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A Cup of Fun... Acclaimed accordion sensation Liam O'Connor on his return from Electric Picnic with some of Killarney's rowing fraternity helping to launch the 237th annual Killarney Regatta Festival, at the Killarney Avenue Hotel. The Regatta, now the oldest traditional regatta in the world, takes place on Sunday 14th September at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club. Included, Susan Fogarty, Timothy O'Shea, Deirdre O'Shea, Caroline Buckley, Nikita Wharton, Liam O'Connor, Maureen Fogarty, Raymond Coffey, Paddy Cronin, back row from left, Sharon O'Connor, Laura Whelton and Margaret O'Sullivan. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

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A Note from the EDITOR



There is a nip in the air this week as we begin to settle into Autumn and the talk of the town is the upcoming Killarney Regatta Festival which takes centre stage on our front page. The stage is set to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of O'Mahony's Point as the venue for the event which is taking place on Sunday 14th September.

A local fitness coach is taking on a 101 Ultra Marathon for Comfort for Chemo, Killarney has been shortlisted for Ireland's Greenest Place and the Stronger Together Choir are back rehearsing for their Christmas Concert.

Glenflesk Couples have celebrated their special wedding anniversaries, Mary Kissane O'Shea has been honoured after 45 years of service and Killarney Musical Society are All Shook Up!

Anne Lucey takes a look at college costs and ways to alleviate them, Ciar's Quest is being expanded to three new locations in Kerry and KCC have called on motorists to be vigilant on the school run.

In sport, all eyes will be on Caoimhe O'Sullivan in the European Rowing Championships, a local Basketball coach is home to lead the Ireland South West Academy and Paudie and David Clifford tee off at the Irish Open.

Irish Walking Champion David Kenny is set to compete in Tokyo, it was all square for Kerry FC V Dundalk and Jimmy take a look at the Club Championships.

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



Aisling Crosbie

NO FILTER.... Evening sun sparkling on the water off the coast of Spain captured beautifully by Kira Clarke



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Killarney Regatta Festival 2025

"It's all about the Boat"

The Killarney Regatta Festival was launched on Tuesday night at the Killarney Avenue Hotel. This year's event, the 237th staging of the historic regatta, will take place on Sunday, 14th September 2025, at O'Mahony's Point, Killarney Golf and Fishing Club, on the picturesque shores of Lough Lein. The occasion also marks an amazing milestone, the 70th anniversary of O'Mahony's Point as the traditional venue for the regatta.

Killarney Regatta Festival aims to celebrate and preserve the heritage and legacy of rowing the unique 'Killarney Sixes' - traditional racing boat on the lakes of Killarney, honouring the oldest traditional regatta in the world.

Acclaimed accordion sensation Liam O'Connor will be LIVE at this year's Killarney Regatta, Liam was on hand to help launch the 237th annual Killarney Regatta. Kerry Hospice Foundation is this year's chosen charity at the regatta.

The Muckcross RC Ladies Crew - winners of the Killarney Regatta Ladies Junior and Senior Sixes in 1994 and 1995 were honoured at the launch.

The crew included: Margaret Cooper, Claire Fogarty (representing her sister Karen Fogarty RIP, 1996), Caroline Buckley, Eimear Fitzpatrick, Denise Casey and Deirdre O'Shea, the cox was the late Jimmy Mulligan.

The 2025 contestants for the Regatta Queen were introduced at the launch: Holly Heffernan, Flesk Valley RC, Saoirse Coffey, Fossa RC, Emma Meehan, St. Brendan's RC, Jenna Coffey, Muckcross RC, Amelie Counihan, Workmen's RC.

First Race of the day kicks off at 09.30 am, pausing at 12.30 noon for the blessing of Flesk Valley RC Racing Boats 'The Deirdre' and 'The Patricia'. This will be followed by the much coveted race of the regatta - The Mixed Heritage Race - Trustee of Muckcross House Trophy at 13.15 pm. Last years winning crew 'Dinis Cottage' will be hoping to defend their title. The winning crew included: Mike 'Kenmare' O'Sullivan, Cox, John B. Cronin, John Beazley, Kevin Tangney, Derry Doyle, Bill Lyne and Paschal Dower.

Aside from all the family rivalries and races, that's just offshore! The onshore entertainment and fun is especially aimed at families and junior crews: Tug O'War, Potato Race, Sack Race, Charity Tote in aid of Kerry Hospice Foundation, and Liam O'Connor 'Live' - his World Debut at the Killarney Regatta.

Today, there are five active clubs in the hinterland of Killarney, training from various boat houses along the shoreline. The older rowing clubs date back to the 1800's, and were aligned to the estates and business people. The type of boat raced is unique to the Lakes of Killarney and known as 'The Killarney Sixes' - wooden in structure, wooden oar, fixed seat. The boats were originally designed and built by Salters in Oxford.

- Muckcross Rowing Club, (Muckcross House)
- St Brendan's RC, (Kenmare Estate)
- Fossa RC (formerly Aghadoe - The



Killarney Festival Regatta Committee and rowing representatives at The Killarney Avenue, for the launch of the 237th Killarney Regatta. Front row sitting (Left), Vice-Presidents, Jimmy Fleming, Raymond Coffey, Maurice Coffey, Anne Tangney, back row from left, Timothy O'Shea, Conor Griffin, Secretary, John Fleming, Richard Leane, Treasurer, Andrew Wharton, Vice-Chairman, Nikita Wharton, Sharon Cooper, Alan Lyne, Paddy Cronin, Chairman.

Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Honouring the Muckcross RC Ladies Crew - winners of the Killarney Regatta Ladies Junior and Senior Sixes in 1994 and 1995.

Front seated from left, Mary Moynihan (Daughter of the late Jimmy Mulligan Cox) Margaret Cooper, Claire Fogarty (representing her sister Karen Fogarty RIP, 1996), Caroline Buckley, Alan Lyne, back row, Eimear Fitzpatrick, Denise Casey Jimmy Mulligan, (son of the late Jimmy Mulligan Cox) and Deirdre O'Shea, the cox was the late Jimmy Mulligan. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

McGillycuddy),

- Commercial RC (Drapers & Business)
- In 1920 Flesk Valley RC, (Flesk Castle) and Workmen's RC, (carpenters plasterers), were formed.
- St Finan's RC was formed in 1952 (St Finan's hospital, no longer in existence).

Muckcross RC Ladies Crew - winners of the Killarney Regatta Ladies Junior and Senior Sixes in 1994 and 1995. Front seated from left, Margaret Cooper, Jimmy Mulligan, (Cox), RIP, Caroline Buckley. Back row from left, Eimear Fitzpatrick, Denise Casey, Karen Fogarty RIP, and Deirdre O'Shea.



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Killarney Coach Tackles 101km Ultra-Marathon Once Again for Comfort for Chemo

Killarney weight loss coach Pat Sheehan is gearing up once again for one of Ireland's toughest endurance events, the 101km Kerry Way Ultra Nite Marathon, all in support of Comfort for Chemo Kerry.

After conquering the demanding course last September in an impressive 20 hours and 20 minutes, Pat is returning with renewed determination to match or beat his time, while raising vital funds for the Kerry-based cancer support charity.

The ultra-marathon kicks off tonight, Friday, September 5th at 9pm in Dromid. From there, participants will traverse some of Kerry's most challenging terrain, passing through Waterville, Caherdaniel, Sneem, Templenoe, and Kenmare, before finishing at Killarney Racecourse via the historic old Kenmare Road.

"Comfort for Chemo Kerry is an incredible cause that brings real support to cancer patients and their families throughout the county," said Pat. "Last year, thanks to the generosity of the community, we raised much-needed funds. Every single donation, no matter the size, can make a difference." Pat also extended heartfelt thanks to his support crew, Dave Ladden and Donnie O'Sullivan, whose behind-the-scenes work is essential to his success. "They take care of everything during the event, from start to finish. Their support allows me to focus fully on



getting through the 101 kilometres. I couldn't do it without them."

Mary Horgan, secretary of Comfort for Chemo Kerry, praised Pat's ongoing commitment: "Pat's dedication to both the event and our cause is truly inspiring. His efforts help raise not just crucial funds, but awareness of our goal to build a chemotherapy unit for the people of Kerry."

Supporters can contribute to Pat's fundraiser online at: idonate.ie/fundraiser/Pat101km1

Left in picture is Mary Horgan, secretary of Comfort for Chemo and Brid O'Connor comfort for chemo kerry

Very rare Comma Butterfly visits Killarney in July

Nature enthusiasts in Killarney were treated to an extraordinary sight when a rare Comma butterfly (*Polygonia c-album*) was spotted fluttering through the woodlands of Killarney National Park. The beautiful butterfly was captured by Tom Benson.

The distinctive butterfly, named for the small white "comma"-shaped mark on the underside of its wings, is known for its ragged wing edges and vibrant orange-brown coloring. Though once extinct in Ireland, the Comma has slowly been making a comeback.



Kerry's Gavin White to take to the stage in the Championship Village with the Sam Maguire at the Irish Open

The Amgen Irish Open at The K Club is set for its biggest day yet with Super Saturday on tomorrow, September 6th - a day of champions, entertainment, and community spirit.

In the afternoon in the Championship Village, fans will enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime celebration as broadcaster Shane O'Donoghue hosts live Q&As with this year's All-Ireland winners, giving supporters the chance to see their heroes up close.

On stage will be:

- Kerry football captain Gavin White
- Tipperary hurler Rhys Shelly
- Dublin football stars Carla Rowe (Captain), Niamh Donlon and Leah Caffrey (Vice Captains)
- Members of the Galway All-Ireland winning camogie team
- Rugby greats and Lions teammates Tadhg Beirne and

Dan Sheehan will further elevate the champions' line-up, bringing their stories to the big stage.

In the spirit of celebration, fans are encouraged to wear green on Saturday. For every person dressed in green, Amgen will make a donation to Make-A-Wish Ireland - turning a sea of green into a wave of support for children and families who need it most.



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Launches Peer Mentoring with Foróige

Killarney Community College has proudly partnered with Foróige, Ireland's leading youth organisation, to introduce a new peer mentoring programme that is already proving a wonderful success.

The initiative, led by Foróige's Damien Fitzpatrick, connects Transition Year (TY) students with first-year pupils, offering guidance and reassurance as they make the big step from primary to secondary school. TY students undertook training to prepare for their mentoring roles, focusing on listening, encouragement and building positive relationships.

TY coordinator Loretta Maher said the benefits have been clear to see:



Damien Fitzpatrick and the KCC TYs

"This programme is already making a real difference. Transitioning to secondary school can feel overwhelming, but having an older student to turn to for advice and reassurance makes it so much easier. Our TY mentors have stepped up brilliantly, showing maturity and empathy, and our first-years are benefitting hugely from the encouragement."



FIRST YEAR STUDENTS WITH TY STUDENTS

The programme not only helps new students feel welcome but also gives TY participants the opportunity to develop leadership and communication skills that will serve them well in the future.

With such a positive start, Killarney Community College is looking forward to continuing the mentoring programme for years to come, ensuring that every first-year has the support they need to thrive

Adult Group Singing Classes Begin at Anam Arts and Cultural Centre

Looking to lift your spirits and find your voice? Adult Group Singing Classes will be launching at the Anam Arts and Cultural Centre, Killarney, offering a joyful and inclusive space for everyone who loves to sing.

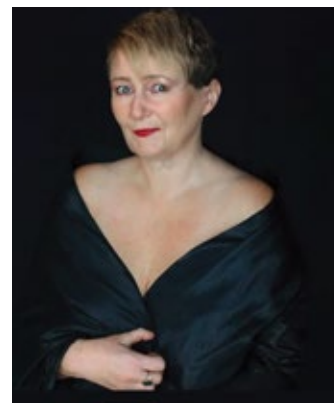
Classes begin on Tuesday, 9th September from 7:30–8:30pm and Wednesday, 10th September from 11:00am–12:00pm. Participants can look forward to singing a variety of songs and engaging in simple, enjoyable vocal exercises designed to bring out the

best in every voice.

Led by the talented and experienced Mary Culloty O'Sullivan, these sessions promise to be heartwarming, uplifting, and full of togetherness. No auditions are required, just bring your enthusiasm!

The cost is €50 for a 5-week term.

All are welcome - come along and experience the joy of group singing!



Killarney Musical Society Presents *All Shook Up*



Killarney Musical Society is delighted to announce its upcoming production of *All Shook Up*, which will be staged on the 10th, 11th, and 12th of February 2026 in the Gleneagle Arena. Tickets are now available from Ticketmaster or directly at the Gleneagle Arena Box Office.

An Information Evening will take place on Monday, 8th September at 8pm in the Mod Suites, Gleneagle Hotel. Auditions are scheduled for Sunday, 5th October in the Castlerosse Hotel.

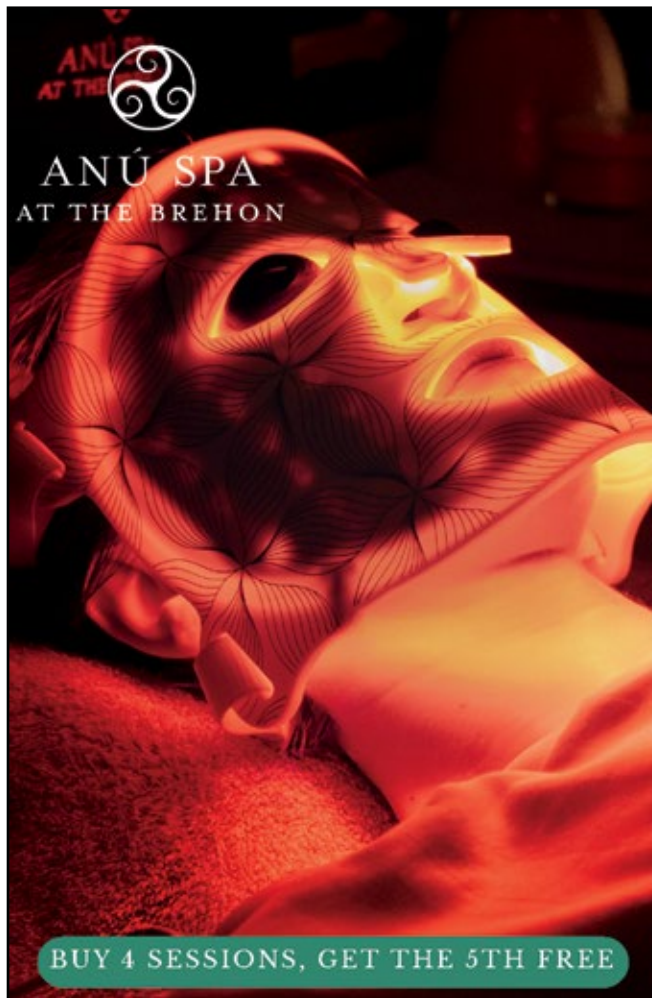
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Killarney Royal Townhouse Welcomes New General Manager

The Killarney Royal Townhouse is delighted to announce the appointment of Pat McGrath as its new General Manager. Originally from the West of Ireland, Pat brings over a decade of distinguished hospitality experience in Killarney and an exceptional track record in leadership, operations, and guest experience.

Pat joins the Killarney Royal Townhouse from Killarney Brewing & Distilling Company, where he served as Head of Hospitality since April 2024. His impressive career also includes leadership roles as Deputy General Manager at Lough Rynn Castle, Hotel Manager at The Landmark Hotel, and Operations Manager at both the Killarney Plaza Hotel and The Ross Hotel in Killarney.

"Pat brings a wealth of experience to the role, and we are confident that under his leadership we will continue to provide genuine

hospitality and incredible experiences to our guests, while also driving the exciting new positioning of Killarney Royal Townhouse as we continue to refine and enhance our offering" said Michael Jacobi, Managing Director of Scally Hotel Collection. In addition to his new role, Pat will also lead the revitalised positioning of Killarney Royal Townhouse, following an extensive enhancement of its guest rooms and a striking refresh of the hotel's façade. This exciting new chapter is marked by the launch of Fig – a vibrant new casual dining concept nestled within the Royal. With its laid-back atmosphere, warm and attentive service, and a flavourful all-day menu, Fig is set to become a favourite spot for everything from relaxed lunches and working meetings to easy-going dinners with friends and family.



DISCOVER KERRY at the National Ploughing Championships 2025

Kerry is set to bring its unique blend of heritage, hospitality and innovation to this year's National Ploughing Championships in Scraggan, Co. Offaly, from Tuesday, September 16th to Thursday, September 18th, 2025. Visitors will find the Discover Kerry stand in The Dome (Lifestyle & Tourism), Barrow – Block 4, Row 25, Stand 486.

Described as "a land for adventurers, trailblazers and stargazers", Kerry will showcase everything from artisan food and whiskey to cultural treasures, outdoor experiences and sustainability initiatives. Exhibitors will guide visitors on a journey through the Kingdom, sharing hidden gems, upcoming events, and interactive workshops.

Each day of the championships brings something new to savour.

Tuesday, September 16th – Muckross Creamery, Kerry County Museum, Kerry Creamery Experience

Wednesday, September 17th – Portmagee Whiskey, Kerry County Museum, Casey Collections

Thursday, September 18th – Wise Wool Project, Kerry County Museum, The Liberator Whiskey & Lakeview Single Estate Whiskey

Food and drink tastings will highlight the county's renowned produce, including Muckross Creamery Skyr Yogurt on Tuesday, Portmagee Whiskey on Wednesday, and a double whiskey feature on Thursday with The Liberator and Lakeview Single Estate.

Committed to sustainability, Muckross Creamery is a family-run business in Killarney. Known for their award-winning ice cream, John and Catherine Fleming recently launched their nutritious Skyr yogurt, made using skim milk that would otherwise go to waste. With sustainability at its core, the creamery has introduced reusable jars in partnership with The Ross Hotel and will serve samples at the Ploughing in eco-friendly reusable cups.

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**Anne Lucey**

looks at the positive news happening in Killarney



TIME TO LIVE STREAM LECTURES TO STUDENTS TO SAVE ON ACCOMMODATION?



Last week, we spoke of lightbulb moments for the nation in the Rose of Tralee when an apprentice electrician rather than a college graduate snatched the title.

College education in Ireland has become the norm in a few decades. But do we need to question what has become a huge industry in institutions, accommodation, guidance counselling and media commentary?

Meanwhile, parents and children working summers and weekends are paying an absolute fortune in accommodation, travel and other expenses to underpin this gigantic runaway industry. This goes for those on partial grants or even full grants too. Because no grant covers all of it if you live outside Dublin, Cork, Galway, Limerick, even Tralee.

We need less awe, and a more hard-headed look at much of the third level racket that is borderline sacred cow in this country.

In reality this is a money making industry with lecturers and academics paid eye-watering salaries far above the European norm. And maybe even the world norm. While millions of euro is wasted in financial scandals in some of our universities.

I came across a great idea from a friend on Facebook.

"Because of the housing crisis, could universities

live stream their lectures for students. It would make life easier for commuters / students having to relocate. It would take people out of the list for accommodation. I know the university life is very important for students, but with costs at an all time high, families have to weigh that up in these unprecedented times," Marie wrote. I think this is an excellent idea. It is one that should be pursued.

It has been clear to me for some years that there is a slip in academic standards. We are not straying into the realm of AI or copying or grade inflation. But the level of skill in written reports, press releases, basic communication reports from Government authorities and even in newspapers is well below that of previous generations.

Degrees, particularly higher degrees, seem to take less and less time. Gone are the days when people had to do two years course work for an MA and then write a thesis (still the norm in France and Germany).

Is anyone looking at the teaching standards in third level institutions? In academic posts what seems to matter is esoteric research being published in obscure journals. How much teaching time, lectures and one to one or even small group tutorials do students get per university. Generally ITs are more rigorous and have more teaching time, is my own experience. There should be far more public scrutiny and transparency in teaching standards. All we have is which university here makes the world rankings which seem to rate access to facilities like swimming pools and internationalism as highly as libraries. Teaching accounts for only about 30 per cent of the overall score.

Killarney has shown the lead in the coffee cup project - but there is anyone following?

Coffee cups are littering towns and harbours

across Ireland - but few places are following Killarney's lead in trying to eliminate the waste. The recent Irish Business Against Litter survey said it is very disappointed other towns have not followed Killarney's 2022 lead. Nearly half of the litter found in Dingle harbour for instance - the Kerry harbour was one of three coastal sites across the country deemed littered - was coffee cup litter.

There are calls once more for a coffee cup levy. "The coffee cup levy seems to have died with the last Government, but these findings show that the case for it has not died," said Conor Horgan of IBAL. "Coffee cups have become a permanent addition to the suite of litter items regularly found on our beaches. It's not just their visual impact - many contain plastic, which threatens sea life and in turn our very survival. 'Coffee cup-free' coastal areas, along the lines of the Killarney model, would be very welcome," he said.

In June the IBAL survey of Killarney ranked it third of 40 towns surveyed and cleaner than European norms. "A superb performance by Killarney, as with so many previous IBAL surveys," IBAL said.

No site was heavily littered. However the area around the Deerpark Shopping Park, while generally clean, had too many food related items (sweet wrappers, cans, coffee cups and fast-food wrappers) next to Costa Coffee and cigarette butts close to Boots for the top litter grade.

Killarney Train Station also failed to meet the highest grade with a wide variety of food related items and cigarette butts, particularly along the pedestrian pathway. "It appeared to be lacking a thorough cleaning and there were minimal bins throughout," IBAL said.

While this is being addressed, the beautiful railway, the gateway to our town for many, is worth watching.

Council back to school time

A glance back at the agendas of the Killarney Municipal District over the past couple of years has identified a number of outstanding issues. As term time begins for our councillors in mid-September, the following issues are bound to reemerge.

The awful congestion on Mission Road: Kerry's only non-Government TD Pa Daly ranked the road as the most congested in the county recently. There is hardly a local meeting where the Mission Road is not mentioned. So what are the plans being advanced by councillors and management is a key question?

Last year I wrote elsewhere about the many multi-million euro projects set for Killarney including a theatre and a multi-storey car park. Alas and alack! We know now what happened to these projects.

So, back to the drawing board. What are the plans for the Áras Phádraig deemed derelict by council management. Is there any talk of actually doing it up? I had a suggestion and I think it is a valid one. "Extend and do up the Áras, don't knock it." Make it into a modern small theatre with practice and meeting rooms. Going back to what it was, in other words.

Affordable housing: Still not one affordable house in Killarney under construction while the buy out of housing developments for social

housing continue apace by Kerry County Council and the various housing bodies. Killarney and Kerry is well behind most other local authorities on affordable housing. We are a lovely people, all social and no affordable in Kerry. Discrimination against a whole sector of our society - working people above a very modest income threshold - is really what is happening. It beggars understanding.

Does the council management and members and our TDs in Kerry not realise the disgruntlement this is causing? They may, but what are they actually doing?

Dog parks and dog litter: Where is the dog park? It's years since it was first mooted.

E-scooters and E-Bikes on footpaths: Hello, this is still a huge issue in Killarney, even Killarney town centre footpaths. What are the plans, councillors?

The Killarney Waste Water Treatment Plant: A clearly outlined case by public representatives and the local council to Uisce Éireann and the four Government TDs for the upgrade is much overdue.

And finally, the much vaunted third level tourism college in the Pretty Polly: Where is it? The Kerry ETB was the lead body in this. We haven't heard a word in months.

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Killarney Shortlisted in Race for Ireland's Greenest Place 2025



Killarney has been officially shortlisted in the prestigious Ireland's Greenest Places 2025 competition, recognising its outstanding environmental leadership and community-wide sustainability efforts.

One of three nominations from County Kerry, Killarney is competing in the "Town" category, alongside Skerries (Dublin) and Ballina (Mayo), with the potential to also claim the overall national title.

Under its ambitious Sustainable Killarney 2030 Vision, the town has become a national leader in environmental action. Killarney made headlines as the first town in Ireland to eliminate single-use takeaway coffee cups - an initiative estimated to have prevented over 1.5 million cups from entering landfill.

Local environmentalism runs deep in Killarney. The town has embraced pollinator-friendly initiatives, supported by a network of green spaces, and is home to the Wander Wild Festival, which encourages a stronger connection to nature through sustainable outdoor experiences. Businesses have also stepped up, with many actively monitoring and reducing energy use as part of the town's shared

climate goals. Killarney's nomination comes as part of a strong showing for Kerry in the competition, with Castlegregory/Maharees shortlisted in the Village category and the Dingle Peninsula named in the Community category. Kerry's three nominations are second only to Dublin, which leads with four.

Launched by The Irish Times in association with Electric Ireland, the competition aims to highlight local action on climate and sustainability. More than 120 projects were submitted nationwide, with Killarney standing out for its collective engagement, long-term environmental planning, and clear evidence of cultural and behavioural change.

Judging is now underway, with final decisions to be made in the coming weeks. Whether Killarney takes the top prize or not, the town's place on the shortlist confirms its growing reputation as a model for sustainable living in Ireland.

Kerry Local Announced as Farm Safety Community Champion



Irish Rural Link has launched a new Farm Safety Community Champion programme to address labour shortages and social isolation in farming communities. Funded by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, the

initiative will train

local Champions to promote farm safety and wellbeing across rural Ireland.

Kenmare man, Mark Riordan, Chairperson of Kerry Macra, has been named one of nine Farm Safety Community Champions. With a background in agri-science and rural development, Riordan brings experience from both the farming and food industries. In 2024, he was crowned Macra Mr. Personality



and now also serves on the IFA's National Rural Development Committee and Macra na Feirme's Agricultural Affairs subcommittee. The programme will see Champions deliver farm safety and mental health talks in community spaces like marts and centres, supported by a dedicated training manual.

A new initiative under the programme, The Farmer's Haggart, encourages farmers to help each other with day-to-day tasks to build stronger local networks and reduce isolation. To learn more or find your local Champion, visit farmers4safety.ie



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Stronger Together Choir to Host Christmas Concert in Aid of Local Charities

After a well-earned summer break, the Stronger Together Choir will return to rehearsals this Thursday, September 11th, with their sights firmly set on a festive celebration for a great cause.

Their much-anticipated Christmas Concert will take place in the Franciscan Friary on Sunday, December 7th at 3pm, and promises to be a heartwarming event to kick off the holiday season. Even more importantly, the concert will raise funds for two vital local charities, the Killarney Cardiac Response Unit and the Killarney Water Rescue Search and Recovery Team.

Both groups are very important in the community. The Cardiac Response Unit is a voluntary organisation of around 40 members who respond to emergency cardiac calls within a 10km radius of Killarney Town, with additional teams in Beaufort, Furies, Rathmore, and Kenmare. The Water Rescue Team offers crucial search-and-recovery services across local lakes, rivers, and coastlines, often working alongside the Coastguard, Fire and Ambulance Services, and Kerry Mountain Rescue.

"When we set up the choir almost three years ago, we emphasised the importance of the community aspect. We've sung at MTU's Dochas Centre, Tralee Food Festival, Lasta Festival in Siamsa Tire, and Kilcummin's Jingle and Mingle event. But the Friary Christmas Concert will be our first major performance in Killarney itself, and our members are both excited and honoured," Choir Chairperson Tom O'Shea told Killarney Outlook.

Tom also spoke about the choir's strong social connection, which is as important as the singing itself: "There's solid research showing that social bonds are key to health and wellbeing. Our members feel connected, valued, and part of something meaningful. We mark the end of each



term with a fun social evening, food, songs, and good company."

One such outing in August saw members enjoy a scenic trip to Derrycunihy Church, a walk to Lord Brandon's Cottage for lunch, and a boat journey through the Lakes of Killarney to Ross Castle.

The Stronger Together Choir welcomes new members (male and female) of all singing abilities. Rehearsals take place on Thursday nights from 7:45pm to 9:15pm at the Presentation Monastery, New Road, Killarney. The next term begins on Thursday, September 11th, with registration from 7:30pm. The 7-week term costs €35, followed by a 5-week second term after the mid-term break (€25), culminating in their December performances.

Anyone interested can simply turn up on the night or contact Tom O'Shea at 087 2902147 for more information.

Dublin to Cork Run for HOPE: 250 Kilometres of Courage



This week, The Hope Foundation is proud to support a remarkable journey as HOPE staff member Elle O'Sullivan-McCarthy undertakes a 250km run from the GPO in Dublin all the way to Cork County Hall.

Elle is not running alone, along the way, she will be joined by some well-known faces, including RTE sports broadcaster Jacqui Hurley and Munster Rugby star Alex Kendellen, who are lending their support and steps to this inspiring cause.

The goal? To raise much-needed funds for HOPE's life-saving and life-changing work with street-connected and slum-dwelling children in Kolkata, India.

"This isn't just a run, it's a

statement of solidarity with the children we work with every day," said Elle. "Every kilometre is a step toward a better future." The Hope Foundation has been working in Kolkata for over two decades, delivering education, healthcare, protection, and empowerment to some of the city's most vulnerable populations.

Supporters are encouraged to donate, cheer Elle on, and follow the journey on social media using the hashtag #RunForHOPE.

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ST PAUL'S MEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE:

Pre-Season Preparations Underway



Both Steve Kelly and Samuel Grant have arrived in Killarney ahead of schedule as preparations ramp up for the new National League season, set to tip off on the first weekend of October. Their early arrival signals strong intent as St Paul's aim to hit the ground running in what promises to be a competitive campaign.

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

Samuel Grant, standing at 6ft 9 inches, will bring his considerable height to the St Pauls line up and comes with a strong reputation having represented England at U15 level and Great Britain at U16, 18 and 20 level. While you would think his size would make him primarily an inside player, he actually has an impressive

outside shot, something which helps him to regularly contribute 20 plus points in games. He attended the University of Sioux Falls the last two college seasons and previous to that he played for the Florida Institute of Technology. A native of Wellingborough he majored in Accounting, interestingly he worked under highly rated Kerry native Alan Keane when at Reading.

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

St Pauls will now also compete under the banner of Utility Trust St Pauls Killarney following reaching agreement with the company, who also are of course the lead sponsor the Women's Superleague team Long term sponsors Scotts Hotel will however remain on as an associate sponsor, continuing their link up with the club which has spanned the decades.

Met Éireann Unveils 2025/26 Storm Names to Mark 10th Anniversary of Naming Initiative

Met Éireann, in collaboration with the UK Met Office and the Dutch national weather service KNMI, has announced the official list of storm names for the 2025/26 season, which begins today and runs until August 31st, 2026.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the storm naming initiative, and to commemorate the milestone, members of the public were invited to contribute name suggestions. Met Éireann received over 10,000 submissions from 4,137 individuals through a nationwide social media campaign.

The final list includes 21 names, with each of the three partner countries contributing seven. The names chosen by Met Éireann are: Fionnuala, Gerard, Lilith, Marty, Oscar, Patrick, and Tadhg. The full 2025/26 storm name list is: Amy, Bram, Chandra, Dave, Eddie, Fionnuala, Gerard, Hannah, Isla, Janna, Kasia, Lilith, Marty, Nico, Oscar, Patrick, Ruby, Stevie, Tadhg, Violet, and Wubbo. As in previous years, the letters Q, U, X, Y, and Z are excluded from the list, in

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D Dave	K Kasia	S Stevie
E Eddie	L Lilith	T Tadhg
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accordance with international storm-naming conventions. The naming system aims to raise awareness and improve public safety by

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Rower to Carry Rowing Machine Up Carrauntoohill and Row a Marathon for UNICEF



On Saturday, September 20th, I rower Kenny McDonald will take on an extraordinary challenge, climbing Carrauntoohill, Ireland's highest peak, with a Concept2 rowing machine and rowing a full 42.2km marathon on the summit.

Kenny is taking on the challenge to raise vital funds for UNICEF's emergency response in Gaza, where children are facing unimaginable hardship.

"I have young children myself, and I feel shocked and helpless watching what children in Gaza are living through," said Kenny. "Carrying a rowing machine up a mountain and rowing a marathon is tough, but it's nothing compared to what families in Gaza endure every day. This is my way of showing solidarity and doing something practical to support UNICEF's life-saving work."

Kenny is inviting people across Ireland to support his challenge in two ways:

Row in solidarity: Join with your rowing club, gym, or community group on September 20th and row your own marathon (or any distance you can manage).

Donate: Support Kenny's fundraiser through his iDonate page: <https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/KennethMcDonald12>.

UNICEF is one of the few organisations working on the ground in Gaza, delivering urgent food, clean water, medical supplies, and protection for children and families. Funds raised through Kenny's challenge will help UNICEF reach more children with the care they desperately need.

Kenny is a serving Garda Instructor based in Templemore. He is a former international rower with Multiple World championships and 6 World records.

Event Details

Location: Carrauntoohill, Co. Kerry

Date: Saturday, September 20th, 2024

Challenge: Carry rowing machine up Carrauntoohill + row 42.2km marathon on the summit

ROB CROWNED PLAYER OF THE YEAR

On Saturday, 30th August 2025, the Western Australia Senior Men's Gaelic Football Championship Final was held in Perth, where St. Finbarr's Gaelic Football Club, secured a commanding victory over Greenwood with a scoreline of 4-13 to 0-6.

A key figure in St. Finbarr's success this season has been Rob O'Sé, a native of An Ghaeltacht, Co. Kerry, currently on a teaching career break from Gaelscoil Carraig Uí Leighin, Cork. Rob's performances have been instrumental in leading the club to a historic double, having also won the Western Australia League Final just three weeks earlier.

Rob's personal accolades this year include:

- Player of the Match in both the Championship and League Finals 2025
- Western Australia Player of the Year 2025
- Western Australia League Player of the Year 2025

It's believed he may be the first West Kerry Ghaeltacht man to achieve such honours in Western Australia.

A quick summary of his football background:


- o All-Ireland Minor winner with Kerry in 2014
- o Played for Kerry U21s, narrowly losing to Galway, 2017
- o All-Ireland Junior winner in 2017
- o Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta 2019, 2017
- o Cousin of Kerry legend Dr. Seán Murphy (1959 Sean Murphy's All-Ireland)

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Kerry County Council is delighted to announce the expansion of Ciar's Quest, the award-winning free Augmented Reality trail experience, to three new locations across the county.

Building on the success of the original trail in Ross Island in Killarney National Park, families can now join Ciar on his magical adventure along the Kingdom of Kerry Greenways, with trails on both the Listowel to Limerick Greenway and the Tralee to Fenit Greenway. Ciar also has a fun, all-year round Quest to complete starting at Ballyheigue Blue Flag Beach.

The trails were developed by Cork based Wanderly and funded by the Department of Rural & Community Development's Digital Innovation Programme as part of Kerry's Smart Beaches programme.



Kerry County Council launched Ciar's Quest to Three New Kerry Locations including Ballyheigue Beach. Photo By: Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD.

Ciar's Quest transforms an ordinary walk or cycle into an exciting family adventure. By downloading the free app, visitors and locals can follow a digital map, scan the symbols they find along the trails, and help Ciar bring to life the Kingdom's hidden wildlife and folklore treasures.

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Returns to the Heritage Centre

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Killarney Coach Kelly Ahern Returns from European Championship to Lead the Basketball Ireland South West Academy

Killarney basketball coach Kelly Ahern has returned home after proudly representing Ireland with the Ireland Girls U16 team at the European Championships in Istanbul. Ireland rounded off a challenging but valuable campaign with a strong win over North Macedonia last week, giving the young squad vital international experience at the top level. Now back on home soil, Ahern turns her attention to the Basketball Ireland South West Academy, where she has been appointed Head Coach. The Academy's first step in the new season will see the first U14 Girls Talent Identification session this coming Sunday September 7th at the Kerry Sports Academy, MTU Tralee, with some of the region's brightest young talents set to compete for a place. Alongside her academy duties, Ahern continues to play a central role in the development of basketball in Kerry, following a busy summer development program with Kingdom Basketball, attention now turns to preparing for a busy season ahead

as coach with St Brigid's Presentation Secondary School, MTU Kerry Women's team and the Killarney Cougars Juveniles, where she has been instrumental in fostering growth and competitiveness in the game throughout the county.

Speaking after her return, Ahern said:

"It was a huge honour to work again with the Irish U16 squad in Istanbul and to represent the country on the international stage. The experience will stand to the players, and I'm excited to now bring that same energy and learning into my work here in Kerry with the Basketball Ireland South West Academy, Post Primary schools, and MTU Kerry."

The Basketball Ireland South West Academy continues to open new pathways for aspiring young players under Coach Kelly's guidance. Full details on the upcoming U14 Talent Identification sessions is available with registration details on the Basketball Ireland website <https://ireland.basketball>



Coach Kelly Ahern with the U14 Kerry girls at the All Ireland Inter Area Final versus Cork in University Limerick last Easter.



Ireland U16 Coaching Staff and Management at the FIBA European Championships that concluded last Friday in Istanbul.

Garda speed vans in Kerry collect less than a half million in 30 months

Ní Mhurchú calls for a get-tough approach on speeding as Garda speed vans collect over €32 million euros nationally in 30 months. In Kerry, Garda speed vans only collected €482,080 in the same period.

Ireland South MEP Cynthia Ní Mhurchú has called for a get-tough approach to those who are caught doing excessive speeds on our rural roads. The MEP has called for a greater concentration of speed vans at accident black spots and on our rural roads in Kerry where speeding is dramatically impacting on road safety.

The EU Transport Committee MEP made her calls as Gardaí released figures to her showing that €32,437,002 has been collected in fines from Garda speed vans between January 2023, and June 8th, 2025. In the same period, only €482,080 was collected in Kerry by Garda speed vans. By comparison, over €3.3m was collected in nearby Tipperary. Garda figures released to Ní Mhurchú also show that Gardaí paid out over €44m euro to private speed

camera operators between the start of 2023 and up to August 18th, 2025, meaning that the Garda speed van system is operating at an overall loss.

Dublin and Tipperary were two of the highest grossing counties for the Garda speed vans in the period with Cork and Kildare following closely behind.

Garda District	2023	2024	Up to June 8th 2025
Tralee	€82,560	€92,400	€30,960
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Glenflesk Couples Celebrate Special Wedding Anniversaries

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Wedding Anniversary mass at St. Agatha's Church Glenflesk last Saturday. Front left, Mary and John Buckley (50th), Mary and Denis McCarthy (55th), Mary and Paddy Casey (55th), Joan and Donie Moynihan. (55th). Middle row, Nora and Jerry Kelleher (30th), Mary and Dan Galvin (40th), Mary and Martin O'Mahony (40th), Mary and Denis O'Sullivan (40th). Back row Fr. Jim Linehan P.P., Jenny and Michael O'Connell (20th), Shane and Mary O'Riordan (20th), Eugene and Joan Bowler (25th), Siobhán and Kevin Parker (25th).



Celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary last Saturday in St. Agatha's Church Glenflesk with Fr. Jim Linehan P.P. were John and Mary McCarthy.



Celebrating 40 years of marriage at St. Agatha's Church Glenflesk with Parish Priest Fr. Jim Linehan, Front row Dan and Mary Galvin, Mary and Martin O'Mahony, back row, Mary and Denis O'Sullivan.



Celebrating 25 years of marriage in St. Agatha's Church Glenflesk last Saturday from left, Eugene and Joan Bowler, Fr. Jim Linehan P.P., Siobhán and Kevin Parker.



Celebrating their 20th wedding anniversary in St. Agatha's Church Glenflesk last Saturday, from left, Michael and Jenny O'Connell, Fr. Jim Linehan P.P., Mary and Shane O'Riordan.



Celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary in St. Agatha's Church Glenflesk last Saturday with Parish Priest Fr. Jim Linehan were front, Mary and Denis McCarthy, Mary and Paddy Casey. Back row, Joan and Donie Moynihan.



Jerry and Nora Kelleher celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary with Fr. Jim Linehan P.P. at St. Agatha's Church Glenflesk last Saturday.

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MARY KISSANE O'SHEA

Honoured on Retirement After 45 Years of Service

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Mary Kissane O'Shea was honoured at a special retirement function held at The Dunloe Castle Hotel, Killarney, on Friday. Colin McGillicuddy, Principal of St. Francis' Special School, Beaufort (fifth from left), made a special presentation on behalf of the staff and pupils, recognising Mary's extraordinary dedication and significant contribution over her 45-year career as a Special Needs Assistant at the school.

Mary officially marked her retirement on Monday, 1st September, in a heartfelt and symbolic gesture, cycling from Kissane's Shop in Beaufort to the school, retracing the same route she first took on her very first day in 1980 at just 18 years of age. She was joined by family and friends for the memorable ride, bringing her remarkable journey full circle.

Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



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Mary Kissane O'Shea at her retirement function from St Francis' Special School, Beaufort with her husband Brian, son Gavin, brother John and sons Colm and Cian at The Dunloe Castle Hotel, Killarney on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



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All eyes on Caoimhe as she represents Ireland in the European U23 Rowing Championships

An exciting summer of rowing is reaching its crescendo this month with multiple events at home and abroad bringing an end to the extended rowing season of 2024/25. Ireland's top national senior crews are currently preparing for the World Rowing Championships which will take place in Shanghai, China at the end of September. Closer to home, Muckross and University of Limerick rower Caoimhe O'Sullivan has been selected as part of the Irish U23 squad to compete in the European Rowing Under 23 Championships, that will take place this weekend in Racice, Czech Republic. Caoimhe will race as part of the Womens Eight crew, one of just two Irish crews involved in the contest together with the Mens Eight. Caoimhe, a native of Headford in Killarney, is no stranger to international competition. In 2021, Caoimhe raced as a junior for Ireland in the Coupe de la Jeunesse for Under 19 rowers while in 2023, Caoimhe was selected as part of the Senior Womens squad for Ireland at the Home International Regatta. Caoimhe has also won a number of Irish Championship titles racing with her university club UL RC.

This weekend's racing in the Czech Republic sees Ireland's Womens Eight race in a field of just five crews with competition from hosts Czech Republic as well as Austria, Spain and Romania. The five Womens Eight crews will have a preliminary race (10:35am Irish time) on Saturday 6th September to decide the lane draw for Sunday's final race (11:14am Irish time).

Caoimhe's Czech campaign follows an already successful rowing year for her home club Muckross RC, with five of its members already donning the green jersey. In July, Rachel Fuller returned home from the Home International Regatta in London as a double gold medal winner for Ireland. At the Homes event in London, Rachel was also joined by fellow Muckross rowers Ethan O'Neill and Daniel Daly who competed as part of the Irish Mens squad. In early August, Muckross junior rowers Cian Scannell and Ronan Fahy also represented Ireland, racing in the Coupe



Caoimhe O'Sullivan, Muckross RC and UL RC, racing for Ireland at the European U23 Rowing Championships in the Czech Republic this weekend

de la Jeunesse for European juniors. Cian returned home as a bronze medallist in the Mens Double event. Hopes are now high for further success in the Czech Republic and for Caoimhe and Irish Womens Eight crew.

Back at home in Muckross, rowers are also busy preparing for the final local contests of the rowing season. The countdown continues to the historic Killarney Regatta, which sees local rivalries reignited for the town's oldest sporting contest. The annual Killarney Regatta will take place at O'Mahony's Point, Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday 14th September. This weekend also sees the staging of the Kenmare Endurance Regatta, which will involve crews competing in coastal rowing boats over 2km and 4km races.

Families continue to seek back-to-school support from SVP despite extension of free books scheme

The Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP) has received almost 3,500 calls for help with back-to-school costs this year, as parents looked for support with expensive uniforms, voluntary contributions, school administration fees, electronic devices, mock exams and Transition

Year charges.

From 2023 to 2024, SVP recorded a notable 26% reduction in calls during the back-to-school period, largely due to the introduction of free school books for primary and post-primary pupils. This year, despite the scheme being extended to senior cycle students, the charity has seen just a 3% decrease in calls as families struggle to meet other education costs.

"While free books are a welcome step, the reality is that education in Ireland is still far from free," said Niamh Dalziel, Research & Policy Officer with SVP. "Parents are cutting back on essentials or going into debt to meet school costs. Chronic underfunding forces schools to rely on families, creating a system that is deeply unequal."

SVP is urging Government to address the underlying funding gaps in education through

Budget 2026.

The charity's key recommendation to improve educational equity, as set out in the Delivering an Equal and Inclusive Budget submission, include:

- Removal of mock exam and correction fees.
 - Provision of funding support for electronic devices in schools where they are mandatory.
 - Increase of the capitation grant by 25%, with a higher rate of 30% made available to schools that implement the Department of Education's guidance on affordable school uniforms.
- "An inclusive education system removes financial barriers and stigma, and gives every child the chance to thrive," said Dalziel. "Budget 2026 is an opportunity to make free education in Ireland a reality."



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New Junior Infants Welcomed at Loreto National School

It was a proud morning at Loreto National School as the Junior Infants class began their school journey this week.

In the first photograph, Special Needs Assistant Edel Finn, class teacher Evelyn O'Reilly, and school principal Brian O'Sullivan are pictured together as they welcomed the newest members of the school community.

This year's intake was particularly special for Mr. O'Sullivan, as his own daughter, Niamh, joined Junior Infants. A lovely family photograph captured the milestone moment.

Adding to the excitement of the day, the class also boasts not one, but two sets of twins: Jasmine and Max Daly, along with Charlie and Fiadh Griffin.

The atmosphere was filled with smiles, nerves, and plenty of excitement as the children took their first steps into school life.



Special Needs Assistant Edel Finn, class teacher Evelyn O'Reilly, and school principal Brian O'Sullivan pictured with the new Junior Infants



Principal Brian O'Sullivan with his daughter Niamh



Twins: Jasmine and Max Daly, along with Charlie and Fiadh Griffin.

DON'T MISS OUT! APPLICATIONS CLOSING SOON FOR THE INAUGURAL STRIPE YOUNG SCIENTIST & TECHNOLOGY EXHIBITION

Students aged 12–19 across Ireland have just three weeks left to submit entries for the 2026 Stripe Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition, the first exhibition to take place with programmable financial services company Stripe as title sponsor. The event will be held at the RDS, Dublin, from 7–10 January 2026, and applications must be submitted by 5 p.m. on 26 September 2025.

Ireland has a long history of world-changing inventions and scientific contributions, from the modern submarine to the portable defibrillator to the rocket-propelled ejector seat. Continuing this tradition, many YSTE alumni have gone on to be scientists, engineers, and entrepreneurs, developing ideas that have advanced society.

Stripe became the title sponsor of the exhibition in May 2025, succeeding BT Ireland after their 25-year custodianship of the event. The appointment marked twenty years since Stripe co-founders Patrick and John Collison competed at the 2005 YSTE, where Patrick was crowned the overall winner and John took home a category award.

As title sponsors, Stripe will preserve YSTE's proven formula and maintain popular initiatives introduced by BT, including the Primary Science Fair, Business Bootcamp, accommodation grants, and meal vouchers. In partnership with the YSTE Board, Stripe plans to enhance the exhibition for the next generation of scientists and technologists, with more guidance and

inspiration for students preparing their projects, additional resources for teachers, and new ways for alumni to connect and collaborate. Alongside favourite exhibits from prior years, Stripe YSTE 2026 will feature fresh installations showcasing cutting-edge technology like AI, along with books that have inspired ideas to improve the world.

To enter, students simply need to complete an online application and submit a one-page proposal outlining their idea. Finalists will be announced at the end of October, with their projects showcased at the exhibition in January. For more information on the Stripe YSTE and how to apply, visit www.stripeyste.com.

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John Mulhern Steps Down as CEO of Kerry Airport

The recent breaking news that John Mulhern was stepping down as CEO of Kerry Airport after 6 years at the helm, has been greeted by Fianna Fáil TD Michael Cahill with both deep appreciation and disappointment. Deputy Cahill, his party's Spokesperson on Tourism said that here in Kerry, we will be forever grateful for the amazing progress made at Kerry Airport during his tenure in charge. "John Mulhern's contribution to tourism in this county has been enormous during his 6 years as CEO of Kerry Airport, overseeing a fabulous upgrade of facilities there. This project was the biggest single investment in this vital transport and tourism facility, since it was officially opened as a Regional Airport by the then Taoiseach, Charles Haughey in 1989. It was with mixed emotions that I received this news, as I am so thankful to him for all he is done and sorry to that he has seen fit to hand over the reins at this time" stated Deputy Cahill. "John's input will be long remembered by everyone who utilises the routes in and out of Kerry and by all those involved in tourism in the county, for his innovation and foresight" he said. "I wish John Mulhern, on behalf of all the people of Kerry the very best and every success in whatever 'flight plan' life takes him into the future" added Michael Cahill TD.



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"I think couples can sense how much I genuinely love, love... and maybe that's what comes through in my work," she smiles.

Her photos aren't stiff or staged; they're alive. Editorial, fun, and full of mischief. They capture the laughter, tears, chaos and craic that make weddings unforgettable, the kind of moments you'll still be crying into your coffee over thirty years later. Sarah Kate is happiest near wild seas and heather-covered mountains, hiking Killarney National Park

(though she's terrified of heights), sipping a pint (one is plenty), or mangling the cúpla focal. What she truly loves is the glorious madness of weddings: the mammy dabbing her eyes, the kids under the tables, and the uncle who definitely shouldn't be trusted with a microphone.

And it's not just Sarah Kate saying it, her couples sing her praises too.

Eileen remembers: "Sarah Kate was the most amazing photographer for our wedding! We initially contacted her because we loved the style of her photos, but oh my gosh, we now just love her as a person! The images she captured are totally 'us.' We never felt uncomfortable in front of the camera thanks to her. Sarah brought such fantastic energy to our wedding day."

Cherifa agrees: "Sarah Kate is a truly talented photographer who is extremely passionate about her job. She captured our wedding day perfectly and was an absolute joy to have around. Sarah went out of her way to make sure that we took the opportunities to slow down and enjoy each part, which I am so grateful for. I can't recommend Sarah enough, if you are thinking of booking her for your big day, you won't regret it!!"

So, if you're a pair of romantic feckers who don't take yourselves too seriously (and maybe feel a bit camera shy, but sure who isn't?) Sarah Kate's the one you want in the room, camera in hand, catching the love and the laughter in equal measure.



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Minister Foley Welcomes Confirmation That **CHILDREN AGED 5–8 CAN NOW TRAVEL FREE ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Kerry T.D Norma Foley has welcomed confirmation from her Cabinet Colleague, Minister for Transport, Darragh O'Brien T.D that children aged 5 to 8 will now be eligible for free travel on all Transport for Ireland (TFI) services.

From this week, some 263,000 children nationwide can travel free with a TFI Leap Card.

The scheme applies to all TFI public transport services, including Local Link, Dublin Bus, Bus Éireann, Go-Ahead Ireland, Iarnród Éireann, and LUAS.

Children under 5 already travel free, and this expansion ensures no child is charged for public transport until their ninth birthday.

Minister Foley said: "This is a really positive development for families in Kerry and right across the country.

Providing free travel for children up to their ninth birthday eases the financial burden on households and makes public transport a far more attractive option for families.

It also delivers on a clear commitment in the Programme for Government to make transport more affordable, more accessible, and more sustainable.



Government is committed to better connectivity, sustainable transport, and easing the cost of living for families - today's announcement is another step in that direction."

For more information on the application process and the Child 5-8 Leap Card, parents can visit: <https://about.leapcard.ie/child-5-8-tfi-leap-card>

Minister Healy-Rae **STANDS WITH STRIKING SCHOOL SECRETARIES AND CARETAKERS**



Minister Michael Healy-Rae pictured on the picket line at Holy Cross Mercy Killarney

Minister of State Michael Healy-Rae today joined school secretaries and caretakers on the picket line, expressing his full support for their campaign for fair treatment and parity of conditions with other public servants.

Speaking after meeting staff outside a local school, Minister Healy-Rae said:

"Our school secretaries and caretakers are the backbone of our education system. They are the people who open the gates in the morning, who answer every phone call, who deal with parents and pupils, and who make sure our schools are safe, clean, and functioning. Yet they are denied the basic fairness of equal pensions and conditions that other public servants rightly enjoy. That is not acceptable."

The Minister confirmed that he and his Independent colleagues in Government are united in their support for the striking staff:

"We have made it clear to the Minister that action must be taken. These workers are not asking for luxuries, they are asking for dignity, respect, and parity. I will continue to raise this matter at the highest level of Government until it is resolved."

Minister Healy-Rae concluded: "This strike is not taken lightly by those involved, but it reflects the frustration of dedicated people who have been overlooked for too long. They deserve to have their voices heard and their demands addressed. The time for action is now."



St. Brigid's Presentation Secondary School students in the 1970's.

St Brigid's Past Pupils Sought for School Uniform Project

St Brigid's Presentation Secondary School, Killarney, is reaching out to its past pupils for help with a unique school history project.

The school is compiling a display of its uniforms through the years and is asking former students to share photographs of themselves and their classmates in uniform, whether taken last year or several decades ago. The photos will be displayed on a special noticeboard in the assembly area, allowing current students to see how school fashion has evolved across generations.

"We would really appreciate the engagement," said teacher Stephanie Horan, who is coordinating the project.

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Irish Countrywomen's Association has returned since September 3rd in Rural Development office at 8pm. Monthly meeting arrange a speaker on different topics. Craft classes every other Wednesday night with knitting and crocket. For further details, please, contact Eileen on Mobile 087 6932201.

KILCUMMIN PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Kilcummin Parents Association Quiz will take place in Kilcummin GAA Club this Friday, September 5th at 7.30pm. Adult Teams €40, Primary/Secondary €20. Raffle tickets €2 or 3 for €5. Lots of prizes on the night. All welcome.

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COMPUTER LITERACY COURSE

Computer Literacy Course Kerry ETB are offering Digital Media class in Kilcummin Rural Development office, starting on Monday 8th September from 7 to 10pm. This class is mostly on phone, connecting to Wi-Fi, downloading and using apps etc. For more information contact Mary on 086 0749756. Mon-Fri.

KILCUMMIN GAA By Donal Barry PRO

SENIORS

It took a late Shane McSweeney point in injury time to split the difference in what turned out to be a nail biting ending as Kilcummin secured their place in the last 4 of the Intermediate Club Championship as James Foley's men saw off the challenge of Listowel 1-14 to 0-16 last Saturday evening. It was an ending that seemed far removed from the opening quarter in which Kilcummin at one stage led 1-7 to 0-1. A brace of two pointers from Philip O'Leary and Cian Foley ahead of the game only goal on the 8th minute when Kevin Gorman's pass gave Mark O'Shea the time to shoot set up the perfect start. Listowel opened their account on the 15th minute and despite the home side hitting the next 3 points including a two pointer from Paul O Shea it was the North Kerry men that began to reel in the lead outscoring Kilcummin 0-6 to 0-2 at the alter end of the half to leave the score 1-8 to 0-7 at half time. In a nip and tuck second half Listowel finally got ahead on the 50th minute and moved two points clear with 7 minutes left on the clock. It would need a big effort to get back into the contest and two crucial Paul O'Shea catches at midfield ignited the response with scores from Matt Keane from play and a free before the drama unfolded with Todd collecting a ball taking a tackle and tapping over with his left leg as he has done many time before in his 23 years senior career which certainly isn't over just yet with an Intermediate club semi-final to look forward to.

UNDER 14 BOYS

Hard luck to our Under 14B team that were defeated in the East Kerry Division 4 final to Furies on Friday evening. Having battled hard throughout Furies took control late on

UNDER 16 LADIES

Congratulations to the under 16 team who captured the Division 3 county final defeating Glenflesk 6-8 to 5-7. Some fine scores from Ellie



U13 girls secured a win in their opening game of the season against Castleisland AFC.

O'Sullivan, Rhea Kate and Rebecca O Connell put Kilcummin into an early lead but it was Glenflesk that got on top towards halftime to take a 1-point lead into the break. A spirited second half by Kilcummin which included 2 goals by Ellie O Sullivan saw Kilcummin retake the lead and led by captain Hannah Kelliher the girls shut out Glenflesk despite the concession of a late goal.

UNDER 15 LADIES

It was great to see Melissa O Connor, Rebecca O Connell and Ella Kate Pigott represent Kerry in the Under 15 Munster PDP Blitz which took place in Mallow on Saturday. Well done girls.

UNDER 10 GIRLS

Our U10 girls hosted Beaufort, Currow and Killarney Legion on Saturday afternoon for a Go Game Blitz. Well done to all the girls, there was some very exciting games and great skill levels from all teams.

MOTHERS AND OTHERS

Our Mothers & Others will be back training as usual on Monday night from 7-8pm in Kilcummin. New members welcome. Anyone interested in joining the M & O for fun, fitness & football, contact Ann-Marie on (087) 904 7274.

GAA LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Monday 25th August for the Jackpot of €3,500. Numbers drawn were 03,09,17,28. Consolation prizes of €50 went Mike Leary, Brenda Murphy, Irene O'Donoghue, Padraig, Anna & David Lenihan. Our next draw will be on Monday 08th September for Jackpot of €3,750.

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U13 GIRLS PREMIER LEAGUE

Our U13 girls secured a win in their opening game of the season against Castleisland AFC. Goals from Gracie Maher and Annie Mai O'Donoghue sealed the victory. Castleisland AFC 0-2 Mastergeeha FC

LOTTO

There was no winner on Friday 29th August 2025 of the Jackpot €10,200. Numbers drawn were 05,20,21,27. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Sheila McCormack, Noreen, Sarah, Ciara & Sinéad Nagle, Ellen O'Sullivan, Ben Brosnan Jnr. The next draw will be on Friday 05th September for Jackpot of €10,400.

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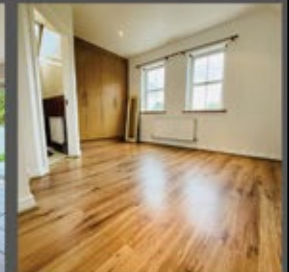
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RATHMORE | GNEEVEGUILLA PARISH

By Michael O'Mahony

SHARE THE BUCKET

Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group reminds you that Share the Bucket takes place weekly. The draw is every Friday evening in Teach Fáilte @8.30 pm and can be viewed live on our Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook Page. This week's jackpot was €206 and the winner was Paddy Fleming. Tickets cost €2 each or 3 for €5..They are available at Teach Fáilte and can be bought online at <https://tinyurl.com/y2ade5om> or in local businesses where you see the Green Share the bucket.

SYMPATHIES to Eileen Fleming, son Timothy & daughter Norrina & families on the death of John Oliver Fleming, Gneeveguilla Village, husband, father & grandfather, his brothers Liam, David & Ray, sister Kathleen & extended families. John Olivers funeral took place on Friday 29th August in Gneeveguilla, may he rest in peace

BINGO at Rathmore community centre every Friday at 8-30 at St. Mary's Parish Hall, will be held on Thursdays@ 8.30pm

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We thank the community for their continued support of the 301 club which funds local tidy towns projects St Patrick's Day parade and our Santa visit to name a few. Please contact member of the committee . New draws starts on Thursday 25th September for 25th / 26th Cash or Revolut is

acceptable. All proceeds to Rathmore community council

DIOCESAN COLLECTION

The annual collection of the Diocesan Needs will take place this weekend 6th/7th Sept Donations can be contributed online on the donate tab on the parish website www.rathmoreparish.ie or drop donation into the Parish Office

SUNDAY AFTERNOON DANCING

Community Hall, Milltown Killarney V93ET62. Sun 7th Sept: Eddie Lee Nand Sun 14th Sept: Neilie O'Connor Band. Sun 21st Sept: Peter Burke Band. Sun 28th Sept: Glen Flynn Band. Dancing 3.00pm – 5.00pm. Admission €10. Free draw with Door Ticket. Contact John Joe Herlihy 087 9735113

KERRY PETROLEUM SENIOR CLUB FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP QUARTER-FINAL

Full Time: Rathmore : 2-12(18) Austin Stacks: 1-13(16) Congratulations to management & players in a great win. Rathmore play Na Gael this Saturday in semi final in Fitzgerald stadium at 5-30pm.

GNEVEGUILLA GAA CARNIVAL 2025

Friday 5th, Hightide followed Clada. Saturday 6th, The Blow ins followed By Dj Kieran Sheehan. Sunday 7th, Derry & Rosie Healy, Dreams of Freedom, Up in Smoke

NOTES

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

SPA PARISH

By Leanne Cronin

BON SECOURS CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND 3

Spa ladies play Laune Rangers on Sunday 7th September at home in Spa at 12 noon. Please show your support.

SHINE IN KERRY, SUPPORT PEOPLE AFFECTED BY MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES

Spa GAA club will be showing our support to the Shine Green Ribbon Campaign this September. We are encouraging people to wear a green ribbon to help break down the stigma surrounding mental health challenges. The green ribbons provided by Shine will be available in the club house lobby from September 1st where you can grab one yourself to show your support.

SPA LOTTO 1/9/25 RESULTS

Numbers drawn: 11, 15, 23, 24. No jackpot winner. Lucky dips €50 each: Diane Moynihan, Online; Con O'Donoghue, Rockfield; Conor Kearney; Killarney Camogie. Monthly Annual Ticket Holders Draw: Mary Lyne. Next week's draw is on Monday 8 Sept @ 9pm for a jackpot of €6,300

U8S & U10S BLITZ

On Saturday, 30th August, Spa proudly hosted a Girls and Boys U8s & U10s Blitz, with teams from Fossa, Rathmore, Kilcummin, Firies, Listry and Glenflesk joining us on the day. The weather was kind, the football was

excellent, and the future stars of our game put on a wonderful display of skill and teamwork.

The event raised funds for the Killarney Cardiac Response Unit, with all team entry fees going directly to their vital cause. The Unit were also onsite giving demonstrations on lifesaving CPR, a hugely valuable experience for everyone who attended. Alongside the action on the pitch, our wonderful Mothers & Others hosted a hugely popular bake sale, raising funds for Spa Ladies Football – thank you to everyone who baked and supported. A special highlight was the appearance of Spark the mascot, bringing plenty of smiles to the young players!

The day concluded with a brilliant skills showcase, featuring representatives from each club – a fitting finish to a day full of fun, community spirit, and great football. A big thank you to all the visiting clubs for taking part, to the organisers and volunteers who made the day possible, and to everyone who supported both fantastic causes.

SPA KILLARNEY HANDBALL CLUB welcomes beginners all ages ,male and female on Friday nights 7pm to try this fast tough game. Qualified coaches available. Ring Brendan @ 086 1929507.

NOTES

Any items for our notes please contact Leanne 085-7762411



Ava Doherty, Knockanes, Killarney who graduated with a Bachelor of Education in Maths and PE at the University of Limerick. She is pictured with her parents Aileen and Francie.



Zena Shine, Rosssdara, Loreto Road, Killarney, who graduated top of her class 2025 with a First Class Honours Masters of Science in Human Nutrition and Dietetics UL and also received the Gold Medal INDI Award 2025 for Research and Foundation – pictured with her proud parents Liam and Kathy Shine.

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GLENFLESK PARISH

Written by: Sean Daly

INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP
Kerry Petroleum Intermediate Championship Quarter Final
Killarney Legion 1-21 Glenflesk 0-14

A convincing victory for Killarney Legion, with Darragh Lyne's early second half goal ending Glenflesk's hopes of a comeback. It had started so positively for Glenflesk, with Darragh Roche opening the scoring in the first minute. He had a chance to double the lead from the following kick out, but saw his shot drop short. Legion's first score came from wing back Eoghan O'Sullivan who finished up with 4 points on the day and was a constant menace to the Glenflesk defence. Glenflesk's main scoring threat was Dylan Roche, who finished with an individual total of 6 point's, with his first set up by Tommy Bowler. Legion though, were dominating at midfield, and this helped them to a run of 5 points without reply, Ryan O'Grady getting 3 of them. They almost got a goal just before the break, with only a superb save from Mark Kelliher denying Lyne. Legion were well worthy of their 5 point lead, and Glenflesk needed to perform far better to get back in the game. With substitute Jeff O'Donoghue making an immediate impact, points from Luke Crowley, Dylan Roche and a 2 point free from goalie Kelliher brought the deficit back to 2. Legion though, responded well. Firstly, Lyne drove at the Glenflesk defence and rasped a vicious shot to the net. From the kickout, a Ryan O'Grady 2 pointer pushed them further ahead. Despite the best efforts of Roche, who added 2 more brilliant points, Legion were well on top now, with James O'Donoghue sealing the win with a couple of classy efforts. The home side now head to the semi finals, in a strong position. With players like O'Grady, Lyne and O'Sullivan in top form, they will fancy their chances from here. For Glenflesk, a third quarter final loss in a row will be hard to take. Unlike last year, they were

well beaten, and clearing this hurdle remains elusive. With the competitive nature of the Intermediate Championship, there are no guarantees of ultimate victory.

PREDICTOR CHALLENGE

A massive well done to Hanna Healy from Killarney Legion, who emerged as the overall winner of the Glenflesk Club Championship Prediction Challenge, topping the leaderboard with an impressive 54 points. Hanna takes home the €300 prize fund after a tightly contested competition that went right down to the final weekend of Group games. All entrants were included in our Lucky Dip Draw, and we're delighted to announce the following winners: €100 Kerry Petroleum Voucher: Christina O'Riordan (Gneeveguilla), €50 Cash Prizes: Adrian Cronin (Fossa), Matthew Neville (c/o The Kerry Way Steakhouse & Bar), Aoise O'Donoghue (Glenflesk), Nora Kelleher (Glenflesk) & Bridget Leen (Ballymacelligott). Thank you to everyone who entered, it was fantastic to see participants from all four corners of Kerry and beyond! We hope you enjoyed the challenge, and we look forward to doing it all again next year!

O'BRIENS SHOP

Congratulations to Denis and Geraldine O'Brien who have recently taken a well deserved break from O'Brien's shop. On behalf of everyone in Glenflesk GAA, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Denis and Geraldine for the many years of generosity and support you have shown to our club and community. We'll certainly miss the friendly chat and craic that was a customary part of every visit to the shop! We wish you both years of health and happiness in this next chapter of your lives. Best wishes also to the new management.

BEAUFORT PARISH

By Bridget Hartnett

FIXTURES
Our senior men bowed out of the Intermediate Club Championship on Sunday losing out to Fossa on a score line of Beaufort 0-15 to Fossa 2-11. The Club served up hot drinks and treats to supporters on the day. Thanks to everyone who supplied home baking and helped out in anyway, your help was greatly appreciated.
Thanks also to our lotto sellers and to everyone who supported our Lotto for a jackpot of €4,700.

U14 BOYS
Beaufort's U14 boys sponsored by Kelliher Lawnmowers had home venue for the Division 3 East Region League Final on Tuesday evening. They settled quickly and held a steady lead throughout. Final score Beaufort 5-16 to Gneeveguilla 4-10.
Team: Freddie Prendeville, Jack Casey, Rory Tarrant, Tommy Curran, Cian Kissane, Jack Doyle, Ivan Crowley, Daniel O'Sullivan, James Rooney, Christian Healy, Mark Doonan, Freddie Glinwood, Jack Breen, Cathal Foley, Rory O'Sullivan, James McCarthy, John Lucas O'Neill, Darragh McCarthy, Harry Hughes, Fionn Spillane, Sean O'Sullivan.
Sean O'Sullivan of the East Kerry Board was on hand to present the plaque to Beaufort's Captain Freddie Prendeville.

U14 GIRLS
Our U14 girls had a great win over Scartaglin in The East Kerry League in Beaufort on Tuesday evening. Beaufort led 6-8 to 3-5 at halftime. Scartaglin tried hard in the 2nd half and cut the lead to 7 points but Beaufort held out and won on a final score-line Beaufort 8-11 to

Scartaglin 4-13. Well done girls.

U12 GIRLS
Our under 12 girls had an enjoyable evening at the The JP O'Sullivan Park Thursday evening where they played Laune Rangers. There was quite a strong breeze, which was an obvious advantage to the team who played with it. Some excellent scores came out of good movement of the ball up the field. It's great to see the girls putting what they've learned at training into practice during the game.
The team was: Avril Lynch, Amelia Breen, Lily Curran, Emily Prendeville, Emily Coffey, Sailí Maí Bradley, Cora Sheehan, Nia Ingram, Katelyn Murphy, Leah O Malley, Meabh o Malley, Ruby Coffey, Carla Savage and Saoirse Fitzgerald.
We hope to get a few more games in before the season ends.

UNDER 10 GIRLS
Beaufort under 10 girls travelled to Kilcummin on Saturday to play in a Blitz along with Killarney Legion and Currow. We had 2 teams taking part and the girls showed no signs of being tired after their first week back at school! Well done girls and thanks to Kilcummin for hosting it.

LOTTO
Our Lotto Jackpot of €7,400 was not won on Sunday night. Consolation Prize winners: €80 Paul and Luke O'Shea. €50 each Fintan Lawlor, Paudie Lynch and Michael Mangan. Next Draw for a Jackpot of €7,600 will be held on 14th September. Tickets available from usual sellers, local shops and Bars. It is also available to do online at www.beaufortgaa.com

LISTRY PARISH

Written by: Colette Leslie

LOTTO
Numbers Drawn: 1, 5, 11, 18. Not Won. €100 Amanda Howe, Rockfield. €50 Lou Quirke, Laharn. €50 Albert Harte, Skibbereen. €25 Noel & Grandkids, Listry. €25 Martina McCarthy, c/o Phil Ahern. Jackpot next week Sunday 07/09/2025 €11,800

SENIORS
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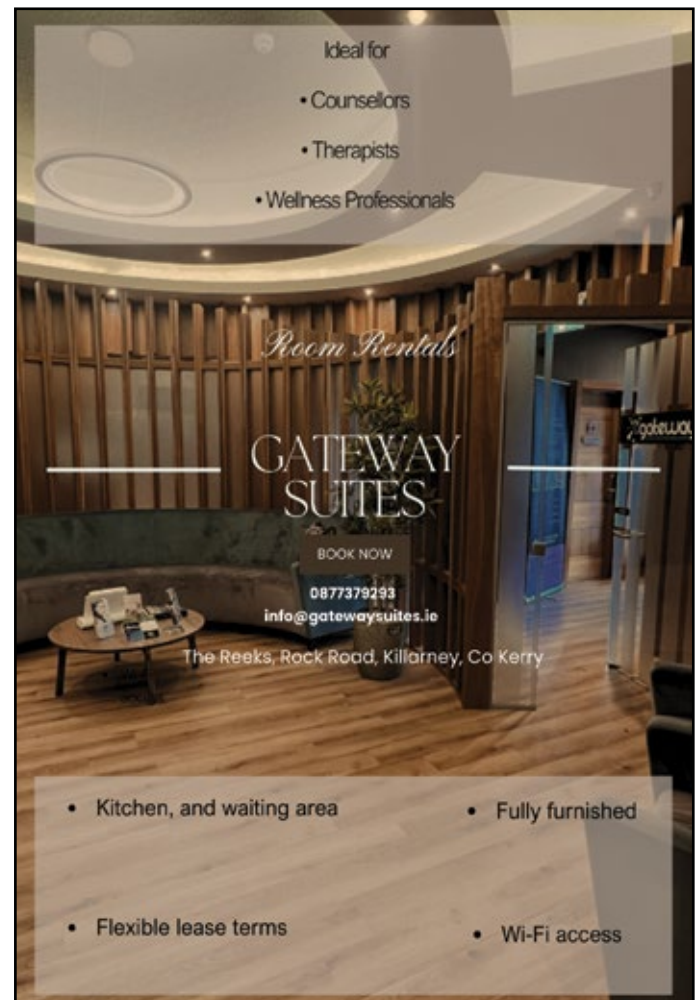
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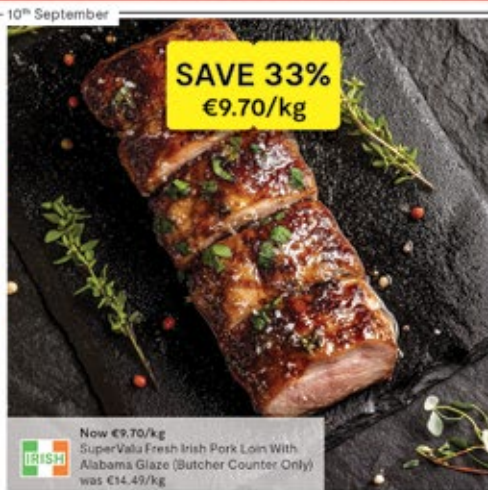
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ELECTRIFYING PERFORMANCE AT ELECTRIC PICNIC LAST WEEKEND

Killarney-based accordion champion Liam O'Connor delivered a show-stopping set at Electric Picnic in Stradbally, Co Laois last weekend, where he performed twice on separate days. He joined a star-studded programme of top Irish and international talents, including Hozier, Kings of Leon, Becky Hill, Sam Fender, Chappell Roan, Mundy and Orla Gartland.

It marked the O'Connor families sixth appearance at what has long been regarded as one of the premier music festivals in Europe. He played the Salty Dog Stage on Saturday, August 30, and the Hazel Wood Stage on Sunday, August 31.

As O'Connor himself said in advance of the festival, "It's a terrific honour to be invited to perform twice at such a wonderful event as Electric Picnic. This will be my sixth year and I'm especially excited to announce that my band will include members of my own family, with Saoirse on vocals, concertina and keyboards, Oisín, who plays guitars, keyboards and percussion, and Cillian on drums. Electric Picnic is a terrific family day out as well as an opportunity to see so many Irish artists hold their own among some of the best artists in the world."

The man originally from Newmarket in County Cork was no stranger to such supercharged



The O'Connor family: Cillian, Saoirse, Liam and Oisín. Photo: Paul Dargan



Oisín and Liam perform to a delighted crowd at EP. Photo: Paul Dargan



High flying dancers at Electric Picnic performing with the O'Connor Family. Photo: Paul Dargan

musical company. His own musical CV has long been littered with top names he worked with, including Michael Flatley's Lord of the Dance, Spandau Ballet frontman Tony Hadley, rock star Boy George, the famous Artane Band, the late Christy Dignam, actress Maureen O'Hara, actor Patrick Bergin, and many more.

O'Connor had also sold out tours in the United

States, Scandinavia, Italy and Australia and performed in such hallowed music venues as the MGM Grand Las Vegas, Radio City New York, Sydney Opera House and Wembley Arena. He also entertained 170,000 people at All-Ireland Football and Hurling Finals and at Thomond Park Stadium for a Munster vs Australia rugby match.



Kerry Hospice Foundation will be this years beneficiaries in the Killarney Festival Regatta 'Charity Tote'. At the launch in the Killarney Avenue of the 237th Killarney Regatta which takes place on Sunday 14th September, at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club. front row from left, Mary Finnegan, Kerry Hospice Foundation, Maurice Coffey, Vice-President Killarney Regatta Festival, Angela Curran, Kerry Hospice Foundation, Andrew Wharton, Vice Chairman, Killarney Regatta. Back row from left, Paddy Cronin, Chairman, Killarney Regatta, Cathal Walshe, Kerry Hospice Foundation, Raymond Coffey, Vice-President, Killarney Regatta, Richard Leane, Treasurer, Killarney Regatta, Sharon Cooper, Chairperson, Muckross Rowing Club and Conor Griffin, Secretary, Killarney Regatta. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

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LINKS

There is already a links scheme between Post Leaving Cert (PLC) courses and HEI's in existence. However, the number of places available to PLC graduates in the links scheme is limited and there is no guarantee of success, particularly in much sought after courses.

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Tertiary Degrees are co-delivered by the Education and Training Boards (ETB) and HEIs and they offer guaranteed pathways from further education to higher education based on an applicant's career interests rather than points achieved in the Leaving Cert exam. Tertiary degrees provide a definite path to a third level qualification. Students can start studying in a local ETB and graduate from a Higher Education Institution with the dual benefits of both campuses throughout.

COLLABORATE

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over 11 campuses. More third level colleges are collaborating with ETBs throughout the country to further expand the Tertiary Degree scheme. This is a wonderful development and will, no doubt, continue to provide many students with an alternative route to a degree.

APPLY

Applying for a third-level tertiary course is uncomplicated. An applicant can apply directly through the course information page of the NTO website, www.nto.ie. The website currently provides a full list of courses for 2025/2026 entry. Alternatively, a person can apply through the local ETB website or the college providing the course. Students commence their third level experience in further education with the ETB and complete the remainder in higher education colleges. Tertiary degrees are available in a wide variety of disciplines.

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EXCITING

Tertiary courses are an exciting new pathway

to a Bachelor's degree. The course information section in the course page of the website details the qualification available. Applications for the 2025/2026 academic year remain open until late September.

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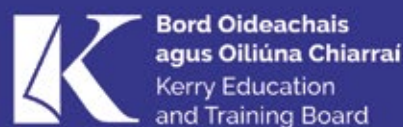
- Mon., 8th Sept: CAO Round Two offers online at 2pm
- Wed., 10th Sept: Accept Round Two offers by 3pm
- Tues., 16th Sept: CAO Round Three offers online at 10am
- Thurs., 18th Sept: Accept Round Three offers by 3pm
- Tues., 23rd Sept: CAO Round Four offers online at 10am
- Thurs., 25th Sept: Accept Round Four offers by 3pm
- Fri., 26th Sept.: Results of Leaving Cert appeals released at 11am
- Tues., 30th Sept.: CAO Round Five offers online at 10am
- Thurs., 2nd Oct.: Accept Round Five offers by 3pm
- Thurs., 2nd Oct.: CAO offer season ends
- Many Post-Leaving Cert (PLC) courses still have vacancies
- Tertiary Degree course applications accepted to late September
- Many schools cater for repeat Leaving Cert students

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Nature starts to change its palette. Leaves blush with hints of amber and crimson. It's a time when routines begin to settle—schools reopen, holidays wind down, and the rhythm of daily life resumes.

But rather than mourning summer's end, September offers something just as beautiful: the chance to begin again. With its crisp mornings and earlier evenings, it encourages us to reset our goals, refresh our homes, and realign with what truly matters.

So as the calendar turns, embrace the charm of September. Step outside, breathe in the cooler breeze, and let the subtle magic of the season remind you that every new month brings fresh opportunity—and a beauty all its own.

Coaching Tip:
Take 10 minutes to pause and reflect on what you truly want from the month ahead. Write down three intentions—not goals or tasks, but ways you want to feel or show up. Let these guide your choices as you move through September with clarity and purpose.

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2. Keep alcohol and caffeine moderate. Both will interfere with sleep. Try to avoid caffeine within 8-9 hours of your bedtime.
3. Eat and drink appropriately. A regular to smallish-sized meal about 2-3 hours before bed, one that is balanced in nutrients, can help facilitate sleep. Try not to drink too much liquid in the hours before bed, which will help you avoid waking up for bathroom breaks.
4. Do a brain dump. Take a few minutes to write out a list of whatever is bugging you. Whatever is in your brain, get it out and on to paper.
5. Turn off electronics. Digital devices stimulate our brain. We recommend unplugging from all screens at least 30 minutes before bed. This includes television, computers, and smartphones. The screens release a blue light that prevents our brain from preparing for sleep.
6. Stretch / read / de-stress before bed. Consider trying some yoga poses, reading, or meditation.
7. Go to bed before midnight. This is better aligned with natural light cycles.
8. Set an alarm to go to bed. Work backwards and add buffer time: If you need to wake up at 6 AM and want to be in bed for 7 hours, start moving towards bed around 10:30 PM with lights out by 11.

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A few key things to note:

- Vision screening programs at schools are only intended to help identify children with eye or vision problems and can give parents a false sense of security as they only indicate a potential need for further evaluation.

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The Hidden Challenges of Living with Crohn's and Colitis: Q&A with Dr Orlaith Kelly

Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis are two types of Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD), chronic autoimmune conditions that affect an estimated 40,000 people in Ireland.^[i] Beyond the physical symptoms, the conditions place a considerable emotional and financial strain on individuals and their families.

Recent research, 'Uncovering the Hidden Cost of Crohn's and Colitis', carried out by Crohn's & Colitis Ireland (CCI) and Johnson & Johnson, highlighted the extent of these challenges. Six in ten people with IBD face financial difficulty, and 75% reported experiencing anxiety or depression.

Following the publication of this research, Dr Orlaith Kelly, Consultant Gastroenterologist, Connolly Hospital Dublin, addresses some of the key questions about the lived experience of IBD, including its psychological toll, based on clinical expertise and the latest research insights.

Q: What is Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD), and how does it develop?

Dr Orlaith Kelly explains that "IBD is a chronic condition that includes Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis. It causes inflammation in the digestive tract, which can result in structural damage to the intestines over time. This inflammation can lead to serious complications, such as bowel obstruction, ulcers, and an increased risk of colon cancer.

The exact cause of IBD isn't fully understood, but it's believed to result from a combination of genetic, environmental and immune factors. Essentially, the immune system mistakenly attacks the body's own intestinal tissue, leading to ongoing inflammation.

IBD is not caused by something a person did, and no one is to blame for developing it. It typically develops in young adulthood but can occur at any age, and symptoms can vary from person to person."

Q: What are the main signs and symptoms of Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis that people should be aware of?

"Both Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis are forms of Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD), and while they affect different parts of the gut, their symptoms often overlap. People may experience persistent diarrhoea (sometimes with blood or mucus), abdominal pain or cramping,

fatigue, low energy levels, rectal bleeding, or unexplained weight loss. These symptoms can come and go, but when they persist or worsen, it's important not to ignore them.

Crohn's disease can affect any part of the gastrointestinal tract, from the mouth to the anus, whereas ulcerative colitis is limited to the colon and rectum. Because these are chronic, lifelong conditions, early diagnosis and the right treatment plan are key to managing symptoms and avoiding complications. If you're experiencing any of these signs, I would strongly encourage you to speak to your GP or a specialist. Early intervention really can make all the difference."

Q: What are the emotional and psychological impacts of living with IBD?

"IBD deeply affects mental health and emotional wellbeing. The recent research carried out by Crohn's and Colitis Ireland and Johnson & Johnson shows that 75% of people with IBD experience anxiety or depression, and two-thirds feel socially isolated. Managing daily symptoms like fatigue, pain and digestive issues, can be overwhelming and unpredictable, often disrupting work, school and personal relationships."

Dr. Kelly explains that "These conditions are not just 'tummy troubles', they are chronic illnesses that can affect every aspect of daily life: emotionally, physically, and socially. This can leave people feeling invisible and misunderstood. 96% of people surveyed said fatigue is a major challenge, and 81% find managing daily symptoms difficult."

Q: What are some of the financial challenges that come with living with IBD?

"Living with IBD often means dealing with ongoing, hidden costs that many others don't face like regular medications, specialist foods, and frequent travel to medical appointments. These added expenses can place a real strain on individuals and families, particularly when flare-ups interrupt work or require people to take extended time off.

We know that people in Ireland living with IBD spend, on average, over €3,250 each year managing their condition. Nearly half have avoided seeking medical care because of the cost, and more than a quarter have delayed taking their medication

to make it last longer. This kind of financial pressure doesn't just affect day-to-day life; it directly impacts a person's ability to manage their condition effectively. When people are forced to delay care or stretch their medication, it increases the risk of complications and can lead to worse long-term outcomes."

Q: How does IBD impact social life, work and relationships?

Dr Kelly explains: "IBD has a far-reaching impact on day-to-day life, with over 70% of people living with IBD report that the condition affects their overall quality of life and ability to take part in social activities. We see patients making significant life adjustments such as reducing work hours, changing jobs, even avoiding social situations out of fear they won't have access to a bathroom. These limitations aren't always visible to others, but they're very real and exhausting to live with.

Around two-thirds of people say their condition has influenced their education or career choices, and many also face difficulties maintaining personal relationships, especially during flare-ups."

Q: What needs to change to better support people living with IBD — and what's your message to the public?

"IBD is a lifelong and incurable condition, but with the right care, support and understanding, it can be managed. These conditions don't just affect the gut during occasional flare-ups, they can also cause inflammation in other parts of the body, such as the joints, skin and

eyes. They require daily attention and can have a major emotional, physical and social impact. That's why we need a more holistic approach to care.

At a policy level, recognising IBD within the Chronic Disease Management Programme would give patients access to structured, multidisciplinary care, including dietitians, IBD nurses, and mental health professionals. Unfortunately, despite being a chronic and often disabling condition that affects over 1% of the population, IBD is still not formally recognised under schemes such as the Long-Term Illness Scheme. This lack of recognition and state support is one of the key factors contributing to the financial hardship faced by many people living with IBD.

We also need greater access to psychological support and more public understanding of what it truly means to live with this condition. Peer support groups and resources from organisations like CCI can be incredibly empowering, helping people feel informed, connected, and more in control.

Listen to the lived experiences of people with IBD. Don't underestimate what they're carrying, both physically and emotionally. They deserve the same dignity and support as anyone living with a chronic illness."

Read the full report, Uncovering the Hidden Cost of Crohn's and Colitis, here, and to learn more about living with IBD, visit <https://crohnscolitis.ie>. Check out Gutcast, the only podcast for people living with IBD in Ireland. Gutcast, created by Crohn's and Colitis Ireland and Johnson & Johnson, features people from the IBD community and healthcare professionals discussing all aspects of living with IBD. Available on all podcast platforms.



Sixty percent of people living with Crohn's Disease and colitis in Ireland face financial difficulty as a result of the disease, according to a new report published today. Pictured at Buswells Hotel at the launch of the report by Crohn's and Colitis Ireland (CCI), in partnership with Johnson & Johnson Ireland, Pictured were Amy Kelly, Chief Operating Officer at Crohn's & Colitis Ireland, Ged Nash, T.D, Michaela Hagenhofer, General Manager of commercial operations, Johnson & Johnson Innovative Medicine, Dr. Orlaith Kelly, Consultant Gastroenterologist, Connolly Hospital and Jonathan Healy who lives with Crohn's Disease. Picture Jason Clarke.

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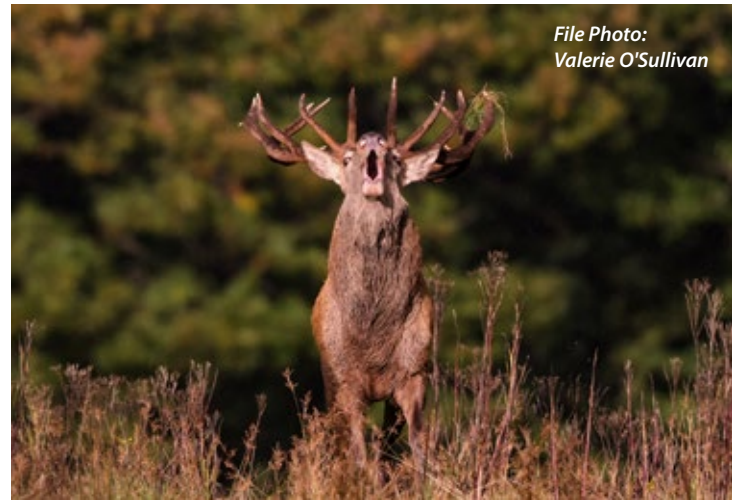
THE DEER HUNTERS

A call has been made by farming representatives in Kerry that the Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine should incentivise hunters to control deer numbers in the county, by introducing a 'Bounty', according to Fianna Fáil TD, Michael Cahill. The deer population in Kerry has risen enormously in recent years, so much so that there isn't a field, garden or road in the county that hasn't been visited by them, according to the Fianna Fáil Spokesperson on Tourism and Older People.

"Everybody is aware that the Red and Sika deer have moved far beyond the confines of Killarney National Park, roaming freely through Kerry, damaging crops and gardens and are a real threat to life and limb on our roads. They also are known to be carriers of the tick that spreads Lyme disease, a severely debilitating ailment, requiring critical treatment" stated Deputy Cahill.

"The efforts to date in culling the herds, has not been successful and it is clear that we must reassess what solutions are available to us. Our Farming body representatives are among the stakeholders who should be consulted with and all possible solutions considered, to bring about an improvement in our present state of affairs" said Deputy Cahill.

"Similar 'Bounties' were previously successfully introduced for other culls such as foxes and seals and I have submitted a Parliamentary Question to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Martin Heydon in



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Dáil Éireann, to do so in this instance of rampant deer numbers" stated the newly elected TD for Kerry.

"I believe that it is important to incentivise hunters to control deer numbers and assist in preventing accidents/tragedies in County Kerry by introducing such a "Bounty" added Michael Cahill TD.

CAHILL TOP OF THE POPS for Most Parliamentary Questions Submitted

New figures reveal that Kerry TDs are leading the way in holding ministers to account, with Deputy Michael Cahill topping the national list for the most Parliamentary Questions (PQs) submitted.

According to recently released data, County Kerry has submitted more PQs than any other constituency in the country, a statistic that underscores the diligence of its elected representatives. Among them,

Deputy Michael Cahill stands out, having submitted the highest number of PQs of any TD nationwide.

Deputy Cahill's prolific use of parliamentary questions highlights his active engagement in legislative scrutiny and his commitment to raising local and national concerns with government ministers. PQs are a key tool used by TDs to obtain information, seek accountability, and ensure transparency across departments.

Speaking on the figures, Deputy Cahill said:

"My priority has always been to represent the people of Kerry to the best of my ability. Submitting parliamentary questions is one of the most direct ways we can raise issues, demand clarity, and make sure that communities are not left behind."

The trend reflects a strong parliamentary work ethic among Kerry's public representatives, with other TDs from the county also ranking highly in terms of PQs submitted.

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Killarney Area

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The Golden Nugget, Fossa

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9.15 PM
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Killorglin Area

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Galvin's Bar, Beaufort
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8.30 PM
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9.30 PM
10:00 PM

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Deputy Cahill Voices Strong Support for School Secretaries and Caretakers in Ongoing Dispute

Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry, Michael Cahill, has publicly declared his support for school secretaries and caretakers as industrial action continues across the country in a dispute over pay equality and public service status.

Deputy Cahill expressed his solidarity with striking school staff, calling for immediate and meaningful engagement from Government to resolve the dispute. The issue, which centres on calls for pension parity, critical illness leave, and bereavement leave, has seen school caretakers and secretaries on picket lines rather than in the schools they help keep running.

Speaking today, Deputy Cahill said, "School caretakers and secretaries are the backbone of our school communities. It is deeply unfair that they work side by side with public servants such as teachers and SNAs every day, in the same buildings, yet do not receive the same entitlements or recognition. That must change. This is something I have previously raised as a councillor and now as a TD."

Deputy Cahill confirmed that he has raised this issue within the Fianna Fáil Parliamentary Party, and is urging for the issue to be resolved immediately. He added, "We want to see this dispute resolved quickly and fairly. I have made clear to my colleagues in Government that this is a matter of justice and dignity for some of



the most essential, yet overlooked, workers in our education system. The Government must engage constructively with unions to bring about a solution."

Cllr. Tommy Cahill, son of Deputy Michael Cahill, also voiced strong support for school secretaries and caretakers, stating, "In my former career as a primary school teacher, I saw first-hand the critical role school secretaries and caretakers play in the day-to-day running of a school. The work of school secretaries and caretakers are vital to the functioning of our education system and to the wellbeing of the children and staff who depend on a safe and well-maintained environment each day. As recently as Saturday, we raised this issue

with An Taoiseach Micheál Martin on his visit to South Kerry and strongly encouraged him to give school secretaries and caretakers what they deserve."

Deputy Cahill concluded by saying, "I have had correspondence and direct engagement with local school secretaries and caretakers on this matter. This situation cannot be allowed to escalate further. These workers are not asking for anything unreasonable, they are asking to be treated with the respect and equality they have long deserved. I will continue to push this matter at every level to ensure their voices are heard and acted upon. I look forward to a resolution in the coming days."



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OPEL PRESENTS THREE WORLD PREMIERES AT THE IAA MOBILITY 2025

Opel will present three exciting world premieres at the IAA Mobility 2025 from September 8 to 14 in Munich. The striking Opel Corsa GSE Vision Gran Turismo concept and the new Opel Mokka GSE, Opel's most powerful all-electric road car to date, will take pride of place alongside the Opel Grandland Electric AWD, the German brand's first all-electric model with all-wheel drive.

The three newcomers will be presented at the Opel press conference at the Opel booth B20, in Hall B3 of the IAA Summit on September 8 at 11:40 CEST. Thereafter, the latest Opel concept car and the upcoming battery-electric production vehicles as well as the Opel Mokka GSE Rally will also attract attention at the Open Space, booth OP340, on Odeonsplatz in the middle of Munich.

The Opel Corsa GSE Vision Gran Turismo concept car gives a preview of upcoming all-electric GSE models, and underlines Opel's commitment to the small car segment. It can be experienced by anyone on Gran Turismo 7, from this autumn. With its extraordinary design, a system output of 588kW (800hp), 800 Newton meters of torque, acceleration from 0 - 100 km/h in 2.0 seconds and a top speed of 320km/h, the Opel Corsa GSE Vision Gran Turismo represents the epitome of Opel's high-performance GSE sub-brand.

The Mokka GSE Rally entered the big stage for the first time in early summer at the ADAC Opel Electric Rally Cup "powered by GSE". With 207kW (280hp) of peak power, 345 Newton metres of torque and sophisticated motorsport technology, the Mokka GSE Rally is a unique all-electric rally car. It will be on display at Opel's Open Space booth at Odeonsplatz on September 9 and on other days at booth KP195 of Opel's motorsport partner ADAC at



Königsplatz in the centre of Munich.

Just as powerful as its motorsport counterpart with 207kW (280hp) and making its debut in Munich, the new Opel Mokka GSE will bring motorsport energy to the road. With immediate torque of 345 Newton meters, the Mokka GSE accelerates from 0 to 100km/h in just 5.9 seconds, and with a top speed of 200km/h, it will soon be the fastest all-electric Opel. The Mokka GSE has a Torsen multi-plate limited-slip differential as well as a chassis with specially designed axles and new double hydraulic dampers. All high-voltage components of the production Mokka GSE come from the Mokka GSE Rally. The steering system, suspension and brakes have also been designed to be particularly sporty and optimised with Opel's experience from electric rallying.

Opel is celebrating a third public premiere in Munich with the new Opel Grandland Electric AWD. The performance values speak for themselves: it has a system output of 239kW (325hp) and a maximum torque of 509 Newton

metres. In just 6.1 seconds, the all-wheel-drive vehicle accelerates from 0 to 100km/h. In the Ultimate variant, the Grandland Electric AWD can cover up to 489km (WLTP) between charging stops. Further trim levels with a range of up to 501km (provisional value) will follow this year. Drivers can choose from four driving modes 'Normal', 'Eco', 'Sport' and '4WD'. The chassis of the battery-electric top model has Frequency Selective Damping technology as standard. Depending on the situation, road conditions and driving style, it enables different damping characteristics for comfortable gliding as well as for a sporty, ambitious driving style with more direct road contact.

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3rd: Anita O'Sullivan & Jason McCarthy 42pts (19) Last Nine Holes

DOOKS GOLF CLUB EXCHANGE DAY ON 31ST AUGUST 2025 SPONSORED BY MACBEE'S KILLARNEY

Overall, Winner: Mary Geaney, Kathleen O'Keeffe, Sheila Crowley & Annette Sheehan 93pts

Runner Up: Muireann O'Farrell, Edel Randles, Danielle Fremont & Carol Shanahan 79pts

NEXT FIXTURE will be 6th & 7th September 2025 on Mahony's Point Course 18 Hole Single Stroke & 13 Hole Single Stableford, GOY kindly sponsored by Aherans.ie on Mahony's Point Course and on Thursday 18th September 2025 Ladies Open Day Team of 3 kindly sponsored by Adams Jewellers.

DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB

RICKY KELLY

A big thank to to everyone who supported our Ricky Kelly Memorial this year in what were the most challenging playing conditions in a long time with the weekend's weather. Thankfully our Barbeque stayed dry last night as Derry McCarthy and Aidan O'Keeffe did a great job again this year in keeping everyone fed throughout. Thanks to Musgraves for the food on the night as well as Cian and Danielle Breen for looking after the bar along with other members of the Looney family. Shirley and Helena looked after the shop well as plenty of salads and sides were provided with the food. Thanks to Meitheal and the Candlelighters for providing the entertainment as well as all the Committee who looked after the table this weekend as well as Gearoid Cronin for doing up the scorecards. We had new winners for 2025 as Ben Kelliher continued a great year for himself since August 2024 in combining with his father Jamie and Alan O'Sullivan to win by over four four strokes. Thanks to Frances O'Sullivan and the Tatler Jack Bar for their continued sponsorship of the event as we look forward to next year's 35th staging of the event in Ricky's name.

2025 RESULTS

Overall Nett: Ben Kelliher, Alan O'Sullivan & Jamie Kelliher 65, Overall Gross: Jason O'Brien, Robbie O'Brien Jnr & Darragh O'Sullivan 83, Second Nett: Sean Ashe, Dave Spillane & Tom Ashe 69 1/3 and Mixed Nett: Daniel Kelly, Brian O'Leary & Rebecca Kelly 72.

MUNSTER INTER-COUNTIES

Commiserations to those who represented Kerry in the events in Ardnacrusha last weekend. The Junior team containing Mark O'Shea, Brian McCarthy, Nathan Cronin and Sean O'Mahoney won silver in the Junior Mens event as Gearoid Cronin was team manager. Eileen McCarthy was



Pictured at the presentation of prizes for the 2025 Ricky Kelly Memorial Three Ball Scramble hosted by Deerpark Pitch & Putt Club last Sunday night were the winning team of Alan O'Sullivan, Ben and Jamie Kelliher along with Bobby Kelly (representing the Kelly family), Frances O'Sullivan (Tatler Jack Bar, sponsor) and Sean Kelly (Club Chairman). Standing at back L to R are some of the other prizewinners: Brian O'Leary, Rebecca Kelly, Daniel Kelly, Robbie O'Brien Jnr, Jason O'Brien, Darragh O'Sullivan and Sean Ashe.

also part of the Ladies side who were second in the Nett event as Damien Fleming and John McGrath won bronze with the Senior Men in a side managed by James Fleming. We say well done to Dermot Tuohy on winning the Limerick Senior Men and also say we were delighted to have a member of the Tipperary Intermediate Mens side join us for our Ricky Kelly Barbeque.

SUMMER SERIES

This event which ran Wednesday between May and August concluded on Wednesday August 27th last with the final results for the year as follows: Winners: Nathan Cronin, Adam O'Sullivan & Shane Morrissey, Runners-Up: Hugh O'Sullivan, Jean O'Shea, Aodhan O'Halloran & Daniel Quinlan. Our thanks to the Fleck Restaurant for their sponsorship of the event this summer.

U16 NATIONAL MATCHPLAY

Best Wishes to those heading to Fermoy this weekend for this event. After their enjoyable outing to Douglas last Saturday we hope all goes well for them.

CASTLEROSSE GOLF CLUB - LADIES

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF THIS WEEK'S COMPETITION

9 Hole Stableford

1st: Nuala Ward

2nd: Margaret Crowley

18 Hole Stableford

1st: Kay Malone

2nd: Mary O'Reilly

3rd: Barbara O'Shea

WEEKLY COMPETITION

This weeks 9 and 18 hole Stableford competition takes place on Friday and Saturday.

SOCIAL GOLF

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

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MIXED SCRAMBLES

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BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB

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Men's Results

Winners: Fergus Foley & Anthony McElligott 45 points (B9)

2nd: Emmet O'Grady & Owen Byrne 45 points (B6)

3rd: Manjit Gill & Tony O'Connor 45 points.

NEXT WEEK'S COMPETITION is an 18 hole Stableford sponsored by The Lake Hotel, Killarney.

Ladies' Results

Winners: Máire Ní Loinsigh & Hannah Moynihan (Beaufort) 42 points

2nd: Noelle Brown & Eileen Daly (Kenmare) 41 points (B9)

3rd: Clara Brosnan & Chris Siochrú (Kenmare) 41 points

NEXT WEEK'S COMPETITION for the Ladies is an 18 hole Stableford sponsored by Quinlan's Fish

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ON AUGUST 30TH AND 31ST WE HELD THE DENIS MCCARTHY MEMORIAL STABLEFORD CUP COMPETITION

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4th: Alan Flynn 33 (7)

ON THURSDAY AUG 28TH OUR SENIORS HELD A 10 HOLE STABLEFORD COMPETITION.

The winners were :-

1st: Jim Larkin 20 pts

2nd: John Joe Healy 20 pts

3rd: Donal Doherty 20pts

4th: Mossie Cremin 17pts

ON FRIDAY AUGUST 29TH WE HELD OUR FRIDAY EVENING MIXED 10 HOLE

SCRAMBLE

The winners were:-

1st: Paul Douglas, Aine Murphy, John Fleming, Denis Desmond

2nd: Daniel Cronin, Mary Maguire, Niall O Connell, Karine Mulchinock

3rd: John Ivory, Sheila O'Mahony, Franck Guerineau

FIXTURES

On Friday Sept 5th our Friday evening mixed 10 hole scrambles will continue, however please

note the earlier start time.

Please get your name on the entry sheet before 5pm to enable us to be playing golf by 5.30pm . No Late entries allowed.

On Sept 6th and 7th we will hold The Keanes Jewellers Gold Medal final and the usual tee time bookings process applies for both days .



Meet the 2025 contestants for the Regatta Queen, from left, Holly Heffernan, Flesk Valley RC, Saoirse Coffey, Fossa RC, Emma Meehan, St. Brendan's RC, Jenna Coffey, Muckcross RC, Amelie Counihan, Workmen's RC. The launch of the 237th Killarney Festival Regatta took place in Killarney Avenue. The Regatta takes place on Sunday 14th September at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Members of the Kerry Senior Mens Pitch & Putt team pictured with their medals following a third place finish in the Munster Adult Inter-County events in Ardnacrusha, Co Clare last Sunday. L to R: Jason Cregan, Jamie Blake, Damien Fleming and Darren Goodall. Missing from photo: John, McGrath, Michael Conway and team manager James Fleming.



Kerry Footballer Paudie Clifford tees off at the star studded Pro Am at the Amgen Irish Open. PHOTO: NICHOLAS GRUNDY



Kerry Footballer David Clifford tees off at the star studded Pro Am at the Amgen Irish Open. PHOTO: NICHOLAS GRUNDY

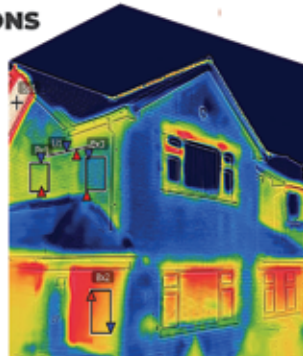


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KILLARNEY RFC

LILY MORRIS SHINES WITH MUNSTER

Huge congratulations to our own Lily Morris who was part of the Munster Women's Interprovincial squad that defeated Leinster in the Championship Final last weekend. Lily has been outstanding throughout the campaign, and we are immensely proud of her achievement in winning the Interpro series with Munster Rugby.

ONCE IN A LIFETIME RAFFLE - CHICAGO TRIP

Tickets are flying out for our amazing raffle to win a once in a lifetime trip for two to Chicago this November, where Ireland will take on New Zealand at Soldier Field. The prize includes flights, accommodation, transfers, match tickets, and €1,000 spending money. Tickets are available online at <https://killarney-rfc.sumupstore.com/product/ireland-vs-new-zealand-chicago-draw> or from our club members. Don't miss your chance to be in the draw!

MINI RUGBY RETURNS

Mini Rugby (U6 to U12 boys and girls) returns on Saturday, 6th September at 9:45am at Aghadoo. New members are always welcome – it's a great way for children to stay active, learn new skills, and make friends.

GIRLS RUGBY TRAINING

Our U16 and U18 Girls' teams are back in training on Wednesday at 7pm. Any new players interested in joining are more than welcome – no previous rugby experience needed.

CLUB DEVELOPMENT

The club continues to make progress off the pitch as well, following on from the recent announcement of significant funding support towards our new clubhouse project. Exciting times lie ahead for Killarney RFC as we build for the future.

KEEP IN TOUCH

For all the latest news, fixtures, and updates, follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and at www.killarneyrugby.com

FOSSA ROWING CLUB

KILLARNEY REGATTA

With a very busy and enjoyable summer of rowing coming to a close, there are still a few



Congratulations to Anna Kate Cournane from Iveragh Eagles / Shannon RFC, Tralee RFC's Emma Dunican who has also represented Killarney and Lily Morris of Killarney RFC / Ballincollig RFC on winning the Women's Interpro Series with Munster Rugby.

events for the diary. First up the 237th Killarney Regatta takes place at Mahony's Point/Killarney Golf and fishing Club on Sunday the 14th of September next. Races get underway at 9:30am and we are all looking forward to taking part with crews at most ages and it will be great to see our awesome Sixes out on the water once again. Wishing our crews, coxes, coaches and supporters a fantastic day.

KILLARNEY REGATTA DANCE

This year's Killarney Regatta Dance will take place at the Killarney Oaks on Tuesday the 16th of September. Following the exertions on the lake at the Killarney Regatta, our crews will get a chance to let the hair down, get dressed up and enjoy a fantastic night where this year's Killarney Regatta Queen will be announced.

FOSSA ROWING CLUB SOCIAL

Then on Saturday the 4th of October, we will hold our club social at the Old Killarney Inn. This promises to be a fantastic night of celebration, craic and revelry as we close out another fantastic season. Keep posted to our Clubzap and club socials for further details once the Killarney Regatta is finished.

KILLARNEY BADMINTON CLUB

We are BACK - KILLARNEY BADMINTON CLUB in St Bridgids Presentation School Hall V93 ND79. Open night on Wednesday 17th Sept from 8.15 to 10.15pm, come and try it competitive and social adult club. Nights are Monday, Wednesday & Fridays. One of our club members will give you all the information to join when you arrive

FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB

RESULTS FOR 28TH AUGUST

1st: Phyllis O'Regan & Pauline Lyne
2nd: Ursula Daly & Ciarán Broadbery
3rd: Anne Looney & Michael McHugh
Congratulations, well done.

WINTER SEASON

Our winter season has now started and will be continuing at The Castlerosse Hotel every Thursday morning at 10am sharp. Hope to see all past and new bridge players for the season ahead.

Enya Maguire Signs for Utility Trust St Pauls

Utility Trust St Pauls are delighted to announce the signing of Enya Maguire. Enya comes to Killarney with bags full of International experience and a star studded college career in the USA. She has represented her country at every grade from U16 right up to senior where she is currently a member of James Weldon's squad.

Her time in the States began in the Hun school in Princeton New Jersey, then progressed at Houston Christian University. She actually managed to team up with her sister Anna at HCU, an unique achievement for a great sporting family. Despite a Covid 19 interrupted time there she managed to establish herself in her final season there as a mainstay of the team, averaging 8 points per game, and hitting a season high 20, including five three pointers against Sam Houston. She spent the 2024/25 season at the New Jersey Institute where again she showed her quality.

Her three point ability can be put down to genetics as her father is Gareth Maguire, the Star of the Sea legend, who had a glittering career with both club and country. Her mother Deirdre is also steeped in the sport so it's no coincidence Enya and her siblings have shone at the highest possible level.

She will arrive in Killarney in plenty time for the commencement of the Women's Superleague season on the first weekend in October.





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KILLARNEY ATHLETIC AFC

U16 DIVISION 2

Killarney Athletic B 0 - 1 Mastergeeha

An excellent performance by our young Blues this morning was unfortunately decided by a scrappy Geeha goal after 15 minutes. In truth Athletic dominated the game and will be left wondering how they lost this one but goals win games and the Blues couldn't convert their chances on the day missing a great opportunity at the death to take a point.

The game was summed up by a super Athletic team move finishing with striker Malachy Audley flashing a bicycle kick just the wrong side of the post. Despite the result many positives to be taken from the game for Athletic with good performances from Daniel Fennelly, Jacob Syjud and man of the match centre half Adam Doyle.

U14 BOYS PREMIER RESULT:

Killarney Athletic A 6 - 1 Inter Kenmare A

Sean Quill x4 Ryan O'Donoghue x 1 OG x1

The boys started their season today away to Kenmare A team. The lads started strong playing good possession football and Sean Quill coolly slotted home in the opening minutes to calm the nerves. The boys fought hard in the first half and played some nice football to get another lovely finish from Sean Quill to go up 2-0 at half. They went up 3-0 early in the second half with another brilliant finish from Sean Quill. They gave up a goal to make it a bit nervy at 3-1 but rallied together to finish the game with a comfortable 6-1 win, including a nice finish from Ryan O'Donoghue. Our new debutants Rory Tarrant and Alan O'Donoghue started the game and slotted right in to the team and played very well to significantly contribute to the hard fought 6-1 victory. Thank you to the Kenmare coaches and team for a very sporting game. Man of the match was Sean Quill with 4 goals showing his immense leadership qualities for our lads. Great start to the season boys!

U14 DIVISION 3 RESULT

Killarney Athletic U14 C 6 - 0 Iveragh B

Luke O Sullivan x 3 Jacob Slowakiewicz x 2 William Sjogren x 1

The under 14C team welcomed Iveragh to Ferndale on the opening weekend of the season. From the very start the boys took control of the game and played some lovely football blowing off the cobwebs from the summer break. The boys scored after about 10 mins in and from that point the game was never in doubt. They would go on to score six by full time with Luke of Sullivan's bagging a hat trick and taking the match ball home.

Great performance from the boys today they really got down to business fast. We would like to thank Iveragh for a sporting game and the referee for a great performance.

U15 GIRLS PREMIER RESULT

MEK 4 - 0 Killarney Athletic

Our U15A girls started their league campaign against MEK this evening. Unfortunately the night was that theirs and we lost 4-0. On the positive we held them to 0-0 in the second half with some solid performances and some new positions for players! Thanks to MEK for a sporting game and to the ref for a very fair game.



Killarney Celtic U16A Squad vs St Brendan's Park

We look forward Killorglin in the next round.

KILLARNEY CELTIC

CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 3,5,2023. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €75. Next jackpot €2,400 on Monday September 8th. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through clubzap.

THE KILLARNEY CELTIC GOLF CLASSIC will take place on Saturday September 6th at Beaufort Golf Club. Tee Times are from 7am-4pm. To book a tee time please contact Tim Jones on 087 9771302. To sponsor a tee box please contact Mary Lyne on 086 648 5809.

U16 PREMIER

Killarney Celtic 8-0 St Brendan's Park

Kiernan Kelly 3, Stephen Shine Doody, Lachlan Scannell, Luke Clancy, Kian Brosnahan, Nikita Tkachenko

Celtic opened their U16 season with a clear cut win over St Brendan's Park. A good all round performance helped Celtic pull clear to take the points.

U14 PREMIER

Killarney Celtic A 5-2 St Brendan's Park A

Cillian Scannell 2, Conor Doherty, Jace Flynn, Josh O'Donoghue

Celtic came from behind to claim all 3 points in their league opener. St Brendan's Park led 2-1 at half time but Celtic came back to level and then a strong closing period saw them go clear.

U14 DIV 1

Killarney Celtic C 2-1 LB Rovers

Jake Scannell, Sam Fleury

In tough conditions Celtic C overcame a strong LB Rovers outfit. Celtic led through Jake Scannell before LB equalised to leave it 1-1 at the break. Celtic grabbed the winner through Sam Fleury to secure the points.

CONGRATS to Conor Doherty U14 and Kiernan Kelly U16 who made the KSBGL Team of the Week.

BALLYHAR DYNAMOS FC

LOTTO

No.s 1, 16, 17, 20. No winner of the Jackpot. 5 x €25: Joan O Sullivan, Ballyhar x 2 wins. Geraldine Moloney, Killarney. Bernie Cooper, Ballyhar & Rachel O Connor, Headford, Killarney. Next

draw for a jackpot of €2400 will take place on Sunday next, 7th september at Butlers Bar, Fries. Thanks to all those who support & help out with the club lotto. Tickets available from Sheehan's Filling Station, Farranfore, Spar & Hendersons Shops, Fries & Butlers Bar, Fries.

50TH CELEBRATIONS

The club was blessed with fine weather which allowed for a great turnout at Murt Scott Park on Sunday 24th August in celebration of the clubs 50th year in sport. Thanks to the club sub-committee and additional volunteers who made sure that the Traffic, the Blitz's on the grass & Astro, the kids activities, the presentations to members, the legends game & the food vendors all ran smoothly on the day. Thanks to all who participated & showed up on the day. Thanks to Hendersons Bar & Butlers Bar for their welcome on the Sunday night.

TEAMS

The schoolboy/girl league commenced last weekend with Ballyhar Dynamos u14 squad defeating St Brendans Park B 4-1 in Division 1 at Murt Scott Park. Thanks to two goals each from Josh Nelligan & Reuben O Leary Griffin.

The u16s travelled to Inter Kenmare in the Premier Division and came away with a 4-3 win with Dylan Fitzgerald, Eoin Casey, Brendan Allman & Killian Casey being the goal scorers.

KERRY SCHOOLBOY/GIRL SOCCER

GIRLS

OPENING DAY WINS FOR MASTERGEEHA, KILLORGLIN AND PARK

It was the perfect start to the Amber Killarney U13 Premier season for Mastergeeha, Killorglin and St Brendan's Park, as all three recorded opening day triumphs.

Mastergeeha got the better of Castleisland with a 2-0 victory thanks to goals from Gracie Maher and Annie Mai O'Donoghue. A goal from Sienna Boyle in the burning embers saw Killorglin come away with three points with a 3-2 win away to MEK Galaxy.

Boyle and Chloe O'Sullivan had put the visitors into a 2-1 lead at the break, but goals in each half from Laura Fleming and Emma Foley kept MEK in touch only for Boyle to snatch it. St Brendan's Park also secured an impressive away win, defeating Iveragh 3-1.

Faith Breen grabbed the opener for the Tralee

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Killarney Athletic U14 Boys Division 3



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u16s, who defeated Inter Kenmare FC away in the Premier Division of the Kerry schoolboys league

side, only for Tiernagh McGill to score for Iveragh levelling matters at the break. Second half goals from Roisin Diggins and Emily Savage proved decisive in the end to give Park the points.

GOALS GALORE ON 13'S DIVISION 1 OPENING DAY

There were goals galore in the Amber Killarney U13 Girls Division 1 opening day. Tralee Dynamos impressed with a strong 5-1 victory away to MEK B, with Kourtney Moroney, Mary Kate O'Shea, Aoibhinn Begley, Emma Gilbride and Sadhbh O'Brien all on target, while Siomha Nic Gearailt netted the consolation for MEK.

Camp A and Inter Kenmare A served up a thrilling 3-3 draw, with Robyn Flynn, Saoirse Laide and Charlie Brennan scoring for Camp, while Gabija Knyzaite, Fallon O'Shea and Ava McCarthy replied for Inter Kenmare.

Fenit were also in free-scoring form, running out 6-2 winners away to LB Rovers. Saoirse Reen led the way with a superb hat-trick, while Fiadh McElligott, Emma Barrett-Naziri and Eimear O'Sullivan also hit the target. Lydia Lyne and Katie Houlihan got the goals for LB Rovers.

FIVE STAR PERFORMANCES FROM DYNAMOS AND FENIT IN 15'S PREMIER

The opening round of the Muckross Park Hotel U15 Girls Division 1 produced two high-scoring encounters this week, with Tralee Dynamos and Fenit both hitting five goals to land three points. In a nine-goal thriller, Tralee Dynamos edged out Iveragh 5-4. Tia Falvey struck twice for Dynamos with further goals from Mia Stokoe, Lucy Wynne and Ciara Hayles proving decisive. Iveragh pushed them all the way with Faye O'Sullivan

(2), Valentina O'Neill and Amy Rose Shanahan on target in a pulsating clash.

Meanwhile, Fenit also hit five goals on the road as they defeated Castleisland 5-2. Erin Harty was the star of the show with a superb hat-trick, while Fiadh Nelan added two more. Castleisland battled hard and found the net through Roisin O'Donoghue and Roisin Cronin, but Fenit's firepower saw them through to an impressive win.

BOYS

BREATHTAKING START IN 14'S PREMIER

It was a dramatic opening weekend of action in the Golden Nugget U14 Boys Premier, with plenty of goals across the county to start the new season off with a bang.

Listowel Celtic were in fine form as they swept aside Iveragh 4-0. Ogie Scanlon, Michael D Mahoney, Aidan Lynch and Darragh Hanrahan were all on the scoresheet in a clinical opening day display.

Killorglin picked up a 2-0 win at home to Castleisland, thanks to goals from Freddie Glinwood and Ruairi O'Sullivan, while Killarney Athletic proved too strong for Inter Kenmare, running out 6-1 winners. Sean Quill was the standout with four goals, Ryan O'Donoghue added another, and an own goal completed the tally. Alistair O'Sullivan scored the consolation for Inter Kenmare.

At Celtic Park, Killarney Celtic came out 5-2 winners against St Brendan's Park. Cillian Scannell's brace, along with goals from Conor Doherty, Jace Flynn and Josh O'Donoghue, sealed the victory. Park found the net through

Ben O'Leary and James Tansley and would lead at the break, but couldn't close the gap in the second period.

In the highest-scoring game of the round, Dingle Bay Rovers hit eight past Fenit in an 8-2 triumph. Donnacha Ó Murchú and Muiris Ó Shúilleabháin both grabbed braces, with further goals from TJ Ó hAinfein, Jack Ó Cinnéide, Krystian Dudus and Liam Mac Gearailt. Fenit's two goals came from Aran Keating, but Dingle's firepower proved too much.

CELTIC, BALLYHAR AND ATHLETIC SECURE OPENING ROUND WINS

It was ideal starts for Killarney Celtic C and Ballyhar on home soil as they ran out winners in the end, while Killarney Athletic B were awarded a 3-0 walkover win against Tralee Dynamos A.

In Ballyhar, the home side were impressive as they secured a 4-1 victory over Park B. Josh Nelligan and Reuben O'Leary Griffin both struck twice in a strong attacking display. Alexander Wozniak grabbed the only reply for Park.

Killarney Celtic C edged past LB Rovers A in a tight contest, running out 2-1 winners. Jake Scannell and Sam Fleury got on the scoresheet for Celtic, while Jack Kissane found the net for LB.

HIGH SCORING WEEKEND IN DIVISION 2

It was an opening weekend packed full of goals in the Golden Nugget U14 Boys Division 2, as a host of teams made positive starts, while Ballyhar B were awarded a 3-0 walkover against Tralee Dynamos B.

At Christy Leahy Park, there was a high-scoring thriller as Inter Kenmare B defeated Park C 6-3. Arron Sullivan Casey and Daniel Oshimade both



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netted twice for the visitors, with further goals from Timmy O'Sullivan and Joshua Pilz. Park battled hard with strikes from Antoine Wattam, Harry Eggleston and Noah Foley but couldn't contain the visitors firepower.

There was another goalfest in Castleisland, where the home side edged a seven-goal classic, 4-3 over Killorglin B. Mantas Makcinkas scored twice for Castleisland, alongside goals from Noah Rzaşa and Rokas Voveris. Killorglin's effort was led by Rian McCann, Joe Dwyer and Matthew Cahill, but they fell just short.

Elsewhere, Mastergeeha B secured a 3-1 win over Listowel Celtic B, thanks to a brace from Evan Burke and a goal from Troy Omogun. Connor O'Mahoney was on the scoresheet for Celtic.

CELTIC HIT SIX AS BALLYHAR EDGE SEVEN-GOAL THRILLER IN U16 PREMIER

The opening weekend of the Power Travel U16 Boys Premier failed to disappoint, with Killarney Celtic delivering a stunning attacking display, Ballyhar edging a classic, and Athletic and Dynamos sharing the spoils.

Killarney Celtic A were in unstoppable form as they powered to a 6-0 victory over Park A. Six different scorers found the net in a dominant showing, Kiernan Kelly, Stephen Shine Doody, Lachlan Scannell, Luke Clancy, Kian Brosnahan and Nikita Thachenko all on target for the home side.

Elsewhere, Killarney Athletic A and Tralee Dynamos A could not be separated in a 1-1 draw. Donnacha Vaughan struck for Athletic, but Danny Lane replied for Dynamos to ensure the points were shared.

The game of the round came in Kenmare, where Ballyhar A edged a seven-goal thriller against Inter Kenmare 4-3. Inters goals from Noel O'Neill, Kevin O'Riordan and Matthew Miles weren't enough, as Ballyhar struck through Dylan Fitzgerald, Eoin Casey, Brendán Allman and Killian Casey to secure a memorable away win.

MASTERGEEHA AND CAMP CLAIM NARROW

WINS AS FENIT HIT EIGHT IN DIVISION 2

The opening weekend of action in the Power Travel U16 Boys Division 2 saw plenty of goals and excitement as teams battled for an opening round win.

Mastergeeha B edged out Killarney Athletic B 1-0 thanks to a decisive strike from Noah Clifford, securing a tight victory on the road. Camp A also recorded a strong 3-1 win over Castleisland B. Patrick Leane found the net for Castleisland but Camp's firepower through goals from Conor Kiely, Conor Galvin, and Cole Shanahan was enough to take the spoils.

Fenit A produced the standout performance of the round, running out 8-3 winners over Tralee Dynamos B. Conor O'Sullivan and Adam Duffy each netted a hat-trick, while Conor Slattery and Dave Aherne added further goals in a dominant display. Joe O'Halloran, Kieran Feely and Mark Foley were the scorers for Dynamos.

GIRLS

AMBER KILLARNEY U13 GIRLS PREMIER

Castleisland 0-2 Mastergeeha

MEK 2-3 Killorglin

Iveragh 1-3 St Brendan's Park

Amber Killarney U13 Girls Division 1

MEK B 1-5 Tralee Dynamos

Camp A 3-3 Inter Kenmare A

LB Rovers 2-6 Fenit

MUCKROSS PARK HOTEL U15 GIRLS DIVISION 1

Iveragh 4-5 Tralee Dynamos

Castleisland 2-5 Fenit

BOYS

THE GOLDEN NUGGET U14 BOYS PREMIER

Listowel Celtic A 4-0 Iveragh A

Killorglin 0-2 Castleisland A

Inter Kenmare A 1-6 Killarney Athletic

Killarney Celtic 5-2 Park A

Fenit A 2-8 Dingle A

THE GOLDEN NUGGET U14 BOYS DIVISION 1

Killarney Athletic B 3-0 Tralee Dynamos A w/o

Ballyhar A 4-1 Park B

Killarney Celtic C 2-1 LB Rovers A

THE GOLDEN NUGGET U14 BOYS DIVISION 2

Ballyhar B 3-0 Tralee Dynamos B w/o

Park C 3-6 Inter Kenmare B

Castleisland B 4-3 Killorglin B

Mastergeeha B 3-1 Listowel Celtic B

THE GOLDEN NUGGET U14 BOYS DIVISION 3

LB Rovers B 4-5 Fenit B

Killorglin C 1-2 Milltown

Killarney Athletic C 6-0 Iveragh B

POWER TRAVEL U16 BOYS PREMIER

Killarney Celtic A 6-0 Park A

Killarney Athletic A 1-1 Tralee Dynamos A

Inter Kenmare A 3-4 Ballyhar A

POWER TRAVEL U16 BOYS DIVISION 1

MEK 5-2 Killorglin A

POWER TRAVEL U16 BOYS DIVISION 2

Killarney Athletic B 0-1 Mastergeeha B

Castleisland B 1-3 Camp A

Fenit A 8-3 Tralee Dynamos B

BOYS TEAM OF THE WEEK

1. Daniel Duggan (Ballyhar Dynamos U16)

2. Conor Doherty (Killarney Celtic U14)

4. Jacob Foley (Milltown U14)

5. Daniel Keane (Listowel Celtic U14)

3. Sam Zazai (St Brendan's Park U14)

6. Luke Doherty (Fenit U14)

7. Donnacha Ó Murchu (Dingle Bay Rovers U14)

8. Cillian O'Brien (Tralee Dynamos U16)

9. Sean Quill (Killarney Athletic U14)

10. Kiernan Kelly (Killarney Celtic U16)

11. Dara Tagney (MEK Galaxy U16)

GIRLS ROLL OF HONOUR

1. Lily Fox (Iveragh)

2. Clodagh O'Sullivan (Mastergeeha)

4. Molly Houlihan (Iveragh)

5. Eve Cooper (MEK Galaxy)

3. Alana Walmsley (Castleisland)

6. Fallon O'Shea (Inter Kenmare)

8. Grace Mangan (Killorglin)

7. Lydia Lyne (LB Rovers)

10. Aoibinn Long (Camp Juniors)

9. Saoirse Reen (Fenit Samphires)

11. Hayley Powell (St Brendan's Park)

David Set to Compete at World Championships in Tokyo

David Kenny, a proud member of Farranfore Maine Valley Athletics, has just completed a month of intensive high-altitude training in Spain in preparation for the upcoming World Championships in Tokyo.

He is among 27 athletes from across Ireland selected to represent the country at the prestigious event, which runs from 13th to 21st September. David, the son of Noel and Mary Kenny from Firies will take on the 20k race walk on Friday, 20th September, a highlight of his athletic career.

He is set to travel to Tokyo this coming Monday, ready to compete on the world stage.

David has numerous achievements to date including Silver Medal, European U23 Championships (20 km race walk, Tallinn 2021) – first-ever Irish medal in race walking at that championship and 29th Place, 20 km Walk at Tokyo 2020 Olympics.



SSE AIRTRICITY MEN'S FIRST DIVISION

ALL SQUARE V DUNDALK FC

Dundalk FC 3-3 Kerry FC

by David Moriarty



Double goal scorer.... Robbie Cleary. (File Photo)

Kerry FC were on the road for the first Friday night in six weeks as they made the long trip to Louth to play Dundalk FC for the final time this season.

Kerry FC came into this one on a high, having won last week's game against Longford Town at Mounthawk Park, making it two wins from two, along with the fantastic Sports Direct Men's FAI Cup victory against Cobh Ramblers. For the league leaders, Dundalk FC, they returned to Louth following their emphatic 7-0 win over Treaty United in Limerick, which saw a hat-trick from League of Ireland veteran Daryl Horgan.

For Colin Healy's men, Youth academy graduate Ryan Perez made his first senior start today and what a test it would be for the young man.

A small crowd made their way up from the Kingdom, hoping the team on the pitch would have something for them to cheer about on the way back from County Louth.

The game began with Dundalk enjoying their customary early possession, but Kerry, disciplined in their defensive shape, settled quickly. In the seventeenth minute, Gbemi Arubi carved out the first real chance for the home side, forcing a corner that Kerry scrambled clear after a nervy moment for goalkeeper Matthew Connor when the ball flew over his head. Moments later, Dundalk thought they had taken the lead when the ball ended up in the net, only for referee Lucas Keating to whistle for a free-out to relieve the pressure.

Then, twenty-two minutes in, came the moment that set the crazy tone for the evening. Joe Adams, alert in midfield, found Ronan Teahan with a clever pass. Teahan's first touch was immaculate, his balance impeccable, and his finish exquisite. The midfielder drove at the Dundalk defence, skipped past a challenge, and struck low into the near post and past a couple of Dundalk defenders to give Kerry a stunning 1-0 lead ever so slightly against the run of play. The goal visibly rattled Dundalk, though Vincent

Leonard nearly restored the goal disadvantage five minutes later with a curling effort that went narrowly wide. Kerry, however, were not content to sit deep. Robbie Cleary's acrobatic attempt from a Teahan cross just before the half-hour mark drew a somewhat comfortable save from Enda Minogue, a reminder that the Kingdom were intent on asking their own questions.

Still, Dundalk's pressure inevitably mounted. Connor, who would go on to play a crucial role throughout, denied Arubi with a strong stop on thirty-four minutes in. But the Kerry goalkeeper's involvement soon turned more dramatic. On the thirty-ninth minute mark, the referee pointed to the spot after Connor took out Arubi in the box. Booked for the incident, he could do nothing as the experienced Daryl Horgan calmly converted the penalty to level the score at 1-1, although Connor was not far off.

If Kerry's travelling support feared a collapse, they need not have worried. Within sixty seconds of the restart, Kerry were ahead once more. A superb delivery into the box from Ewan Lee found Robbie Cleary, who rose highest and powered a header into the net to restore the Kingdom's advantage. The sheer audacity of Kerry's response left the home crowd stunned, and as the half-time whistle blew with the visitors 2-1 ahead, the belief among the away fans was palpable.

Whatever was said in the Dundalk dressing room at the interval had an immediate effect. Within seconds of the restart, captain Daryl Horgan struck again, latching onto a loose ball in the six-yard box and driving a low shot beyond Connor to make it 2-2.

But Kerry's character shone through yet again. Straight from the ensuing kick-off, Teahan picked up possession in midfield, strode forward with purpose, and unleashed a swerving strike from distance that dipped viciously into the net. It was a goal worthy of any stage, and it restored Kerry's lead at 3-2, sparking wild celebrations on the sideline and in the away end. It could be argued that Enda Minogue could have done better, but the swerve on the shot proved to be too much to handle.

Unfortunately for Kerry, the breathless nature of the game continued to favour Dundalk's firepower. On the fiftieth minute mark, substitute Keith Ward found space in the box and drilled home the equaliser for 3-3. Three goals in just five minutes left both sets of supporters scarcely able to catch their breath.

The frenetic pace eased slightly thereafter, but Kerry FC continued to pose a threat on the break. Manager Colin Healy introduced Cian Brosnan for Ryan Perez to add fresh legs, while Arran Healy replaced Oran Crowe midway through the half as Kerry rotated to keep up with Dundalk's relentless tempo.

The hosts gradually began to dominate possession, but Kerry's defensive shape and Connor's reliability in goal kept them at bay. The goalkeeper got down sharply to deny Horgan as the hour on the stopwatch loomed, while Norman Garbett and Dean Ebbe both spurned golden chances in the final fifteen minutes. Connor also showed bravery to claim a dangerous header from Conor O'Keefe with thirteen minutes to go, and when Ebbe fired wide from inside the area with just ten minutes left, the sense grew that Kerry FC might just cling on.

As the minutes ticked down, Luke Palmer was introduced for Cleary to add energy up top, and though Dundalk threw everything forward, Kerry defended valiantly. The fourth official signalled five minutes of added time, but the Kingdom's backline held firm through wave after wave of attacks. When the final whistle sounded, Kerry's players collapsed to the astroturf in exhaustion but also pride, having earned a famous point against the league leaders.

There was a real sense of joy that this was the first time in the three years of the club's short existence that they managed to get a point off the league leaders, but also a sense of disappointment that they led three times and could not hold out for all three points—a real piece of progression in itself.

With Kerry FC now just six points off the playoff places, it's really starting to feel around the club like this season could be a special one, especially with so many important games ahead in both leagues and cup competitions. Kerry FC now look ahead once again to hosting Cobh Ramblers in Mounthawk Park next Friday in what is a huge game with huge implications for the rest.

Dundalk FC Team: 1. Enda Minogue, 4. Mayowa Animasahun, 6. Aodh Dervin, 7. Daryl Horgan (C) (GOAL PEN '41, '47), 11. Gbemi Arubi, 12. Luke Mulligan, 15. Vincent Leonard, 16. Eoin Kenny, 23. Andy Paraschiv, 27. Declan McDaid, 31. John Ross Wilson.

Subs: Peter Cherrie, Conor O'Keefe, Harry Groome, Dean Ebbe, Norman Garbett, Keith Ward (GOAL '52), Sean Spaight, Trevor Joseph Molloy Murray, Rohan Vaughan.

Kerry FC Team: 16. Matthew Connor, 3. Sean O'Connell, 4. Oran Crowe, 5. Christopher McQueen, 6. Carl Mujaguzi, 8. Ronan Teahan (GOAL '23, '48), 10. Joe Adams, 14. Robert Cleary (GOAL '42), 28. Niall Brookwell (C), 29. Ewan Lee, 36. Ryan Perez.

Subs: Darragh Foley, Samuel Aladesanusi, Arran Healy, Cian Brosnan, Luke Doolan, Finn Barrett, Sean McGrath, Luke Palmer.



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ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS



PAYMENT FOR MANAGERS

"The greatest amateur sports organisation in the world". That's always been the GAA's greatest branding. From the very start, players weren't paid for their endeavours. Now, even back then, I'm sure the best players were well minded. But there are enough stories about people not being compensated for missing work, travelling expenses....meals after training meant a packet of digestive biscuits if you were lucky. And that's in the successful counties. Back in the early seventies, Kerry had a good few players who had to drive back to their bases in Cork after training, pretty much on empty bellies. Dr. Jim Brosnan agreed to provide steak. That was right at the start of the Golden Years team. Obviously it's not the only factor, far from, but you won't convince me that it didn't help. Dublin in the seventies more or less had to face down their own County Board (before Jimmy Gray came in – that Chairman had as much to do with Dublin's rise as Heffernan – couldn't he have left well enough alone?) to get decent treatment. Players were expected to be like Victorian era schoolchildren, seen and not heard. I'm not suggesting that players were never paid; that's nonsensical and everybody knows it. Plenty of players switched clubs for various named reasons, and there were obviously unnamed reasons as well. Micksie Palmer, to his great credit, was cheerfully open about some of his transfers. It's well-known that it was worth a good players' while to head off and play in America over the summer holidays. Don't mind the Tony Keady Affair in 1989, when a great Galway hurler got a twelve month suspension for playing under a false name. Everybody knew that hundreds more were doing the same, he was just a scapegoat. The GAA was attempting to draw a line on the sand...good luck with that, Ozymandias. Loads did it and still do it; I'd have done it myself if any of them wanted me (they didn't). Players get sponsored cars, appearance fees etc – I believe Jason Sherlock was the first player to

officially have an agent – being an inter-county player can be highly rewarding. But there isn't a one of them that put in all that work – and I'm not sure that people understand exactly how much commitment being an inter-county player requires, and not just on the training field but in every single aspect of your life – for the possibility of financial reward much later on. No, players being paid to play is not an impossibility, but I don't believe that it exists in sufficient numbers to be a significant problem. Managers, though.....that's the crux of the issue. Astute management – and man management as much as game management – is vital to success now. Admittedly there is a modern media myth about manager cults – "change the manager and automatically change results" nonsense. You think Ruben Amorim, whose unwillingness to change a failing formation was certainly an issue, was the root of Old Trafford's problems? But good management is crucial, and in professional sports, the best can command the highest salaries. Interestingly, the top players, almost always scorers, get paid way more than the people hired to tell them what to do.

There is absolutely no way that the early coaches were getting paid. It was a patriotic privilege. Jerry Collins, Dr. Eamonn...no way. Remember, these were coaches, not 'managers'. They had no say in team selection or tactics; that was the role of the elected and all-important 'selectors'. Honest to God, the FAI was run like that until well into the sixties, and some of the team selections....the phrase 'lions led by donkeys' was originally applied to the British in World War 1, but I think it fits.

Dick Fitzgerald coaching Clare is an interesting one. I have never seen the slightest indication that he was paid, but a Killarney-based man is travelling to coach in Clare back then? You can quadruple any modern travelling time. I don't know how sustainable that would be on a voluntary basis, so I would be surprised if remuneration wasn't part of that discussion.

By the way, sports science has certainly evolved at a pace commensurate with the Computer Age, but the popular notion that it suddenly blossomed out of nothing around the early sixties....would ye ever give over. I've a training manual for athletics from the early 1900s somewhere at home and, honest to God, you wouldn't go far wrong to follow those instructions nowadays.

Somewhere around the late sixties, early seventies, things started becoming more professional. Did the visit of Harry Beitzel's touring Aussie Rules side in 1967 have an impact? I don't think so. I think it was more than the success of Ulster counties helped foster a growth in coaching courses rather than a

reliance on an assumed innate talent. That was also happening in other sporting codes. Also, the simple fact that a stagnant economy was finally beginning to improve meant that it was affordable. Add in a broadening of education in general and improvements in communications technology and you had quite a cocktail.

The GAA was always big business. By the late seventies it was actually huge. Even today, actually think about it in terms of real estate as well as turnover, let alone ticket receipts. The more successful you were, the more money came into your club/county (I honestly don't believe that administrators were pocketing money for themselves; I really don't). A bigger piece of a bigger pie. Of course you are going to pay for expertise. You'd be a fool not to.

Taking on an inter-county team has required the commitment of a full-time job for at least three decades now. And the workload isn't getting smaller. Any of you who read this column on a regular basis (thanks, but jaysus, ye are hard up for entertainment) will know my feelings about the increased amount of games. There should be no group stage in any All Ireland and group stages in both our Club and County Championships gives players no breaks.

Managers have to pretty much supervise every training and video/discussion session. Plus micromanage a hundred other things that players might not even notice. That's at club level now. Of course managers are being paid, and we have all known it for a long time. They absolutely should be. Nicky Brennan acknowledged it as a problem in 2009. A different GAA Uachtaráin a year later declared that an investigation "couldn't even find the tables, let alone find under the table payments". Even at the time, and this was when every second week was unveiling a new scandal in Irish society, that statement drew particular derision. Yes, managers are being paid, and deserve to be paid. So I'm obviously in favour of Jarlath Burns' suggestion (I don't think it can be given as concrete a term as actual 'proposal' just yet) that inter-county managers receive €20,000 pa as a salary, right? Especially as it would be taxable. The Revenue Commissioners always took a pretty lax view of sports organisations traditionally, and no politician was ever going to push for investigations into as popular an organisation as the GAA (the opposite, in fairness; the GAA has always been head of the queue for Government grants). Those days are over. Yes, the massive failures of another Irish sporting organisation, and I do mean absolutely massive, didn't help. But I think all the political scandals and the 'brown envelope' culture has had an impact. People got tired of the old nod and wink culture. Every county either has or is undergoing an audit, I believe Donegal are the latest to make a settlement. Under the table payments? Certainly not gone,

but getting harder to conceal. And no harm. Accountability, believe it or not, isn't a swear word.

Paying managers €20,000 pa would improve nothing. It would only top up the salaries involved. The competition to attract the best would not change in the slightest, the cost would just go up. It's a populist gesture that only purports to deal with an issue rather than actually dealing with it.

You want to deal with payments to managers? No problem. You can't be a manager or part of the sideline of a county/club unless you have been a member of that club/county for at least two years. Hire in all the trainers you want, but they can't be with you on match day. That would solve the problem at a stroke.

But that would not be populist. That would be both effective and unpopular. That's why that discussion isn't going to happen. But until it does, spare me the nonsense about payments to managers.

AUSSIE RULES COMPENSATION

Right. That's one little rant off my chest (thank you. Why, yes, I do feel a lot better). But since I'm on a roll, let's have another. And let's face it, it will be a regular topic of discussion over the next year in regard to at least two Kerry players, probably one more if I am reading the wind right. This self-righteous notion that GAA clubs should be compensated when players sign for AFL clubs. Why?

Yes, it does happen in soccer. But you do understand that's because a player is moving from one (amateur) to another (professional) club under the one overall sports organisation (FIFA). A player moving from GAA (remember, 'greatest amateur sporting organisation in the world') to.....a completely separate sport, is a bit different. Very different.

Should the compensation go to the county or the club? What if, as is often the case in Kerry, a footballer hurls with a different club? E.g. Finuge/Lixnaw, Ardfert/St. Brendans? Should the hurling club get half? What if the lad played a bit of soccer or rugby or basketball, the scut? Should they all get a piece?

Funny how there isn't the same furore when ladies footballers make the transition, as a lot have nowadays (the respective calendars match up reasonably closely). Less money and less influence in the ladies' game, to be honest about it, but I also think that having come from a lower financial, supportive, and structural base, they are simply more pragmatic in terms of cutting their cloth to measure. Less inclined to.....how shall I put this....excrete in a bovine manner?

Long ago, I toddled my way into primary school, after my mother got tired of her three year old arguing that string theory contradicted too much about quantum mechanics. A lovely woman there eventually taught me how to read and write. Now, many years later. I actually got a job (yes, of course I lied on my CV) that involves reading and writing. Guess how much my employer paid to



Action from the Glenflesk V Killarney Legion game. Photo: Seamus Healy

that school or that teacher? And look, I know that their profession is teaching, but this idea of a debt to a completely unconnected company/organisation just because you hire some-one? Stop.

And since I'm not making friends among the devotees of the game anyway, I may as well say it. Any young lad/lass who asks me for advice in regards to AFL offers? Go for it. A huge opportunity and a great adventure. Yes, it might be lonely. It might not work out. But it definitely won't if you don't even try. Jaysus, at worst you will have a free year in Australia. Amid all the tears and the lamentations and the wailing about AFL desperadoes robbing the flower of Irish youth merely to enrich their greedy selves with filthy lucre, just like the Saxon invaders (they were more Norman by then) did in centuries past.....lad, you slogged on training grounds and hard matches often enough and you were often lucky if you got a cup of tea. Don't mind the guilt trip. If you get a chance, go for it and good luck to you.

HALF A BILLION FOR INTEGRATION?

It was a bit of a throwaway remark by Jarlath Burns at a Summer School so let's not get too excited. But it did definitely catch my attention. The GAA are committed to full integration between the GAA, LGFA, and Camogie Association by the end of 2027. Great idea, long past overdue, I've supported it for years. People playing gaelic games are people playing gaelic games. Facilities, coaching, etc. should certainly be pooled. Yes, as the big dogs in the room, the GAA would be the main contributor. But the overall sport, and Irish society, would benefit hugely. It's no-brainer.

And look, if you oppose it, that's okay too. This idea that it must automatically make you a misogynist....can we leave those histrionics to

the likes of Marjorie Taylor Greene, who may or may not in fact be a woman?

But what the President of the GAA said – again, it was more off the cuff than a formal statement – was that it would cost the GAA upwards of half a billion euro. That's a 'b', not an 'm'.

Half a.....sorry, what? Half a billion is what you pay the President of the US in 'unsolicited political donations totally separate policies favourable to your oil-rich dictatorship regardless of America's interests because you are so impressed with his hair'.

"It's going to cost them over half a billion as an Association to do that. In two years' time, if we do full integration, does that mean that the Wexford County Board are going to be funding hurling, football, LGFA and camogie - four teams? Equity is something that's going to be very important. A camóg getting into her car and driving to training, it's costing the same as a GAA player."

Wexford do, in fact, field teams in all of those sports, Mr. President. We have just been talking about pooling resources. It's not like Wexford LGFA and camogie are going to abscond with their funds and watch the games on clubber in Bali. And I'm glad you mentioned 'car', because for a minute there I thought camogie players were hiring Lear jets to go to training.

'Half a billion euro.' That's the sort of figure that gets bandied about when bidding for an Olympics or a World Cup or the like. Usually along with a promise that it will generate that in tourist revenue. Which it never, ever, in all the history of mankind, does. And the figures are always rounded upwards, and predicated on all tourists that year only coming for the one event.

Lok, half a billion euro.....sure, why don't we just build a Childrens' Hospital instead? A really small one?

Integration is not going to cost the GAA half a billion euro. My reading of the situation? A note of caution, I absolutely could be adding two

plus two and getting seventeen. Remember where I mentioned the lady who taught me reading and writing? She tried to teach me sums as well, God love her. She really was a lovely woman, but I'd say the biblical Job had an easier time of it than she did. But regardless of the actual numbers involved, I strongly suspect that the GAA are getting cold feet about this. Largely because facilities are under fierce pressure already. Playing schedules have increased a lot at juvenile level (it's gotten ridiculous at senior, you'd almost miss the days when 'burnout' was a buzzword). Clubs are trying to protect their main pitch, but teams at all grades need to train.

I don't think this is going to cost anything like half a billion euro – the notion is frankly preposterous. But I think that'll be the excuse offered for the GAA dragging their feet. I have huge respect for Jarlath Burns, don't get me wrong, but he wouldn't be saying anything like this unless he was certain that it chimed with overall supporter sentiment.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP Rathmore v Austin Stacks

Rathmore were under the cosh early on, going down by 1-5 to 0-0, but managed to finish the first half with three points. Cian Purcell had Stacks' goal, and he and Paddy Lane were their biggest scoring threats, with Greg Horan doing trojan work outside. Rathmore, with Andrew Moynihan and Ciarán Collins outstanding, grew into the game. Brian Friel's goal on the three quarter mark closed the gap. They still trailed by four with ten minutes left, but a good run by Mark Ryan led to a penalty expertly converted by Collins, with Paul Murphy and Shane Ryan kicking late points to seal a great victory, 2-12 to 1-13. Rathmore march on.

Na Gaeil v Dingle

I didn't originally have Na Gaeil listed among the powerhouses, but they are really firing on all cylinders this year. To be fair, Dingle were missing an awful lot of top guns. They trailed by 1-10 to 0-2 at the break, with Diarmuid O'Connor once again scoring a cracking goal for the Tralee outfit. O'Connor is waiting on a shoulder operation, but you wouldn't know it from his play. For that matter, I bet Jack O'Connor hasn't discarded Jack Barry's phone number. They were the main drivers for Na Gaeil. Paul Geaney only came on in the 18th minute but led a ferocious comeback with six two pointers (3tpf). I think because of the presence of David Clifford and Sean O'Shea nowadays and Colm Cooper and James O'Donoghue previously, people forget how good a forward Paul actually is, one of the very best of a generation. They got the gap down to just a point on two occasions, but Na Gaeil held on to win by the minimum, 1-15 to 0-17.

INTERMEDIATE

CHAMPIONSHIP Fossa 2-11 Beaufort 0-15

I'll say about this game what I said about Fossa's Premier Junior Final win. Listry had been the better team that day, but Fossa had the brothers and, contrary to all the known laws of gods and men, an incredibly rare few individuals can be good enough to win a team game. I had Beaufort down to win this with a bit to spare – I actually had Beaufort or Glenflesk to win the Intermediate outright, which shows you what I know. Beaufort are good, really good, all over the field. Fossa are decent, but I didn't see them matching them around the field. I was nearly right, Beaufort did dominate the game and led by four points after Paudie Clifford's superb goal. Paudie boomed over a two pointer and Emmett O'Shea added a free. Shane O'Sullivan clawed away a goal effort from Nathan Breen. Two minutes into injury time, David flicked the ball into Paudie's path. His first goal was good. This one, a delicately weighed chip over the keeper, was score of the year contender. And yes, of course he meant it. Some man for one man.

An Ghaeltacht 0-21 Gneeveguilla 1-16

All four losing teams in the Intermediate had hard luck stories last weekend, which is a great sign in itself of the quality of the competition. Gneeveguilla were well on top for sixty minutes of this game, leading by 0-15 to 0-8 at the break, and full value for a five point lead heading towards the final whistle. Except that up stepped PJ Mac Láimh and Conor Ó Corduibh with points and Cathal Ó Beaglaíoch with two massive two pointers. Just like that, An Ghaeltacht were in front. Down again they came, Gavin Ó Cinnéide fouled in the square, and Éanna Ó Chonchúir had the luxury of tapping a penalty over the bar. The weather was brutal, the football was brilliant, the result was frankly cruel. Some games go that way. Gneeveguilla didn't hit a single wide all game; they couldn't have done much more.

Killarney Legion 1-21 Glenflesk 0-14

Ah, yes. Exactly as predicted....we shall move on. I make no bones about saying I had Glenflesk as strong favourites. But, for the first time in a long time, this was Killarney Legion playing as a collective rather than an assembly of talented individuals. Glenflesk will be disappointed, especially around a middle third where Gammell, Lyne, and Alade dominated, while Ryan O'Grady was unmarkable up front. Legion led by double scores, 0-10 to 0-5, at the break. Glenflesk did trim the gap back but Darragh Lyne scored a cracking goal. Legion brought on James O'Donoghue and, well, they do say that class is permanent.

Kilcummin 1-14 Listowel Emmets 0-16

Yet another nailbiter. Listowel were very slow out of the blocks, trailing by 1-4 to 0-0. Mark O'Shea scored the goal but it was his brother Paul who was the main creator, and Paul was outstanding for Kilcummin. For my money,

though, Joe Joe Grimes was the man of the match. He really led Listowel all through. He played midfield for Cork – well, I can name a good few footballers who played for Cork before winning All Irelands with Kerry....just throwing the notion out there, because yes, he was that good.

A strong finish to the first half meant that Listowel trailed by 1-8 to 0-7 at the break. They were much more assured in the second half and actually led by two before a Matt Keane brace. Late on, Kevin O'Gorman managed to find Shane McSweeney and the big man shrugged off one last tackle (quite legally) and fired over the winner. He has been kicking points on this field for over two decades (the field is now being re-sod), this was as important as any of them.

PREMIER JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Ballymac 1-17 Ballyduff 0-7

Without either Podge Boyle or Michael Slattery, Ballyduff just didn't have the firepower. Niall Collins rocked them with a goal from the throw-in. They led by 1-5 to 0-3 at the break – frankly, a poor enough scoring return. However, they did find their kicking boots in the second half and eight points on the trot pretty much put the game to bed. Adam Segal was absolutely superb for Ballyduff, but one team had played in Division One this year and the other in Division Four, and it wasn't hard to tell which was which.

St. Senans 3-13 Duagh 1-13

Seanie McGrath's goal helped St. Senans into a 1-11 to 1-4 half-time lead and, even with Cormac Dillon kicking nine points, that was always going to be hard to reel in, especially in atrocious weather conditions. Late goals from Cathal Kennedy and Tomás Dillon goaled late on to effectively put it beyond Duagh's reach despite Ted Moloney's late two pointer.

Listry 1-24 Ardfert 1-23

Ardfert, with Earnán Ferris and Liam Óg O'Connor impressing, dominated early possession but two pointers from Ronan Buckley and Cathal O'Donoghue had Listry 0-5 to 0-4 in front. A really strong last five minutes from Listry with scores from Sean Lehane (3, 1tp) and Cathal O'Donoghue (tp) saw them lead by 0-13 to 0-5 at half-time. It says a lot for an understrength Ardfert's character that they slowly hauled in that deficit. Both sides picked up yellow and black cards along the way – it was definitely a tough game, but certainly not nasty. Listry had fourteen men on the field and Ardfert thirteen when Fionan Egan fired over a '45 to draw the sides level, 0-18 to 1-15, and take it to extra-time. Listry made a lightning start to extra-time with four points on the trot, two from man of the match Ruairi Murphy. Still Ardfert refused to yield, but time eventually ran out on them and it's Listry who go through.

Keel 0-18 Castlegregory 1-10

Cian O'Grady was on fire for Castlegregory, finishing with 1-7 in total. That first half goal



Killarney Legion player Darragh Lyne being tackled here by Glenflesk players Dan O'Brien and Luke Crowley. PHoto: Seamus Healy



High flying Jonathan Lyne in action v Glenflesk. PHoto: Seamus Healy

had his side in front by 1-4 to 0-6. Keel, mostly a young team, introduced veteran Gary Sayers at the break and a stellar second half from him, including five points, saw Keel gradually pull away.

SEMI-FINAL PREVIEWS

I actually did fairly well on previews last week, but obviously the Legion and Fossa victories stand out. Ah, well, stopped clocks and all of that.

SENIOR

Na Gaeil v Rathmore

Midfield alone will be enough to entice a lot of neutrals. Na Gaeil have a lot of aces there, but Andrew Moynihan and Cathal Ryan, plus I expect Padraig Moynihan will be picking up ball there....should be even enough. But, even allowing for Dara Devine and Oisín Maunsell, I still don't think that NaGaeil have the scoring power that Rathmore do. Will Andrew Barry pick up Paul Murphy? Both have been understated excellence, but if I was Na Gaeil, I'd put Fergal Barry on Rathmore's playmaker in chief. I expect that Rathmore would love the option of Shane in the full forward line but even if not, he'll be up there a few times. I'll go with Rathmore.

Dr. Crokes V Kenmare Shamrocks

Dr. Crokes won both their group games, but weren't as convincing as last year. They will be looking to step up a gear here and, with Tony Brosnan in the form he is in, I expect them to have just about enough. I stress, though, just about. Kenmare are big men and have a strong bench. Sean O'Shea is as good as ever, no small saying that, and I actually think they are less dependent on him than previously. This will

be a real battle all the way, but I'll go with the reigning champions.

INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Kilcummin v Fossa

Kilcummin comfortably dominated Fossa last time out, but Paudie was not at full speed on that occasion. Fossa only just beat Beaufort with a piece of Paudie magic, and I'd have had Beaufort slight favourites over Kilcummin (I really, really rated Beaufort). Make of that what you will, but I'll go with the O'Shea brothers Paul and Mark to put one over on their Clifford cousins.

An Ghaeltacht v Killarney Legion

That was superb football by Killarney Legion on their home ground. Can they repeat it in Milltown? It'll be interesting to see. Remember that An Ghaeltacht have a multiplicity of big men to contest that middle third as well. Killarney Legion are the form team and will go in as favourites, but they went in as favourites in 2022 as well and lost in extra-time. That was a miserable day in terms of weather and those conditions really seem to suit An Ghaeltacht. On a dry day I'd say Legion with a good bit to spare. On a wet day I'll still say Legion, but not by much.

PREMIER JUNIOR

Keel v St. Senans

I've had a young Keel side up as favourites from early doors and I'm not changing horses midstream. St. Senans are very good – Cillian Trant, Seán O'Connell, Darragh Behan, David Foran, Tomás Dillon, Seanie McGrath.....But Keel have youth, lightning pace, and accurate forwards in Keith Evans, Gary Sayers, and Cian

Flynn.

Ballymac v Listry

Ballymac have been favourites for the title for the last three years in a row. They started as favourites again this year but I've seen Listry twice and, without the injured Vinnie Horan, I can see Listry causing a bit of an upset here. I'm going to tempt fate and go with Listry.

PREMIER JUNIOR QUARTER-FINALS

Knocknagoshel v Cordal

Well, introductions won't need to be made! Tight call, very little between them, but Knocknagoshel should just about survive on their home ground.

Tarbert v Lios Póil

Lios Póil have good footballers in the Ó Cinnéide brothers and Deaglán Ó Súilleabháin, but Tarbert have a great blend of youth and experience and I expect them to win.

Kilgarvan v Beale

Kilgarvan have been a revelation so far. They will be underdogs against Beale but if Daniel Casey, Corey Murphy, and Patrick O'Shea have their shooting boots on, I think Kilgarvan could shade this one.

Moyvane v St. Michaels/Foilmore

Moyvane are a good side, Martin Stack is as good a forward as is out there, but St. Michaels/Foilmore have Ian O'Sullivan, Jack Clifford, and Jack Griffin, and any one of them can be a matchwinner on their day. I'll go with the visitors.

KILLARNEY LEGION

KERRY PETROLEUM INTERMEDIATE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Our Senior Men advanced to the semi final of the Intermediate Club Championship after an impressive 1-21 to 0-14 win over Glenflesk at a blustery Direen on Saturday afternoon. The reward is a Sunday afternoon date with An Ghaeltacht this Sunday, September 7th at 4pm in Milltown. A comprehensive win didn't look likely in the opening quarter as both sides traded points with Eoghan O Sullivan and Ryan O Grady particularly impressive. But a strong second quarter in which the defence held Glenflesk to a single point saw the game open out to five point advantage. Cousins Peter McCarthy and Finbarr Murphy joined Ryan on the scoresheet and the teams hit the dressing rooms with the scoreboard reading 0-11 to 0-6. Glenflesk opened the second half very strong, cutting the gap to the minimum, but a cracking goal from Darragh Lyne put a bit of daylight between the sides again. An immediate two pointer from Ryan O Grady was another nail in the Glenflesk coffin and truth be today they never really threatened again. James O Donoghue climbed off the bench to produce an impressive cameo and Ryan O Grady was gan dabht Man of the Match. Final score Killarney Legion 1-21 0-14

SENIOR LADIES

The Senior Ladies have a vital game in the Bon Secours Junior A Club Championship when they ISG this coming weekend. A win is imperative to advance to the next stage. Fixture details will be confirmed in due course.

U12 BOYS

The latest phase of Under 12 Go Games in East Kerry was a home game against Kenmare Shamrocks on Wednesday evening. They came well prepared with two excellent teams that really put it up to our teams from the off. Our lads gained composure and finished both games strong for the half-time whistle. The second half was another dingdong battle with Legion just shading it in the end. Thanks very much to John Keane and James Murphy for refereeing and doing an excellent job. Thank you very much to Kenmare for travelling over and playing too very sporting games.

U16 LADIES

There was no joy for our U16 girls on Thursday evening in Tralee as they narrowly lost out to Listowel in a very low scoring Division 2 County League Final. Facing a strong breeze, the girls were very slow to start and trailed by nine points early on. However, a strong finish to the half saw them reduce the gap to six at the break. They came out with great determination in the second half and put in a superb defensive display, holding Listowel scoreless. Despite this, scores were hard to come by, and while they closed the gap to just three points in the final ten minutes, they couldn't find the scores needed to turn it around. A tough result, but the girls can be proud of their effort and commitment all season. Unfortunately, composure in key moments made the difference on the night. Congrats to the Listowel girls, and thanks to the referee for officiating. Final Score Killarney Legion 1-4 Listowel Emmets 2-4.

U17 LADIES

A brilliant performance from our U17 girls on Sunday as they booked their place in the Championship semi-final after a tough battle in Tralee, a second visit of the week for the majority of the team. Despite wet and windy conditions, both teams served up some fantastic football. We held a slender one-point lead at half-time after playing against the wind, and the girls showed great heart, teamwork and clinical finishing up front to pull clear in the second half. Great credit to Na Gaeil for a strong sporting game and a big thanks to referee Gary Kissane who was excellent throughout. Full time Killarney Legion 4-15 Na Gaeil 4-7.

LOTTO

Monday August 25th. Numbers were 10,19,23,26 Bonus No 20. There was a winner and it was our hardworking Club Secretary Denise Fogarty who matched the four numbers, without the bonus, but it still came with a cool cheque for 9,600 Euro.

EAST KERRY NEWS

EAST KERRY U14 FINALS

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Division 3C: Beaufort 5-16 Gneeveguilla 4-10

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Division 4B: Spa B 2-10 Rathmore B 3-10

FIXTURES

Division 4C Spa B V Dr Crokes B Friday 5th September 7.30 pm.

FOSSA NOTES

LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 31/08/2025 for a jackpot of €12,600 were 2, 5, 11, 16. There was one jackpot winner who was Colin Myers, Online. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Orla Doona, David Walsh, Noreen Reen, Fiona Kissane, Conor Dumigan.

Tickets are available from our sellers and can also be bought online with the following link <https://fossagaa.clubforce.com/products/lotto/fossa-gaa-club-lotto>

INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP QUARTER FINAL

If ever there was an example of never give up attitude, this was it in Beaufort on Sunday afternoon. Fossa went into this quarter final as underdogs against a fancied home side and the first half did nothing to dispel this theory. The first half was played in an absolute downpour with the wet conditions making it a lottery, ball handling was difficult for both teams but Fossa lead 0-4 to 0-2 after fifteen minutes of play thanks to points from David and Paudie Clifford. For the last fifteen minutes of the half Beaufort took complete command and only for a brilliant save by Shane O'Sullivan in goal it could have been much worse for Fossa as they trailed 0-11 to 0-5 at the break.

Fossa were much more competitive in the second half, both sides were guilty of missed chances and with scores from David Clifford and Emmett O'Shea, Fossa still couldn't close the six-point gap after fifteen minutes of play. Up steps Paudie Clifford whose clinical finish to the corner of the Beaufort net after good build up play gave

Fossa a glimmer of hope. Beaufort got the next score and yet another brilliant save from Shane O'Sullivan seemed to inspire his team mates, Eoin Talbot, Fintan Coffey and Darren Ryan were putting a big shift, Paddy Sheehan got forward and caused trouble for the Beaufort defence. Scores from Emmet O'Shea, Paudie and David Clifford closed the gap to one with time almost up, with four minutes of extra time announced most Fossa followers would have settled for a draw.

However, Paudie Clifford had other ideas, a long clearance out of defence by Harry Buckley was superbly chipped up by David Clifford on the run, he passed to the inrushing Paudie who showed incredibly composure to chip the ball to the Beaufort net for a brilliant goal. Beaufort kicked a free but Michael O'Dwyer set Paudie Clifford up for the last score of the game to seal an incredible victory for Fossa on a score of 2-11 to 0-15. Next up is a rematch against Kilcummin in the semifinal next weekend.

EAST KERRY U14 DIV 2 LEAGUE FINAL

Fossa 3-08, Legion 3-06

Pride of place this evening goes to our U14 boys who were crowned East Kerry League champions after winning a nail-biting encounter against Killarney Legion. Our boys had to travel into the Lion's Den and play their hosts in their home ground in Direen where they faced a highly rated outfit. This final had it all, epic scores, heroic defending, thrills and spills, loads of near misses, buckets of entertainment and wonderful sportsmanship for the onlookers.

Fossa started well when our classy centre forward Johnny Myers split the posts twice with two well taken points. Legion quickly hit back with two opportunist goals against the run of play to give them a comfortable lead early in the 1st half.

Fossa now knew they had to up their performance considerably as this game was quickly slipping away from their grasp. Suddenly Fossa's hard running wing forward, Aaron O'Sullivan saw himself in some space inside the Legion cover and he crashed a bullet of a shot into the bottom corner of the Legion net, it was now game on and all bets were off. Ross Cronin kicked a fine individual score before half time to leave the half time score Fossa 1-05, Legion 2-03. Fossa had played some excellent football in that first period but still found themselves trailing at the interval by the minimum of margins.

What following in the 2nd half was a titanic battle between two fantastic teams, the hits were big and each score was very hard got, everything was left on the pitch. Legion again took a commanding lead early in the 2nd half and they looked like eventual winners, but Fossa had other ideas. Towering midfielder Gerry Moroney took the game by the scruff of the neck and scored a brilliant goal to give Fossa some hope, which is always a dangerous thing.

Next Legion struck for their 3rd goal and the game was back on level terms, both sets of supporters were now on their feet as this brilliant contest played out in front of them. The next score would surely be crucial, players were now all out on their feet after giving their all in a bruising contest, then out of nowhere Fossa's No 12 Aaron O'Sullivan went on a mazy run and slid



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the ball under the onrushing Legion keeper, in that one moment, time stood still in the ground as the O' Neills football slowly tricked over the Legion goal line, everyone held their breath in anticipation, then the Fossa crowd erupted as the umpire waved his green flag. Our boys had won the day against all the odds. Shortly after, the Glenflesk referee Brendan Brosnan blew his final whistle, the Fossa players fell to their knees, this was their time. They had trained all year for a huge win like this and no group of boys deserved it more. Sometimes dreams do come true! Tonight these young boys became men for their club, warriors on the field of battle.

Fossa Scorers : Aaron O' Sullivan 2-0, Johnny Myers 0-05, Gerry Moroney 1-0, Ross Cronin 0-02, Shea Driver 0-01.

Fossa Team: Colm Kissane O'Sullivan, Cian

Riordan, Charlie O'Meara (Captain), Noah Keogh, Sean Doyle, Donnacha Coffey, Finian Swarbrick, Shea Driver, Gerry Moroney, Ryan Lynch, Johnny Myers, Aaron O'Sullivan, Mark O'Connor, Ross Cronin, David Kennelly, Eoin Murphy, Tristan Cryan, George Nomikas, Cian Sheehan, Peter Clifford, Billy Brosnan, Rian O'Reilly.

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With many families on holidays, the Refresher Course for CPR, Defibrillator, and First Aid has been deferred until the autumn.

LOTTO took place September 1st. Numbers drawn were 3, 7, 20, 21. Jackpot of €11,300 was NOT WON. 18 patrons matched 3 numbers and receive €25 each. Jackpot for draw on

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

SPEEDY RECOVERY to Liz Moloney who is recovering from a recent surgery.

CONDOLENCES to the O'Donoghue family on the recent passing of Eileen.

NOTES

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

Killarney Open Results & New Season at Gleneagle Squash Club

Gleneagle Squash Club proudly hosted the Killarney Open this past weekend, welcoming players from across Ireland and beyond. It was a fantastic season opener for the Killarney Squash Club, showcasing high-level squash and great sportsmanship.

Our local players put on a strong performance, with Paul O'Brien third place in Division A, Domagoj RAC third place in Division B, Brendan Counihan runner-up in Division C and Martin Brett third place in Division C. While the top prizes eluded us, their efforts were commendable and brought pride to the club.

The top prize in Men's A went to Jack Brannigan, a rising star from Newbridge. Jack's father, Neil Brannigan, was defeated in the semi-finals by Martin Joseph McDonnell, narrowly missing a potential father-son final. In the final, Martin's experience gave him the edge early on, taking the first game. However, Jack rallied and secured a hard-fought victory of three games to one, with a scoreline of 11-6, 8-11, 10-12, 8-11.

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Special appreciation to Maciej Truchan and Ray O'Callaghan for their outstanding organization and to Gleneagle Leisure for their hospitality throughout the tournament. Without their efforts and the support of Gleneagle Leisure and our squash club members, this event wouldn't have been possible.

We're excited to announce the relaunch of our Junior Programme, along with Beginners and Improvers sessions for both men and women—starting soon! Stay tuned for more updates as we gear up for another busy year filled with monthly competitions, Munster League matches, a Charity Tournament and a Ladies Open Day. We welcome all beginners at any age and ability, we have a welcoming club open to all.



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KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL STOPPING HOUSE BUILDING IN KERRY

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

“ERRATIC PLANNING DECISIONS WITHOUT CONSEQUENCES FOR KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL”

Builders have expressed the view that it is easier to build houses in Cork than it is in Kerry. In Cork, for example, builders carry out the work, a snag list of any outstanding issues is created, the builders rectify those issues and any bond funds are promptly returned to the builder. Bond funds are amounts of money held back from the builder by the bank until all work has been completed. If the council delays signing off on the completion of the snag list, the bond funds are not released back to builder and they are left out of pocket. In Cork, once the snag list has been signed off, the maintenance of any new housing development is promptly taken over by Cork County Council. Builders claim that it is much more problematic dealing with Kerry County Council. It can take years for an official snag list to be created. The saga does not end here. When that list is finally completed, more maintenance issues are added. Builders have claimed that this final stage can take years and can add unnecessary financial stress. In effect, builders are being used to maintain an estate, post-build. In many cases, the builder ends up just forfeiting the bond, as it

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

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

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



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



This is a photo of a manhole that was built in 2008. This manhole is in perfect condition after sixteen years. The specifications on building a manhole has changed recently and Kerry County Council wants all the manholes in the estate dug up and rebuild under the updated specifications and this work will cost the builder €45,000. Kerry County Council does not accept that this decision is a gross abuse of power. There is no appeal system and no consequence for the decision makers.



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

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We set off on our journey over the county bounds through Kilgarvan, Bonane and through the Tunnels and over the Caha pass back on to Cork soil again. At Cronin's Centra in Ballylickey we stopped for a break, at this point renowned rally driver Denis Cronin obliged by selecting 2 cars for Special Awards, They being an Opel Manta A by John Keating from Middleton and an Opel Manta 400r by Joey O'Shea from Pallaskenry. On the return route we went through Kealkill, Ballingearry, Inchigeela, Toonsbridge and returning to the Mills Inn for the Prizegiving, raffle and BBQ.

The final Special Award picked by Donna from the Mills Inn went to Michael Horan from Killarney with his Opel Manta B GTE, The GMR Jackie Small Memorial Trophy went to Jack Sheehan, Rathcoole. for his Opel Kadett C saloon, The Perpetual Shield went to Christy Buckley, Blarney. Opel Kadett C Coupe, The Spirit of the Run Award went to Geraldine McCarthy, Castletownkenneigh. The Rentokil Best Modified Cup went to Arnoldas Pe, Co. Louth for his Opel Calibria. The Cartell.ie Best Vauxhall Cup went to Jane & Paul Burgess, Isle of Man with their Astra MK1, The Kevin O'Leary Group Best Opel Cup went to Brendan Howard, Tralee with his Opel Manta B GT.

Numerous raffle prizes were won and the attention soon turned with the smell of the BBQ. An enjoyable run and evening was had. A special thank you to all who helped out in any way to make the run a success and to those who attended. Keep the 8th of August 2026 in your diary for the 19th Ted's Opel Vauxhall Run.



Christy Buckley Winner of the Opel Ireland sponsored Overall Car of the run receiving the Award from Emma Toner, Opel Ireland Marketing Director & Ted O'Connell



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by John O'Sullivan

AUTUMN GARDENING

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Once this is done, your flowerbeds may look a little bare. This is the perfect opportunity to plant spring-flowering favourites such as wallflowers, primroses, polyanthus, and of course, bulbs. These will ensure a bright and cheerful display when the new season arrives.

Containers, baskets, and window boxes often look a little tired at this time of year. Some plants may still be thriving, but others are well past their best. Remove any that have faded, otherwise, they only detract from the healthy ones. To refresh your displays, consider adding plants like trailing ivy or cyclamen. These not only provide fresh greenery and colour but can also form the backbone of a striking winter arrangement.



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By Nicky Barry

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And she could not believe it, as the Euros started pouring.

Tourists thought she was an orphan, or maybe a refugee,

Who had come to Killarney, far from home and family,

But Caoimhe was a local lass, all of nine years old,

With a Mum from Tipperary, and a Da of the Crokes' fold.

She had that spark of enterprise, to use her music skills,

To generate some money, by playing reels and jigs.

Then she took out her tin whistle, and it was the same,

And when her repertoire was finished, she played them all again.

Tourists couldn't get enough, of this little smiling waif,

Playing like an angel, and wondered was she safe,

But Dad was there across the road, fierce proud of his kid,

For on her busking debut, Caoimhe earned eighty quid!!





A Word of Victory

"Listen! It's the voice of someone shouting, 'clear the way through the wilderness for the Lord! Make a straight highway through the wasteland for our God! Fill in the valleys and level the mountains and hills. Straighten the curves, and smooth out the rough places. Then the Glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together'. The Lord has spoken!" (Isaiah 40:3-5 NLT).

Welcome back dear student, as we shift into this new Autumn season the darker evenings can affect people's mood and outlook, but heaviness needs to be resisted. Fear, negativity, and dread are demonic weapons that hold people in bondage. Sometimes these fears are heightened in certain conditions, but we don't have to give into that torment. Every day you have breath in your body is a gift from God. The Word tells us that when the darkness covers the earth the Lord's Light is visible upon His people – in fact, He calls us to arise and shine in the midst of darkness (Isaiah 60:1). "The people who sat in darkness have seen a Great Light. And for those who lived in the land where death casts its shadow, a light has shined" (Matthew 4:16; Isaiah 9:2). The Glory of God is coming upon the earth in greater measure releasing His Presence. People spend their lives looking for light - it brings hope, security, and joy: that's why we love lamps and twinkling lights at home. Physical lighting will burn out, but the Glory of the Light of the World will never dim. And His Light is available to bring freedom from the darkness (John 8:12; John 12:35-46).

The devil uses lies, old patterns, and attitudes filled with negativity to bombard people into submission and ultimately imprisons them in the past. This is not how God wants His children to live. There are natural things we can do to combat oppression and fear like eating healthier and getting out in the fresh air to exercise; or taking up projects to fill the quieter months. But more importantly we must build ourselves spiritually - and watch and resist (1 Peter 5:8-9; James 4:7). Just because there is darkness, doesn't mean that we let gloom reign. No – the Lord Jesus paid too high a price for our freedom to accept the devil's treats. Satan's delicacies are subtle and may seem harmless, but God warns that he disguises himself as an angel of light – the great pretender (2 Corinthians 11:14).

God doesn't want us to live dominated by negativity. Life is more than just existing 'under the circumstance's'. God calls you an overcomer. That means you fight! Yes things may be difficult, there may be many problems - but God is the Solution! And He will give you the strength to stand your ground and get through the toughest of trials when you rely on Him and put His Word into action. There's a word the devil doesn't like: ACTION! Our faith is active. We may fall down but we must get up again. And again, and again - until we overcome (Proverbs 24:16). Satan doesn't want you developing consistency. That's doing small things regularly until they become a habit – carrying through with plans, completing tasks. Lists and goals are important - it's a great idea to have a wipe board and markers that you get in any pound shop. There's something about writing things down and then ticking them off. It brings a sense of satisfaction and joy. No one is going to do it for us friend. But God will help you. "He gives power to the weak and to those who have no might He increases strength" (Isaiah 40:29; Psalm 119:105). May you experience the Light of Jesus shine upon you always.

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

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COMMUNAL FIRST SATURDAY (CFS)

For those who would like to fulfil the second of Our lady's requests in Fatima for obtaining a period of peace and salvation of souls.

The Communal First Saturday devotions will be held on the Sat 6th Sept commencing with the Fatima intentions at 8.45 am followed by the Rosary at 9am in the Church of the Resurrection Killarney. Confessions available from 8.30 am. Mass at 9.30 followed by 15 mins meditation on the mysteries of the Rosary.

All will be done with the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Communal First Saturday will continue throughout the year bringing the community together to fulfil the four practices requested by Our Lady in reparation to her Immaculate Heart (Dec.10. 1925

CANONISATION OF BL. CARLO ACUTIS & BL. PIER

GIORGIO FRASSATI: Pope Leo XIV will canonise both Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati in St. Peter's on Sunday September 7th 2025. The Mass commences at 10.00 am Rome time (9.00 am Irish time). Blessed Carlo Acutis will become the first millennial Saint and is very popular here in Ireland especially among young people.

The Mass will be broadcast by RTÉ. Keep an eye on listings nearer the time for the actual transmission details. To mark the occasion of Carlo Acutis, the Bishop of Kerry, Raymond Browne, will be celebrating the 11.30am Mass on Sunday 7th September in the Franciscan Friary Church, with the opportunity to venerate the relic after mass

DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL TOOK PLACE ON WEDNESDAY 22ND OF AUGUST 1855

The following Baptisms on the 26th of August 1855 in the Cathedral

Elizabeth Cooley– Killarney

John Dennehy–Killarney

Margaret Cahill– Knocknahoe

Michael O'Shea–Faugh

Timothy O'Shea– Killarney

Catherine McCarthy– Killarney

Elizabeth Wallez–Killarney

John Criming–Killarney

Wedding 4th of September 1855 in St Mary's Cathedral - Thomas Fleming to Catherine Kelly

PARISH MISSION ANNOUNCEMENT -

Killarney Parish will be running a Redemptorist led mission from Sunday September 21st to Friday September 26th. This Mission schedule will be posted to individual households, on the Killarney Parish Facebook page, and in the parish newsletter in the coming weeks, so keep an eye out!

MISSION PRAYER

Loving Father,

We ask your Blessing on us during our upcoming Parish Misson.

Slow us down and make us thoughtful.

Open our hearts through the Holy Spirit in your word and grace. May Our Misson give us: a new vision of your love, a new hope in your strength, a new faith in your mercy, and a new commitment to serve you.

May we take the time to contemplate the values and treasures of our faith, to remember our loved ones that are gone, to heal our hurts, and give us a renewed strength to carry on.

May the Killarney Mission be for us, a time of blessing and thanksgiving, reconciliation and renewal, healing and peace. May your love grow among us, to llve as your witnesses with love and hope.

Amen

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
& 1ST ANNIVERSARY**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**MAGARET
O'MAHONY**



HOLY CROSS GARDENS,
KILLARNEY
LATE OF BRENDAN'S TERRACE
& MILLSTREET CO. CORK
WHO PASSED AWAY
SEPTEMBER 11, 2024.

As we lovingly remember our mom Magaret on her first anniversary, her daughter Joanne and son Edward, their father Martin and son in law Pat and grandchildren and extended family wish to express our appreciation to those who offered comfort and support during our sad loss.

Thank you to her neighbours Timmy & Grace. To family and friends and neighbours in Gneeveguilla & Millstreet, who called to our homes brought food, attended the funeral, sent Mass cards, enrolment cards, letters and text messages, online condolences and floral tributes. Your kindness will never be forgotten. We would like to thank O'Shea's funeral home & Gravedigger for your kindness, compassion and professionalism shown during our difficult time.

It meant so much to have Mom home with us for a time and to make her final journey to Leam. To Fr. Vitalis his prayers, his guidance, kind words and celebrating the requiem Mass.

To Helen Kearns and Denis Crowley whose beautiful music touched us all, as music played a big part in Mom's life. Thank you to Shelia in the parish office. Thank you to Aeneas who sang at the grave site. Thank you to the staff in the Royal Hotel for a lovely meal after the funeral.

Please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our appreciation. The holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered up for your intentions.

Magaret's first anniversary Mass will be held at 6pm, Thursday 11th September in the Cathedral Church Killarney.

1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**MAGARET
O'MAHONY**



HOLY CROSS GARDENS,
KILLARNEY
WHO PASSED AWAY
SEPTEMBER 11, 2024.

One year without you Mom

*You had a smile for everyone,
with a heart of gold if only we could place
our arms around you and never let you go.
and so until we meet again our precious
memories we do hold.*

Your loving Daughter Joanne,
Son Edward, Son in Law Pat, Grandchildren,
Adam, Jamie, Katelynn, Evan,
Liam and Chloe.

2ND ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**BRENDAN
CONWAY**



LATE OF FAHA, KILLARNEY
WHO PASSED AWAY ON
5TH SEPT, 2023.

*In life we loved you dearly,
In death we love you still,
In our hearts you hold a place
That nothing will ever fill.*

Lovingly remembered by your wife Mary,
daughter Marion, son Gerard, son-in-law
Declan, daughter-in-law Ciara,
Grandchildren Aodhán, Bláthnaid, Muiris,
Seamus, Róisín, Brian, Ollie and Ada,
sisters, aunt, relatives and friends.

Anniversary Mass on Saturday,
6th September in the Church of the
Immaculate Conception, Listry at 6pm.

2ND ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF A
WONDERFUL HUSBAND,
DAD AND GRANDFATHER
DAN O'DONOGHUE



LISBABY, HEADFORD, KILLARNEY
WHO DIED ON THE 14TH
OF SEPTEMBER 2023.

*Our lives go on without you,
But nothing is the same,
We have to hide our heartache,
When someone speaks your name.*

*Sad are the hearts that love you,
Silent are the tears that fall,
Living here without you,
Is the hardest part of all.*

*You did do many things for us,
Your heart was kind and true,
And when we needed someone,
We could always count on you.*

*The special years will return,
When we are all together,
But when the love in our hearts,
You walk with us forever.*

Always remembered and forever loved by
your loving wife Breda, daughter Louise,
son Stephen, son-in-law Conor
and Julianne.

*Granda
If heaven had a number,
I'd call you on the phone,
To say how much I love you,
And tell you to come home.*

*So rest in heaven dear Granda,
And thanks for all you've done,
We trust that God has given you,
The crown you've truly won.*

Remembering and loving you always,
Your grandchildren,
Grace and Keelan xxx

Anniversary Mass for Dan on Sunday,
14th of September at 11.00 a.m.
in Sacred Heart Church, Barraduff.

In Loving Memory

Remembering your loved one

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