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'Round the House'... Kilgobnet Biddies at The O'Connor House in Cahernahone, Kilgobnet, Sean Kissane teaches 2 year old Peggy O'Connor the Irish brush dance. The tradition of 'the Biddies' is one of the oldest and most colourful customs in Ireland, a blend of Pagan and Christian pageantry, held on the 1st February (Imbolc) each year. PHOTO: Valerie O'Sullivan. See Pages 32 and 33



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A Note from the EDITOR



As we welcome February with open arms, we have lots for you to enjoy in this week's Killarney Outlook.

The Biddies were out in force raising funds for Kilgobnet National School, Killarney celebrated a Grammy win for Ruairí O'Flaherty and the Soroptimist annual pancake and coffee morning was launched this week.

Preparations for St. Patrick's Festival are well underway, Kerry Stars took to the court during a St. Paul's game and hotels in Killarney are celebrating wins at the Gold Medal awards.

President Catherine Connolly was welcomed at the Torc Community & Family Resource Centre, Killarney National Park are hosting the popular Junior Ranger+ programme and Anne Lucey takes a look at parking fines in the town.

A quiz at the golf club raised funds for two very worthy charities, Killarney Musical Society are ready to tread the boards and a screening of an Oscar nominated film is planned for Killarney.

Kerry College celebrated their 2025 graduates, a stunning sunset captured first prize at the Killarney Camera Club and Farm Safety is on the curriculum at Kerry schools.

Killarney Valley AC are celebrating success on the track, a mother and daughter are blazing a trail on the basketball scene and there was no joy for the Kerry Senior Footballers in both the Ladies and Mens League games.

Hope you all enjoy this week's Killarney Outlook!

Hilary Crosbie

*The first spring sunset on
1st February captured at
the Lake Hotel by Annie
Gammell*



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Ruairí O'Flaherty with his wife Sydney on the red carpet

Killarney Celebrates as Ruairí wins Grammy Glory

There were jubilant scenes in the O'Flaherty household in Killarney on Sunday night as news broke that Ruairí O'Flaherty had shared in one of music's highest honours at the Grammy Awards.

Family and friends had gathered to watch the ceremony live when Kendrick Lamar and SZA's chart-topping track *Luther* was announced as the winner of the coveted Record of the Year award. Ruairí, a senior master engineer at the prestigious Sterling Sound studio in the United States, was part of the team behind the acclaimed recording. Ruairí attended the Grammy's with his wife Sydney, sharing the red carpet with the biggest artists in the music world.



"We were all together when the announcement was made," his sister Elaine told the Killarney Outlook. "The excitement in the house was unbelievable. We are all so proud of Ruairí and everything he has achieved."



Ruairí's contribution to this year's Grammy Awards extended far beyond a single win. He was credited on projects that earned four nominations across some of the ceremony's most sought-after categories. Alongside the Record of the Year success, he also received Album of the Year nominations for Kendrick Lamar's *GNX* and Sabrina Carpenter's *Man's Best Friend*, as well as a further Record of the Year nomination for Carpenter's *Manchild*.

Mayor of Killarney, Cllr Martin Grady, was among those to publicly congratulate the local man following his success at the 68th Annual Grammy Awards in Los Angeles.

"It was a night of tremendous pride for Kerry," Mayor Grady said. "To see a Killarney native play such an important role in winning Record of the Year is a remarkable achievement. Ruairí's talent, dedication and hard work have brought great honour to his family, his hometown and the wider community." For Killarney, it was a night when a global stage felt very close to home.

Killarney Soroptimist Club to Host Annual Pancake & Coffee Morning

The Killarney Soroptimist Club is inviting the community to enjoy a warm and welcoming morning of pancakes, coffee and conversation at its much-loved Annual Pancake & Coffee Morning this Shrove Tuesday.

The event will take place on Tuesday, February 17th, 2026 at the Killarney Avenue Hotel from 10.30am, and promises to be a lively and sociable gathering for a very worthy cause.

All proceeds from the morning will go towards supporting two vital local services - Rockmount Care Centre in Kilgarvan and St Mary of the Angels in Beaufort, both of which provide essential care and support to members of the community.

Guests can look forward to delicious pancakes, freshly brewed coffee, and a friendly atmosphere, along with raffles and door prizes on the day. A particularly attractive door prize up for grabs is a two-night bed and breakfast stay at the luxurious Hayfield Manor Hotel, adding an extra touch of excitement to the occasion.

Tickets for the event are priced at €20, with every euro raised going directly to the chosen beneficiaries. Music on the day will be provided by Tim Gleeson & Friends who has always been a constant support to the club.

The Pancake & Coffee Morning has become a highlight in the local calendar for many, combining community spirit with charitable giving, and the Soroptimist Club is hoping for another strong turnout this year to support these important causes.

All are welcome to attend what promises to be a memorable and meaningful Shrove Tuesday morning in Killarney.



Teresa Irwin, President of the Killarney Soroptimist Club pictured with Chef James Fernandes, Manager Kieran Belshaw and members of the club who launched their annual pancake and coffee morning at the Killarney Avenue Hotel this week



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Young Voices, Bright Futures at the Heart of ST. PATRICK'S FESTIVAL KILLARNEY 2026

As Killarney looks ahead to St. Patrick's Festival 2026, taking place from Friday, March 13th to Thursday, March 19th, there is a palpable sense of excitement in the air. This year's festival turns its focus firmly to the future - and, most importantly, to the young people who will shape it.



Echoes of Killarney Future

13th to 17th March 2026

KILLARNEY DESTINATION Fáilte Ireland WILD ATLANTIC WAY

Over the past two years, the festival's Echoes of Killarney journey has celebrated identity, heritage and community. In 2024, Echoes of Killarney: Past honoured the history and stories that built the town. In 2025, Echoes of Killarney: Present reflected the vibrant, diverse and welcoming place Killarney is today.

In 2026, the trilogy reaches its inspiring conclusion with its final instalment:

"The Echoes of Killarney: Future."

"This year's theme places children, young people and the next generation at the very heart of the celebrations. It shines a light on their ideas, talents, creativity and diversity, while recognising the essential role they play in shaping the Killarney of tomorrow", Jason Clifford, Chairperson of the Festival said.

The festival parade will reflect a town that continues to evolve - one that is striving to be greener and more sustainable in its choices, more inclusive and understanding of the challenges facing families, individuals and society as a whole. The Killarney of the future is one that is open to everyone, while nurturing ambition, skills and opportunity for its youth.

Killarney's future can be seen every day in its schools, clubs, sports organisations, creative

groups and volunteer networks. St. Patrick's Festival 2026 will amplify their voices, energy and vision, showcasing a generation that is proud of where it comes from and excited about where it is going.

A highlight of this year's programme is the welcome return of AbleFest on Sunday, March 15th, now in its second year. AbleFest is an



inclusive Music and Arts Festival designed for everyone, including individuals with additional needs, their families and carers. Taking place in the festival zone at New Street Car Park from 12 noon to 4pm, the event will feature a range of interactive activities and will culminate in a live performance by Jake Carter and his band, promising a joyful and uplifting celebration for all ages. Following the incredible success of last year, AbleFest continues to be a proud and important part of the festival programme.

As the Echoes trilogy draws to a close, the community is invited to come together to celebrate the young people of Killarney and the future they represent - a future built on inclusion, creativity, sustainability and community pride.

Further information on events taking place from March 13th to 17th can be found at www.stpatricksfestivalkillarney.com



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Kerry Stars Athletes Shine at Half-Time Showcase in Killarney

The Kerry Stars Special Olympics Sports Club Basketball Team enjoyed an unforgettable night on Saturday at the Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre, where they were given the honour of playing during half-time at the Utility Trust St Paul's clash with the McEvoy's Cavan Eagles.

The Kerry Stars Basketball Team extended a heartfelt thank you to Utility Trust St Paul's players and management for providing their athletes with the fantastic opportunity to take to the court on such a big occasion.

While Utility Trust St Paul's secured an impressive win on the night, the half-time exhibition by the Kerry Stars athletes proved to be a highlight for everyone in attendance. Filled with a mix of excitement and nerves, the players relished every moment as they proudly showcased the skills they have developed through the dedication of their coaches and volunteers.

It was a truly magical evening for the athletes, their families, and supporters. The standing ovation they received from the crowd was the perfect ending to a special night that will be remembered for a long time to come.



Kerry Gold: O'Donoghue Ring Collection Named Ireland's Best Hotel Group at The Gold Medal Awards



Anton Savage, MC of the Gold Medal Hotel Awards; Joan Dolan, Action Recruitment (sponsor of the Ireland's Best Hotel Group category); Brian Lawlor; Maurice O'Donoghue; Damien O'Grady; Margaret O'Donoghue; and Michelle O'Brien, The O'Donoghue Ring Collection.

Kerry-based hotel group, the O'Donoghue Ring Collection, is celebrating a major double win after receiving two prestigious accolades at last night's Gold Medal Awards.

The independent, family-run business whose portfolio includes some of Killarney's most

popular hotels, bars and restaurants such as Killarney Plaza Hotel & Spa, Café du Parc, The Tan Yard, Pig's Lane, Killarney Towers Hotel, and Killarney Avenue Hotel was crowned Ireland's Best Hotel Group, recognising its outstanding commitment to excellence and its position at

the forefront of Irish hospitality. Adding to the celebrations, Killarney Avenue Hotel was also named Ireland's Front of House Team, an award that honours exceptional service, professionalism, and guest care.

The Gold Medal Awards are widely regarded as the leading independent awards programme in the Irish hospitality industry. Winners were announced on the evening of January 27th at a spectacular sold-out black-tie gala held at The Galmont Hotel & Spa in Galway. Hosted by Anton Savage, the event was a celebration of the talent, dedication, and excellence that define hospitality across the country.

Managing Director of the O'Donoghue Ring Collection, Gemma Ring, said: "Winning Ireland's Best Hotel Group is an incredible honour for our family-run business, and to see Killarney Avenue Hotel recognised for Front of House excellence makes the achievement even more special. As a group, we are constantly innovating and evolving, driving new ideas and experiences that enhance every stay, while remaining grounded in the genuine hospitality our guests know and love. This recognition reflects the dedication of our entire team across the collection, and I couldn't be more proud of what we have achieved together."



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3. Mike Kennedy

'Church of St. Primoz and Felicijan'

'Banna Strand'

'Sunset'



Killarney Camera Club's first competition of the new year got off to a glowing start for members of the camera club, with January's theme of "Sunset" producing a stunning range of entries. Taking top honours was Julie Deady, a previous Photographer of the Year winner with Killarney Camera Club, whose breathtaking image captured a dramatic sunset in Solivina. Her photograph stood out for its rich blend of deep reds and fiery oranges spreading across the evening sky. The setting sun backlit a bank of rolling clouds, creating a natural light show that drew the eye straight into the scene.

The warm glow didn't stop at the horizon. Golden light spilled down over the nearby church of St Primoz and Felicijan, surrounding trees, and open fields, bathing the landscape in a soft, radiant cast. The combination of strong colour, careful composition, and perfect timing impressed John Hootan a distinguished photographer who took on the task of critiquing the entries and offering his advice on how to improve our skills. He gave Julias photograph 100% for the photographs perfect exposure and composition setting a high bar for the year ahead.

With such a striking image opening the season, anticipation is already building for the months to come as members prepare to take on new themes and challenges over the next few months.

A massive thank you to all our winners and to everyone who entered the club competitions. The standard (and friendly rivalry!) keeps getting better every time. Let's keep those cameras busy and entries coming.

Practice makes perfect!!

Recovery Haven Kerry Honoured by Visit from President Catherine Connolly

Recovery Haven Kerry (Cancer Support House) was deeply honoured to welcome President Catherine Connolly on a recent visit to the centre, marking a special and meaningful occasion for service users, volunteers, and staff.

During her visit, President Connolly took time to meet with those who use Recovery Haven's services, as well as the dedicated volunteers and staff who support individuals and families affected by cancer across Kerry. She listened attentively as people shared their personal stories, gaining insight into the vital role Recovery Haven plays in the community.

To commemorate her visit, President Connolly planted a tree in the grounds of Recovery Haven. The tree symbolises the challenging seasons of life alongside moments of renewal and hope, values that are central to Recovery Haven's mission. Just as the tree endures and grows through changing seasons, Recovery Haven is there to walk alongside people and families during some of the most difficult times of their lives.

President Connolly's engagement and genuine interest in the experiences of those she met made the occasion especially memorable for all involved.



President Catherine Connolly made her first official visit to County Kerry over the weekend with a visit to Recovery Haven Cancer Support Centre in Tralee. During the visit, she met Edel Lawlor, a child and adolescent therapist. Edel explained how she helps young people understand their cancer journey, including treatment and end-of-life care, using puppets and storytelling to make complex and emotional conversations more accessible. The President listened attentively and acknowledged the importance of compassionate, child-centred support. The visit highlighted the vital role Recovery Haven plays within the Kerry community. Photo: Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD



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Anne Lucey

looks at the positive news
happening in Killarney



PARKING FINES - Time the money collected in Killarney remains in Killarney

Around 9,400 parking fines were issued by the council alone in Killarney in 2025. (Gardai also issue parking fines). I sought the hot spots. And while Fleming's Lane and Michael Collins Place record one fine each, hundreds and indeed thousands were issued for busier parks and streets across a wide area.

The 439-space New Street Car Park - upper and lower - the biggest off street car park in town, recorded 25 per cent of all fines. This was followed by The Glebe where 19 per cent of the total fines were issued in 2025. Then we have The East Avenue Road accounting for 9 percent of total fines issued.

High Street on the street recorded 6 per cent of all fines while the High Street Car park at the Library was at 5 per cent.

It is not clear yet how many of the fines issued were paid - fines are Euro 40.00 increasing to

60.00 if you don't pay in time. And there is an appeals system. Parking revenue "remains a critical source of local income to the Council and is a key element in ensuring the overall Council's Budget is balanced each year," the council said.

Indeed! Parking fees, fines and charges for the three years 2022 to 2024 amounted to almost Euro 5 million. A lot of money.

Isn't it high time the money collected in Killarney is ring fenced for Killarney projects only?

Numbers of Fines Issued in 2025 and their Location

New Street Car Park, 2334
Glebe Car Park, 1785
East Avenue Road, 888
High Street, 587
Lewis Road Car Park, 497
Fair Hill Car Park, 493
High Street Car Park, 438
New Street, 276
Bohereen na Goun, 234



Beech Road, 230
Mangerton View, 227
Collegrean, 202
Main Street, 196
Rock Road Car Park, 183
St Anthony's Place, 151
Mgsr O'Flaherty Rd, 136
The HAHA, 70
New Road, 54
Cathedral Place, 51
College Street, 47
Kenmare Place, 42
Lower Sunnyhill, 38
Upper Sunnyhill, 25

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE OLD ARISTOCRACY

One of the key reasons Kerry County Council refused planning for an important immersive education centre across from Torc Waterfall in the national park, is the "footprint" of the old Torc Cottage - the large country house of the Herberts before they built Muckross House. Torc "Cottage" is a recorded monument and test trenching had thrown up some of the sub-surface remains. The full extent has yet to come to light.

This is the description from 2011 when the monument was recorded: "To the N of a road, close to the SE shore of Muckross Lake. The site of a cottage which was enlarged by the Herbert Family of Muckross House c. 1800 to create a substantial house. The 1846 Ordnance Survey map depicts a roughly rectangular structure (c. 40m N-S; c. 20m E-W) with numerous angles; L-shaped outbuildings are attached to the South. The 1895 OS 6-inch map depicts a smaller structure (long axis E-W) suggesting that the rear of the building was demolished. An L-shaped two-storey stable block is still extant and inhabited. A one-storey porter's lodge associated with house is c. 250m to the E."

The local lore was the Herberts found living in the shadow of the mountain - Torc is to their back - dreary and so built the grander Muckross. I am not sure how liked or disliked the Welsh

Herberts were after hundreds of years in Killarney. Their competitors the Brownes/Kenmaraes who landed the McCarthy lands before the Herberts and were Catholic seem still much more fondly recalled in Killarney town. The Kenmaraes were hands-on in trying to advance Killarney in education, crafts, industry, railways and tourism. Their house Killarney House was built to be several times the size of Muckross House - big houses even then were a status symbol. Plus ca change....

One other thing that inclines me to think the Herberts were down the local pecking order is the great glee there was for the American Bourne Vincents who were only in Muckross for a wet week, comparatively. We seem to have a rising class of aristocracy again in Killarney. There is no question but a few families are increasingly prominent in house and hotel and business ownership. Which is probably no bad thing as it keeps things local. However, minor or major, all might do well to remember that most dynasties come to an end. Good works matter when history is written. Donations to do up the áras, the parish hall, etc would go down well in history. Philanthropy is a storehouse for future reputation.

DREDGING AS IN THE PAST

Speaking of Landlords of old, whilst some may applaud the departure of the old landlord system they did some things really well. Especially when it came to managing the landscape. The rivers and fisheries, the development of parkland as well as the railways were well-managed, and therefore well-maintained. Flooding is not due to climate change or heavy rainfall alone. Mixed sewers where rainwater and wastewater mingle, and blocked gullies are big factors. But so is failure to dredge and look after river beds. Look over the Flesk Bridge where islands have developed in the past ten years!

Unfortunately, bringing back the old English is no longer an option. They have declined too and their own country is in a worse state than we are now - immigration from the UK must surely now exceed emigration from us. Did we ever think we'd see it?

Flooding is caused by a combination of things. Heavy intense rainfall, tidal surges and such. But if you examine it properly, and stop reaching for the cover-all excuse of climate change, the basic failure to clear bridges and drains is a leading cause. The flooding in Kenmare in 2008 was exacerbated by bridge blockages and bushes.

Dredging our rivers is hardly done any more. And how often do we see men on the road with shovels opening culverts and drains? We had men in beige wax coats and shovels dedicated to opening blocked gullies in the 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s. Employee numbers in Kerry County Council are at record numbers - 1,301. How many are clearing gullies and drains?



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Calling Kerry Classrooms:

Turn Your School into an Ambassador for Farm Safety!

Irish Rural Link are calling on primary schools to sign up for its AgriKids Farm Safety Ambassador School Programme following the successful pilot of the initiative in late 2025. Funded by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, the nationwide programme will provide teachers and their pupils with farm safety resources that support the curriculum and champion a community led approach to farm safety education and practice.

As part of the programme, teachers are encouraged to reach out to local farmers, vets, first responders and other agri representatives to deliver in school talks and demonstrations.

Speaking about the programme, Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine with special responsibility for Forestry, Farm Safety and Horticulture, Michael Healy-Rae T.D., said:

"A farm is a wonderful place to rear a family, but safety must always be the priority. Building on the success of this programme in 2025, I am confident that this training will help foster an awareness of farm safety from a young age which can become instinctive. I am reminding parents that they play a key role in developing the learnings by adopting best practice when it comes to farm safety and encouraging children by showing good example".

About the Programme

Schools will be given the option to choose between two programme approaches, the succinct AgriKids Farm Safety Hour or the AgriKids Farm Safety Day.

The Farm Safety Hour offers a concise, introductory framework for farm safety, covering specific topics supported by resources available on the AgriKids website.

Alternatively, schools can run a Farm Safety Day, choosing one of three themes: Farm and Field Safety, Tractor and Machinery Safety, or Animal Safety and Wellbeing. On completion of each a school will earn a themed pennant, once all three are collected, the school will earn a prestigious Farm Safety Ambassador Flag.

Irish Rural Link CEO, Seamus Boland said "Ireland is an agricultural country, and the reality is that farming activities have cost lives and resulted in serious injuries. That is why it is so important that we bring this message straight to classrooms and to the wider community, so that together we are more inclined to automatically think about farm safety and becoming instinctively safer as a result."

Programme manager, Alma Jordan, is encouraging schools to take part. "We want to help our educators make time for farm safety, keeping the subject real and relevant for students and teachers. Being aware of existing curriculum commitments, these programmes are designed looking at teacher's time allocation,



Minister Michael Healy-Rae at the launch of the AgriKids Farm Safety Ambassador School Programme. The nationwide programme will provide teachers and pupils with farm safety resources that are integrated into the school curriculum and champion a community led approach to farm safety education. Schools can sign up to participate in the programme before April 17th, 2026 at www.agrikids.ie

Photograph: Patrick Browne

aiming to make a serious message fun, and to include the wider community. This is what makes this programme unique and applicable to how children learn."

Farm Safety Ambassador Awards

Schools that choose to run a Farm Safety Day are also eligible for the AgriKids Farm Safety Ambassador Awards. These awards celebrate schools who have demonstrated outstanding commitment and initiative in farm safety education, offering the opportunity to be awarded cash prizes that will be invested into current and future school farm safety initiatives. The categories include Best Farm Safety

Ambassador and Best Learning Initiatives, for which nominations are sought for from schools, while Best Class and Best School are selected from the submissions, with Carrigduff National School in Bunclody, Wexford winning 'Best School' for the 2025 pilot of the programme.

Get Involved

Schools can sign up to participate in the programme here ahead of the closing date on April 17th, 2026. For eligible schools that take part in the programme, award nominations open on March 17th and close on May 31st, 2026, with winners announced in June.

Visit www.agrikids.ie for more information on the initiative.



Minister Michael Healy-Rae, with Saoirse Stacey and Oran Masterson with week old lambs at Carrigduff National School, Bunclody, Wexford at the launch of the AgriKids Farm Safety Ambassador School Programme.

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President Visits Torc Community & Family Resource Centre

Torc Community & Family Resource Centre (CFRC) was honoured to welcome President Catherine Connolly on Saturday morning for a special visit celebrating community, partnership, and the vital role of Family Resource Centres in Irish society.

The President was greeted on arrival by the vibrant "Thump" Youth Drumming Group, a collaborative project between Torc CFRC and Kerry ETB's Local Youthreach and Community Programme (LYCP). Taking time to meet with the young participants, President Connolly enthusiastically joined the group, even trying her hand at drumming alongside its members - a moment that perfectly set the tone for the warm and engaging visit.

President Connolly then met with members of the Torc CFRC Board, along with community and statutory partners involved in the Centre's work. Guided by Derek O'Leary, Executive Manager of Torc CFRC, she toured the Centre, including a visit to the much-admired History Wall, which charts the organisation's journey from its inauguration to its present-day impact. During this tour, Mr O'Leary highlighted photographs from previous presidential visits, including those of President Mary Robinson and President Mary McAleese.

The visit continued to the Early Years service, where the President was welcomed by Theresa O'Neill, Childcare Manager, and her dedicated team. She spent time engaging with children and speaking with parents about their experiences of the Early Years programme, gaining first-hand insight into the importance of accessible, high-quality childcare and family supports within the community.

President Connolly also viewed the Centre's bespoke sensory room, a recent and valuable addition designed to support children with additional needs. She expressed particular interest in how the space enhances inclusion and wellbeing within the service.

An intimate and informal gathering followed, where the President met Torc CFRC's Social and Community Development staff and listened to powerful testimonials from service users. During this discussion, she spoke of her deep understanding of the diverse and evolving needs within communities, and acknowledged the vital, locally responsive work delivered by Family Resource Centres nationwide.

Speaking after the visit, Derek O'Leary, Executive Manager of Torc CFRC, said: "We were absolutely delighted to welcome President Connolly to Torc CFRC. Her genuine interest in our work, her engagement with service users, and her understanding of the social realities facing communities across Ireland meant a great deal to everyone here today."

He added: "President Connolly clearly recognises the importance of Family Resource



High Five.... President Catherine Connolly meets some of the children in Torc CFRC Childcare department.



President Catherine Connolly meets Board members & Minister Norma Foley During her recent visit to Torc Community & Family Resource Centre.

Centres as trusted, community-based services. Her visit reaffirmed the value of the bespoke, relationship-based approach that Torc CFRC and the wider FRC network bring to families and individuals every day."

The President later mingled with a large gathering of invited guests, including key partner organisations and local public representatives. Throughout the visit, she was generous with her time, warmly accommodating photographs and conversations, and maintaining an informal, approachable presence that greatly enriched the occasion.

On her departure, President Connolly was presented with a hand-crafted teapot and mug set from Muckross House Pottery by Mr O'Leary. The gift symbolised Torc CFRC's open-door ethos and its professional yet welcoming approach to engagement with families and the wider community.

Torc CFRC extends its sincere thanks to President Connolly for her visit, and to all partners, service users, staff, and volunteers who contributed to making the occasion such a meaningful celebration of community in action.

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13th March 12.00pm

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Solo Travellers Invited to Celebrate Valentine's Day with the Gift of Adventure and Connection at **WANDER WILD FESTIVAL**

If you're flying solo this Valentine's Day, why not swap chocolate for connection and book yourself a solo adventure at Wander Wild Festival, filled with self-discovery and like-minded people.

The festival, which takes place from 17th-19th April in the breathtaking 26,000-acre UNESCO-protected Killarney National Park, is perfect for independent travellers - solo travellers are welcome and there's no fixed itinerary. With over 100 outdoor, cultural and wellness experiences, the festival creates natural opportunities for connection with people who have similar interests in movement, nature and shared experiences.

From sunrise dips to evening fireside chats, Wander Wild offers countless relaxed, welcoming moments to meet others - or simply enjoy time to yourself. All events are individually ticketed, with many free to attend, making it easy for attendees to curate a programme that suits their pace, mood and interests.

Whether you are looking for adventure, stillness, fun or connection, this year's programme offers something that will stay with you long after the weekend ends. Highlights for solo travellers include:

Begin your morning with a sunrise dip at Dundag Beach, followed by a rejuvenating lakeside sauna overlooking Muckross Lake and the surrounding mountains—the perfect sensory reset.



Join adventure content creator Tadhg O'Brien on the Mangerton Social Summit, a welcoming, social hike to North Mangerton Mountain designed to bring people together on the trail. (tickets on sale in the coming days)

Paddle at your own pace during a Stand-Up Paddleboarding (SUP) session across the picturesque Lakes of Killarney.

Slow down with an Eco-Therapy Session, a guided sensory immersion in the natural beauty of Killarney National Park.

Grab your bike and glow sticks for Rave ar Róthar, an easy-paced, musical and colourful group cycle through the streets of Killarney.

Reconnect with body and breath through yoga and breathwork sessions, suitable for all levels. Open your heart during a cacao ceremony, centred on gentle reflection and guided intention-setting for emotional clarity and connection. Enjoy an intimate evening of natural wine and farmhouse cheese at Wanderwine in Luna Coffee & Wine, hosted by Colm McCann of Le Caveau Wine Merchants

and Ballymaloe Cookery School.

Take part in guided hikes and rock climbing, exploring the MacGillycuddy Reeks, including Torc, Carrauntoohil, the Lost Sky Train site and the Coomloughra Horseshoe.

Experience A Moving Meditation for Play, Release and Remembering, where you are invited to reconnect with your natural rhythm. Attend A Gathering of Men, a supportive, guided space for mindful conversation and shared reflection

Discover the park after dark with a Guided Bat Walk and National Park Night Walk led by local rangers.

Explore the lakes on boat and kayak trips to Ross Castle and the 7th-century monastic ruins on Inisfallen Island.

Get inspired at fireside chats with leading adventurers and outdoor thinkers. Speakers to be announced shortly

All events are individually ticketed, with prices ranging from €10 to €100, alongside a generous selection of free experiences. With strong demand expected, early booking is advised via wanderwildfestival.com or see @wanderwildfestival on social media for more. Wander Wild is Proudly supported by Fáilte Ireland, Kerry County Council, 53 Degrees North, Heineken 00, Pig's Lane and a wide network of local businesses.

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KILLARNEY MOURNS THE PASSING OF GENE CRONIN

as Tributes Flow from Community and Colleagues



The town of Killarney has been deeply saddened by the untimely passing of Gene Cronin at the weekend, a man remembered for his kindness, generosity of spirit and unwavering commitment to his community.

Very sad news spread quickly through Spa and the wider Killarney area as word emerged of Gene's passing on Friday, January 31st, 2026, while surrounded by his loving family and in the exceptional care of the Palliative Care Team at University Hospital Kerry.

Gene was a lifelong and devoted member of Spa GAA Club, where his presence and support were felt across generations. The club led

heartfelt tributes in recent days, remembering a man who gave so much of his time and energy in quiet, practical ways that made a lasting difference.

From driving buses during the busy Sevens weekends, to selling lottotickets and supporting the club through sponsorship during his time working in Cronin's Shop alongside his brother Patrick, Gene's involvement was constant and dependable. The Cronin family's deep roots in the club were further strengthened by Gene's lifelong dedication and willingness to help whenever needed.

In a statement, Spa GAA Club extended their sympathies to Gene's wife Fiona and the entire Cronin family, noting how heavily involved the family has always been in the life of the club and how Gene's contribution will never be forgotten.

Outside of his community work, Gene was a familiar and much-loved face at The Europe Hotel & Resort, where he worked for over eight years as a valued member of the Concierge Team. Colleagues spoke warmly of his "gentle nature, warm spirit and readiness to lend support," qualities that made him not only a trusted co-worker but a true friend to many.

Always ready for a chat and known for

welcoming guests and colleagues alike with a genuine smile, Gene left a lasting impression on all who passed through the doors of the resort. The Europe Hotel described him as "cherished" and said his warmth, generosity and good humour will continue to resonate throughout the hotel long after his passing. Gene is remembered above all as a devoted husband to Fiona and a beloved brother to Michael, Kate, Mary, Seán, Patrick, Arthur, Dermot and Brendan. He will be sadly missed by his mother-in-law Nora, father-in-law John, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, neighbours and a wide circle of friends. He was predeceased by his parents, Pat and Nora.

Following Requiem Mass at 10:30am Gene was laid to rest in Aghadoe Lawn Cemetery. As tributes continue to pour in from across Killarney and beyond, one theme is clear, Gene Cronin's quiet kindness, steady presence and warm smile touched the lives of many, and he will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

May his gentle soul rest in peace.
Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Double gold at the Munster indoor athletics championships for KILLARNEY VALLEY AC ATHLETE CONOR KISSANE

Conor Kissane from Killarney valley ac has again shown his class at the Munster indoor athletics championships. Conor won both the 800m and 1500m striking double gold at the highest level in the senior men's held in Nenagh over the weekend.

Conor won the 800m in 2.09 in a tactical race and the 1500m in a time of 4.15.



Conor is very proficient over cross country and in road racing having won county and provincial medals over the last few years. Conor in his teens was a top-class cyclist as well as a track and field athlete for which today he concentrates on. Conor is coached by Con Lynch at the Killarney valley ac arena and has progressed excellently with his finest hour of double gold at the Munster championships.

Conor together with his colleagues at Killarney valley ac is now preparing for the national indoors in Abbotstown in four weeks, where he will test himself against the best in the country.

Killarney Legion Receive New Jerseys with Support from PTSB

Killarney Legion GAA Club has received a welcome boost ahead of the new season following the presentation of a set of new jerseys sponsored by PTSB. The presentation highlights PTSB's continued commitment to supporting local communities and grassroots sport, with the bank reaffirming the important role the GAA plays across Kerry.

Mary Doody, Manager at PTSB, said the sponsorship reflects the bank's strong connection with community initiatives. "At PTSB, engaging with and supporting the local community is so important to us. In Kerry, the GAA is at the heart of every community, none more so than here, and we are delighted to support Killarney Legion and wish them well for the season ahead," she said.

The new jerseys were proudly displayed by young Legion players Amelia Healy and Jonah Healy at the presentation.

Also pictured at the event were Louise Reidy, Mary Doody and Emily Shaw of PTSB, who joined the underage players to mark the occasion and show their support for the club as preparations continue for the upcom-



Louise Reidy, Mary Doody (Manager) and Emily Shaw of PTSB, along with underage Legion players Amelia Healy and Jonah Healy displaying the new jerseys.

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New Season and New Interiors at The Lake Hotel

The Lake Hotel Killarney reopened for the season on Thursday, 29 January, unveiling a series of new developments in keeping with its annual tradition of enhancement. Each year, the Huggard family invests in the award-winning four-star property, maintaining the high standards guests have come to expect.

Recent winter projects included the refurbishment of the reception area, the revamp of 15 bedrooms and soft refurbishments throughout the hotel. These works follow other recent upgrades such as the introduction of the Lake Thermal Suite and the refurbishment of the restaurant and bistro areas.

The transformed reception now features rich forest green wallpaper, cream panelling, ambient lighting and plush curtains, creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere that reflects the hotel's lakeside surroundings.

Bedroom renovations saw the complete refurbishment and expansion of several rooms, resulting in larger family rooms with luxurious interiors and lake views. The colour palettes and tones mirror the natural beauty of the lakeshore landscape.

Annual refurbishments are overseen by Louise and Ailish of Hal-Lou Furnishings, whose approach balances classic detailing with modern comfort while preserving the hotel's old-world charm.

Sales and Marketing Manager Sheila O'Callaghan said: "We are thrilled with the enhancements made during our seasonal closure. The Huggard family is deeply committed to maintaining exemplary standards for our guests, and this investment further elevates our offering."

The Lake Hotel is a four-star, family-owned property that has been in the Huggard family for over 100 years. Nestled on the lakeshore overlooking

the Lakes of Killarney and just 2km from Killarney town centre, the hotel offers a unique setting for visitors. Guests can enjoy dining with panoramic views of Lough Lein, framed by mountains, woodlands, islands and the ruins of the 12th-century McCarthy Mór Castle.



Pictured are left to right: Vicky O'Regan, Susan Young, Asta Pengai, Ashley Dunlea, Conan Dennehy, Catherine Burke, Sheila O'Callaghan, Anthony Barber, Bojan Durica, Sally McMahon, Gemma Dacayo, Ante Pavelic and Marharyta Shumaria.
Photo by Sally MacMonagle

WORLD WETLANDS DAY 2026

Celebrated at Tralee Bay Wetlands Ecology Park



World Wetlands Day is celebrated globally each year on 2nd February to mark the signing of the Ramsar Convention and to recognise the vital role wetlands play in supporting biodiversity, climate resilience, and cultural heritage. At Tralee Bay Wetlands Ecology Park, the day celebrated the ecological value of wetlands, but also the traditional knowledge, lived experience, and cultural connections that have shaped our relationship with these landscapes for generations. Photo By: Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD

A Free Day of Nature, Culture and Traditional Knowledge - took place on Monday, 2 February 2026 at Tralee Bay Wetlands Ecology Park, to celebrate World Wetlands Day 2026, honouring this year's international theme of "Wetlands and Traditional Knowledge: Celebrating Cultural Heritage."

World Wetlands Day is celebrated globally each year on 2nd February to mark the signing of the Ramsar Convention and to recognise the vital role wetlands play in supporting biodiversity, climate resilience, and cultural heritage. At Tralee Bay Wetlands Ecology Park, the day will celebrate not only the ecological value of wetlands, but also the traditional knowledge, lived experience, and cultural connections that have shaped our relationship with these landscapes for generations.

Throughout the day, visitors can enjoy a rich programme of free, family-friendly, nature-based events, designed to inspire connection with the wetlands of Tralee Bay through learning, creativity, and outdoor exploration.

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Lidl Ireland Announces Castleisland Community College as Kerry Winner of the Lidl Green Fund

Lidl Ireland has announced Castleisland Community College as the Kerry Winner of Lidl's inaugural 2025 Green Fund. The school has been awarded a €3,000 grant to support its Sustainable School Library Restoration, a heart-felt project focused on rebuilding a vital student resource through the lens of environmental responsibility.

Launched last February in partnership with Business in the Community, the Lidl Green Fund was established to support community-led projects that prioritise environmental sustainability and healthy living. Castleisland Community College stood out for its resourceful approach to restoration, turning a past challenge into an opportunity to champion the circular economy within the school environment.

The €3,000 investment will support the restoration of the school library, which has remained out of use following significant damage due to a leak during restoration work several years ago. The library will provide a crucial calm space for students, offering access to essential literacy resources, audiobooks, and engaging group activities. This project is central to the school's commitment to student well-being, providing a sanctuary for learning and quiet reflection.

Elaine O'Connor, Head of Sustainability at Lidl Ireland & Northern Ireland, commented:

"The Lidl Green Fund was created to support the grassroots projects that form the backbone of our local communities. At Lidl, we believe in playing an active role in the areas we serve, and through this fund, we are able to invest in initiatives that promote social inclusion, sustainability, and long-term community welfare. We are delighted to support this year's



Principal Mairead Corridan with teachers Annette Steinborn and Sarah Hilliard with 2nd year students Matteo Apetrei and Maja Olszewaka from Castleisland Community College pictured in the temporary library known as the 'Book Nook' while the school restores its main library following water damage and is supported by the Lidl Green Fund. Photo: Don MacMonagle

winners as they implement local solutions that drive real, positive change for a better tomorrow."

Speaking on the award, Sarah Hilliard, Teacher at Castleisland Community College, commented:

"We are overjoyed to be named the Kerry winner of the Lidl Green Fund. Restoring our library has been a long-held dream for the school, and to be able to do it in a way that teaches our students about the circular economy makes it even more special. This grant allows us to create a beautiful, sustainable space where students can foster a love for reading and find a quiet

place to unwind. We are incredibly grateful to Lidl Ireland for helping us turn this vision into a reality for our school community."

Lidl Ireland was named the Most Sustainable Retailer and 6th Most Sustainable Organisation in the Ireland RepTrak® Sustainability Index 2025. Lidl Ireland also achieved the Repak Resource Awards Overall Award in the Repak Resource Awards 2025 which celebrate Ireland's recycling and waste management leaders, innovation in circular design, responsible resource use and grassroots environmental action.



Ciara Daly and Marie Janot

Quiz Night Raises Over €2,500 for Kerry Charities

A lively fundraising quiz night held at Killarney Golf & Fishing Club last Friday evening was a resounding success, generating more than €2,500 for two deserving Kerry charities - the Kerry Hospice Foundation and Comfort for Chemo Kerry.

The event attracted 37 teams, with a fantastic atmosphere on the night and strong support from both club members and the wider local community. Funds were raised through team entries, a raffle, and spot prizes, all of which contributed to a lively and enjoyable evening for everyone involved.

The organisers would like to acknowledge the work of the Truffle Honey Catering team and Killarney Golf and Fishing Club, with special thanks to Louise, Ciara and Collette and Quiz Master David O'Donoghue for their support on the night. Appreciation is also extended to Tracy, who sourced sponsorship for the spot prizes, and to Daisy and Jake, who helped by selling raffle tickets and collecting answer sheets throughout the evening.

All funds raised will go directly to supporting the vital work carried out by Kerry Hospice Foundation and Comfort for Chemo Kerry, both of which provide essential services to individuals and families across the county.

The organisers wish to thank everyone who took part, donated prizes, or supported the event in any way.



Louise O'Donoghue and Ciara Daly

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MOTHER AND DAUGHTER TRAILBLAZERS IN THE NATIONAL BASKETBALL CUP FINALS

Emer Buckley and her daughter Michaela Buckley O'Riordan created a first in the National Basketball Arena on the weekend of the prestigious National Cup finals with both officiating on finals individually and together.

Michaela who is a FIBA table official and Emer who is a National League HPG referee, shared the spotlight together.

Both are no strangers to the Arena as Michaela has witnessed her mother winning National Cup finals with St Paul's basketball club in her younger years.

Michaela is now the Coordinator for the table officials in St Paul's Basketball Club for the past few seasons. Michaela started her table official journey by doing a course run by Basketball Ireland. Through her growth, knowledge and progress Michaela was selected to be a part of the prestigious FIBA table official programme. She was successful on receiving her FIBA Licence last year is known for her commitment, understanding and expertise on various table official duties. She is often seen figure week in week out in the Killarney Sports Centre for the Women's Superleague games and the Men's Division 1. She has also been asked by the Tralee Warriors Superleague team to join their table officials team for game days. Michaela was selected to be a part of the National Cup semi finals weekend in Cork and more recently at the National Cup Finals in Dublin which were televised live by TG4.

Over the weekend Michaela was involved in 6 Cup finals game and the highlight for her was the Women's Superleague Final.

Her Mother Emer is a seasoned National league HPG official and has established herself as one of the top officials in the Country. Emer has officiated at the Cup Finals for numerous years and keeps working hard on her own development and knowledge to continue at this level.



Emer Buckley and her daughter Michaela Buckley O'Riordan.

New Transatlantic Partnership Strengthens Market Access for Irish and Canadian Businesses

A new strategic partnership between the Killarney Innovation Centre and the Toronto Business Development Centre (TBDC) in Canada is set to enhance cross-border opportunities for businesses seeking to expand into international markets.

The partnership formally commenced with the successful delivery of a recent webinar aimed at Canadian businesses considering expansion into Ireland and, by extension, the wider European Union. The session provided practical insights into market entry, business supports, and the advantages Ireland offers as a gateway to Europe.

Building on this momentum, the partners will shortly deliver a reciprocal webinar for Irish businesses, focusing on the Canadian market. This upcoming session will outline the commercial landscape in Canada and provide an overview of the key steps required for Irish companies seeking to establish a presence or trade in the region.

The collaboration reflects a shared commitment to supporting internationally ambitious businesses through knowledge exchange, practical guidance, and access to trusted networks on both sides of the Atlantic. The Toronto Business Development Centre



(TBDC) is a leading business incubator and innovation hub based in Toronto. It supports start-ups and scaling companies through incubation programmes, mentoring, investment readiness support, and access to North American and global markets. TBDC has a strong track record of helping companies grow and internationalise across a range of sectors.

The Killarney Innovation Centre, based in Killarney County Kerry, is a key regional enterprise hub supporting start-ups, entrepreneurs, and established companies in Killarney and the greater Kerry region. The Centre provides workspace, business development supports, and access to national and international networks, with a particular focus on innovation-led growth.

Commenting on the partnership, Conor O Leary the KIC manager highlighted the importance of collaboration in an increasingly global business environment, noting that the initiative will help companies better understand new markets while reducing barriers to international expansion.

Further joint initiatives are planned as the partnership develops, with a shared aim of



fostering sustainable growth, innovation, and transatlantic trade links between Ireland and Canada. The upcoming webinar will take place online on the 12th of February at 2.30pm and is free to attend.

You can register your interest by accessing the following link - <https://luma.com/4h9opa3d>

Webinar details:

- **Topic:** Accessing the Canadian Market – Opportunities & Business Set-Up
- **Date:** 12 February 2026
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“The Girl Who Learned to Have Her Own Back”

Grace’s journey of self-discovery



After years in music, Kerry woman Grace Foley's stepped back to discover who she truly is and began a journey to reclaim her life and purpose, she shares her story with the readers of this week's Killarney Outlook.

For a long time, I didn't trust myself. Not my instincts. Not my voice. Not even my decisions. From the outside, everything looked fine, but inside I was constantly second-guessing myself, pushing through, and trying to meet expectations that weren't my own. I had been making music professionally for many years, and it was an important part of my life - until a period came when I realised I needed to step away entirely. A little later, I

received a diagnosis of autism and ADHD. That didn't suddenly “fix” anything, but it helped me understand why I had felt so unsettled for so long. For the first time, I could start asking: What do I actually need?

Looking back, there have been moments when I truly understood my why. One that stands out is my appearance on RTÉ's The Last Singer Standing in 2021. I was four months postpartum, hadn't left Killarney in over a year, and the world was still largely shut down. On paper, it should have been terrifying - but it didn't. I knew clearly why I was doing it: I wanted my daughter to see that her mother would always follow her dreams. Because I knew my why, that situation felt surprisingly natural.

Being an artist can sometimes make clarity like that difficult. Your natural gift can start to feel separate from you. People see the talent - the voice, the performance, the product - and forget there's a real human underneath. I went through a stage where I was seen only as a voice, not as a person, and that gradually chipped away at me. Singing is something you do because you love it; when others start treating it as a product, it can feel like you're losing yourself.

Later, in 2024, I reached a different kind of turning point. I was in the middle of recording an album when I began to realise something wasn't right. That time felt heavy and confusing because I didn't fully know myself or my why - and it was only by stepping away, reflecting, and reconnecting with who I am that I began to understand what I truly needed.

Perhaps I will sing in front of people again - tomorrow, next week, next year, or never. What I do know is that if and when I do, it will be because I deeply know why I am doing it. Music remains a huge part of my life, and I will

continue to record and share it. But if I ever stand on a stage again, I want it to be as the real version of me - fully present, fully myself, and fully aware of my own voice.

That journey also led me to train as a life coach, studying neuroscience and learning how our minds and nervous systems shape the way we move through the world. I focus on times of change and self-discovery - stages that can feel like new beginnings, whether it's a young adult figuring out who they are, or a woman navigating a life transition. I've come to see that these moments share something in common: they're opportunities to reconnect with yourself, to find your own footing, and to start again with a little more clarity.

Through this journey, one phrase has stayed with me: I've got me. Even when life feels uncertain, even when the path forward is unclear, learning to have your own back changes everything.



All Shook Up...

Meet the Cast



Killarney Musical Society presents 'All Shook Up' for their 40th anniversary next week on the 10th, 11th and 12th of February in the Gleneagle Arena.

EOGHAN CANTILLON-MANN- CHAD

Eoghan Cantillon-Mann plays the role of Chad, the charismatic, motorcycle-riding roustabout and the main male lead in the musical. He is the Elvis-inspired figure who arrives in a repressed 1955 Midwestern town and changes everything.

Delighted to be making his debut with Killarney Musical Society, Eoghan is thrilled to be playing the lead role of Chad. Eoghan has previously enjoyed performing with Bravo Theatre Group, Limerick Musical Society, Cecilian's Musical Society and Shannon Musical Society. He has performed in both the AIMS Standing Ovation Concert and the AIMS Awards Opening Ceremony. Past roles include: Cry Baby, Harold Bride, Prince Eric, Prince Aladdin and Tony in West Side Story. When not at rehearsals, he is in his final year in UL or representing Ireland as a competitive powerlifter.

Tickets are available for 'All Shook Up' on Ticketmaster or the Gleneagle Box Office.

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Dunloe Medical Practice is being led by **Dr Aidan Daly**, who has worked in Killarney for a number of years. He comes from a strong medical background and is a second-generation GP, following his father who worked as a GP for almost 50 years in Tralee and subsequently in Killarney.

Training and Experience Dr Daly has trained in hospital medicine and general practice, with extensive experience across all ages. Before pursuing a career in medicine, Dr Daly studied Marine Science and obtained an MSc in Ecology. He is a member of both the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland and the Irish College of General Practitioners. He is currently the attending physician and medical officer to Killarney Community Hospital.

He has strengths in a wide range of areas within internal medicine, including Cardiology, Paediatrics, Care of the Elderly, Palliative Care, Dermatology, Mental Health, and he enjoys dealing with complex medical cases. His specialist interests include Musculoskeletal Medicine, Joint Injections, and complex neurological conditions such as vertigo and migraines.

Community Commitment Dr Daly intends to provide a personalised service to patients of all ages in a relaxed environment. The practice will offer state-of-the-art technology to ensure smooth and efficient delivery of service.

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THE EUROPE HOTEL & RESORT

Celebrates Success at the 2026 Gold Medal Awards

The Europe Hotel & Resort has been honoured with multiple awards at the 36th Virgin Media Gold Medal Awards, which took place on Tuesday, 27th January at The Galmont Hotel & Spa, Co. Galway. Judged by leading industry experts, the prestigious awards celebrate excellence and the highest standards across the Irish hospitality sector.

On the night, The Europe Hotel & Resort was awarded Gold for Ireland's Five-Star Spa Experience for ESPA at The Europe, along with Silver for Ireland's Five-Star Casual Dining Experience, further cementing its reputation as one of Ireland's leading luxury destinations.

The Europe Hotel & Resort reopens for the 2026 season on Thursday 5th February, welcoming guests on Thursday to Saturday nights inclusive until Thursday 12th March, when the hotel resumes seven-day-a-week operations.

The Europe Hotel & Resort is part of The Killarney Hotels Collection, which also includes two distinctive and highly regarded properties: The Dunloe Hotel & Gardens and Ard na Sidhe Country House. Ard na Sidhe Country House, located in Killorglin, Co. Kerry, was awarded Bronze in the Ireland's Country House / Guest House Experience category. Ard na Sidhe Country House reopens for the season on Friday, 17th April.

Michael Brennan, Managing Director of Killarney Hotels Collection commented "We are honoured to receive this recognition at the Virgin Media Gold Medal Awards. It reflects the hard work and commitment of our entire team, whose focus is always on creating memorable and meaningful experiences for our guests. We are incredibly proud to see our properties acknowledged among the very best in Irish hospitality."



Anton Savage (Host) Clare-Kate Doyle, Ciara Power, LeeAnn Keating & Managing Director, Michael Brennan of The Europe Hotel & Resort

Integrity Gym Killarney Completes 24-Hour Challenge in Aid of Mental Health Charities

An inspiring show of endurance, teamwork and community spirit was on display at Integrity Gym Killarney as coaches and members came together to complete a gruelling 24-hour fitness challenge in support of vital mental health services in Kerry.



Mayor of Killarney Cllr Martin Grady Pictured with some participants of the 24-Hour Challenge in Aid of Mental Health Charities

The event was organised to raise funds for the Kerry Mental Health Association and Kerry Samaritans, two organisations widely respected for the essential support they provide to individuals and families across the county.

Over the course of 24 hours, the gym's team took on a demanding challenge every single hour on the hour. Each round consisted of a 2.6km run, followed by 1km on the Ski Erg and 1km on the Row Erg. By the end of the challenge, each participant aimed to complete an incredible total of 62 kilometres of running - the equivalent of an ultra-marathon - along with 48 kilometres on the ergs, bringing their overall target to a staggering 110 kilometres.

What made the event particularly special was the involvement of the gym's members, who turned out in force throughout the day and night to join in, offer encouragement and complete sections of the challenge alongside the core team.

The atmosphere in the gym remained positive and supportive as participants pushed through fatigue, united by a shared purpose and the knowledge that their efforts were helping to fund crucial mental health supports in the community.

Organisers expressed their gratitude to everyone who took part and to those who contributed donations, noting that every euro raised will go directly towards the work of Kerry Mental Health Association and Kerry Samaritans.

The challenge not only tested physical endurance but also highlighted the power of community, solidarity and awareness around mental health - a cause close to the hearts of many involved.

Donations are still welcome, with all proceeds going to these two deserving local charities.

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Kilgobnet Biddies Out in Force to Welcome Spring and Celebrate a Milestone Birthday

The colourful and time-honoured tradition of the Kilgobnet Biddies was on full display at the weekend as the community gathered to mark the arrival of spring and honour St Bríd, patron saint of the farming community, on February 1st, the ancient festival of Imbolc.

Dressed in their distinctive straw costumes, the Biddies carried the Brídeóig, a symbolic effigy believed to ward off evil spirits and bring blessings for the year ahead. This unique tradition, one of the oldest and most vibrant customs in Ireland, is a striking blend of pagan ritual and Christian pageantry that continues to thrive in Mid-Kerry.

As is customary, the Biddies travelled from house to house and called to neighbouring villages and local hosteries, bringing music, laughter and spectacle wherever

they went. Their annual visits also serve an important purpose, as funds raised are donated to Kilgobnet National School, where the tradition of the Biddy is proudly taught to all pupils. This ensures the preservation of this beautiful heritage for generations to come.

This year's celebrations were made all the more special with a memorable occasion in the Beaufort Bar on Sunday night, where the Biddies gathered to celebrate the 80th birthday of their Captain, Mike Coffey. In a moment that perfectly captured the spirit of the evening, Mike was honoured as the legendary Sam Maguire Cup was held high above his head, marking a joyful meeting of local tradition and national pride.

The sight of the Kilgobnet Biddies in full voice and costume once again heralded the promise of spring, community spirit, and the enduring strength of a tradition that remains at the heart of life in Mid-Kerry.



Davy Leane with the Brideog and members of the Kilgobnet Biddies celebrating their Captain Mike Coffey's 80th birthday in the Beaufort Bar on Sunday night.

Photos: Valerie O'Sullivan



Mike meets Sam...Kilgobnet Biddies celebrating their Captain Mike Coffey's 80th birthday in the Beaufort Bar on Sunday night, as the coveted Sam Maguire is held above his head.



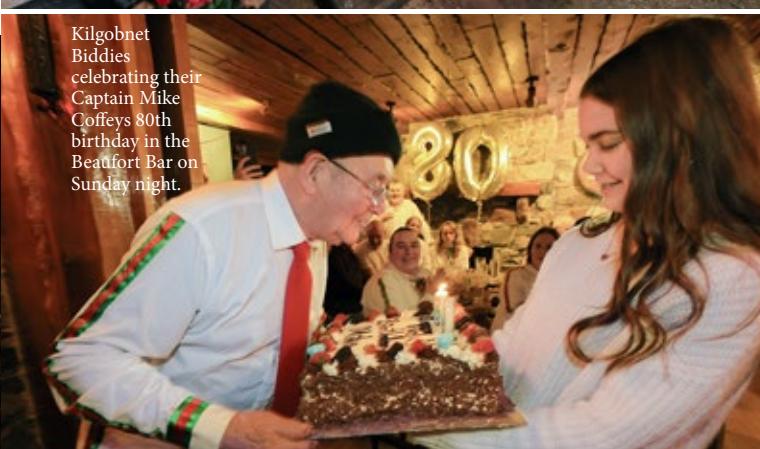
Loading up... Kilgobnet Biddies on the move to the next house in Cahernahone, Kilgobnet, Co Kerry.



Calling to the house of Davy, Jeremiah and Patrick O'Sullivan of Cahernahone, Kilgobnet, Co Kerry. Jeremiah dancing with Valerie O'Brien and two-year-old Cara-Rose.



Kilgobnet Biddies calling to the house of Jeremiah, Patrick and Davy O'Sullivan of Cahernahone, Kilgobnet, Co Kerry.



Senior cycle subject choice is very important so Caveat Emptor! (Buyer Beware!)

SENIOR CYCLE OPTIONS

Students study one of three Leaving Cert programs at senior cycle. The majority prefer the traditional Leaving Cert (LC). The Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP) is similar to the traditional Leaving Cert, except that students also take three Link Modules (Enterprise Education, Preparation for Work and Work Experience). The Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA) is strongly vocational, meaning that its job and employment focused. The subject areas are more practical than academic.

SELECTION

Subject selection for Leaving Cert is very important because the subjects you choose will influence your further study and career. Give this process serious consideration and decide what senior cycle subjects suit you best. Leaving Cert students usually take seven subjects. Mathematics, Irish and English are compulsory. It's advisable to study a modern language, which a number of third level courses have as an entry requirement.

OPTIONAL

Your task is to select three optional subjects – four if not taking a third language. Make sure that your subjects fulfil the minimum entry requirements for your courses of interest. Many colleges also impose additional subject requirements which are course specific. It's also worth knowing that a number of third level courses use criteria of selection, such as art portfolio, interview, audition and suitability test, in addition to Leaving Cert exam points.

POINTS TOTAL

Six subjects are used from any single sitting of the Leaving Cert exam to calculate total points' score. The potential maximum points' score in the Leaving Cert points' scale is 600 or 625 if Higher Level Maths is one of the six subjects counted, as 25 bonus points are awarded for Higher Level Maths for H6 or above.

LCVP

Students studying the LCVP may include the points awarded for the Link Modules as one

of the six subjects used for calculating points

- 66 points for a Distinction (80% to 100%), 46 points for a Merit (65% to < 80%) and 28 points for a Pass (50% to < 65%).

FLAIR

Keep the following criteria of subject selection in mind when making your choice. Firstly, if you have a flair for - a special ability in, an aptitude for - a particular subject, you will get tremendous personal satisfaction from studying that subject.

ACHIEVEMENT

Secondly, note the subjects in which you are achieving good grades. The Leaving Cert exam is a test of achievement. Grades and points determine entry to higher education. There is little benefit to you in taking a subject which you find difficult and are unlikely to do well in. Points' potential at higher (H) level is far greater than at ordinary (O) level. For example, H3 is worth 77 points while O3 is worth only 37 points. Study as many of your subjects at higher level as you can cope with.

INTEREST

Thirdly, select subjects you are interested in because you will work harder at those. Of all the variables that determine success at school, at college and in your career, interest is the most critical. It's likely that the subjects that interest you at school will influence your college course choices in two years' time.

REQUIRED

Fourthly, be aware of subjects that are required for any particular career interests you may have. Each college has a system of general and specific entry requirements which you must satisfy before you are considered for a place in a particular course. For example, the minimum general entry requirements for UCC are 2H5 and 4H7/O6. An H7/O6 in a laboratory science subject in the Leaving Cert exam, as well as H7/O6 in English, Irish and Mathematics, is a specific entry requirement for a degree course in Nursing.

CRITERIA

The task facing you, therefore, is to select a subject grouping that will satisfy the four criteria of Flair (aptitude), Achievement, Interest and Required. It may help you to remember that you need to make a FAIR choice of subjects. Study the information carefully, give careful consideration to your subject choice, think about your course options and the related careers. In the end choose wisely as subject choice is the first step on your road to college.

CHECKLIST

- Senior cycle students take the LC, LCVP or LCA
- LCVP students also take three Link Modules
- Subject selection at senior cycle is an extremely important issue
- Leaving Cert students normally take seven subjects
 - Mathematics, Irish and English are compulsory subjects
 - Each college has a system of general and specific entry requirements
 - When calculating points, use six subjects from one sitting of the Leaving Cert exam
 - You will get satisfaction from studying a subject for which you have a flair
 - The Leaving Cert exam is a test of achievement
- Take note of the subjects in which you are achieving good grades
- Points' potential at higher level (H) is far greater than at ordinary level (O)
- Select subjects in which you are interested
- Be aware of subjects that are required for your course interests
- Make a FAIR choice of subjects - Flair, Achievement, Interest, Required

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Primary Education Award - winner Fries NS, Kerry - From left: Patrick Doyle, IDA and judge; Eva Spillane, Mary O'Sullivan and Claire Doyle, all Fries NS and Ronan Hayes, STEM SW board members at the STEM South West awards ceremony that took place on 22nd January at Cork County Hall. The event celebrated excellence in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), recognising leaders and initiatives across education and industry that are shaping the future of STEM in the region.
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Kerry Mental Health Association Presents Bus To Ard Álainn Day Centre Killorglin



Kerry Mental Health Association Presents Bus To Ard Álainn Day Centre Killorglin." COMMUNITY spirit was the driving force behind the Kerry Mental Health Association's campaign to purchase a "bus" for Ard Álainn Mental Health Day Centre, Ardmoniel, Killorglin. Michael Moriarty Chairman Kerry Mental Health Association (seated second from left) presenting the keys of the Bus to Kevin O'Leary CNM2 Ard Álainn Day Centre Killorglin with (left) John Drummeey General Manager Kerry Mental Health Association and Martina O'Connell Assistant Director of Nursing (back) Sheila Finnucane Assistant Director of Nursing, Shane Walsh, Martin Gillen, Catherine Doona, JRI America, Caitlin Reiveld MTU Student, Patsy Hassett, Sandra Clifford, Mairead Mangan Household support staff, Bridget Hassett, Joanne Lehane, Mark Blennerhasset ISK, Mike Hassett, Liam Hassett and Stan Dyachenko.

Photo: Michelle Cooper Galvin

COMMUNITY spirit was the driving force behind the Kerry Mental Health Association's campaign to purchase a "bus" for Ard Álainn Mental Health Day Centre, Ardmoniel, Killorglin. Social isolation affects much of the population in South Kerry and the new 'bus' will facilitate increased social networking and easier access to mental health appointments. Funds raised from multiple events contributed to the overall cost of the vehicle which was formally handed over to Kevin O'Leary, CNM2 on behalf of the staff and clients at Ard Álainn Day Centre.

The largest donor to the project was SMBC Global Foundation, part of JRI America's (JRIA) parent company Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC).

JRIA has operated from its Tralee site at Kerry Technology Park since 2011 and employs nearly 250 people across a range of IT-related disciplines. JRIA is proud to support local community-based activities, and its staff are encouraged to engage in volunteering when time allows.

The General Manager of Kerry Mental Health Association, John Drummeey, said "It's a pleasure to hand over this much needed bus to Ard

Álainn Day Centre. It will provide a wonderful amenity for the services users throughout mid Kerry. While respecting the privacy and dignity of the services users, we understand that it's good for people to see that their donations are being invested in the wellbeing of others in the community. We are most grateful to everyone who gave their time to raise money to purchase the vehicle."

He also thanked those who contributed to the many fundraising events that took place throughout 2025 to ensure that the "bus" would be purchased and handed over on schedule.

Long-time volunteer with Kerry Mental Health Association and former All-Ireland winning Kerry Captain, Liam Hassett ran in the Dublin City Marathon and raised over €9,000 for the project.

The teachers and staff at Intermediate School Killorglin donated €1300 raised during the Halloween bake sale and Killorglin Student, Caitlin Reitveld's Crazy Hair Day and Teddy Bears Picnic brought in around €900.

Tralee Rotary Club kindly donated €1000 from a choral recital last March while a number of local volunteers pedalled their way to raising €10,000 in Spinathons last May and August.

Kerry Mental Health Association is inviting prospective volunteers to help with other fundraising collections in 2026 and anyone interested in giving a few hours of their time should email volunteers@KerryMentalHealth.ie.

Individuals may also sign-up via the registration link at <https://KerryMentalHealth.ie/volunteer-registration>.

Kerry Mental Health Association is a volunteer-led, countywide non-profit organisation that aims to promote mental health and to actively support people with mental health challenges and their families and carers.

Brandon Bermingham signs for the Kingdom!

Kerry Football Club are delighted to announce the signing of Brandon Bermingham, who arrives in the Kingdom from Dungannon Swifts FC in the NIFL.

Brandon, who is 24, mainly applies his trade at centre forward, but has also featured on both the left and right wing at his former club. The Meath native carries dual citizenship and has featured at underage international level for both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

Bermingham arrives in the Kingdom from Dungannon Swifts, who currently sit in 5th position in the Northern Ireland Premiership. A product of the Drogheda, St. Pat's and Bohemian FC Academies, Brandon is no stranger to the League of Ireland. He played UEFA Youth League Football with Bohs before signing for Drogheda United's First Team,

making 17 appearances for the side that won the SSE Airtricity Men's First Division in 2020, scoring 5 goals. Brandon made 6 Premier Division appearances for the 'Drogs' before moving Stateside, signing for a number of different sides across the Atlantic. He returned to Ireland in 2024 when he signed for Dungannon Swifts, which also included a loan spell at fellow NIFL side Cliftonville, making some 30 appearances across his time with both clubs.

Speaking after his arrival in Mounthawk Park, Brandon Bermingham said, "I'm really excited to join Kerry for the upcoming season. I feel like the club is taking a massive step forward and also the league. I'm looking forward to working with my teammates and staff and playing in front of the fans and creating successful moments"

Brandon Bermingham in action in pre season for the Kingdom.





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Reading Dogs Ireland Opens Applications for Upcoming Therapy Dog Training Course

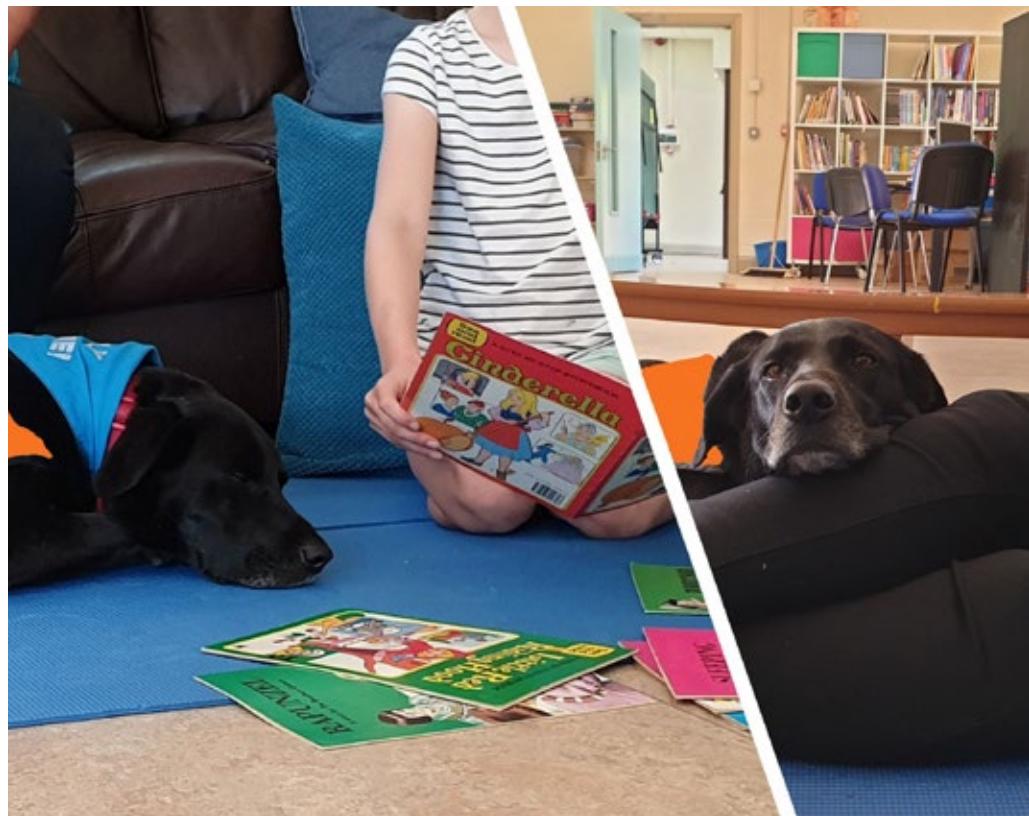
Reading Dogs Ireland has announced a new training course set to begin early next month at St Mary's Parish Hall, offering local dog owners a unique opportunity to make a meaningful difference in their community.

The programme is designed for those interested in qualifying their dogs as therapy dogs and volunteering in local schools. Trained Reading Dogs support children who are experiencing difficulties with literacy by creating a calm, supportive environment where children can build confidence in their reading skills.

Volunteers and their dogs play a vital role in helping young readers feel relaxed and encouraged, often leading to noticeable improvements in both reading ability and self-esteem.

Anyone interested in taking part in the training course and learning how their dog can become a certified Reading Dog is invited to get in touch through the organisation's 'Contact Us' link: <https://wkf.ms/406Vlk3>

A member of the Reading Dogs Ireland team will respond with further details.



If you love the great outdoors and learning about wildlife... *keep going!*

The staff at Killarney National Park Education Centre are once again hosting the popular Junior Ranger+ Programme in Killarney National Park, beginning Saturday 7th March 2026.

Junior Ranger+ programme is for teenagers between the ages of 14 to 17 years old. It will be based in Muckross School House, the Arthur Vincent Hostel and at various other locations within the National Park.

The course takes place on one Saturday each month in March, April and May. The June session will have a double session on a Friday evening & Saturday morning. The cost of

Junior Ranger+ is €100, this can be paid on the first day.

Junior Rangers+ day begins at 10.00 am until 3.30 pm. There will be occasions where the course may run over time, given the 'nature' of the course!

The activities will be an advancement of those that we have completed on the regular Junior Ranger Camps. Tasks will include conserving plants, animals and habitats within the National Park as well as exploring new areas of the Park and making new friends. Other valuable activities will include: map-reading and navigation, footpath maintenance, hikes,

invasive species management, ecological surveys.

The closing date for applications is Friday February 20th 2026. The applicant will be notified by February 28th if they have been successful.

Places on Junior Rangers+ are strictly limited.

Dates of the programme are:-

Sat 7th March • Sat 25th April • Sat 23rd May • Fri 26th June & Sat 27th June

Please follow the link here or go to Killarney National Park Facebook or Instagram page to fill out an application form. <https://forms.gle/4Q6Rmzq2cHwtSSnj8>

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Liam to hit the highest notes in Alpine Concert with Culture Ireland support



Killarney musician Liam O'Connor and his family band are to hit the Italian Alps bringing their brand of high tempo Irish music and dance to an Italian audience in the unique surrounds of a 14th century mountaintop castle overlooking the town of Verrès in northwestern Italy.

In the shadows of some of Italy's highest peaks like Monte Bianco (Mont Blanc) and Cervino (the Matterhorn), Liam is certain to be hitting the high notes with two concerts in the Castello di Verrès, which will take place on the 15th and 16th of February, thanks to grant funding received from Culture Ireland and a growing connection between the towns of Verrès and Killarney.

The concerts are the centrepiece events in this year's 77th rendition of the Alpine town's medieval Carnevale celebrations and an Irish delegation led by Verrès native and long-time Killarney resident Davide Mosca and Killarney Chambers and Killarney Celtic's Paul Sherry will be among the guests of honour.

Verrès hosted a visit by Killarney Celtic teams in 2023 and reciprocated with brilliant colour and sounds in their medieval costumes at the St. Patricks Day parade in Killarney in 2024. The town then hosted an Erasmus+ Youth exchange from Celtic in 2025 and they are bringing their Carnevale pageantry back to Killarney for the St. Patrick's Day festival in March.

Carnevale supremo Tiziana Balma is delighted with the deepening cultural, sporting and economic relationship between the Alpine town and Killarney. "Liams concerts are going to add a new layer in the relationship between our two communities. The whole Aosta Valley (province) is excited, and we are also looking forward to joining in Killarney's St. Patricks Day parade"

Kerry's Premiere Screening of Oscar-Nominated Film

The Voice of Hind Rajab comes to Killarney

Killarney for Palestine is proud to present the County Kerry Premiere screening of the critically acclaimed, Oscar-nominated film, The Voice of Hind Rajab.

This exclusive event will take place at The Brehon Hotel, Killarney, on Sunday, 22nd February at 18:30. Adding to its Golden Globe and Academy Award nominations, The Voice of Hind Rajab has just last week been nominated for a BAFTA. This prestigious recognition from all three major awards bodies solidifies the film's status as a landmark piece of global cinema. While presenting the film at its London Premiere, Killarney superstar Jessie Buckley reflected on its power: "I don't know how to be human. I need stories like this to wake me up. And make me realize something I didn't know I needed to realize."

A Tunisian-French co-production, The Voice of Hind Rajab is based on the devastating true story of Hind Rajab, who was killed by Israeli forces in Gaza. The film incorporates real voice

recordings between Hind and the Red Crescent volunteers who attempted to rescue her, forming the emotional and moral core of the film.

The Voice of Hind Rajab premiered at the Venice International Film Festival, where it received a thunderous standing ovation lasting more than 20 minutes - the longest in the festival's history - and went on to win multiple honours, including the Silver Lion Grand Jury Prize.

Executive produced by Brad Pitt, Dede Gardner, Jeremy Kleiner, Joaquin Phoenix, Rooney Mara, Jonathan Glazer, Alfonso Cuarón, Michael Moore, and Spike Lee, the film has been hailed as "the most vital film of the decade" (GQ) and "a masterpiece" (i-D).

"This is more than a film; it is an act of bearing witness" said a spokesperson for Killarney for Palestine

"We are bringing this urgent, award-winning story to Kerry for the first time. It is currently on release in cinemas across

the country, and though we endeavored to organise a screening in a local cinema setting, we were sadly unsuccessful in such attempts. We are delighted however, that this screening is taking place in the Brehon Hotel instead. It's a chance for our community to come together for a powerful cinematic experience centred on a child's voice."

Event Details:

Kerry's Exclusive Screening of The Voice of Hind Rajab (IFCO: 15A)
Sunday, 22 February 2025, 18:30
The Brehon Hotel, Killarney
Free, but ticketed.

<https://buylickets.at/killarneyforpalestine/2053953>
Donations: Voluntary donations for families and charities in Gaza will be gratefully accepted.

This community screening is presented by Killarney for Palestine as a cinematic and humanitarian occasion.

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GLENFLESK PARISH

Written by: Sean Daly

RIP

Glenflesk GAA are deeply saddened to learn of the untimely passing of our loyal club member, Martina Dineen. Martina worked tirelessly behind the scenes to promote and enhance our club and was always willing and available to help in whatever capacity was needed. Her dedication, generosity and quiet commitment will be fondly remembered by all in Glenflesk GAA. Our deepest sympathies are extended to Pádraig, Conor, Cathal and Gráinne and to all of Martina's family and wide circle of friends at this difficult time. May her gentle soul Rest in Peace.

MEMBERSHIP

2026 Club Membership is now due and available to purchase on the following link: <https://shorturl.at/VTvli>

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KERRY LADIES

Well done to Ava Doherty and Kathryn Ryan who were part of the Kerry team who played Waterford in Killarney last Saturday, with Waterford winning 2-12 to 1-11.

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Ava O'Doherty in action for Kerry at the Fitzgerald Stadium on Monday last.
Photo: Fitzgerald Stadium PR

RATHMORE | GNEEVEGUILLA PARISH

By Michael O' Mahony

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To John & Bertie Kelleher, Gneeveguilla. Family & extended family on the death of their sister Hanna Mary (Joan) Wilson on the 15th January in New York. May Breda & Hanna Mary rest in peace

GNEEVEGUILLA WEEKLY

The draw is every Friday evening in Teach Fáilte @8 pm and can be viewed live on our Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook Page. This week's jackpot was €211 and the winner was Siobhán O'Mahoney. Tickets cost €2 each or 3 for €5..They are available at Teach Fáilte and can be bought online at <https://tinyurl.com/y2ade5om>.or in local businesses where you see the Green Share the bucket.

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

CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROSARY GNEEVEGUILLA

Eucharistic Adoration will resume in the Church of the Holy Rosary Gneeveguilla on Tuesday February 3rd & 10am.

On the 3rd & 10th it will finish @ 7pm to facilitate the Novena in Knocknagree.

Divine Mercy. The Divine Mercy devotion will be on Friday 6th @ 3pm. It will be livestreamed.

Holy Rosary: The Holy Rosary is prayed in the Church every Wednesday @ 8pm. It is live

MARIAN PLAYERS RATHMORE

Treasure Island at Rathmore community centre

A sincere & hearty thank you to the many people who helped us bring our 37th show to you this year, many of whom have assisted us consistently since the group was formed in 1987.

Rathmore community centre committee, Music Row studios - Leo Fitzgerald, Tony Sheehan, Eoin Casey Computer services, Christy Dennehy, Rathmore, Social Action Group, Donal O'Donoghue, Kieran Healy - First Take Films, The media, the management of the primary schools of the parish, the spouses & families of participants in the show and anyone else who may have helped in any way. Proceeds from this year panto was presented to Kerry Parents Friends Association by Ellish Coakley on behalf of Marion Players €24,000

KERRY PPN

Our weekly community newsletter is now live, including updates on the Local Enhancement Programme Funding, World Wetlands Day events, free parenting talks at Listowel Family Resource Centre and a public consultation on Kerry's Policing Plan for 2026. Download your copy at www.kerryppn.ie

If you'd like to receive a copy of the newsletter directly to your inbox email us at ppn@kerryccoco.ie to be added to the mailing list.

If you have a community event or news that you would like to share in next week's newsletter please email the details along with any images or registration links to ppn@kerryccoco.ie before 3pm on Thursday.

NOTES

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SPA GAA AWARDS NIGHT

Spa GAA's Annual Awards Night takes place on Saturday 7th February. We are delighted to welcome GAA President Jarlath Burns, All-Ireland medal winner Dara Moynihan, and our three-in-a-row All-Ireland champion Spa Scór set dancers. For final ticket information, contact Andrew Garnett, Ivor Flynn, Adrian O'Sullivan, Anne Holland, Triona Mangan or Mathilda McCarthy.

RIP GENE CRONIN

Spa GAA send its sincere condolences to the Cronin family on the untimely passing of Gene Cronin. Sympathy is extended to Gene's wife Fiona and to all the Cronin family. Gene was a lifelong member and valued supporter of Spa GAA, contributing to the club over many years through his involvement in club activities and sponsorship. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Reminder that 2026 membership subscriptions are now due. Existing Gym Fobs were deactivated on 31st January for members who hadn't renewed by then. To renew your membership, visit our website www.spagaa.com

WALK UNDER THE LIGHTS AT SPA GAA – FINAL NIGHT

A reminder to club members and the wider community that Tuesday 10th February marks the final night of the Ireland Lights Up programme. The floodlights will be on from 7.00pm, and everyone is encouraged to come along and join in for a walk around the club's walking track in a safe, relaxed and welcoming environment.

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CLUB LOTTO

5, 6, 11, 25. No Jackpot Winner. Lucky Dips: Louise Moynihan, Online; John Randles, Park Road; Marion & Sinead Collins, Aghadoe; William Herlihy, Woodlawn; Monthly annual ticket holders draw: John Flynn, Waterford; Next week's draw will be on Monday 9 February for a jackpot of €8,100

KILCUMMIN PARISH

Written by: Helen Moynihan

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (FORÓIGE CLUB)

Help start Kilcummin Foróige Club! Every week, all across Ireland, young people come together in their local communities to do something simple, but powerful; connect with one another. They run their own club nights with the support of adult volunteers. There might be games, chats, laughter, tea, music – you name it! Foróige is currently seeking expressions of interest from people living in Kilcummin & surrounds who would like to start a Foróige Club in your community. We would like to hear from adults who would like to volunteer. Volunteers can be anyone over the age of 18. You don't need to be an expert in youth work; you just need a passion for supporting young people! Foróige provide full training and support. There are clubs available for Juniors (10-12 years) and Youth Clubs (12-17 years). If you would like to know more please contact Helen in the Rural Development Office on 064 6643357 or Trudy (Foróige Club Development Officer) on 086 834 4978.

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LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Monday 26th January for the Jackpot of €6,250. Numbers drawn were 12,13,19,29. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Tommy Healy, Mike Moloney Our Lady of Lourdes N.H, Catherine Broderick Our Lady of Lourdes N.H, and Michael Pigott Cockhill. Our next draw will be on Monday 9th February for Jackpot of €6,500.

LISTRY PARISH

Written by: Colette Leslie

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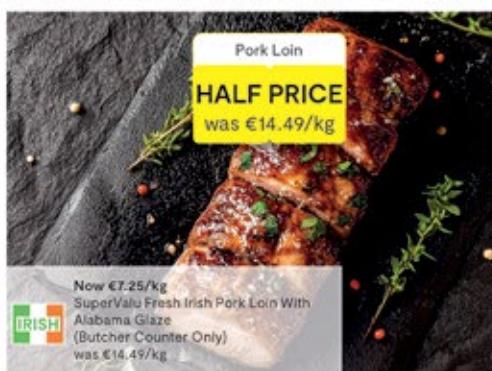
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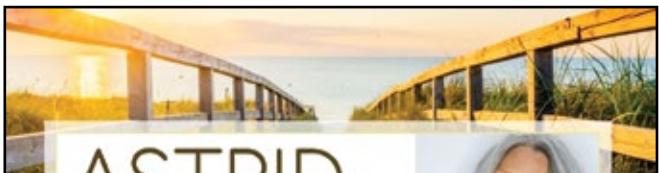
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(continued from last week)

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What are the best practices for Safe and Effective Fasting?

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Emergency Winter Payment for Disabled People Raised in Dail Eireann

Deputy Danny Healy Rae, TD has raised the issue of the need for an emergency winter payment for disabled people in Dail Eireann.

HERE IS WHAT HE HAD TO SAY.

I thank the Social Democrats for bringing forward this motion, which is very important. We all know that people with a disability have the greatest need to be looked after. I honestly believe that people with a disability who are living on their own should be looked after more than anyone else because they face all the costs of keeping the house and trying to keep themselves warm. We all know that since Bord na Móna closed down, the cost of electricity has gone up day by day. The regulator is not doing his job. Different energy companies are putting up electricity prices at different rates, and we cannot understand that. At one time, as the others were putting them up, one company actually put them down. I cannot understand what is going on there and I do not think the Government understands either. The regulator needs to be more prominent and active. I know what it means to have a disability as my grandfather spent 29 years in a wheelchair. I remember him, from when I was a young fellow, and how hard it was for him to manage at that time. I understand that it is harder for people with a disability to live compared to people who are mobile and do not have a disability. I often see how Kerry County Council revamps

some of its social housing. It puts in heat pumps and then we see the exorbitant bills that people get for electricity. I do not know why this is happening. It is supposed to be cost-effective but it is a fact that people get exorbitant bills and get into serious trouble. People whose houses were redone late last year already have savage bills.

I know that every one of us has different priorities. We saw yesterday evening that Ireland is contributing to a €90 billion loan to Ukraine to help it with its energy. We must look after our own people at home first and foremost. People in Ireland are our priority. The cost of living is going up every day in one way or another.

People living on their own are really struggling and they have to get different payments to try to help them along and help from organisations like the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. But for these organisations, some of these people would not manage at all. We need to do more for our people with disabilities. Many of them are afraid to even light the fire because they are so frightened about this. They are upset with this worry about climate change. They feel guilty if they light the fire and many of them do not have the fire to light. People in social homes that been revamped and fitted with heat pumps are getting savage bills.

The Minister must go after the regulator and give people confidence. They do not have



confidence in what the regulator has been doing. We need to bring down the cost of the electricity. I do not believe it is fair that it has risen day by day with no checks on how it is going to be managed or curtailed. The regulator is simply not doing his job.

I appeal to the Minister to do something for people with disabilities, especially those living on their own who are finding it difficult to survive. The word is that Exchequer funding and taxes are up, so I am appealing to the Minister to do something for these people who genuinely need a bit of help and are waiting for it. They are depending us to ensure that they get something.

Infrastructure in Kerry Raised in Dail Eireann

Danny Healy Rae, TD took the opportunity in Dail Eireann to ask the Minister of State to prioritise a number of projects in Kerry. The N72 leaves Killarney, going from Ballydowny to the Golden Nugget, and then goes around the Ring of Kerry from the Gap across to Grenagh.

It is otherwise known as the Killalee project. These two sections of road are in a desperate state. The road from the Golden Nugget to the Gap Cross has been completed and a fortune has been spent but we are in a worse scenario now because the road has been narrowed and it is not safe for two vehicles of any kind to pass each other. The road from Blackwater Bridge to Tahilla and from Parknasilla to Sneem, also on the eastern side of the Ring of Kerry, is in a desperate state and it is not safe for rigid lorries, articulated lorries and buses to pass each other. I am asking the Government to look at that once again. I have raised it every year since I came up here.

I am asking for separate funding for bridges. Whether it is on local, regional or secondary and national primary roads, we have to wait far too long, sometimes two or three years, for these bridges to be repaired. These are bridges built in the 1880s. I am asking for real funding for the local improvement schemes in Kerry this year because there are still over 600 on the list that have not been attended to.

All over Kerry we have settlements that either have no sewage treatment plant or are looking for extensions. Castleisland has been looking for an extension for the sewerage scheme there since 1986. Imagine that. I found it above in my father's shed a number of years ago. He was at it at that time. Scartaglin, Corra and Beaufort do not have treatment plants. In Moyvane you cannot build another

house. I could go on and on. When Kerry County Council was operating the sewage treatment services it had a list and there was a priority list. I do not know what the Minister of State is reading now but I am asking him to find that priority list and go back through it. These people were promised, almost 20 years ago, that their treatment plant was to be brought forward.

There are 170 houses waiting to start in Kenmare, where we have not had a private estate built in 20 years. What we are waiting for now is water. Like I said in the House the other day, we have water coming down out of the sky every day and we are surrounded by lakes up on the hill but there is no water going into the pipe. I am asking the Government once again to deal with this because if the 170 houses are not built and water is the cause, I will clear the whole lot of you out of it myself. This has been going on for long enough.

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Cahill Welcomes Strong Housing Delivery Growth in Kerry and Record National Completions Nationally

Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry, Michael Cahill, has warmly welcomed the publication of the latest CSO New Dwelling Completions Report, which shows a significant increase in housing delivery both nationally and in County Kerry.

Deputy Cahill said the figures clearly demonstrate real momentum in housing supply, with Kerry experiencing particularly strong growth in recent years.

"Between 2015 and 2020, there were 1,715 housing completions delivered in Kerry. In the most recent five-year period, from 2020 to 2025, that figure has risen to 3,298 completions. This represents an increase of 1,583 homes, or a 92.3% rise, which is very welcome and shows the scale of progress being made locally," Deputy Cahill said.

Nationally, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, James Browne, has announced that a total of 36,284 new homes were completed in 2025. This represents a 20.4% increase on 2024 and marks the highest annual level of housing completions since the

CSO began collating this data in 2011.

Deputy Cahill said the national figures underline the impact of sustained investment and policy focus on housing delivery.

"These are very positive figures. Over the last five years, almost 149,000 new homes have been delivered nationally, compared with just over 83,000 in the previous five-year period. Since July 2020 alone, more than 161,000 new homes have been completed. This level of delivery is making a real difference for families, first-time buyers and renters across the country, including here in Kerry," he said.

Deputy Cahill also highlighted the strong performance in apartment delivery, with completions up almost 40% in 2025, the highest level since records began.

"The significant increase in apartment delivery is particularly encouraging, as it plays a key role in providing homes in our towns and urban centres and in making better use of serviced land," he added.

Deputy Cahill said that while the progress is

Minister
James Browne



welcome, the focus must remain on sustaining and accelerating delivery.

"These figures show that we are moving in the right direction, both nationally and locally in Kerry. My priority will continue to be working with communities, Kerry County Council and the Department to ensure blockages are removed, projects progress quickly, and that we continue to increase housing supply to meet demand," Deputy Cahill concluded.

Minister Foley welcomes a new €100,000 pilot scheme for MacGillycuddy Reeks landowners

Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Kerry TD Norma Foley has welcomed confirmation of a new €100,000 pilot scheme for MacGillycuddy Reeks landowners.

The Upland Recreation Scheme pilot, which is the first of its kind, will provide payments to farmers and other private landowners in the MacGillycuddy Reeks who undertake an agreed work programme.

Minister Foley said:

"I welcome confirmation of this innovative pilot scheme for landowners on the MacGillycuddy Reeks mountain range, which includes Carrantuohill, the highest mountain in Ireland. This will support them in monitoring and maintaining the upland paths and facilitating public access to the spectacular natural beauty of the MacGillycuddy Reeks. I want to thank my cabinet colleague, Dara Calleary, the Minister for Rural and Community Development for his support in delivering this pilot. I would also like to commend South Kerry Development Partnership and the MacGillycuddy Reeks Mountain Access Forum for helping to develop the scheme."

There are over 64,000 visitors to the MacGillycuddy Reeks every year. The estimated cost of participant payments to the landowners in the MacGillycuddy Reeks is just over €100,000 in year one and is expected to grow further as the three-year pilot develops.

The Upland Recreation Scheme pilot will operate on a two-tier basis over the next three years.

Landowners on the principal access routes to the MacGillycuddy Reeks which are subject to the most significant recreational pressures will qualify for Tier Two supports. This allows them to work for a maximum of 250 hours per year at the Department of Agriculture's own labour rate of €16.74 per hour. This equates to a maximum of €4,185 per year.

Landowners in areas with less recreational visitors will qualify for Tier 1 supports, which allow them to work for a maximum of 50 hours per year.

This equates to a maximum of €837 per year.

Fifty-one landowners have signed up to participate in the scheme so far. This is comprised of 26 Tier Two landowners and 25 Tier One landowners. Minister Foley also welcomed confirmation of a further €90,000 in funding for the "Helping the Hills" network to improve capacity in managing upland paths in the MacGillycuddy Reeks. Led by Mountaineering Ireland, the programme will build the capacity of organisations to address path erosion in upland areas and will include training in upland

path development. The €90,000 in funding is for the first year of a two-year programme.

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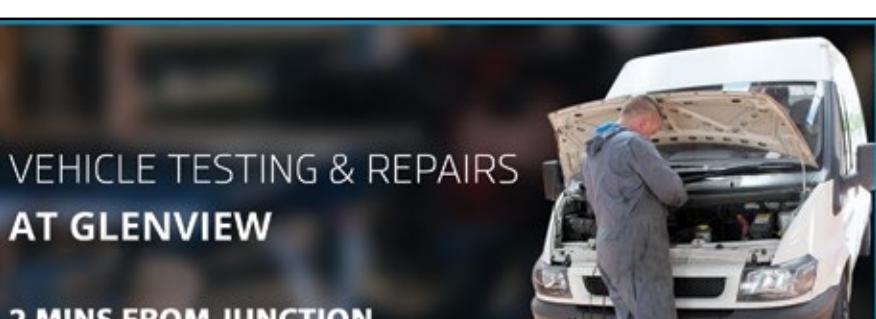
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David Murphy (12), Derek McAllister (15), Michael J O'Sullivan (11)

DRIVE-IN

On Monday Feb 2nd our President, Maurice Coffey and Captains Elaine Casey and Daniel Cronin held their Drive-ins before a large turnout and in good weather. We wish them a brilliant year.

The drive-in was followed by a mixed scramble which was kindly sponsored by Fexco in the spring-like weather and the course was also in good condition despite the recent poor weather. The prizegiving took place in the clubhouse with some food and a nice social afternoon.

The scramble winners were:-

1st: John Cuskelly, Bridget McGuire, Darragh Collins, Noreen O'Mahony.

2nd: Lucas Cronin, Helen Moylan, Cormac Bonner, Mary McCarrick

3rd: Virginijus Jonikaitis, Eileen Fleming, Seamus McCarthy, Mary Moynihan

4th: John Ivory, Timmy O'Donoghue, Mona Looney, Sean Hickey.

Fixture

On February 7th and 8th we will hold a three man Champagne Scramble.

SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to Anne Chute and all the Chute Family on the recent death of Liam Chute R.I.P.

DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB

BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND

Thanks to all those who took part in our St Brigid's Bank Holiday Weekend Draws which attracted good playing numbers as there was two very different days of play in terms of conditions. It was a good two days for our Club Treasurer, one of our new U16 Officers and a certain Sean Ashe!

SUNDAY RESULTS

Two Ball Betterball- First Nett: Noel Moynihan & Niall O'Loughlin 36, Gross: John McGrath & Sean Ashe 44 and Second Nett: Gearoid Cronin & Gerard O'Brien 36½

MONDAY RESULTS

Two Ball Scramble- First Nett: Noel Moynihan & Dan Kiely 38½ (B9), Gross: Sean Ashe & Niall O'Loughlin 49 and Second Nett: Alan O'Sullivan & John Murphy 40.

2026 MEMBERSHIP

Please note membership for this year will be due as of March 1st. Membership Rates will be the same as 2025. Further details in the weeks



Photographed at the Ross Golf Club's annual drive-in in front of a large crowd are (l to r) Captain Daniel Cronin, Captain Elaine Casey, President Maurice Coffey,



Photographed at the presentation to the winners of the Ross Golf Club's Drive-in Mixed scramble sponsored by Fexco are (l to r) Ivo O'Sullivan, Fexco, Daniel Cronin, Captain, Noreen O'Mahony, John Cuskelly, Bridget McGuire, Elaine Casey, Captain, Maurice Coffey, President, Jonathan Clery on behalf of Darragh Collins.

ahead.

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

The club was saddened to hear of the death of Danny Murphy in Ballincollig last week. May he Rest in Peace.

BY LADIES CLUB

13 Hole Stableford, held on Mahony's Point

1st: Anita O'Sullivan, 31 points (22)

2nd: Elizabeth Kelliher, 28 points (10)

3rd: Breda Duggan, 26 points (20)

NEXT FIXTURE

Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th February

11 Hole 4Ball Better Ball will be held on Killeen Course.

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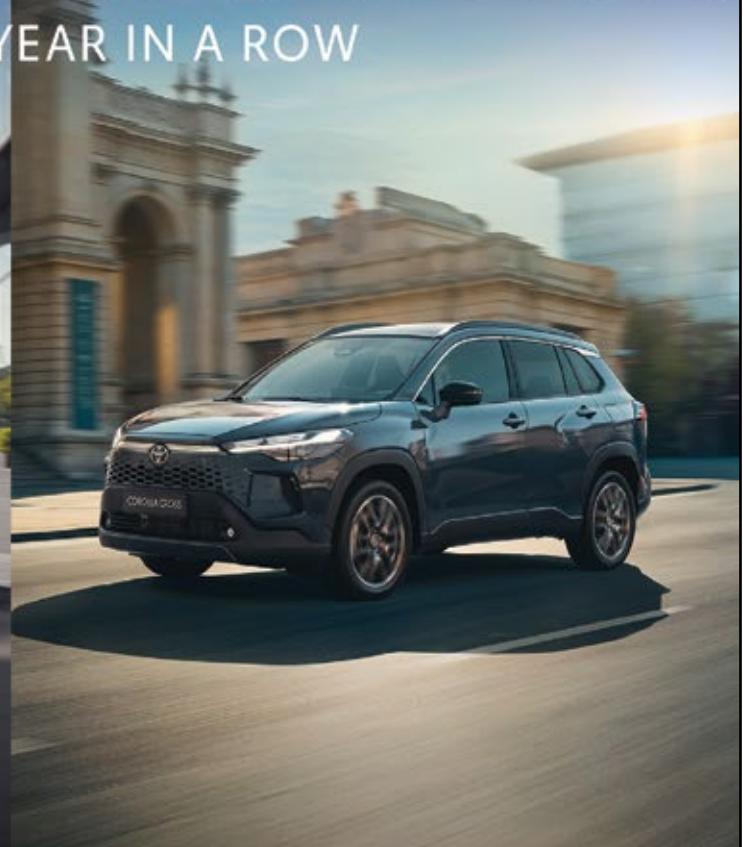
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ATHLETIC CLUB

KVAC athletes produced an outstanding set of performances across relays, sprints, jumps, middle distance, and throws, earning multiple medals at senior, U20, and masters level at the Munster Indoor Championships last weekend.

In Relays the Senior Women's 4x200m team of Lauren McEvoy, Naoise Cronin, Megan O'Reilly, and Beibhinn O'Donoghue claimed gold, while the U20 Men's 4x200m quartet of Dominik Wasila, Charlie Clarke, David Watson, and Klaidas Merkivicius secured silver.

The Sprint events delivered a rich medal haul. Lauren McEvoy won U20 60m gold in a PB 8.07s and added U20 200m bronze. Keelie O'Connor completed a senior sprint double, taking 60m and 200m gold.

In the masters ranks, Brid Stack dominated the W50 60m and 200m, while Timea Saary earned W45 silver in both events, including a PB of 9.45s over 60m. Jer O'Donoghue (M40) and Alan Delaney (M45) won 60m gold, with Michael Murphy taking M55 silver. Kevin Smith added M50 400m silver.

In Jumps Anna O'Shea claimed U20 pole vault bronze, while Antonya Lejwoda placed fourth in the U20 triple jump. On the men's side, Dominik Wasila and Dara Looney both won long jump silver at U20 and senior level respectively. David Watson secured U20 high jump bronze, Tim Horgan won M45 high jump gold, and Alan Burke took M60 pole vault gold.

In Middle Distance Conor Kissane completed an impressive senior double, winning gold in both the 800m and 1500m.

In the throws, Maureen O'Shea earned W55 WFD silver, Tim Horgan added M45 WFD gold, and Tomás Griffin took M55 shot put silver, with Jordan Lee placing fourth in the senior shot put. Another great week for KVAC Athletes.

For anyone wishing to join the club you can email us at killarneyvalleyac@gmail.com

Killarney Valley AC club members Toirdealbhach O Lionáird, Sinéad Hickey and Caitríona Shanahan who ran the 34th John Treacy Dungarvan 10 mile organised by West Waterford AC. A sunny spring day, perfect running weather and PBs all round for our three club athletes. Congratulations!



Killarney Swimming Club members Sophie Arthur, Kate Roche, Maebh O'Reilly, Caoimhe McCarthy, Alice Sullivan Bank, Sophie Hickey, Chloe O'Sullivan, Lauren Kiely, Hayley Walker, Tasia Spodymek, Ronan O'Leary, Barbara Retzker and Evane O'Mahony.

KILLARNEY RFC

THE COUNTDOWN TO "TOWN CHAMPIONS" IS ON!

The excitement is reaching fever pitch at Aghadoe as we are just three days away from the inaugural Killarney Town Champions 2026. When: Friday, February 6th | Doors 7:00 PM | Show 8:00 PM

Where: Gleneagle Arena

The Event: Local clubs including Dr. Crokes, Glenflesk, Kilcummin, Killarney Athletic, and St. Paul's will battle it out in fitness and skill challenges to crown the ultimate town champion.

Purpose: All proceeds go toward the development of our new clubhouse at Aghadoe.

Tickets: €20 (available from club members or Eventbrite). Remember, €10 from every ticket sold by a participating club goes directly to that club, so it's a win for the whole Killarney sporting community!

WEEKEND MATCH RESULTS

It was a busy weekend for our youth and senior sides with mixed results across the province:

U18.5 Boys: A spectacular performance on the road! The lads secured a dominant 42-12 win against Thomond-Richmond in the Munster Cup Group 2. With 7 tries on the board, the momentum is firmly with this group.

U14 Boys: A hard-fought battle away to Galbally RFC in the Munster Shield. In a defensive masterclass, Killarney ground out a narrow 12-7 victory.

U16 Boys: Tough luck for the U16s at home against a very strong Bandon RFC side, finishing with a 38-7 loss in the Munster Plate. The scoreline didn't reflect the effort put in by the Black and Red jersey.

UPCOMING FIXTURES

Sunday, Feb 8th

U14 Boys: vs St Mary's/Richmond at Aghadoe. Kick-off: 12:00 PM (Munster Shield).

Seniors (J1): away to Killorglin RFC at Ballymalis. Kick-off: 2:30 PM (Munster Junior League Div 3).

U18.5 Girls: vs Clonakilty RFC at Rockwell College. Kick-off: 3:00 PM (Munster League

Final).

U18.5 GIRLS LEAGUE FINAL

A huge "Best of Luck" to our U18.5 Girls (KILK) who travel to Rockwell College this Sunday for their Munster League Final against Clonakilty. Let's get as many supporters as possible out to cheer them on!

MINI RUGBY

Training continues this Saturday at 9:45 AM at Aghadoe. All new players are welcome to join our future stars. Please ensure all players have gumshields and warm layers as the February mornings remain chilly!

Support your club, support your town. See you at the Gleneagle on Friday night!

KILLARNEY SWIMMING CLUB

24 Swimmers from the club attended the Future Challenger Gala at Tralee Sports Complex on

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Killarney Swimming Club members Ollie Keogh and Finian Swarbrick



Killarney Swimming Club members Juan Avila and Reece O'Donoghue



Killarney Swimming Club member Aoibhin Creedon

Sunday. All swimmers excelled, bringing home 34 PBs, 17 individual medals, and 2 relay team medals. Congratulations to Aideen Casey, Juan Avila, Chloe O'Sullivan, Aoibhin Creedon, Suin Fleming, Sophie Hickey, Kyrylo Lutehcnko, Caoimhe McCarthy, Reece O'Donoghue, Ronan O'Leary, Kate Roche, Alive Sullivan Bank and Finian Swarbrick who all achieved medals.

KILLARNEY BADMINTON CLUB

Good luck to all from Killarney club who are competing in the division 2/4 Kerry singles championship this weekend.

As our mixed league matches are well underway now, please check for home/away fixtures re court time/availability.

Good luck to Sinead Galvin for the coming weekend who will be competing in Irish masters nationals in baldoyle dublin this weekend.



Congratulations to Adele O'Brien on runner up in the Munster Grade D doubles.
Pictured is Adele O'Brien (Killarney) and partner Jill Holmes (Limerick)



Anna O'Shea claimed U20 pole vault bronze,

Killarney Rugby Cub members pictured after a training session at Ballymalis with Mary Ellen McDonnell from the club's U18 girls KICK team who attended the session and gave her expertise and experience to our girls. Best of luck to the U18 girls in the Munster final next weekend from all the U14 girls and coaches.



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DEFEAT FOR KERRY LADIES IN KILLARNEY

Waterford 2-12
Kerry 1-11

By Dan Kearney

Bríd McMaugh struck 1-4 as Waterford made it two wins on the bounce after a deserved four point win against reigning champions Kerry in this second round Lidl Ladies Division 1 encounter at a windswept and bitterly cold Fitzgerald Stadium Killarney on Bank Holiday Monday.

The teams came into the game with success on the road in Round 1 with Kerry overcoming Dublin in pretty rough conditions and Waterford having the better of Armagh.

Both sides adapted to the new rules quite well in the opening round and the same was the case at Fitzgerald Stadium with the solo and go in particular a prominent feature with Waterford particularly adept at using it.

Kerry played with a gale force wind into the scoreboard end in the first half and raced into a two point lead thanks to efforts from Niamh Ní Chonchúir and Danielle O'Leary.

Waterford struck back in devastating fashion in the fifth minute however when a flowing move involving Bríd McMaugh and Katie Murray saw Lauren McGregor round Elis Lynch and finish brilliantly past Mary Ellen Bolger in the Kerry goal.

Chloe Fennell slotted a free before Siofra O'Shea replied in kind for Kerry and Rachel Dwyer pushed the home side into a one point lead in the 14th minute after Leah Boyle did very well.

Waterford were full of running into the breeze and McMaugh for Waterford and Jadyn Lucey for the home side traded points before Chloe Fennell slotted another free when the ball was brought forward after Kerry interference on a solo and go.

The game ebbed and flowed for the remainder of the first half with Siofra O'Shea adding a brace for Kerry and Dwyer kicking her second whilst Waterford's Fennell (free) and Kellyanne Hogan, on as a temporary sub for the injured McMaugh, scored to see the sides go in level at half time, 0-8 to 1-5.

Dwyer slotted her third point at the start of the second half but a minute later McMaugh scored a brilliant lobbed goal after excellent approach work from Aine O'Neill and Clare Walsh.

The superb McMaugh added another fine individual point nine minutes in, but Kerry replied brilliantly when Leah McMahon, just on, fed the lethal Dwyer who finished superbly past Katelyn Gardiner.

Waterford put on the burners afterwards however and TG4 Player of the Match McMaugh, and a superb two-pointer from Fennell followed by another McMaugh special pushed the visitors 2-10 to 1-9 ahead.



Mary O'Connell of Kerry and Emma Murray of Waterford contest a kickout during the Lidl Ladies National Football League Division 1 Round 2 match between Kerry and Waterford at Fitzgerald Stadium in Killarney, Kerry. Photo by Tom Beary/Sportsfile

Dwyer responded with a free but although there was time for O'Shea to slot a placed ball and agonisingly rattle the crossbar, 14 player Waterford, with Hannah McGrath in the sin bin for the final five minutes, added points from Murray and a Fennell free to seal a brilliant second victory for the Déise.

Scorers

Waterford: B McMaugh 1-4, C Fennell 0-6 (4f, 1tp) L McGregor 1-0, K Hogan 0-1, K Murray 0-1. **Kerry:** R Dwyer 1-4 (1f), S O'Shea 0-4 (3f), N Ní Chonchúir 0-1, J Lucey 0-1, D O'Leary 0-1.

WATERFORD: K Gardiner; C Murray, L Mulcahy, R Casey; Á O'Neill, K McGrath, R Browne; E Power, E Murray, K Murray, C Walsh, B McMaugh; C Fennell, L McGregor, M Daly. Subs: K Hogan for B McMaugh 20, B McMaugh for K Hogan, K Hogan for C Walsh 41, H McGrath for L McGregor 53, O Kennedy for R Browne 57.

KERRY: M.E. Bolger; E Lynch, C Lynch, A Doherty; J Lynch, A Dillane, K Brosnan; M O'Connell, C Evans; L Boyle, N Ní Chonchúir, R Dwyer; J Lucey, S O'Shea, D O'Leary. Subs: A Galvin for J Lynch 20, M O'Connor for L Boyle, L McMahon for N Ní Chonchúir both 41, K Ryan for K Brosnan, M Mulvihill for J Lucey both 47, N Quinn for R Dwyer 55.

Referee: Barry Redmond (Wexford).



Leah McMahon of Kerry is tackled by Cora Murray of Waterford during the Lidl Ladies National Football League Division 1 Round 2 match between Kerry and Waterford at Fitzgerald Stadium in Killarney, Kerry. Photo by Tom Beary/Sportsfile



Brid McMaugh of Waterford in action against, from left, Jane Lynch, Katie Brosnan and Niamh Ní Chonchúir of Kerry during the Lidl Ladies National Football League Division 1 Round 2 match between Kerry and Waterford at Fitzgerald Stadium in Killarney, Kerry. Photo by Tom Beary/Sportsfile

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FR. PADDY'S CARDS continues on Wednesdays at 8pm in the clubhouse.

KATHLEEN'S GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS for seniors will return in the clubhouse on Tuesday February 3rd at 11am. All are welcome.

LOTTO took place on February 3rd Numbers drawn were 15, 19, 21, 27. Jackpot of €17,900 was NOT WON. 7 patrons matched 3 numbers and receive €60 each. Jackpot for draw on February 9th will be €18,200. Play online by following the link below and follow instructions attached <https://member.clubspot.app/club/dr-crokes-gaa/fundraisers>

BINGO

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

CONDOLENCES to Matt O'Neill and family on the passing of his sister Mary Hughes, to Kathleen Cronin and family on the passing of Martina Dineen, to the Crowley family on the recent passing of Brian Crowley, to the Looney and Clarke Families on the passing of Denis Barrett and to Catherine Keogh and family on the recent passing of Norrie O'Riordan, Mary O'Riordan and Willie McElligott. May they rest in peace.

NOTES

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

KILLARNEY LEGION

MEMBERSHIP

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

EK SUPERLEAGUE

The East Kerry Superleague starts back this Sunday 8th February and we have a home fixture v Firies at 12 noon. All support greatly appreciated.

FUN RUN

We are continuing our running sessions on the back of last years success! Every Thursday Night at 7:30pm - 8:15pm on pitch 3. These sessions are open to everyone from U13 to adults. The beauty of the sessions is that everybody runs at their own pace. Come along for a bit of fun and get fit!

As of February 1st we have been accepted into the Irish Life Healthy Club Programme Phase 7 which will run until August 2027. Clubs have 18 months to complete the criteria and subsequently achieve a Healthy Club, Silver or Gold Award status. The first initiative we'd like to complete is the Irish life Healthy Club Steps Challenge 2026. We have until February 11th to log 4,000km! Some of our club members have already signed up to this initiative and have done a super job clocking up their steps!

We are now encouraging as many people as possible to download the Irish Life App and get out walking and running for your club! Every

club that reaches 4,000km will be in with a chance of winning €2,500!

BABY JOY

Congratulations to Mark Griffin and Tracey Kerins on the birth of their baby boy Jack Conor.

LOTTO

Please support Legion Club Lotto. Play online or buy at Hegartys, sheahans muckross road, Bowlers Rock Road, Healy's new street or any of the bars that sell tickets.

CLUB MEETING

Members meeting Thursday 12th February @7.30pm sharp in the clubhouse. All members are welcome to attend to discuss any matters.

SYMPATHY

The club extends its deepest sympathies to the family of Liam Chute, father of Sandra Quirke, wife of Ger, who has served on many committees within the club.

Our thoughts are also with Liam and Emma, who both play with Legion, and with Ronan and Marion Doyle and their daughters Rebecca, Amy and Isabel. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam. The club also sends its sincere condolences to the family and friends of Gene Cronin, formerly of Cronins shop, Park Rd.

LOTTO

Lotto Numbers: 4,5,16,21. Bonus 23. Match 3s: Jerry Mangan, Padraig Brosnan, Sean Murpy

NOTES

Anyone with any item they would like to see included in the weekly club notes (births, engagements, congrats, etc) please message Elaine 086 8398821 or Kevin 087 2484394

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LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 01/02/2026 for a jackpot of €6,150 were 6, 11, 15,17. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Bernadette Kissane, Nigel Anderton, Michelle Cunningham, Eileen Courtney, Billy O'Leary.

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>

NATIONAL CLUB DRAW - FOSSA GAA

For the 1st time Fossa GAA are participating in the GAA National Club Draw and all the money from every ticket sold by Fossa stays in our Club. The easiest way to support this is buy your ticket(s) via Foireann. You can log into your own account and you will see on right "Enter Draw". The following executive members can also enter you to the draw via their own Foireann account: Pat Sheehan, Domhnall O'Sullivan, Peter O'Shaughnessy, Siobhan Kissane, Maria Vaughan, Katherine Butler, Karen McGlynn,



Enjoying the LGFA Kerry V Waterford game in bitterly cold conditions at Fitzgerald Stadium on Monday are Katie O'Brien and family. Photo: Fitzgerald Stadium PR

Mike Cahillane, Amy Moriarty, Peter Kelliher, John O'Neill, Michael Talbot & Merry Talbot.

Physical tickets will also be available and will be in circulation next week. Please support the draw and it is hoped members will buy and also sell tickets; there are great prizes to be won, see our Facebook page to view the prizes and all money stays in our Club.

EAST KERRY SUPERLEAGUE

Our seniors begin their Superleague Div1 B campaign away to Gneeveguilla next Sunday at 12 noon. All support welcome.

EAST KERRY

SUPER LEAGUES 2026

Round 1, Sunday 8th February at 12 noon

Division 1

Division 1A: Legion V Firies, Kenmare V Rathmore, Spa bye

Division 1B: Gneeveguilla V Fossa, Glenflesk V Listry, Kilcummin bye

Division 2: Cordal V Kilgarvan. Saturday February 7th 3pm. Scartaglen V Dr. Crokes, Currow bye

POST PRIMARY SCHOOL BLITZES

Kerry Coaching and Games Post Primary School blitzes took place during the week. St Brendans College fielded three teams in the blitzes with over sixty players getting game time. Killarney Community College had one team with all players gaining valuable match time helping to improve and develop skill levels during the day. Thanks to MTU and John Mitchels for the use of the superb astro turf pitches. Vince Cooper East Kerry GDA was supported in running the events by all schools giving all students lots of match day experience. Schools will be training for the first year league competition taking place in the next few weeks. Every school in East Kerry will get a chance to participate giving all players plenty of match practise in advance of club games.

CONDOLENCES

Sympathies from all at the East Kerry Board to the families of Pat Joe Moynihan, Annaghmore, Headford, Kerry and Mary Hughes (née O'Neill) Boleany, Courtown, Gorey, Wexford/Enniscorthy, Wexford on their recent deaths.

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Tipp Talons 85

Preview by Enda Walshe

The Lakers followed up their victory over Portlaoise Panthers with a Bank Holiday Monday win over Tipp Talons and in the process rolled out their ninth consecutive victory. That run has now put them out on top on their own in the Southern Conference and the next three games will have a huge impact on their placing come season end. They entertain Team North West this Saturday night, go across town on Thursday February 12th for a derby date with the Cougars and Saturday February 14th brings its own romance, a home clash against National Cup Champions and Conference rival the Limerick Sport Eagles.

The Talons made Luke O'Heas side fight to the end for the win and they too can take away a lot of credit for both their performance and the manner in which they played. While the Lakers never really looked like losing the game, they had to keep the foot on the accelerator at all times. You don't win nine games in a row playing champagne stuff all the time so this was more about rolling the sleeves up and out working the opponent.

The first quarter was the Mark Sheehan show as he hit 11 points, including three three pointers with Jack O Sullivan and Sam Grant also chipping in with one a piece. And they needed them all as Michael Pierre, Aleksander Kovacevic and Matthew McHale carried the fight to the hosts. It was a flowing start to the game with the Talons also netting five from beyond the arc with Pierre netting 12 points and it was the Talons who were 29-27 ahead at the end of the quarter.

Steve Kelly and Mark Sheehan went to work at the start of the second quarter and alongside Eoin Carroll they eased the Lakers into a 39-33 lead. But the Talons were game as a pebble with Kovacevic, Rian Broderick and McHale responding. It took a Kelly three to tie it up again and Carroll was getting joy inside, drawing fouls, his points bringing the Lakers total to 43. A Sheehan three replied to more Pierre points and just when it looked like the Lakers would only have a single point lead, up stepped Kelly to hit a buzzer beater from another parish to give them a huge fillip heading to the locker rooms, 49-45 clear.

Sam Grant started the third period like a house on fire, netting five points without answer and when Sheehan and Kelly again struck from downtown the Lakers were 60-49 to the

good and the Talons called a time out. Jack O Sullivan, who had a superb outing under the rim, kept that momentum flowing as the Lakers stretched the lead out to thirteen, 68-55. But Pierre inspired a Talons comeback, driving to the rim, hauling them right back into it by quarters end. It was 71-68 and very much game on.

Grant started the final quarter like the third, with a three but Patrick O'Keeffe answered that for the Talons. Grant went again, this time followed up by an O Sullivan basket as the Lakers tried to shake loose. Grant and Carroll made it a ten point game, 83-73, with five minutes to go but Pierre and McHale refused to put up the white flag. Not even another Sheehan three deterred them but they were starting to run out of bullets. Another Kelly jumper helped to put them down eventually and thereafter the result was never in doubt, finishing 91-85.

Sam Grant and Steve Kelly shared 48 points equally, Mark Sheehan had a season high 22, Jack O Sullivan and Eoin Carroll 9 each with Pablo Murcia on 3.

Michael Pierre had a game high 31, Aleksander Kovacevic 21, Matthew McHale and Rian Broderick 10 each and Patrick O'Keeffe 9.

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Killarney Cougars 56
Titans 100

Killarney Cougars hosted Galway side Titans at the Presentation Gym on Saturday evening, where the visitors delivered a strong display to secure victory. Despite the final scoreline, the Cougars competed well for large spells, but another third-quarter fade-out proved decisive. The opening period set the tone for an entertaining encounter, as both sides exchanged early leads. Josh Vermiglio, Simon Olanipekun, and Joshua Phillips sparked the Cougars' offense, keeping the home support engaged and ensuring the contest remained finely balanced. Titans, however, found momentum through the long-range shooting of Umar Rachid, whose timely three-pointers edged the visitors into a narrow 23-20 lead by the end of the first quarter.

Killarney continued to battle in the second period, showing composure and resilience against a well-drilled Titans outfit. The Cougars moved the ball effectively and created good scoring opportunities, but Titans gradually extended their advantage, helped by Joseph Coughlan's sharp shooting, as he added three three-pointers to the visitors' tally. This saw Titans take a 45-35 lead into halftime. Despite the deficit, the Cougars remained competitive and committed on both ends of the floor. The third quarter proved to be the turning point of the game, as Titans raised the intensity and delivered a dominant spell, outscoring

the Cougars 27-4. Rachid continued his outstanding performance, adding heavily to his tally and showcasing the depth and efficiency of the Titans' offense. To their credit, Killarney continued to work hard defensively and never relented, but disappointingly their offensive play failed to fire during this period.

In the final quarter, the Cougars showed real character, responding with a brief resurgence and continuing to battle with a determined effort until the final buzzer. Titans, however, maintained control and eventually sealed the win, underlining their quality, cohesion, and ability to sustain their recent winning run of six wins from there last seven games as they maintain their playoff position.

Umar Rachid's 36-point performance was the standout of the contest, anchoring a Titans display that featured balanced scoring, disciplined execution, and consistent three-point shooting.

For the Cougars, their attention now turns to their next fixture as they hit the road to face Tolka Rovers on Saturday.

Top Scorers

Killarney Cougars: Josh Vermiglio – 15, Simon Olanipekun – 14, Joshua Phillips – 10, Paul Adedeji – 8

Titans BC: Umar Rachid – 36, Declan Gbinigie – 16, Joseph Coughlan – 14, Nathan Gbinigie – 9

Dominoes Men's National League

Saturday January 31st
Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre

Utility Trust St Pauls Lakers 91
ND Audit Portlaoise Panthers 86

Report by Enda Walshe

Not for the first time this season Utility Trust St Pauls Lakers had to dig themselves out of trouble but to their eternal credit they did so to record their eighth win in a row and consolidate their position at the top of the Southern Conference. A 54 point showing in the second half was needed to eventually get over a stubborn Portlaoise resistance which was all the more remarkable when you consider they came with just a squad of six players. But as can often be the case the underdog can bite twice as hard and maybe subconsciously the Lakers needed that jolt to cut out any complacency about facing an understrength squad.

Amiri Stewart certainly led the Panthers charge as he strutted his stuff but crucially coming down the stretch his effectiveness was blunted, particularly by some clever defending by Pablo Murcia. The Spaniard picked the pocket of his opponent four times at crucial stages to



Eoin Carroll in action for St. Paul's. Photo by Molly.

wrestle back control of the game as the Laois side led by as much as 11, 49-38, four minutes into the second half. But once the momentum swung the home side eventually grabbed the initiative thanks to some accurate outside shooting by Sam Grant. Grant pulled down nineteen rebounds to boot and Jack O Sullivan added fifteen more which were crucial in the final analysis. It goes without saying Steve Kelly again contributed handsomely with 27 points while Mark Sheehan again came up with some important moments.

The opening quarter was a tight and intense struggle with neither side setting the world on fire. Steve Kelly did hit an early three and although Amiri Stewart was threatening for the Panthers the combination of Eoin Carroll and Sam Grant helped the Lakers into an 11-3 lead. A three from Dylan Dunne seemed to settle the Panthers and even though Carroll and Mark Sheehan added further buckets it was the Panthers who edged the first period. Justice Iheme nailed from downtown and Stewarts drives to the rim yielded points from the charity stripe as the Panthers would go 17-15 in front. Kelly and Jack O Sullivan hit six early points without reply but if the Lakers thought they were going to have everything their own way Iheme again drained a three. Grant and O Sullivan stretched it out again but Love Omojade and Stewart were making inroads and it took a Kelly effort again to tie it up at 27 each. The next few minutes were the preserve of the Panthers with Xavier Arriaga supporting Stewart but the Lakers hit a duo of threes from Sheehan and Kelly to nudge in front again. There was another exchange of fire between Iheme and Carroll which meant there was the minimum between the sides at the interval, the Lakers 37-36 ahead.

Whatever was in the Panthers haltime water bottles they certainly worked a treat as they started the third quarter with real gusto. Their defence was intense and their offence clinical with Stewart and Iheme rampant. They helped their side into the biggest lead of the night, 49-38 and the Lakers needed a time out to clear their heads. The introduction of Murcia was a big catalyst, as he stole the ball almost immediately to net an inspirational score. That was followed by a Kelly three and despite the fact that the Panthers scoring didn't quite dry up, you could see the Lakers were starting to fill their sails again. It helped to produce a stirring

finish to the quarter with Murcia, Grant and Carroll helping to whittle the lead down to two, 64-62 as the teams turned for home.

Arriaga gave the Panthers the best possible start to the final quarter with a three with Stewart following it up with a duece. Jack O Sullivan had opened the Lakers final quarter efforts but another Grant three really got the show on the road. Sheehan tied the game up again and understandably the Panthers started to tire. A Grant three and further baskets from Kelly did not improve their mood and the Lakers looked like they were home and hosed at 80-73. But some inaccurate free throws and a Panthers rally cut the gap to three again, 82-79 inside the last minute. O'Sullivan again gave some daylight but Ihemes three again had the crowd shifting in their seats. Kelly again gave some breathing space courtesy of two free throws but Stewart had the game down to one, 87-86 with twenty seconds to go. The Panthers were now resorting to fouling in an effort to prolong the game but Kelly was flawless from the free throw line, the Lakers defence stood firm and that helped them record a 91-86 win, hard earned but deserved.

Steve Kelly had 27 points, Sam Grant 25, Eoin Carroll 14, Jack O Sullivan 11, Mark Sheehan 8, Pablo Murcia 6.

Amiri Stewart had a game high 38 points, Justice Iheme 25, Dylan Dunne 10, Xavier Arriaga 8.

Utility Trust St Pauls vs McEvoy Cavan Eagles Report

Dominoes Womens Superleague
Saturday January 31st
Killarney Sports and Leisure
Centre

Utility Trust St Pauls 63 McEvoy Cavan Eagles 41

Report by Enda Walshe

This was not a game that will live long in the memory but at this stage of the season it's all about the result, not the performance. This was Utility Trust St Paul's tenth win of the season and it means they keep pace with Killester at the top of the table. With two more home games against Trinity Meteors and Flomax Liffey Celtics in the next fortnight it is imperative to keep their winning run going and this was their fifth in a row and by far their most comfortable. With their defence on top, it didn't need to be full throttle at the other end of the floor and so it transpired as they only played in fits and spurts.

To that end Lorraine Scanlon and Maisie Burnham were again the start turns, even allowing for the fact Burnham ran into early foul trouble. Tara Cousins too climbed out of her sick bed to net eleven points as the defence held the Eagles to ten points or less in three

of the four quarters. Scanlon and Burnham pulled down twenty six rebounds between them with the former grabbing eighteen of them. The other bonus was the ease of the win allowed more court time to the likes of Clodagh O'Sullivan, Annie Brosnan and Naoise O Connor, who again capitalised with another basket. Truth to be told this performance won't suffice in the tougher tests ahead and nobody will know that better than the team and coaches. The first quarter saw Burnham and Scanlon dominant inside and the duo soon helped their side open up a 9-3 lead. Niamh Tolan was her side's most prominent performer in the opening minutes but the dynamic duo of Burnham and Scanlon continued to torment, helping to extend the lead to 13-5. At the other end Sophie Staunton was the only one to have any joy alongside Tolan as the American duo of Soliel Barnes and Maz Harris were held in a vice-like grip. Alexandra Mulligan also chipped in for the Eagles but could do little to stop the hosts leading 17-8 by quarters end.

The fare improved in the second quarter with some excellent outside shooting by St Pauls. Lynn Jones, Leah McMahon and Lovisa Hevinder all struck from beyond the arc as did Sophie Staunton for the Cavan side. But the hosts were still only in second gear with Hevinder and Scanlon scoring as they wished. Harris and Barnes did improve their productivity in this period but that didn't deter St Pauls heading to the locker rooms 33-18 ahead.

The third quarter started at a low intensity and both teams won't remember it with any fondness. It was pockmarked by turnovers and the scoring rate dropped. Still St Pauls held the whip hand with Hevinder, Scanlon, Cousins and Burnham adding to their totals. That helped to extend the lead further to 44-29 and only a collapse would deny St Pauls the points. Wanting to finish the game on a high, James Fleming's side upped the ante in the final quarter, with Burnham playing freely despite her foul troubles. Leah McMahon with a nice move had the score of the quarter and Naoise O Connor again climbed off the bench to good effect. Barnes was more efficient in this period also while Katie O Sullivan, who has strong Killarney links, tried hard throughout. But the result was never in doubt as the game closed out on a 63-41 win for St Pauls.

Maisie Burnham netted 19, Lorraine had 15 points and 18 rebounds, Tara Cousins 11, Lovisa Hevinder 8, Leah McMahon 5, Lynn Jones 3, Naoise O Connor.

For the Eagles Sophie Staunton was best with 11, Maz Harris and Alexandra Mulligan had 8 each, Soliel Barnes and Niamh Tolan 6 each.

The magnitude of the task will increase this Saturday when Trinity Meteors come to town. They had an extremely impressive win over Flomax Liffey Celtics last weekend with Hazel Finn, Ava Learn and Kylie Horstmeyer combining for 54 points. Aisling Moran and Catherine Connaire are other notable performers and they sit second in the table, just behind the league leaders St Pauls and Killester. Tip off in the Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre is at 4pm.

MASTERGEEHA FC

U12 GIRL'S PREMIER

Mastergeeha 3 v Fenit 0

Olivia O Connor & Gracie Maher (2)

Well done to our U12 girls who were victorious today in their game versus Fenit. A great performance by all the girls.

MEK 0-1 Mastergeeha

Annie Mai O Donghue 1

POTM - Eabha Buckley

Excellent win for our U12 girls today. Playing their second game in 3 days did not lower the girls' energy or work rate. Great work by Gracie who set up Annie Mai for the only goal of the day.

All the girls were excellent, but over the last two games Eabha Buckley has stood out in her performances. Strong in defence and driving her team forward when she has the ball.

Hopefully we will keep it going as we enter the second half of the season.

U14 GIRL'S PREMIER

Killorglin 0 v Mastergeeha 2

A super performance from the girls to get a great win away from home on Saturday afternoon. After a long break since our last outing, they showed great focus, teamwork and determination from start to finish. Well done to all involved and a big thank you to Killorglin for a very sporting and enjoyable game.

CONGRATULATIONS

Shauna O'Riordan, Kaitlin O'Riordan & Isla Cronin All three played their part in a superb Kerry performance in Celtic Park, powering to a brilliant 3-0 win over NERL in the All-Ireland Bowl Quarter-Final Best of luck in the next round.

BOY'S CUPS

U13 BOY'S TROPHY/SHIELD ROUND 1

Mastergeeha B 0 v Killarney Celtic C 6

Castleisland B 0 v Mastergeeha A 7

Adam Cremin (3), Matthew O'Riordan, Callum O'Connor, Leo Barry, Warren O'Boyle (pen) Man of the Match Adam Cremin

A dominate performance in Castleisland this morning ensure safe passage to the next round of the cup. Adam Cremin looked to have scored just before the half time whistle but a hand ball on the line prevented the goal with Warren O'Boyle slotting away the resultant penalty to give the boys the lead they deserved. Half time Castleisland 0-1 Mastergeeha. The second half opened up after Adam Cremin scored on the 4th minute. Adam was to go on and score a hat trick in that second period along with



Under 12 Girls from the Mastergeeha and Fenit Game at the weekend.

well taken goals by Callum O'Connor, Matthew O'Riordan and Leo Barry. Adam gets man of the match for another fine performance in the centre of midfield in the first half and up front in the second however Eoin O'Leary deserves special mention also today who started at right back and finished on the right side of midfield. Eoin had a superb game throughout. Thanks to Castleisland for a very sporting game and to the referee who did a fine job.

U15 BOY'S TROPHY/SHIELD ROUND 1

Mastergeeha B 6 v Park B 0

Our U15 B team continued their great run of form with a 6 goal win over Tralee visitors Park B. Darragh O'Donoghue giving a man of the match performance rewarded with a hat trick on the day. Well done to our lads on the day at Kilbreen Park on Saturday afternoon

BOY'S LEAGUE

U15 BOY'S PREMIER

Mastergeeha 0 v Listowel 1

In the U15 premier league our A's hosted top of the table Listowel. In a fiercely competitive game, with real quality being shown by both defences, chances were at a premium and the half closed with the sides deadlocked 0-0. Mid way through the second half, Listowel found the breakthrough. Mastergeeha responded well, exerting sustained pressure on the Listowel defence, but could not find the equaliser. A 1-0 loss but a lot of positives to take the Mastergeeha boys for the games to come.

U16 BOY'S DIVISION PREMIER

Tralee Dynamos 7 v Mastergeeha 1

MASTERGEEHA LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Friday 30th January for the Jackpot of €4,400. Numbers drawn were 6,10,11,22. Consolations Prizes of €50 each to the following, ~Tim Bruton Online, Joe Collins, Phillip O'Connor & Joe Collins. Our next draw will be on Friday 6th February at the Village Inn for Jackpot of €4,600.

BALLYHAR DYNAMOS FC

LOTTO

No. 17,18,19,25. No winner of the jackpot. 5 x €25- Mary Kenny, Ballyhar. Holly Staunton, Fries. Rachel Flynn, Fries. Gregory Breen, Fries & Jer Dowd, Fries. Next draw for a jackpot of €3500 will take place on Sunday next 8th February at Henderson's Bar, Fries. Tickets available from committee members, Sheehans Filling Station, Farranfore. Spar & Hendersons shops, Fries & Butlers Bar, Fries. Thanks to all who support & help out with the club lotto.

TEAMS

The club U10 girls travelled away to Killarney Athletic while the U10 boys welcomed Tralee Dynamos to Murt Scott Park. Both squads continue to improve on the skills of the game. The U12 girls had a great 4-2 home win V Listowel celtic on saturday last thanks to goals from Anna, Ashlinn & Amelie with all the squad playing well.

The U14 girls lost at home to Dingle Bay rovers but there were fine performances by Emma O'Callaghan, Kate O'Connor & Sophie O'Brien.



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u15s away winners to Iveragh FC the shield/trophy competition.



Ballyhar Dynamos FC U13 B squad who were defeated away by MEK A in the John Joe Naughton cup/shield competition.

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The club U13B squad were defeated away by MEK A in the John Joe Naughton cup/Shield. The squad put in a battling performance with Tadhg Fitzgerald on the scoresheet while Shane Collins, Eoghan Clifford, Jamie O Connor, Padraig Allen & Zach Goodman taking the fight to the opposition.

The U13 A squad in the same competition had a good win at home to Camp Juniors B, thanks to goals from Jack cooper, Fabian Mrotek, Jack Sheehy, Aidan Barry & Bryan Evans with Paddy Hurley, Dermot Nealon, Diamuid Keane, Noah Finn, Micheal Griffin, Gavin Sheehan & Luke Barry all playing well.

The U15s travelled to Iveragh FC and came away with a morale boosting 1-2 win in the shield/Trophy competition. Luke Bartlett & Daithi Allen being the goal scorers with Eoin Cremin, Alex Finn, Daniel Ryan, Aaron Looney, Josh O Sullivan, Darragh O Sullivan, Josh Nelligan & Charlie Curran all impressive on the day in a thrilling game.

The U16s travel to play Castlenock FC away the coming weekend in the last 32 of the National Trophy competition. Best of luck to all.

The youth squad welcome LB Rovers to Murt Scott Park on Bank Holiday Monday.

SYMPATHY

The club offers its condolences to the Comerford Family, Fries on the passing of Louise & condolences to the O Shea & Casey families, Fries on the passing of Nora. May both Louise & Nora rest in peace.

KILLARNEY CELTIC

CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 2, 3, 4, 22. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €150. Next jackpot €6,800 on Monday February 9th. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through clubzap.

KDL PREMIER

Mainebank 0-3 Killarney Celtic

Kennedy Amechi, Cian Doe, Eldion Topalli

Celtic A maintained their position in the table after a win over Mainbank. Celtic were 2 up after 35 minutes and a further 2nd half goal sealed the win.

U17 PREMIER

Killarney Celtic 1-1 Killarney Athletic

Jack O'Grady

Celtic were lucky to be ahead at the break after an indifferent half. Athletic came back in the 2nd half to share the spoils.

U15 PREMIER

Killarney Celtic 1-1 Killorglin AFC

Will Twomey

Celtic started brightly and Will Twomey had them ahead but Killorglin came back to take a point.

U15 TROPHY/SHIELD

Killarney Celtic B 3-1 Fenit B

Jack Clifford 2, Cillian Scannell

Celtic B qualified for the next round after a good win over Fenit.

Killarney Athletic C 1-6 Killarney Celtic C

Eoin Murphy 2, Jack Kissane, Kyle Fleming, Noah Murphy, Robbie Paul O'Sullivan



Celtic C had a fine win last weekend to move on to the next round.

U13 PREMIER

Killarney Celtic 3-1 Camp

Dylan McCarthy 2, Jamie Downing

Celtic A had a good win over Camp to stay in the race for the title.

U13 TROPHY/SHIELD

Dingle 6-0 Killarney Celtic B

Mastergeeha B 0-7 Killarney Celtic C

Cian O'Connell 3, Zsombor Vida, Fionn Murphy, Tymur Misura, Oliver Stachowiak

Celtic C were strong in this cup game last weekend. A good all round performance saw them advance to the next round.

GIRLS

U14 PREMIER

Killarney Celtic 1-0 Listowel Celtic

Olga Kumour

Killarney grabbed a winner in this vital league game to stay in contention for the title.

CONGRATS to Will Twomey U15 who made the KSBGL Team of the Week

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC

AFC

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC AFC UNDERAGE AWARDS NIGHT AND BINGO will take place on Wednesday the 18th in The Killarney Oaks Hotel @ 7.30pm Come along and support our young players and have a great night as well.

PREMIER A RESULT

Listowel Celtic 0-4 Killarney Athletic A.F.C

Josh Bowler x 2, Terry Sparling x 1, Dara O'Shea x 1

A very impressive performance from our Senior A Team away to Listowel today. Well done lads and management

MUNSTER YOUTH CUP 1/4 FINAL RESULT:

Killarney Athletic 1 - 4 Lakewood Athletic

Jayden Fennell

Our youths welcomed Lakewood Athletic to Woodlawn this afternoon and the visitors came away deserving winners on a score line of 1-4. Down a couple of key players our boys started strong and put the Lakewood defence under some decent pressure with Darragh and Liam having good chances to take the lead. Lakewood settled into the game and took the lead when a mix up in the Athletic defence led to the Lakewood striker slotting home. They doubled their lead soon after when a long ball from the keeper wasn't dealt with and the Lakewood player slotted home. HT 0-2 and things could

have been worse only for the excellent Fionn O Donoghue Sheehan between the sticks pulling off some great saves. The second half saw a much better performance with Athletic playing some decent football however, we were dealt a sucker punch when the Lakewood player finished a bullet to the top corner to make it 0-3. To their credit our boys pushed and pushed and Jayden Fennell gave us some hope with a great finish in the box. 1-3 with 15 to go. As we pushed to get a second we got caught on the break and the Lakewood player made it 1-4. FT 1-4. Best for Athletic today were Fionn O Donoghue Sheehan, Bryan O Connor, Donnacha Vaughan and Finn Blackwell. A special mention also to the U16 players that stepped up today to fill in for lads that were missing. We wish Lakewood Athletic all the best in the remainder of the competition and rest of their season. It's back to domestic action now for our boys as we look to continue our strong start to the season.

U17 PREMIER RESULT

Killarney Celtic 1 - 1 Killarney Athletic

Leo Allen x 1

Our U17's travelled to neighbours Killarney Celtic Wednesday night and came away sharing the spoils. A dominant display from start to finish somehow ended in 1-1. Athletic started the stronger and should have had a least 1 goal but numerous chances went a begging with some poor finishing and a Celtic goalkeeper in excellent form. Somehow we found ourself 1-0 down with a well taken free kick. HT 1-0 . The second started with Athletic playing with more intensity and Luca played Leo in for a cool finish before a few other chances went array. Athletic pressed and pressed with sustained attacks, hit the crossbar and somehow late on Jayden's goal bound header hit Leo and rebounded out just when we thought he had scored. The game finished 1-1 and we move on. Thanks to Celtic for a very competitive game and the ref on the night for officiating.

U12 SHIED MATCH REPORT

Killarney Athletic B 3 - Tralee Dynamos B 4

UNFORTUNATELY TODAY WASN'T OUR DAY against an excellent Tralee Dynamos B team in the Shield. Yet again every blue played out of there skin this afternoon in an absolute classic in Ferndale. We're so proud of each player, they pushed themselves to the limit, it was an immense team effort. Congratulations to Tralee Dynamos on a sporting game & thanks to all our supporters. Goals MacDara O Sé x 1 John Byrne



Killarney Athletic U15 Boys



Killarney Athletic U13 Boys

x1 Mick Sheehan x1 Motm Alex Doolan

GIRLS U16S PREMIER RESULT

Inter Kenmare 2 - 3 Killarney Athletic

Lillian Slattery x 1, Esme O'Sullivan x 1, Ella Murphy x 1

The girls traveled to Kenmare this bank holiday Monday, in tough conditions. Athletic started the better of the two teams going up two nil with goals from Lillian and Esme. Kenmare got back in the game with a scrappy goal in our box the girls could not get the ball clear. The second half Kenmare started really well and putting out girls under serious pressure and got an equaliser from wonder strike from outside the box. But from the tip off Athletic scored with a great finish from Ella Murphy. After great defence splitting pass from Lillian. From that point on it was really backs to the wall Kenmare pushed and pushed and were really on top but our Girls held on for a great win. It was a great team performance. We would like to thank Kenmare for hosting us and the ref for great game.

U12 GIRLS MATCH RESULT

Athletic vs MEK 3-1

Goal Scorers: Carolena Kelly x1. Lottie Moynihan x 1. Fiadh Driver x 1

Captain: Carolena Kelly

A really competitive game with MEK standing firm in defence Athletic stuck to their game plan and were rewarded with 3 great goals. A true team performance — everyone played their part. Thanks to MEK for a sporting game and to the referee for officiating. Up the Athletic!

U13 CUP 1ST ROUND

Two Athletic teams met today on a cold crisp day in Woodlawn. It was great to see a keenly contested game between club mates and friends, most of whom went through our academy together. There was some fantastic football played from both sides all throughout a game played in great spirits and in a highly competitive nature. Well done to all the boys today on both sides. Donncha Slattery x 2 Luke O'Sullivan x 1 Jakub Slowakiewicz x 1 Daniel Cremin x 1

U15 BOYS HEALY TROPHY

Tralee Dynamos 6 v Killarney Athletic 1

Tralee Dynamos started strong with taking advantage of the strong wind in the 1st to lead 1-0 at half time with good goal from long range. Athletic played some positive passing from Rory Tarrent to start the 2nd half but Dynamos struck early in the 2nd half with 2 quick goals in a 10 minute period which tipped the balance in their

favour. Athletic continued to fight back with an excellent header from Leon Hebda to make it 3-1 but could not close the gap. Dynamos closed strong with extra 3 goals to finish 6-1 at the finish, a strong performance by the home team. Busy few days for our Killarney Athletic U13s It was a case of two games, two very different challenges for the lads this week.

First up, we travelled away to league leaders St Brendan's Park. The hosts showed why they sit top of the table and ran out comfortable winners. Credit to our boys though — heads never dropped, effort never stopped, and they battled right to the final whistle. Plenty learned and we move on.

Then on Saturday morning, it was back to Ferndale for a cracking Last 32 tie against a strong Riverstown (Cork) side. This one had everything — grit, heart, and a bit of quality when it mattered. The lads had to dig deep and they delivered.

A well-taken first-half goal from Harry Randles gave us the edge, while a special mention goes to Rob Young in goals, who was outstanding and led the backline superbly to see the game out. Huge thanks as always to all the parents who travelled, supported, and helped out on match day — couldn't do it without ye

BOYS U15 PREMIER

Killarney Athletic A.F.C 6 - 0 Castleisland

Max Moynihan x 3, Sean Quill x 1, Robert Murphy x 1, Calen Prendergast x 1

A fantastic performance from our young boys today in Ferndale. Thanks to Castleisland and the referee for a good game.

BOYS U15 TROPHY/SHIELD ROUND 1

Dingle A 2 - 1 Killarney Athletic B

Torin Lyne x 2

The lads made the long journey to Dingle this afternoon for the next instalment of last season's epic battles with Dingle, and this one didn't disappoint. A huge effort from start to finish, with everyone giving absolutely everything, but we just couldn't find that all-important equaliser on the day. Very proud of the boys and the way they competed throughout the game, plenty of positives to take, and we now turn our attention to the Shield competition. Thanks to Dingle for a competitive game and to the ref for controlling the game well.

MOTM - Jack O'Leary

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KERRY SCHOOLBOY/GIRL SOCCER

NATIONAL

ATHLETIC THROUGH TO LAST 16

Killarney Athletic booked their place in the last 16 of the U13 Boy's National Trophy with a hard-earned 1-0 victory over Riverstown FC. In a tight and competitive Last 32 encounter, defences were on top for long spells before Harry Randles proved the difference, finding the net to secure progression for the Kerry side. Athletic showed great discipline and resilience throughout, managing the game well after taking the lead and seeing out the result to keep their national run firmly on track.

GIRLS

DRAMA GALORE ACROSS U14 GIRLS COMPETITIONS

There was no shortage of drama or goals in the latest round of O'Sullivan's Bakery U14 Girls fixtures across both the Premier and Division 1. In the Premier, Mastergeeha picked up a solid 2-0 away win over Killorglin to continue their strong run of form, Ruby Moynihan and Eabha Moynihan on target. Killarney Celtic edged a tight contest against Listowel Celtic, with Olga Kumor's strike proving decisive in a hard-fought 1-0 victory. Castleisland were in scoring form at home to Fenit, powering to a 6-3 win inspired by an outstanding five goal haul from Roisin Cronin, with Leah McCarthy also on the scoresheet.

Division 1 served up a nine goal thriller as Inter Kenmare defeated Tralee Dynamos 5-4 in a pulsating encounter. Fallon O'Shea led the charge with a remarkable four-goal performance, while Laura Salak added the other, as Tralee stayed in contention through a hat-trick from Tia Falvey and a goal from Lucy

Wynne. Dingle Bay Rovers also impressed on the road, claiming a 5-0 victory over Ballyhar, with Niamh Ní Sé and Lucy Keane netting a brace alongside a goal from Eilís Nic Gearailt.

BOYS

U13 & U15 SHIELD AND TROPHY ACTION GETS UNDERWAY

In the U13 Boy's John-Joe Naughton Trophy/ Shield, MEK B set the tone with a strong 7-2 win over Tralee Dynamos B, while their A side won 7-1 at home to Ballyhar B, Tadhg Fitzgerald on target for the visitors. Ballyhar A defeated Camp B 6-0, with Jack Cooper, Aidan Barry, Fabian Mrotek, Jack Sheehy and Bryan Evans all on target.

Dingle A continued the trend with a 6-0 victory over Killarney Celtic B, as Krystian Dudus and Daniel Murphy both struck twice alongside goals from Jamie Murphy and Ruan Lynch. There were tighter contests too, with Fenit B edging Park C 5-4, Ryan Greensmyth netting twice while Akram Bashir and Anas Hakimi also found the net for Park.

Park B defeated Tralee Dynamos A 3-1, Cody McKenna scoring twice alongside a strike from Adam O'Connell. LB Rovers A saw off Iveragh B 3-1 Tommy Houlihan, Shane O'Carroll, JC O'Sullivan all finding the net, while Mastergeeha A had a 6-0 win away to Castleisland B, Adam Cremin netting a brace, alongside goals from Matthew O'Riordan, Callum O'Connor, Leo Barry, Warren O'Boyle

The U15 Boy's Healy Family Trophy/Shield Round 1 saw Ballyhar A progressed with a 2-1 win away to Iveragh A, Luke Bartlett and Daithi



Killarney Athletic U15 Boys who played in the Healy Trophy

Allen with the goals. Mastergeeha B impressed with a 6-0 victory over Park B, inspired by a Darragh Donoghue hat-trick, along with an Evan Burke brace and a strike from Luke O'Sullivan.

Castleisland B defeated MEK 2-1 after extra time, Matthew O'Sullivan and Billy Moriarty scoring for the hosts, while Ryan Bolger netted for MEK. Listowel Celtic B outscored Inter Kenmare A in a thrilling 6-4 contest, Tommy O'Connor netting a hat trick, while Ethan Stack scored two along with a strike from Mikey Bambury.

Killarney Celtic B claimed a 3-1 win over Fenit B, Jack Clifford's brace and Cillian Scannell's goal sending them into the next round. Dingle

A advanced with a narrow 2-1 victory against Killarney Athletic B, Tommy Ferris and Sean Ó hAinfein finding the net.

Tralee Dynamos were 6-1 winners over Killarney Athletic D, Conor Reidy and William Scanlon with two each, while Evan Griffin and Marcos Benito Martinez also scored.

Camp A defeated LB Rovers A 6-0, Killarney Celtic C defeated Killarney Athletic C 6-1, Eoin Murphy with a brace while Kyle Fleming, Noah Murphy, Jack Kissane and Robbie Paul O'Sullivan also scored, Fenit A rounded off the round with a solid 4-0 win over Killorglin B.

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Kerry College Celebrates 2025 Graduates in Tralee

Kerry College marked a major milestone on Friday, 30 January, as more than 1,800 learners were honoured at a graduation ceremony in the Brandon Hotel, Tralee.

Graduates from campuses in Clash Road, Denny Street, Killorglin, Listowel and Monavalley, along with those who studied through full-time, part-time, blended and online routes, celebrated their achievements with family, friends and staff. The event reflected the growing demand for further education and training across the county.

The ceremony was hosted by Radio Kerry presenter and former Kerry College learner Brendan Fuller, highlighting the strong progression pathways available through the college.

Speakers, including Minister Norma Foley and Minister of State Michael Healy-Rae, praised the dedication of graduates and the commitment of Kerry College staff in supporting learner success.

Many graduates are now moving into employment, apprenticeships, higher education or further specialist study, as Kerry College continues its commitment to accessible, high-quality education and training across the region.





JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY
takes a look at all things sport...

Donegal See Off Understrength Kerry

National League Round Two

Donegal 1-22 Kerry 1-18

Technically you'd call it a tough enough start to Kerry's year. Losing out in the McGrath Cup (unsurprisingly, no angry mob of Kerry supporters approached the County Board with burning torches and pitchforks – it's the McGrath Cup, for Heaven's sake), haunting a mostly undeserved win against a Roscommon side who showed a lot more mettle than I, at least, had expected, and now a defeat to Donegal on their home ground. Not just a defeat; I'd honestly call a four point margin an unfair reflection on Donegal's superiority in that game. There were plenty of poor aspects to Kerry's displays in both their league games. And yet, I'm actually quite happy with things. Strange, because I'm usually a glass-half-empty kind of guy, but I actually think Kerry are going fine. Look, it's no reflection on those who played (actually, it kind of is that, because I'm not actually seeing too many trialists really staking much of a case for championship starts) but look at the players Kerry were missing. Shane Ryan, Paul Murphy, Brian Ó Beaglaoich, Tom O'Sullivan, Graham O'Sullivan, Gavin White, Diarmuid O'Connor, Mark O'Shea, Barry Dan O'Sullivan (depending on his injury progress), three Geaneys, two Cliffords....that's without counting aspirants like Cathal Ó Beaglaoich and Aodhna Ó Beaglaoich (he is excellent, but very young. I'd be giving a year yet, but I seem to be in a minority). You look at the personnel on both sides....do not be trying to tell me that this was any repeat of an All Ireland Final.

Donegal took early possession but looked a little bit tentative, passing around the arc, until Conor McDonnell cut in directly and split the posts. Donegal won the kickout and Young Footballer of the Year Finbarr Roarty opened his account. I have to say that we struggled very badly on our own kickouts. Donegal had a bank of big men across the middle and exerted a tight press to cut out any short options for Shane Murphy. Cillian Trant certainly working very hard, but with Joe O'Connor having his hands full trying to contain Jason McGee (clever move by McGuinness there), we had no domineering target and it hurt us.

Seán O'Shea was already Kerry's best player, involved in everything, and he fired over a brilliant two pointer to level matters. After Daire Ó Baoill, Donegal's playmaker in chief, dropped an effort short, a foul on Seán O'Shea saw Tony Brosnan nudge Kerry in front.

Shane Murphy did try one short kickout to Dylan Casey, he was turned over almost immediately. Seán O'Shea had to foul Ó Baoill to prevent a goal chance, but Conor O'Donnell missed what



Action from the Kerry V Donegal National League Round 2. All photos: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans

I'd have called a fairly handy free. Mind you, there was very tricky wind, and Donegal were against it in the first half.

A great Donegal passing move saw Finbarr Roarty double his tally and a great run by Daire Ó Baoill saw Ciarán Moore put the home side in front. Credit where due, those wee two great scores.

Tony Brosnan gathered from Seán O'Shea and launched a left leg effort at a two pointer. Far too ambitious, thought I....you can sometimes forget exactly how good Tony is; it went straight over the black spot.

Kerry got away with a two up breach. Bit of a let off. There was a bit of snapping and snarling, handbags at ten paces kind of stuff. A tuck of a schmizzle, as the great Weeshie Fogarty used to say. There was fair bit of off the ball stuff happening anyway, to be truthful. Look, I see no great harm in it. Showboating, with no real danger to anyone. Look, if ye want to play senior inter-county at this level, lads, then this stuff comes with the territory.

Peadar Mogan with a good point to make it 0-5 apiece, but back came Tony with an even more sumptuous two pointer. Donegal missed another scoreable free – I suspect that the wind was very strong at pitch level, although I'm sure Jimmy McGuinness won't be happy with the missed chances) and Seán O'Shea's '45 put Kerry three points clear.

That was as good as it got. Maybe losing Seán O'Brien to injury rattled us; it took Liam Smith a while to fire up the engines (he made some great catches later on). For whatever reason, Donegal really began to take over, and the last ten minutes of the first half were tough on Kerry. They almost conceded a goal, Shane Murphy doing well to parry a Daire Ó Baoill effort and Jason Foley kicking the ball off the goal-line a fraction of a second before Kieran Gallagher reached it. Gavin Mulready did nail the '45; it was the least they deserved.

Donegal, seemingly inevitably, won the Kerry kickout and sent the ball back in, and there was Ó Baoill, with as much space as girls used to give me at the teenage disco. He had plenty of time to round a hapless Shane Murphy and tap it in. He could have stopped and had a bite to eat along the way. Fair play to Ó Baoill, but that was really awful defending.

Conor O'Donnell added a point and Peadar Mogan, also with a lot more space than I liked, added another to close out the first half scoring.

Half-time Donegal 1-11 Kerry 0-8

Donegal had the wind in the second half and it showed instantly as Michael Langan sized it up and boomed over a two pointer. He obviously enjoyed it, because two minutes later he added another from even greater distance. Jason McGee laid off to Finbarr Roarty for a point, and Kerry were trailing by 1-14 to 0-8.

I won't say that Seán O'Shea was ploughing a lone furrow, but it was very easy to see whose hand was on Kerry's tiller. He fired over another impressive two pointer. Shea Malone responded with a point, but a two up breach by Donegal saw O'Shea place the ball outside the arc and take the two points on offer.

Shane McDonnell almost got in for a goal, an alert Shane Murphy did well to clear his line, with Evan Looney on hand if needed. Ó Baoill did take a point on the counter-attack. Kerry, especially O'Shea, were bringing the battle to Donegal but they always seemed able to pick off a point or two to maintain that lead.

Tony Brosnan picked off a score after a great catch by Seán O'Shea. Six points in it again, 1-16 to 0-13.

Hugh McFadden with a two pointer, but Seán O'Shea replied in kind from a placed ball. A clever dummy saw him add a point from play. Armin Heinrich, a good battler all through, split the posts. Four points in it.

Seán O'Shea caught for over-carrying. He was looking for options to give the pass, but there



Action from the Kerry V Donegal National League Round 2. All photos: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans

were no support runners. It's costly, and Daire Ó Baoill ends up firing a point. Michael Murphy, not long on the pitch, kicks a free to a huge round of applause.

Seán O'Shea with a great effort from a '45, but it doesn't quite have the legs and it's cleared. Oisin Gallen, just on the pitch, stretched the gap out to seven. Kerry will be leaving Ballyshannon empty-handed.

They still have a bit of fight in them, though. Seán O'Shea, unquestionably man of the match from Kerry's perspective and I would honestly say overall, took a good mark and converted it. Kerry were pressing for a goal but Donegal were back in numbers. In fact, they should have twice been able to break and clear, but gave it back out to Kerrymen both times. Charlie Keating, who did well after coming on, sent a clever little lob towards the back post, and Donagh Shine O'Sullivan reacted quickest to grab it and stab home. 1-21 to 1-18. Kerry snatched the unluckiest of wins last week against Roscommon; was history about to repeat himself?

Chance would be a fine thing. With Kerry pressing, Peadar Mogan burst out and eventually the ball came to Michael Murphy. I don't believe that the best player of a generation is the force that he was, but none of the greats would ever refuse an invitation like that.

Four points in it, and that's how it stayed.

I'd question aspects of our defending. We were beaten hands down in midfield. The likes of Looney, Heinrich, Burns, Smith after a while, an

industrious Trant, Keating after his introduction, all did fairly well. Tomás Kennedy, the supposed next Kieran Donaghy, didn't get a single high ball sent in his direction all day. He spent most of the game dropping deep to no great avail. In fact, too many of our forwards outside of Seán and Tony were working, not scoring. Plenty of problems.

Plenty of ready made solutions to come back in, plenty of time to work on things, and a hard losing battle on Donegal soil won't harm any aspiring footballers in the long run.

Donegal: Gavin Mulreany (0-1, 1'45), Caolan McColgan, Brendan McCole, Peadar Mogan (0-2), Kieran Gallagher, Caolan McGonagle, Finbarr Roarty (0-3), Hugh McFadden (0-2, 1tp), Michael Langan (0-4, 2tp), Daire Ó Baoill (1-2), Shane O'Donnell, Ciaran Moore (0-2), Conor O'Donnell (0-2, 1f), Jason McGee, Shea Malone (0-1). Subs: Ryan McHugh (for Kieran Gallagher, 44 mins), Michael Murphy 0-2, 1f (for Shea Malone, 52 mins), Eoghan Ban Gallagher (for Daire Ó Baoill, 62 mins), Oisin Gallen (for Shane O'Donnell, 62 mins), Kevin Muldoon (for Conor O'Donnell, 68 mins).

Kerry: Shane Murphy, Evan Looney, Jason Foley, Dylan Casey, Armin Heinrich (0-1), Mike Breen, Tadhg Morley, Seán O'Brien, Cillian Trant, Joe O'Connor, Seán O'Shea (0-11, 2tpf, 2tp, 1'45, 1m) Micheál Burns, Killian Spillane, Tomás Kennedy, Tony Brosnan (0-6, 2tp, 1f). Subs: Liam Smith (for Seán O'Brien, 19 mins), Charlie Keating (for Mike Breen, half-time), Darragh Lyne (for Killian Spillane, 41 mins), Donagh Shine O'Sullivan 1-0 (for Micheál Burns, 52 mins), Ruairí Murphy (for

Cillian Trant, 55 mins).
Referee: David Coldrick (Meath)

National Hurling League Round Two

Kerry 2-11 Westmeath 0-17

Oh lads, but it was cold. Savage, bone-biting cold. I'd have felt sorry for the players, but I was far too busy being sorry for myself.

I was nervous about this one. This had the feel of a season-defining game. Last year Westmeath were one of the stronger teams and a loss here would most likely leave us out of the promotion race.

So, yeah, I'd have been grand with the idea of a draw before the game. Afterwards? The Americans have a saying about how something can feel like 'kissing your sister', i.e. not really joyful. That is the most bizarre saying I have ever heard in my life, by the way. That's just.... ick. Think before ye talk.

That was points dropped rather than a point gained, to be blunt about it. Westmeath, missing a large contingent of last year's team, were there for the taking. And we just weren't good enough to take them.

It looked ominous at the start. Eamonn Cunneen swung over a free to open the scoring and Peter Clarke and Killian Doyle (f) pointed to put Westmeath three ahead. Kerry hit back in style, Michael Slattery latching onto James O'Connor's long ball and laying off to an



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inrushing Tom Doyle for a cracking goal. Kevin Goulding and Michael Leane added points and Kerry were looking good.

Killian Doyle replied with two frees, but Ronan Walsh scored one for Kerry. Doyle and Oisín Maunsell traded scores before Ronan Walsh got in for another goal. A bit more of a bobbling effort to be honest; he didn't quite connect properly, but those can actually catch a keeper completely off balance. 2-4 to 0-6.

Unfortunately, Ronan didn't last much longer. He has been one of our best players, but the scores just wouldn't go over him and I think that maybe a little bit of frustration crept in. Obviously that's just speculation on my part, but he departed on a red after a recklessly late chop and Kerry were down to fourteen men. David Williams had the last score of the first half for Westmeath, but Oisín Maunsell replied from a placed ball. With Kerry in front by 2-5 to 0-7 and after having no less than fourteen wides (a statistic I expected to improve), I thought Kerry had a great chance here, even with fourteen players.

Kerry did, in fact, seem to be growing in confidence in the third quarter. Westmeath opened the second half scoring for the visitors but with Oisín Maunsell taking over the free-taking duties, he stretched Kerry's lead out to 2-8 to 0-8 with a '65. Six points clear, fifteen to play, surely we can hold on from here?

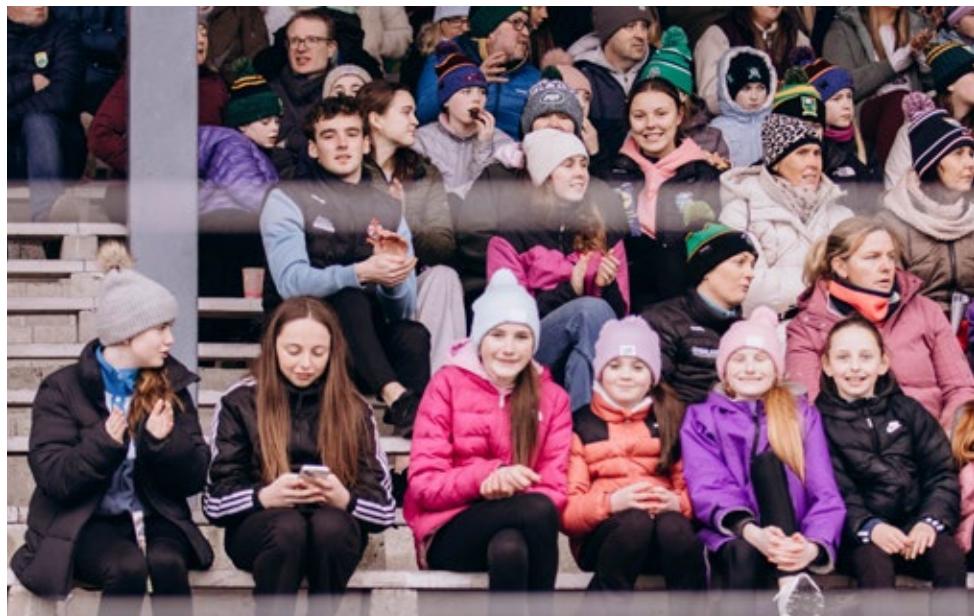
Jaysus. It will be holding on Killian Doyle, David Williams...five points, all from placed balls. Williams again, trading frees with Maunsell. Michael Slattery with a point from play, Williams with a '65.

2-11 to 0-14. Killian Doyle with a free. Into injury time. Doyle again. Just one in it. Three minutes injury time is up. Well up. Eamonn Cunneen with a chance.....ah, lads.

Don't be giving out about the added time, lads. That's only hiding, looking for excuses. This was in our hands. I'm not bothered about the frees we coughed up, in fact I think a lot of our defending was excellent. Our passing and our general play was fine.

But three points from play over 75 minutes? In hurling? I'm sorry, but that's nowhere near the required standard and we are and always should be better than that.

Next week we are at home to London. Does Christy Ring Player of the Year Jack Goulding



A section of the crowd enjoying the LGFA Kerry V Waterford game at the Fitzgerald Stadium on Monday. Photo: Fitzgerald Stadium PR

(Kevin's brother?) still play with them? Either way, it'll be interesting.

Kerry: Conor Bohane, Kyle O'Connor, Seán McGrath, Eric Leen, James O'Connor, Jason Diggins, Michael Leane, Adam Segal, Kevin Goulding (0-1), Tom Doyle (1-0), Ronan Walsh (1-1, 1f), Jordan Brick, Oisín Maunsell (07, 5f, 1 '65), Daniel Casey, Michael Slattery (0-1). Subs: Gavin Dooley (for Jordan Brick, 54 mins), Ivan Conway (for Daniel Casey, 58 mins), Hugh Linehan (for Adam Segal, 63 mins), Niall O'Mahony (for Kevin Goulding, 71 mins)

Westmeath: Seán Jackson, Shane Williams, Conor Shaw, Conor McKeogh, Marc Cunningham, Johnny Bermingham (0-1), Rory Keyes, Killian Doyle (0-7, 4f), Eamonn Cunneen (0-2, 1 sideline cut), David Williams (0-6, 3f, 2 '65s), Kevin Regan, Josh Coll, Eoin Keyes, Darragh McCormack, Peter Clarke (0-1) Subs: Peter Murphy (for Josh Coll, half-time), Andrew Shaw (for Kevin Regan, 45 mins), Jack Gillen (for Johnny Bermingham, 65 mins).

Referee: Ciarán O Regan (Cork)

Waterford 2-12 Kerry 1-11

Tough day at the office. Look, not quite unexpected. Waterford have run us very close in the last couple of years. We have needed goals at opportune times to pull away from them, never more so than last year in the Munster championship – let's face it, we were lucky enough with that late blitz. Waterford are good, and only getting better.

Kerry had the wind and opened brightly with scores from Niamh ní Chonchúir and Danielle O'Leary. Waterford hit back with a superbly crafted goal from Lauren McGregor. Both teams were playing a fast running game. I have to say that the ladies' decision to adopt the new playing rules in line with the mens' game has been hugely refreshing. The 'solo and go' has sped up the play considerably and added to the spectacle.

Chloe Fennell and Siofra O'Shea traded frees before Leah Boyle found Rachel Dwyer for a Kerry point. Bríd McMaugh and Jadyn Lucey swapped scores. So did Chloe Fennell (Kerry interference on a solo and go) and Siofra O'Shea. This was like watching a pendulum. Neither side could pull away from the other – but given that Kerry had the strong wind, that suited the visitors just fine.

Ladies National League



Action from the LGFA Kerry V Waterford game at the Fitzgerald Stadium on Monday. Photo: Fitzgerald Stadium PR



Rachel Dwyer of Kerry takes a free during the Lidl Ladies National Football League Division 1 Round 2 match between Kerry and Waterford at Fitzgerald Stadium in Killarney, Kerry. Photo by Tom Beary/Sportsfile

Celebrations.... Tralee CBS win the Munster U19 B PPS Hurling Final



Another Fennell free nudged Waterford in front. Kerry needed more power for transition through the middle; Waterford needed a scoring threat from play, hence the introduction of Anna Galvin and Kellyann Hogan for either side.

Rachel Dwyer was doing very well for Kerry and split the posts, but Hogan quickly replied in kind – I think she is one of the most dangerous forwards out there nowadays, to be honest. Mind you, Waterford supporters told me that she is expected to be in Australia for the championship – please note, that is completely unverified.

Siofra O'Shea levelled matters at 0-8 to 1-5 at the break. Waterford had been slightly the better footballers for me.

Rachel Dwyer opened the second half scoring, but back came Waterford, Bríd McMaugh with a superb goal after a great build-up. McMaugh added a point and it was 2-6 to 0-9.

Kerry needed a response and got it, newly introduced Leah McMahon finding Rachel Dwyer for a Kerry goal. I honestly thought that would kickstart Kerry and we would begin to pull away.

Except that Waterford have been in this situation before (several times literally in this Stadium) and it was their players that lifted through the gears. McMaugh with another great point. Chloe Fennell with a two pointer (the only one of the game). McMaugh again. 2-10 to 1-9 now.

Rachel Dwyer with a Kerry free. Badly wanted. Katie Murray soon cancelled it out, though. Siofra O'Shea, so often Kerry's saviour in these circumstances, launched a rocket....it came back off the crossbar. Some days are these days. She did land a free before the finish, but so did Chloe Fennell.

No complaints. Waterford were the better side, but Kerry blooded some very good young players. We definitely need some tweaking but the underlying quality is there.

Waterford: Katelyn Gardiner, Cora Murray, Laura Mulcahy, Rebecca Casey, Áine O'Neill, Karen McGrath, Ruby Browne, Eve Power, Emma Murray, Katie Murray (0-1), Clare Walsh, Bríd McMaugh (1-4), Chloe Fennell (0-6, 1tp, 4f), Lauren McGregor (1-0), Maeve Daly. Subs: Kellyann Hogan 0-1 (for Bríd McMaugh, 20 mins), Bríd McMaugh (for Clare Walsh, 41 mins), Hannah McGrath (for Lauren McGregor, 53

mins), Orlaith Kennedy (for Ruby Browne, 57 mins).

Kerry: Mary Ellen Bolger, Eilís Lynch, Cáit Lynch, Ava Doherty, Jane Lynch, Aoife Dillane, Kate Brosnan, Mary O'Connell, Caoimhe Evans, Leah Boyle, Niamh Ní Chonchúir (0-1), Rachel Dwyer (1-4, 1f), Jadyn Lucey (0-1), Siofra O'Shea (0-4, 3f), Danielle O'Leary (0-1). Subs: Anna Galvin (for Jane Lynch, 20 mins), Megan O'Connor (for Leah Boyle, 41 mins), Leah McMahon (for Niamh Ní Chonchúir, 41 mins), Kathryn Ryan (for Katie Brosnan, 47 mins), Mikaela Mulvihill (for Jadyn Lucey, 47 mins), Niamh Quinn (for Rachel Dwyer, 55mins).

Referee: Barry Redmond (Wexford).

Munster U19 B PPS Hurling Final

Tralee CBS 3-21

Coláiste an Spioraid Naomh 0-17

Look, you can argue that a Tralee sports story is outside the remit of this column. But a Kerry school winning a Munster title at B grade, given the enormous standard in colleges hurling, is worthy of note in itself. And doing it in this kind of style....I think it would be appalling churlish not to recognise genuine sporting history in the making.

Tralee CBS may be a storied nursery of gaelic football, but in recent years they have really been building a strong reputation with the small ball as well. That reputation can only have been enhanced after a really stunning display by the Kerry side to see off a spirited Bishopstown challenge and capture the Corn Thomás Mhic Choilm in Banteer last Friday.

There was very little between the sides in a bright start. Stephen Shanahan opened Tralee's scoring, but Jack Drinan replied in kind before Eoghan Costello and CJ Barrett exchanged frees. Ryan Hurley gathered from Eoin O'Flaherty to nudge Tralee back in front, but James Naughton produced a brilliant bit of skill for an equaliser. Matthew O'Sullivan boomed over a long range free but Callum Caplice levelled and the impressive Naughton put Bishopstown ahead for the first time, 0-5 to 0-4. Eoghan Costello slotted a free won by Oisín Heaton and a Matthew O'Sullivan '65 was cancelled out by midfielder Daire Lyons. Level



Corn Thomás Mhic Choilm presented by Munster PPS representative, Mike Nash to Tralee CBS joint captains, Eoghan Costello and Cillian Hurley.

Photo: Adrienne McLoughlin

pegging again, and in fact Cian Harris had to be alert to deny CJ Barrett a goal.

However, it was noticeable that the Green were beginning to win the key duels. Banteer is relatively short for a hurling pitch and that meant that Tralee could rain their puckouts down on target-man Oisín Heaton to good effect, with Eoghan Costello and Eoin O'Flaherty always on hand for quick assists. At the other end Spioraid Naomh were running into a tigerish defence. All six defenders, and goalkeeper Cian Harris, cleared some tremendous ball, but it would be impossible not to single out Mikey Corridan for special mention. He was an absolute colossus here; suffice to say that any man of the match conversations were rendered moot long before the finish.

Aron Cussen was denied a goal by the excellent Cian Harris, with the ball ending up in an Eoghan Costello point at the other end. Harris was called into action again, plucking a high ball and clearing his lines under pressure. However, in the 17th minute, a goal did arrive, but it came Tralee's way courtesy of a powerful drive and clever finish from Eoin O'Flaherty. Rory O'Halloran and Eoin O'Flaherty traded scores with Daire Lyons and Eli Murphy McKeown, but the pendulum was definitely swinging Tralee's way. Oisín Heaton made a brilliant catch before firing over. Corridan found Heaton again, with his clever flick being just cleared off the line at the expense of a '65 converted by Matthew O'Sullivan. Eoghan Costello picked off a point. Heaton, a constant thorn for Bishopstown, found Jake Rochford and he fired to the net for another goal. CJ Barrett did point just at the end of the first half for the Cork side, but they were trailing by 2-13 to 0-9 and in real trouble

at that stage.

Spioraid Naomh did rejig things for the second half, but Tralee CBS got the start that Bishopstown really needed. Stephen Shanahan was blocked down and took the sideline cut himself, only for it to creep in off the butt of the post. There was a touch of luck about the goal, but there was a bit of class about the following points from Heaton and Shanahan. 3-15 to 0-9, it was going to be a long road back for the Cork side.

In fairness, they made a great attempt. Neil Crowley and James Naughton split the posts before the outstanding CJ Barrett nailed four points on the trot. Jason Gaynor off the bench scored an important point for Tralee and Matthew O'Sullivan. Bishopstown were battling very hard, with Cian Harris once again called into action to deny Barrett a goal. Stephen Young pointed but Jason Gaynor responded with a ground strike that just skinned over the crossbar – hurling at its finest – and he added another point for measure. Sub Luke Fitzmaurice also got on the scoreboard. It was fitting that CJ Barrett, a great leader in a lost cause for Spioraid Naomh, got their last score, but it was equally fitting that the excellent Gaynor had the last say to seal Tralee's grip on the coveted cup.

A magnificent achievement in its own right, it may yet prove to be the first part of a historic double for the school. Tralee CBS have just dethroned Clonmel HS (the 2024 holders) as Munster B Hurling champions, but the two sides will be meeting shortly in the U19 A Footall Final.

Tralee CBS: Cian Harris, Brandon Leen, John O'Donovan, Dara Wallace, Matthew O'Sullivan (0-4, 1f, 2'65), Mikey Corridan, Brody Leen, Rory O'Halloran (0-2), Ryan Hurley (0-1), Jake Rochford (1-0), Luke Hanafin, Eoin O'Flaherty (1-1), Eoghan Costello (0-4, 2f), Oisín Heaton (0-2), Stephen Shanahan (1-2). Subs Cillian Hurley (for Jake Rochford, half-time), Jason Gaynor 0-4 (for Rory O'Halloran, 37 mins), Alex Relihan (for Stephen Shanahan, 44), Darragh Flaherty (for Luke Hanafin, 49), Luke Fitzmaurice 0-1 (for Brody Leen, 55)



Tralee CBS joint captains Mairtin McKivergan, left, and Fionnán Ryan during the 2026 TUS Corn Uí Mhúirí Football Final media event at TUS Moylish Campus in Limerick. Photo by Tyler Miller/Sportsfile

they took control in the second. They only led for the first time with 12 minutes left before winning by 0-12 to 0-9.

They played St. Francis Rochestown in the semi-final but the Cork school failed to fire and Tralee won comfortably, 1-15 to 0-7.

Oliver Lata mans the square in front of a defence that features real quality in the likes of Eoin Moriarty, Fionnán Ryan and Tralee hurling heroes Mikey Corridan and Eoin O'Flaherty, key players when the school won the Munster U19 B hurling title last week. Máirtín McKivergan was a key player for Ballymac in Croke Park, and he is partnered in midfield by Cian McKenna. Up front Ronan Carroll is the standout player of this year's competition, while Gearóid White, Nick Lacey, the Hurley twins, and Tom Quilter are all dangerous.

Clonmel HS, unsurprisingly, is best known as a hurling school, but it does have pedigree in football. They actually won a Corn uí Mhúirí, the first final ever in 1928. Ten years ago they reached a final, only to run into a star-studded Sem team that included one David Clifford, and the memory isn't a happy one for them.

This year I'll admit that Clonmel weren't on my radar early on. They put three goals past St. Flannans in an opening round win. They then opened up a seven point lead in their second game against Rochestown, but a blistering second half by the Cork outfit saw them win by four. That meant that the entire group hinged on Clonmel's delayed game against SP Inbhearr Scéine. I fancied the Kenmare side, but Clonmel showed clinical pace and power, winning by 5-13 to 3-11. Opponents Clonakilty failed to fire in a quarter-final that was hampered by torrential rain. Given the weather, a 1-6 to 0-5 win was understandable.

Clonmel faced Pres. Milltown in the last four. The Kerry side had the better of the first half, but some judicious switches and greater physicality told in the second half as Clonmel prevailed on a 1-12 to 0-10 scoreline.

They are a big side with plenty of running in them. Manager Paddy O'Gorman may be a new name to a lot of Kerry people, but David Power beside him certainly won't fear any Kerry team! Clonmel are a strong outfit and fully deserving

of their place in the final. But have they enough to see off a hungry Tralee outfit? To be honest, I'd consider them very big underdogs going into this one – but I've been proven wrong plenty of times before!

2016 Corn uí Mhúirí Final

Just because I'm sentimental, the return of Clonmel HS to the Corn uí Mhúirí Final after a decade reminded me of the last time they were in one. On that occasion they were well beaten by the Sem. I'm absolutely not rehashing any match reports. It was a one-sided affair. The Sem were much the better side. Frankly, I genuinely don't think either side would have complained if the referee had blown it up twenty minutes early; it as that sort of a day. But I just thought people might like to remember who was actually on that Sem team. They went on to win the Hogan and repeated the feat a year later.

David Carroll (Spa), Michael Potts (Dr Crokes), Chris O'Donoghue (Glenflesk), Cian Gammell (Legion) David Naughton (Dr Crokes), Daniel O'Brien (Glenflesk), Niall Donohue (Firies), Lee O'Donoghue (Glenflesk), Billy Courtney (Dr Crokes), Dara Moynihan 0-2 (Spa), David Clifford 1-5, 2f (Fossa), Peter McCarthy (Legion), Evan Cronin 1-3 (Spa), David Shaw 0-5 (Dr Crokes), Michael Casey 1-2 (Dr Crokes). William Courtney 1-0 (Firies) for Peter McCarthy, 46 mins, David Spillane (Spa) for Niall Donohue, 40 mins, Adam O'Shea (Dr. Crokes), Mark O'Shea (Dr. Crokes) for Cina Gammell, 58 mins, Creagh Courtney (Dr. Crokes), Donnchadh O'Sullivan 1-0, pen (Firies) for Michael Casey, 40 mins, Finbarr Murphy (Legion) for David Shaw, 56 mins, Cian O'Callaghan (Firies), Michael Pierse (Legion), Mark Harnett (Dr. Crokes), Cathal O'Shea (Dr. Crokes), Séan O'Leary (Kilcummin), Ciaran Flynn (Firies), Jack Griffin (Dr. Crokes), Brendan Copfinger (Dr. Crokes)

Manager: Gary McGrath, Selector: Hugh Rudden Trainer: Arthur Fitzgerald Medical: Dr. Gary Stack Maor Uisce: Shane Cronin (Spa)

Corn uí Mhúirí

Preview

Tralee CBS v Clonmel HS, Saturday, 7th, 1.30pm, Mallow

Right from the start all eyes were on Marc Ó Sé's Tralee CBS team. They were missing some key players through injury initially, but a fine O'Sullivan Cup campaign ended up in a one-point victory over the Sem. The Green opened their Munster campaign with a tough battle against St. Pats Castleisland, prevailing by 2-13 to 0-14. They were more comfortable in seeing off Cashel, and a last round victory over a very understrength Mercy Mounthawk meant that they topped the group comfortably.

The quarter-final saw them drawn out against their Killarney rivals. Tralee looked in real trouble in the first half, trailing by three, but



President Connolly meets the Social & Community staff on her recent visit.



President Catherine Connolly with some of the Torc CFRC THUMP Drumming Group.



President Catherine Connolly Meets some of the Garda Team at her recent visit to Torc Community & Family Resource Centre.



President Catherine Connolly is greeted Derek O Leary Executive Manager & Eileen Ni Chathain of Torc Community & Family Resource Centre

Castleisland Community College Students awarded STEM Certificates

Twenty students from Castleisland Community College have been honoured with the STEM Passport of Inclusion, a prestigious award presented by Munster Technological University (MTU). The students completed the programme during Transition Year last year, guided and supported by Ms. Mc Ellistrim, teacher of Science, Biology and Agricultural Science.

The STEM Passport of Inclusion initiative aims to encourage more young women to pursue further study and careers in STEM - science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Through a combination of hands-on workshops, university-level learning, and industry engagement, the programme gives students a real insight into the opportunities available in STEM fields.

As part of the initiative, each of the 20 students will receive an additional 50 bonus CAO points if they apply for STEM-related courses at Munster Technological University (MTU) or Maynooth University. This bonus points scheme aims to reward students' commitment to STEM subjects while helping them progress into third-level courses where their talents can continue to grow.

'This is a fantastic achievement for our school community. Encouraging more young women into STEM isn't just good for the students - it's essential for Ireland's future workforce,' concluded Máiréad Corridan (Principal).



Back row from left: Róisín Reynolds, Lauren O Mahony, Máire O Connor, Jasmin Moran Tobin, Aoife Reidy, Moya Mc Auliffe, Cáit McEllistrim (Science, Biology and Agricultural Science teacher)
Middle row from left: Sinéad Scanlon, Rose Ellis, Beatrice Mannix, Sophie Horgan, Ruby Horgan, Claire O'Brien, Emma Browne
Front row from left: Meghan Aherne, Aoibhinn Cotter, Norma Murphy, Róisín Bell, Kate Carthy, Kayleigh O Connell, Maeve Courtney.



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.

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

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

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

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



A builder built an extra thirteen houses in an existing housing estate. The builder rerouted heavy traffic away from the estate and used an existing farm road at the rear of the site to access the building site. The photo shows the relief road and this road was in existence long before his company built these houses. After the houses were built the Council instructed the builder to go onto private property and dig up the relief road and turn the area into a green field otherwise Kerry County Council will take €20,000 via a bond from the builder. Kerry County Council contacted this publication stating that the heading of this article is “grossly misleading and incorrect”.
No body 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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Mayor Cllr Martin Grady

Mayor, past pupil of Killarney Community College meets 5th year students

Fifth-year geography students from Killarney Community College recently met with past pupil and Mayor of Killarney, Councillor Martin Grady, to discuss key issues affecting the town's future.

Housing was a major topic during the meeting. Students highlighted Killarney's growing population, the need for more social and affordable housing, and the sharp rise in property prices and rental costs and the lack of long term lettings in Killarney.

Councillor Grady acknowledged these concerns and outlined plans within the town development plan that could potentially deliver up to 4,000 new homes. He also noted that approximately 1,600 people are currently on the social housing waiting list in the Killarney Municipal District. The Mayor stated There's plans for affordable home schemes in Killarney and Tralee but hopes these schemes will be rolled out across the entire county in the future.

Traffic congestion and parking were also strongly raised by students, who spoke about the pressure on local roads and the impact on daily life, businesses, emergency services, and the environment. Councillor Grady discussed proposed infrastructure improvements, including relief roads planned such as the Inner Link Road at Bohereen-Na-Goun to Monsignor O'Flaherty Road, as well as a link road between Park Road and the bypass. He also highlighted the importance of the economic corridor between Farranfore and Killarney. The role of public transport, including the TFI bus service, was also recognised as an important part of improving transport and connectivity in the town.

Students also discussed the importance of tourism and the National Park. The need for additional youth facilities, including a dedicated teen hub, was highlighted, along with the future use of buildings such as St. Finian's and Áras Phádraig.

Councillor Grady welcomed the students' ideas and recognised them as the future of Killarney. He encouraged them to share their views on streetscape improvements, active travel, and what they would like to see for the town in the years ahead.



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A Word of Victory

"As water reflects the face, so one's life reflects the heart (the heart reflects the real person" (Proverbs 27:19).

Welcome back dear student, last week we looked at the effects of fear. Jesus said, "out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks" (Matthew 12:34; Luke 6:45). What the heart is full of, the mouth conveys. There is a link between the heart, the mouth, and the resulting life. "My son, if your heart is wise, then my heart will be glad, indeed; my inmost being will rejoice when your lips speak what is right" (Proverbs 23:15-16). "Death and life are in the power of the tongue" (Proverbs 18:21). Our words have power to create, for we are made in the image and likeness of God our Creator. God spoke life into existence – "and God said let there be Light and there was Light" (Genesis 1:3; Colossians 1:16).

Mostly people don't even hear the destructive words they are saying, yet it gives away the state of the heart - negativity, fear, criticism, forebodings, anger, and bitter comments - often down to old habits that have never been confronted. "As a man thinks in his heart, so is he" (Proverbs 23:7). This is a Biblical principle that has been adapted into modern culture in the self-help sector. Many folks have been raised in negative environments, or lived through traumatic experiences, where they may have been conditioned to believe the worst about themselves, about others, or about God. This damaged outlook makes one easy prey for the enemy's bondage to fear, and destructive thoughts and feelings. The Good News is that this can be changed through the Word of God! (Romans 12:2). It takes effort to watch what we say - and it doesn't begin with the mouth, but in the heart. "Above all else guard your heart, for out of it flow the issues of life" (Proverbs 4:23). Other translations of this verse say... 'everything you do flows from your heart - the wellspring of your life'. The condition of the heart impacts every part of life. And the tongue gives it away. If our words can shape our world, then to change that world we need to process, and deal with, those issues of the heart.

Paul reminds us to tackle fear by talking things over with God, thanking Him for His Love, whilst pondering His goodness, promising "...the Peace of God will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:4-9). The Lord Jesus is the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6). He comforts us with His Presence. It is in cultivating relationship with Jesus that Peace comes in. "I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have Peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33; John 14:27). We are always going to face fears, temptations, or trials. But Jesus assures us that He has already gone before us and is always with us. So, from that knowledge, we can look at circumstances from a different perspective, and our hearts can be peaceful, even in difficult situations, knowing that the Lord will help us, and bring a good solution. "God is our... very present Help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1). Faith in action doesn't have to be loud and aggressive, instead true, solid faith comes from a place of rest and trust (Hebrews 4:9-16). As we get to know the Lord through His Word, our heart's perspective changes, and we learn to talk differently - because now we have Hope! Our words line up with His Word of Light. "You shall declare a thing, and it shall be established" (Job 22:21-28; Proverbs 21:2). A man's ways may seem right to himself, but the Lord weighs the heart.

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Church of the Resurrection 5pm - 9pm Tuesdays
 St Mary's Cathedral Wed 11am— 5.30pm
 Wednesday
 Muckross 4pm—6pm Thurs
 Franciscan Friary 2pm —7pm Fridays Holy Hour
 Sundays @ 6pm

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Our Parish Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes began on Tuesday 3rd & concludes on Wednesday 11th February (Feast of our Lady of Lourdes). The Novena prayer will be prayed in St Mary's Cathedral 10.30am, 6.15pm Masses online and Saturday Vigil 6.15pm and Sunday 8.00am, 10.30am & 12noon. A sacred space devoted to Our Lady of Lourdes is erected in St Mary's Cathedral during the Novena with specially commissioned Novena candles available throughout the nine days. There will be a Novena leaflet available in the Cathedral for the Novena, so please join us.

2026 DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE is on from Friday Feb 27th to Sunday March 1st. in RDS Ballsbridge, Dublin. For details contact Mary at 086 0529008

DIOCESAN MISSION beginning Sunday 8th February—11th. To register on line, go to www.dioceseofkerry.ie

KERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA
 Led by Fr Noel Spring on the 11th of May, 6 nights from Shannon to Porto Direct, 4* half board. For Further Information, please contact Barters Travelnet 021 4851700 or kcallaghan@travelnet.ie

KERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES
 from the 10th June— 15th June, from Kerry to Tarbes Direct, Full board for further info, please contact Nora 087 931 8976 Pilgrimage@dioceseofkerry.ie

COMMUNAL FIRST SATURDAY

devotions will be held on Saturday, 7th Feb commencing at 8.45 am followed by the Rosary at 9am in the Church of the Resurrection Killarney. Confessions available from 8.45 am. Mass at 9.30 . All Welcome

SECOND COLLECTION

Next Weekend of the 7th/8th of February in support of the Lourdes Helpers for our Kerry Diocesan Pilgrimage in June. This is our only way of obtaining funding in 2026. The mission is to take our succj to Lourdes who could not otherwise travel, for this we need helpers and nurses. The fund also assists Pilgrims who may not be able to afford the full fare. This collection goes towards this effort and your support is very appreciated.

BINGO IN ST MARY'S PARISH HALL: every Thurs at 8.30pm

PRAYER TO THE LITTLE FLOWER ST THERESE

O Little Therese of the Child Jesus, please pick for me a rose from the heavenly gardens and send it to me as a message of love. O Little Flower of Jesus, ask God to grant the favors
 I now place with confidence in your hands..
 (mention in silence here)
 St. Therese, help me to always believe as you did in God's great love for me, so that I might imitate your "Little Way" each day.
 Amen

25TH & 4TH ANNIVERSARIES

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
TIMO & NOREEN CRONIN
 (NEE SCANNELL)



MOULAGOW, RATHMORE
 WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE ON
 6TH FEBRUARY 2001 &
 18TH MAY 2022.

*Time cannot steal the treasures
 that we carry in our hearts.
 Nor even dim the shining thoughts
 our cherished past imparts.*

*For the memories of the ones we loved
 still cast a gentle glow,
 To grace our days and light
 our paths, wherever we may go.*

Remembered and missed everyday
 by Patrick, Mairéad, Mary, Eileen,
 Breda, Norita and families.

Anniversary Mass for Timo and Noreen
 will take place on Saturday, 7th February
 in Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church,
 Shrine at 6pm.

May their gentle souls rest in peace.

PRAYER TO SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES

Most humble Saint Martin whose burning charity embraces all, but especially those who are sick, afflicted or in need, we turn to thee for help in our present difficulties and we implore thee to obtain for us from God health of soul and body, and in particular the favour we now ask.....
 May we, by imitating thy charity and humility, find quiet and contentment all our days, and cheerful submission to God's holy will in all the trials and difficulties of life.
 St Martin Pary For Us
 Amen.

8TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
JAMES FERGUSON



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 REST IN PEACE

*As long as hearts remember
 As long as hearts still care
 We do not part with those we love
 They're with us everywhere*

Always remembered by your aunts Breeda, Mary, Annette, Rosarie and all your cousins.

NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART

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

9TH ANNIVERSARY

A LOVING HUSBAND,
FATHER & GRANDAD.

DENIS JOSEPH
BREEN

26 HAZELWOOD DRIVE, UPPER
PARK RD, KILLARNEY
WHO DIED PEACEFULLY ON
10TH FEBRUARY 2017.

*Doesn't seem nine years have passed
since you left us.
Only seems like yesterday since we
had the fun and laughter with you.
You always had a smile to share,
a time to care.*

*Hard working hands are now at rest.
Your Memory is a keepsake that we treasure.*

*Time is a healer but no one knows
the heartache of missing you.*

*Our family chain will link up again,
A star at night is your big light
to say good night to us all.*

*Sadly missed by your heartbroken
loving family & your two Grandsons.*

*Mass has been offered for your soul
on the 9th February at 6.15pm,
St Mary's Cathedral, Killarney.*

BIRTHDAY
REMEMBRANCEIN LOVING MEMORY OF
DANIEL RICHARD
O'SULLIVAN

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
7TH FEBRUARY 1979

*Happy heavenly birthday Daniel.
Love and miss you always.*

*Mom, Dad, brothers, sisters,
nieces, nephews xxx*

14TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MARGARET (PEG)
O'MAHONEY



GULLANE, GNEEVEGUILLA.

WHOSE ANNIVERSARY
OCCURS ON FEBRUARY 5TH

*We sat beside your bedside,
Our hearts were crushed and sore;
We did our duty to the end,
Till we could do no more.
In tears we watched you sinking,
We watched you fade away;
And though our hearts were breaking,
We knew you could not stay.*

You left behind some aching hearts,

*That loved you most sincere;
We never shall and never will,
Forget you, mother dear.*

*From your Husband John,
Son Michael and daughter-in law Siobhan and
kids Oisin, Ciara and Ryan Gerard.
Daughter June and her Husband Daniel.
Daughter Oriana and her Husband Conan and
sons Bruce, Max, Benjamin and Conan Jr.*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
& 1ST ANNIVERSARYIN LOVING MEMORY OF
ROSEANNE
O'CONNOR

TIERNABOUL, KILLARNEY
FORMERLY OF WOODLAWN
PARK, KILLARNEY
WHO DIED ON
7TH FEBRUARY 2025.

As we lovingly remember Roseanne on the
1st Anniversary of her passing, we her family
would like to express our sincere gratitude to
all who sympathised and supported us during
our time of bereavement.

We are deeply grateful to those who attended
Roseanne's removal, Requiem Mass and
burial especially those who travelled long
distances. Thank you to those who sent Mass
cards, letters, texts and those who shared
comforting words on RIP.ie. Thank you to
those who generously donated to Kerry
Parents & Friends Association in Roseanne's
memory.

Our heartfelt thanks to Fr Kieran O'Brien
who celebrated Requiem Mass in such a
meaningful and prayerful manner together
with Fr Michael O'Donoghue from Tiernaboul.
Also a special thank you to Mary and Michelle
O'Callaghan for their beautiful soulful music
and voice and their rendition of Roseanne's
favourite song.

We thank the amazing staff, past and present,
of the Old Monastery who cared for Roseanne
over the years with compassion and kindness
and for bringing joy and laughter into her
life. Thank you also to the staff of Glebe
Lodge, Castleisland for your excellent care of
Roseanne. We would also like to thank you
all for providing the Guard of Honour at her
removal and on the day of her funeral. We
were so touched and proud.

We would also like to express our sincere
gratitude to the medical professionals at
UHK who did everything possible to care for
Roseanne and make her comfortable.

A special thank you to Mary and Michael
O'Shea and staff for their professionalism and
support shown to us.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone
individually please accept this as an
expression of our deepest gratitude, the Holy
Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your
intentions.

Roseanne's 1st Anniversary Mass
this Sunday, 8th February in the Church of
The Resurrection, Park Road at 11am.

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ST. CLAIRE

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believe or not. Publish on ninth day.

Powerful novena.

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praised, adored, glorified and loved
today and every day throughout the
whole world forever. Amen
Say six times daily for nine days. Your
request will be granted no matter
how difficult it may seem. Favour
publication must be promised.

K.M

MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin
Mary, that never was it known that
anyone who fled to thy protection,
implored thy help, or sought thy
intercession, was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence I fly unto
thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.
To thee do I come, before thee I stand,
sinful and sorrowful.

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

Amen.

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