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A Note from the EDITOR



In the week when it was announced that the humanitarian work of local man Eddie Sheehy will be honoured, we have a busy magazine for you to enjoy. There are new arrivals at Muckross Traditional Farms, Sean Coffey has said farewell to St. Brendan's and Killarney Camera Club is celebrating 25 years behind the lens.

A local lady is taking on a deeply personal challenge in memory of her husband, An Taoiseach Micheal Martin was in town and the Killarney Alzheimer Cafe is preparing to host their September session.

Anne Lucey takes a look at Kerry's Royal Family, an Emergency Response Payment has been announced following last week's floods in Killarney and Road Safety is on the curriculum as the school term begins.

The Ancient Annals of Innisfallen have gone on public display at UCC, The Gaza Monologues are taking place in Killarney and Killarney Chamber welcomed Minister Norma Foley for talks on key issues in the town.

In sport, Jimmy takes a look at GAA Rules trials, Killarney Celtic are embarking on a new chapter as their first game in the National League Campaign takes place this weekend and Gneeveguilla GAA Club are preparing for their annual Carnival weekend.

All this and so much more in this week's Killarney Outlook!
Enjoy!

Aisling Crosbie



An unusual view of Muckross House & lake taken from up near Torc waterfall in late July by Richard Holman



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Big Horse Shoes to fill...

New Arrivals at Muckross Traditional Farms



In training...Horse Handler Chris Scanlon, left, and David Brennan, Farm Hand, at Muckross Traditional Farms, breaking in two arrivals to the much loved farm - the magnificent Clydesdale horses - 'Paddy' and 'Ace'. Both in training and taking over from the much-loved former working Clydesdales, 'Bud' and 'Ned'. Their contribution for over 20 years, made them a much-loved part of the Muckross farm experience. Now Paddy and Ace have certainly big horse shoes to fill. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

Muckross Traditional Farms has welcomed two new members to its team: The arrival of Paddy and Ace, two magnificent Clydesdale horses, already attracting plenty of attention from visitors and staff alike, as they settle into their new home at the Traditional Farms.

Paddy and Ace have taken over from the much-loved former working Clydesdales, Bud and Ned, who worked at Muckross Traditional Farms for more than 20 years. Their contribution over the years has made them a much-loved part of the farm experience, and Paddy and Ace certainly have big horse shoes to fill.

Paddy (Clarnagh Jameson), 6 year old from Kilcock Co Kildare, is the smallest of the horses, the Trustees of Muckross House purchased him from Cyril Downey who also broke and trained the horse.

ACE (Thorpe Hill ACE) a 6 year old from Dale Abbey in Derby, UK, was gifted to Muckross

Traditional Farms by Mrs Sue Pratt. Toddy Doyle Farm and Events Manager expressed his delight "Mrs Pratt had so many horses on hand and wanted to find a forever home for ACE. We at the Traditional Farms were blown away with Mrs Pratt's generosity and are delighted to accept such a fabulous horse. With over 70,000 visitors to the Traditional Farms so far this year, these two magnificent Clydesdales have already attracted so much attention, as the saying goes 'never look a gift horse in the mouth!'"

Clydesdales are chosen for their strength, gentle nature and placid temperament, qualities that are particularly important given the large number of visitors who enjoy the Traditional Farms each year. Paddy and Ace now in training will play an important part in the much-loved tradition on the farm of pulling the many carts and carriages on the farm.



St Brendan's College Acting Principal Bridget Lucey and Deputy Principal Hugh Rudden making a presentation on behalf of the staff to Retiring Principal Sean Coffey at a lunch in St Brendan's College on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



St Brendan's College teachers Paul Moriarty and Sarah Keane making a presentation on behalf of the staff to Retiring Principal Sean Coffey at a lunch in St Brendan's College on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

ST BRENDAN'S COLLEGE *Bids Farewell to Retiring Principal*

There was a warm and heartfelt farewell at St Brendan's College on Friday as staff gathered for a special lunch to mark the retirement of Principal Sean Coffey.

Acting Principal Bridget Lucey and Deputy Principal Hugh Rudden made a presentation on behalf of the staff to Mr Coffey, acknowledging his years of dedication and service to the school.

Teachers Paul Moriarty and Sarah Keane also made a presentation on behalf of their colleagues during the lunch, which provided an opportunity for staff to celebrate Mr Coffey's contribution to St Brendan's College and wish him every happiness for the future.

The occasion was a fitting tribute to a principal who has played an important role in the life of the school and its wider community.

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A Worthy Winner....

Eddie Sheehy Announced as the Hugh O'Flaherty International Humanitarian Award 2026 Recipient

The 2026 Hugh O'Flaherty International Humanitarian Award will be awarded to Eddie Sheehy, founder of The Kenya Education Project. The Humanitarian Award Scroll & Medal will be presented to Eddie by Cllr John O'Donoghue, Mayor of Killarney Municipal Authority on Friday October 30th at an Award Ceremony in Killarney. The Award includes the O'Donoghue-Ring Bursary of €3000.

The Award commemorates the humanitarian work of Killarney native Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty in WW2 Nazi occupied Rome. His Rome Escape Line was responsible for saving the lives of over 6000 people, including escaped POWs, anti-Fascists, Jews and others of many nationalities, many religions and none. The Monsignor followed the principle that all oppressed and endangered people deserve our help, regardless of the dangers to oneself and any political considerations or protocols such as "Neutrality".

The annual Hugh O'Flaherty International Humanitarian Award commenced in 2009, but was paused for a number of years after the COVID Pandemic in spring 2020. Now, with the support of Kerry County Council, Killarney Chamber of Tourism & Commerce and longtime sponsor, the O'Donoghue-Ring Collection, the annual Hugh O'Flaherty International Humanitarian Award has resumed. In May, nominations were invited for the 2026 Award, and 22 Nominations were received from within Ireland and from around the world. The Award Selection Panel members have been considering these Nominations over the summer and at a full meeting this

week, they selected Eddie Sheehy - Kenya Education Project as the 2026 worthy recipient.

Chairperson of the Hugh O'Flaherty Memorial Society Jerry O'Grady said "Eddie Sheehy is an outstanding example of what one individual with the support of his family and friends can do to enhance the lives of the poor and marginalised in our society". He added, "We received 22 Nominations this year, for people and NGOs that in so many ways reflect the principles promoted by Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty. Each and every one of them serve as inspirational role models for current and future generations".

President of Killarney Chamber of Tourism & Commerce, Johnny Maguire said "We are delighted to continue to be associated with the Hugh O'Flaherty International Humanitarian Award. His humanitarian work is an inspiration to us all - particularly in these difficult times across the world".

Reacting to news of the Award, founder of the Kenya Education Project Eddie Sheehy said, "I am humbled to accept this award on behalf of all those that have helped with the project since it began back in 2003 ". He went on to say, "Our vital work with the children of Embulbul, Kenya would not have been possible without the wonderful support we receive from schools, friends and local businesses".

Eddie was born in Castleisland, Co Kerry. He is the second eldest in a family of five (2 brothers & 2 sisters). They lost their father when they were very young. His mother worked tirelessly to ensure they all got an education and made many sacrifices for them to ensure

they got the best possible start in life. Having completed his early education in Castleisland, he graduated from UCC with a BA Degree & Higher Diploma Education. He later earned a Higher Diploma in Guidance & Counselling.

After an initial period teaching in Cork, he returned to Kerry and taught in St Brigid's Secondary College Killarney until 2013. In addition to his academic duties, he was actively involved in coaching the students in Basketball and Soccer. He met his wife Carmella through involvement in the Kerry Diocesan Youth Service and they married in 1981. They have 3 children, daughter Triona and sons Daire and Eamon. Together they founded the Kenya Education Project. Sadly, Carmella passed away in 2019. As well as supporting his local Fossa GAA Club, Eddie is very much involved in community voluntary activities associated with improving the environment. He is an avid gardener and reader. In 2003 Eddie Sheehy was part of a group of volunteers who visited Kenya with Fr. Kevin O' Sullivan who had previously worked in the Nakuru diocese as part of a Kerry mission in Kenya. The group was based in the village of Embulbul, where a new parish had been established by S.M.A. Order of priests, Cork.

During the group's stay they visited schools, other parishes, health care facilities and projects set up by Irish religious. The group volunteered in the newly established primary school in the village and saw at first hand the challenges faced in providing education in a slum village where families faced many challenges

and where the teaching facilities were very basic.

It was an amazing experience to work among people who had so little and who appreciated all the support they received. On his return home Eddie spoke a lot about his experiences to family and friends especially about the lack of educational facilities in a school which received no government help or funding. Together with his late wife Carmella(RIP) they set out to fundraise and support the school and the people of the parish. The organization was named The Kenya Education Project and began to seek support, initially through a table quiz, which became an annual event in Killarney and gradually through other fundraising activities which helped to highlight the work of the Project and sow the seeds of the organization which it is today. From the outset, the Project remains actively involved in providing and supporting Education, and more recently has expanded to food programmes, practical family supports and, medical services and funding an extension to a hostel for girls at the local school.

An important part of the early fundraising work was forming links with local Kerry schools, to engage with students in Kerry, outlining the challenges faced by their counterparts in Kenya. Many of these schools responded by fundraising generously for the school children of Embulbul.

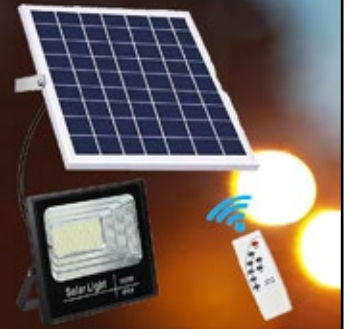
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Eddie Sheehy and his daughter Triona with students at the Kenya Education Project.

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In Memory of Ollie...

Siobhan takes on 60 Mile Challenge

This September, Siobhan Favier will take on a deeply personal challenge, running 60 miles in memory of her beloved husband, Ollie, who tragically died by suicide on March 13, 2026.

Through the fundraising challenge, Siobhan hopes to honour Ollie's memory while raising vital funds for Pieta, Ireland's leading suicide and self-harm prevention charity. She also hopes the challenge will help raise awareness of suicide and mental health, while encouraging more open conversations and reminding people of the importance of seeking support when they need it.

The loss of Ollie devastated those who knew and loved him. A devoted husband, father, son, brother, friend, and colleague, Ollie touched countless lives with his kindness, warmth, humour, and generosity. His absence is felt every day by his wife Siobhan, their children Gracie Mai and Frankie and his family. But Ollie's death also left an immeasurable void and caused profound heartbreak for the many friends, colleagues, and community members whose lives he touched. Sadly, suicide impacts far more than the person lost. It leaves families, friends, and entire communities struggling to make sense of what has happened and living with the lasting pain of that loss. That is why Siobhan said raising awareness is so important. While fundraising is a

key objective, Siobhan wishes to emphasise that this initiative is about much more than donations. It is an opportunity for family, friends, neighbours, and the wider community to come together in remembrance of Ollie, to support one another, and to help break the stigma surrounding mental health and suicide. We need to continue encouraging open and honest conversations about mental health, helping people to know that it is okay to talk about how they are feeling, to ask for help when they need it, and to understand where they can turn for support.

Running was one of Ollie's great passions, with Ollie completing the Paris Marathon in 2025, making Siobhan's challenge a particularly meaningful tribute to his life and legacy. Over the course of September, she will complete 60 miles, with each mile dedicated to Ollie and to all those who have struggled in silence.

In a message shared on her fundraising page, Siobhan said: "Suicide doesn't just take one life. It leaves an unimaginable heartbreak behind for the family and friends who love that person. Ollie was so deeply loved, and his loss has changed our lives forever. Every day, his absence is felt by me, our beautiful children Gracie Mai and Frankie, our families, his friends, and all those who knew and loved him.

Siobhan, Ollie, Frankie and Gracie Mai



I'm running these 60 miles for Ollie, but also for every person who has struggled in silence and for every family and friend living with the devastating aftermath of suicide. I hope that by raising money for Pieta, we can help someone else get the support they need and perhaps prevent another family from experiencing this pain."

Supporters are encouraged to get involved in whatever way they can, whether by making a donation, joining Siobhan for part of her run, sharing her story, spreading awareness, or simply taking a moment to remember Ollie.

"Every mile run is a mile for Ollie," said the family. "Every conversation matters. Every act of support helps to keep his memory alive and strengthens the message that nobody should have to struggle alone."

As Siobhan takes on this



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remarkable challenge, her hope is that Ollie's legacy will inspire greater understanding, compassion, and hope for those facing difficult times, while helping Pieta continue its vital work supporting individuals and families across Ireland. Forever loved, forever missed, and never forgotten.

Killarney Alzheimer Café to host September session



Killarney Alzheimer Café

The Killarney Alzheimer Café will hold its September session on Wednesday, September 16, from 11am to 1pm at Coill na Darrach Community Room.

The café provides a warm and welcoming space for people living with dementia or cognitive impairment, as well as their carers and health and social care professionals.

This month's guest speaker will be Michelle Foley, Health Promotion Officer with the HSE. The Killarney Alzheimer Café takes place on the third Wednesday of every month and is open to everyone. A Soccer Memories Café also takes place on the last Saturday of each month, from 11am to 1pm.

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Killarney Camera Club Marks a Milestone:

25 Years Behind the Lens

The Killarney Camera Club's 25th anniversary exhibition was officially opened at Killarney House by the Mayor of Killarney, Councillor John O'Donoghue, marking a significant milestone for a club that has been capturing images of people, places and moments home and abroad for a quarter of a century.

Speaking at the opening, Mayor O'Donoghue highlighted how fortunate local residents are to live in such a beautiful part of the world, with its dramatic mountains, lakes, rivers, forests and vibrant town centre, as well as beaches and the open sea just a short distance away. For photographers, he said, Killarney provides an almost endless source of inspiration.

In a lighthearted admission, the Mayor revealed that he has a large collection of photographs stored on his own phone. After seeing the high standard of work on display, he said he was now inspired to finally print some of his own photographs for posterity.

The Club was Founded in 2001 as the Photographic Society of Killarney, the club officially changed its name to the Killarney Camera Club in 2006.

During those 25 years, photography has changed dramatically, from traditional film and darkrooms to digital cameras and today's mirrorless systems. Despite these changes, the club's aim has remained the same to capture a moment in time and turn it into a lasting memory.

One of the club's founding members, Seamus Long, who remains an active member 25 years on, reflected on the club's journey from its modest beginnings.

Seamus recalled the first meeting in September 2001 at the Park Place Hotel on High Street, attended by around eight people, followed later that year by the club's first exhibition in



John Belfrey KCC Chairperson and Mayor John O'Donoghue

the Bean House Café.

With his quiet humour, Seamus pointed out that both venues have since disappeared "but at least I'm still here!"

Today, the club has more than 30 members and meets at the ANAM Arts and Cultural Centre, with valued support from Kerry County Council and the Arts Office. Seamus also highlighted the transition from film to digital as one of the biggest changes the club has experienced, opening photography to a much wider audience.

He stressed, however, the importance of seeing photographs in print in an increasingly digital world, noting that there is "nothing better than seeing your images in print, mounted and framed and hanging on a wall." It is this opportunity that makes exhibitions such as the 25th anniversary showcase so important.

The club is particularly grateful to the team at Killarney House for providing such a wonderful venue and for their continued support.

As a club we are incredibly privileged to have access to such a wonderful amenity right on our doorstep, which provides a truly magnificent



Seamus Long founding member and Mayor John O'Donoghue

space to exhibit art of all genres. The success of this year's exhibition is a testament to the professionalism, guidance and help we received from the dedicated team at Killarney House."

Over the years, the Killarney Camera Club has become a valued part of the local community, volunteering at regional events, hosting public exhibitions and providing a welcoming environment where photographers of all abilities can learn, share ideas and develop their skills.

As the club celebrates 25 years, its members look forward to continuing to capture the people, places and moments that make Killarney and beyond so special.

Our exhibition will be available for viewing at Killarney House up to Sunday October 4th. 2026. All welcome.

For more information about the club, upcoming events or how to join, visit www.killarneycameraclub.ie or contact info@killarneycameraclub.ie.

BOTTLE-COLLECTING DRIVE

Reaches €20,000 for Local Causes

What began with two members of staff rescuing bottles from the bins at Centra Muckross Road, Killarney has grown into a community-wide effort supporting local schools, sports clubs, and charities across County Kerry.

The Sheahan family, who independently own and operate ten Centra stores and one Daybreak store in communities across County Kerry, are celebrating with staff a milestone fundraising achievement: more than €20,000 raised for local causes through a bottle-recycling initiative started by two members of staff at its flagship Centra store on Muckross Road, Killarney.

The initiative was started in March 2024 by Kevin and Patricia, two members of the Muckross Road team, after they noticed recyclable bottles being thrown into the store's general waste bins. Rather than seeing the deposits go to waste, the pair began collecting the bottles

themselves and returning them through Ireland's Deposit Return Scheme, with the store donating the proceeds to local causes. Their first goal was to fund a defibrillator for the store, something that seemed like an ambitious goal at the time. Since then, the funds raised have reached €20,000 and have supported schools, sports clubs, health charities, and community initiatives throughout Kerry.

What started as a two-person effort has since won the backing of colleagues throughout the store, customers, and the local community. Customers and neighbours now regularly drop bags of bottles into the store specifically for the attention of Kevin and Patricia, knowing the proceeds will go to worthy local causes. Individually, a bag of bottles might seem small but together, they add up. The initiative now raises approximately €150–€200 a week.



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looks at the positive news happening in Killarney



Kerry's royal family - politics frozen in time

Was there a hidden message in the title of Healy-Rae documentary "Blood, Sweat and Tears", the name of a 1970s rock band? Funded by the US Government, the hugely popular band took a bizarre decision to perform behind the iron curtain to promote democracy and went downhill fast.

The view of politics in its namesake documentary a few weeks ago was classic 1970s. Even Terry Prone, once editor of Woman's Way, a kind of agony aunt, and now media trainer, made an appearance. It would make you speculate the Raes go to Prone for advice. Or maybe it's just that Woman's Way was eagerly read in the Rae household back in the day.

The political philosophy was so astonishingly male, I wondered which era it was made for or in. Women take a very back seat in Kilgarvan.

"It's all about work", "Drive on!" and "Sleep is a waste of time" are the mantras. There is no time at all for the rear view mirror of reflection.

Guns, cattle and heavy machinery and eyewatering mileage.

Danny came across as more reflective than his brother and his regret about the time lost to his children and the hurt from his parent's separation was profound and modern; the very opposite to Michael who dismisses such regret as "rubbish talk".

The bulk of the programme seems to have been made before the pointless ministerial resignation by Michael. A misstep for any politician. But especially surprising by a Healy-Rae; Then Michael aired the family division in public - entirely uncharacteristic of the once flawless family.

In other words, the awesomeness of the Raes was dented from the starter gun. And the obsequious repetition about their political success rang hollow.

Looked at coolly, this political world is firmly rooted in the village. Can such village rural politics still be real or relevant to life in 2026? Michael says it takes only three out of ten voters to elect TDs these days. So perhaps it will take just two or three villages to elect a Kerry TD. And the Raes with their rural base are still on

the money. Even as politics itself declines.

"The deserted village" the imaginary 19th century rural idyll where the village school master (now it's the village TD) can solve every problem is central.

Want your mother to get up the hospital waiting list for an operation? Ring Michael. The payback will be a bit of canvassing.

Disagree with the parking signs outside your shop in Killarney? Ring Danny and he'll personally paint them over with something that suits you. (I have asked both Kerry County Council and the HSE for comment on both these extraordinary claims.)

As for uncomfortable questions like Michael's "airy fairies" remarks to a gay Taoiseach, or his opposition to the repeal of the Eight, or Danny's pub carry on during Covid, these are not touched on. The amount of money this political family earn, from the State entirely legally let me stress, is barely touched on.

It seems questions are not what makes for popular political documentaries on Kerry for RTE. Darby O'Gill and the little people's entertainment is what we get. Maybe it's what we deserve.

Clearing the drains

Over one inch of rain in an hour will put a strain on any drain. Two inches and it's a problem even over four hours. And that's what was recorded in Muckross on flash flood Thursday last. There was very little people could do with the heavens opening as several sensible people pointed out. Or was there? Listening to the public, a few things stuck out. Why was there little warning for Kerry when Cork was put on alert. Rain does not respect county borders.

Then there is the question of the drains. Three years ago we saw in Tralee where bursts of rain following dry period caused havoc. Councillors like Johnny Wall at the time said the problem was material clogging the drains.

I have heard similar stories in Killarney - in lower New Street particularly the drains there were felt to have been clogged with material.

Deepening of river beds as we pointed out last week, and dredging of water courses must be seriously looked at too.



Washing out drains must be part of a dry summer from now on. Around ten properties were badly damaged, council engineers have concluded. They include the basketball arena in the Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre. The sprung wooden floor there was underwater for quite a bit and it will have to be replaced. This is the count centre for the elections and it will cost the council a lot of money. Let's hope there's no flash election!

Painting the past: The Deenagh Lodge

The 1830s Deenagh cottage opposite the cathedral which operates as a tea room is the very last of the ornate cottages which once dotted the Kenmare estate. Built before the Cathedral, it was the gate lodge to the grand house up the hill that was the home of Lord Kenmare. Fire has plagued the Kenmares. The grand house was burnt and the lodge itself was burnt to the ground three decades back. At that time the colour would have been white or off white.

The Deenagh Lodge and others dotting the estate was ornamental largely - overlapping eaves and high chimneys and overhanging thatch. It was typical of 19th century style of "cottages" in the grand houses which I am convinced was inspired by a hugely popular visit to China in the late 1700s.

Ornamental it may have largely been, but the kind of thatch, hollow reed from rivers, was a perfect insulation. It kept the building cool in summer and warm in winter.

I was a bit taken aback at the new glaring yellow colour opposite the very subtle grey cathedral. So I asked what prompted it. Apparently a John Hinde postcard was at play and the NPWS believe the anything but mellow yellow was the colour of the original.

They provided a 1988 photo before the Deenagh Lodge burned to the ground following an electrical fire. The lodge today is "fully refurbished and painted in

the original lodge colours".

So there you go. Still, I am somehow very sensitive about this whole historic cathedral quarter. I think the apartment block is too high, the monument to the ploughing should be moved and well, I would have a more subtle colour for the lodge too. And with a new school planned for St Brigid's what will happen to the old red brick building. We have already lost the convent which would have been of great use as an education building.

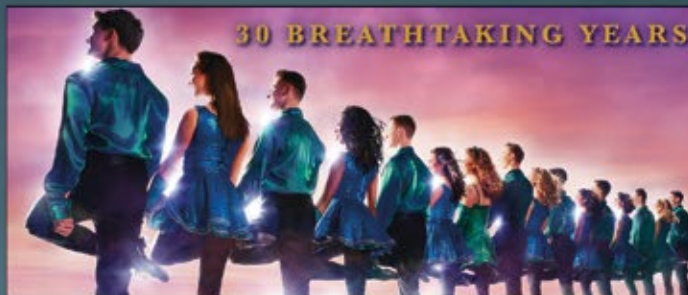
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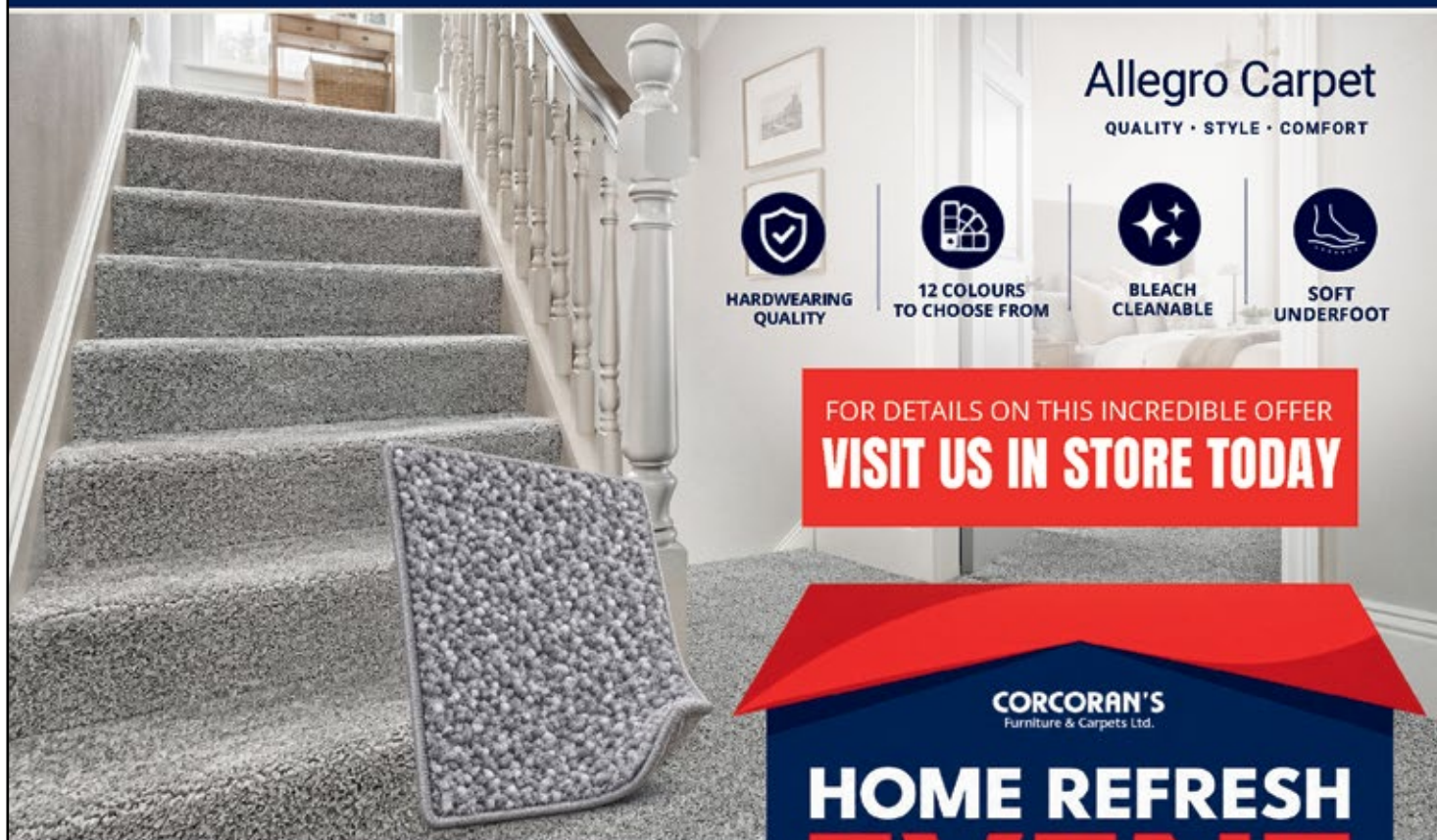
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Historic first Taoiseach visit to St Francis Special School and St Mary's of the Angels

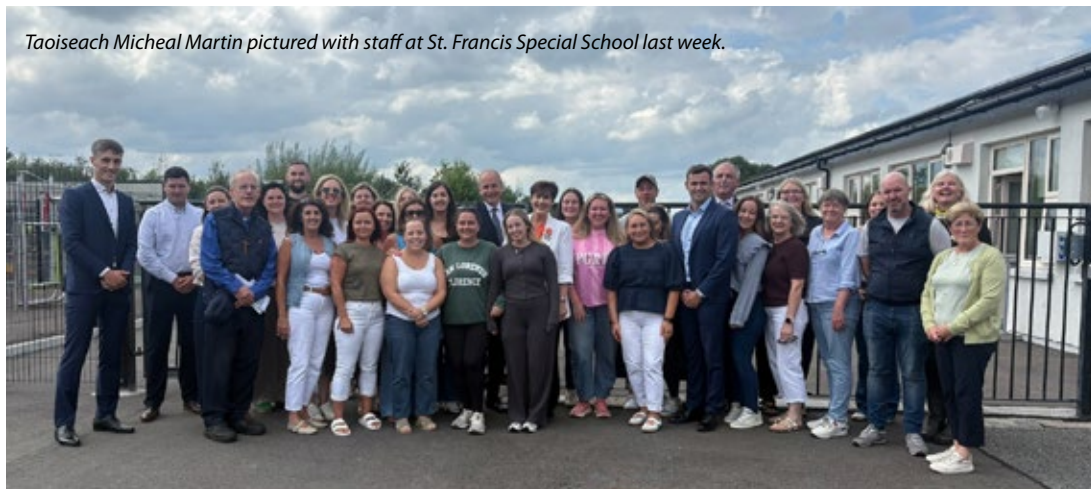
Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry Michael Cahill and Fianna Fáil Councillor Tommy Cahill have welcomed a historic visit by An Taoiseach Micheál Martin to St Francis Special School and St Mary's of the Angels last week. The visit marked the first time ever that a serving Taoiseach has visited either facility, providing an important opportunity for the Taoiseach to see the exceptional work being carried out on the campus and to hear directly from those involved in delivering and using these vital services.

Deputy Michael Cahill, who invited An Taoiseach to visit the facilities in the Dáil Chamber recently, said the occasion was an important opportunity to showcase both the quality of the existing services and the significant potential for further development.

Deputy Cahill stated: "I was honoured to invite and bring An Taoiseach Micheál Martin to St Francis Special School and St Mary's of the Angels on Wednesday afternoon."

"This was a truly historic occasion, marking the first-ever visit by a Taoiseach to either of these amazing facilities. The Taoiseach had the opportunity to meet with management, staff, residents and parents, to see the excellent facilities on the campus first-

Taoiseach Micheal Martin pictured with staff at St. Francis Special School last week.



hand and, importantly, to hear directly about the challenges and concerns they face."

"Most importantly, it was an opportunity to see the wide range of services already being delivered on site and to see the significant potential that exists to further develop respite and enhanced services for children and adults with profound disabilities.

"In the context of future plans, both Tommy and I have called for a super respite centre of excellence for both adults and children and enhanced services for all those with profound disabilities on this amazing campus."

"There is huge potential here. I was pleased to bring the Taoiseach to

see it for himself, meet the people involved and hear directly from those who know these services best. I hope today's visit will help build further momentum behind the development of these services and ensure that the potential of this campus is fully recognised and supported."

Councillor Tommy Cahill said: "This was a very significant day for St Francis Special School, St Mary's of the Angels and the wider community. The staff, management, residents, families and service users have worked tirelessly to provide and develop these services and it was important that An Taoiseach had the opportunity to come here,

see the facilities and listen to their experiences directly."

"There is enormous potential to build on what is already being provided on this campus, particularly in terms of respite and enhanced services for children and adults with profound disabilities.

"We will continue to work with An Taoiseach, the relevant Government Departments, St John of Gods, St Francis Special School, the HSE and all the relevant agencies to ensure that the potential identified today is followed through and that the needs of service users, families and staff remain firmly on the agenda."



Taoiseach Micheal Martin pictured with staff and service users at St. Francis Special School last week.



Minister Micheal Martin pictured with local politicians

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Emergency Response Payment

to support those householders affected by flooding in County Kerry

The Department of Social Protection has announced that the Emergency Response Payment (formerly the Humanitarian Assistance Scheme) is now available to provide support to those living in properties directly affected by flooding in County Kerry following severe weather conditions. It will remain open until the 6th of September, 2026.

The Emergency Response Payment assists in minimising hardship by providing financial support to people whose homes are damaged from flooding and severe weather events and who are unable to meet emergency costs for essential needs, household items and, in some instances, structural repair.

The scheme does not provide a general compensation payment for damage or losses incurred as a consequence of a weather event, nor does it cover damage or losses that are insured under home insurance policies or would reasonably be expected to have been covered by an insurance policy. Neither does it cover commercial, agricultural, or business losses. It is available as a support for households which experience unanticipated and exceptional costs in the immediate aftermath of an extreme weather event.

In dealing with emergency events the department generally adopts a three-stage approach as follows:

STAGE 1 of the scheme is to address hardship in the immediate aftermath of emergency events and provides emergency support payments to cover immediate and essential costs such as the purchase of food, clothing, bedding and essential personal items for immediate use and is not income tested. It does not cover the purchase of replacement food or other items – see stage 2.

STAGE 2 involves the replacement of white goods, basic furniture items and other essential

household items where there is a valid reason why these were not covered by insurance and where the person can demonstrate that it is essential that the items are replaced and that they do not have the financial resources to cover these costs themselves.

STAGE 3 covers costs of essential structural repairs to a person's primary residence where the person does not have the resources to cover the costs involved. The type of repairs includes plastering, dry-lining, relaying of floors, electrical re-wiring and painting. These costs are only covered if they are essential, result directly from damage caused by the emergency event and there are valid reasons as to why household insurance was not in place. All costs are subject to expert assessment by a loss adjuster.

While Stage 1 is not income tested, income testing does apply to Stages 2 and 3 of the scheme. However, it is important to note that the income test for the Emergency Response Payment is more generous than that applied under means tested social welfare payments in general.

Reduced or tapered levels of support may be provided in cases where a household's income is above the limits. The basic principle of the income test is that individuals and families with average levels of income will qualify for assistance, which includes non-Social Welfare recipients.

The income limits are outlined below.

THE SCHEME DOES NOT COVER:

- any additional properties that are not occupied and lived in as the primary residence.
- losses covered by an insurance policy or which could reasonably be expected to have been covered by an insurance policy.
- loss of items deemed to be inessential or

luxury items.

- commercial, agricultural, or business losses.
- structural loss or interior fixtures to private - rented accommodation or properties owned or leased by Local Authorities or Approved Housing Bodies.
- repair or replacement of motor vehicles.
- outbuildings or external entities not considered essential to returning the home to a habitable condition, for example and not limited to sheds, home offices, garden fences, gates, driveways, garden landscaping.
- replacement of dwellings that are beyond repair.
- cost of replacement of food.
- the provision of de-humidifiers and skips as these are provided by the relevant Local Authority, where required.

Levels of payment under the scheme depend on the relative severity of damage experienced and the household's ability to meet these costs from their own resources. This ensures that the funding is appropriately targeted.

If any homeowner affected by severe weather needs to access these supports, they can contact the Community Welfare Service by phoning 0818 60 70 80.

Further information on the Emergency Response Payment is available at: gov.ie - Emergency Response Payment (www.gov.ie)

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Micheál Martin visits Derreen Sports Project as development moves towards final phase

Taoiseach Micheál Martin recently visited the Derreen Sports Project in Killarney, where he met representatives of Killarney Judo Club, St Paul's Basketball Club and Kerry Stars, along with local public representatives. With a busy season ahead, the visit comes as the project moves closer to the completion of its final phase. The directors of Derreen Sports CLG have now completed the procurement process for the remaining works and are hopeful that construction will commence in the short term. The completed facility will provide a much-needed sporting base for Killarney Judo Club, St Paul's Basketball Club and Kerry Stars, with the clubs looking forward to the opportunities the new development will bring. Killarney Judo Club would like to thank Norma Foley TD and Michael Cahill TD for their keen personal interest in the project and his continued support. Meanwhile, Killarney Judo Club's children's classes for ages seven and over return this Monday at 7pm in Lissivigeen National School. New members are welcome. For further information, please contact Tim on 086 260 1591.



Rupert is pictured with his wife, Noreen Costello, following the presentation, which took place at Beaufort Bar. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

Special Centenary Honour for Beaufort's Rupert Costello

It was a special occasion for Rupert Costello of Beaufort, who recently received a centenary certificate from An Taoiseach and Uachtarán Fhianna Fáil, Micheál Martin TD, in recognition of his unwavering support for the Fianna Fáil organisation and his contribution to advancing the party's aims and objectives.

Rupert has worked tirelessly for Fianna Fáil over many years and has held a number of roles as a member of the Beaufort Fianna Fáil Cumann, one of the oldest cumainn in Ireland.

The certificate was presented in recognition of his longstanding commitment and dedicated service to the organisation.



Rupert worked tirelessly for the party, and held many roles a member of Beaufort Fianna Fáil cumann, one of the oldest cumainns in Ireland. From left, Padruig O'Sullivan, Fianna Fáil cumann, Minister Norma Foley, TD., Matthew Breslin, Treasurer Fianna Fáil cumann and Cllr Tommy Cahill, Kerry County Council. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

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KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL EMPHASISES ROAD SAFETY MESSAGE AS SCHOOLS RETURN

Kerry County Council is reminding the public about the hazards and risks exposed to students on their route to and from school when people are not paying full attention on the road. With a noticeable increase in vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle traffic can be expected in towns and villages across Kerry as over 25,000 students return to primary and secondary schools after the summer break. Motorists are being urged to be mindful on their approach to schools and to reduce their speed as they pass school zones. Declan Keogh, Kerry's Road Safety Officer said: "It doesn't matter what type of road user you are or how you travel on the roads, we all have a part to play in keeping ourselves and others safe on the road. The actions a person takes based on a decision they make while using the road can have serious consequences for them and others if it all goes wrong. Drivers need to be more attentive and aware of their surroundings around schools and to be more patient and allow people extra time and space to cross the road safely."

Parents and guardians are also included in the reminders and are urged to ensure their child is getting to and from school safely, whether that's on foot, on a bike or in a vehicle. Mr. Keogh said, "Being visible to others and choosing a safe place to cross a road is all part of responsible road use. Parents or guardians dropping students off in a vehicle should only let the child out of the vehicle on the footpath or grass verge side of the road, never on the middle of the roadside. At collection times in the afternoon, parents should also collect



Pictured at Lissivigeen National School Killarney were L-R : Ellin Cagney, School Principal; Declan Keogh, KCC Road Safety Officer; TJ O'Connor, RSA Road Safety Officer; Catherine Duggan, School Traffic Wardens and Garda Cathy Murphy and Students Yasmin Pushpangadan, Nax Oreilly, Eric Muhere-Bowler and Laure O'Sullivan.
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the students from the school side of the road, rather than waiting the far side of the road and beckoning them across."

The council also reminds motorists about the law and rules governed by School Traffic Wardens. There are over 800 School Wardens operating across Ireland, 18 of which are employed by Kerry County Council. "A school warden is part of the community; they are there to ensure young children get across the road safely. Thankfully, most drivers are kind and respectful but there are some who are not. For any driver to put a school warden and vulnerable children at risk like this is wholly unacceptable

and highly dangerous. Drivers are urged to be more courteous and considerate towards them and to stop and wait when instructed to do so by the School Warden," Mr. Keogh said.

A school warden is employed by the council, and they operate under Section 96 of the Road Traffic Act 1961, which empowers them by law, to stop and hold traffic to allow children to cross the road safely. Drivers who fail to stop for a school warden when instructed to do so are committing an offence for which they can be prosecuted and receive 2 penalty points and a fine for.



Protecting babies across Kerry this winter

HSE South West is encouraging parents across Cork and Kerry to protect their babies this winter as the 2026–2027 respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) Infant Immunisation Programme begins. Free immunisation will be offered through maternity hospitals and participating GP practices. RSV is a common winter virus that can cause serious illness in infants, particularly during their first season. Immunisation is provided as a single dose of nirsevimab, giving babies immediate protection and helping to prevent severe infection and hospitalisation. Dr Anne Sheahan, Regional Director of Public Health, HSE South West, said: "RSV immunisation has been a game changer for protecting babies from serious illness during the winter months. It is very safe, highly effective and gives babies protection at a time when they are particularly vulnerable to RSV."

Here in the South West, we strongly encourage parents of every eligible baby in Cork and Kerry to take up the offer of free RSV immunisation. It is a simple step that can make a very real difference in keeping babies well and out of hospital this winter"

Eligibility for RSV immunisationFor the 2026–2027 programme:

Babies born between 1 September 2026 and 28 February 2027 will be offered RSV immunisation in maternity hospitals before discharge, where possible.

Babies born between 1 March and 31 August 2026 can receive RSV immunisation through participating GP practices.

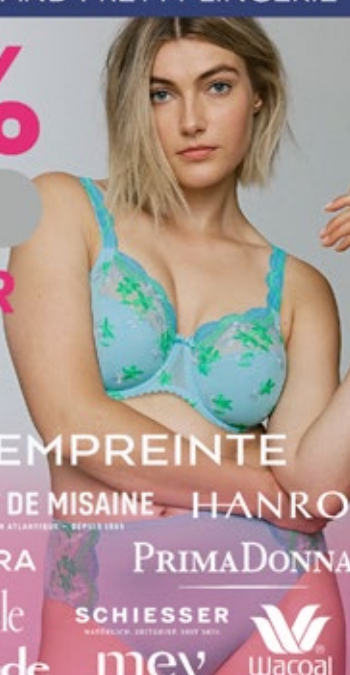
Eligible babies at higher risk of serious RSV illness will be offered immunisation through a specialist pathway.

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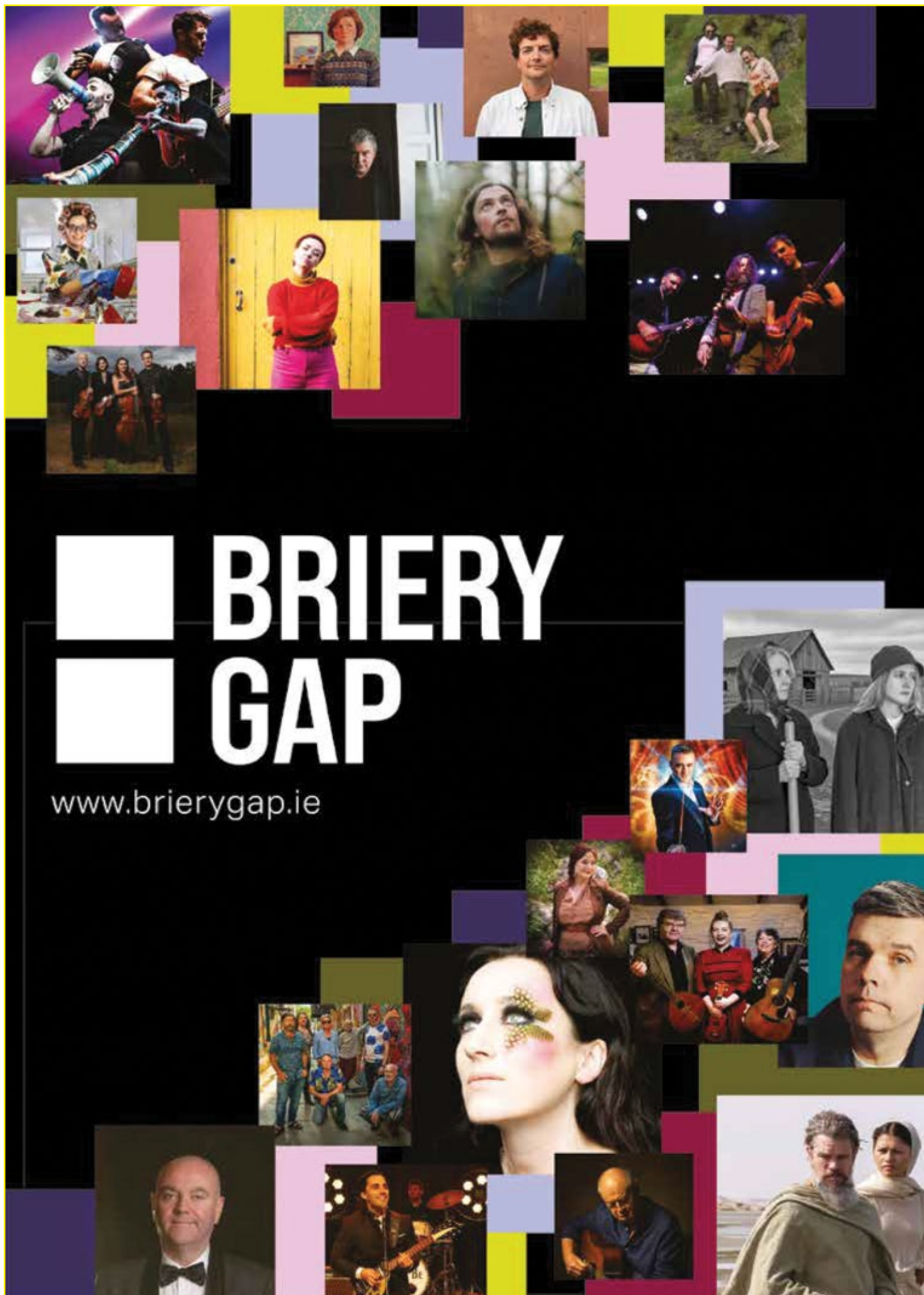


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SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY AS BRIERY GAP UNVEILS ITS 2026/27 SEASON

The Briery Gap Theatre in Macroom has launched its Autumn and Winter Season, in the venue's most wide-ranging programme since it reopened.

The season spans stand-up and drama, folk, traditional and classical music, Irish country, tribute nights, conversation, film, a magician, and of course, the annual Christmas pantomime!

The season opens with the return of Cork comedian Chris Kent on 10 and 11 September — both nights already sold out. Another September highlight is the free Culture Night on 18 September, with a solo piano meditation from Cork based artist As If I Always Knew — where patrons can join the artist on stage for a performance of improvised meditation music, followed by the sensational Irish Guitar Quartet. Admission for both events is free but tickets must be booked in advance.

There are names here that need no introduction. Hermitage Green make their Briery Gap debut on the October Bank Holiday weekend, while the all action Kila, whose music scored the Oscar-nominated animations The Secret of Kells and Song of the Sea, play in November. In theatre, John B. Keane's The Field comes to the stage courtesy of Hunters Moon Theatre Company in early November.

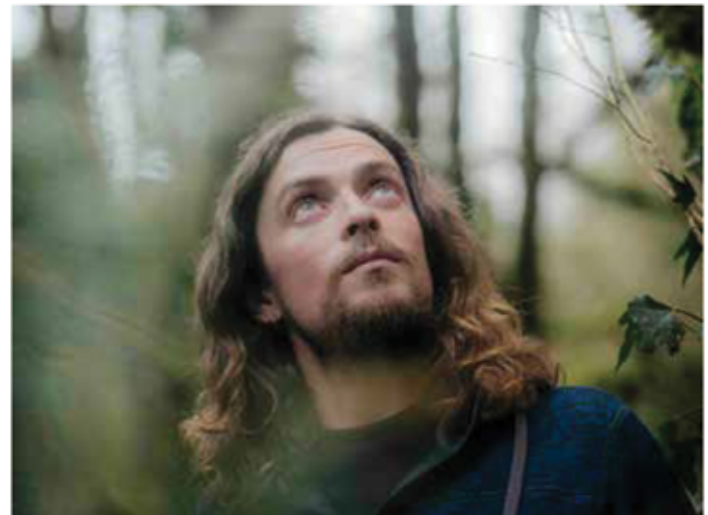
Running right through the programme is an unusually strong local thread. Lissarda drummer John Philip Murray brings his jazz quartet in October. The Eagles tribute Dezperado return with the finest musicians in Cork playing the best of Eagles. The Dowry, a new play by Cork writer Derry Cotter, returns for two nights in October, while the exceptionally talented Greenshine

play in March. Always a strong favourite with Macroom audiences, folk music is again at the heart of the programme with John Spillane, Maria Doyle Kennedy, Emma Langford and Oisín Leech all visiting the theatre as part of this year's programme.

In November, Briery Gap are thrilled to host Cormac McCarthy, Aoife Ní Bhriain and Estonian musicians Duo Ruut for a very special night of music as part of the Cultural Programme for Ireland's Presidency of the Council of the European Union in 2026. Drawing closer to home, the theatre screens an award-winning portrait film of Tadhg McSweeney, the painter who spent his working life in the Muskerry Gaeltacht — by Macroom native Dónal Ó Céilleachair.

Singer and actor Lisa Lambe brings Bess Cronin: The Queen of Muscraí to Briery Gap in December — a show built on the songs of the Ballyvourney sean-nós singer, developed on residency at Baile Mhúirne, a few miles from the stage it will be performed on, while the epic Traditional Irish Music and Dance show Tides of Tradition returns due to popular demand before Christmas.

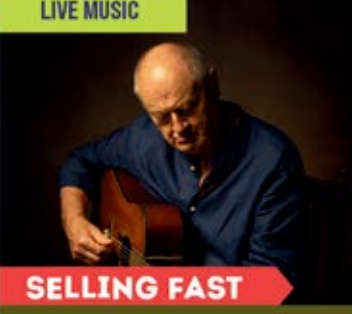
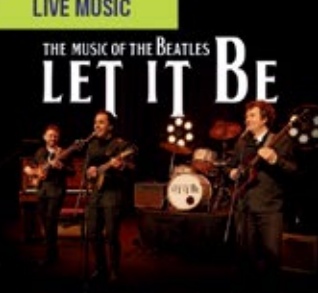
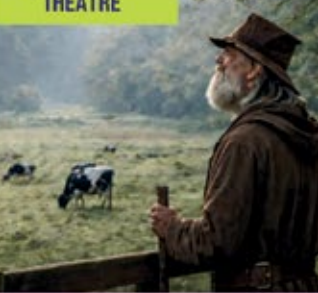
"We're incredibly excited to be launching our new Autumn and Winter programme" says Director Pat Carey. "We truly believe that we have something for everyone at Briery Gap over the next few months. We have some returning favourites, plus some ambitious new work. We're expecting laughter, some tears, and above all joy on our stage and in the aisles as we welcome audiences from right across the region to our wonderful theatre. Whether you're a Briery Gap regular, or a first timer, we invite you to check out our full programme and join us in Macroom for a very special Briery Gap welcome!"



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Killarney to Take Part in Alzheimer's Memory Walk 2026

Killarney will once again join communities across Ireland for Alzheimer's Memory Walk 2026 on Sunday, September 20, supporting people living with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia, as well as the families who stand beside them.

The nationwide event, supported by Aviva, will take place in more than 40 locations across the country, bringing communities together to remember and honour those affected by dementia.

In Killarney, participants will meet at the entrance to Killarney National Park, opposite St Mary's Cathedral, at 11am. The walk covers a distance of 5km and is open to everyone who wishes to take part.

Registration is available at www.memorywalk.ie, and the public is encouraged to come along and support this very worthy cause.



Ballymac Vintage Club Members present a cheque for €3592.74 to Oileán Beo Castleisland. L-R: George & Liam Glover (Ballymac Vintage Club), Sean Hanly, Noreen Maguire, Emma O'Halloran, Kieran Glover (Ballymac Vintage Club), Shona Heaslip, Michael Cremins, Mary Flynn, Paul Horan (Ballymac Vintage Club)

Ballymac Vintage Club Raises Over €7,000 for Two Worthy Causes

Ballymac Vintage Club has presented the proceeds from its 16th Annual Classic Car Run, which took place over the August Bank Holiday weekend.

The popular event once again attracted a fantastic turnout of vintage and classic vehicles, while raising more than €7,000 for two worthy causes.

Oileán Beo Castleisland received a donation of €3,592.74, while The Kerry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes received €3,596.55.

The Ballymac Vintage Club thanked everyone who took part in the annual run, as well as those who supported the event and helped make it such a success. The generous fundraising effort will provide valuable support to both organisations.



L-R: Kerry Diocesan Pilgrimage Helpers; John Griffin, Nora Fealy, Julianne O'Sullivan, Kevin Griffin, receiving a cheque for €3596.55 from Ballymac Vintage Club



Ballymac Vintage Club Members present a cheque for €3596.55 to the Kerry Diocesan Pilgrimage Group. L-R: Philip Blennerhasset, Kieran Glover, Joan Glover, Brian Glover, John Griffin, Julianne O'Sullivan, Karen Healy, Trish Horan, Nora Fealy, Kevin Griffin, Mary Lynch, Paul Horan, George Glover, Pat McCarthy, Denis Fealy, Tom Horan

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named finalist in 2026 Irish Made Awards

Lawless, the independent jewellery brand founded by designer-maker Lyndsay Lawless, has been named a finalist in the Jewellery category of the 2026 Irish Made Awards, organised by Irish Country Magazine.

The announcement brings national recognition to the one-woman business Lyndsay has spent a decade building in Kerry. Public voting is open until 8 September, with the winners due to be announced at The Johnstown Estate in Co. Meath on 30 September.

Every Lawless piece is designed and made by Lyndsay in her studio within the Kerry International Dark Sky Reserve. Working with Stainless steel and natural gemstones, she creates contemporary celestial jewellery shaped by mythology, symbolism and the night sky above her studio. The collections are sold online and at LI•LY, the Killarney design shop that is Lawless's retail home.

There is also a fitting piece of celestial symmetry: the Irish Made Awards and Lawless are both celebrating their tenth year in 2026. After moving from London to Kerry in 2015, following a career with the NHS, Lyndsay founded Lawless the following year.



"I would love to say I received the news with impeccable composure, but Lawless is a one-woman business and a national final lands with some force," said Lyndsay. "I have spent ten years building the brand in Kerry - designing and making beneath the protected night skies of the reserve, then bringing that work into Killarney through LI•LY. To have it recognised on a national stage means a huge amount. Every order, shop visit, recommendation and kind word from customers has helped get Lawless here. Now that the decision includes a public vote, I would love Kerry to get behind its own."

Vote for Lawless: <https://irishcountrymagazine.ie/vote/> Voting closes on 8 September 2026; Lawless appears in the Jewellery category.

Electric Performance by Liam O'Connor & Family at Electric Picnic

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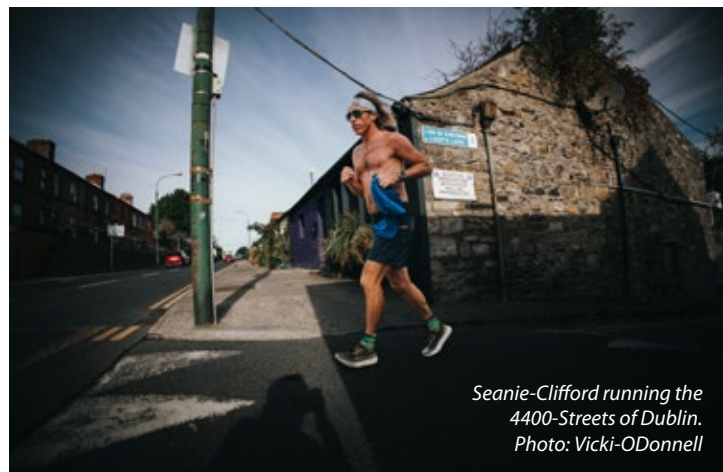
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Killarney ultra-runner completes every street in Dublin

KILLARNEY-BORN ULTRA-RUNNER SEAN CLIFFORD HAS COMPLETED AN EXTRAORDINARY CHALLENGE, RUNNING ALL 4,400 STREETS OF DUBLIN IN JUST 25 CONSECUTIVE DAYS WHILE SLEEPING ROUGH EACH NIGHT.

Sean completed the 2,000km challenge on Saturday, August 29, as part of what has become known as Ireland's Triple Crown of Ultra Endurance.



Seanie-Clifford running the 4400-Streets of Dublin.
Photo: Vicki-ODonnell

The challenge was undertaken to highlight Ireland's homelessness crisis, with funds raised going to Focus Ireland, Liberty Soup Run and Dublin Homeless Awareness.

Throughout the challenge, Sean was supported by his partner Alicja, who helped plan and continually adapt his routes. Friends, fellow runners and members of the running community also joined him along the way.

Sean said the kindness and support he received from people across Dublin had been extraordinary.

Just days before completing the challenge, Sean was invited to Leinster House to speak with TDs about homelessness. The timing was particularly poignant, as new figures released on August 28 showed a record 17,527 people in emergency accommodation, including 5,659 children.

Sean said that while he would eventually return home to a warm bed, many of the people he was running for had no such option.

The challenge follows two remarkable endurance achievements. In 2024, Sean became the fastest person to complete Ireland's 275 Vandeleur-Lynams, mountains over 600 metres, in 21 days. In 2025, he ran the entire 2,700km Wild Atlantic Way in under 30 days.

The Dublin challenge began on August 4 and saw Sean run around 80km on a typical day, with some days reaching 100km.

Sean, who attended St Oliver's Primary School and St Brendan's secondary school in Killarney, now organises trail running and hiking retreats and continues to use endurance challenges to highlight issues around mental health, community and homelessness.

Chef returns to Great Southern Hotel on holidays after 63 years

Reinhard Wechselberger made a welcome return visit to Killarney where he worked as a chef in 1963.

He was delighted to meet up with ex-staff members that he had worked with, namely Ann-Marie Courtney, Jackie O'Sullivan, Tommy Regan and Noel Gammell.

He was sad to hear of the passing of former workmates Jimmy Freeman, Gerry O Sullivan, John Foley and Jimmy Cullinane.

Reinhard was very impressed with the Great Southern in its present shape and form and while staying there, he met with present staff members Gavin Nolan (Head Chef), Kathleen Bhuiyan and Martina O Leary who organised a get together party.

After leaving Killarney 62 years ago, he worked in the Savoy in London, then later went to Munich for 10 years before heading to Frankfurt. In 1978 his father died and he returned home to take over his fathers skiing school and B+B, where he cooks for guests in Tyrol in Austria.



Kerry graduate celebrates two degrees and scholarship after international UL journey

Castleisland native Patrick Roche has graduated from the University of Limerick with two degrees and a prestigious scholarship after an extraordinary four-year journey that saw him study and work across three countries.

Patrick graduated with a BA in International Business from the Kemmy Business School, while also completing a BSc in Finance and Accounting at Kozminski University in Warsaw, Poland, as part of UL's dual degree programme.

The Kerry native also studied at EDHEC Business School in Nice and completed his work placement with a yachting agency in Paris.

A former student with a strong interest in business, mathematics and economics, Patrick said choosing UL was an easy decision after seeing the campus while growing up.

The dual degree opportunity particularly appealed to him, giving him the chance to specialise in finance and accounting while experiencing life abroad.

"Living in Paris when you're 21 is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and, looking back, it's definitely one of the highlights of the whole degree," he said.

Patrick's academic achievements have also been recognised with the 2026 Rev. John M. Conlisk Scholarship. He received the UL Presidential Letter for Academic

Excellence four times for maintaining First Class Honours throughout his studies.

The scholarship will now take him to Fairfield University in Connecticut, where he will begin a Masters in Artificial Intelligence and Business Analytics, specialising in quantitative finance.



Patrick Roche pictured with his two degrees, from University of Limerick and Kozminski University

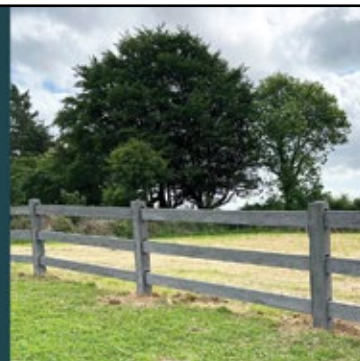


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KILCUMMIN PARISH

Written by: Helen Moynihan

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Our annual street collection has been rescheduled for Saturday the 5th of September. This is a vital fundraiser for the maintenance of the branch so as ever your support will be greatly appreciated. We are seeking volunteers between the hours of 12 noon and 5pm on the 5th. If you are able to give of your time, please contact Nathan on 087 6570438.

AUTUMN STATION

Autumn Station for the Clashnagarrane area will take place in the Parish Church Centre on Thursday 10th September at 7.30pm. Townlands include Inchicullane, Pairc Chuimin, Mountain View, Rathanane, Knockataggle, Glebe, Ballinamanagh & Cockhill.

KILCUMMIN LADIES FOOTBALL CLUB

The Kilcummin Ladies Football Club annual used clothes collection will take place at the clubhouse on Friday, 25th September, from 7pm to 9pm; on Saturday, 26th, from 10am to 12 noon and Sunday the 27th, from 11am to 12:30pm. Items that can be included are re-wearable clothing, paired shoes, handbags and belts, towels and blankets, soft toys, and curtains. Every bag counts. Your support is greatly appreciated.

COMPUTER COURSE

Computer course starting in Kilcummin Rural Development Office on Monday 7th September from 7pm to 9.30pm. The course is entitled Graphic Design QQI Level 3; basic knowledge of Word Processing is necessary. Microsoft Word, Desktop Publishing and PowerPoint programmes are used throughout the course. Places are limited. Please ring Mary on 086 0749756, 11am to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday, for further information and to book your place.

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KILCUMMIN GAA

KERRY PETROLEUM COUNTY INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP Q/F Kilcummin 2-16 Ballymacelligott 0-14.

Our senior team qualified for the Intermediate semi-final with a good win in Kilcummin on Saturday last. We now face Glenflesk this Sunday @ 1p.m. in Spa.

The first half was keenly contested and there was never more than two points between the teams. Kevin McCarthy and Mikey Casey were

sharing most of the scores between them until Brendan Kealy pointed a 45 just before half time to leave us ahead 0-10 to 0-09 at the break. The second half started without Kieran Murphy who was quite influential in the previous 30 minutes due to injury. However we started the third quarter in devastating form with a Philip O' Leary goal followed shortly afterwards by a similar score from Mikey Casey after great work from Kevin McCarthy. Both Kevin McCarthy and Mikey Casey added to their total before the O'Shea brothers Paul and Mark chipped in. Cian Foley who had a fine game rounded off the scoring on a good display. Ballymac did have some great opportunities in the second half but our defence held firm and when they got breached, Brendan Kealy was in great form with some fine saves, one in particular from a Jack Joy effort. Kevin Gorman was also helped off the field late in the game and he too will struggle to be fit for the next game. Team and scorers Brendan Kealy ('45). Chris O' Leary, Dara Stack, James Williams, Sean O' Leary, Dara O' Callaghan, Keelan O' Shea, Paul O' Shea (Capt) (0-1) Kevin Gorman, James Nagle, Kieran Murphy, Cian Foley (0-2), Mikey Casey (1-05), Kevin McCarthy, (0-7), Philip O' Leary (1-0). Subs used, Colm Kelleher, Mark O' Shea, Dan Moynihan, Jack Fogarty, Noel Duggan and Mikey O' Shea. A special word to all the club members who volunteered their time during this championship to make sure each event went off successfully and to Bren McCarthy for her singing of the national anthem. Thanks also to Denis Healy for the use of his field for parking and the members of the CCE scheme for their assistance at programs printing and field maintenance and preparation.

KILCUMMIN GAA LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Monday 24th August 2026 for the Jackpot of €10,000. Numbers drawn were 01,06,08,30. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Eamon John O'Donoghue; Denny O'Connor; Nora Riordan; Noah & Freddie O'Leary. Our next draw will be on Monday 7th September for Jackpot of €10,250. Thank you for your continued support.

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LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Friday, 28th August for the Jackpot of €10,400. Numbers drawn were 14,18,19,27. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Caroline Philips O/L; Anne Doran; Johnny Reidy; Mobile no. (No name). Our next draw will be on Friday, 4th September for Jackpot of €10,600.

LISTRY PARISH

Written by: Colette Leslie

LOTTO

Community Council & Listry G.A.A Aug 30th 2026. Jackpot €3,000. Numbers Drawn: 2, 4, 6, 21. No Winner. €100 Neil Blennerhassett & Family. €50 Edie, Fern, Caroline & Ciaran. €50 Andrew O Sullivan. €25 Jim McCarthy. €25 Charlene Ahern, Milltown. Jackpot next weekend 06/08/26 €3,150

SENIORS

Best of luck to the Listry senior team who play the Kerry Petroleum Premier Junior Club Football Championship 2026 semi final V Churchill, Sat 5th Sept @ 7.15pm in ASP.

Killarney Valley Classic and Vintage receive new trailer for Christmas parade

Killarney Valley Classic and Vintage have received a brand new trailer from Killarney Credit Union, which will be transformed into a festive float for this year's Christmas in Killarney parades.

The club's parade has grown in popularity since it was first introduced a few years ago, with last year's hugely successful 'Polar Express' proving a particular hit with the crowds.

Members are now working on Thursday nights to create the new float in time for the popular Christmas celebrations.

The club said it was delighted with the support from Killarney Credit Union and looks forward to bringing more smiles to faces with the tractors, train and new addition to the parade.



Pictured below are Club members receiving the trailer from Gillian Spillane, Theresa Buckley and Karena McCarthy of Killarney Credit Union along with Johnny McGuire (president of Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce) with Claire Frawley (Chamber event manager)

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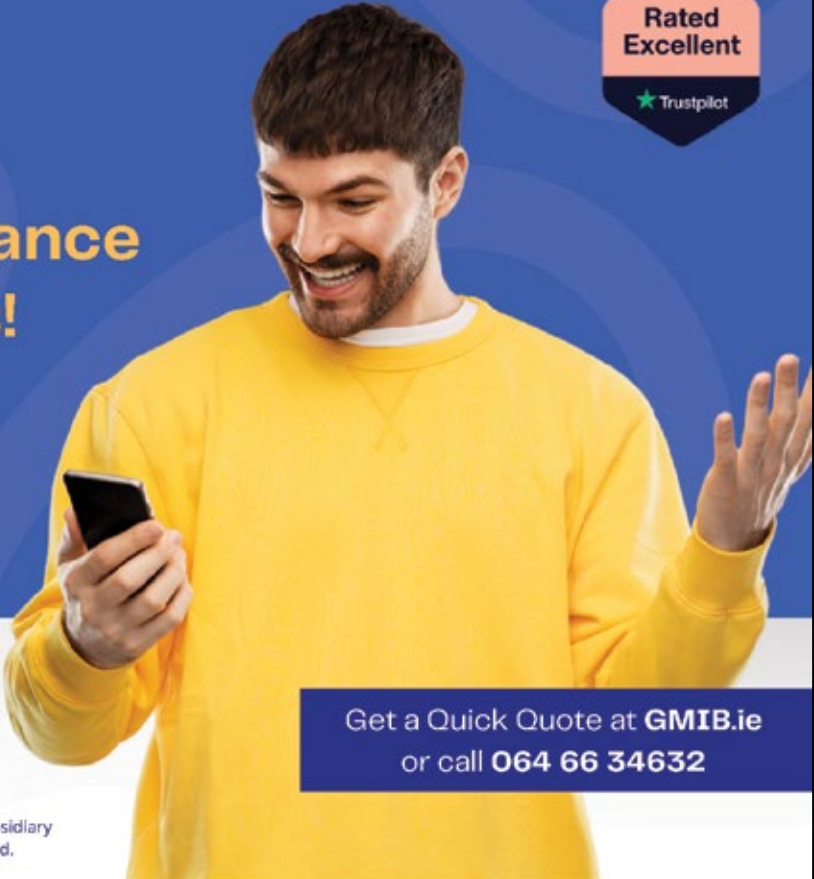
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INTERMEDIATE QUARTER FINAL

Laune Rangers 0-16 Glenflesk 4-11

2 years on from losing an epic quarter final against the same opponents, Glenflesk staged an astonishing late comeback, going from 7 points down to 7 up, with 4 late goals and strong impact from the bench, gaining them an unlikely and memorable comeback. After Glenflesk made a fast start with early points from Darragh Roche and John Kelleher, the home side dominated for the next 10 minutes, with 3 points from John Tyther giving them a 5 points to 2 lead. With both sides on top in defense, scores were hard to come by, with Dylan and Darragh Roche the main contributors for Glenflesk. Full forward Roche had a goal disallowed for a foul on the goalie, as Glenflesk struggled to gain primary possession. With Adam O'Neill lively for the Mid Kerry side, they held an 8 points to 5 lead at half time, and looked on course for another semi final spot. Dylan Roche got Glenflesk off to a quick start to the second half with a first minute score. Despite getting on top in midfield, Glenflesk were wasteful in front of goal, and helped by a 2 point free from O'Neill, they pushed into a 15 points to 8 lead after 52 minutes, thanks to an Oisín Birmingham point. With defeat now looking certain for Glenflesk, they upped their efforts to unseen levels. A surging run from Cian Lynch ended with a great left finish for a goal. A Liam O'Brien point quickly followed. Another forward burst from Lynch ended with Daniel O'Brien finding the net. With all the momentum, Glenflesk continued their advance. Good work from Liam O'Brien managed to free the ball to Lee O'Donoghue. O'Donoghue showed great vision and poise to play an inch perfect pass to Dylan Roche. Roche calmly passed the ball to the net, and Glenflesk were amazingly ahead. With Laune Rangers desperate for a response, great defense held them out. Substitute O'Brien got his second point to increase the lead to 4. Then, Luke Crowley fired in another superb delivery to Darragh Roche, who calmly found the net, and sent Glenflesk into the semi finals for the first time since 2019, where



Glenflesk U14 Girls who were narrowly beaten by Scart/Cordal in their final last Sunday evening'

a meeting with Kilcummin awaits. A shell shocked Laune Rangers will be stunned how they let the game get away from them. For Glenflesk, the bench once again made a big difference, while the driving runs of Lynch and O'Brien created the all-important goals. With 4 high quality teams left, this year's Intermediate Championship should come to an exciting conclusion. Glenflesk will be determined to be the last team standing, buoyed by Sunday's thrilling finish, however they face the tough challenge of neighbours Kilcummin this Sunday the 6th at 1pm in Spa. Thanks to Michael Healy for the match report.

JUNIOR PREMIER CHAMPIONSHIP

Glenflesk Senior Ladies also travelled to Killorglin last Sunday to face the same opposition in Round 2 of the Bon Secours Junior Premier Championship, where they came up just short in a high scoring encounter. Final Score: Laune Rangers 5-12 Glenflesk 5-08. Their next game is this Sunday the 6th away to Fossa at 11am.

DEVELOPMENT CHAMPIONSHIP

Last Monday evening marked a historic occasion for Glenflesk Senior Ladies, as the club fielded a B team for the first time in its history. They faced Legion in the Senior Development Championship and produced a thrilling contest that went all the way to extra time. Unfortunately, Glenflesk were narrowly edged out in the end, with Legion winning on a scoreline of 2-18 to 5-06.

LOTTO

There was no winner of Glenflesk Lotto which took place on 31/8/26. Jackpot €8,400. The numbers drawn were: 7, 18, 26, 27. Consolation Prizes of €50: Kresimir Katalenic, Countess Wood, Killarney, Brendan Brosnan, Knockanimirish (Sellers' Prize), Isobel Carey, Clonkeen, Dio Buckley, Faha. Next draw will take place in Glenflesk Hall on Monday 14/9/26. Jackpot will be €8,600

WHEN DOLLY TURNED DOWN ELVIS!

By Nicky Barry

Song writers are prospectors, and I know that for a fact,
Always looking for the hit, and trying this and that.
Most are quite prolific, writing two or three a day,
Hoping that the next one, will be the one to pay,
Just like Phil Coulter, with 'The Town I Loved so Well,'
Or his 'Puppet on a String', which Sandy sang so well.
Bob Dylan wrote some songs for fun, like 'The Mighty Quinn',

And immortal classics too, like 'Blowing in the Wind.'
If you are very lucky, and some star records your song,
Then you've hit the jackpot, for nothing can go wrong,

As when Tina Turner, covered a Paul Brady song.
'I Will Always Love you', was Dolly's prize creation,
Made famous in The Bodyguard, as sung by Whitney Houston.

When Elvis showed an interest, Dolly was struck dumb,
For Elvis had that magic touch, to churn out No 1's,
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BEAUFORT PARISH

By Bridget Hartnett

LOTTO

The fortnightly draw for a Jackpot of €5,200 was held on Sunday last. Numbers drawn 3, 5, 14, 20. There was no winner. Consolation Prizes €80 Mike O'Sullivan, Killarney. €50 Timmy O'Sullivan, Cappaganeen. Anna O'Sullivan, Cullina. Dan and Ina Coffey, The Gap. Next Draw on Sunday 13th September. Tickets available from usual sellers, local shops, bars and restaurants. It can also be done online <https://beaufortgaa.clubforce.com/products/lotto/beaufort-gaa-club> It's quick and easy, with options for Quick Pick, buying for a friend and more. Your support is greatly appreciated.

RESULTS

Intermediate Championship - Beaufort 4-14 John Mitchels 0-18.

FIXTURES

Friday 4th September, U12 boys play Keel, in Keel @ 6.30pm

Saturday 5th September, U12 girls Kerry blitz in John Mitchels

Sunday 6th September, Senior ladies play Abbeydorney in Beaufort at 12 noon... this must be confirmed.

Beaufort Senior men play Fossa in the semi final of the Kerry Petroleum

Intermediate Football Club Championship, Sunday 6th September in Dr Crokes Park @ 4pm.

U14 EAST KERRY LEAGUES

Well done to both our boys and girls who had good wins in the Finals during the week. On Tuesday night our boys put in a great team effort against a strong Scartaglin team and ran out eventual winners.

On Sunday evening our girls had a great win over Fossa. After a tight first half Beaufort ran out winners on a final score of 5-8 to 1-7.

U16 had 2 big wins against Duagh and Beale recently. They now play Ballymac in the Division 7 County League Final on Wednesday. Time and venue to be confirmed.

U12 boys have played some tough opponents in recent games. Though losing they have put in great effort and show improvement in every game.

Fantastic representation from Beaufort girls at the Munster U15 PDP Blitz in Mallow. Well done to the girls who played great football against teams from Cork and Limerick.



Beaufort U14 ladies, winners of East Kerry Shield against Fossa on Sunday evening.



Caoileann Riordan, Beaufort captain, receiving the East Kerry Shield from Jason O'Brien.

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SPA PARISH

By Leanne Cronin

SPA SENIOR LADIES RETURN TO CHAMPIONSHIP ACTION

Spa Senior Ladies return to Championship action this Sunday when they travel to Ballymac for a 12pm throw-in. Spa opened their Group 2 campaign with a two-point victory over Killarney Legion, while Ballymac also won their opening game. Both sides are already guaranteed a quarter-final place, with Sunday's game set to determine who tops the group and earns a semi-final place. Best of luck to the team, with all support greatly welcome.

SPA MOTHERS & OTHERS ENJOY DINGLE FOOTBALL EVENING

Spa Mothers & Others travelled to Dingle last Monday evening for a fantastic night of football, fun and friendship, taking part in three games against Dingle, Churchill and Beaufort. The emphasis was on enjoyment and camaraderie, with everyone enjoying the games and a lovely spread afterwards. A huge thank you to Dingle for the invitation and wonderful hospitality. Spa Mothers & Others also wish Dingle and Beaufort the very best of luck with their fundraising ahead of their upcoming trip to New York.

SPA GIRLS REPRESENT EAST KERRY AT MUNSTER BLITZ

Well done to Spa girls Annabelle Casey, Ellie Mai O'Sullivan, Sam O'Sullivan, Sheolagh Daly and Alana Collins who represented East Kerry P.D.P. at the U15 LGFA Munster Blitz in Mallow. The girls enjoyed a great day of football, taking on teams from Cork, Kerry and Limerick. A fantastic achievement for the five girls and a great honour for Spa.

SPA BOYS SHOW GREAT CHARACTER IN KENMARE

Spa U11 Boys travelled to Kenmare on Saturday to take part in the Mike Maybury Memorial Tournament. After losing their opening game to Rathmore, the boys showed great character to bounce back with a win over hosts Kenmare and book their place in the Cup final. They faced Rathmore again in the final and, despite a strong start and a determined fightback, narrowly missed out in a competitive game. The full panel got valuable game time throughout the day and can be very proud of their efforts and continued improvement. Congratulations to Rathmore and



Spa Mothers & Others who travelled to Dingle last Monday evening thanks to Kenmare for the invitation and hospitality.

SPA GAA ACADEMY EVERY SATURDAY MORNING

A reminder that the Spa GAA Academy runs every Saturday morning from 10am to 11am until October, welcoming children aged 3 and over. It's a great way for children to get active, enjoy football and make new friends, including friends from school, in a fun and welcoming environment. The Coffee Dock is also open each morning, giving parents a chance to relax, grab a coffee and socialise with others in the community. For more information, contact Coiste na nÓg Secretary Tracey on 087 936 5347.

CLUB LOTTO

Spa Lotto 31/08/2026 Results. Numbers drawn: 2, 10, 23, 25. No jackpot winner. Lucky Dips €50 each: Ann & Florence Waters, Seamus O'Mahoney, Ben Brosnan, John Casey, Conor O'Donoghue. Next week's draw will be on Monday 7 September for a jackpot of €11,100. Play online via www.spagaa.com/draws



Spa U15 Girls who represented East Kerry in the Munster Blitz



Spa U11 Boys who played in Kenmare last Saturday

An unusual visitor has been spotted on Loch Léin in Killarney National Park, with a freshwater turtle seen basking on the riverbank near Dinis. Tour guide Diarmuid Griffin made the discovery while bringing visitors through the Meeting of the Waters with Ross Castle Boat Tours. After initially spotting the terrapin but being unable to take a photograph, Diarmuid returned to the area on Tuesday and found it in the same spot, allowing a passenger to capture photographs. The sighting has been reported to National Parks and Wildlife Service staff, who may be able to shed more light on the turtle's origins. Freshwater turtles are not native to Ireland, making the unusual sighting an intriguing addition to the wildlife already found around the Lakes of Killarney.





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The remarkable connection is a wonderful testament to the important role Lissivigeen School has played in the community, educating and supporting generations of local families.

The school is proud to have such deep roots in the area and to see the O'Donoghue family tradition continue from one generation to the next.



Met Éireann announces new list of storm names for 2026/27

Met Éireann, in partnership with the National Meteorological Services of the UK (Met Office) and the Netherlands (KNMI), has launched the new list of names for the 2026/27 storm 'season', which starts today and runs until 31st August 2027.

Of the list of 21 names, each of the national partners has contributed seven names. Met Éireann's selection features four historically significant names in Austen, Evelyn, Kilian and Miriam, with three derived from a longlist of nominations proposed through a public campaign run last year in Heather, Laoise and Phelim.

The full 2026/27 list is Austen, Boelo, Chloe, Dano, Evelyn, Finn, Gwendolyn, Heather, Ivy, Jade, Kilian, Laoise, Miriam, Nicola, Olaf, Phelim, Ruban, Shaun, Theo, Vesna, Wende.

(The names chosen by Met Éireann are in bold. Letters Q, U, X, Y, Z are not included, which is in line with the US National Hurricane Center naming

Storm Names 2026/27		
Austen	Heather	Olaf
Boelo	Ivy	Phelim
Chloe	Jade	Ruban
Dano	Kilian	Shaun
Evelyn	Laoise	Theo
Finn	Miriam	Vesna
Gwendolyn	Nicola	Wende

convention).

Among the Irish names chosen are **Evelyn**, after Evelyn Murphy who was first woman to work as a meteorologist in Met Éireann and the first woman meteorologist to present the forecast on RTÉ television in 1983. She went on to head the Marine Unit and led the creation of the Irish Marine Data Buoy Observation Network from 2000 with the launch of Marine Buoy 1 (M1). The Network provides critical observational information

for weather forecasts including storms and Evelyn Cusack was the first female head of forecasting at Met Éireann, and one of the longest-serving forecasters on RTÉ television and **Miriam** who is named after Miriam Lyons, first woman to work in Met Éireann as an operational Meteorological Officer in 1978. She was also the first Irish woman to fly in a jet fighter when posted in Casement Aerodrome.

Caring Together supporting older people across Kerry

HSE South West is highlighting the Caring Together supports available to older people across Kerry, delivered in partnership with Kerry Community Healthcare Networks, the Kerry Community Work Department and Public Health Nursing.

Caring Together is run by a committed group of volunteers and staff who work in partnership with Integrated Healthcare Area (IHA) Kerry.

The 'Caring Together Decluttering Service' provides once off assistance for people whose home environment is affecting their health

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The free exhibition, *Recording the Past: The Annals of Inisfallen and the Making of Irish History*, opens at the Glucksman at UCC on September 2 and will run until November 1, giving the public a rare opportunity to view the manuscript, which has been preserved at the Bodleian Libraries at the University of Oxford for more than 250 years.

Close to 1,000 years old, the Annals comprise 57 vellum leaves handwritten in Irish and Latin. They provide a remarkable year-by-year account of Irish history, recording everything from deaths, conflicts and political events to dramatic weather and unusual occurrences.

The manuscript has a particularly strong connection with Kerry and Killarney. In the 12th century it was brought to west Munster, most likely to the monastery on Inisfallen Island in Killarney National Park, where the historical record was continued.

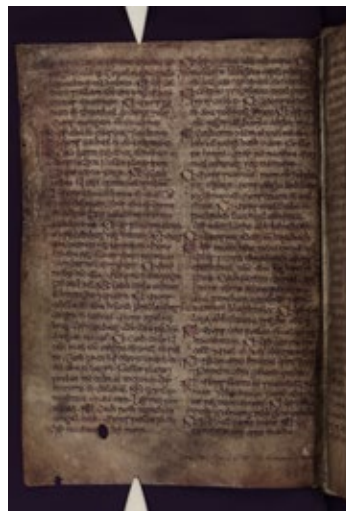
Among the events recorded are Viking raids on Skellig Michael, the coming of the Normans and accounts of Ireland's political,



religious and cultural life. Much of the later material focuses on west Munster, making the Annals an invaluable contemporary record of the region and an important source for the development of the Irish language.

The Annals were written by a succession of around 30 scribes, with later additions extending the historical record into the 15th century. The manuscript is believed to have originated from material associated with monasteries including Clonmacnoise, Emly and Lismore before making its way to west Munster.

Professor Pádraig Ó Macháin, Professor of Modern Irish at UCC, described the manuscript as a monument to the work of generations of scribes who helped



establish Irish as a language of record and scholarship.

The exhibition also celebrates the strong academic and cultural links between UCC and the University of Oxford. It brings together the story of the manuscript, its origins and journey through history, while exploring its continuing importance to scholars and the wider public. Visitors will also learn how modern digital technology is making medieval manuscripts accessible to people around the world.

The exhibition has been supported by Brian McCarthy, Fexco, the National Parks and Wildlife Service, the National Monuments Service of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Kerry County Council and Cork

University Foundation.

UCC President Professor John O'Halloran described the Annals as "one of the great treasures of Ireland's written heritage", while Bodley's Librarian Richard Ovenden said the exhibition would provide the public with an opportunity to get close to the treasured manuscript in Ireland for the first time.

Minister of State for Nature, Heritage and Biodiversity Christopher O'Sullivan T.D. also highlighted the deep connection between the Annals and Killarney National Park.

The National Parks and Wildlife Service is custodian of Inisfallen Island within Killarney National Park, and the Minister said the exhibition reflected a shared commitment to protecting its natural, archaeological and cultural heritage.

He encouraged people to explore the story of Inisfallen, describing its history as deeply woven into that of Killarney National Park and highlighting the enduring connections between landscape, history and identity.

For Killarney, the exhibition offers a fascinating opportunity to rediscover the extraordinary story of Inisfallen and the generations of monks and scribes who recorded the history of Ireland from their island monastery on the shores of Lough Leane.

The Gaza Monologues in Killarney

West Cork for Palestine and Killarney for Palestine are proud to present *The Gaza Monologues*, an immersive theatrical production bringing the voices of residents from Gaza directly to our community in Ireland. The show takes place on Thursday, 24th September at 7:00 p.m. at The Gleneagle Club in Killarney.

For many, the ongoing crisis in Gaza can feel distant or abstract. This production aims to bridge that gap by featuring short, personal monologues written by Gazans, interwoven with diverse musical compositions. Performed live by local actors and musicians from Cork and Kerry, the show translates the daily struggles, resilience, and hopes of people living under occupation into an accessible and emotionally resonant experience.

The production is directed by Naser Al Swirki, a

renowned Palestinian theatre and film director based in Skibbereen. The work is rooted in a concept originally devised by the Ashtar Theatre in Ramallah. Its origins date back to 2010, when thirty-three young people from Gaza refused to let their voice be reduced to cries of fear, declaring instead: "Enough!!! We deserve a world better than this, a world without fear, siege or occupation."

Following the 60-minute performance, we will host a panel discussion chaired by photographer Sally MacMonagle. Our special guests include Director Naser Al Swirki and Caoimhe Butterly (Irish human rights campaigner, educator, filmmaker, and psychotherapist with over twenty years of experience in humanitarian contexts across Haiti, Guatemala, Mexico, Palestine, Iraq, Lebanon, and Europe). More special guests to be announced.

All proceeds from ticket sales will benefit the charity Children Not Numbers, as well as several families trying to survive in Gaza supported regularly by Killarney for Palestine.

EVENT DETAILS:

Date: Thursday, 24th September 2026

Venue: The Gleneagle Club, Killarney

Doors: 7:00 p.m. | Show: 7:30 p.m. sharp

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WHAT IS MEIBOMIAN GLAND DYSFUNCTION (MGD)?

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The Meibomian glands are inside the eyelids, and the openings are on the edge of the eyelids. The outer oily layer stops the watery layer of the tears from drying out. When the glands become blocked, the oily part of the tears cannot be released. This causes the watery tears to dry up more quickly which results in the eye becoming dry and can make it feel sore. It is not usually a serious condition, but can cause discomfort and sometimes blurry vision. If it is not treated, the glands may stop working permanently.

MGD can cause dry eye. It is common to have a combination of MGD, dry eye and blepharitis.

RISK FACTORS

MGD is a common condition and can affect anyone. However, it is more likely to happen after the age of 50, if you have diabetes or oily skin conditions and it is also more common in women.

SYMPTOMS

The eyelids can become sore and swollen as the glands

become blocked. As the eyes become dry, they can feel itchy or gritty, as if there's something in the eye. The eyes may be red, and if they're sore, may be watery, which can cause vision to become blurry.

TREATMENT

Treatment involves releasing the oily tears from the glands using hot compresses. You need to get a face cloth, or cotton pads, soak them in hot (not boiling) water, close your eyes, and hold the hot cloth onto your eyelids. Wet the cloth again with hot water and keep applying the compress for at least five minutes. Repeat every day until the condition gets better.

You can also use products known as 'heat bags' that are specifically designed for this condition. These bags make it easier to direct the heat and are much more effective than a hot cloth. To help stop the glands from blocking up again continue the treatment every day for a few minutes. Massaging your eyelids can also help to release tears.

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Minister Foley welcomes the roll-out of education therapies to three special schools in Kerry

Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Kerry TD Norma Foley has welcomed the roll-out of education therapies to three special schools in Kerry.

Students attending St Ita's and St Joseph's special school in Tralee, Nano Nagle special school in Listowel and St Francis special school in Beaufort will have access to speech and language therapists and occupational therapists on the school premises.

In line with available therapy resources, it is envisaged that these schools will have access to therapy supports by the end of the first school term of the 2026/27 academic year.

Minister Foley said: "I established the Education Therapy Service when I was Minister for Education to ensure that children and young people in special schools can access the right educational supports at the right time. I am very pleased that this service is now being rolled out to special schools including St Ita's and St Joseph's, Nano Nagle and St

Francis special school. I look forward to further expansion of the service to more schools in Kerry."

The Education Therapy Service is designed to supplement, not replace, existing children's health and disability services in primary care, Children's Disability Network Teams and Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services.

The service is being delivered by the National Council for Special Education. It recently completed a recruitment campaign for 90 Occupational Therapists and Speech and Language Therapists. The first cohort of therapists were recruited in May this year, with further therapists continuing to join over the coming months.

The Department of Education and Youth and the National Council for Special Education continue to work together to progress delivery of the Education Therapy Service, with further expansion to all special schools nationwide planned throughout 2027.

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Killarney Chamber Welcomes Constructive Engagement with Minister Norma Foley



Minister Norma Foley, Chamber President Johny McGuire, Chamber Vice President Carol Dempsey, Cllr. Niall Kelleher, Patrick O'Sullivan Greene, Diarmuid Leen and Mike Stack.

Killarney Chamber of Tourism & Commerce has welcomed a constructive meeting with Minister Norma Foley, which provided an opportunity to discuss a number of key issues affecting Killarney and the wider community.

The meeting, which took place on Thursday, 27th August, brought together Minister Foley and members of the Executive Committee of Killarney Chamber of Tourism & Commerce and focused on a number of strategic matters of importance to the town and its future development.

Among the principal issues discussed were the URDF funding allocation for Killarney and the Kerry-Cork Economic Corridor link.

The Chamber appreciated the open and constructive engagement from Minister Foley and the opportunity to discuss these matters directly, with particular emphasis placed on identifying practical pathways for progressing each issue.

A key message emerging from the meeting was the importance of maintaining a strong and united voice on issues of strategic importance to Killarney. Minister Foley emphasised the value of collaboration and coordination between local stakeholders, elected representatives, Government Departments and relevant agencies in order to achieve meaningful progress.

As part of the meeting, Minister Foley also agreed to two scheduled meetings with Killarney Chamber of Tourism & Commerce in 2027, alongside a commitment to maintaining closer communication between her office and the Chamber.

The Chamber views these regular engagements as an important opportunity to keep the issues raised under review, monitor progress and identify where further action or intervention may be required.

Killarney Chamber looks forward to continuing its dialogue with Minister Foley and her office and to working collaboratively with Government, local stakeholders and relevant agencies in support of the continued development of Killarney and the wider community.



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KVAC high jumper David Watson has rounded off an impressive Track & Field season by earning an Irish international cap and securing sixth place at the Scottish Championships.

KILLARNEY VALLEY ATHLETIC CLUB

KVAC high jumper David Watson has rounded off an impressive Track & Field season by earning an Irish international cap and securing sixth place at the Scottish Championships.

Watson cleared 1.83m in Scotland, adding another strong performance to a season that has seen him compete at international level and represent his club with distinction.

His progress continues a proud KVAC tradition in the high jump, with Watson becoming the club's fourth international high jumper in the past five years.

That remarkable run of success highlights the strength of the club's high-jump programme and the quality of athletes it continues to produce. Watson will now look to build on an encouraging season as he prepares for the challenges ahead.

The Killarney Valley AC Track and Astro Pitch are currently closed while essential repair and maintenance work is carried out.

This work represents a six-figure investment by the club, funded through the tremendous fundraising efforts of our club volunteers and supporters.

We appreciate everyone's patience, understanding and cooperation while the work



Killarney Rugby Club players Arthur Gabbett and Adam Lynch Herlihy making their senior debuts having played all the way through our youths teams.



Fossa Rowing Club member Cliona Sugrue who rowed in Cahersiveen last weekend pictured with some of the underage crew who travelled to support her.

is completed.

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

FOSSA ROWING CLUB

WELL DONE CLIONA

A huge well done to our own Cliona Sugrue who took part in a charity race for Skellig stars and Group 135 Kerry- the Rise and Shine trust. The event was organised by Cahersiveen and Sive rowing clubs with 9 ladies crews/seine boats rowed - 108 ladies altogether! Sneem won with Valentia finishing 2nd and Cnuicín 3rd. Cliona rowed with Glen/Ballinskelligs. She came wearing fossa singlet with pride but donned the green for the race. It was great to see some of our Underage group out supporting Cliona! Very well done Cliona, we are super proud of you!

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Fossa Rowing Club has been selected as a beneficiary of the Tesco Community Support Fund. So be sure to get your blue tokens when you shop at the Big Tesco/Park Road and pop them into the Fossa Rowing Club section to support the club.

CLUB SOCIAL

Our club social has been set for Saturday the 17th of October at Kate Kearneys. We will have

a drinks reception followed by a 3 course meal with music and a DJ until close. This promises to be a brilliant night. A fully ticketed event so tickets must be bought in advance and the closing date for purchasing tickets is the 11th of October. Check out Clubzap for tickets. More details to follow so keep an eye on all the socials for more.

CONGRATULATIONS ZOE HYDE

Wishing Killorglin Rowing club and Ireland rower Zoe Hyde a huge congratulations from all at Fossa Rowing club on her world championship gold medal win with Margaret Cremin in Amsterdam last weekend. There will be a homecoming for Zoe tomorrow, Saturday so be sure to get out and support our world Champion!

KILLARNEY RFC CLUB

SENIOR RUGBY UPDATES

Men's Senior Team

The Men's 1st XV enjoyed a dominant home pre-season performance at Aghadoe yesterday, securing an impressive 46-12 win (8 tries to 2) against Dolphin RFC 2nd XV. A fantastic display of attack to set the tone for the upcoming McElligott Cup campaign.

Senior Women's Rugby

Training for our brand new Senior Women's squad continues this Friday evening at the club. New players of all experience and fitness levels are extremely welcome to come down, get involved, and give rugby a try!

MINIS & YOUTHS

Minis Rugby Returns

Minis rugby is back this Saturday from 9:45 AM to 11:00 AM at the club! We look forward to welcoming back all returning players and meeting any new boys and girls eager to give rugby a try.

U16 Boys Training

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A huge congratulations to Ava O'Malley and Lily Morris on their recent match selections and representative achievements. The club is immensely proud of their hard work and dedication.

CLUB NEWS & EVENTS

Registration Open

Player and member registrations for the 2026/27 season across Minis, Youths, and Senior sections are now live via ClubZap. Please ensure registration is completed prior to full match fixtures commencing.

KILLARNEY BRIDGE CLUB

RESULTS MONDAY 31ST AUGUST

North/South

1st: Phyllis O'Regan and Joan Culloty

2nd: Carmel Daly and Michael McHugh

3rd: Therese McCarthy and John O'Shea

East/West

1st: Eithne Coffey and Anne Clerkin

2nd: Doreen Brosnan and Mary O'Connor

3rd: Margaret O'Sullivan and Anne Wrenn

Congratulations to all the winners.

CLUB BRIDGE RECOMMENCES on Monday 7th September at the Monastery School, New Road at 7pm. New members are very welcome.

KILLARNEY PICKLEBALL CLUB

Last weekend 5 members of Killarney Pickleball club travelled to Belfast to take part in the Ulster Open, Kumar Shreyansh, Jyotindra Swaroop, Max Regosa, Marco Regosa and Michael Lyne. On Saturday, the highlight was Max and Marco getting Silver in the men's 3.5 to 3.99 category. In a very close match they ended up losing 16-14. They played extremely

well on the day, beating many opponents ranked higher than them. Kumar and Jyo came close to qualifying for the semi-finals but lost 2 games 11-10. Mike Lyne lost in the qtr final, 11-10. Sunday was the mixed double day where Kumar won Silver and Jyo won bronze. This was an amazing performance by both of them, playing with partners they had never played with before. Mike Lyne came close but ended up losing the bronze match. Tuesday morning pickleball resumes at the Parish Hall at 10am Tuesday 8th Sept.

PEAK PERFORMANCE ACADEMY CELEBRATES 10 YEARS IN BUSINESS AT DEERPARK SHOPPING PARK!

Deerpark Manager Damian O' Callaghan presents a bouquet of flowers to Stephanie & Bobby Enright of Peak Performance Academy during their recent celebrations night on reaching a milestone 10 years in business at Deerpark Shopping Centre.



Killarney Pickleball Club members 2026 Ulster Group



Killorglin's Zoe Hyde and Cork's Margaret Cremen win World Rowing Championship gold

Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry Michael Cahill has congratulated Killorglin's Zoe Hyde and Cork's Margaret Cremen on their magnificent gold medal victory in the women's double sculls at the World Rowing Championships in Amsterdam.

Deputy Cahill said the performance was a fantastic achievement for both athletes and a particularly proud moment for Zoe's home town Killorglin.

"A superb gold medal for Zoe Hyde and Margaret Cremen at the World Rowing Championships in Amsterdam."

"It was a magnificent and dramatic finish to a high-quality double sculls final, and both Margaret and Zoe showed incredible determination and composure to get over the line and claim World Championship gold."

"Zoe's family, friends and the wider community are incredibly proud of her achievements tonight. Zoe's mother's family, the Foley family, have a long established association with Athletics. It is fantastic to see a young woman with such strong local connections go on to achieve at the very highest level of her sport."

"This is a phenomenal achievement for Zoe, Margaret, their families, coaches and everyone who has supported them throughout their journey. They have done themselves, their families, their communities and Ireland incredibly proud."

"I want to extend my warmest congratulations to both Zoe and Margaret - World Champions!"



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BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB - MEN'S

RESULTS FOR CAPTAINS' CHARITY DAY - SUNDAY 30 AUGUST IN AID OF THE JACK & JILL CHARITY FOUNDATION

Men's Section 18 Hole Stableford format - Yellow tees

Sponsor - Boyles of Killorglin

1st: John Looney 42 points (13)

2nd: Cillian Finn 41 points (4)

3rd: Alan Smith 40 points (5)

Nearest the Pin: Martin Downey

Longest Drive: Cillian Finn

NEXT MEN'S COMPETITION - SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

18 Hole Stableford format - White tees. Sponsor - The Lake Hotel Killarney

ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB COMPETITIONS

5th September 2026, 9 & 18 - hole single Stableford competition. Enter via the BRS App

MEET AND PLAY EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING

Meet in the Club House 10.00am tee off 10.30am. All Members welcome.

GOLF LESSONS

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

KILLARNEY GOLF CLUB - LADIES

PAT & CLAIRE COURTNEY MEMORIAL MIXED FOURSOMES COMPETITION

Kindly Sponsored by the Killarney Oaks Hotel

Winners: Elaine O'Sullivan & Paul O'Sullivan (25) 41pts

Runners Up: Annette McNeice & Conor McNeice (14) 40pts

Gross Winner: Mary Chute & Luke McCann 29pts

18 HOLE SINGLES STABLEFORD COMPETITION HELD ON O'MAHONY'S POINT COURSE 29TH & 30TH AUGUST

Kindly Sponsored by Murphys Bar & Restaurant

Winner: Lorna O'Leary (27) 42pts

Runner Up: Emma Vinarcik (00) 41pts

Best Gross: Kelly O'Donoghue

3rd: Eimear O'Sullivan (13) 40pts

4th: Geraldine Rosney (34) 38pts

5th: Sinead Galvin (15) 37pts



Castlerosse - Kenmare Awayday Ladies 9 Hole winners Nuala Ward, Laura Collins, Abina O'Connell

ROSS GOLF CLUB - GENTS

ON AUGUST 29TH AND 30TH WE HELD A CLUB SPONSORED STABLEFORD COMPETITION.

The winners were:-

1st: Aidan O'Connor 38 (11)

2nd: Daragh Collins 38 (27)

Division 1

1st: David Macindoe 37 (5)

2nd: Daniel Ling 36 (5)

Division 2

1st: Roger O'Sullivan 37 (18)

2nd: Michael O'Keefe 37 (12)

Division 3

1st: Jim Delaney 36 (27)

2nd: John O'Reilly 34 (25)

ON FRIDAY AUGUST 28TH WE HELD OUR FRIDAY EVENING MIXED SCRAMBLE

The winners were:-

1st: David Coughlan, Gerard Murphy, Noreen O'Mahony, Micheál O'Leary.

2nd: M J O'Sullivan, Mona Looney, Roy Stone.

3rd: Seamus McCarthy, Susan Shorten, Anthony Cahill.

4th: John Ivory, Karina Mulchinock, Daragh Collins.

CASTLEROSSE GOLF CLUB - LADIES

KENMARE AWAY DAY

Our Away Day took place in Kenmare on the 27th August, with both our men and women taking part. We were blessed with beautiful sunshine and everyone enjoyed a fantastic day of golf.

A great day was had by all, with wonderful company and a brilliant atmosphere throughout the day at this stunning golf course and we would like to thank the Castlerosse Hotel for sponsoring the prizes.

Kenmare Awayday Competitions

18 Hole Stableford (Ladies)

1st Place - Finola Geary

2nd Place - Nora Long

3rd Place - Barbara O'Shea

18 Hole Stableford (Men's)

1st Place - Patrick Healy

2nd Place - Killian Healy

9 Hole Stableford (Ladies)

1st Place - Nuala Ward

2nd Place - Laura Collins



Castlerosse - Kenmare Awayday Men's winners Patrick Healy & Killian Healy

3rd Place - Abina O'Connell

Mixed Scramble Results:

1st Place - Donal Dowd, Barbara O'Shea, Siobhan Creedon (34) net 23.8

2nd Place - Roy Stone, Finola Geary, Sheila Rahilly (36) net 26.4

3rd Place - Andrew O'Sullivan, Peter Ahern (40) net 29.6

4th Place - Brendan Brosnan, Eugene O'Riordan, Lesley Sugrue (41) net 39.8

COURSE DEVELOPMENT

We welcome the opening of the new green on the 5th hole which is an excellent test of our golf skills, please also note that there is a temporary tee box on the 3rd Hole whilst works takes place on the new layout.

SOCIAL GOLF

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

MIXED SCRAMBLES

Mixed scrambles will be every Tuesday at 6pm, book on BRS, Visitors welcome

GOLF LESSONS

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

DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB

MUNSTER INTER-COUNTIES

A number of our members claimed medals with the Kerry teams last weekend in Riverdale. Both Damien Fleming and John McGrath (Senior) were part of a side that missed out on victory by one stroke to Cork but had to settle for third on countback to Tipperary. Michael Cronin, James Fleming, Connie O'Sullivan and Dan Broderick were second in the Intermediate event with that Kerry side who are now going forward to the National Challenge this year as both Eileen McCarthy and Ciara Lowe were second in the Nett event with the Kerry team.

FRIDAY NIGHT

A massive thank you to everyone who attended our gathering on Friday after the completion of our Chairman's Prize as we thank Chef de Excellence Club President Derry McCarthy for the Barbeque, Shirley and Helena for their hospitality and our Chairman Sean Kelly and Captain Gearoid Cronin for looking after everyone on the night. The prizes for the Willie Parker Memorial back in April along with the Utility Trust Doubles Matchplay were presented tonight alongside our Chairman's and Captain's



Castlerosse - Kenmare Awayday Ladies 18 hole winners - Finola Geary (Lady Captain), Nora Long, Barbara O'Shea

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Prizes. The only man to accept prizes from all four competitions was our winner as Denis Duggan won his third major competition of the year in the club by a slender shot from Alan O'Sullivan.

CHAIRMAN'S PRIZE RESULTS

Overall Nett: Denis Duggan 89, Overall Gross: John McGrath 96

Second Nett: Alan O'Sullivan 90, Third Nett: Jason Reen 92, Ladies Nett: Eileen McCarthy 109, 18 Gross: Gearóid Cronin 49, 18 Nett: Bobby Kelly 42 (B9) and Lucky Dip: Jean O'Shea.

U16 CLUB MATCHPLAY

Our thanks to everyone who took part in this event on Tuesday August 25th last. We had a record entry of over 50 players. Massive thanks to our U16 Officers Mike Cronin and Niall O'Loughlin for their efforts as last week's competition marked the 30th Anniversary of its first staging when a certain D Fleming was the first winner. It's slightly fitting then that a son of a former neighbour of his would win today as Fionn Culloty became the latest bearing that first name to make his mark on the club scene. He would defeat our U16 Scratch Cup winner Daniel Quinlan in the Championship decider.

RESULTS

Sponsored by Trophyworld Tralee- Championship Winner: Fionn Culloty 5&3, Runner-Up: Daniel Quinlan and Semi-Finalists: Fionn McMonagle & Ben O'Sullivan. Plate-Winner: Dylan Moynihan 3&2 and Runner-Up: Ryan O'Donoghue.

NATIONAL U16 MATCHPLAY

Best Wishes to the lads in heading for Athgarvan, Co Kildare this weekend. The prizes won by them at the Crosshaven U16 Scratch Cup last weekend should be a major encouragement.

FLESK RESTAURANT SUMMER SERIES

Tuesday August 25th Results- Winners: Derry O'Sullivan, Adam O'Sullivan & Lucas Uchtyl 35¼ (B9) and Runners-Up: Alan O'Sullivan, Scott O'Sullivan Ryan Lowe & Fionn McMonagle 35¼.

SUNDAY DRAWS

Two Ball Scramble- First Nett: Gearoid Cronin & Denis Duggan 37 (B9), Gross: Gearoid Cronin & Mike 'Seve' O'Leary 45 and Second Nett: Dan



Deerpark Pitch & Putt Club Captain Gearóid Cronin seated at the presentation of prizes for his recent Captain's Prize last Friday night. Seated L to R: Nathan Cronin, Ben Cronin, David Harnett (Winner), Eileen McCarthy and Margaret O'Brien. Standing L to R: James Cronin, Niall O'Loughlin and Denis Duggan.



Deerpark Pitch & Putt Club U16 Officers Michael Cronin (third from right) and Niall O'Loughlin (left) presenting the prizes from the Trophyworld Tralee sponsored U16 Club Matchplay event which took place on Tuesday August 25th last. Pictured L to R: Dylan Moynihan (Plate Winner), Daniel Quinlan (Championship Runner-Up), Fionn Culloty (Championship Winner), Fionn McMonagle and Ben O'Sullivan (Championship Semi-Finalists). Missing from photo Ryan O'Donoghue (Plate Runner-Up).

Kiely & John Murphy 37.

NATIONAL INTER-CLUB EVENT

Best Wishes to the club's teams heading to Bruff

in Limerick on Sunday for the Qualifiers for this event.



Centre-front: Paul O'Sullivan, Captain of the winning team, receiving the John Hickey-Malachy Walshe Memorial Silver Claret Jug. Also in picture Eamonn Fitzgerald, Kay Hickey, Sheila Galvin Walshe. Back: Mike Quirke, Neilus O'Regan, Stephanie Quirke, Jack Galvin.

Dermot Roche eagled the 16th for victory

The well-documented successes of class golfer Dermot Roche proved decisive in last week's Hickey-Walshe Memorial tournament played on Killarney's O Mahony point course. Roche eagled the par 5, 16th on his own for a late charge by the Paul O'Sullivan team to win by just one point. This team event commemorates the memory of two deceased Killarney GC members, John Hickey and Malachy Walshe. Paul O Sullivan, captain of the winning team, accepted the magnificent silver Claret Jug from Kay Hickey and Sheila Galvin, nee Walshe and Stephanie Quirke, nee Walshe.

P.J. Cronin's team of Dan Lucey, Éamonn Fitzgerald and Neilus O'Regan came second, just one point adrift from the winning team of Paul O 'Sullivan, Dermot Roche, Colm Galvin and Gerry McSharry.

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KILLARNEY CELTIC

CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 2,9,17,19 . No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winner received €30. Next jackpot €12,800 on Monday September 7th. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through Clubzap.

COACHES WANTED FOR THE UPCOMING 2026/27 SEASON

Positions available across all age groups from Academy to Senior Teams. If interested please contact Mike Lyne 086 083 6356.

KILLARNEY CELTIC GOLF CLASSIC will take place on Saturday September 5th at Beaufort Golf Club. Tee Times are from 7am-4pm. To book a tee time contact Tim Jones 087 977 1302 or to sponsor a tee box please contact Mary Lyne 086 648 5809.

NATIONAL LEAGUE SEASON

The new National league season begins for Killarney Celtic next weekend. Killarney Celtic

will play their 1st home game on Saturday September 5th against UCC in Group 3 at 2pm. Killarney Celtic is delighted to announce Seefin Aviation-Aircraft Trading as the Official Sponsor for our new National league team. As we celebrate our 50th anniversary, we are proud to welcome Seefin Aviation on board for this exciting new chapter in the club's history. This partnership represents an important milestone and we are grateful to Seefin Aviation for investing in the future of football in Killarney. A sincere thank you to everyone at Seefin Aviation. To mark the historic occasion of our 1st National League game, entry to the fixture with UCC will be half price. Admission is payable at the gate on the day.

Adult €5. Student/OAP €4. Youth (12-17) €2.50. Family (2 Adults + 2 Youths) €15. Under 12 years of age Free.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership for the 2026/27 season is now open. Membership payment can be made online at killarneyceltic.ie/membership-signup

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LOTTO

No.s 2, 3, 12, 19. No winner of the jackpot. 5 x €25: Ryan Quilter, Furies. Sarah McCarthy, Furies. Eileen O Donoghue, Killarney. Bernie O Sullivan, Kilcummin & Ciaran Butler, Furies. Next draw for a jackpot of €3100 will take place on Sunday next 6th September at Butlers Bar, Furies. Tickets available from Committee Members, Sheehans Filling Station, Farranfore. Spar & Hendersons Shops, Furies & Butlers Bar, Furies. Thanks to all who help out & support the club lotto.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Club Membership is as follows for the season ahead. Seniors & Youths is €70. U11 to U16 is €60. U6 to U10 is €40 & Ladies Social Soccer is €40.

SYMPATHY

The club offers its condolences to the Hayes Family, Castlemaine on the passing of Joan. May Joan Rest in Peace.

Killarney Celtic Ready for Historic National League Campaign

A new chapter in the history of Killarney Celtic gets underway next weekend when the club begins its first National League season.

Killarney Celtic will play their first home fixture on Saturday, September 5, when they welcome UCC to Killarney in Group 3. Kick-off is at 2pm.

The landmark season is particularly significant as Killarney Celtic celebrates its 50th anniversary, and the club has announced Seefin Aviation-Aircraft Trading as the official sponsor of its new National League team.

The club said it was delighted to welcome Seefin Aviation on board for what promises to be an exciting new chapter, describing the partnership as an important milestone and thanking the company for investing in the future of football in Killarney.

To mark the historic occasion of the club's first National League game, admission prices for Saturday's fixture against UCC will be half price, with payment available at the gate.

Admission is €5 for adults, €4 for students and OAPs, €2.50 for youths aged 12 to 17, while a family ticket for two adults and two youths is €15. Under-12s are admitted free.

Membership for the 2026/27 season is also now open, with membership available through the club's website.

The club is hoping for a strong home support as Killarney Celtic embarks on this exciting new era, with the opening fixture set to be a memorable occasion as the club celebrates 50 years and takes its place in the National League.



Captain Matt Keane and Assistant Manager Tim Jones at the recent FAI National League Launch.

Gneeveguilla GAA Carnival set for a fun-filled weekend

Gneeveguilla GAA will host its annual Carnival Weekend from Thursday, September 10, to Sunday, September 13, with a packed programme of family entertainment and sporting activities.

The weekend will get underway on Thursday at 7pm with a family treasure hunt at the Gneeveguilla GAA pitch, followed on Friday at 6pm by the Paddy O'Leary U10 Competition.

Saturday will see an U8 boys and girls football blitz at 2.30pm, while the highlight of the weekend will be the Fancy Dress Parade on Sunday.



Participants will gather at Jerry's at 12.30pm, with the parade getting underway at 1pm. There will be prizes for individual entries, groups, classes and floats, along with inflatables, face painting, arts and crafts, a cake-weight guessing competition and plenty more.

Children of all ages can also enjoy fun races and games on the pitch. Amusements and a food truck will be available throughout the weekend.

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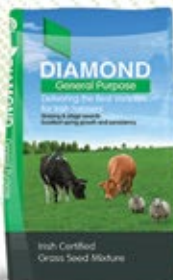
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Dr. Crokes 1:09 East Kerry 1:15

Our minors made a bright start, opening the scoring with a point and a Finn O'Donnell goal inside the first 10 minutes of play. East Kerry responded with a series of points, as they began to push in front. Our boys worked hard to stay in touch, but East Kerry's accuracy in front of goal saw them build a sizeable advantage going in at the break. Half time Dr. Crokes 1:02 East Kerry 0:10. We came out with renewed purpose after the restart and added two quick points to reduce the deficit. The game was brought to life midway through the half when Crokes raised the green flag to further minimize the gap. East Kerry however, found the net in the 27th minute and finished the stronger. We have progressed to the quarter finals where we take on West Kerry on Thursday the 3rd of September in Keel.

U14 EAST KERRY FINAL

Dr. Crokes 5:11 Na Fianna 5:10

Our 14 B team won the Easy Kerry final in Templenoe on Saturday last after a thrilling game with Na Fianna. In the group stages we played 4 games winning 3 and drawing the other before advancing to the semi final where we defeated Spa on Monday night last in a hard fought battle where great football was played by both teams with Crokes emerging as 3 point victors. On Saturday we travelled to Templenoe and led at half time by 4 points with Mark Clifford outstanding at midfield ending the game scoring 3:05. At the back Tiarnan Kavanagh, Rob Young, Oisín Carey and Finn McDonald were defending well while Wojtek Zglinski was contributing well in the middle. Up front John Byrne and Luke McMahan were very prominent and ensuring we had that lead at half time with both of them getting goals also. The second half got much tighter with Na Fianna now playing with the wind narrowing the gap and but for two crucial saves by Danny Dowling, who started in goal due to injury, kept them from getting in front. With 6 minutes to go Na Fianna got it back to a point, but the lads showed tremendous character with points from Finn McDonald and Danny Dowling who came outfield in the last few minutes, put us 3 ahead with 3 minutes to go. Na Fianna got 2 further points but a brilliant interception by the outstanding Daniel Smith won us a free and the referee signalled the final whistle much to the delight of our boys.

LOTTO took place on August 31st. Numbers

drawn were 4, 18, 19, 24. Jackpot of €6,200 was NOT WON. 11 patrons matched 3 numbers and received €40 each. Jackpot for draw on September 7th will be €6,500. Play online by following the link below <https://member.clubspot.app/club/dr-crokes-gaa/fundraisers>

BINGO

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

GENTLE YOGA for men and women will return on Thursday 3rd of September from 6:15pm-7pm. €40 for 5 weeks.

CLUB BBQ takes place on Friday 4th September.

CONGRATULATIONS to Conor and Ny O'Neill on their wedding.

CONDOLENCES to Patricia, Seanie, Rheanne, Tara, Mark, Lyselle and the O'Shea and O'Halloran Families on the passing of Michael. Condolences also to Donie Lyne on the death of his brother Pat in Galway. May they rest in peace.

NOTES

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

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The numbers drawn on 30/08/2026 for a jackpot of €10,650 were 7, 9, 11, 13. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Liam Hickey, Tommy Fitzgerald, Donie Foley, Cara Murphy, Pat Hayes.

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INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Fossa came through a titanic battle with Listowel Emmetts in this Intermediate Championship semifinal in Fossa on Sunday. David Clifford opened the scoring with a magnificent two pointer in the second minute, Emmetts hit back with two points before their dangerous full forward, Darragh Lynch had the ball in the Fossa net in the 7th minute. Their lead was short lived, Emmett O'Shea hit a two pointer and the awesome David Clifford kicked six points, including a brace of two pointers to leave Fossa leading by five at the twenty minute mark. Listowel were dangerous going forward and it took a couple of vital interceptions by Darren Ryan, Paddy Sheehan and Cian O'Shea to keep them at bay, they did register three points to leave the half time score Fossa 0-11, Listowel

1-05.

Jack Hallissey broke forward to punch the opening score of the second half, Listowel replied with a point but two David Clifford scores, including a sublime effort in the 10th minute put Fossa five ahead again. Listowel were dogged and just wouldn't go away, they got back into contention with a well taken goal from Darragh Lynch in the 13th minute and were on top in the possession stakes around the middle of the field. However, as he has done for club and county on many occasions, up stepped Paudie Clifford to score two brilliant points for Fossa when they needed a steady hand on the wheel. Listowel fought hard and were on level terms by the 25th minute, it was now all to play for. Fossa didn't panic and won good possession which took the sting out of the Listowel attack, Eoin Talbot kicked a lovely point. A David Clifford free fell short and in the goalmouth scramble, Ted O'Gorman was quickest to react to punch the ball to the Listowel net, the same player got the last score of the game to leave a relieved Fossa winners on a score of 1-19 to 2-12.

EAST KERRY NEWS

COUNTY MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Dr Crokes 1-09 East Kerry 1-15

COUNTY UNDER 16 CHAMPIONSHIP

North Kerry 2-23 East Kerry 2-11

Castleisland District 1-12 Eoghan Rua 1-14

East Kerry B 2-12 St Brendans B 0-03

U14 EAST KERRY LEAGUE DIVISION 5 FINAL

Na Fianna 5-10 Dr Crokes 5-11

LEGION

LOTTO

Lotto Results: 5,11,15,28. Bonus 20. Match 3s/ Lucky dips: Noreen McSweeney, Kathleen Weber, Padraig Brosnan.

U 16 LADIES

Our U16 ladies travelled back to face Austin Stacks for the second time in seven days, with a place in the Division 3 Final at stake.

Legion started strongly, leading 2-4 to 1 point after the first quarter. Stacks fought back with two quick goals, leaving Legion ahead 2-6 to 2-3 at half-time.

The second half was fast and fiercely contested, with both teams sharing some excellent points. Legion's tremendous work rate and relentless running saw them build a six-point lead with 15 minutes remaining.

Stacks responded with great determination,



Beaufort u14 boys beat Scartaglen in the East Kerry league final which was played in Beaufort. Rory O Sullivan was presented with the shield by Denis McCrohan, secretary of the East Kerry board.





HISTORIC NIGHT AT JOHNNY CULLOTY PARK!

What a night! History was made in Johnny Culloty Park as Killarney Legion fielded a second senior ladies team for the first time ever, and what followed was an absolute thriller!

The team welcomed Glenflesk for the Senior Development Championship, and it was drama from start to finish.

FULL TIME:
Legion 2-18 Glenflesk 5-06

earning and converting a penalty to reduce the gap to three points with 10 minutes left.

The Legion ladies showed incredible grit and composure to battle through the pressure, hold

possession and see the game out.

Final score: Killarney Legion 3-10, Austin Stacks 3-8.

A fantastic semi-final between two worthy opponents. Thank you to Austin Stacks for a sporting game and to referee Jason O'Brien for managing the game so well.

The Legion ladies now face Listowel Emmets in the Division 3 Final, with details to be confirmed

CONDOLENCES

The club sends its sincere condolences to Jimmy, Pat, Dermot, Maura and Margaret Reen and all the Reen family on the passing of their mother Maureen. Ar Dheis De go raibh a Anam



Firies Senior Football Team trooping off the field after a hard fought win over Castleisland Desmond's

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JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY

takes a look at all things sport...



Jarlath Burns has set up a second committee

GAA RULES TRIALS

I know what you are thinking. Because I thought the exact same thing. Have we not already been here and done this? The Football Review Group did an amazing job, transforming a game that had, frankly, gone stale and boring, into a livewire spectacle. They deserve every bit of praise that they got, and it reflected well on the GAA that they had finally grasped that withering nettle. And I know a lot of successful movies spawn forced sequels that tend to have big celebrity names, big special effects budgets, and usually none of the actual story that people adored in the first place. Avengers, Star Wars, Fast and the Furious, Mission Impossible (to enjoy), Aliens, Predator, Aliens versus Predator (they actually made a second one of those – for all I know, it may have been watchable). The Lord of the Rings is descending into farce at this stage. The Godfather movies definitely pulled it off. The Harry Potter movies....ah, yeah. That Grindewald stuff, though....stop lads. It got embarrassing.

When I heard that Jarlath Burns was setting up a second committee on rule-tweaking, regardless of the title, I was extremely suspicious. Were they trying to milk the kudos for the FRC for a second time? To be fair, my suspicions really were unfounded. This was actively planned as a follow-up by the FRC itself. Their work obviously wasn't done in one go. One announcement and there we go, a fait accompli. There was resistance – sure, I had questions myself, I'm sure we all did – and of course there were bits of tweaking and getting things right. It's not like the GAA or any organisation like that, frankly even a government, have the power to just make pronouncements and a population have to abide by them.

Relax, for once I'm not doing any polemic about the western world's rapid descent into fascism.

We'll leave it off for this week.

The Expert Advisory Group is chaired by Mayo's Kevin McStay and includes Maurice Fitzgerald, Monaghan's Conor McManus, John Tobin of Galway, David Coldrick (recently retired Meath inter-county referee), and Seamus Kenny (Meath) and Pat Doherty (Westmeath), who were part of the Football Review Committee. In other words, these people really are fully qualified. They know the games from the different perspectives and grades. I'm especially happy to see players (who should be the primary focus), managers, and referees. The latter's perspective will be especially interesting. I feel that the FRC's proposals, and hugely successful they have been, didn't always remember that the same rules should apply to a Junior game on a wet Tuesday evening between two cobbled together junior teams who hate each other as the All Ireland Final. And I've been at a few such junior games. In all honesty, some of them can be more entertaining than the All Ireland Final.

Possibly my favourite GAA quote is from Tipperary journalist Raymond Smith. Look, I'm digressing wildly now, but give me a bit of leeway; it's a good story.

The 1939 All Ireland Hurling Final was one of the greatest of them all. It was literally the day that Britain declared war on Germany. As Cork and Tipperary took the field, clouds rolled in, there was a crack of thunder and black clouds rolled across the sky. And after that, the game was played out, not in any mere deluge, but an outright storm, with lightning the most reliable illuminatory source. What does this have to do with the roughest type of junior match? Well, Smith is recorded afterwards (I first came across it in Breandán Ó hÉithir's 'Over the Bar') as saying "At one point the ball hit the left stanchion and deflected away into the crowd. 23 minutes elapsed before any of the players noticed"

That is as succinct a GAA match report as could ever be written, and plenty of us have seen junior matches like it!

Anyway, back to the proposed rule changes in gaelic football. Good people, whom I have genuine respect for and who genuinely know the game. There's academic expertise, which I believe is extremely important, and there's hands on experience on the ground...which I believe is equally important. I feel – very respectfully, since I have very little of either and my opinion really should honestly be taken with far more than a pinch of salt – that the GAA has not always gotten that balance right, e.g. that Sky TV deal or the change of minor from U18 to U17. On this occasion I think they have the balance right and I'd be hopeful of a few of these changes (I wouldn't call them tweaks, a couple of these are fairly big) making the game even more of a spectacle and increasing both the pace and the skill level.

These proposed rules are going to be trialled

in Division One of the HEC League, i.e., the Ryan Cup. I have no problem with that. It's a real competition with a quite high standard and frankly, it gives them some publicity. If you are an inter-county manager, you'll be paying more attention to the Ryan Cup than you ever did, and plenty of people will go to games out of curiosity about these rules as anything else.

A Ban on Fisted Points Unless the Ball is Already in Flight

Basically, you can't hand-pass over the bar. There's definitely a big emphasis on prioritising kicking with these proposals. This....I don't know. I think it gives an attacker a viable option. If you must kick it, it increases the risk of going for goal chances. Kicking it successfully when surrounded by defenders is very difficult; odds are much higher of a turnover. With the fisted point as an option, you can press for a goal chance while retaining a good chance of not coming away empty-handed. Yes, no hand-pass points makes it easier for defenders. Bottom line...do you want to watch an attacking or a defensive game? I'm inclined to keep the option of fisting it over as an extra attacking weapon in the arsenal, but I'm not sure enough of it that I'm not reserving any judgement until after I see it in action a few times.

Limiting Consecutive Handpasses to a Maximum of Three

I'll keep it short and sweet (and let's be honest; that's not a forte of mine). No. No, no, and a thousand times no. Of course I understand the reasoning. More kicking, higher risk, higher skill and decision-making required, ball in constant motion. But the one small snag that makes this proposal impossible to consistently enforce is the burden it places on already heavily burdened match officials. It sounds reasonably simple. But please stop and think about how much they have to monitor already. People think that a referee comes off the pitch having had maybe 50 infringements in total to judge instantaneously throughout the game. No, they have maybe 5 or 6 hundred. I'm not joking. Was that off the ground? Was the player 13 metres away? Do I give advantage? Was that fisted or was it actually a throw? There's two lads throwing shapes over there, I'd better keep an eye on that. Oops, long kick, I have to sprint 40 metres now. Have they only two back?

All of those decisions can be negative, and supporters watching won't give credit for getting those right. But get a single one wrong....oh boy.

Two things don't help there, by the way. First off, the whole tv commentary thing. "Yes, having observed in slow motion from three different angles, I now think that the referee got that decision wrong by three inches. That was very poor refereeing". By God, you get a lot of heroes sitting on cushions in the studios.

And then you have what I call the 'breach heroes'. And I don't mean "Once more unto the breach, dear friends, once more...." as per Billy Shakespeare. Arguably his best speech. I think the Hamlet bit is over-rated, Mark Anthony's speech in Julius Caesar is up there, my own favourite is Macbeth speaking of his wife. Ah, Merchant of Venice, Henry's rejection of Falstaff, Puck at the end of A Midsummer Night's Dream, Iago is my favourite villain but his stuff is worryingly more relevant now than it was then (really savage racist)....lads, I'll stop now or we'll be here forever. It's Shakespeare, not only was he the best ever, he was so good at the language he helped define that everybody else is playing for third place.

No, the 'breach heroes' I'm talking about are the 'supporters' who almost ignore the play and focus instead of whether a team have two up front or in defence at any given moment. I've missed breaches in games that I've been trying to follow closely, it's that fast. But somehow there's people calling for breaches almost constantly from the crowd. I could be wrong, but I think if you are the first person to spot a breach, you get a biscuit.

And now the referee and his officials are going to keep a running count of the amount of consecutive handpasses in their head while doing everything else? I think it's a ridiculous expectation. Oh, and you would need to be very careful about absolute definitions, because if there is the slightest argument that can be made, no matter how blatantly unreasonable, it will be made. I absolutely 100% guarantee you that.

I'm honestly worried that this will look okay in the Ryan Cup games, which tend to have a high technical ability and discipline already (all colleges have pretty large picks from fairly wide population areas). Again, let's consider the wet rainy night, referee struggling for a full complement of officials (be real about it. You know as well as me that referees at such grades often need umpire/linesmen volunteers from each team, and that's just a basic reality), two teams that don't like each other, and everybody, including the small bunch of supporters, ready to blame you for everything. Remember to count all of those handpasses now, and good luck with that.

Input that into AI, and the answer will be "Nope, do that one yourself, petty human". I would just take this one off the table right now, I really would.

Reducing the Mandatory Kick-Out Distance from 40m to 13m

I fully understand why it was pushed out in the first place. The game had gone too conservative – I'm not talking English Tory or American Republican conservative, I'm talking "I'm suspicious of this new-fangled wheel invention" and "what's this cooking with fire all about?" conservatism. The FRC rules (we can't keep calling them the 'new' rules forever – for example, Killarney's New St. actually dates back to the 1750s) have sped up the game considerably. Short and fast kick-outs fit this modern version much better, so I am very much okay with this rule adjustment.

Increasing the Value of a Goal to Four Points

Interesting. The introduction of the two pointer has had the most dramatic impact on the game for me. Any team with a sizable lead was simply closing up shop before. Funnily enough.... calm down. This one actually isn't a random digression. This one is relevant.

Away back in the infancy of the game, when the Davin brothers were codifying the rough and tumble traditional game of caid, a goal trumped any number of points. A 'point' simply meant an attacker putting the ball over the endline outside the goalposts. The concept of points (the ball going anywhere between two wide posts and over the crossbar of a 'H' shaped goal, was introduced in 1886.

There were also 'forfeit' points. These are gas altogether. They were awarded if a defender put the ball over his own endline in order to avoid conceding a score. Five 'forfeit points' would equal one actual point. Thankfully, those were done away with a year later in favour of a '45. Most of those games ended in disputed scores anyway (no recordings, remember?) so you can imagine what chaos forfeit points would have created.

So....points exist, but only count if the number of goals is equal. Effectively, they are as important as scoring differences nowadays.

Then came the 1891 Final. Not the All Ireland Hurling Final, which was Kerry's first ever All Ireland and only hurling one, with Ballyduff (actually an amalgamation) beating Crossabeg. No, the football final was more contentious (I should say, even more contentious, I'll tell ye about the hurling another time). Young Irelands of Dublin played Clondrohid of Cork. Young Irelands won by 2-1 to 1-9. Clondrohid had a goal disallowed. The biggest controversy, and the reason why Cork got so many points that counted for nothing against Young Ireland's second goal, is because Young Ireland's literally brought all their players back into their own defence for the second half. No attacking, no trying to prevent points, just don't let the ball into the goal. It worked, they won...and the outcry was instant. Almost straight away, before every team could implement that obvious tactic in every subsequent game – tell me again how Ulster invented the blanket defence? There is nothing new under Heaven – the GAA announced that points would now count, with three of them equalling a goal.

The point that I am making is that the introduction of points to the scoresheet was absolutely seismic at the time, completely transforming the game. And I would argue that the introduction of the two pointer has had a similar effect. Teams now have a reasonable chance to close a big deficit with and effectively 'revive' a game that looks dead and buried, which was too true too often under the previous rules.

However, it has consequently reduced the necessity for goals. The likelihood of two long distance opportunities when a game is at closing stage is higher than one good goal chance that defending teams know is being sought. They are also more valuable. So the

long term effect is that teams that are better at choosing and converting their two pointers are more likely to beat a team who usually opts to go for a goal.

Except that goals are the highlight moments. People can say what they want, but a lot of rugby teams got into the habit of winning on penalty kicks rather than tries. Yech! Basketball followers want either three point monsters or high octane dunks....the three point line itself was invented simply because nobody could get near Wilt Chamberlain at the post. Teams shoot from mid-range when they have to, but it's never their first preference. Ask most Americans why they have no interest in soccer, and they'll tell you that it doesn't have enough scores. That's actually an outdated trope, by the way, very outdated. The MLS isn't dominant, but soccer is actually one of the most played games in the US. It is more popular than baseball and more played at youth and juvenile level than American football. Yup, go check that. I wouldn't believe me at first either in your shoes. But the point is that spectators want scores. They want excitement, they want drama, they want entertainment. It's the old adage in sport, managers want control, supporters want chaos. And nothing turns a game on its head faster than a goal. The impact is more than the three points currently on offer, and I am fine with pushing it out to four.

Extending the 40m Arc To The End-Line

Just a technical tidy up, because the original arc didn't – couldn't – take into account that pitches do vary a bit in size.

Impeded Marks to Incur a 50m Penalty

I fully understand the principle behind it. But the mark is slightly problematic anyway, in that the defender has very little warning. You put in what you think is a legitimate tackle that's actually a half second too late. I think the same thing about handing the ball back to the opponent after a free. Very often the fouled player will charge at the defender and get an easy 50m advantage – exactly how much can the defender do about it? In both cases, mark and free, I'd suggest that the player can play on but 'solo and go' has to start with a solo. Not four steps and then a solo; that leaves the defender with too much of a disadvantage.

Impeded or Breach Frees to Be brought to the 13m Line (Formerly 20m)

Again, I wouldn't consider it a major change.

Disallowing Passes Back Over The Half-Way Line if Attacking

Great in theory, I am extremely, extremely sceptical about it in practice. Ye have heard me say it before. Part of the problem previously is that, because of evolution in sports science, players are twice as fit as they used to be a hundred years ago. But the pitches are the same size. What the three up, three back rule

creates space, room for one on one duels, and fast moving footballs. Which is what you want. If you basically take away half the pitch, you cut down the space and make it easier for defenders. While the three up rule would still apply, I think you would end up creating a new form of blanket defence type swarm at the back and rapid charge in attack. It punishes the attacking team too much. You won't cut out ball recycling; you would simply move it back before the opposition half and slow the game down. Look, of course I may be wrong, I'll wait and see, but I don't think this will succeed in its intention.

Increasing the Number of Substitutes From Five to Six

Yes please. The fact that the game is much faster makes it far more entertaining – but much more demanding on players. There was a time where a defender had five minutes to recover after clearing a ball, likewise the forwards at the other end. Everything is faster now. More wear and tear; absolutely let teams refresh bodies. The season is too long as well, by the way. To say that I am extremely sceptical of the tentative proposal to examine whether county players should play in their district championships.....it's very obvious what answer the County Board. And they want the wrong answer; club trumps county and always should. That and amateurism are the GAA's core principles. I don't think either holds particularly true anymore, but asking county players to not play in what is for many clubs their biggest aspiration of the year is a step far too far. And please don't be telling me about anonymous polls among such a small sample size. Especially while setting up a challenge match in London for those same players – fundraising is important, but the Executive are sending very mixed messages here. You want to talk about player welfare? Sure. Take games out of the extremely long inter-county season. I personally think there should be no games, no training, no nothing, from the last week in November to the second week in January. Kerry GAA don't really have a say in the inter-county schedule? Fair enough. Let's consider another shibboleth. Is the County Championship what it used to be? It was always the number one competition within Kerry. But the introduction of All Irelands to the club championships across the grades has dramatically reduced the value of the County Championship. A club title or a county championship? I reckon it would be unanimous among players. And, yes, the divisional teams have been a colossal source of strength for Kerry throughout our history, giving players from weaker clubs a chance to play at the highest level in Kerry and make the county team. But....does that really hold true any more? I know, that's a really big one to chew on. But who was the last player to play themselves onto the county team through the County Championship? There are a couple, but very few. Back in the fifties, it was common for players who had done well in the County Championship to get games in the National League, which started soon afterwards. Even then, the vast majority of Kerry players had played minor or U21. The

idea of unpolished diamonds nowadays? It's not once in a blue moon (a regular occurrence, in fact). It's far, far rarer. So I know suggesting that the County Championship can be trimmed or eliminated completely sounds like heresy to me as well. But if you are taking out one or the other.....I'd definitely be keeping the district championships. No, let's go at the Dr. Paddy, the Jack Murphy, the Bernie O'Callaghan.....those names mean something, and it can't be written on a balance sheet.

Six substitutes? Definitely. That's only a microcosm of the real conversation that's needed, the one that's been put on the long finger and masquerading as a 'split season' that isn't divided equally – or at all, really.

MAN UNITED VS IPSWICH

by Óran O'Hare-Barry



Following their uninspiring defeat to newcomers Hull in last week's season opener, United made four changes to the starting XI. Namely, Marcus Rashford starts for Man United for the first time since December 2024. Kobbie Mainoo also started, with Dalot and Martinez brought into the defence. Before kick-off, United's new signing, 22-year old Carlos Baleba, was introduced to the Old Trafford faithful. The Cameroonian midfielder, formerly of Brighton, went for a fee of approximately €80 million, plus add-on fees. He is one of three midfielders to join Michael Carrick's squad this summer, alongside Youri Tielemans and Andrey Santos. In his first start for United in nearly two years, Rashford looked threatening in the initial stages of the first half. Taking on the Ipswich defence, he could have had an assist to his name, but Cunha's shot had too much power and put it over the crossbar. There was some quick back-and-forth action at this stage, with Dalot forcing a great save by Ipswich goalkeeper Kjell Scherpen. Down the other side of the pitch, Lammens came up with a great save of his own, stopping a one on one attempt from Julio Enciso. United came back again, with Rashford just missing a cross that came low across the box. That would appear to be costly for United. Down the other end, Leif Davis volleyed the ball first time with sublime precision off his left foot, opening the scoring after half an hour. Ipswich were looking to see out half time, however a slip by Nunes on the ball allowed Cunha to capitalise, setting up Fernandes who was through on goal to equalise, approximately 10 minutes after Davis' attempt.

As the second half commenced, Mbeumo had a golden opportunity from a Rashford cross, but the ball came off his thigh and bounced off the crossbar. Just a few minutes later however, Harry Maguire found himself on the edge of the box with the ball. Through some incredible luck, his shot that was certainly going wide, deflected off the Ipswich defence, and went past the Ipswich keeper. What's even more bizarre, was the handball drama that preceded. The ball very clearly did hit off of Maguire's hands in the build-up. However, since the goal was classed as an own goal, and not Maguire's, no handball was awarded. In fairness, it does feel quite harsh on Ipswich, due to the freakish nature of the goal. From here, their luck was not going to turn around. Seconds later, Cunha found himself through on

goal, only to be fouled in the box and awarded a penalty. Fernandes stepped up, and as per usual at this stage, slotted it home. By now, United were in top form again. The disappointment at Hull last week, and even the conceded goal in the first half were but distant memories at this stage. Following some blocked shots around the Ipswich box, Fernandes found himself in a fortunate position and picked up the loose ball to seal his hat-trick. As Gary Neville said in commentary, he is head and shoulders above everyone as the best post-Ferguson Man United signing. Before the broadcast had even returned to the live coverage, he had another attempt. This time from the halfway line, but it was ultimately unsuccessful. Rashford and Mainoo both seemed desperate for a goal, and in the case of Rashford in particular, it's clear why. However, it was not to be, as both were taken off with 10 minutes to go, alongside Cunha. Following his misstep earlier on in the second half, Mbeumo would finally get his goal. After a well placed Fernandes lob, the Cameroonian made a great run past the Tractor Boys' defence, and dinked it from a distance over the keeper, the ball just about bouncing over the line. 8 minutes of injury time were added on, and despite the Ipswich consolation goal, this decision seemed to make everyone equally unhappy. The tie was already put to bed, and everyone in attendance had to power through these last few, admittedly, pointless minutes in torrential rain. Despite Ipswich's second goal ultimately didn't mean much, you'd have to imagine Michael Carrick was not over the moon with how easily it came for them.

While it's far too early in the season to be making calls about how the season will go, this did feel like a very important outing for United. The loss at Hull was far from ideal for them, but this was a much more positive performance, and the opening weekend display can almost be forgotten about. However, had they not won this week, more questions would have to have been asked of them. Failing to beat two newly promoted teams back-to-back would have been cause for concern, especially when it's time to face the stronger teams competing for the title. Will United be one of those teams this year?

Kerry Stars Celebrate

Their Remarkable Volunteers

Kerry Stars Special Olympics Club held a special Volunteers Appreciation Night at the International Hotel on Monday, August 31, bringing together new and longstanding volunteers for an evening of friendship, conversation and plenty of craic ahead of the new season.

The evening was the club's way of saying a very big thank you to the dedicated volunteers who give so generously of their time and energy throughout the year.

Kerry Stars is run entirely by volunteers, with a remarkable team dedicating an hour of their valuable time each week from September to May to help enhance the lives of athletes through sport, activity and inclusion.

The club caters for children and adults of all ages with an intellectual disability, with participation being at the heart of everything Kerry Stars does. While some athletes thrive on competition and continually strive to improve, others simply enjoy the social side, the opportunity to meet friends, stay active and be part of a team.

The club continues to grow from strength to strength, particularly

following the wonderful success of four Kerry Stars athletes who represented the club at the Special Olympics Ireland Summer Games in June, returning home with an impressive haul of gold, silver and bronze medals.

With the new season due to begin in just two weeks, Kerry Stars has another busy schedule ahead and is always looking for new volunteers and athletes to become part of the club.

Weekly activities include Athletics on Mondays from 6pm to 7pm at Spa GAA; Therapeutic Horse Riding on Tuesdays, currently with a waiting list; Basketball on Wednesdays from 7pm to 8pm at Killarney Sports & Leisure Centre; Soccer on Thursdays from 7pm to 8pm at Killarney Sports & Leisure Centre; and Swimming in Killarney and Tralee on Fridays, also currently operating a waiting list.

The club emphasises that there is a place for everyone, whether their goal is competition and sporting achievement or simply having fun, making friends and enjoying being part of the community.

Anyone who would like to volunteer or get involved as an athlete is encouraged to contact Kerry Stars at kerrystars63@gmail.com.



Volunteers enjoying a well deserved treat at the Kerry Stars Special Olympics Club held a special Volunteers Appreciation Night

Activate Fitness Race Returns to Killarney Valley

Following the success of last year's event, Activate is delighted to announce the return of their fitness race fundraiser 'The Summit' on Friday evening, September 25th and Saturday, September 26th.

The event will once again take place at the home of Killarney Valley Athletic Club, with participants taking on a challenging combination of running and functional fitness stations. The running track provides the perfect surface for a fitness race, making it an ideal setting for competitors of all abilities to test themselves, have fun and raise money for a fantastic local cause.

Proceeds from the event will go towards supporting Killarney Valley Athletic Club (K.V.A.C.), one of the largest sporting clubs in Kerry. With a membership of around 500, the club is truly diverse, welcoming athletes from age seven right through to their 80s, with more than 20 different nationalities represented.

K.V.A.C. has also firmly put athletics in Killarney on the global map, with athletes competing at events both nationally and internationally. The club's recent achievements are a testament to the dedication of its athletes, coaches and volunteers, including county team championship titles and an impressive haul of Munster and national medals already this season.

Activate are proud to partner with K.V.A.C. once again this year and to help support what is truly an "Oasis of Athletics" in our community.

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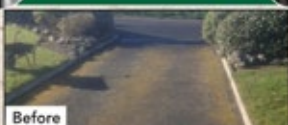
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There was plenty of entertainment away from the games, with a crossbar challenge and penalty shoot-out proving popular, while the bake sale and sweet shop were also a major success. The club's Coffee Dock was busy throughout the day, and the appearance of the popular Spa mascot Spark brought plenty of additional smiles to the young players.

The event was organised by the Spa Blitz Committee, led by Dave O'Sullivan, with the day relying heavily on the support of a large team of club volunteers. Volunteers were involved across all aspects of the event, including set-up and clean-up, car parking and traffic management, refereeing, timekeeping, the Spark mascot team and the hugely successful bake sale.

Spa GAA would like to sincerely thank everyone who volunteered their time and helped make the event such a success.

A special thanks also goes to the visiting clubs, coaches, parents and supporters for helping create such a positive atmosphere throughout the day. Most importantly, congratulations to all the boys and girls who took part. Their enthusiasm, sporting spirit and enjoyment of the game made for a wonderful day's football and demonstrated the strength of underage football in the local area.

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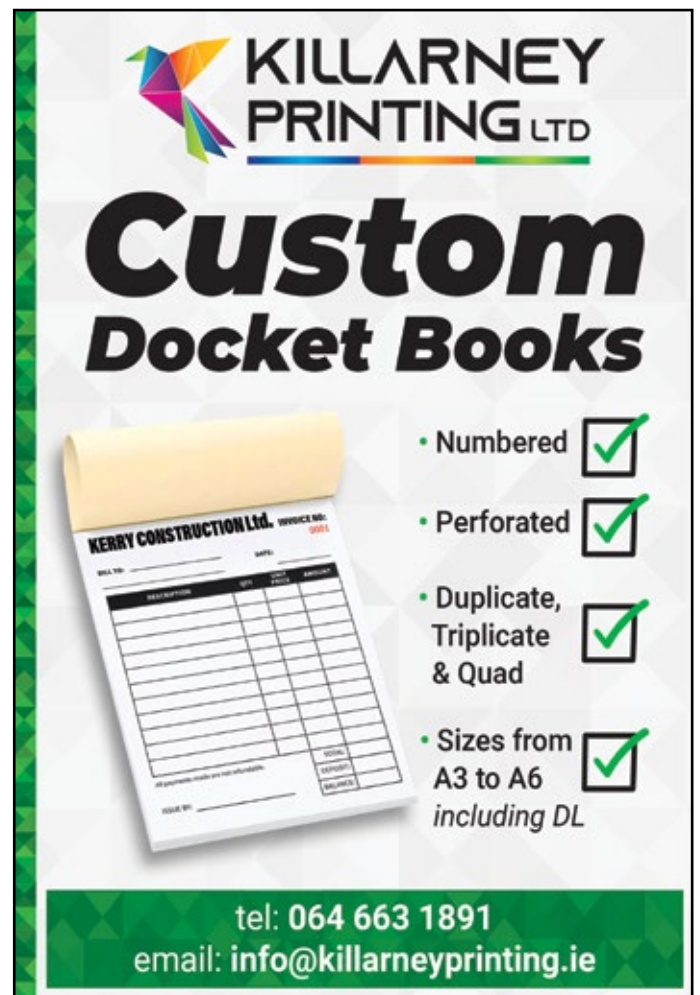


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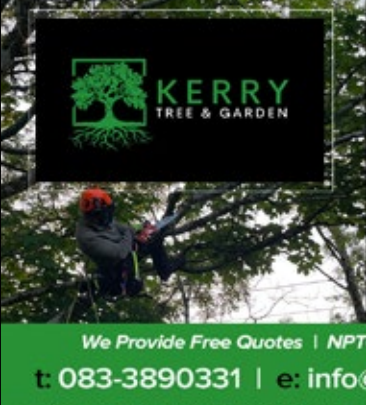
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One area we can grow in learning to trust God, is praying for our children or loved ones. "Death and life are in the power of the tongue and those who love it will eat the fruit" (Proverbs 18:21). Our words have the power to release death or life so we must choose carefully. When we study God's Word and declare it, we release His Power into that situation (Job 22:21-30). Take what God promised and personalise it. For example... "all your children shall be taught of the Lord and great shall be their peace" (Isaiah 54:13). So, pray like this... Father, You promised that all my children shall be taught of You; that You will lead and guide them in all their decisions, that You will enable them to tread upon their high places: taking them through difficult times, bringing them out into safety. I agree with Your Word Lord: and thank You for my children's lives. You created them and have good plans for each one of them. My Lord, I pray that they will hear Your voice and follow You, that You will disrupt the enemies voice and schemes. Lord Jesus, thank You for saving my children, and for lighting up the path You have established for them. Thank You for delivering them from evil and perverse people, for not all have faith. Let them not be influenced by those who would lead them into harm's way. Give my children the courage to think for themselves and make godly choices by the Power of Your Holy Spirit. Father God, may they seek Your Truth and Wisdom, and get good understanding as they grow to know You. Thank You for surrounding them with Your favour as a shield. I commit and dedicate my children to You Lord – for You love them! I decree that You are their Refuge and Strength, their Redeemer, Defender, Healer, and the Lifter of their heads, in Jesus' Name I pray, amen.

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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

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O my Jesus, you have said:
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8TH SEPTEMBER 2025

As we lovingly remember Mary on her first
anniversary, her children, John, Aidan,
Hazel, Avril and Derval would like to
sincerely thank their family, friends and
neighbors for the kindness shown to them
at our time of loss.

Sincere thanks also to the South Kerry
Palliative Care Team and to Dr Lynda
O'Callaghan for the immeasurable
compassion and support given to Mary and
her family.

Thanks to Fr Kieran O'Brien for his words
of comfort & consolation and a beautiful
Requiem mass celebrating Mary's life.

Thanks also to Liam O'Connor for his
beautiful and moving music.

The Holy sacrifice of the mass will be offered
for your intentions.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & 1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
**MIKEY JOE
CRONIN**



KNOCKMANAGH, KILCUMMIN.
WHO DIED ON
8TH SEPTEMBER 2025.

As we lovingly remember Mikey Joe on his
1st anniversary, we his family wish to express
our sincere gratitude to our extended family,
neighbours and friends for the support given
to us over the past year. Thanks to all who
visited him at home and in hospital during
his illness.

To his home help, community nurses,
palliative care team, Dr Ken Keohan, all at
Deenagh Medical Practice and the staff of
Killarney Community Hospital - especially
Tom and Joan who were with us during his
final hours. Ye were all so kind, caring and
compassionate. Our heartfelt thanks to ye all.
To all who attended the wake and funeral
services, especially those who travelled
long distances, sent mass cards, online
condolences, letters, phone calls and those
who watched the funeral mass online. Thank
Ye.

We are deeply grateful to Fr Jim Lenihan and
Deacon Thady O'Connor for the home visits
and concelebrating such a beautiful requiem
and month's mind mass. Also sacristan
Siobhain McSweeney for leading the rosary in
the house and helping us organise the funeral
mass.

Thanks to Helen and Denis. The meaningful
songs during the mass gave us great solace.
Thanks also to Mike Coffey for the graveside
song.

To Mike jnr and his team at O'Sheas funeral
directors, thanks for the help and guidance
arranging the funeral. Also the gravediggers
for preparing his final resting place.

To the management and staff of The Heights
Hotel, thanks for looking after us and
providing a beautiful meal after the funeral.

As it would be impossible to thank
everyone individually, please accept
this acknowledgment as a token of our
appreciation. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
will be offered for your intentions.

*The lorry's parked, his engine still,
Beyond the green of peaceful hills,
The angels called him home to rest
A gentle soul, the very best.*

Lovingly remembered by his wife Bridie,
Children Mary, Nono, John and Dan, Son
in law Aeneas, Daughters in law Joan and
Deirdre, Grandchildren Leah, Killian, Dara,
Liam, Emma, Leanne and partner Dan,
Great Granddaughter Sadie.

**1st Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
on Friday 4th September at 7.30pm in
Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kilcummin.**

COMMUNAL FIRST SATURDAY (CFS):

The Communal First Saturday devotions
will be held on Saturday 6th Sept in the
Church of the Resurrection Killarney.
It will begin with introductory prayers
followed by the Rosary at 9am. Mass
is at 9.30 with 15 minutes meditation
immediately after Mass. Confession will
begin at 8.30 am. As requested by Our
Lady Confession, the Rosary, receiving
Holy Communion and the meditation, all
will be done with the intention of making
reparation for the offences against the
Immaculate Heart of Mary.

**LEGION OF MARY ROSARY ON MAIN
STREET, KILLARNEY** will be held on
Sunday 13th September at 3 p.m. We
offer our rosary to the Blessed Mother
following her request at Fatima to pray
for world peace in in this manner. We
hope to see you there.

LEGION OF MARY ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK.

This takes
place on Sunday 27th September. The
bus leaves at 6.30 a.m. from the Church
of the Resurrection, Park Road, Killarney.
Stops in Farranfore and Castleisland.
Price 30.00 euro. Ring Pat at 086
8510423 for booking.

**KERRY CARE ARE RESUMING THEIR
THERAPIES** from Wednesday morning
2nd September from 9.45am - 1pm at
St. Clair's House, New St. Car Park,
Killarney. (near V de P centre) For further
information text or call Pauline 086-
1038060 or Joan 087-2805570."

GROTTO MASS ROCK ROAD, Tuesday
September 8th at 7pm, All welcome.

BINGO at St. Mary's Parish Hall, will
be held on Thursdays @ 8.30pm. All
Welcome

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