is?' This Scripture gives a key. We must seek God's Wisdom by asking Jesus to direct us onto the right paths – His path. Then by faith we receive – that means we trust Him and step out and take action. "My sheep hear My voice, and they follow Me" (John 10:27). Jesus noted that His sheep 'do not follow the voice of the stranger' (John 10:5). Having discernment to recognise the difference between God's voice and the enemy is vital, and it comes from spending time in God's Word and in prayer, talking and listening to Him – basically, getting to know Him (Hebrews 5:14). When we lean upon God He is Faithful to lead us to safety. Studying the lead verse above, the first result of God's Presence is Righteousness or purity, for God is Holy. When Isaiah saw the Lord in a heavenly vision the reaction of this man of God was how sinful he was (Isaiah 6:5). That is the state of all the human race – 'for all have sinned and fall short of the Glory of God' (Romans 3:23). All but One – for Jesus never sinned. That's how His sacrifice was accepted by God to pay the penalty for all our sins. The Sinless Blood of Jesus now lays upon the Mercy seat in Heaven before God's Throne. The innocence and purity of that Blood speaks Mercy on behalf of all believers in Jesus. It is because of Jesus that we can now come into the Presence of God reconciled as His children (Hebrews 4:16). So, Righteousness – or holiness, is the first aspect of the Presence of God.

The second is the level of Peace you get in the midst of the circumstances. Jesus is the Prince of Peace, and God's counsel brings Peace (Isaiah 9:5). When people go to the High Court they need a Senior Counsel to represent and advocate for them. The Holy Spirit is God's Attorney, His free gift to every believer! He is named 'Paraclete' in Greek which means the Advocate, the One Who stands beside you; the Comforter, Helper and Guide – the One Who leads us into the Truth (John 14:16-17). Holy Spirit is our powerful Partner and Friend. When the devil is involved in any situation, there is confusion, bitterness, jealousy and evil of every kind (James 3:15-16). But when the Spirit of God is in control, purity and peace result. This is how you can judge what the right move is. Is this decision from a pure heart? Do I have peace that this is the right thing to do? Others may not be happy, but we must obey God, not appease man (Acts 4:19).

The world promotes self-gratification, but in Jesus' Kingdom the opposite is true. God is not the author of chaos or confusion, but He is the God of Order and Love. This is another key into recognising what spirit is in control here. Is there order or chaos? Jealousy, bitterness and strife, or Gentleness, Mercy and Peace? It's a good exercise to write these things down in a 'pros and cons' type layout, and the answer becomes very clear (Proverbs 4:5-7). Seeking God's Wisdom will always preserve and protect you friend.

**Bible Study and Prayer every Sunday @ 11am and Thursday @ 7.30pm at Word of Victory Christian Fellowship Killarney V93V6X4**

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## PRAYER TO THE LITTLE FLOWER ST THERESE

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

I now place with confidence in your hands ..

(mention in silence here)

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

Amen

## NOVENA PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

O Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

O Saint Joseph, assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord; so that having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

O Saint Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me, and ask Him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath.

Amen

## 13TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**JAMES O'BRIEN**



DROMULTAN LOWER, CURROW  
KILLARNEY

WHO DIED ON THE  
7TH OCTOBER 2012

*You held my hand when I was small*

*You caught me when I fell*

*The hero of my childhood*

*And of latter years as well*

*Every time I think of you*

*My heart just fills with pride*

*And though I'll always miss you Jimmy*

*I know you are by my side*

*In laughter and in sorrow*

*In sunshine and in rain*

*I'll know you're watching over me*

*Until we meet again*

**Sadly missed by his sister**

**Geraldine, niece Joan, Alan,**

**Gearoid and Clodagh**

*Anniversary Mass @ 6.15pm in St. Mary's*

*Cathedral on Monday 6th October*

**DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR....** consisting of Guided Prayers Reflections and Eucharistic Adoration takes place in St Bridget's Chapel.. Church of The Resurrection....on Thursday October 2nd @ 8pm...All Welcome..

**LOG ON LEARNING PROGRAMME:** St Brendan's College. If you need any IT help, Wednesdays from 11:30 to 1:00, running 10th of September to 26th of November (no class October 29th). This is a drop in service, you do not have to attend all dates. If interested, please call 0646631021 to sign up.

**KERRY MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING FEST** takes place from 4th to 11th October 2025. To view EVENTS and Register: <https://kerrymentalhealthandwellbeingfest.com/> Lots of Event Variety – something to suit everyone – be sure to have a look and all FREE.

**AL-ANON:** Help and hope for the families and friends of alcoholics. MEETINGS- Every Tuesday at 8.30pm St. Claire's House, Beech Road, Killarney (Enter via small gate on the left of Islamic centre) Website- [al-anonuk.org.uk](http://al-anonuk.org.uk) Helpline- 01-873-2699



## 9TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**MARY  
SHEAHAN**



RATHANANE, KILCUMMIN,  
CO. KERRY

WHO DIED ON  
1ST OCTOBER 2016

*The moment that you left us  
Our heart was split in two  
One side was filled with memories  
The other died with you.*

But missing you is a heartache  
That never goes away  
We hold you tightly within our heart  
And there you shall remain.

From your loving son  
Pat & Marguerite

*Anniversary Mass at 7.30pm on Thursday,  
9th October in Kilcummin Church.*

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## 5TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**LINDA LUCEY  
EVISTON**



FROM  
DROMKERRY, KILLARNEY  
WHO PASSED AWAY ON THE  
10TH OF OCTOBER 2020.

The most beautiful woman, inside and out.

Our greatest treasure was your love,  
strength, grace and kindness.

With everlasting love from  
Patrick, Erik and Alannah.

**ANNIVERSARY MASS**  
on Friday October 10th in St. Agatha's  
Church Glenflesk at 7.30pm

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## 4TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
A BELOVED FATHER AND  
GRANDAD

**DERMOT  
O'DONOGHUE**



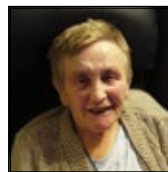
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WHOSE 4TH ANNIVERSARY  
OCCURS ON THE 11TH  
OF OCTOBER.

*I'd like the memory of me to be a happy  
one. I'd like to leave an after glow of smiles  
when life is done, I'd like to leave an echo  
whispering softly down the ways of happy  
times and laughing times and bright and  
sunny days. I'd like the tears of those who  
grieve to dry before the sun of happy  
memories that I leave when life is done.*

Always loved and remembered by  
Felicity, Patrick, Max and Sofia.

## 5TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**MARY KISSANE**



PALLAS, BEAUFORT, KILLARNEY  
WHO PASSED AWAY ON THE  
3RD OCTOBER 2020

*Will those who think of her today,  
a little prayer to Jesus say*

**Always remembered and loved  
by your family.**

*Anniversary Mass will be held in the  
Prince of Peace Church, Fossa on  
Friday 3rd October at 7.30pm*

## POWERFUL NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART

O my Jesus, you have said:  
"Truly I say to you, if you ask anything of the  
Father in my name, he will give it to you."  
Behold, in your name, I ask the Father for the  
grace of...  
(Mention your Intention Here)  
Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & 1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**KATHLEEN  
O'KEEFFE**



TUREENCAHILL, GNEEVEGUILLA,  
RATHMORE, CO. KERRY  
DIED 9TH OCTOBER, 2024.

As we mark the First Anniversary of the sudden passing of our beloved Mom, we would like to thank all those who attended Mom's Rosary, Removal, Funeral Mass and Burial, especially those who travelled long distances, those who sent floral tributes, Mass cards, online condolences or phone calls, we really appreciate it all.

Thanks to the Paramedics who attended to Mom on the night. Thanks to Dr. Coffey, Dr. Curran and the staff of Ross Medical in Killarney, O'Sullivan's Pharmacy, Killarney, the Public Health Nurses, the fabulous team of Carers she and we were so grateful to have and all who cared for mom to ensure that she could be at home.

Heartfelt thanks to Fr. Jim Kennelly for the beautiful words he spoke about Mom and his Co-Celebrants Fr. Pat O'Donnell, Fr. Pat McCarthy, Fr. Bill Radley and Fr. Tadhg O'Doherty for the beautiful Funeral Mass. Thanks to everyone else who took part in the Mass which we feel contributed to a fitting tribute to our Mom.

Thanks to Denis, Josie and Anthony Casey of Casey Undertakers for the professional and dignified manner in which they carried out the Funeral arrangements.

Thanks to Joan and Sheila for the beautiful singing.

As it would be impossible to thank everybody individually, please accept this acknowledgment as a token of our appreciation.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for all your intentions.

Lovingly remembered by your son  
Tadhg and daughter Sheila.

First Anniversary Mass for Mom will be in  
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10th October at 7.00 p.m.

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## 5TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY  
OF OUR  
BEAUTIFUL FRIEND

**LINDA LUCEY  
EVISTON**



WHO PASSED AWAY ON  
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