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A delighted fan pictured at the Kerry Ladies Homecoming at Na Gaeil GAA Grounds on Monday evening.
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A Note from the EDITOR



The Kerry Ladies football team were greeted by hundreds of supporters at Na Gaeil GAA Grounds on Monday night, after their defeat to Galway on the narrowest of margins last Sunday in Croke Park and in this week's Killarney Outlook we have reports and photos from their epic journey.

In other news, an inspirational man is the subject of a documentary which will be premiered next month, Heritage Week will be celebrated at Ross Castle with free events taking place and final plans are being put in place for the Vintage Rally at Muckross Traditional Farms.

Two much loved Killarney men were laid to rest this week with the passing of Donie Whitty O'Sullivan and Cliff Fee, a local environmental group is calling for urgent action to prevent an ecological crisis on the Lakes of Killarney and volunteers are working tirelessly to protect Killarney National Park.

The countdown to the Rose of Tralee is on, Glenflesk couples celebrated a milestone at the Wedding Anniversary mass and the annual Ballymac Vintage Club Classic Car Run raised over €7,000.

In sport, David Kenny is preparing to don the green jersey to compete in the European Championships, 64 teams teed off in the annual Dr. Crokes Golf Classic and Kerry FC are celebrating fantastic wins over the past week. Hope you all enjoy this week's Killarney Outlook!

Aisling Crosbie



Siobhan O'Donoghue captures one of her curious dairy cows peeking over the ditch as she was walking the field.



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Documentary to Honour Inspirational Kerry Volunteer and Cancer Survivor Cathal Walshe

The remarkable life of Cathal Walshe, a bowel cancer survivor, devoted father and one of Kerry's most dedicated volunteers, will be celebrated in a moving new documentary premiering at the Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney, on Wednesday, September 9. Produced by Photography & Design By Molly, the documentary tells the story of a man whose courage, determination and selfless commitment to helping others have inspired countless people across Kerry and beyond. Cathal has faced one of life's toughest battles, overcoming cancer an incredible four times. Rather than allowing illness to define him, he has continued to devote his time and energy to supporting charities, community organisations and fundraising initiatives, becoming a familiar and respected figure at events throughout the county.

Over many years, Cathal has worked tirelessly to help others, giving generously of his time to causes close to his heart. His willingness to volunteer, encourage others and lend a helping hand wherever it is needed has earned him the admiration of many who know him.

The documentary captures not only the physical and emotional challenges of battling cancer but also the resilience, optimism and community spirit that have defined Cathal's journey. It highlights the importance of hope, family and volunteering, while celebrating a man who has refused to let adversity stand in the way of making a positive difference.

The premiere, which begins at 7.30pm, will



also feature a selection of locally produced films and promises to be a memorable evening celebrating local storytelling and community spirit.

Admission is free, with organisers encouraging those attending to make a voluntary donation in aid of Kerry Hospice, a charity that provides compassionate specialist palliative care and vital support services to patients with life-limiting illnesses and their families throughout Kerry. The work of Kerry Hospice relies heavily on public generosity, with fundraising playing a crucial role in maintaining and developing its services.

Given Cathal's own experience of serious illness, supporting Kerry Hospice is a fitting focus for the event. Every donation received on the night, or made online by those unable to attend, will help ensure the charity can continue providing comfort, dignity and care to families when they need it most.

Organisers are inviting the public to come along, enjoy an inspiring evening of local filmmaking, celebrate Cathal Walshe's extraordinary story of resilience and service, and support the invaluable work of Kerry Hospice.

FREE EVENTS AT ROSS CASTLE

TO CELEBRATE HERITAGE WEEK



As part of the OPW's Heritage Week Programme, Ross Castle is offering two FREE events over two weekends in August.

On Saturday, August 15 and August 22, join OPW guide Conal Guilfoyle for an informative walk on Ross Island. Conal will point out features associated with a copper mining tradition dating back to 2300BC. He will also dig into the wonderful natural heritage on this amazing peninsula, telling us a little about the flora and fauna that thrive there and the challenges that face it and us, in a fast-changing world. Conal's talk will start at the yew tree in the castle courtyard at midday on both dates. Numbers are limited so please email rosscastle@opw.ie to book your spot.

OPW guide Noreen Brosnan will be offering a walking tour based around the barracks attached to Ross Castle (now housing the Exhibition) and Ross Cottage (formerly a forester's cottage and tea rooms). Her talk will touch on the lives of the many people who once called Ross Castle home. Prior to becoming full barracks, it once served as a prison. Among the many who were incarcerated there was Father Thaddeus Moriarty, OP. Father Moriarty was hanged by Cromwellians in Killarney on 15 October

1653, for celebrating Mass in defiance of a decree banishing Catholics. You may also hear about the last Governor of Ross Castle, Sir Henry Johnson, and his role in the French and American Revolutionary wars. It is likely that one of his predecessors lent his title to Governor's Rock on Ross Island. Many regiments would have barracked within the mighty walls of Ross and performed drills in the environs of the old yew tree and on the shores of Lough Leane. Some of these men would go on to see action in the Battle of Waterloo in 1815. The last soldiers departed the barracks in approximately 1825, drawing the curtain on another era of drama and struggle in the shadow of this great citadel.

No pre-booking is necessary for Noreen's tour and the meeting point will be the courtyard in Ross Castle at 2pm, Sunday, August 16 and August 23.

Both events are outdoors on uneven terrain, so please dress appropriately. Ross Castle is also offering FREE entry on August 15, the first day of Heritage Week. Tickets will be issued on a first come, first served basis. It is not possible to prebook tickets.

Please check out the Heritage Ireland website for more events taking place in OPW sites in the area.

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Vintage Rally to Celebrate Ireland's Rural Heritage at Muckross

Vintage enthusiasts, families and lovers of rural life are invited to Muckross Traditional Farms on Sunday, August 16, when the Killarney Valley Classic & Vintage Club, in partnership with the Trustees of Muckross House, hosts its annual Vintage Rally.

Gates open at 11am for what promises to be a day celebrating Ireland's rich motoring and agricultural heritage in the unique setting of Muckross Traditional Farms.

The family-friendly event will feature an impressive display of vintage cars and tractors, alongside traditional farming demonstrations including threshing, cultivating and seeding. Visitors can also enjoy a range of heritage exhibitions and displays that showcase rural life and craftsmanship from years gone by.

The rally has become one of the highlights of the local vintage calendar, attracting exhibitors and visitors from across the country. Owners of classic vehicles and machinery will have the opportunity to display their prized restorations while helping to preserve Ireland's engineering and farming heritage for future generations. All participating cars and tractors must be at least 30 years old. Exhibitors are requested to be on site before 10.30am and may leave only between 1pm and 2pm, or after 3.30pm, to ensure the safety of visitors throughout the event.



Jimmy Kelly displays his newly restored MG 'Bluebird' at the Vintage Rally at Muckross Traditional Farms on last year, the event is organised by Killarney Valley Classic Vintage Club & Trustees of Muckross House Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan (file photo)



Making Hay...John Howard, left, Noel O'Connor and Sean Cronin, at the Vintage Rally at Muckross Traditional Farms. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan (file photo)



Dancing at the crossroads...., at the Vintage Rally at Muckross Traditional Farms. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan (file photo)

For further information, contact Tom Leslie on 087 238 3809 or Francis O'Shea on 087 908 9013.



Gaelscoil Faithleann ar an slí go Béal Feirste

In March of this year, extra practice sessions began for approximately 30 pupils from Gaelscoil Faithleann who were preparing for the Comhrá Gaeilge competition at Fleadh Cheoil Chiarraí, which took place in Cahersiveen at the end of May.

The pupils enjoyed great success, with eight qualifying for the Munster Fleadh in Lismore on Friday, 17th July. From there, an outstanding three pupils progressed to the All-Ireland Final, which will take place in Belfast this coming weekend. Comhghairdeas ó chroí le Aideen, Brynn agus Josie. We wish them every success as they proudly represent both Kerry and Gaelscoil Faithleann on the national stage.

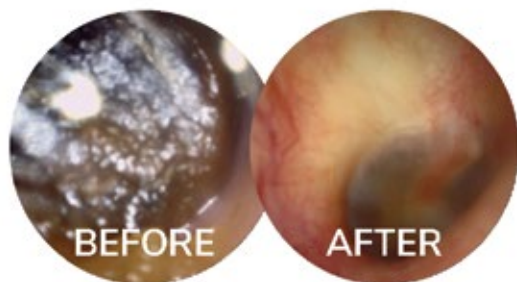
The saying "Beatha teanga í a labhairt" ("The life of a language is in speaking it") perfectly reflects the importance of this competition. It provides pupils with a wonderful opportunity to develop their confidence in spoken Irish and is similar in style to the oral Irish examination completed by secondary school students. Principal Lisa Ní Iarlaithe said that the entire school community is behind the three finalists and is immensely proud of their remarkable achievement. Reaching the All-Ireland Final is a testament to their hard work, dedication and love of the Irish language, and everyone at Gaelscoil Faithleann wishes them the very best of luck in Belfast.



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"Far I may wander, far I may roam, I will never forget you, Killarney my home"

Killarney mourns the passing of Donie Whitty O'Sullivan

Killarney was left shocked and deeply saddened over the August Bank Holiday weekend with the sudden passing of one of its best-known and most popular sons, Donie Whitty O'Sullivan, of Millwood and formerly of High Street.

Donie passed away peacefully in his sleep at his home on Sunday, August 2. His death has prompted an outpouring of tributes from across the town and far beyond, which shows the respect in which he was held by so many.

A proud Killarney man through and through, Donie had an immense love for his hometown. Whether chatting to friends, sharing stories of old Killarney or posting treasured photographs on social media, he took great pride in preserving the history and memories of the town he loved so dearly.

His son Cian paid an emotional tribute on the popular Killarney Down Memory Lane Facebook page, where Donie had become a familiar and much-loved contributor over many years.

"Over the years there have been many updates by Donie Whitty O'Sullivan to this page, posting messages of condolences for one of the old Killarney faithful or sharing a memory of the town from his library of thousands of photos. He loved making sure everyone had their 'moments in time'," Cian wrote.

"It is with deep regret that I am posting Dad's own notice on behalf of our family. We all hope



Donie pictured with Marty Morrissey at Fitzgerald Stadium

somewhere there is a Guinness and a game of 31 going with those gone before him. To a great Killarney and proud High Street man, we will all miss you deeply." Donie's passion for Killarney's history made him one of the town's foremost collectors of old photographs. His remarkable archive contained thousands of images documenting Killarney's people, streets and traditions over many decades. He generously shared this collection with local organisations and publications and was one of the principal contributors to the Killarney Outlook's hugely popular Christmas Souvenir editions, supplying many of the treasured photographs that delighted readers each year.

His family has deep roots in the town. His grandfather served at Gallipoli during the First World War, where he was wounded before later marrying the nurse who cared for him. His father, Paddy Whitty

O'Sullivan, was one of Killarney's best-known jarveys and also worked in the boiler house at the District Hospital. Growing up as an only child on High Street, Donie developed a lifelong attachment to the heart of old Killarney.

In his early working life he was employed at Ross Castle during its restoration before later joining Dero's Tours, where he became well known to colleagues and visitors alike. He and his wife Claire raised their family in Killarney, where they were devoted parents to Cian and Gráinne.

Above all, Donie will be remembered as a proud Killarney man, a loyal friend, a devoted family man and someone who ensured that the stories and memories of generations past would never be forgotten. His kindness, warmth, wit and unrivalled knowledge of local history enriched countless lives.

Donie was predeceased by his parents, Kathleen and Paddy



The late Donie Whitty O'Sullivan



Donie previously served Fitzgerald Stadium in PR and Marketing and was also a dedicated steward. He will be fondly remembered by all at Fitzgerald Stadium for his commitment and valued contribution to our stadium and community.

Whitty O'Sullivan. He is survived by his heartbroken wife Claire, son Cian, daughter Gráinne, granddaughter Grace, daughter-in-law Sarah, Gráinne's partner Jason, his beloved dog Sully, extended family, neighbours, colleagues at Dero's Tours and a wide circle of friends.

His passing marks the end of an era for Killarney, but through the photographs he collected and the memories he preserved, Donie Whitty O'Sullivan has left a lasting legacy that will continue to be cherished for generations to come. Ar Dheis De go raibh a hanam.



"Dining with King Eric" Pictured at Johnsons SteakHouse in Manchester after the Man Utd v Aston Villa game in March 1993 were L-R: John Lyne, Donie Whitty O'Sullivan, Eric Cantona and Eddie O'Brien. Photo: Moments In time.



Locals pictured with Brian O'Reilly of Loudest Whisper in Courtneys Bar, Henn Street 2016.

Official Opening



Dr. Louise O'Connor (centre) pictured with staff members, family, friends, Kerry Senior football player Mike Breen, TDs Michael Healy Rae, Michael Cahill, and Cllr Tommy Cahill, officially launched Fernhill Medical, a newly opened GP practice on New Street, Killarney, on Wednesday morning. Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography



Dr. Louise O'Connor, who officially launched Fernhill Medical, a newly opened GP practice on New Street, Killarney, on Wednesday morning, takes Kerry Senior football player Mike Breen's blood pressure. Mike was in attendance to cut the ribbon. Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography



Staff at Fernhill Medical Aileen O'Connor, Dr Louise O'Connor, Kerry Senior footballer Mike Breen, Kathleen O'Sullivan and Jenny O'Connell. Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography



Dr Louise O'Connor and Aileen O'Connor with former Irish Dancing teacher Teresa Irwin, Kerry Footballer Mike Breen and Michael Healy-Rae TD. Photo: Michelle Breen Crean

There were great celebrations on New Street last Wednesday at the official opening of Fernhill Medical.

Fernhill Medical is a new GP Practice in Killarney town centre situated at 83 New Street. The building has undergone extensive renovations resulting in a modern, bright GP Practice in the heart of Killarney Town Centre.

Dr Louise O'Connor opened the doors of Fernhill Medical on 7th July 2026; it was lovely to see so many people attend the official opening this week.

Kerry footballer Mike Breen did the honours and cut the ribbon. Mike also had his complementary Health check.

The complementary Health check was available to all on the day explained Dr Louise. This involved a consultation with one of the nurses for a Blood Pressure and BMI check.

Dr Louise was delighted to see so many people take the time to support the official opening of Fernhill Medical. Also in attendance on the day were locals from Killarney and the surrounding area, local businesses, including Michael Healy-Rae TD, Michael Cahill TD and Cllr Tommy Cahill were also in attendance on the day.

Fernhill Medical is offering a walk-in clinic on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9am to 12pm. It is also offering online appointments which patients can book on the website Fernhillmedical.ie.

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Widespread sadness at the passing of much-loved musician and family man

CLIFF FEE

There was widespread sadness throughout Killarney and beyond following the passing of Cliff Fee, a talented musician, devoted family man and respected member of the local community.

Cliff passed away peacefully at his home on July 31, surrounded by his loving family after a short illness, which he faced with remarkable courage, dignity and resilience. Throughout his illness he was cared for by his wife Laura, his sons and his wider family, never once questioning his circumstances.

A devoted husband to Laura and a proud father to Conor, Mark and Tom, Cliff's family was always at the centre of his life. He is also deeply mourned by his parents, Deirdre and Peter, brothers Anthony and Peter, his extended Fee and McCarthy families, neighbours and a large circle of friends.

Well known across Kerry and throughout Ireland's music scene, Cliff was a member of the popular band The Killarneys, entertaining audiences for many years with his musicianship and warm personality. Tributes have poured in from fellow musicians who recalled countless nights performing alongside him in venues throughout Killarney, including McSorley's and The Grand, where friendships were forged through a shared love of music.

In an emotional tribute, his bandmates in The Killarneys described him as their "best friend and fellow musician", saying they were



heartbroken by his passing and asking people to remember him in their prayers.

Fellow musicians also remembered Cliff as "an absolute gentleman and a great Irish musician", recalling more than 25 years of friendship, performances, sing-songs and laughter shared in venues across the town.

Away from the stage, Cliff was equally admired for his kindness and generosity. He worked with MobilityGenie.ie, where his compassion and dedication helped improve the lives of many people requiring mobility support. His family described this work as one of the many

lasting legacies he leaves behind.

His passing has also been keenly felt in the sporting community. Killarney Celtic FC extended its deepest sympathies to the Fee family, remembering Cliff as a familiar and supportive presence on the sidelines while cheering on his son Tom, a member of the club's academy. The club also recalled how he generously volunteered his time to assist at training sessions whenever he could.

Those who knew Cliff speak of a man with a wonderful sense of humour, an infectious smile and an ability to make everyone feel welcome. His kindness, humility and genuine care for others earned him enormous respect both within the music community and throughout Killarney.

Cliff's death leaves a tremendous void in the lives of his family, friends, fellow musicians and the many people whose lives he touched through his music, his work and his friendship.

His funeral took place on Monday at St Mary's Cathedral before burial in Aghadoe Lawn Cemetery.

Cliff Fee will be remembered as a gifted musician, a devoted husband and father, and above all, a true gentleman whose legacy of music, kindness and friendship will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

May his gentle soul rest in peace.

Tralee Set to Come Alive

as Féile Thrá Lí Returns for Five Days of Free Entertainment

The streets of Tralee are preparing to burst into life as Féile Thrá Lí – Tralee Street Festival returns from Friday, 14th to Tuesday, 18th August 2026, delivering five unforgettable days of free family entertainment, live music, spectacular parades, street performances and cultural celebrations during the world-famous Rose of Tralee International Festival.

Presented by Féile Thrá Lí-CLG in partnership with Kerry County Council and supported by Fáilte Ireland, the festival has quickly established itself as one of Kerry's premier summer events, attracting thousands of visitors to Tralee each year while showcasing the very best of the town's vibrant community, hospitality and culture.



*Pictured at the launch at Tralee's Town Park of Féile Thrá Lí 2026 – Tralee Street Festival were festival performers Ella Gethin, Malachy Kelly, The Tall Man and Caoimhe Ceane. Front: Alyssa Kislosky and Amy O'Sullivan
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It is a great pity the "disinterested" public do not sit into district and circuit court rooms. And see for themselves the massive inefficiencies, the multiple adjournments, the numbers of gardai tied up. The system is so inefficient as to be acceptable only to those involved in it - journalists, barristers, solicitors, judges and the overworked court clerks.

Justice Minister Jim O'Callaghan is trying to quicken things. Like the previous would-be reformer of the legal system and its vested interests, Alan Shatter, O'Callaghan comes from the Civil side. And like Shatter, the barristers are lining up.

We have an embarrassment of barristers in this country, way more than other countries. Nearly everyone these days is a barrister. This love of "law", the love of slippery equivocation and talking from both sides of the jaw seems to drive us.

The problem for O'Callaghan is he is only tackling one wheel of the wagon: the solicitors. Because a small number of firms are creaming it from the legal aid system. Currently they get

Minister for Justice,
Jim O'Callaghan



€239 for a first appearance and €60.00 for each of the many multiple adjournments. They have refused the more than €520 one off fee. It is a generous offer but it is nowhere near what can be earned with the guaranteed number of adjournments that is the Irish legal system.

Where O'Callaghan is wrong is in pinning the adjournments to solicitors. It is my experience most of the adjournments are down to the State or its agencies. Not to the solicitors.

Imagine there are four wheels on a wagon. One wheel is the Director, the Public Prosecutor -

sending down instructions on cases. Delay after Delay may be expected.

Before that there is preparation of the file by the gardai and disclosure of evidence to the accused: delay after delay. Then the garda isn't available or a key witness. More delay. Interpreters for the many non-English speakers before the courts have to be ordered.

So two wheels have already fallen off the wagon. The third wheel is the Probation Service and the psychological services, TUSLA and the HSE - guaranteed delays awaiting reports. Three wheels off the wagon already. Now even the fourth wheel is divided into two - the judge has to find time to hear the case and or the solicitors look for adjournments. So it's the State and its agencies, not the solicitors who are responsible for the vast majority of adjournments. But the bottom line is the bottom line - for the solicitors: Under the current legal aid system, the solicitors are paid for each adjournment regardless who is responsible. And regardless of how it preens its feathers, this is a post colonial system. All of it needs fixing. Civil, Family and Criminal. It is antiquated, adversarial and cruelly stressful. It is designed for awe and shame. O'Callaghan is making a start.

Chips not down yet for commercial woodburner in hotel

Plans for a commercial biomass and wood chip burner for the Riverside Hotel on the Muckcross Road were up for decision last week. The plan is to replace the hotel's current dependency on LPG gas presumably with more localised energy supply for the 150kw woodchip boiler with a silo and a chimney to heat the hotel.

But the planners in the council have written to the applicant for more information.

The application for the burner and storage unit at the rear of the hotel on the Muckcross Road has attracted objections and is causing "alarm" among residents in the Priory Grove area and nearby Woodlawn too.

There are a number of areas of concern - impact on public health, on the River Flesk, and on air quality. Fears about dust are also expressed.

Woodchip burners have their place but not in a residential area, William O'Sullivan writes. He points out he is the fourth generation of his family in the Priory and his family is alarmed and concerned. As well as health risks, the residential zoning would be affected, William fears.

Councillor Martin Grady also says the installation is unsuitable in a residential area and he raises the possibility of noise from the operation as well as delivery trucks. More assessment is required, Martin felt. The planners have now written to the applicant.

Near misses - outside the airport

The Friday feeling at Kerry Airport is leading to near catastrophic misses, the airport agm heard at the Ballygarry House Hotel. Thankfully, this is not on the runway, but on the roadway outside.

The airport is particularly busy on Fridays, new chief executive Adrian Neilan said.

The speed limit on the N23 national primary road leading to the airport is 80 km but this needs to be reduced. There have been serious near misses recently.

"These could have been catastrophic," Adrian said.

The airport is seeking a reduction of the speed limit to 50 kms. The council has confirmed to this column that Kerry Airport has raised concerns with Kerry County Council "about accidents on the N23 outside the airport".

"Further to discussions with TII, the Council is reviewing signage and lining at this location with a view to enhancing safety."

Hopefully all the councillors in Castleisland District are "on board" and lobbying.

Meanwhile there can be no fear of not flying in this era of war. This is because Kerry Airport is "in a good place" with regard to aviation fuel.

Passenger numbers are continuing to increase. More than 440,000 travelled through the airport in 2025, an increase of 5.5 per cent on 2024.

Turnover was up almost 20 per cent with increases "across the board" in passenger

numbers, gift and duty free and fuel sales. As well as private jet business centring on traffic to the Hogs Head Golf Course in Waterville.

The 2027 Ryder Cup in Adare would see further increase in the private jet business in Kerry Airport.

New sun routes to the Canaries are being touted by Kerry to airlines including Ryanair because of what the meeting heard was "large demand to the sun destinations" in the southwest.

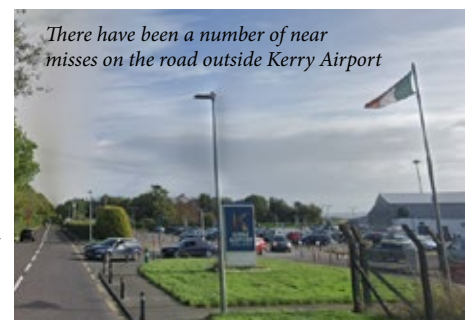
Increasing routes was "vital and fundamental" and meetings are being held with new providers also, Adrian Neilan said.

Basil Sheerin, chief financial officer, responding to questions from the floor, said Kerry was in a good place with regard to fuel stocks.

As well as being part of a number of trade associations fuel, Kerry Airport kept large stocks and was not a concern for the coming months.

"There is not an immediate fuel crisis for European Aviation. We don't foresee a problem," Basil said.

There have been a number of near misses on the road outside Kerry Airport



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Warning over threat of harmful algal blooms in Killarney's lakes



A local environmental group has warned that Killarney's lakes could face a major ecological crisis unless urgent action is taken to reduce pollution and prevent the introduction of invasive zebra mussels.

Lochanna Beo issued the warning following the publication of an EPA-funded report, Investigating the Likelihood of a Lough Neagh Bloom Scenario Happening in the Republic of Ireland, carried out by the James Hutton Institute and the UK Centre for Ecology and Hydrology. The study identified three key factors that contribute to harmful algal blooms – excessive nutrient loading from agriculture and wastewater treatment plants, the effects of climate change, and the spread of invasive zebra mussels.

According to the report, nutrient pollution caused by phosphorus and nitrogen entering waterways, combined with rising water temperatures and more frequent flooding events, creates ideal conditions for algal blooms. Zebra mussels further increase the risk by filtering water, making it clearer and allowing more sunlight to penetrate deeper into lakes, encouraging excessive algal growth. Lochanna Beo said Killarney has so far been

fortunate to avoid the arrival of zebra mussels, but stressed that preventing their introduction must remain a priority. The group is urging anyone using boats, kayaks or stand-up paddleboards on Killarney's lakes to follow National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) biosecurity guidelines.

The NPWS requires all watercraft launched within Killarney National Park to have a permit, available from its offices on Muckross Road. Users are also advised to inspect the underside of their vessels, particularly if they have previously been used in waters where zebra mussels are known to exist. Boats and equipment should be thoroughly cleaned with hot water before transport and allowed to dry completely before being used again. Anyone who discovers shellfish attached to their craft is urged to contact the NPWS immediately for identification.

The environmental group warned that zebra mussels reproduce rapidly, with a single female capable of releasing up to one million eggs each year. Their establishment in Lough Leane, which already experiences annual algal blooms, would significantly increase the risk of a severe environmental event similar to that



seen at Lough Neagh.

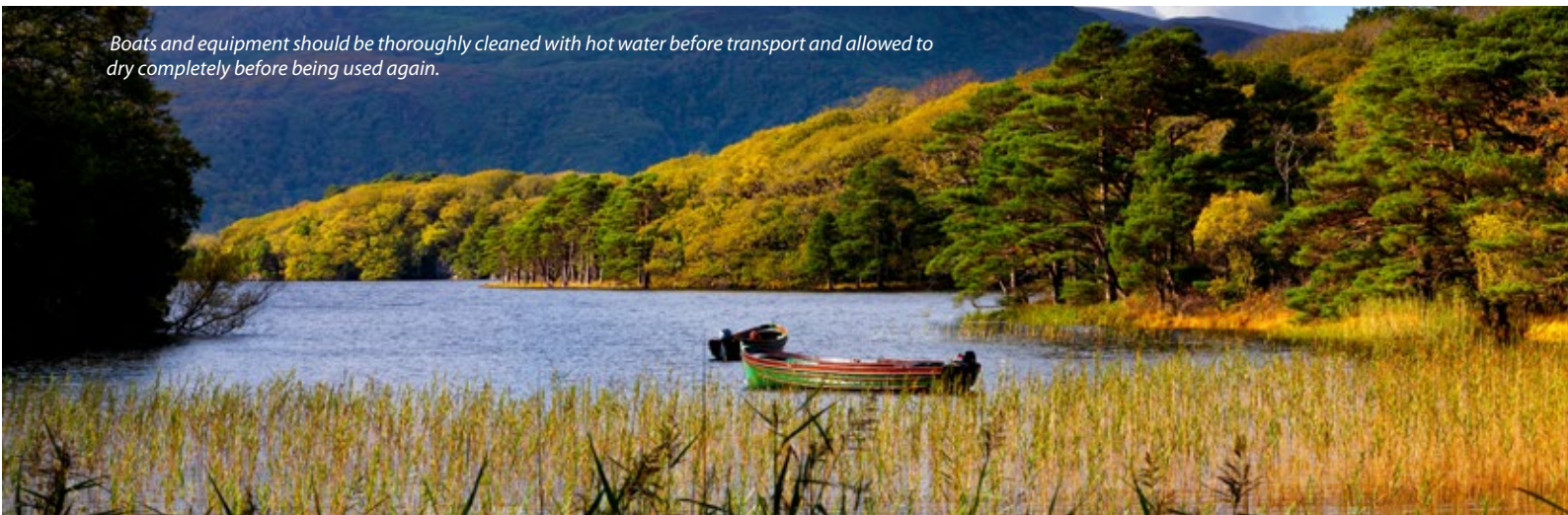
Lochanna Beo also pointed to the ongoing issue of nutrient loading within the Killarney and Killorglin catchment, welcoming the Environmental Protection Agency's decision to place the Killarney Wastewater Treatment Plant on its priority action list. The EPA has acknowledged that the plant is placing significant pressure on the water quality of Lough Leane.

The group is now awaiting details from Uisce Éireann on its proposed plans and timeframe for upgrading the treatment facility and bringing it back into compliance with environmental standards.

While climate change cannot be reversed in the short term, Lochanna Beo said reducing pollution from wastewater and agricultural run-off is essential if Killarney is to avoid the conditions that have devastated Lough Neagh. The group warned that with rising water temperatures and increasingly extreme rainfall events becoming more common, two of the three major risk factors identified by the EPA are already present in Killarney.

Lochanna Beo is encouraging members of the public to raise their concerns with Uisce Éireann and to support efforts to protect Killarney's internationally important lakes. The group is also inviting people to sign up for updates and share their views on improving local waterways through its online information portal.

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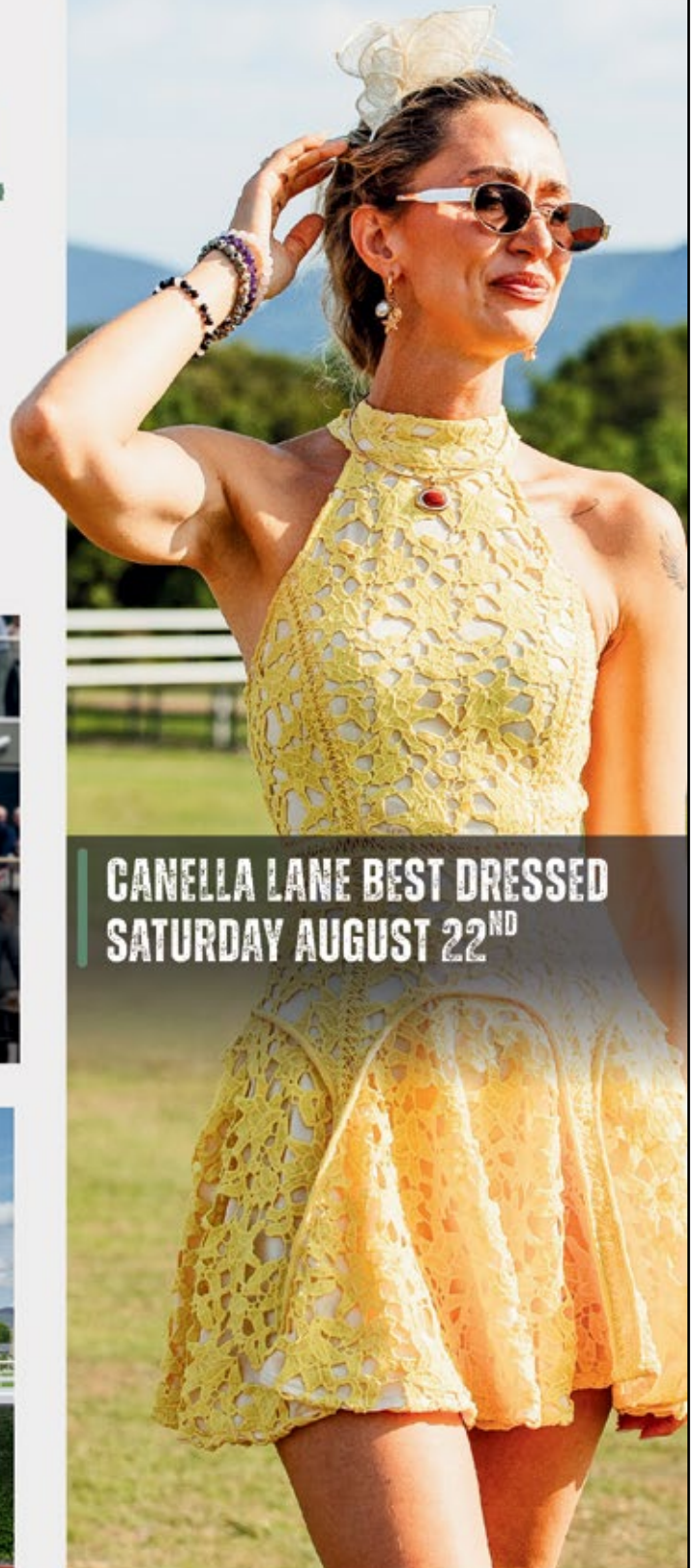
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David Kenny Ready for European Championships After National Title Triumph

World-class race walker David Kenny continues to scale new heights as the Farranfore Maine Valley AC star prepares to represent Ireland at the European Athletics Championships in Birmingham next week. The son of Noel and Mary Kenny, David is enjoying one of the finest seasons of his career. Following a welcome return to competition in May, he signalled his excellent form by winning the 5km race walk at the Leinster Championships as a guest athlete, clocking an impressive 19 minutes despite sweltering conditions. His outstanding form continued at the 123.ie National Senior Track and Field Championships at Morton Stadium in Santry on July 25. First onto the track on the opening day of competition, David successfully defended his senior men's 10,000m race walk title, producing another commanding performance to claim gold in a time of 38:56.24.

The victory further cemented his position as Ireland's leading race walker and comes at the perfect time as he prepares to pull on

the green vest once again.

David has been selected on the 47-strong Irish team for the European Athletics Championships, which take place in Birmingham from August 10 to 16. He will compete in the half-marathon race walk, taking on many of Europe's top athletes. Speaking after his national title success in an interview with 123.ie Athletics Ireland, David reflected on his performance and his preparations for the European Championships, expressing confidence ahead of the biggest competition of his season.

Everyone at Farranfore Maine Valley AC is immensely proud of David's achievements and will be cheering him on as he competes on the European stage. His dedication, professionalism and remarkable consistency continue to inspire young athletes throughout Kerry, and the entire county will be wishing him every success in Birmingham.



David Kenny ready to represent Ireland in the European Athletics Championships. Photo: David Kissane,

64 TEAMS TEE OFF IN THE ANNUAL DR. CROKES GOLF CLASSIC



At the presentation of prizes of the Dr Crokes GAA Club annual Golf Classic at the Mahony's Point Course at Killarney Golf Club last weekend were front from left, Mike Dwyer (Dromhall Hotel winning team), Colm Foley (Charlie Foley's Bar, sponsor), John Brosnan (Dromhall Hotel winning team) and Eoin Brosnan (Dr Crokes Chairman). Standing from left are Patrick O'Donoghue (Gleneagle Hotel team, 7th), Vincent Casey (Quills team, 3rd), Anthony O'Mahony, John O'Driscoll, Derek McAllister and Michael O'Sullivan (O'Carroll Engineering, second) and Brendan Keogh. Picture: Eamonn Keogh

The annual Dr Crokes GAA Club golf classic which was played over two days on Killarney's Mahony's Point course was another huge success attracting an impressive 64 teams. The prize giving function took place in Charlie Foley's Bar on Friday night where sponsor Colm Foley presented the prizes.

The winning team was The Dromhall Hotel led by John Brosnan 5, Mike Dwyer 12, Shane Kelly 17 and Ger O'Meara 20 followed by The O'Carroll Engineering team of Anthony O'Mahony, John O'Driscoll, Derek McAllister and Michael O'Sullivan in second place.

In third place was The Quills team of Vincent Casey, Colm and Evy O'Brien and Donie Buckley followed by the Diarmuid O'Carroll Electrical team of Mark O'Carroll, Brian McCarthy, Ben Kelliher and Luke O'Shea in fourth place. In fifth place was the Fexco team of Andrew McCarthy, Ivo O'Sullivan, Ross Brosnan and Niall O'Shea and in sixth place was The Money Maximising Advisors team with John and Michael Lenihan, Des McCarthy and Peter Bellew. The Gleneagle Hotel team of Patrick O'Donoghue, Mike McAuliffe, Margaret Gill and T Buckley finished in seventh place.

The results of the raffle were as follows:

1st David Cotter, 2nd Eugene Browne, 3rd Donal Brosnan and 4th Colm Murphy.

Dr Crokes extend a special thanks to all those who entered teams and sponsored tee boxes and prizes. A special thanks also to Colin Finlay and his team at Killarney Golf club for the magnificent condition the course was in. There was also a great turnout of club members who helped to ensure the event was a great success over the two days.

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Volunteers brave the rain to protect Killarney National Park



Volunteers working to protect Killarney National Park from new growth of the invasive Rhododendron.

The Bank Holiday Sunday rain may have arrived, but it certainly didn't dampen the spirits of a dedicated team of volunteers who turned out once again to help protect Killarney National Park.

Despite the wet conditions, the volunteers spent the morning tackling new growth of invasive *Rhododendron ponticum* in an area that had previously been cleared during earlier Meitheal sessions. While the work is ongoing, organisers say keeping on top of regrowth is vital in preventing the invasive shrub from taking hold again and allowing native plants and wildlife to flourish.

The group thanked everyone who gave up their time to work in the rain, praising their commitment to preserving one of Kerry's most treasured natural landscapes.

Volunteer organisers are continuing to encourage new members to get involved, saying that even an hour on a Summer Sunday can make a valuable contribution to the long-term protection and restoration of Killarney National Park.

Anyone interested in lending a hand at future Meitheal sessions is encouraged to get in touch with the organisers

Roses Enjoy a Taste of What's to Come at Kingdom Greyhound Stadium

Excitement is already building ahead of this year's Rose of Tralee International Festival, with reigning Rose of Tralee Katelyn Cummins and current Kerry Rose Caoimhe Lynch paying a special visit to Kingdom Greyhound Stadium to sample the delicious Afternoon Tea experience that will be on offer during the festival.

The Roses dropped by the venue recently as preparations continue for Afternoon Tea & Racing with The Roses, taking place on Saturday, 15 August.

The popular event will welcome festival visitors for an afternoon featuring a glass of prosecco or fruit juice on arrival, a traditional afternoon tea served in the Grandstand Restaurant, exciting racing action, and the opportunity to meet the Roses and their escorts.

Kingdom Greyhound Stadium will once again play host to all of the Rose of Tralee contestants, their escorts and the wider Rose of Tralee team during the festival, making it one of the highlights of the packed festival programme.

On hand to welcome the special guests was EHS Manager Ina, who greeted Katelyn and Caoimhe and gave them a preview of what visitors can expect on the day. A special word of thanks goes to Chef Vincent, who prepared an impressive selection of savoury and

sweet treats for the Roses to enjoy before they headed off to their next engagement.

The visit provided a perfect opportunity to showcase the renowned hospitality of the venue and the quality of the Afternoon Tea offering that awaits guests on 15 August.

Further details available on www.KingdomGreyhoundStadium.ie



Kingdom Greyhound Stadium EHS Manager Ina O'Leary hosting Kerry Rose Caoimhe Lynch, 2025 Rose of Tralee Katelyn Cummins, Escorts Daithi Fitzgerald and Ethan O'Connor pictured at the Kingdom Greyhound Stadium, Tralee



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22 NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2026 HUGH O'FLAHERTY INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN AWARD

The Hugh O'Flaherty Memorial Society today announced that it has received 22 Nominations for the 2026 Hugh O'Flaherty International Humanitarian Award.

Chair of the Society, Jerry O'Grady said, "The 22 nominations represent a wide spread of individuals and NGOs operating across 6 continents, catering for the humanitarian needs of deprived, oppressed and exploited people in famine riven, poor and war-torn countries".

"The Award Selection Panel will be assessing the

nominations over the coming weeks and the identity of the 2026 Award Recipient should be known by the end of August" he added.

He went on to say, "The Society is very appreciative of the invaluable support of Kerry County Council and Killarney Chamber of Tourism & Commerce for making the resumption of this Award possible",

The detailed arrangements for the Award Ceremony will be announced in due course but it is confirmed that it will take place on the evening of Friday October 30th in Killarney.



Monsignor Hugh travelling around Haiti during his assignment there in 1935. He was honoured by the Governments of Haiti & San Domingo for his famine relief work. Photos Courtesy of Hugh O'Flaherty Society Archives



Monsignor Hugh at work in the Holy Office Rome c.late 1940s.

Tim O'Shea & Friends *return to St Mary's Church for free folk concert*



Music lovers are in for another memorable evening as Tim O'Shea & Friends return to St Mary's Church of Ireland, Kenmare Place, Killarney, for a free live concert on Saturday, August 8, at 8pm.

Following a series of well-received performances at the historic venue, the latest concert will feature Tim O'Shea alongside singer-songwriter and playwright Fiona Doyle in an intimate acoustic performance celebrating the best of contemporary and traditional folk music.

Directed and produced by Tim O'Shea, the concert series showcases new and emerging musical talent from Killarney and beyond. A familiar figure on the Kerry folk scene, Tim will perform on guitar, vocals and percussion, bringing his distinctive style and wealth of experience to the evening.

Joining him is Fiona Doyle from Beaufort, originally from Tralee, who has recently returned to Kerry after spending more than a decade abroad. She will perform a collection of original, newly arranged folk songs, combining heartfelt songwriting with accomplished vocals and guitar playing.

Audiences can look forward to an evening of rich harmonies, instrumental pieces, original compositions from both performers and a selection of well-loved folk favourites, with a few surprises along the way.

Admission is free, with donations welcome. Organisers say the concert offers the perfect opportunity to enjoy an evening of live music as summer draws to a close and the autumn season approaches. Everyone is welcome to attend.



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HISTORY OF MILLTOWN TO BE RE-PUBLISHED IN 40TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION

BOOK LAUNCH TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE AND TIMES OF DENIS 'DENNY' SUGRUE

The first ever publication to explore the history of Milltown is to be republished on the fortieth anniversary of the death of its author. "Milltown: Memories of Other Days" was written and published by Denis Sugrue who died in 1986. His book, which has been out of print for many years, is being reproduced by the Milltown History and Heritage Society. The newly updated and revised fortieth anniversary edition will be launched at Milltown Community Hall on Saturday 22 August to coincide with National Heritage Week.

Denis Sugrue was a well-known auctioneer, librarian, photographer and historian whose book contained a wide range of stories and anecdotes about the history and heritage of Milltown. He was also the author of the weekly "Milltown Notes" in The Kerryman newspaper for nearly forty years and the organisers of the launch have included a selection of his 'Notes' in the new book.

The new expanded 132-page edition, which is edited by Dr John Knightly and Dr Owen O'Shea, features the original text of 'Memories of Other Days' along with some new and coloured images from Sugrue's vast collection of photographs.

"Denis Sugrue was a pioneering author and historian who had the foresight to commit much of the rich history of Milltown to paper in the 1980s," said Owen O'Shea. "It is a unique and remarkable social history of a Kerry village in the early and middle twentieth century which we are so pleased to bring to a new audience."

"At the book launch, we will be displaying a selection of Denis' Milltown Notes which were a fascinating and entertaining weekly account of life in his home place. The evening will feature music, songs and stories which celebrate the life of this very special local figure," said Owen.

The new book, which will be on sale on the night, includes a foreword from Denis Sugrue's daughter, Maria and grandson, Paul. It also includes a selection of images which were not published in the original book in the 1980s.

The book launch will take place at 8.00pm on Saturday, 22 August in the old Community Hall in Milltown and everyone is welcome. Copies of the new book will be available on the night. The event is supported by Kerry County Council under the Community Support Fund 2026.

Enquiries to milltownhistoryheritage@gmail.com



Denis Sugrue



The first animal in the ring following the opening of Milltown Mart in 1959

Milltown Railway Halt circa 1940



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Minister Foley hosts Kerry student at EU conference on youth participation

Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Kerry T.D Norma Foley has hosted an EU conference on youth participation featuring Kerry student Christian Gleasure.

More than 250 delegates from 24 EU Member States were in Dublin this week for a major EU Presidency conference on children and young people's participation in decision-making.

Christian Gleasure, from Tralee, Co Kerry, a member of the Youth Advisory Forum for the Department of Children, was one of the 80 children and young people who took part. He is also a member of Kerry Comhairle na nÓg's Steering Committee and a delegate to Seanad na nÓg.

Minister Foley said:

"Young people have been involved in planning of the Irish EU Presidency, including this conference on youth participation.

I was particularly pleased that Christian Gleasure was in attendance. He is a remarkably talented, capable and articulate young man and I'm very appreciative of the time he gives to community and youth leadership initiatives. I welcome the really positive and proactive contribution made by young people over the two days of the conference. I am very much in favour of young people being part of the decision-making process. It has been a strong part of my work in Department of Education and now in the Department of Children. Children and young people have a right to be heard, particularly when decisions are being made that affect their lives."

The key discussion topics at the conference included how young people can be supported to be safe in the digital world and what approach should be considered in relation to age limits for access to social media platforms. A live poll conducted among delegates showed



Minister Foley meeting Christian Gleasure

that 75% of the young people surveyed expressed concern about harmful content on social media, including 42% at where were very concerned. Around 91% of adults surveyed were concerned about harmful content on social media, including 76% who were very concerned.

Minister Foley announced that she would carry out further consultation on potential age limits for social media platforms amongst the 3,000 young people who will be attending Comhairle na nÓg's local youth conferences around the country.

"We will share all those views, and the views from the conference on young people's participation with the Department of Culture who are leading out on Ireland's policy on

online safety."

The conference featured a keynote address from European Commissioner for Democracy, Justice, the Rule of Law and Consumer Protection, Michael McGrath, on the importance of children's participation rights and the European Union's role in promoting and protecting those rights.

The conference also heard from leading European policymakers and experts, including Sarah El Haïry, High Commissioner for Childhood, Youth and Families, Rosalba Striani, Head of Unit, Fundamental Rights Policy and Free Movement at the European Commission and Professor Laura Lundy, a leading international expert on children's participation.



Anna Galvin and Captain Siofra O'Shea pictured with fans at the Kerry Ladies Senior Football homecoming in Caherdaniel. Photo: Ruth Brophy

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Couples celebrate milestone wedding anniversaries in Glenflesk

A special celebration took place in St Agatha's Church, Glenflesk, on Saturday as Parish Priest Fr Jim Lenihan joined local couples in marking significant wedding anniversaries.

Family, friends and parishioners gathered to honour the couples and celebrate their years of love, commitment and faith.

Celebrating their anniversaries were Kathleen and Michael O'Sullivan, who marked an outstanding 65 years of marriage; Nora and Patrick Murphy, Helen and Arthur Moynihan, and Michael and Noreen O'Keeffe,

all celebrating 40 years; John and Claire Randles and Siobhan and Rory Darcy, who celebrated 30 years; Jerry and Joan Mullane, marking 25 years; and Margaret and Brendan Brosnan together with Marie and Declan O'Donoghue, who celebrated 20 years of marriage.

The occasion was a joyful celebration of lasting commitment, with Fr Lenihan congratulating the couples on their milestone anniversaries and wishing them many more happy years together.



Fr. Jim Lenihan Glenflesk Parish Priest with Couples celebrating their Wedding anniversaries in St. Agathas Church last Saturday. Front, Nora and Patrick Murphy (40th), Helen and Arthur Moynihan, (40th), Kathleen and Michael O'Sullivan (65th), Michael and Noreen O' Keeffe (40th). Back Margaret and Brendan Brosnan (20th), John and Claire Randles (30th), Jerry and Joan Mullane (25th), Marie and Declan O'Donoghue (20th), Siobhan and Rory Darcy (30th). Photo: Seamus Healy

TFI Anseo share pick up and drop off locations in Killarney from 10 August 2026

TFI Anseo Killarney is approaching its 1 year anniversary. In that time, we have seen passenger numbers increase day on day, with current passenger numbers in excess of 86,000. As the service continues to grow in popularity, we have observed an increase in both usage and customer requests.

From the 10th August 2026, TFI Anseo will move from a door-to-door service to a more user-friendly system using identified Pick Up and Drop Off locations. These changes will allow for reduced waiting times, quicker journey times, enhanced reliability and increased accessibility for users.

With over 210 Pick Up and Drop Off Locations throughout the Zone, the service is becoming more efficient, not being reduced.

The introduction of shared Pick Up

and Drop Off locations marks the next phase in the pilot of the service and brings the operation more closely in line with a conventional bus service model, while maintaining the flexibility and convenience that passengers have come to value.

The change follows the strong performance of TFI Anseo in Killarney, demonstrating growing demand for the service and its important role in improving local connectivity across the town.

Full details and some FAQ's are available on <https://www.localinkkerry.ie/tfi-anseo/>

Further details can be found on the National Transport Authority's website - <https://www.nationaltransport.ie/news/tfi-anseo-killarney-service-update/>



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Celebrating ancient traditions, storytelling and spectacular performances from 15th October to 1st November 2026.

Kerry is set to come alive with fire, folklore, food and festivity this autumn as Samhain Chiarraí returns from 15th October to 1st November 2026, offering an immersive county-wide celebration inspired by the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain.

Running throughout the autumn mid-term break and bookended by the much-loved Dingle Food Festival and Listowel Food Festival, Samhain Chiarraí celebrates the harvest season through a vibrant programme of storytelling, music, street spectacles, ritual and family-friendly events, creating a unique cultural experience across County Kerry.

Building on the success of recent years, Samhain Chiarraí continues to evolve as one of Kerry's signature cultural festivals, offering visitors and locals alike the opportunity to experience the county's rich traditions in a contemporary and engaging way. Rooted in place, story and heritage, the festival brings a distinctive seasonal energy to Kerry while extending the visitor season across the county. At the heart of Samhain Chiarraí is the enduring story of An Cailleach Chiarraí – the ancient and powerful Goddess of Winter. According to local legend, she was born on the Dingle Peninsula and shaped Kerry's dramatic landscape. Each year, her return marks the end of the harvest, the beginning of winter and the turning of the Celtic year.

This year's programme features an exciting mix of new commissions and returning favourites, including:

- A specially commissioned street performance inspired by An Cailleach Chiarraí, curated by MÓTU – Street Arts & Spectacle, the renowned West Kerry Gaeltacht-based street arts company.



Announcing the dates at the Wetlands this week were (back from left) Seán Mulchinock (Festival and Folk Officer) Kerry County Council, Declan Murphy, (Wild Atlantic Way Team) Fáilte Ireland, (front from left) Triona Browne, (Economic Development and Tourism Unit) Kerry County Council and Cllr. Mikey Sheehy, Cathaoirleach of Kerry

- Award-winning storyteller Aindrias de Staic, bringing his unique blend of folklore, humour and performance.
- The Kerry premiere of The Biddys documentary as part of the Kerry International Film Festival.
- The return of the hugely popular Fire Rituals and Super Céilí, inviting audiences of all ages to celebrate together through music, dance and ancient traditions.
- A programme of family-friendly workshops, performances and interactive experiences taking place across the county.

The signature Cailleach Chiarraí events will centre on Killarney from Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th October, before moving to Tralee from Friday 30th October to Sunday 1st November, bringing spectacular street performances, fire rituals and immersive experiences to both towns.

Kerry County Council is also delighted to support a growing programme of aligned community festivals that celebrate local heritage and creativity, including Féile Éile, Killorglin, the Patrick O'Keeffe Festival, Castleisland, and Kerry Film Festival alongside many other local initiatives taking place throughout the festival period.

With spectacular performances, ancient legends, harvest celebrations and unforgettable family experiences, Samhain Chiarraí invites everyone to discover the magic of Kerry this Halloween season.

The full programme will be announced in the coming weeks.

For more information visit:
www.discoverkerry.com/SamhainChiarraí

THE WAYS OF FICKLE FATE

By Nicky Barry

I can't believe with what I now know, that I was that eejit,
Who broke for home too early, in the Ulster 800 metres.
Were it today I would have waited, till 10 metres from the line,
And then burst for glory, to win gold this time.
Such is life in adolescence, for we all make mistakes,
Which are vital lessons without second takes.
Shakespeare wrote 'there is a tide, in the affairs of men,
Which taken at the flood, leads on to fortune,'
And so conversely if you dawdle, then you can be ruined.
And so it often is in Croker, when some forward hesitates,

To pull the trigger on a shot, until it is too late.
In that instant he is blocked, and the chance goes a begging,
When he could have hit the net, and be off celebrating.
It's the same with romance, for if you wait too long,
Your girl will marry someone else, for you got it wrong..
Like the jockey on the favourite, who timed his run too late,
And so came in second, because he tempted fate,
For fate can be an awful bitch, who gives and takes away,
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THOUSANDS RAISED AT THE ANNUAL CLASSIC RUN

Despite a wet morning, the 16th running of the Ballymac Vintage Club Annual Classic Car & Honda 50 Run saw a big turnout from early on Sunday morning, with in excess of 100 vehicles registered. Plenty of variety of makes and models, with cars, vans and campers all taking part. Something for everybody to enjoy, and it was fantastic to see so many "new" old cars making their first appearance at a vintage & classic car event in Kerry.

The event kicked off with a Cars & Coffee style event. A great opportunity for people to wander around, check out the cars, have a chat, and enjoy a cuppa and some refreshments.

Proceeds from the event were in aid of St. John of God Oilean Beo Castleisland which provides services for adults with intellectual disabilities, ensuring individuals can access vital services right inside their own hometown. , and the Kerry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes – The annual pilgrimage includes a number of sick and infirm pilgrims, as well as a large group of volunteers, medical staff, and carers. Thank you to all the helpers from both groups for their assistance and support in running a successful event.

We would like to thank everyone who generously supported the on-street collection in Castleisland on Saturday also. The final amount raised will be announced in the coming days.

A huge amount of spot prizes were given out throughout the morning, and we would like to say a special word of thanks to all of the businesses & individuals for the generous donations to make this possible. Main sponsors for the event were BG Motors Killarney, Brownes Agri Steel Castleisland & O'Riada's Bar & Restaurant Ballymac, without whom, an event like this would not be possible.

The run departed O'Riada's shortly after 11am, taking the by-roads and the lesser-travelled routes via Castleisland before a brief comfort stop in Brosna. Onwards then towards the Cork line and heading for Knocknagoshel for the finish. As in previous years, refreshments were



provided by the team from Knocknagoshel Meals on Wheels.

There are too many to individually name, so huge thanks to everyone that supported and took part in the run which raised an incredible €7,000.

Our next event will be a Car & Tractor Run on Sunday 20th September; keep an eye on our Facebook page for more details in the coming weeks.





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Dan Celebrates Landmark Birthday

By Eamonn Fitzgerald

Happy 90th birthday to Dr Crokes Vice-President Dan Kelleher, celebrating this milestone by going for his daily walk in Killarney National Park. Gentle by nature his dedication and commitment to the Black & Amber is remarkable. Dan is the retired superintendent of KNP. When he left his native Aghabullogue and came to Killarney in 1963 he joined the Fitzgerald Stadium and Dr Crokes, playing so many roles over the next 63 years. He was an outstanding hurler winning county championship hurling and football medals in Cork and in Kerry. He also won Kerry Intermediate hurling medals and O'Donoghue Cup medals with Crokes. He won 2 Fitzgibbon medals with UCC and one more with UCD where he did his postgraduate studies, a remarkable haul.

Dan has the unique distinction of being the only defender ever to keep the great Christy Ring scoreless from play in a Cork County championship match while playing for UCC many moons ago v Glen Rovers. No doubt last Thursday's Crokes Kerry IHC victory over St Brendan's, the North Kerry battlers, gave him great pleasure indeed. Winning the Kerry intermediate hurling championship in extra time was hugely welcome and welcomed. In the sideline dugout was the great Dan. His advice before extra time was sought and appreciated. A quick run through his 63 years of activity with Crokes- he spent 20 years coaching the Crokes Under 6 hurlers in the outside pitch of the Fitzgerald Stadium along with Gene Doc and Niall Keogh. He also was a great advisor for Michael O'Connor giving of his academic and practical expertise voluntarily especially with the creation of the Prunty pitch as we know it today. In his autobiography Enniskillen's Joe Prunty said the pitch he laid in the Fitzgerald Stadium, working closely with Dan gave him the greatest satisfaction of all. When it came to building Dr Crokes Park as



Dan Kelleher working on Crokes Wild Flower Garden after the recent hot weather spell with fellow Green Club committee members Niall Keogh and Micheál Fitzgerald. Off picture are other members of the Green Committee, Peter O'Toole, Gene O'Doherty, Sinéad Sugrue, Eamonn Fitzgerald

we know it today, Dan's expertise was crucial converting a turlough based ballast pit into the finest pitch in Kerry and compares very well with the pitches in the top stadia in Ireland. He spent countless days and months getting it correct from day 1.

Dan was centrally involved in the revival of hurling in the club in 1986 and acted as selector and advisor for over 30 plus years as well as officiating as a hurling referee for the club for 25 years. Currently Dan is our Hurling Committee Vice-chairman. He designed and oversaw the building of the pitches we train on and their maintenance for many years afterwards. We thank Dan for his enormous and

ongoing contribution to the club in his many roles. He is a regular every Wednesday night in the clubhouse during Fr Paddy's Card season and a very active member of Crokes' Green Committee delighting in promoting nature now and for the future, earning the GAA Green Flag for Dr Crokes.

Dan is the quintessential Dr Crokes member, active in the club for 67 years.

Your many admirers in Dr Crokes wish you continued and continuous sláinte mhaith. As Dr Crokes 140 years up for 2 November 2026, celebrating the founding of Dr Crokes, the heart of the GAA in the heart of Killarney since 1886. Go maire tú go céad, Dan




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KILCUMMIN PARISH

Written by: Helen Moynihan

KILCUMMIN LOOKING GOOD

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THE MORIARTY SCHOOL OF MUSIC AND DANCE

The Moriarty School of Music and Dance would like to wish all their musicians and dancers the best of luck at the All-Ireland Fleadh Cheoil in Belfast this weekend.

KILCUMMIN COMHALTAS

Kilcummin Comhaltas would like to wish all our competitors taking part in Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann the very best of luck this week in Belfast. Safe travels to all of the families travelling representing our branch.

KILCUMMIN COMMUNITY CARE

Kilcummin community care will be closed for two weeks on the 4th & 11th of August for holidays and will resume on the 18th August. Community Care meet every Tuesday from 11am to 2pm in the G.A.A. hall. Hot dinner provided, free transport available. Anybody interested, please contact Mary Doyle on 064 663357 / 086 1550803.

BLOOD DONATION CLINIC

We will be returning to Killarney for a blood donation clinic on Sunday 9th August from 12 noon - 15:30, Mon 10th – Wed 12th August from 15:50 – 20:00 in The Heights Hotel. The blood supply is currently low and with a high demand for blood from our hospitals nationally, it is imperative that we continue to maintain the blood supply.

KILCUMMIN GAA

KEANE'S SUPER VALU DIVISION 2

Kilcummin's minor team were crowned Division 2 Minor County League

champions following a superb victory over Firies in the final played in Listry last Monday.

In challenging conditions, with heavy rain falling throughout the game, both teams showed great determination and commitment. Kilcummin adapted well to the difficult weather and produced a strong all-round performance to secure a deserved victory on a score line of Kilcummin 2-7, Firies 0-6. Goals from Daragh Keane and Rory O'Connor proved crucial in securing the win, with Kilcummin showing great teamwork and composure throughout. They were ably assisted by Tristan Murphy and Derry O'Gorman in defence, Cian Stack at midfield, and Daragh Keane and Joe O'Connor leading the attack. Captain Zach Cronin led the team with distinction and was named Man of the Match following an excellent individual performance.

LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Tuesday 28th July 2026 for the Jackpot of €9,500. Numbers drawn were 17,19,21,28. Consolation prizes of €50 Michael O'Connor, Adrian O'Keeffe, Michael O'Challaghan, Christy Cronin. Our next draw will be on Monday 10th August for Jackpot of €9,750 Thank you for your continued support.

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LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Friday, 31st July for the Jackpot of €9,800. Numbers drawn were 11,14,21,25. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Nicola O'Connor, Antonette Cahill, JD O'Sullivan, Neilus McCarthy. Our next draw will be on Friday 7th for Jackpot of €9,800.

Minor Div 2 Winners.



LISTRY PARISH

Written by: Colette Leslie

LOTTO

August 2nd 2026. Jackpot €4,050. Numbers Drawn: 11, 15, 27, 28. No Winner. €100 Eoin Cremin, Beaufort. €50 Norma Walsh, Lahard. €50 Pat & Lou Quirke. €25 John & Kathleen Wrenn. €25 Kieran Hobbins. Jackpot next weekend 9th Aug 2026 €4,200

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By Michael O'Mahony

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Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group reminds you that Share the Bucket takes place 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 winner, Mike O'Keeffe €204

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.

BEST OF LUCK to all our athletes competing in Santry at the Masters Track and Field National Championships this coming weekend.

GNEEVEGUILLA ATHLETES

Congratulations to all our athletes who trained and competed this year with Gneeveguilla Athletic Club in Boherbue, Glash, and Gneeveguilla.

Your support, enthusiasm, dedication, and willingness to try and learn new events are what makes the club successful and more fun. Enjoy the summer, don't forget to try local events during the break, get involved, stay active, have fun. Looking forward to seeing everyone back to training in the coming weeks.

LOTTO

No winner of last weeks Lotto, Jackpot for this coming Friday August 7th, €14,400 + Bonus draw for €1000.

KERRY LADIES FOOTBALL

hard luck on kerry Ladies team on their Defeated over Galway in All Ireland Final on Sunday last & Nora O'Connor ,part of management & Daniel O'Leary

NOTES

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

GLENFLESK PARISH

Written by: Sean Daly

CARDIAC SCREENING

Glenflesk GAA Healthy Club, in partnership with the Dillon Quirke Foundation, will host free cardiac screening for Glenflesk GAA & LGFA players aged 12–18 on Monday the 24th of August from 9am to 5pm. Parental consent and attendance are required. Places are strictly limited, so early booking is essential. To book your place, visit:

<https://bookings.ameds.ie/booking/from-code?code=Glenfleskgaa> The link is also available on the Glenflesk Facebook page. For more information on the Dillon Quirke Foundation, visit www.DillonQuirkeFoundation.ie We are very grateful to the Dillon Quirke Foundation for selecting Glenflesk to provide this valuable service free of charge to our young players.

MINORS

A huge well done to our Glenflesk Minor team who claimed the Keane's SuperValu Minor County League Division 3 Shield after a thrilling final against Waterville/Dromid. The sides finished level at Glenflesk 4-15 to Waterville/Dromid 1-24 after extra time, before Glenflesk held their nerve

to win the penalty shootout 3-0. Congratulations to all the players and management on a memorable win.

CROKE PARK

It was a very special day for our Glenflesk U12 boys last week as they had the fantastic opportunity to play in Croke Park in the Munster GAA Football Blitz. The boys proudly represented Glenflesk, playing games against Erin's Own, Gaultier and Borrisokane on the famous Croke Park pitch. It was a brilliant experience and a day that the players, coaches and families will remember for many years to come. Well done to all the boys who represented the club so well.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Glenflesk take on Beaufort this Saturday evening at 6pm in Dr Crokes Park in Round 1 of the Intermediate Club Championship. Best of luck to all the players and management as they begin their championship campaign. All support would be greatly appreciated.



Glenflesk u12 boys who played in Croke Park in the Munster GAA Football Blitz

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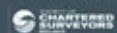


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SPA PARISH

By Leanne Cronin



Spa U10 Boys who travelled to Dingle for GoGames last week



Spa U10 Girls who played in the GoGames Blitz in Rathmore last week

ANNUAL CLUB MASS

Spa GAA's Annual Club Mass will take place on Friday, 14th August at 7.30pm in the clubhouse. This year's Mass will also mark the 60th anniversary of Spa's 1966 O'Donoghue Cup-winning team. Following the Mass, a special presentation will acknowledge the anniversary of this memorable occasion and honour the team. Club members, the team, their families, friends and supporters are all warmly invited to attend.

SPA ALL SET FOR SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

The Senior Men return to action on Friday 7th August when they take on Dr Crokes at Fitzgerald Stadium, 7pm throw in. Spa are in Group 1, and will also face Rathmore and Dingle in the coming weeks, with the dates and venues for those determined by Friday's result. There are ten teams in the Senior Club Championship this year, with Groups B & C having three teams. Good luck to the team.

MORE KERRY SOUTH REPRESENTATION FOR SPA BOYS

Well done to Sam O Shea, Aidan Hickey and Eoin Brosnan who were part of the Kerry South U15s that played Clare in the National Development League last weekend.

BOY'S U10S SHINE DOWN IN DINGLE

The Spa Under 10 Boys made the long trip to Dingle on Saturday, with 19 players travelling. Split into two teams, the boys enjoyed two competitive games against strong opposition and produced an excellent display, defending well, taking some fine scores and showing great teamwork and skill throughout. A huge thank you to all the parents who made the journey to support the team. A fantastic effort from everyone involved.

UNDER 10 GIRLS GO GAMES

The Spa Under 10 Girls travelled to Rathmore last Thursday evening for the opening round of Phase Two of the Go Games. With a panel of 21 players, Spa fielded two teams who took on Corca Dhuibhne, Na Gaeil,

Rathmore and Scartaglin in four enjoyable and competitive games.

On a beautiful summer evening, the girls showed tremendous determination, teamwork and skill throughout, with excellent displays of blocking, kicking, soloing and hand passing. Their improvement from game to game was particularly pleasing. A sincere thank you to Rathmore for hosting a fantastic evening of football and to all the parents and supporters who came along to cheer on the girls.

U12 BOY'S IMPRESS IN BEAUFORT

Spa U12 boys travelled to Beaufort last week for the final round of Phase 1 of the East Kerry League. Two competitive games were played, with both teams well matched. Our boys continue to show great progress, with their determination, teamwork and skill levels improving with every outing.

CLUB LOTTO

Spa Lotto 03/08/2026 Results. Numbers drawn: 8, 19, 21, 28. No jackpot winner. Lucky Dips €50 each: Eileen Aherne, Claire Wickham, Andrew Garnett, Donal Mangan, Eamon Ryan.

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Spa Boys Sam O Shea, Aidan Hickey and Eoin Brosnan lining out with Kerry South U15s



Spa's 1966 O'Donoghue Cup-winning team, who will receive a special presentation at the Clubs Annual Mass



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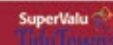
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Dear Editor,

I moved to Killarney decades ago. At that time, I was, like most people, incredibly busy with my family and job. I remember looking at the advertisements for Autumn night classes for different hobbies and activities. There were courses in gardening, beekeeping, DIY, hairdressing, sewing, Spanish, Pilates and Yoga over the years. I eyed the list enviously thinking that someday I'd have the time to attend these classes, to learn a few things and to meet other people with similar interests. I could see that these hobby/leisure classes were reasonably priced and they were available in a central part of Killarney in an establishment that was also accessible to people with disabilities. Hence, they were affordable, accessible and ideal for

anyone and everyone, irrespective of age, financial circumstances or other considerations. Last Autumn and Winter, I realised that I finally had some time to attend gardening classes but I couldn't find anything. At the same time, I had to travel quite frequently, and as I did, I noticed signs in small towns for enrollment in such courses. A friend of mine finally travelled to another town in Kerry on a weekly basis to do a DIY course due to the absence of anything local.

So, I don't know where to turn with these questions. Killarney is a town with a can do attitude so these things should be possible. Why don't those classes run locally? I personally know people with the skills to teach some of those things. These courses are available everywhere but not in Killarney. Are they

subsidised and if so why doesn't Killarney have access to these funds? There is no shortage of demand. They're are plenty of people craving companionship and hungry to learn simple new skills. We are told that Ireland is experiencing a crisis of loneliness but what is being done to bring people together in an equitable way by means of hobby in Killarney? We are constantly hearing that connection is an essential part of health and wellbeing and yet so many people are being excluded due to lack of availability and affordability. We are also frequently told about the benefits of lifelong learning and for many people, that can be something light and fun and most importantly local.

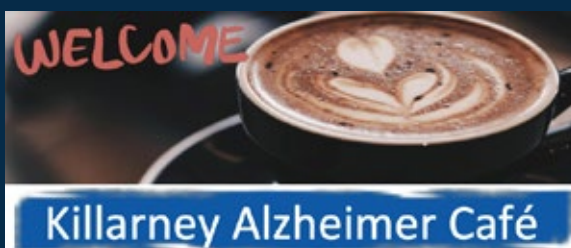
Kind Regards,
Concerned local resident

Killarney Alzheimer Café to Host MENTAL HEALTH RECOVERY TALK

The Killarney Alzheimer Café will welcome members of the public to its next monthly gathering on Wednesday, August 19, with a special talk focusing on mental health recovery.

The session will take place from 11am to 1pm in the Coill na Darrach Community Room and is open to everyone, including people living with dementia or cognitive impairment, family carers, friends and healthcare professionals.

This month's guest speaker is Emily McCullagh, a Mental Health Recovery Support Worker with SHINE, who will share insights into mental health recovery and the supports available.



Organised by the Alzheimer Society of Ireland, the Killarney Alzheimer Café provides a warm and welcoming environment where people affected by dementia can meet others, access information and support, and enjoy a relaxed social setting.

The café is held on the third Wednesday of every month, offering an opportunity for those living with dementia, their carers and

the wider community to connect in an informal atmosphere.

For further information, contact Lynda Phillips on 087 355 6508 or email lynda.phillips@alzheimier.ie.



The Bon Secours Hospital launches the 2026 Rose Cup juvenile GAA tournament in Tralee. The competition will take place during the week of the Rose of Tralee International Festival. Pictured at the launch were Back L-R: Front: Cian Heafey, Kieran Sheehy, Jamie Doyle and Sean Ireland. Back L-R: Nicole McEllistrim, Bon Secours Hospital, Dan Walsh, Tralee Town Board, Robbie Laokin, Tom Randles, James Slattery, Sunny Dermott, Gareth Lovett, John Slattery, Tralee Town Board and Laura O'Carroll, Bon Secours Hospital. Photo By: Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD

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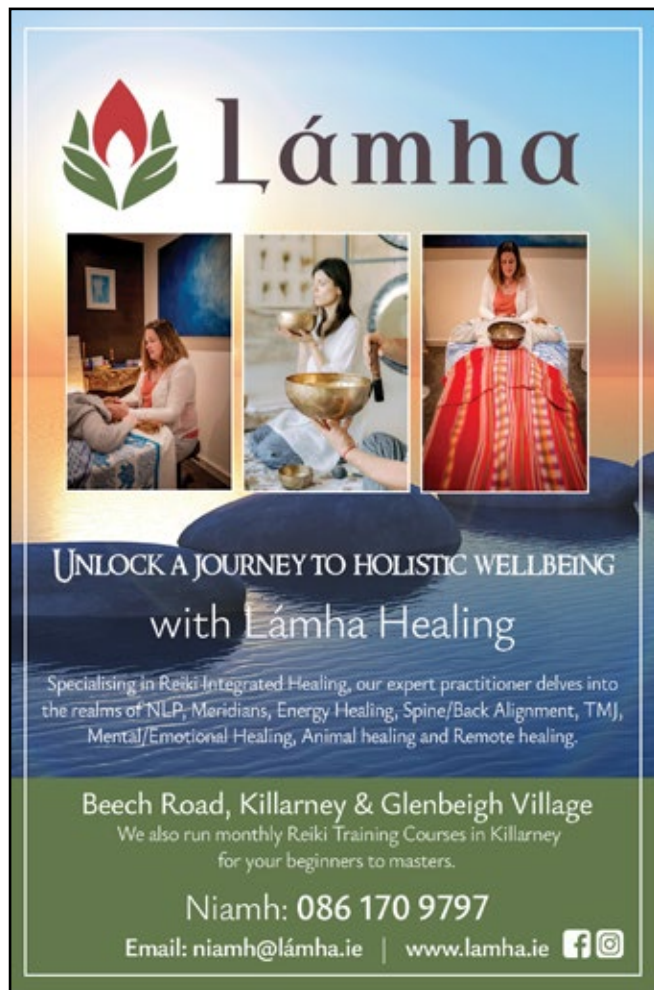
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MOVING SOFTLY INTO AUTUMN

As the golden days of late summer unfold, nature gently whispers that a new season is approaching. This is a beautiful time to prepare for the slower, gentler rhythm that autumn brings. The evenings arrive a little earlier, the air feels fresher, and subtle changes in the landscape invite us to pause and notice. Just as the trees will soon release their leaves with quiet grace, we too can begin letting go of what no longer serves us. Autumn reminds us that change does not have to be dramatic; it can unfold with ease, acceptance, and trust.

Now is the perfect moment to create comforting rituals that nourish both body and soul. A warm cup of tea, a cosy corner with a favourite book, gentle candlelight, or a mindful walk beneath changing skies can become simple acts of self-care that support us throughout the season.

By preparing softly for autumn, we welcome the months ahead with openness and intention. Slowing down now allows us to feel more grounded, grateful, and connected to ourselves and the natural world.

Autumn Preparation Ritual – a gentle reflection
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Starting a new fitness or nutrition routine can feel overwhelming, but success often comes down to establishing the right habits. Whether you're aiming to get stronger, lose weight, or simply feel healthier, focusing on a few core principles can set you on the right path. Here are the three most important things to concentrate on when developing new habits in fitness and nutrition.

Start Small and Be Consistent

Big changes happen through small, manageable steps. Instead of overhauling your entire lifestyle overnight, focus on incorporating one or two simple habits at a time. For example, commit to walking for 10 minutes daily or adding an extra serving of vegetables to your meals. Consistency is more important than intensity early on — the goal is to make your new habits stick.

Make It Enjoyable and Sustainable

Choose activities and foods you genuinely enjoy. If you dislike running, try cycling or dancing. If healthy eating feels restrictive, find nutritious recipes that excite your taste buds. When your habits are enjoyable, you'll be more likely to stick with them long-term, transforming routines into a natural part of your life.

Track Progress and Celebrate Small Wins

Monitoring your habits helps maintain motivation and provides insight into what's working. Use a journal or app to record workouts, meals, or feelings of well-being. Celebrate small victories — completing a week of consistent exercise or choosing nutritious snacks — to boost confidence and reinforce your commitment.

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What are flashes?

Sometimes the jelly inside your eye shrinks a little and tugs on the retina (the light-sensitive layer) at the back of your eye. This can cause flashes of light at the edge of your vision. This is different from the disturbance of vision that can happen with a migraine.

What are floaters?

Often, people who have healthy eyes see floaters. They appear as spots, lines or cobweb effects, usually when you look at a plain surface such as a white wall, screen or a clear blue sky. They are usually caused by cells clumping together in the clear jelly in the main part of your eye and casting shadows on your retina. The sudden appearance of new floaters is different and may be caused by the jelly shrinking and can sometimes mean there is a tear in the retina.

When should I be concerned?

If you suddenly notice a shower of new floaters, or floaters along with flashes or a dark shadow or a 'curtain' in

your vision, you should take urgent action.

What will happen if the retina tears?

The retina is the light-sensitive layer at the back of your eye which receives images and sends them to your brain. If the retina tears, it may come away from the back of the eye and can lead to a retinal detachment which can result in you losing part or all of your vision.

How is retinal detachment treated?

A tear may be treated by using a laser. If treated quickly you may have a better chance of full recovery. However, if your retina has become detached, you will need surgery. The operation may restore most of your vision.

What to do if your symptoms change

Look out for the following:

- Flashes or floaters getting worse
- A black shadow in your vision
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Welcome for Agreement to Enable Opening of Killarney Community Nursing Unit

Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry and member of the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Health, Michael Cahill TD, has welcomed confirmation that agreement has been reached between the HSE and healthcare unions on staffing arrangements for the new Killarney Community Nursing Unit, allowing the facility to open on a phased basis from 10 August.

Deputy Cahill said: "This is very welcome news for older people and their families across Kerry. The new Killarney Community Nursing Unit has been eagerly awaited and I am delighted that agreement has now been reached to allow its phased opening from 10 August."

"I know the delays have been a source of frustration for many families but today's announcement provides certainty that residents will soon begin

moving into this modern, purpose-built facility." Deputy Cahill acknowledged the efforts of all parties involved in the negotiations.

"I want to thank the HSE, the Workplace Relations Commission and the representative unions – the INMO, SIPTU and Fórsa for their constructive engagement in reaching this agreement. Ensuring safe staffing is essential, and I am pleased that a solution has now been found."

He added: "As a member of the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Health, I will continue to work to ensure Kerry receives the healthcare investment and staffing it deserves. The opening of this new unit is a major step forward for residential care in our county, and I look forward to seeing residents welcomed through its doors from 10 August."



Cllr Martin Grady Calls for Review of Parking on Ross Road



Cllr Martin Grady has called on Kerry County Council to review the parking arrangements at the top of Ross Road, citing growing concerns over traffic congestion and road safety.

He said the current parking layout is restricting the flow of traffic, creating difficulties for motorists and forcing some vehicles to mount the footpath to allow oncoming traffic to pass. This, he warned, poses a significant danger to pedestrians, cyclists and other road users.

It was agreed that should any parking spaces need to be removed as part of a redesign, they would be replaced elsewhere following consultation and agreement with all relevant stakeholders. The review aims to improve traffic flow while maintaining adequate parking provision in the area

Cahill calls for accelerated delivery of disability respite and residential services for Kerry families

Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry and member of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Health, Michael Cahill TD, has called for an accelerated expansion of disability respite and long-term residential services following a detailed response to his Parliamentary Question on the implementation of the HSE Disability Action Plan 2024–2026.

Deputy Cahill raised the matter with the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality on behalf of families in Kerry seeking commitments to increase respite services, enhance disability supports and provide adequate long-term residential places for vulnerable people.

Commenting on the response, Deputy Cahill said: "Families across Kerry continue to carry an enormous burden while waiting for essential disability supports. While I welcome the acknowledgement by the HSE that additional investment is taking place, it is abundantly clear that demand continues to outstrip capacity."

"The most concerning figure contained in the response is that approximately 500 people across the HSE South West region are currently awaiting or require residential disability services. That is a stark reminder of the scale of the challenge facing families every single day."

Deputy Cahill welcomed confirmation that Budget 2026 provides funding for 12 planned residential placements in the HSE South West but said significantly more investment will be required to meet existing demand.

He also welcomed ongoing efforts to expand respite services throughout Kerry, including:

- Two dedicated adult respite houses operating in North and South Kerry.
- Seven additional adult respite beds located in Listowel, Rathmore and Castleisland.
- The new Kerry Social Farming Alternative

Respite Programme which aims to provide alternative respite opportunities for up to 100 people across Kerry.

- Continued development of additional residential respite and alternative respite supports during 2026 and 2027.

However, Deputy Cahill said more must be done. "Every family deserves the reassurance that appropriate supports will be available when they need them. Access to respite is not simply about giving carers a short break, it is essential in sustaining families, preventing crisis situations and allowing people with disabilities to continue living fulfilling lives within their communities."

Deputy Cahill also welcomed confirmation that all future options for the St. Mary of the Angels campus will be considered including the possible development of a dedicated respite centre for both adults and children.

"I strongly believe that St. Mary of the Angels presents an important opportunity to expand disability services in Kerry. I will continue to engage with the HSE, the Department and all relevant stakeholders to ensure every viable option is fully explored."

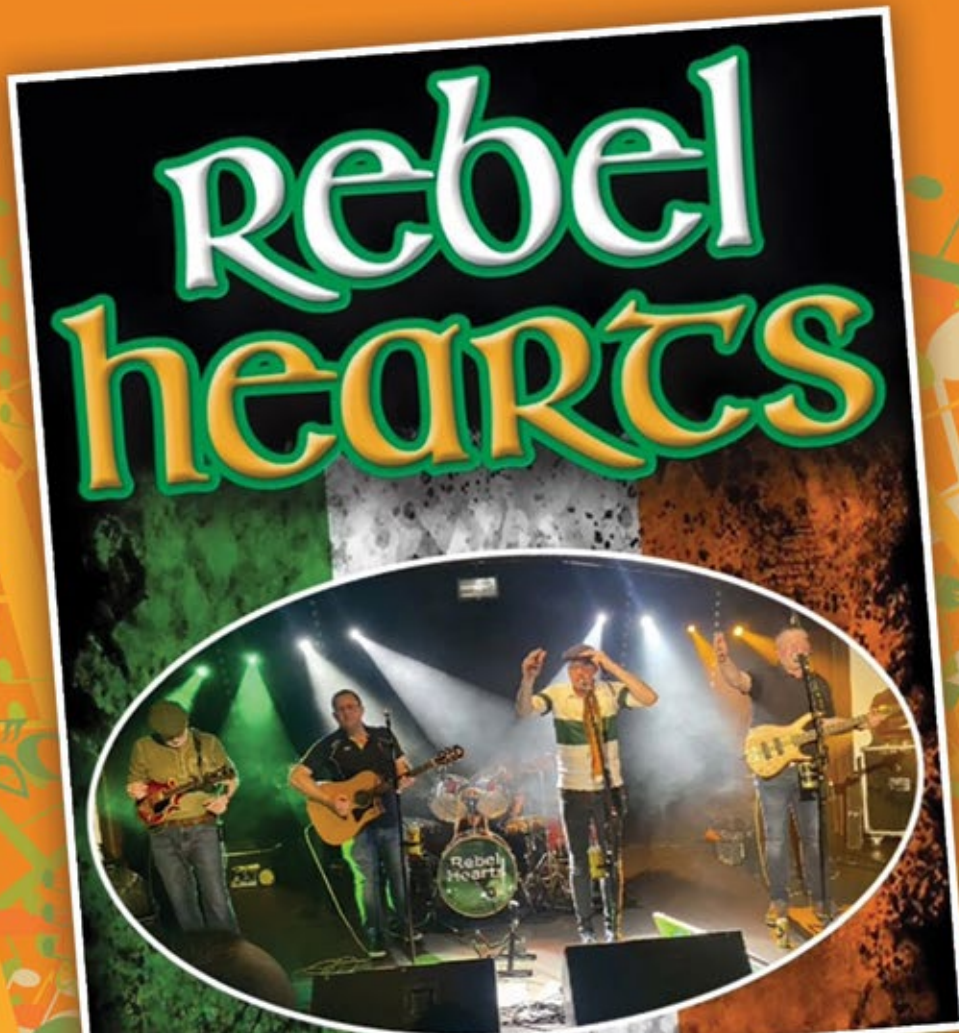
Concluding, Deputy Cahill said: "The HSE response acknowledges both the progress that has been made and the significant unmet need that still exists. I will continue to advocate for increased funding, additional residential places, expanded respite services and enhanced community supports so that Kerry families receive the level of care, dignity and support they deserve."



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Assurances Sought That €10bn Shannon Pipeline Will Not Come at Kerry's Expense

Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry, Michael Cahill, has called on Uisce Éireann and the Government to provide urgent assurances that investment in Kerry's water and wastewater infrastructure will not be sacrificed as a result of the proposed €10 billion Shannon to Dublin water supply project.

Deputy Cahill said that while he recognised the importance of securing Ireland's long-term water supply, he was deeply concerned that such a significant national investment could delay or displace much-needed projects in Kerry where many communities continue to face serious water and wastewater infrastructure deficits.

Deputy Cahill has written to the Minister seeking clarity on what impact, if any, the proposed project will have on capital investment and maintenance funding for County Kerry over the coming decade.

"The proposed Shannon to Dublin water pipeline is one of the largest infrastructure projects ever contemplated in the State. My concern is simple: Kerry cannot be left waiting even longer for essential water and wastewater upgrades while billions are directed elsewhere," Deputy Cahill said.

"As matters stand, over 40 villages across County Kerry remain without public sewerage schemes. In my own parish, the wastewater treatment plant has been operating at capacity for more than 25 years, with no immediate solution in sight. Communities and businesses cannot continue to wait another decade for basic infrastructure."

Deputy Cahill said recent water supply disruptions across Kerry had highlighted the vulnerability of the county's ageing network and reinforced the need for sustained investment.

"Our tourism industry, farming sector, local businesses and growing communities all depend on a reliable water supply. We have seen first-hand how disruptive water outages can be. Climate change is also placing increasing pressure on our water infrastructure, making investment in regional networks more important than ever."

"I am seeking clear assurances that Kerry will not lose out on vital capital investment or maintenance funding because of this project. Regional Ireland cannot be expected to stand still while investment is concentrated in one national scheme."

Deputy Cahill said every county deserved fair treatment when it came to essential infrastructure investment.

"I fully support the need to plan for Ireland's future water security but that cannot come at the expense of counties like Kerry that are still waiting for projects that should have been delivered years ago. Kerry deserves certainty that our water and wastewater infrastructure will continue to receive the investment it urgently requires."

Deputy Cahill confirmed that he has formally requested assurances from the Minister regarding the impact of the proposed Shannon to Dublin pipeline on water infrastructure investment in County Kerry.



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Welcome for further funding for community-based counselling and talk therapy supports in Kerry

Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Kerry TD Norma Foley has welcomed confirmation of further funding for community-based counselling and talk therapy supports in Kerry

€1 million in recurring funding was secured in Budget 2026 to expand community-based counselling and psychotherapy services through a new partnership between the HSE and Community Therapy Ireland, a national association of counselling and psychotherapy providers.

The new funding will further strengthen access to early intervention mental health supports in communities across Ireland.

Minister Foley welcomed the provision of €32,094 in funding for Kerry Adolescent Counselling Service, which is based in Tralee, and €32,094 in funding for Southwest Counselling Centre, which is based in Killarney.



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A.G.M.

The club held a successful Annual General



Meeting at the club rooms where the past season was analysed. Presentations were made by Danny Cronin ,John Kelly & Stephen o Brien. The Following officers were elected on the night. Presidents Fr Padraig Kennelly, Sean Murphy & Donal Groves. Chairman Danny Cronin.Vice Chairman Alan Finn. Secretary John Kelly. KSBGL secretary Anthony Mckenna. PROs Alan Finn & Donal o Donoghue. Treasurer Stephen o Brien. Club Registrar John Kelly. Committee plus above , JJ Dowd, Eileen Quilter, Jerry Fitzgerald, Gerry Fitzgerald, Timmy Fitzgerald, Maurice o Donoghue, Timmy Teahan, Dan Cooper, Owen Nealon, Edele Greensmyth & Niall o Sullivan.

SYMPATHY

The Club offers its Condolences to the Breen Family, Furies on the Passing of Sheila o Donoghue & Condolences to the Fee & McCarthy Families, Two Mile School on the Passing of Clifford Fee. May both Sheila & Clifford rest in Peace.

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Roy Keane (right) was in the Kingdom for the Kerry FC V Cobh Ramblers game

KERRY FC RECORD EPIC WIN OVER COBH RAMBLERS

Kerry FC 3-0 Cobh Ramblers

by David Moriarty

Kerry FC were back home on Monday to round off the Bank Holiday Weekend with a visit from Cobh Ramblers in Mounthawk Park.

For both sides coming into the game, it was a real promotion race six-pointer as just two points separated the two teams in fifth and sixth. Both Kerry FC and Cobh Ramblers enjoyed wins on Friday. Cobh put an end to a five-game losing streak by beating Wexford FC in St. Colman's Park, whereas Kerry FC picked up their first ever win in the Carlisle Grounds against Bray Wanderers, winning 4-0.

The last time the two sides faced was before the Summer Break, when Cobh went out 2-0 winners. Since then, Kerry FC's fortunes have totally turned around. They have picked up sixteen out of the last twenty-one points on offer and defeated Premier Division opposition in the FAI Cup.

A massive crowd of eight hundred and twenty turned out in Tralee on Monday to get behind a Kingdom side who are in red-hot form, including one Roy Keane.

Kerry FC started brightly from the opening whistle and immediately looked determined to impose themselves on the visitors. The hosts enjoyed plenty of possession in the early stages, moving the ball confidently through the lines and asking questions of the Cobh defence.

The breakthrough arrived in the fifteenth minute, and it came from a familiar source. Sean O'Connell delivered an excellent free-kick from the left-hand side into the penalty area, where Cian Murphy rose highest to power his header beyond Timothy Martin and give Kerry FC a deserved lead.

Buoyed by the opening goal, Kerry continued to press forward. Two minutes later, another slick move from back to front released Daniel Okwute down the flank, and his inviting delivery flashed dangerously across the face of goal, narrowly evading everyone in the box.

Kerry remained firmly on top during the opening exchanges, while Cobh Ramblers struggled to create any clear-cut opportunities. Their first real sight of goal came in the twenty-third minute when Dylan McGlade found himself one-on-one with Matthew Connor, but the Kerry goalkeeper produced an excellent save to preserve his side's advantage.

The hosts doubled their lead spectacularly in the twenty-eighth minute. Sean McGrath picked up possession and embarked on a brilliant solo run, surging through the middle before calmly finishing low past Martin. It was a moment of individual brilliance from the Kerry captain and sent the home support into celebration.

Cobh's frustrations began to show shortly afterwards when Enzo Dietrich entered the referee's notebook in the thirtieth minute.

Kerry continued to play with confidence and purpose, and they struck for a third time just



The game was played in desperate conditions. Photos by Konrad Pytlowski

before the interval. Another flowing move carved open the Ramblers defence, with Cian Bargary showing great awareness to square the ball into Murphy's path. The striker made no mistake, calmly finishing to claim his second goal of the evening in the forty-second minute. It capped a dominant opening half from Colin Healy's side, who went into the dressing room with a commanding 3-0 advantage after forty-five minutes of entertaining football.

Cobh Ramblers emerged after the restart looking to respond, but Kerry FC remained organised and dangerous on the counter-attack.

Murphy almost completed his hat-trick in the forty-eighth minute when his effort was deflected over the crossbar for a corner. Three minutes later, the forward found himself in another promising position inside the penalty area, only to fire over the bar.

The second half settled into a more even contest, with both sides enjoying spells of possession but neither able to create many clear opportunities. Kerry, however, continued to threaten whenever they attacked.

In the sixty-sixth minute, Bargary came agonisingly close to adding a fourth goal. The winger produced an excellent first touch before striking a superb half-volley that crashed against the crossbar. At the other end, Connor was called into action moments later and produced another excellent save to deny Rhys Gourdie's long-range effort.

Colin Healy turned to his bench in the seventieth minute, introducing Rob Keane and Ryan Perez in place of Sean McGrath and Cian Bargary. Cian Murphy was shown a yellow card two minutes later, while Brendan Frahill was cautioned in the seventy-fourth minute and Sean O'Connell followed him into the book two minutes afterwards.

Further changes arrived in the eightieth minute as Luke Palmer and Simon Luchinger replaced Murphy and Vince Borden, before Cian Brosnan came on for Daniel Okwute three minutes later. Despite the changes, Kerry's control of the contest never wavered. The hosts managed possession expertly and limited Cobh to very few opportunities, drawing appreciative

applause from the supporters inside Mounthawk Park.

Ryan Perez and Luka Le Bervet both received yellow cards in the eighty-ninth minute, but there was little to dampen the mood as the final whistle sounded moments later.

After a commanding first-half display and a disciplined second-half performance, Kerry FC deservedly claimed a 3-0 victory over Cobh Ramblers. On a rain-soaked evening in Mounthawk Park, Colin Healy's side delivered one of their most complete performances of the season to send the home supporters home happy.

Kerry FC have another Munster Derby on their hands this coming Friday evening as they take on Cork City at the Munster FA Turners Cross Stadium, as the Kingdom move just five points off second place.

Kerry FC Team: Matthew Connor; Sean O'Connell, Sean McGrath (C)(GOAL '28), Cian Murphy (GOAL '15, 42), Daniel Okwute, Jonas Häkkinen, Samuel Aladesanusi, Vince Borden, Niall Brookwell, Ewan Lee, Cian Bargary.

Subs Used: Rob Keane, Ryan Perez, Luke Palmer, Cian Brosnan, Simon Luchinger

Cobh Ramblers Team: Timothy Martin; Brian Linehan, Brendan Frahill, Enzo Dietrich, Rhys Gourdie, Dylan McGlade, Prince Jordan Adeyemi, Lucas Curtin, Jonas Sternberg, Mikey Carroll, Luka Le Bervet.

Subs Used: Kai O'Neill, Anthony Adenopo, Rhys Kelly-Noonan, Dara McCormick.



Cian Murphy celebrates his 3rd goal. Photos by Konrad Pytlowski



At the Ross Golf Club Captain's Prize presentation we have (l to r) Ciaran Cronin, Lucas Cronin, Winner, Laura Sourke and Captain Daniel Cronin.



At the presentation of Captain Daniel Cronin's Prizes at the Ross Golf Club's Captain's Day we have front (l to r) Luke Looney, Lucas Cronin, Winner, Daniel Cronin, Captain, Donald McSweeney, runner up, Jonathan Casey. Back (l to r) Donie Broderick, Dermot O'Connor, Conor Brosnan, D J Hayes, Trevor Nagle, Peter Wickham, Ryan Scott.

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The winners were:-

1st: Lucas Cronin 70 (17)
2nd: Donald McSweeney 70 (10)
3rd: Alan Flynn 71 (6)
Gross Prize: Jonathan Casey 78
4th: Stephen Broderick 72 (8)
5th: Conor Brosnan 72 (16)
6th: Ryan Scott 72 (11)
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Div 2: D J Hayes 74 (14)
Div 3: Paul Favier 76 (24)
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3rd: Dermot O Connor 21 pts

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3rd: Kay O'Connor 69 (13)
4th: Louise Langan 70 (19)
5th: Mary Tobin 71 (20)
6th: Geraldine Tarrant 71 (26)
7th: Kathleen O'Keeffe 71 (19)
8th: Noreen O'Callaghan 72 (18)
9th: Anne Moynihan 72 (2)
Front 9: Kate O'Leary
Back 9: Sarah O'Brien
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Deerpark Pitch & Putt U16 Officers Michael Cronin (left) and Niall O'Loughlin (centre) presenting the prizes from the U16 section of the Ricky Kelly Memorial event to L to R: Fionn McMonagle, Daniel Quinlan, Ryan Lowe, Adam O'Sullivan, Stevie Murphy, Adam Twomey and Lucas Uchtyil.

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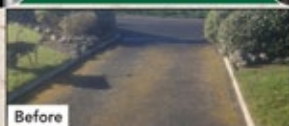
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year's Ricky Kelly Memorial event as we thank everyone for their time that went into Sunday night's Barbeque as well as the weekend itself. Thanks to our Grounds Committee for their efforts in getting the course ready along with our great chefs Derry McCarthy and Aidan O'Keefe ably guided by Sean Ashe along with bartender Frank Murphy as well as Shirley and Helena for looking after the clubhouse. Thanks once again to Musgraves for the food on the night. A special word to Meitheal and Jackie O'Mahony for providing the entertainment on the night as well. Massive thanks once more also to the Kelly family and the Tatler Jack Bar for their continued support.

2026 RESULTS

Adult- Overall Nett: Sean O'Mahoney, Nathan Cronin & Luke Doolan. Overall Gross: John McGrath, Niall O'Loughlin & Michael Mayse, Second Nett: Ciara Lowe, Jamie Lowe & Patrick Gallagher, Mixed Nett: James Fleming, Nigel Shevlin & Sinead Burke, Members Prize: Gearoid Cronin, Nathan Cronin & Stephen Battle and 18 Nett: Alan O'Sullivan, Ben Kelliher & Niall Moriarty. U16- Overall Nett: Ryan Lowe & Adam O'Sullivan. Overall Gross: Fionn McMonagle & Daniel Quinlan, Second Nett: Lucas Uchytel & Adam Twomey and Third Nett: Ryan Lowe & Stevie Murphy.

KERRY SENIOR MENS TEAM

Congratulations to both Damien Fleming and John McGrath on qualifying for the Kerry Senior Mens team following the completion of their final trial at the Bruff Scratch Cup last weekend. Well done also to Damien as well on winning the 36-hole Gross prize in the event in Bruff itself.

MONDAY SINGLES

First Nett: Dan Kiely 41, Gross: Denis Duggan 53, Second Nett: Niall O'Loughlin 44 and Hole-In-

One: Dan Kiely (15th Hole).

FLESK RESTAURANT SUMMER SERIES

Wednesday July 29th- Winners: Jason Reen, Ryan O'Donoghue & Rory Moynihan 36¼ and Runners-Up: Jason O'Connor, Max Moynihan & Darragh O'Toole 38¼. Please note these events have now switched to Tuesdays for the month of August.

NATIONAL MENS STROKEPLAY

Best Wishes and a safe journey to Damien Fleming and John McGrath (Senior), James Fleming, Connie O'Sullivan and Dan Broderick (Intermediate) as well as David Harnett (Junior) in heading to the Midlands this weekend for their respective finals.

ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB

SATURDAY 1ST AUGUST 2026, LADY CAPTAIN ELAINE CASEY'S CAPTAIN'S PRIZE



Winners of Captain Elaine Casey's Captain's Day pictured left to right are Vice Lady Captain Miriam Hickey, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Emer Brosnan, Lady Captain Elaine Casey, Mary Moynihan. At the back left to right Mona Looney, Sarah Scanlon, Bridie Doyle, Ailish Mulcahy, Kitty O'Grady, Eileen Fleming, Mary McGuire & Emir Coffey.

SPORTS NEWS

FOSSA ROWING CLUB

Well done to our crews who travelled to West Cork to take part in the Castletownbere Regatta last weekend. Our U14's boys team finished 4th in an incredible 2km race, while our Novice women came second in a thriller of a race. Our Men's Double came fourth, while we had a silver win in the Men's Masters race. Incredible rowing by one and all!

Focus now turns to the County Championships which take place in Valentia on Saturday. Best of luck to all our crews!

FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB

RESULTS FOR 23RD JULY

1st: Marie Moloney & Joan Lenihan
2nd: Horst Rosler & Marie O'Sullivan Kenmare
3rd: Ursula Daly & Ciaran Broadbery

RESULTS FOR 30TH JULY

1st Horst Rosler & Marie O'Sullivan Kenmare
2nd Pauline Lyne & Breda Counihan
3rd Hanneke Nieman & Don O'Sullivan
Well done to you all.

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Fossa Rowing Club novice women who finished second at the weekend.

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KILLARNEY BRIDGE CLUB

RESULTS MONDAY 3RD AUGUST

North/South

1st: Pauline Lyne and Joan Lenihan
2nd: Maureen Culloty and Ger McSweeney
3rd: Phyllis O'Regan and Joan Culloty

Lady Captain Elaine Casey's Captain's Day was a huge success. Weather was outstanding and the course was immaculate. Well done to all the prize winners and all who played. Winner of Captain Elaine Casey's Captain's Day 18-hole competition was Emer Brosnan and Kathleen Fitzgerald won the 9-hole competition.

COMPETITIONS

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DRAMATIC DECIDER ENDS KERRY'S ALL IRELAND DREAMS

Galway 2-7 Kerry 0-12

By Daire Walsh

A 58th minute point from Eva Noone was the difference between the teams at Croke Park on Sunday as Galway bridged a 22-year gap to claim their second TG4 All-Ireland senior football championship title in a dramatic decider against Kerry.

In a repeat of the 2024 final between these counties – a game that saw Kerry triumphing on a final scoreline of 3-14 to 0-11 – Kingdom attacker Síofra O'Shea and Galway centre-forward Kate Slevin traded points during a largely cagey opening to the action.

Kerry created some daylight when O'Shea and 2024-winning skipper Niamh Carmody registered quickfire scores, but even though they were struggled to find the range off a series of promising attacks, Galway subsequently stormed into the contest.

Supplementing a Kate Thompson point, Leanne Coen was picked out close to the target by Eva Noone and dispatched an excellent shot with the outside of her right boot to the net in the 16th minute.

While Kerry responded to this set-back with a Jady Nucey point, a brace of Olivia Divilly efforts had Galway in the driving seat on 20 minutes. The Kingdom were keeping their composure, however, and unanswered white flag scores courtesy of Niamh Ní Chonchúir, Emma Costello and O'Shea meant the teams were inseparable at 0-7 to 1-4 at the break.

It continued to be a tight and tense affair on the resumption and a full nine minutes passed before Ní Chonchúir found space inside the Galway defence to edge the Kingdom back in front.

Yet Galway continued to get their hands on a lot of possession and they regained the ascendancy as a result of the always dependable Olivia Divilly and Róisín Leonard splitting the posts either side of the final-quarter mark.

Kerry had appeared to turn the tide in their favour when Ní Chonchúir and O'Shea (two) all found the range in quick succession, but Galway once again established a slender cushion when Nicola Ward fed Coen at the end of a trademark run on 54 minutes and the Corofin ace fired superbly beyond the reach of Mary Ellen Bolger for her second goal.

A determined Kerry replied with a Caoimhe Evans equaliser, only for Noone to round off another prolonged attack by curling over off her left foot from a right-hand angle.

Kerry continued to fight until the bitter end, but after the Munster champions had a goal ruled out for a square ball off an O'Shea two-point free attempt in the closing seconds, Galway finally added to their 2004 All-Ireland final success.

Scorers – Galway: L Coen 2-0, O Divilly 0-3 (1f), K Slevin, K Thompson, E Noone, R Leonard 0-1



Emma Costello of Kerry in action against Kate Geraghty of Galway during the LGFA TG4 All-Ireland Senior Championship final match between Galway and Kerry at Croke Park in Dublin.

Photo by Piaras Ó Mídeach/Sportsfile



Síofra O'Shea of Kerry celebrates scoring a point during the LGFA TG4 All-Ireland Senior Championship final match between Galway and Kerry at Croke Park in Dublin. Photo by Seb Daly/Sportsfile

each. Kerry: S O'Shea 0-5 (3f), N Ní Chonchúir 0-3, E Costello, N Carmody, C Evans, J Lucey 0-1 each.

GALWAY: L O'Halloran; B Quinn, S Ní Loingsigh, K Geraghty; H Noone, N Ward, N Divilly; L Ward, S Divilly; O Divilly, K Slevin, K Thompson; E Noone, L Coen, R Leonard. Subs: S Hynes for Thompson (52), E Power for S Divilly (56), A Trill for Leonard (59).

KERRY: ME Bolger; R Rahilly, D Kearney, E Lynch; A O'Connell, E Costello; A Dillane; M Mulvihill, M O'Connell; N Carmody, N Ní Chonchúir, C Evans; J Lucey, D O'Leary, S O'Shea. Subs: L McMahon for Mulvihill (43), E McGlynn for Lucey (52), R Dwyer for O'Leary (59).

Referee: Maggie Farrelly (Cavan).



Aishling O'Connell of Kerry during the LGFA TG4 All-Ireland Senior Championship final match between Galway and Kerry at Croke Park in Dublin. Photo by Paul Phelan/Sportsfile



TG4 ALL IRELAND SENIOR LADIES FOOTBALL FINAL

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JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY

takes a look at all things sport...

LATE HEARTBREAK FOR KERRY LADIES

**Ladies All Ireland Final:
Galway 2-7 Kerry 0-12**

It's kind of been one of those years for Kerry GAA. And yes, LGFA and Camogie are very much part of what I myself consider to be 'Kerry GAA' regardless of technicalities. They are all supposed to be one and the same organisation from next year on (admittedly, the political wind has changed sharply on that one and administratively, I can't see it happen, more's the pity).

The Kerry U20s won the All Ireland. We were waiting a long time for that one. The minors reached an All Ireland quarter-final, but a combination of injuries and an outstanding Kildare side scuppered them at that point.

The Mens' Senior Team – and let's be honest, that is by far and away the main headliner – did really well to nurse a lot of injuries and get to an All Ireland Final as favourites to retain Sam. Our engines didn't really fire; Mayo, with 75 years of hurt as rocket fuel, ignited and won fair and square. Fair enough.

Kerry camogie won Division Two of the National League (cracking final against Meath) and did well to reach an All Ireland Intermediate semi-final against Laois. They battled really hard but Laois were just that little bit better; it happens. The Kerry hurlers lost out to Laois in the Division Two National League Final, but did get promoted back to Division 1B. That set them up nicely for a run at the Christy Ring Cup – having only just come down from McDonagh stadard, Kerry would justifiably have been hoping to get back up to the higher grade. It didn't happen; Derry blitzed us in the final. Tough one to take. The ladies were our best hope, especially after the Minors won the U18 B All Ireland. Mark Bourke's senior team had had a bit of a slow burn throughout the National League - it turned out to be a brilliant strategy that saw them peaking into the latter stages before seeing off Dublin in a powerful semi-final performance. Galway had been impressive all year, especially in seeing off a strong Armagh in their semi-final, setting the stage for a repeat of the 2024 All Ireland Final. Good start by Kerry, winning the throw-in and driving forward. Galway were funnelling players back rapidly and closing off any gaps – I suspect that was always their game-plan against this Kerry team, it would have been mine, with that inside forward line. A foul on Mary O'Connell just as she offloaded to Siofra O'Shea gave the Kerry captain a handy tap-over free to open the scoring.

At the other end Eva Noone had an effort drop



Action from TG4 All Ireland Ladies Final. Photo: Konrad Pytlowski



short. Good drive forward by Kerry, Deirdre Kearney and Roisin Rahilly sprinting up like foxes in a henhouse – Galway were opened neatly, but Roisin's snapshot at goal skinned just past the far post. A let-off for the Tribeswomen, great Kerry play.

They weren't short of teeth themselves, though. It was their turn for a quick attack, neatly finished between the posts by captain Kate Slevin. Olivia Divilly had a from long distance – it wasn't far away.

At the other end Siofra won and converted a free. Another Kate Slevin effort dropped short; Mary Ellen Bolger had to be alert to clear the danger. Superb point by Niamh Carmody after good work by Caoimhe Evans, a real confidence kick. 0-3 to 0-1.

Leanne Coen and Roisin Leonard both had scoring efforts fall short. Galway were definitely matching us in open play. Kate Thompson halved the gap with a great score. The message

already was that Galway could shoot; we need to have pressure on. Roisin Leonard with a chance, great block down by Emma Costello. That's pressure.

Next one isn't, though, Leanne Coen gathers and turns in one move and simply sprints just outside the tackle of two Kerry defenders before lifting a confident finish past a hapless Mary Ellen. Brilliantly taken goal, full credit to her – but it needs to be harder than that. 1-2 to 0-3, Galway in front.

Good response by Kerry, though. They moved the ball quickly down the field and Jadyn Lucey coolly fired over her shoulder to split the posts. The goal has enervated Galway, though. Olivia Divilly slotted a free and then added a super point from play. Goal between them.

Niamh Ní Chonchúir, great kick. Just got it away before Eva Noone could intercept and it's straight over. Great piece of skill. Kerry



Action from TG4 All Ireland Ladies Final.
Photo: Konrad Pytlowski

turned over the kick-out and Emma Costello made it 1-4 to 0-6. This wasn't exactly Emma's first rodeo – with Anna Galvin unfortunately out injured, Emma was the sole survivor from the Kerry team that faced Cork in the 2012 All Ireland Final. Some of ye don't know how that one went for us. I was there – trust me, ye are better off. Great Cork team.

Galway with chances, but neither Bronagh Quinn nor Kate Thompson could quite direct their efforts on target. A free from Siofra O'Shea saw the sides go in level at the break, 0-7 to 1-4. I'd have been happy enough. They had more shots than us but we had been more clinical. I still felt that we had at least one goal in us, even though that crowded Galway backline was very well marshalled.

The third quarter.....look, no offence to anybody, but can we maybe kind of reply this bit in fast forward? I'm sorry, but two good teams basically completely nullified each other and honestly, it made for a bit of a laborious watch. Danielle O'Leary...great shimmy to open up space but the shot curls too much off the boot. Galway with a couple of chances; really tigerish defending by Aoife Dillane and Emma Costello in particular, and the lines are cleared. Great pass by Niamh Carmody to open it up for Asling O'Connell. She's fouled, but for once Siofra's radar is a fraction awry and her effort comes back off the post.

Ten minutes gone and the first white flag was raised. Great work by Kerry, with Niamh Carmody's clever reverse pass allowing Niamh Ní Chonchúir to double her personal tally and put Kerry in front. Olivia Divilly looked dangerous every time she got on the ball, and her third point had the teams level again.

Look, I don't want to be this guy, but I have to say it. 0-1 apiece after a full quarter? By the two best ladies' teams in the country? And they are – I'm not disputing that, the football itself is brilliantly contested – but there seems to be more of an emphasis on closing gaps than

opening them. I don't have answers, I'm not even sure how to phrase the question, but I think there's maybe a conversation to be had. And yes, I did hear the nonsense about moving the two point line closer for ladies' games.....that won't be happening. As I say, there is already strong pushback against amalgamation, does anyone really think this nonsense is viable? No chance. But I digress.....

Great effort by Kerry. Danielle O'Leary did the heavy lifting to win the ball before passing it to Leah McMahon, who drilled an effort across the face of goal. Caoimhe Evans at the back post tried to poke it home but the chance passed too fast. So near....so very far. Kerry deserved something from that, but 'deserve' is not a word suited to sports reports. At all.

More drama at the other end. Louise Ward was blocked down, but Kate Slevin pounced and Mary Ellen had to react very fast to get out and smother the shot. The game was definitely livening up now!

Galway worked the '45 short and it was Roisín Leonard who slotted over to put them in front. Niamh Ní Chonchúir.....that is a fantastic score. Maybe the best of the game. Just one glance, a sidestep, and straight between the posts. Siofra O'Shea adds another. And then fists over another one and Kerry won the kick-out and Caoimhe Evans found her. Two points in front. Eight minutes to go, both teams going for it now, and Kerry look fractionally better to me.

Disaster. Great run by Nicola Ward, to be fair, sliced right through us. Remember Ryan O'Donoghue's burst for Mayo's goal in the mens' game? Yeah, touch of déjà vu. Laid off to Leanne Coen. Perfectly weighted pass, Coen could and did accelerate into it, had the pace to get past the last defenders and fire home. 2-6 to 0-11. Cat squawking loudly among the pigeons again.

Good work by Kerry. No panic, just football, and Caoimhe Evans finished off a very good move. Level pegging.

Eva Noone.... I thought it might drop short but no, good score. Galway in front.

Controversy. Oh, jaysus, lads, I don't really want to touch any of thi. But here we go.

Kerry on the attack, ref playing advantage, but the whistle sounds just before she pops it over the bar? Should the point have stood? At the time I was adamant. Yes. Kerry played advantage, and the point was the advantage. Why call play back? Point should have stood.

Except.....it was outside the arc. It was a two point free, not one. If Kerry had scored that two pointer, can you honestly tell me that one Kerry person (myself included) would have argued that play should have continued and the one point have stood? And it's solely the referee's call, by the way, neither Siofra nor Kerry get any say in that decision. It's a football match, not a debate. I don't think there was any answer that Maggie Farrelly could have given that would satisfy all sides.

Free taken, just short at the back post, defender accidentally touches it in. Whistle sounds, squareball.

Stop. Correct decision. Absolutely spot on. From a set piece, e.g. a free, the ball has to be in the square before an attacking player enters (from play, an attacking player can enter the square as soon as the ball is kicked). Was there a Kerry player inside the square before Siofra took the kick? Yes.

No Kerry player touched the ball. Ah yes, there is a very limited exception for a high ball where the encroaching player is not interfering with play. First of all, I always think of the response of soccer's genius egomaniac Brian Clough in regard to the offside rule - "Any player of mine bloody well better be interfering with play!". Second, you are seriously telling me that if they didn't have to focus on the threat from those Kerry forwards, a defender wasn't just going to catch that ball? That would count as clutching at straws – if there were any straws to clutch at in the first place.

Look, Kerry did us proud. It was a long and gruelling year and a huge achievement to get to the All Ireland Final. Our men's team got beaten fair and square by Mayo, fair enough. And I actually think that's easier to take. The ladies' game was basically a toss of a coin. There was nothing between them all through. We lost on swings and roundabouts. So be it. The scoreboard isn't the measure of any team, and this team did us all really proud.

Galway: Leah O'Halloran, Brónagh Quinn, Sarah Ní Loingsigh, Kate Geraghty, Hannah Noone, Nicola Ward, Louise Ward, Niamh Divilly, Siobhán Divilly, Eva Noone (0-1), Kate Slevin (0-1), Kate Thompson (0-1), Olivia Divilly (0-3, 1f), Leanne Coen (2-0), Roisín Leonard (0-1).

Subs: Shauna Hynes (for Kate Thompson, 51 mins), Ellen Power (for Siobhán Divilly, 56 mins), Andrew Trill (for Roisín Leonard, 57 mins).

Kerry: Mary Ellen Bolger, Eilís Lynch, Deirdre Kearney, Aoife Dillane, Aishling O'Connell, Niamh Carmody (0-1), Roisín Rahilly, Emma Costello (0-1), Mary O'Connell, Mikaela Mulvihill, Niamh Ní Chonchúir (0-03), Caoimhe Evans (0-1), Jadyne Lucey (0-1), Danielle O'Leary, Siofra O'Shea (0-5, 3f). Subs: Leah McMahon (for Mikaela Mulvihill, 43 mins), Erica McGlynn (for Jadyne Lucey, 51 mins), Rachel Dwyer (for Danielle O'Leary, 57 mins).

Referee: Margaret Farrelly (Cavan).



Kerry supporters at the All Ireland Ladies Final.
Photo: Konrad Pytlowski

ABBEYDORNEY TOO STRONG FOR YOUNG BRENDAN'S AND WIN THIRD TITLE IN A ROW

**County Hurling Final:
Abbeydorney 3-16
St. Brendans 1-12**

There was a certain predictability about this one. St. Brendans have some incredible talent coming through, really incredible. Two in a row County U21 champions. They will lift Neilus Flynn in the next couple of years – depending, as always with Kerry hurling, on how many players are around for the long haul. In an intercounty sense, we always seem to have a talented young crop just coming through.....and somehow they never seem to arrive. I'm also a bit concerned about the amount of games some of these lads are playing. The likes of Eoin O'Flaherty, Liam Óg O'Connor....has anyone actually stopped to look at the amount of games they have played this year between football and hurling, schools, club and county? Especially in what we have to admit are fairly condensed hurling championships where games come thick and fast? I know there's a public debate about the amount expected on inter-county players, and that debate is needed, but I honestly think it needs a wider scope.

Let us hope that I am wrong about these things. In fairness, I often have been before and no doubt will again.

St. Brendans made a lively start. Fionán Egan actually clipped over three early points. They were showing pace and drive. Micheal O'Leary had pointed a free for the two-time champions, but actually even he was struggling to get away from a tenacious Daithí Griffin.

Abbeydorney were beginning to quietly take control, however. Jeed Maunsell and Ronan Donovan were locking down the back – quite honestly, without disrespecting Oisín Maunsell who actually got it, my man of the match would have been Ronan. I just thought understated excellence; players like that don't feature too much on highlight reels but they win you an awful lot of games.

At the start of the second quarter Michael Slattery lashed confidently to the net – it's his thing, you might say – and Abbeydorney were in front. That seemed to break the dam, with Maunsell scoring his first goal in less than a minute.

In fairness, St. Brendans responded superbly. Nathan O'Driscoll – I was surprised to see him positioned out the field, but it worked really well – clipped over. Liam Óg O'Connor (I don't want to tempt fate, but this guy is a real talent) added another. Just a goal between them.

Michael O'Leary had a penalty to double that tally, but Darren Delaney made a superb save. But he ('65), Mikey Clifford, Niall O'Mahony, and O'Leary again (2f) kept the tide flowing strongly in just one direction. Fionán Egan did pull back a free, but you'd have to say that Abbeydorney were full value or a 2-7 to 0-6 half-time lead.

Oisín Maunsell and Cian Hussey (one of a number of impressive Brendans' substitutes) exchanged points early in the second half. Abbeydorney keeper Jason Fealy had to do really well to keep out efforts from Liam Óg O'Connor and Gearóid Sheehan. Niall O'Mahony made it 2-9 to 0-7 in Abbeydorney's favour; hard to imagine a comeback from here. They kept plugging away manfully, a fine score by Darren Dineen standing out, but Abbeydorney always had another gear. That showed especially when Micheal Slattery cut a ball back on the endline. Oisín Maunsell simply swooped, gathered....he had two good hurlers to beat, so that's exactly what he did, before planting it home.

Both sides picked off more points before the finish – John Egan came off the bench for St. Brendans and got on the scoreboard; Fionán didn't lick his hurling off the stones, as they say! John was one of St. Brendan's greatest players during their heyday, but that mantle has undeniably passed to three in a row winners Abbeydorney. They were absent from the roll of honour for half a century; suddenly the question is, who can stop them doing four?

Arrah, this is Kerry hurling. Lads from every parish will congratulate warmly, and deservedly so. But half of them are already quietly looking towards next year.....

Sure, that's exactly how we want it.

Abbeydorney: Jason Fealy, Ruairí Ó hAiniféin, Stephan Egan, Jedd Maunsell, Damien Hogan, Ronan Donovan, James O'Connor, David Egan, Darragh O'Connell, Michael O'Leary (0-6, 5f, '65), Mikey Clifford (0-1), Jack Sheehan (0-2), Michael Slattery (1-2), Oisín Maunsell (2-4), Niall O'Mahoney (0-1). Subs: Kian Sheehan (for Darragh O'Connell, half-time), Adam Maunsell (for Damien Hogan, 45 mins), Brendan O'Leary (for Michael Slattery, 55 mins), Jack Hannon (for David Egan, 58 mins), Calum O'Sullivan (for Niall O'Mahoney (60).

St Brendan's: Darren Delaney, Gavin Raggett, Eric Leen (capt), Killian Wolff, Hugh Linehan, Daithí Griffin, Nathan O'Driscoll (0-2), Odhran Ferris, Gary O'Riordan, Seán Brosnan, Liam Óg O'Connor (0-2), Eoin O'Flaherty, Earnán Ferris, Gearóid Sheehan, Fionán Egan (0-5, 4f). Subs: Cian Hussey 0-2 (for Seánie Brosnan, half time), Darren Dineen 0-1 (for Wolff, 38 mins), Seamus O'Halloran 1-0 (for Gearóid Sheehan, 38 mins), Stephen Leen (for Gavin Raggett, 45 mins), John Egan (for Earnán Ferris, 52 mins).

Referee: John O'Halloran (Limerick)

LATE FLOURISH SEALS DR. CROKES INTERMEDIATE TRIUMPH

**Intermediate Hurling Final:
Dr. Crokes 4-15
St. Brendans 2-15**

With the game delicately poised, a storming finish saw Dr. Crokes prevail over a St. Brendans Intermediate outfit who looked in control for



Action from the Intermediate Hurling Final when Dr. Crokes beat St. Brendans to win the cup.

long periods of the game but couldn't hold off the Killarney side's sheer tenacity, with late goals from Tom Doyle and Brian O'Connor finally putting an epic struggle to bed.

Dr. Crokes made it a lightning start, with Jack O'Riordan teeing up Brian O'Connor for a shot at goal, only for goalkeeper Christopher Lawlor to make a superb save. Crokes midfielder Mark Heffernan, outstanding over the hour, opened the scoring with a free. A minute later the goal did arrive, Fionn Dineen blasting superbly to the net. Tiernan O'Sullivan gathered a cleverly taken '65 to open St. Brendans' account but they had a narrow escape soon afterwards when Brian O'Connor's effort was very narrowly wide of goal in fairness, Lawlor had been out fast to spread himself and minimise the options.

St. Brendans rejigged slightly, dropping a man back to close the avenue to Dr. Crokes two front men, and the tide soon began to turn. Brendan O'Connor and wing back Jack Moriarty clipped over points -both were increasingly influential. David Carroll clipped over for Dr. Crokes but a Mikey Davis point left Brendans just one behind. Mark Heffernan fired over a beauty for Dr. Crokes but Jack Moriarty cancelled that out with a free. Brendan O'Connor added another to level matters before a lively Kevin Orpen nudged the Ardfer side in front. Orpen showed a fabulous bit of skill with a pick-up but his shot was narrowly wide. It was a brief delay, with Jack Moriarty finding Brendan O'Connor to put his side two in front. St. Brendans were on top in general play now, but they had a narrow scare when another Brian O'Connor goal chance was scrambled clear. Both sides were leaving a few chances behind them at this stage, but the exception was Dr. Crokes' midfielder Mark Heffernan, later named man of the match, with another long range beauty. Keith O'Mahoy set up Tiernan O'Sullivan for a Brendans' point but it was the outstanding Mark Heffernan who had the last score of the first half to keep his side in contention.

Half-time St. Brendans 0-9 Dr. Crokes 1-5

Heffernan was on fire here and opened the second half scoring with a free to leave the sides level. However, disaster struck for the Killarney side when Kevin Orpen reacted fastest to a loose ball in the Dr. Crokes' square and pounced to poke home. 1-9 to 1-6.

It didn't ruffle Dr. Crokes. Nathaniel Doncel picked off a great point. Brendan O'Connor and Mark Heffernan traded frees. The excellent Jack Moriarty restored the three point gap for St. Brendans before exchanging scores with Heffernan. At this stage St. Brendans looked



Dr. Crokes Intermediate hurlers and fans celebrate their win in the Intermediate Hurling final

more or less in control of proceedings, but Dr. Crokes were grimly and defiantly battling away. With four minutes left, they got the break they needed, Brian O'Connor gathering smartly and printing through for a great goal. Even then, it must have seemed as if the fates were conspiring against them, with Kevin Orpen very deftly gathering a long ball and firing home a similar goal at the other end. With time drawing to a close, Tom Doyle managed to fire over a great point to keep his sides' hopes alive and Dr. Crokes pressure finally told as they forced a free adroitly converted by Mark Heffernan to take the game to extra time.

Mark Heffernan and Brendan O'Connor exchanged frees at the start of extra-time. Brian O'Connor struck a nice point to put Dr. Crokes in front and Mark Heffernan added a free, but Kevin Orpen notched a superb point to leave his side just one point behind as the teams turned around.

Both sides were understandably tired now. Brendan O'Connor won and converted a free to draw his side level once more with just minutes remaining. It was the Killarney side who had that little bit extra left in the tank, though. Mark Heffernan spotted Tom Doyle on the edge of the square and sent in a great long ball – the county man needed no second invitation and the onion bag rattled once again. They weren't quite done – as St. Brendans desperately pressed forward, Dr. Crokes exploited the space left behind and once again Brian O'Connor's pace was crucial as he raced in to slot his second and his sides' fourth goal to seal a remarkable triumph. Jubilation for Dr. Crokes; St. Brendans will be hoping to finish this week with a victory on Sunday in a slightly more prestigious final against Abbeydorney.

Dr. Crokes: Daithí Kenny, Mark O'Connor, James Murphy, Seán Barry, Anthony Keogh, Nathaniel Doncel (0-1), David Carroll (0-1), Mark Heffernan (0-11, 7f), Tom Doyle (1-1), Jack O'Riordan, Kieran O'Connor, Adam Byrne, Brian O'Connor (2-1), Fionn Dineen (1-1), Kevin Landers. Subs Aaron Murphy (for Kevin Landers, half-time), Stephen Noonan (for Kieran O'Connor, 57), Mark O'Connor (for Anthony Keogh, 67), T.J. O'Sullivan (for Jack O'Riordan, 73)

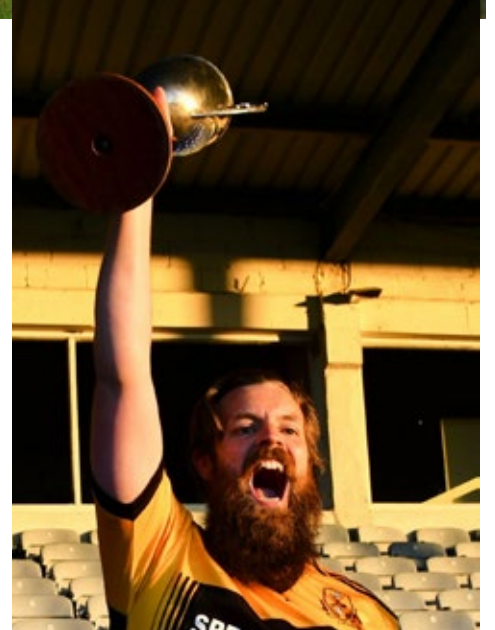
St. Brendans: Christopher Lawlor, Tom O'Flaherty, Kieran Fitzgerald, John David, Jack Moriarty (0-4, 1f), Pádraig O'Sullivan, Adam McDonagh, Donal O'Sullivan, Mikey Davis (0-1), Danny Costello, Fionán Horgan, Keith O'Mahony, Tiernan O'Sullivan (0-2), Brendan O'Connor (0-6, 4f), Kevin Orpen (2-2). Subs Eoghan Kearney (for Adam McDonagh, half-time), John Hussey (for Tiernan O'Sullivan, 40), Pádraig O'Mahony (for Keith O'Mahony, 55), Billy Doyle (for Mikey Davis, 72), Brody Leen (for John Hussey, 73)

Referee: Joe Murphy (Ballyduff)

SOCCKER World Cup Debacle

FIFA Presidents....yeah, not a great record there, is there? Jules Rimet was easily the best of them, and one of the greatest humanitarians of his age. After that? I mean, Stanley Rous was unquestionably honest. Blatantly racist, huge supporter of apartheid and bitterly opposed to African or Asian nations in international soccer....look, the truth is that was a more common viewpoint back in the sixties than we like to admit. Did you actually know that there was an English FIFA President for most of the 1960s? You probably didn't – they don't really talk about him much. Then came Joao Havelange, who was....how do I put this? You know the way that the International Olympic Committee was blatantly, outrageously corrupt in those days, and I still don't trust them? Quick shout out to Pat Hickey, if ye remember the name. He schemed to have John Delaney appointed as his successor – as awful a thing as it is to say, even John Delaney would have been an improvement. Havelange was of the same mould, and had even less subtlety. The simple fact is that by then everyone knew that FIFA Council members were there to line their own pockets (it's not like the consistently mismanaged FAI had much credibility either, long before the failures were dragged into the light).

Blatter was eventually indicted, but the machinery designed to keep the FIFA money train still rolling smoothly kicked into gear.



Dr. Crokes hurling captain and goalkeeper David Kenny holds aloft the winning cup.

Blatter's chosen protege, Gianni Infantino, took the helm. And has been....jaysus. Can we have Joao Havelange back, please? Like, Sepp Blatter has called out Infantino for the damage he has done to soccer. Sepp Blatter, of all people, calling you out as a failure? It'd be like Bertie Ahern criticising Charlie Haughey. Like, you're not wrong, but you are not the lad who gets to call it out.

Gianni Infantino. Look, I'll never stop mentioning it – they awarded a World Cup to Qatar. Forget the mountain of evidence of blatant corruption. Even without that, can you offer a single rational reason why you would award a World Cup to a boiling hot desert country with almost no actual soccer facilities? Qatar spent a fortune to host a mediocre World Cup – great final, to be fair. For a while, Middle Eastern countries, most notably Saudi Arabia, were hurling money at international sports events, e.g. signing Cristiano Ronaldo, as they sought to divert revenue streams from oil and 'sports-wash' some very nasty deeds. Jamal Khashoggi is a name worth googling if you don't know it. I think that era is fading away. The likes of Prince Mohammad Bin Salman have come to realise that the likes of LIV Golf was divisive rather than the opposite. Spending those vast

sums was costing them credibility, not adding to it. Before them, China was investing heavily in soccer, for much the same reasons, with top players signing with Chinese teams for multi-million euro fortunes. That, too, faded away as the wave of enthusiasm never really took off in China.

There is a great poem written on a plaque inside the Statue of Liberty. In part, it reads "Send me your huddled masses, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore". Gianni Infantino, never an intellectual giant, kind of missed the point and thought "Why, wretched refuse? He must be talking about FIFA" and promptly awarded the US the World Cup. Well, technically, the US, Canada, and Mexico, but Canada and Mexico didn't really have seats at the negotiating table. To be fair, I genuinely don't believe that Trump et al paid actual bribes, in spite of the 'FIFA Peace Prize' to Trump nonsense that was absolutely pitiful even by FIFA standards.

The huge number of teams (48) did no-one any favours. It was a very lucrative tournament, just not a very good one. Frenetic rather than quality. And as for that appalling final.....yerra, would ye just toss a coin and have done, instead of making people watch that hideousness?

FIFA's credibility didn't exactly get a boost, but their income most certainly did, and that looked like enough to have Infantino re-elected without opposition. And then the faeces started hitting the propeller....

FIFA had overturned a red card for US star Folarin Balogun. And Donald Trump claimed (credibly, for once in his life) that he had made phone calls to make that happen. I think he thought this would boost his political support. It really, really didn't. The US team and supporters were an absolute credit to themselves and their country. And they were appalled and embarrassed at this clown show. The vast majority of Americans actually believe strongly in sportsmanship.

Infantino realised pretty quickly that he had miscalculated badly. If nothing else, Norway have put in an objection to his ruling. Infantino claims that things were done according to procedure, except that, well, he can't actually outline that procedure.

Especially with precedent. A lot of people forget it, but Cristiano Ronaldo had a suspension for a red card mysteriously wiped off the books by FIFA because....well, basically because the World Cup is our money-maker, and the likes of Ronaldo and Messi could have stabbed someone in the run-up to the tournament and FIFA wouldn't even have blinked.

I don't think that it would have been enough to stop his re-election. But then he made a much bigger blunder.....or rather, the guy who took a World Cup to Qatar assumed that other FIFA associations were as venal as he himself is. After all, they had swallowed sewage repeatedly already and claimed that it tasted like champagne. He didn't need to really argue any points; they would fall in line with his whims at short notice. That's how it works.

So he announced that he was going to sell off 20% of the FIFA World Cup to a consortium headed up by Jared Kushner's younger brother. Kushner being Trump's son-in-law. The

Kushners have long been Trump lackeys. Jared and Joshua's Da was pardoned by Trump for fraud offences and is now the US Ambassador to France. He doesn't speak French, which I imagine the French consider a mercy. To say that the optics aren't good....

Infantino knew full well how bad this would look. So he made it quick and simple. If you keep schtum and sign off on this within a short timeframe so that it becomes a fait accompli, your association gets \$20m handed to you. If you try to argue against this monstrosity of a yard sale of sports property, you get no moolah. We've all seen this before. You get grumbles, but everybody falls in line fast. Except....

UEFA said no. I...actually, read that again. UEFA, not exactly recognised as moral guardians, said no. Ye might remember Platini and Breckenbauer as two of the greatest players of all time. They were also among the worst administrators with UEFA. Platini almost became FIFA President ahead of Infantino. Incredible as it sounds, that wouldn't have been an improvement.

But UEFA came out almost straight away and said "We're not touching this absolute steaming pile of nonsense with a barge pole. We have strong stomachs, but not this strong". Not only that, the major nations in UEFA made it clear they would not be participating in FIFA competitions. The World Cup may have been too Euro-centric for a long time, along with South America, but you want to sell a World Cup that doesn't have England, France, Germany, Spain, Italy? Good luck with that. Nobody asked the FAI, by the way. Why would you? Concacaf (North American soccer, basically) joined with UEFA almost straight away. The Asian Confederation followed suit. Conmembol (South America) and Africa were willing to fall in line, but already this was an international debate, which was the last thing that Infantino wanted. This was meant to be one of those deals that could theoretically stand up to scrutiny, provided nobody actually scrutinised it.

As it stands, Infantino backed down a week ago. Joshus Kushner's firm, Thrive Eternal (I swear to ye I did not make that up; it actually is the company's name. These people apparently think they are living in a Marvel movie) withdrew. Infantino is now facing calls from FIFA to impeach him. He has also been called up to testify before the US House of Representatives, although that body is practically useless at this stage. The likes of Raskin will bark a lot, but there isn't anybody willing to bite Trump cronies.

Will Infantino survive this? Funny enough, I think what will actually scupper him isn't the blatant nonsense of selling other people's property (FIFA is, hilariously, legally a non-profit). The Balogun red card thing played the exact opposite of the way it was meant. I still believe that Infantino presumed that he would do Trump the corrupt favour of wiping out the red card, but that Trump would have the brains to keep his mouth shut about it. Infantino has had an awful lot of blatant faults and hypocrisy from the start, but he has never been stupid. And the first half of that sentence applies to

Trump as well. No, I think the killer move was giving Trump that imaginary 'Peace Prize'. That demeaned everyone involved. Worse, it made it obvious that FIFA officials below the President were lackeys, functionaries at best. It made Infantino's contempt for them (understandable contempt by previous records) publicly obvious. I think that was the strange little hobgoblin's real sin, the thing that really offended them, and that's why I think he might be finished. Hopefully, anyway.

Kerry FC

Kerry FC 3- Cobh Ramblers 0

I was a bit nervous about this one. We are as good as Cobh often enough, but we've been in positions to take ourselves into the upper half of the table before and these are the games where we seem to cough up something. But there seems to be a bit of real steel about Colin Healy's side now. I could be wrong, but it feels like they are getting confident in setting their own internal standards rather than trying to match outside expectations. Look, it's been a great week, but it's not like there's anything carved in stone. I'm just saying that I think they are travelling in the right direction. Do I think we'll get through the play-offs and win promotion? No, and frankly I hope not, I genuinely think we would be straight back down after a series of crushing defeats and huge expenditure. Being realistic is not the same as being negative.

We are getting there. Definitely. Friday was a good win, but I think there was actually more pressure on this one. And Kerry really produced. Seán O'Connell with a great free kick, and Cina Murphy rose high to firmly head home. Good goal. Not 'spectacular'....just done perfectly, and consequently very hard to stop.

Daniel Okwute down the wing, dangerous ball across....couldn't quite get the touch.

Cobh were struggling. Battlers always but they only had one real chance and Matthew Connor saved that comfortably enough.

On the half hour mark, Seán McGrath just took off, slicing precisely through an already beleaguered defence before coolly slotting home. 2-0.

Just before the break, Cian Bargery neatly lined it up for Cian Murphy to control it on the run and slot Kerry's third.

Cobh came more into it in the second half of a good contest. Kerry still looked the more dangerous side. Cian Bargery had a great effort denied by the crossbar, while Matthew Connor had to be sharp again with another fine save at the other end. When the final whistle sounded, Kerry still led by a resounding 3-0.

One of the just over 800 spectators was one Roy Keane. Normally this would be an opportunity for wit and humour, but no. He was, by all and every account, an absolute gentleman from start to finish. He spent a huge amount of the night signing autographs and posing for photos. Look, absolute class, and that deserves to be acknowledged.

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LEGION GAA

U16 GIRLS

Our U16 ladies welcomed Dr Crokes in Rd 2 Div 3 of the Co. League.

Crokes made the stronger start and led 3-3 to 1-3 at half-time. Legion came out with great determination after the break, putting the visitors under pressure and battled hard to close the gap. Despite a fantastic effort, the girls were left with too much to do, and Dr Crokes ran out winners. Full-Time: Legion 3-7, Dr Crokes 5-7. Thanks to our referee for officiating and to Dr Crokes for a very sporting game.

IRISH TEAM

A huge congratulations to KVIC sprinter Sarah Leahy on her selection to represent Ireland in the 4x100m Relay at the upcoming European Athletics Championships in Birmingham, UK, taking place **10th-16th August.

Before donning the green of Ireland, Sarah will proudly wear the green and purple of Killarney Valley AC as she lines out with her club teammates in the Athletics Ireland National League Premier Division Final on 9th August.

Following the National League Final, Sarah will travel to Birmingham the very next day to join Team Ireland for what promises to be another exciting chapter in her international athletics journey.

Everyone at Killarney Legion is immensely proud of Sarah's continued success and wishes her, and all of Team Ireland, the very best in Birmingham.

CONGRATULATIONS

Everyone at the club sends their best wishes to David o Sullivan and Tara on the birth of their baby girl Hallie.

SENIOR MEN

Our senior team beat St Mary's on a 2-19 v 0-12 scoreline last Saturday evening in Killorglin. Laune Rangers and Listowel Emmets provide the opposition in the remaining two group games

SYMPATHY

The club was shocked and saddened to hear of the passing of Donie Whitty o Sullivan. Donie was a great Killarney man and we send our sympathies to Claire, Cian and Grainne at this sad time. Ar Dheis De go raibh a Anam Sympathy also to David, Niamh, John, Seamus and Anna on the death of their father Brian o Shea of Gortahoonig, Muckross

LOTTO



Action from the Div. 1 Minor County League Final when Dr. Crokes were victorious over Listry on a scoreline of Dr. Crokes 3:16 Listry 2:14.

Lotto Numbers: 4, 10, 22, 28. Bonus 18. Match 3s/ Lucky Dips: Eileen Buckley, Jeremiah Mangan, Donal Reen.

EAST KERRY

EAST KERRY JUNIOR LEAGUE DIVISION 1 FINAL

Dr Crokes 0-10. Rathmore 0-13 AET

EAST KERRY U 14 LEAGUE

Glenflesk 4-12 Na Fianna 5-16

Currow 5-11 Kenmare 4-16

Rathmore 4-18 Legion 4-10

Firies 5-11 Kilcummin 4-23

Fossa 5-09 Spa 3-10

Spa B 1-05 Dr Crokes B 5-20

Rathmore B 1-09 Beaufort 4-10

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ALL IRELAND FINAL

Hard luck to the Kerry Ladies team on their defeat in Sunday's All Ireland Final against Galway.

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

Kerry South U15/U16 teams were in action over the weekend. Kerry South U15 hosted Clare U15

in Fitzgerald Stadium on Saturday. Two well balanced teams produced an excellent display of football before a large attendance. Connie O Connor (Manager) was delighted with all players effort during the game well handled by Paul Hayes (Referee) on the day. Kerry South U16 met Offaly U16 in the National Development League. The game was well contested all through with great skill levels on display. Brian McMahon (Manager) gave lots of game time to all players during the match. Every player will take learnings from the matches developing and improving every aspect of match day experience in games based environment.

DR. CROKES

COUNTY INTERMEDIATE HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Dr. Crokes 4-15 St. Brendan's 2-15 (AET)

We captured the Kerry Petroleum Intermediate Hurling Championship title after producing a superb extra-time display to overcome St. Brendan's in a thrilling final at Fitzgerald Stadium on Thursday last. Having been pushed all the way by determined opponents, we found another gear in the closing stages of extra-time to secure a memorable county success. We made an ideal start as Adam Byrne won the throw-in, allowing Mark Heffernan to open the scoring from a free before Fionn Dineen brilliantly found the net from a tight angle.



Action from Rd 1 of the Intermediate Club Championship when Killarney Legion came away with a win over St. Mary's by 13 points. Photo: Maria O'Sullivan



Peter O'Sullivan in action for Killarney Legion in Round 1 of the Intermediate Club Championship V St. Mary's. Photo: Maria O'Sullivan



Action from the Div. 1 Minor County League Final when Dr. Crokes were victorious over Listry on a scoreline of Dr. Crokes 3:16 Listry 2:14.

David Carroll and Heffernan added further points, but St. Brendan's gradually settled into the contest, keeping the scoreboard moving with a combination of frees and scores from play. We stayed in touch thanks to two excellent late points from Heffernan, trailing by just one at the break, 1-05 to 0-09. Heffernan resumed where he left off with an early free, but St. Brendan's struck for a goal from a long-range delivery to maintain the initiative. Nathaniel Doncel responded with an excellent point before Heffernan continued to punish the opposition from placed balls and open play. The turning point appeared to come when Brian O'Connor showed tremendous determination to win possession before powering through for an outstanding goal. St. Brendan's, however, refused to surrender and grabbed a dramatic late goal before Tom Doyle and another Heffernan free restored parity, leaving the sides deadlocked at 2-12 apiece at the end of normal time. Extra-time belonged to Crokes. Heffernan and Brian O'Connor edged them in front before St. Brendan's again levelled the contest with five minutes remaining. The decisive score arrived when Heffernan delivered a dangerous ball into the square, with Stephen Noonan's pressure creating enough confusion for the slotar to finish in the net. Moments later Adam Byrne won crucial possession before

releasing Brian O'Connor, who raced clear to fire home his second goal and finally put the result beyond doubt. Mark Heffernan's Man of the Match performance, Brian O'Connor's two superbly taken goals and a determined team performance proved decisive as Captain, Dáithí Kenny, lifted Corn Antóin Ó Murchú after a gripping final.

DIV. 1 MINOR COUNTY LEAGUE FINAL

Dr. Crokes 3:16 Listry 2:14

We were crowned County League champions after producing a superb performance to overcome Listry in an entertaining final in Kilcummin on Monday evening. Listry opened the scoring with an early point before Ben Kelliher landed an excellent two-pointer, and moments later Dara O'Sullivan finished brilliantly to the net after a well-worked play involving Conor Clifford. Eanna Hennigan added another point, while Ben converted two frees to keep the scoreboard ticking over. Listry battled back with two goals and a two-pointer to edge ahead approaching half-time. Ben Kelliher's accuracy from placed balls ensured Crokes stayed in touch as we trailed 2-07 to 1-06 at the break. The second half was ours to take. Dara O'Sullivan, Mark O'Carroll and Ben Kelliher all pointed early before Ben Kelliher reacted quickest to finish to the net after Mark O'Carroll's soccer-style

effort had been saved, bringing the sides level. Dara O'Sullivan grabbed his second goal of the game to swing the contest firmly in our favour, while Mark O'Carroll and Ben Kelliher both struck impressive two-pointers to keep daylight between the sides. Listry continued to battle and added late scores, but we always had the answers. Ben Kelliher added further frees and a two-pointer before Finn O'Donnell rounded off the scoring with a fine point from play.

LOTTO took place on August 3rd Numbers drawn were 12, 17, 18, 23. Jackpot of €5,000 was NOT WON. 10 patrons matched 3 numbers and received €40 each. Jackpot for draw on August 10th will be €5,300. Play online by following the link below <https://member.clubspot.app/club/dr-crokes-gaa/fundraisers>

BINGO

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

CONDOLENCES to the O'Sullivan Family on the passing of Donie Whitty O'Sullivan. May he rest in peace.

NOTES

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



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A Word of Victory

"My Covenant of Blessing and Peace will never be broken, says the Lord Who has Mercy on you. O storm battered city, troubled and desolate I will rebuild you with precious jewels and make your foundations from lapis lazuli" (Isaiah 54:10).

Welcome back dear student, the Living God our Creator is the God of Covenant. This means He is Faithful to the promises in His Word, and to His plans of Mercy, Redemption, and Restoration tied up in the free gift of Salvation through His Son Jesus, the Christ. I've been thinking about a line that Brandon Lake sings in the beautiful worship song "Trust In God", which says 'perfect submission, all is at rest, I know the Author of tomorrow has ordered my steps'. The concept was taken from the famous hymn 'Blessed Assurance' written by Fanny Crosby in 1873. All is at rest. When people pass away we read on their epitaph 'At Rest'. It means the struggle is over. It is a comfort for those left behind. But death is not the end. This is why it is so vital to know our final outcome, so that we can have Peace, and true rest. When we close our eyes on this earth what will our final destination be?

Some people hope their good works have earned them enough brownie points with God to just make it in the gates. This theology is not Biblical. 'There is only One Mediator between God and man, that is, the Man Christ Jesus' (1 Timothy 2:5). Christ means Messiah or Anointed One, the Saviour. 'All of us have sinned and fall short of God's Glory' (Romans 3:23). We all need a Saviour, as we could never pay for our sins, no matter how nice or good we try to be. So, God sent His Son Jesus to save us by paying for our sins with His sinless Blood, thus opening up the way back to God the Father (John 3:16; Romans 5:6). Jesus said, "I Am the Way, the Truth and the Life, no one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6). Because of the precious Blood of Jesus, we are forgiven, our sins paid in full. Therefore, we have access to our Holy God, welcomed and adopted into His family as beloved sons and daughters through His Covenant of Mercy. You may not have had a good start in life friend, but Your Heavenly Father loves and cares for you with unfailing Love (Romans 8). The Hebrew word Abba means Daddy, and like any little child we can enjoy the warm security of God's Presence as we grow to know Him through the New Covenant written in the Blood of His Son the Lord Jesus. Covenant is a legally binding, unbreakable agreement. People may go back on their word, but God never will.

In troubled times folks may feel forgotten and alone. But the Lord never forsakes us. He is close, waiting for us to run to Him and accept His Love. There are conditions to walking out Redemption. Repenting of and turning from sin, acknowledging that Salvation is through the Lord Jesus alone, and then living for God in obedience to His Word (Hebrews 12). This means the old life and ways get left behind. In order to see change we must change! This involves renouncing strife, offence, bitterness, fear, and toxic anger - as these separate us from God's Presence, grieving His Spirit, for God is Love (1 John 4:18). We must not accept abuse from others, but we must release forgiveness from our hearts to maintain our relationship with God - leaving our enemies to Him. God will rebuild us. His promises bring Restoration, Hope and Joy, even in the midst of difficult circumstances, for He is Faithful!

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NOVENA TO ST ANTHONY

O wonderful St. Anthony, glorious on account of the fame of your miracles, and through the condescension of Jesus in coming in the form of a little child to rest in your arms, obtain for me of His bounty the grace which I ardently desire from the depths of my heart. (State your intention)

You who were so compassionate toward miserable sinners, regard not the unworthiness of those who pray to you, but the glory of God that it may once again be magnified by the granting of the particular request (State your intention) which I now ask for with persevering earnestness. Amen

Pray one Our Father,
one Hail Mary, and

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Saint Anthony, pray for us!

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Our Mum

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Why she was picked to be that way
Now she has gone and left us here
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She won't pull through the Doctor said
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But suddenly it came to a stop
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Of feeling down and all alone
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All the suffering Mom went through
Dad was there
And went through it all
He stood by her through it all
And at the end he took the fall
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Sprayed with a million tears
Wishing God could have spared you
If just for a few more years.*

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A PRAYER TO OUR LADY

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me over every crossing, watch me when
I'm on the stairs, let me know you are
beside me, listen to my fervent prayer.
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day, help me with each undertaking as
the hours pass away. And when evening
falls upon us and I fear to be alone, take
my hand O Blessed Mother, once again
and lead me home.

4TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
**PATRICK (PA)
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ANNAGHMORE, HEADFORD
WHO DIED ON THE
12TH AUGUST 2022

*I missed you today but that's nothing new,
I missed you a million times yesterday too.
I picked up my phone to tell you the news,
then realised, again, I can't text it to you.*

*I saw your bright smile, at least twenty times,
and then I remember, it's all in my mind.
I drive without presence, the world
feels surreal,
And on comes your song and this doesn't
seem real.*

*I missed you today but I miss you a lot,
It's helpful to miss you, it's all that I've got.
I wish I could pull you down here for a while
I'm frightened to lose the shape of your smile.*

*I miss you today and I'll miss you tomorrow,
There seems to be no coming end to
this sorrow.*

*I try to go on as I know that you care,
I know that you're willing me on from
up there.*

Forever loved and dearly missed by
your loving wife Joan

*It's lonely here without you
We miss you more each day
For life is not the same to us
Since you were called away
To your resting place, we visit
Place flowers there with care
But no one knows our heartache
When we turn and leave you there.*

Sadly missed by your children and extended
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*Anniversary mass for Pa will take place
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IN LOVING MEMORY OF
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BREWSTERFIELD, HEADFORD,
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