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At the East Kerry plaque unveiling last Sunday at Flesk bridge to mark 100 Years of East Kerry GAA were back left, Bridie O'Neill, Eileen O'Sullivan, Teresa McCarthy. Front, Amelia, Rosie and Jack Grady.
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A Note from the EDITOR



In the week when a plaque was unveiled to mark 100 Years of East Kerry GAA, we have a jam packed magazine for you to enjoy.

Award winning photographer Valerie O'Sullivan is set to release her 6th book, On the Edge of Europe KERRY, Con and Anne Stack are being inducted into the Order of Innisfallen and Samhain Chiarrai celebrated Kerry's ancient traditions.

Children in Woodlawn were treated to a Spooky Spectacular Surprise on Halloween Night, a Killorglin student has been honoured with a prestigious music award and a fundraiser for the Kerry Hospice Foundation is taking place at the end of November.

Tributes have been paid to two Kerry greats who passed away this week, St. Stanislaus Kennedy and Jim Finucane, KCC have honoured the Kerry Ladies U16A Team at a Civic Receptions and Listry GAA and MKL Gaels are holding a 26K for 2026 draw.

A Killarney woman has been conferred with an Honorary Doctorate, a Milltown woman has been named Kerry Carer of the Year and Lillie Foley is planning to release two Christmas singles.

In sport Kilcummin GAA Club Golf Classic was a resounding success, Kerry FC Under 20's are celebrating and Jimmy takes a look at All Things Sport!

Hope you all enjoy this week's Killarney Outlook!

Aisling Crosbie

A stunning sunset captured at Killarney Golf Club by Bridget Gleeson Healy



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Plaque unveiled at Flesk Bridge to mark 100 YEARS OF EAST KERRY GAA

This year, the East Kerry GAA Board is celebrating one hundred years since its foundation. In that inaugural year, the East Kerry Board organised their first League and Kilcummin and Killorglin reached the final of that competition. That final game between Kilcummin and Killorglin was played in the old "Cricket Field" behind Flesk Bridge on the Muckross Road, Killarney. Kilcummin were the eventual winners on a scoreline of 2-04 to 1-00 on Sunday November 20th 1925.

On Sunday, the East Kerry Board were proud to unveil a plaque at Flesk Bridge to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of that first East Kerry League Final. Mayor of Killarney, Martin O'Grady, was on hand to officially unveil the plaque. The unveiling was watched by a large crowd that consisted of representatives of every club in East Kerry GAA, including a large contingent from Kilcummin GAA Club. The representatives from Kilcummin included descendants and relatives of every player on that victorious 1925 team. Four ladies held pride of place on the day, being daughters of three players from 1925. Mrs. Tessie Sheahan, whose father, Timmy McCarthy played left half back, Mrs. Noreen Cooper represented her father, Connie O'Leary, who played left full forward and Eileen O'Sullivan and Bridie O'Neill represented their father Jack Cronin, who played left half forward.

After the unveiling, the assembled crowd made their way to the Gleneagle Hotel, where there were speeches by Mayor Martin O'Grady, East Kerry Vice-Chairman Noel Kennedy and Kilcummin representative Billy Doolan. Billy introduced all the descendants and relatives of the 1925 Kilcummin team. President Ger Galvin was Master of Ceremonies for the day. Light refreshments were enjoyed by everyone afterwards.

That victorious 1925 Kilcummin team were presented with a set of gold medals for winning the first East Kerry League and two of those medals were on display on Sunday. Noel and Dermot Fleming provided their grandfather's medal for the occasion and Donal O'Meara, who travelled from Dublin to be present, brought his uncle's, Pat O'Meara, medal with him. A third medal survives and is currently in the UK. The pathways of both finalists, Kilcummin and Killorglin, were set out on two boards, which were also on display.



Mayor Martin O'Grady unveiling the plaque at Flesk Bridge last Sunday with Ger Galvin East Kerry Board. Photos: Seamus Healy



Enjoying the reception in the Gleneagle Hotel after the plaque unveiling last Sunday.



Standing where history was made for their club, Kilcummin men, L-R: Billy Doolan, Dermot Fleming, Eoghan Moriarty, Denis Casey, Johnny Healy, Christy O'Leary, Noel Fleming, Willie Fleming.



Standing at the Flesk bridge last Sunday with the famous Cricket Field in the background where their dads won the first East Kerry final with Kilcummin 100 years ago, Bridie O'Neill, Eileen O'Sullivan, Teresa McCarthy and Noreen Cooper.



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On the Edge of Europe

KERRY

Award winning Kerry Photographer Valerie O'Sullivan is set to release her stunning new book that captures beautiful and quirky Kerry

On the Edge of Europe KERRY is published by Currach Press and charts Kerry's people and cultural heritage that have shaped the landscape for millennia.

The book charts through words and images the richness of 'The Kingdom of Kerry' from ancient 'rock art' to winter and summer alignments, the golden age of monasticism, of high kings, saints, scholars, pilgrims who dared venture to all corners of the earth in the early centuries, and those from far off countries who visited the edge of Europe and brought their own blend of culture.

In his foreword of the book, Niall Ó Donnchú, Director General, National Parks and Wildlife Service - whose roots are well defined in Gneeveguilla, the heart of Sliabh Luachra,, writes: 'Valerie O'Sullivan has long understood that to portray Kerry is not only to frame its grandeur, but to honour the relationship between people and place.

Her lens finds the drama of ocean cliffs and mountain passes, but also the intimacy of a face, the glow of a cottage window, the fleeting play of light across stone. Hers is a mastery of transposition: from view through lens to photograph.'

On the Edge of Europe Kerry explores the more quirky nature of Kerry - from the highest farm in Ireland, the highest Grotto, the farthest Island in Europe, to the ancient customs of the 'Kilbognet Biddies' and ' Lá an Dreoilín' - The Dingle Wren.

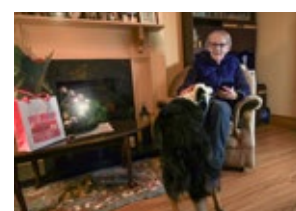
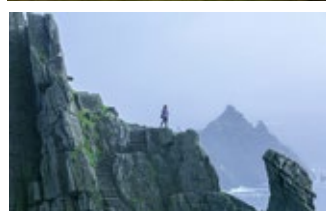
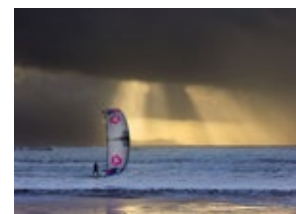
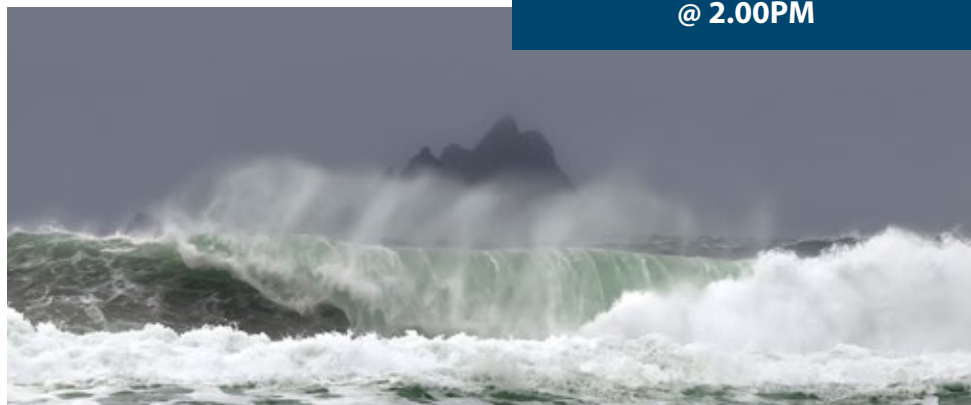
The UNESCO biosphere reserve that is Killarney National Park is given centre stage in the book. Over 30,000 acorns were gathered by National Park and Wildlife Service Outdoor Staff from the ancient Derrycunihy native Oak woodlands in Killarney National Park. The Oak woodlands at Killarney National Park form the most extensive and oldest areas of native woodlands in Ireland and Northern Europe. Regeneration is well underway. The Park has the largest Yew woodland, which occurs along the Muckross Peninsula. Images of 'The Monarch of Mangerton' one of the largest upland Irish Red Stags in Ireland. The successful White-tailed Eagle Project, an abundance of flora and fauna, kayaking in the caves of Muckross Lake, restoration of Victorian structures. Celebrating the oldest traditional regatta in the world. The first four lady Jarvey's in the history of Killarney tourism, the famous boatmen,

volunteers, Conservation Rangers, Outdoor Staff, Education Centre.

The book finishes with the lines 'I am the wind on the sea. I am the ocean wave' with an image of 200 amazing women courageously bared all at the annual Women's only charity 'Dip in the Nip' at Derrymore Beach, Camp, Tralee in aid of Recovery Haven Kerry - Cancer Support Charity. Valerie O'Sullivan is a Photographer/Videographer/Drone Operator based in Killarney County Kerry. She is the Author of six books and winner of several national awards for her work.



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Con and Anne Stack to be honoured in Killarney

Start small and think big was always the motto of Con and Anne Stack who saw their company grow from a small operation in a shed in their back garden to a multi-national enterprise that now employs over 600 people.

That remarkable success story is to be recognised in their hometown of Killarney in the coming weeks when they are inducted into the Order of Innisfallen, the most prestigious honour the town can bestow.

Con, originally from Moyvane, initially served an apprenticeship in a knife-making factory in Germany, followed by a managerial role in a US multinational in Shannon. He moved to Killarney in February 1969 to take up the role as manager of Ross Products, a company that specialised in the manufacture of cardboard boxes, on Lewis Road.

He soon identified a market for cutting-edge fibre glass and glass enforced products, with no capital required, and he operated from a shed at his home, with his Ballyduff native wife, Anne (née Leahy) by his side and playing her part.

Very soon an opportunity arose to create a product for the then thriving Pretty Polly factory in Killarney and Con spotted a requirement to manufacture fibre glass water tanks to replace galvanised steel models which were experiencing problems with rust.

He instantly built up a rapport with local companies like MD O'Shea & Sons and O'Callaghan Plumbing, as well as building

boats for anglers, and to cater for a rapidly growing market, in 1973, Killarney Plastics was born.

Son, Michael, remembers his mum dropping the five children to school before spending the day working alongside Con and, when school finished, they all made their way to their base in St Mary's Terrace before being brought home to do their homework and have dinner.

Con left his post in Ross Products in 1980 and his company moved operations to a IDA supported, purpose-built unit before the growth and the need became such that the current Tricel plant in the Ballyspillane Industrial Estate was developed.

The remarkable dedication shown and groundwork put in by Con and Anne Stack in the early days paid handsome dividends as Killarney Plastics became a key part of global engineering company Tricel.

From humble beginnings, it evolved into a family-led global provider, delivering performance and innovation-driven solutions across the water, environmental, construction and distribution industries. Tricel develops, manufactures and distributes an extensive range of innovative products mainly across Ireland, France, Denmark and the UK and it provides specialist services to customers in over 50 countries worldwide.

With 14 companies within the group it currently employs 620 people, 200 of



Con and Anne Stack will be honoured, by the Order of Innisfallen for their contribution they have made to Industry and the economy in the greater Kerry area for over half a century.

Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

whom are based in Killarney.

Con and Anne remained full-time in the business until they passed it on to their children who are masterminding a very successful future for one of the great Killarney business success stories.

Now enjoying their retirement, secure in the knowledge that their lifetime of work is in good hands and that family remains the key to success. They have four sons, Michael, Con, Richard and Robert and a daughter Graine.

The Order of Innisfallen is a civic honour – a joint initiative between Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce and Kerry County Council – that recognises those who have made exceptional contributions to the local economy and to the tourism industry.

Previous recipients have included former Taoiseach Enda Kenny, Charles, King of England, actor Michael Fassbender, entrepreneurs Donal Ring and Michael O'Donoghue and entertainer Daniel O'Donnell who has attracted thousands of people to his Killarney concerts.

The award is named after Innisfallen Island, on Lough Leane, which was historically a centre of learning where the precious Annals of Innisfallen were scripted.

Kerry County Council Opens 2026 Arts Funding Applications

Kerry County Council is now inviting applications for the Arts Act Grant, Artist Bursaries, and the Youth Theatre Grant Scheme to support arts activity across the county in 2026. Funding is available for festivals, groups, events, schools, organisations, individual artists, and youth theatres.

This year's closing date has been brought forward to 5pm, Tuesday 16 December 2025.

Cathaoirleach Michael Foley said the grants and bursaries "offer valuable opportunities for artists across Kerry" and reaffirmed the Council's commitment to supporting the arts.

Bursary categories include Creative Work Development, Artist in Retreat, and Further Arts Education, while the Eamon Kelly Bursary is open to established artists from or living in the Killarney area.

Schools are encouraged to apply for the Artists in Schools Scheme, designed to connect local artists with students and teachers. The Youth Theatre Grant, run in partnership with the Kerry Local Creative Youth Partnership, is open to not-for-profit organisations operating new or existing youth theatres.

An online information session will take place at 1pm on Wednesday 19 November. To register, email arts@kerrycoco.ie

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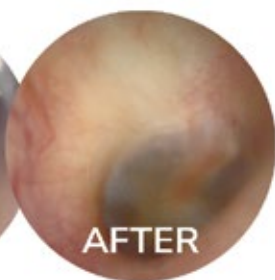
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The Cailleach Chiarraí singing at St. Mary's Church of Ireland for the Samhain Chiarraí Awakening Spectacle in Killarney last Friday (31st October) that included music, dance, song and fire. Photo: Pauline Dennigan

Kerry ignited with fire, folklore, and festivity this autumn as Samhain Chiarraí – A Kerry Halloween is taking place from the 16th of October to the 9th of November 2025, celebrating the county's ancient traditions and cultural spirit.

Following Kerry's selection as one of the destinations for Fáilte Ireland's Home of Halloween Pilot Scheme, the initiative formed part of the national Home of Halloween Strategy, which aimed to establish Ireland as the authentic global home of Halloween. Samhain Chiarraí delivered a celebration deeply rooted in Ireland's authentic Samhain heritage, drawing inspiration from the Cailleach, the wise and wild Goddess of Winter, who, according to legend, emerged each year to mark the end of the harvest and the turning of the Celtic year.

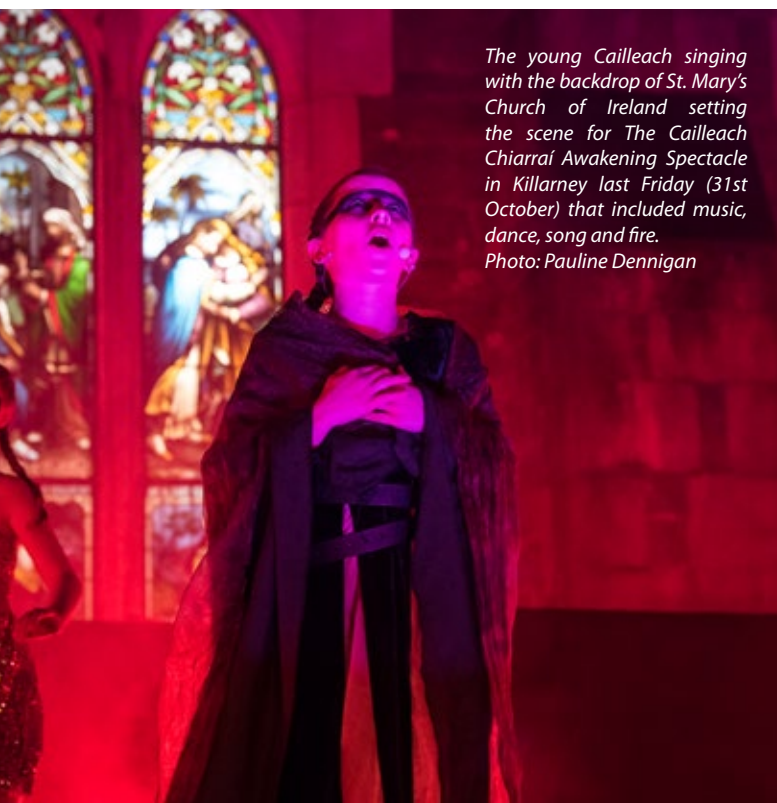
The festival programme featured county-wide events, including three major new Samhain experiences in Tralee, Killarney, and Listowel. These family-friendly events told the story of the Cailleach Chiarraí through street processions, awakening spectacles, fireworks displays, céilís,

willow workshops, and treasure hunts.

Kerry County Council supported a wide range of associated community festivals and events across the county, including Féile Eile in Killorglin, Halloween Howl in Kenmare, and the Sneem Storytelling Festival. These were among the many local celebrations that took place between October 16th and November 9th, marking Halloween in Kerry.

Throughout the festival, towns and villages across the county were transformed into immersive landscapes of fire, light, and story. Locals and visitors alike connected with Kerry's dúchas its heritage, sense of belonging, and spirit of place—through a variety of workshops, street spectacles, light projections, and community rituals.

Samhain Chiarraí delivered a cultural and tourism experience that was uniquely Kerry beautifully weaving together the ancient and the modern, the local and the international. The festival ran successfully from October 16th to November 9th, 2025, leaving lasting memories of firelit celebrations and community spirit across the Kingdom.



The young Cailleach singing with the backdrop of St. Mary's Church of Ireland setting the scene for The Cailleach Chiarraí Awakening Spectacle in Killarney last Friday (31st October) that included music, dance, song and fire. Photo: Pauline Dennigan



Despite the rain, fire artists wowed crowds at St. Mary's Church of Ireland for the Samhain Chiarraí Procession and the Cailleach Chiarraí Awakening Spectacle in Killarney last Friday (31st October) that included music, dance, song and fire. Photo: Pauline Dennigan

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Anne Lucey
looks at the positive news
happening in Killarney



VENISON ON THE MENUS REQUIRED

Some while back I met tourists who wondered why we didn't have venison on menus in Killarney when we had so many well fed deer to get rid of. I have been asking the same thing myself.

The Irish Deer Commission too has been seeking to develop a wild venison market. Most hunters are limited in the numbers of deer they can sell here and end up eating most of what they kill.

Damien Hannigan of the IDC strongly believes being able to achieve proper deer management and having a venison industry "go hand in hand". Europe has demand for venison and Irish venison would go down well there, Damien feels.

You can't really have a sustainable deer management strategy without being able to sell the venison locally.

"While venison is a super food in terms of health benefits, sustainable, and organic, the demand for venison in Ireland is low," he said. This is because it is not promoted and the Irish

venison market is very little developed.

A survey by the commission showed 77% of respondents consume all the venison they cull. A significant number of deer culled in Ireland are exported in fur to the UK by Approved Game Handling Establishments.

Scotland has a well developed handling industry with handlers in practically every town in Scotland having a game buyer.

Meanwhile I did a quick survey of restaurant menus in Killarney. One of the few to offer venison is Bricín in High Street.

Venison is on their menu in autumn and it goes down well, Bricín's Johnny McGuire said. However quality has to be closely monitored. Bord Bia says much the same as everyone else: the venison industry is underdeveloped and quality assurance is also an issue.



The Lake Hotel also has venison on the menu. Pictured is Daniel Glavin, Executive Head Chef in The Lake Hotel, Killarney plating up a seasonal dish with 'Pan Seared Haunch of Wild Kerry Venison' in the hotel's Castlough Restaurant. Photo: Don MacMonagle

There seems to be some resistance by the beef and lamb industry from what I hear : they don't want any other four-legged creature on their patch. Although I can't see how wild venison would be any real threat.

If Bord Bia got the farmers on board, there would be plenty of venison on the menus and in the supermarkets, methinks.

ODOUR FROM THE SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT IN KILLARNEY CONFIRMED

There were two complaints about odours from the Killarney Waste Water Treatment Plant in the Ross Road/Demesne so far this year, the environmental agency, the EPA has confirmed.

There seem to have been separate complaints at the height of the hot weather this summer. "The nature of the complaints were odour issues from the Wastewater treatment plant. Uisce Éireann investigated the odour complaints, contacted the complainant, and took measures in relation to odour monitoring/assessment, sludge management and odour abatement. There have been no further complaints in relation to the wastewater treatment plant in 2025," the EPA said finally after overcoming hurdles on data protection.

According to the EPA, one of four bodies - along with the council and Uisce Éireann and Inland Fisheries Ireland - involved with water quality in Killarney, the plant is "compliant with the wastewater discharge licence (Reference D0037) emission limit values". I keep pressing the EPA and Uisce Éireann about the capacity - they keep saying it's within the limits. But there is also the reluctant admission dragged out of them last year that yes the plant needs upgrading and yes there is an issue with the discharge into the lake that is causing the pollution in the Laune.

"Uisce Éireann reported to the EPA in early 2025 that options to upgrade Killarney WWTP to provide for growth and continued discharge at the current location, along with the options for relocating the discharge, are currently being assessed," is what the EPA now say.

LEFT AND THEN ALL THAT IS LEFT - POLITICS IN IRELAND

Politics is in a bit of a flux at the moment. Or so we are led to believe. A belief that the government is under threat by "if the left unites".

Complete nonsense of course since the reality is every political party in the country is a shade of socialist red. The only difference is degree.

What I have seen of the carry on in the presidential election and since leads me to think political parties in this country- and a good many journalists - are now in a terminal stage of socialist Marxist group think. The chief symptom being outrage at nothing, or at foreign matters, dissimulation and simulation - clever ways to lie and deny, in other words.

All running from anything of relevance to actual life in Ireland. All in terror of plain speaking.

Oh, and there's media training for ministers at the tax payer's expense with a former Fine Gael minister Yates as head media coach in how not to say anything. Ivan the great comes highly recommended by Fianna Fail and he has even trained the Taoiseach!

I met a woman on a train earlier this week who has been living in Belgium with some years and she can't believe what has happened to this country. The huge money being spent on refugee accommodation, the lack of proper train services to the south, only a patchwork of good roads, no water and sewage, no housing for our own educated and working young people who are all emigrating again and murders practically every day in the news.

Then our obsession with Gaza and our anti-semitism - her friends on the continent are flabbergasted.

She might have added the dirt and dereliction in Dublin or the way the wet leaves pile up on the paths outside the Killarney train station. And how in the two days I was away no one had bothered to brush them up.

I am not alone in wondering who politically represents me anymore.

The latest madness is they would have all of us speaking Irish. When most of us long to hear English on our streets, hospitals and shops, so we feel we are still living in the Ireland we grew up in and the country our hard working parents with few entitlements not to mind luxuries helped build.

This fixation with non-speak and censoring debate started in our schools. Don't speak if you can't say something kind, was plastered on a notice board in the rural school where I voted. I looked up this acronym associated with THINK - you should only speak if you can say something inspiring and kind. It was apparently conjured up to counter bullying. But it's a Trojan Horse to stop conscientious thinking and smother spontaneous plain speech from a young age. It seems to have succeeded.

No wonder we are where we are - in our socialist utopia with our heads admiring the clouds and hardly able to walk with the leaves piling up around us.

Ah but it would be unkind of me to point that out!



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Tributes to homeless advocator Sr. Stanislaus Kennedy

The Religious Sisters of Charity have led tributes to the late Sr. Stanislaus Kennedy. RIP who passed away on Monday.

"We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of Sister Stanislaus Kennedy, known to many as Sr Stan. Sr Stan died after a short time at the St Francis Hospice, Blanchardstown.

"Sr Stan was a powerful voice for compassion, equality, and systemic change throughout her life. She will be greatly missed by her family, friends, co-workers and the Congregation. While there is a deep sadness, we are confident that her legacy of a life dedicated to the service of others in need, will continue to inspire us and generations of activists and social innovators in Ireland," says Sr Patricia Lenihan, Superior General.

"Sr Stan joined the Religious Sisters of Charity in 1958 and devoted her life to helping others. She was a leading advocate and activist for change, working tirelessly to support the homeless, immigrants, and those in disadvantaged communities throughout Ireland and beyond. Throughout her life, Sr Stan was a courageous force for social change. She challenged the status quo and consistently voiced her informed views to influence policy and promote justice."

Born Treasa Kennedy on 19 June 1939 near Lispole, on the Dingle Peninsula in County Kerry, Sr Stan was one of five children growing up in a farming family. At the age of 18, inspired by the work of our foundress Mary Aikenhead, she decided to become a Sister and was professed in January 1960. From 1995 until 2007, Sr Stan was a member of the Religious Sisters of Charity's General Leadership Team, a role that placed her at the heart of the Congregation's global mission and governance. To help achieve lasting social change, she founded several organisations to provide vital services where they were most needed. In 1985, she founded Focus Point, (now Focus Ireland), following her research into the needs of women experiencing homelessness in Dublin in the 1980s. Focus Ireland is now the country's largest voluntary



organisation helping people to find, create and maintain a home. In 1998, she established 'The Sanctuary', a centre for meditation and spiritual reflection, on Stanhope Street in Dublin. In 2001, she founded the Immigrant Council of Ireland (ICI), a national organisation promoting the rights of immigrants through information, advocacy, and legal aid. She also established the Young Social Innovators (YSI) in 2021, a national initiative to empower students to be more socially aware and engage on social issues to drive positive change.

She was a driving force for societal change across a range of issues in Ireland for over 60 years. Her early mission focused on developing social services in Kilkenny, before she became the first Chair of the National Committee on Pilot Schemes to Combat Poverty in Ireland. In 1985, the European Commission appointed her as Transnational Coordinator for the European Rural Anti-Poverty Programme. She served on the Council of State from 1997 to 2004, appointed by President Mary McAleese.

During her life, Sr Stan was recognised for her outstanding contribution to Irish society including: UCD Alumni Award for Social Sciences (2014), Meteor Humanitarian of the Year Award (2004) as well as Honorary Doctorates from Trinity College Dublin, UCD, and the Open University. She was the successful author of numerous books in which she shared her vision and life purpose, including her autobiography

The Road Home.

We give thanks for Sr Stan's life, her vision, and her unwavering commitment to justice and compassion.

Norma Foley, TD also paid tribute to Sr. Stan saying she was "Saddened to learn of the passing of Sr. Stanislaus Kennedy. RIP A powerful advocate, friend and voice for those who needed it most. An inspirational Kerrywoman blessed with courage, integrity and a quiet dignity..Her legacy is rich. Leaba l measc na naomh go raibh aici."

Sr. Stanislaus Kennedy (Treasa), Religious Sisters of Charity, No 1 The Lodge, Stanhope Street, and formerly of Reenbui, Lispole, Co. Kerry passed away on the 3rd November 2025 in the loving care of the staff of St. Francis Hospice, Blanchardstown. Predeceased by her parents Bridget and Tadgh Kennedy and her sisters Mary and Kathleen.

Sr. Stan will be deeply regretted by her Community and the Congregation of the Religious Sisters of Charity, her sister Eileen, brother Thomas, sister-in-law Bridie, brother-in-law Kevin, her nieces Deirdre, Caroline, Bríd, Gráinne, Ita, Áine, Sinéad, nephews Ciaran, Michael, Tim, Tomás, grandnieces, grandnephews, great-grandnieces, great-grandnephews, her many friends and colleagues from Focus Ireland, Immigrant Council of Ireland, Young Social Innovators and The Sanctuary.

Requiem Mass for Sr. Stanislaus Kennedy. will be held on Friday afternoon at 1pm in The Church of the Sacred Heart, Donnybrook (D04HW82) with burial afterward in the Sisters of Charity Community Cemetery, Donnybrook.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam.

Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr. Mike Foley, has opened a Book of Condolence at the offices of Kerry County Council at County Buildings, Rathass, Tralee for the late Sr. Stanislaus Kennedy who passed away on Monday.

Members of the public who wish to sign the Book of Condolence may do so during office hours, Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm.

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giant spiders, ghouls, witches, and popping eyes which crawled across the walls. The singing skeletons and dancing pumpkins were out in force despite the rain. It was such an experience for all the families and a wonderful night of ghoulish magic.

All the ghosts and characters of Halloween came alive on an amazing giant audio visual

effects display. The big secret surprise was organised by Cáelainn Sheehan, Eoin Davitt of CAVS audio visual services and fellow neighbour Kieran Somers - despite all the rain, it was the adults had the best time!!

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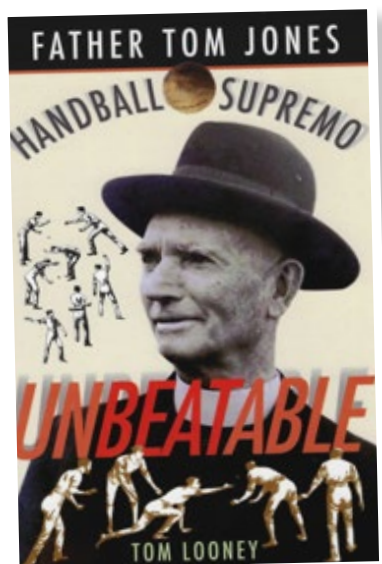
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UNBEATABLE – HANDBALL SUPREMO: FR. TOM JONES (1868–1950)

NEW BIOGRAPHY CELEBRATES TRALEE'S LEGENDARY SPORTSMAN, MUSICIAN, AND PRIEST



A remarkable new biography, *Unbeatable – Handball Supremo: Fr. Tom Jones 1868–1950*, by Tom Looney, published by Londubh Books & Red Stripe Press (2025), shines a well-deserved light on one of Kerry's most extraordinary sons. Born on Rock Street, Tralee, in the year following the Fenian Rising, Fr. Tom Jones lived a life that spanned continents and causes, excelling as a world-class handball champion, musician, linguist, patriot, and dedicated priest. Known locally as An Laoch Ba Thréine "the most powerful warrior among handball folk that ever lived" he is buried in the grounds of St. James' Church, Glenbeigh, where he ministered for 24 years.

Tom Looney's 160-page volume tells the story of a man who was a 'Son of the Street of Champions', his family owning a public house at No. 13 Rock Street, Tralee. A multi-titled handball champion before his ordination at Maynooth in 1896, Jones also made his mark as the college's top athlete, the Senior Alley still known today as Jones's Court or the Kerry



Court.

His missionary years took him to Antrim, Leeds, and Australia, where he served the remote Rockmount Diocese before returning home in 1905 after a transatlantic journey that included a chance encounter with Captain Francis O'Neill and the Uilleann Pipes in Chicago an instrument he later mastered and played with legends such as Leo Rowsome and John Potts. Throughout his 45 years in ministry in Kerry, Fr. Jones served in Baile an Fheirtéaraigh, Dingle, Killorglin, Caherciveen, and Glenbeigh/Glencar. His life was punctuated by moments of heroism and tragedy including the 1909 Blasket Island drowning of Dónal Ó Criomhthain and Eibhlín Nic Niocaill, and his daring 1916 cliff rescue of eight Norwegian sailors, for which he was honoured with a Silver Goblet by the King of Norway.

A fluent linguist, Jones published Irish translations of both German and French classics, while local lore remembers him fondly for his humour and frugality. The book brings

together rare photographs, documents, and anecdotes, offering an intimate portrait of a truly unique Kerry figure.

Book Launch Dates:

Glenbeigh Handball and Community Centre – Sunday, 9 November, 6pm

Launch by John Joe Quirke, Club Chairman

Kerry County Museum, Denny Street, Tralee – Friday, 14 November, 6pm

Launch by Brian Caball, Austin Stack GAA Club

GAA National Handball Centre, Croke Park, Dublin 3 – Friday, 21 November, 6pm

Launch by Conchúr Mac Dómhnaill, Uachtarán Liathróid Láimhe, CLG

Copies (€15) available at launch events or by contacting author Tom Looney (087-2213799) or email: tomlooney45@gmail.com

MKL GAELS LADIES CLUB CELEBRATE 25 YEARS

MKL Gaels Ladies Club will mark a major milestone this month as they celebrate their 25th Anniversary with a special celebration night on Saturday, November 15th, 2025, at 9pm in the Maine Valley Golf Club, Killorglin. The club, which continues to go from strength to strength each year, now boasts over 200 members representing Milltown, Castlemaine, Keel, and Listry. The evening promises to be a wonderful celebration of the club's journey, offering a chance to reminisce on years gone by and honour those who have contributed to its

success.

Presentations will be made to the Senior Player of the Year, Young Player of the Year, and other deserving members. The popular "Split the Pot" draw will also take place on the night, with tickets available from local businesses and full details shared on the club's social media pages.

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Kerry County Council honour Kerry Ladies U16A Team and Management with civic reception

Kerry County Council proudly welcomed the Kerry Ladies U16A Team and Management to Council Chambers for a Civic Reception in recognition of winning the 2025 All-Ireland Football Championship.

The event, hosted by Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr. Mike Foley, honoured the achievement and performances of the Ladies U16A team, remaining unbeaten throughout the Championship, before capturing the All-Ireland title with a win over Mayo in Nenagh last July.

The Cathaoirleach praised the team for their hard work, determination, dedication and teamwork that was deservedly rewarded with an All Ireland title. "This achievement is more than just a sporting triumph - it tells every young girl in Kerry that dreams can be achieved, that hard work and teamwork can reward you with your own place in the story of Kerry football," he said. "You are not just All Ireland champions for 2025, you are ambassadors for the future of Kerry sport, and role models for the next generation who will look to you and say, 'If they can do it, so can I.'" he added.

Several Councillors joined the Cathaoirleach in congratulating the team and management on their success and wished all the players well in the future representing their clubs and county. Cathaoirleach of the Kerry Ladies Gaelic Football Association Nora Fealey thanked the Cathaoirleach and Councillors and expressed her appreciation to Kerry County Council for



Members of the U16 Kerry Ladies Team, pictured with Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr. Mike Foley, and County Councillors, were given a Civic Reception hosted by Kerry County Council on Thursday evening in County Buildings. Photo: Michelle Breen Cream Photography

the recognition of the team's achievement with a Civic Reception.

Manager Tom O'Connor praised his players and backroom team and acknowledged the efforts of everyone involved and Kerry captain Leah Griffin said she was very proud to lead the team and honoured to have captained Kerry to All Ireland success.

Kerry County Council extends its congratulations to the players, management, backroom staff and the entire Ladies Gaelic Football community and looks forward to further successes in the seasons ahead.

Killorglin Student Honoured with Prestigious Music Award

Congratulations to Eli O'Connor, a Leaving Certificate student from The Intermediate School, Killorglin, who has been awarded a Spotlight Award by the Royal Irish Academy of Music (RIAM) for his outstanding performance in his Grade 8 piano examination.

The awards ceremony took place at the Glór Theatre in Ennis on Sunday, 2nd November, where Eli was recognised among Ireland's most promising young musicians. The Spotlight Awards celebrate exceptionally talented and inspirational performers whose dedication and artistry set them apart at a national level.

Eli's remarkable achievement is a testament to his skill, commitment, and passion for music, qualities that have been nurtured throughout his years of study. His piano teacher, Elizabeth Brosnan of Killarney, was also honoured at the event with a Certificate of Recognition, acknowledging her guidance and dedication in supporting Eli's musical journey.

Both student and teacher were warmly congratulated by the RIAM and their local community, who take immense pride in their accomplishments.



Eli O'Connor and Elizabeth Brosnan at the Glór Theatre in Ennis.

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The first prize in the draw is a remarkable €20,000, with six additional prizes of €1,000 each. An Early Bird Draw will also take place on January 16th, 2026, where one lucky winner will receive two tickets for the 2026 All-Ireland Football Final along with €500 in spending money. The draw is being promoted by Pallas Lotteries and aims to raise essential funds for the development of facilities that will benefit both Listry GAA and MKL Gaels LGFA players and members.

The initiative has received generous backing from major sponsors including GMB.ie, Gallagher, Search4less.com, Callaway Kennels, ENKI, and Yellow Cedar Ltd. Their support highlights the strong community spirit and commitment to local sport that continues to thrive within the area.

In addition to the draw, the clubs have launched the "Friends of Listry GAA & MKL Gaels" programme, offering businesses and supporters an opportunity to contribute while gaining valuable exposure. Platinum Friends will receive two years of promotion to over 4,600 Facebook followers through a new online Local Services Directory, along with inclusion on Platinum Friends wall signage for ten years and 30 draw tickets valued at €1,500. Gold Friends will also benefit from two years of online promotion, inclusion on Gold Friends signage for five years, and ten draw tickets valued at €500.

This initiative reflects the clubs' shared commitment to community development, sporting excellence, and the future of local GAA. With the slogan "Love Listry – €26K for 2026," the campaign promises to bring

excitement, pride, and much-needed support to the area. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.pallasmarketing.ie or contact info@pallasmarketing.ie



Kilcummin GAA Annual Golf Classic held in Beaufort Golf Club recently has been hailed "a resounding success despite very inclement weather on the day." The Golf Classic which is held annually in the memory of the late Anthony O'Sullivan from Kilcummin has proved an annual success with all funds raised going back into the development of Kilcummin GAA Club. Speaking on behalf of the organising committee Mike Riordan said "The event which is held in memory of Anthony "Skinner" O'Sullivan is a vital part of the club's calendar with emphasis on raising funds to enhance facilities for a young and vibrant community. The club recently installed Solar Panels, street lighting and are currently resurfacing the main playing pitch with some of that funding coming from the Golf Classic". According to the organisers the club is extremely grateful to the businesses, sporting groups and individuals who supported their efforts through sponsorship and participation with a special mention to "Friends of Anthony" who sponsored the course on the day. Winners of the Classic were O Carroll's Engineering represented by Michael O'Sullivan, Derek McAllister and John O'Driscoll.

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Kilcummin GAA Golf Classic

A Resounding Success



Kathleen Lynch representing "Friends of Anthony" handing over a cheque to Marcella Doyle along with Event organisers from left Muiris Healy, Breeda Duggan, Eugene MC Sweeney and Mike Riordan.

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Killarney Woman Conferred with an Honorary Doctorate at SETU

South East Technological University (SETU) conferred honorary doctorates on Olympian John Treacy and Killarney woman Elizabeth Riordan-Coppin in recognition of their outstanding contributions to Irish life through sport, leadership, and advocacy for human rights and justice.

The conferring ceremony, held this afternoon at SETU Arena, West Campus, Carriganore, marked the third consecutive year the University has celebrated individuals who have made a lasting impact on Irish society.

Elizabeth Riordan-Coppin has been recognised for her extraordinary contribution to Irish society, Elizabeth Riordan-Coppin was awarded an honorary doctorate for her courage, resilience and lifelong advocacy for human rights and social justice.

Born in St Columbanus County Home in Killarney, Co Kerry, Ms Riordan-Coppin spent her early years in Ireland's industrial school and Magdalene Laundry system, including time in Waterford. Sent to these institutions as a child, she has spoken about enduring harsh conditions, forced labour, and physical and psychological abuse, while being denied her freedom, education, and identity.

Despite this difficult start, Ms Riordan-Coppin later rebuilt a life in England as a nursery nurse, teacher, and mother. Choosing to share her personal story publicly, she transformed the pain of her experience into a lifelong mission to speak out, not only for herself, but for the countless women whose voices had been silenced.

Elizabeth's dignified campaign for justice culminated in a landmark case before the UN Committee Against Torture in 2020 - the first ever brought by a Magdalene survivor - urging Ireland to confront a difficult legacy of institutional mistreatment.

Her advocacy for Magdalene Laundry and Industrial School survivors has since shaped



South East Technological University (SETU) has bestowed honorary doctorates on John Treacy, one of Ireland's most distinguished athletes, and Elizabeth Riordan-Coppin, a lifelong advocate for human rights and social justice. From (l-r) Dr Derek O'Byrne, Vice President Academic Affairs, Teaching & Learning, Elizabeth Riordan-Coppin and John Treacy, honorary doctorate recipients, and Professor Veronica Campbell, President of SETU.

public discourse, informed national inquiries, and inspired future generations to seek justice with compassion and resolve.

Speaking at the ceremony, Elizabeth said, "To receive an Honorary Doctorate from SETU in Waterford is an unexpected and deeply moving experience. Little did I ever imagine, I would return to Waterford on a voluntary basis, close to one of the Magdalene Laundries where I was once confined, to receive such a magnificent and prestigious award.

"I feel honoured, and truly astonished. I am profoundly grateful to all the wonderful people who have supported me throughout my campaign, especially JFM Justice for Magdalene - Dr Maeve O'Rourke, Dr Claire McGettrick, born Lorraine Hughes, and Professor Katherine O'Donnell. I would also like to thank Dr Jennifer

O'Mahoney and Dr Kate McCarthy from this University for recommending me for this honorary doctorate."

"Finally, this honour means recognition not only for me but for the thousands of women and girls trafficked by the State and their agents to Magdalene Laundries," she added.

Both recipients were selected through a nomination process involving SETU students, staff, and alumni, with the final decision made by the University's Governing Body.

Through this annual tradition, SETU continues to celebrate individuals whose exceptional achievements have shaped Irish society through the arts and sciences, culture, advocacy, social activity, sport, business, and beyond.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY AMENDMENT BILL RAISED IN DAIL EIREANN

Deputy Danny Healy Rae spoke on the Electricity supply amendment bill in the Dáil this week. Here is what he had to say:

While I welcomed the investment by the Government in the ESB which is needed and thanked all the workers that put their lives in danger to restore the power -

"I welcome the investment by Government in the ESB. It surely needs to improve when we see communities left without electricity for days and weeks in places such as Cordal, Brosna, Gneeveguilla, Glencar and Knocknagoshel earlier in the year because of a storm. I want to thank all the workers that put their lives in danger trying to restore the lines, day and night, to get the power going. I have to commend them very highly." I do question why the consumer have to pay so much for electricity and many of the suppliers increased their rates again recently. I ask where is the regulator in this regard?

"The other problem I have is that we hear this massive sum being invested in the ESB, but what are we doing for our consumers that have to pay so

much? Do we have a regulator? Where is he? Did he ever open his mouth? Is he asleep all the time? What is happening the regulator or is he there at all? That is what I am asking. This is the only sector where companies seem to get what increases they want and the poor consumers have to suffer these massive charges."

I also raised the matter regarding the many farmers generating electricity, but they now find that the grid is only going one way, and the infrastructure is not in place to sell the electricity to the ESB and I asked the Minister to look into this further.

"Many farmers and others are generating electricity themselves. They were encouraged to produce enough that they could sell it and now we find the grid is only going the one way, bringing electricity to them. The infrastructure is not there to sell the electricity to the ESB. The ESB, in some cases, will only take one third of what they can produce. There is something wrong here and I ask the Minister of State to look at that. It is very serious."



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KERRY HAYES NAMED KERRY LIDL FAMILY CARER OF THE YEAR 2025

Kerry Hayes from Milltown has been named the Kerry Lidl Family Carer of the Year 2025. The awards recognise the remarkable commitment, compassion and strength of family carers who provide essential care to loved ones every day. The Lidl Family Carer of the Year Awards celebrate those whose dedication and compassion make a difference in the lives of the people they care for. They also serve as a reminder that behind every person receiving care is someone providing it, often quietly and without rest, recognition or access to vital supports and services which should be provided by the State.

Kerry has devoted herself completely to caring for her daughter Ruby (8), who has a rare genetic condition known as TBCK. Ruby's condition is life-limiting and requires round the clock care, as she is non-verbal, visually impaired, PEG fed and lives with epilepsy, brittle bones and sleep apnoea. Kerry has made huge sacrifices in her career and social life to be there for her daughter every moment of every day. Over the past two years, she and her fiancé have built a fully adapted home for Ruby, with Kerry using her respite hours to help on site, stacking roof tiles, carrying deliveries, painting, decorating and overseeing every detail.

Alongside this, she continues to manage Ruby's complex medical needs, including hospital stays and appointments, while also looking after their young son Leon (4), ensuring he has



Pictured is Kerry Hayes, Lidl Kerry Family Carer of the Year 2025.

time for football, jiu jitsu and play therapy. Her days are long and demanding, yet she meets them all with love, strength and grace. Her story is a powerful example of the dedication and selflessness shown by family carers in Kerry and across Ireland.

Since announcing their partnership with Family Carers Ireland at the end of 2024, Lidl has been supporting the caring community through the

development of their Lidl Charity Champion programme. One team member from every Lidl store and Regional Distribution Centre across Ireland has volunteered their time and energy to support Family Carers Ireland through a host of activities including planning and participating in store fundraising and fostering greater community engagement.

EUROPE PREPARES FOR 2027: What Comes After Temporary Protection for Ukrainians

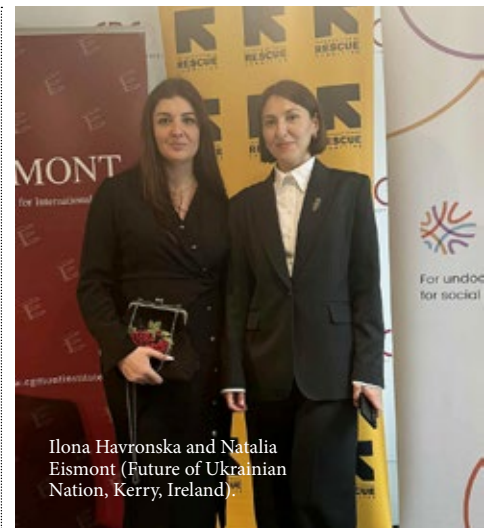
European policymakers, civil society leaders, and officials gathered in Brussels for a major debate titled "After Temporary Protection: Staying in the EU, Returning to Ukraine." The event, organised by the European Policy Centre (EPC), Egmont Institute, PICUM, and the International Rescue Committee (IRC), focused on the future of more than 4.7 million Ukrainians currently under the EU's Temporary Protection Directive (TPD).

Among the participants was Natalia Eismont, Chairperson of Future of Ukrainian Nation (Kerry, Ireland), representing the Ukrainian community in Ireland and contributing to discussions on integration and cooperation between the EU and local networks.

In her keynote, Ylva Johansson, EU Special Envoy for Ukrainians, stressed the need for "long-term solutions that preserve dignity and stability." The Temporary Protection Directive, introduced in 2022, has allowed Ukrainians to work, study, and access healthcare and social support across the EU. However, it is due to expire in March 2027, prompting a Europe-wide discussion on what comes next. During a panel moderated by Michelle Levey of PICUM, representatives from Germany, Czechia, and the European Commission

outlined national approaches to the transition from temporary to long-term residence. Nasira Bouhloout from DG HOME noted that "most Ukrainians are integrating, working, paying taxes, and sending their children to school," and called for stable legal statuses that maintain their rights. Magda Faltová from Czechia described her country's new five-year residence permit for Ukrainians, while acknowledging barriers such as high income requirements. Hans-Ulrich Benga from the German Interior Ministry reported that Germany now hosts 1.3 million Ukrainians, with 36% employment, adding that "Ukrainians are contributing to our economy, and the priority is to ensure they can remain if they wish."

Ilona Havronska, Ukraine's Deputy Minister of Social Policy for European Integration, spoke on reintegration efforts for those considering return. Guided by principles of unity, dignity, and partnership, she said Ukraine is developing programmes to support returnees and strengthen ties with Europe. EU officials confirmed that the Temporary Protection Directive will remain in effect until 2027, after which most member states plan to transition beneficiaries to national or long-term residence schemes. While a legal extension

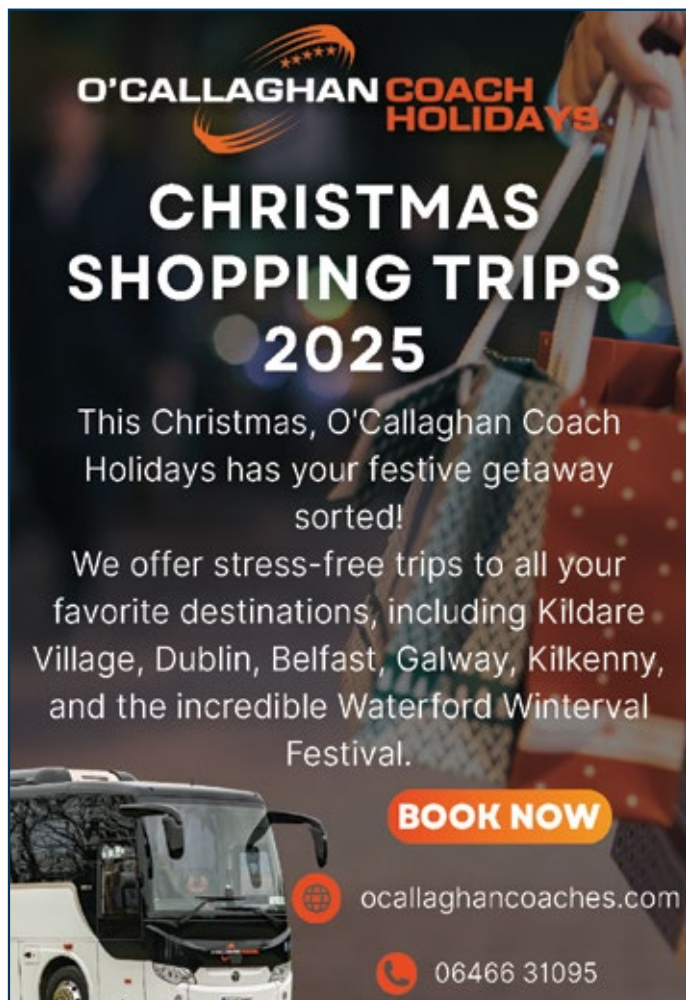


Ilona Havronska and Natalia Eismont (Future of Ukrainian Nation, Kerry, Ireland).

remains possible, Brussels currently prioritises sustainable, individual solutions.

Speakers also stressed the need to protect vulnerable groups such as children, people with disabilities, and those unable to return. Civil society organisations — including Future of Ukrainian Nation, continue to play a crucial role in linking EU policy, local communities, and Ukrainian individuals across Europe.

Closing the forum, Johansson remarked, "We are moving from the logic of refugee status to the logic of diaspora, from emergency response to long-term responsibility. Ukrainians are fighting not only for themselves, but for Europe."



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Lillie Foley Unveils Two Heartfelt Christmas Singles for 2025

Rising singer-songwriter Lillie Foley, is gearing up to release two new Christmas singles this holiday season. The songs, "Killarney Christmas" and "You're Still in Christmas," each offer a unique and personal take on the magic and bittersweetness of the festive season.

The first track, "Killarney Christmas," captures the warmth and joy of the holidays in the picturesque town of Killarney. With a mix of upbeat melodies featuring an amazing Padraig Buckley instrumental and heartfelt lyrics, Foley paints a vibrant picture of the festive atmosphere, from the bustling streets to the cozy moments with loved ones. It's a celebration of the simple joys of Christmas, wrapped in the charm of one of Ireland's most charismatic town.

In contrast, "You're Still in Christmas" takes a more reflective tone. Written for those who are missing someone special this time of year, the song explores the complex emotions of grief and love. With tender lyrics and a hauntingly beautiful melody, Foley reminds listeners that even in loss,



the spirit of Christmas keeps those we've loved close to our hearts.

"These songs come from different sides of the Christmas experience," says Lillie. "One is about celebrating everything I love about Christmas, and the other is about holding onto the memories of someone who's no longer with us. It's about finding joy and meaning in the season, no matter where you are emotionally."

Both tracks will be available across all streaming platforms starting from the 7th of November. With

her powerful voice and authentic songwriting, Lillie Foley is poised to become a fresh voice in holiday music this year, offering something for every listener— whether they're celebrating, remembering, or simply finding comfort in the season.

You can follow along her journey on social media:

Instagram- @lilliefoleymusic Facebook- Lillie & Jean Foley music For contact- Email lilliemfoley@gmail.com

Young People Lead the Conversation on What Matters Most in Kerry Communities

TORC Community & Family Resource Centre is proud to have partnered with Foróige, Rathmore Social Action Group and Tusla's Kerry Prevention, Partnership and Family Support (PPFS) on an exciting project that placed young people's voices at the heart of community development across Rathmore, Killarney and local IPAS Centres.

Through this initiative, 168 young people had the opportunity to share their views on the issues that matter most to them, from local needs and challenges to ideas for stronger supports and more connected communities.

Using the Laura Lundy model of participation, the project ensured that young people were given genuine space, voice, audience and influence in shaping conversations about their futures.

"This project has shown the value of listening

deeply to our young people," said Derek O'Leary, Manager of TORC Community & Family Resource Centre. "Their ideas are impactful, practical, full of hope and possible. They remind us that real community development begins with participation."

Foróige led the research process in an insightful and inclusive way, training some of the young participants as peer researchers. This peer-to-peer approach created a powerful platform for authentic youth engagement and delivered invaluable insights for organisations working in these areas.

A launch event celebrating the project's outcomes took place at TORC Community & Family Resource Centre last week, where the young people were front and centre, recognised and applauded for their contribution.

The findings from this consultation will now

help inform future planning and service delivery across Kerry, ensuring that youth perspectives remain central to building inclusive, supportive, and connected communities.



Some of the project managers and participants at the launch of Youth Needs Consultation held at Torc CFRC last week.



Richie Bowens - Foróige Area Manager South, Derek O'Leary - Manager Torc Community & Family Resource Centre & Eric O'Brien CEO Foróige at the launch of Youth Needs Consultation held at Torc CFRC last week.

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On Friday night, the brothers will swap their boots for black tie at the PwC GAA/GPA All-Star Awards, where both have been nominated for their outstanding performances during the season. It's another well-deserved recognition for two of the game's most exciting and consistent talents.

Then, on Saturday night, attention turns to Curraheen Park Greyhound Stadium in Cork, where their greyhound Solo and Go will line up in the €30,000-to-the-winner Bar One Irish Greyhound Laurels Final. Their runner has shown serious pace and determination to reach this prestigious final and is trained by renowned Kerry trainer Liam Dowling of Ballymac Kennels.

All of us at GRI wish David and Paudie the very best of luck, both under the bright lights of the All-Stars stage and at Curraheen Park this weekend.

Two big nights, one sporting family, and plenty for Kerry (and greyhound racing fans everywhere!) to cheer about.



Pictures shows: Happy men - all through to the Laurels final! The Wrens posing with the Cliffords during the opening round of the 2025 Bar One Racing Irish Laurels last month in Cork's Curraheen Park Greyhound Stadium. Ethan and Tadhg Wren and Tom Farrell were all cheering for their greyhound Trionas Tribe, while David and Paudie Clifford were there to cheer on their greyhound, Solo And Go. They're all happy men this week and both of their greyhounds are through to the Laurels Final this weekend, where one of their hopefuls could be taking home the €30,000 winner's prize.

Ancient Rituals & VisionÉire Present: **'Visions & Realms' – An Exhibition of Irish Visionary and Mythological Art**



A captivating new art experience comes to Killarney this winter as Ancient Rituals and VisionÉire present "Visions & Realms", an exhibition celebrating Ireland's rich tradition of visionary and mythological art. The event opens on Saturday, November 29th at 7pm in Killarney, marking one year of exhibitions by Ancient Rituals.

Visions & Realms invites audiences to "step beyond the veil" into an immersive world of imagination, myth, and spirit. Featuring the work of over 13 Irish artists, the exhibition spans a diverse range of media, from intricate oil paintings and illustration to stone and wood sculpture, and photography that explores the threshold between seen and unseen worlds.

The opening night promises a truly atmospheric celebration, complete with a drinks and nibbles reception and a DJ set by Meerkat, designed to transport guests deeper into the mythic heartbeat of the evening.

As Ancient Rituals marks a milestone year, Visions & Realms stands as its most ambitious event yet a meeting place where art becomes ritual and vision becomes reality.

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"I feel we might be missing a trick here, with the popularity of cycle stage racing all over Europe, drawing a vast television audience, many of whom would not be aware of the beautiful scenery that exists in Ireland. If we could make it attractive to international television sports channels to carry the Rás, the spinoff in added visitor numbers could pay a big dividend" stated Deputy Cahill.

"We can see and we have heard of the impact of televised coverage of the Tour de France and the Tour of Britain and I believe that these types of opportunities must be grasped with both hands and I will be taking this matter up with the relevant Ministers" said Deputy Cahill.

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Padraig O'Keeffe Teenage Trad Session Strikes a High Note at Presentation Castleisland

Following the tremendous success of last year's Teenage Trad Session, Presentation Secondary School, Castleisland once again filled its school hall with the sounds of lively reels, jigs and songs as it hosted this year's Pádraig O'Keeffe Teenage Trad Session to mark the beginning of the renowned Pádraig O'Keeffe Festival.

This year's event saw students from across Munster come together to celebrate the rich tradition of Irish music. Young musicians from Kerry, Cork and Limerick joined forces in a spirited afternoon of tunes and camaraderie, showcasing remarkable talent and enthusiasm. Maeve Burke, fiddle player, singer and choir director at Presentation Castleisland, praised the young musicians, saying it was "wonderful to see so much local talent from across Munster and so many young people coming together to celebrate a love of traditional Irish music."

A special highlight of the afternoon was the surprise guest appearance by Piarais Ó Lorcáin, who joined the session fresh from his sold-out performance the previous night. His energy and musicianship inspired students and audience members alike, adding an unforgettable spark to the celebration.

The session also featured lively sean-nós singing and set dancing, adding rhythm and flair to the musical performances. Maeve Burke noted that these elements were a vital part of the event's cultural significance, emphasising that "keeping our traditions and heritage alive through our shared love of Irish music, sean-nós singing and set dancing is at the heart of what the Pádraig O'Keeffe Festival is all about."

The event was organised by committee members in conjunction with music teacher Ally Whiston and Maeve Burke, who worked together to coordinate performers and schools from across the province. Their dedication ensured a warm, inclusive atmosphere where young musicians felt supported and encouraged to share their love of traditional music.

There was also strong support from teachers and staff from participating schools across



The group from Killarney Community College.



Faith Bradley and Chloe Collins



Gracie Mills and Nancy O'Connor.

Munster, many of whom travelled with their students to Castleisland to perform together. Their encouragement and commitment to promoting a love of music within education played a key role in the success of the session, helping young musicians gain confidence and experience through live performance.

Irish traditional music remains a cornerstone of cultural expression in Kerry, and Presentation Castleisland continues to play an active role in nurturing the arts. As Maeve Burke added later

in the evening, "This is more than a music event – it's a celebration of community, heritage and identity, and that is something worth passing on to the next generation."

As the festival weekend continues across Castleisland, excitement is already building for next year's Teenage Trad Session. With such vibrant talent and passion on display, the future of Irish traditional music is clearly in safe and capable hands.

Talks and launches as part of November programme for Kerry Archaeological and Historical Society

Kerry Archaeological and Historical Society will host several events over the coming weeks, including the publication of their Kerry Journal and the Kerry Magazine for 2025.

On Thursday evening, 6 November, there will be a presentation on Altóir na Gréine, the 4,000 year-old megalithic tomb in west Kerry, by Dr Billy Mag Fhloinn, archaeologist and folklorist. The lecture, which is free to members of the public, will take place in the Sacred Heart University Campus (in the old Monastery), John Street, Dingle, at 7:00 p.m. All welcome. On Tuesday, 25 November, in Tralee Library at 7:00 p.m., the Society presents a



Dr Billy Mag Fhloinn, archaeologist and folklorist.

talk on The Great Famine and the national school system in Ireland, 1845 – 1852/An Gorta Mór agus córas na scoileanna náisiúnta in Éirinn, 1845 – 1852 by An Dr Pádraig Ó Donnabháin.

The Journal of the Kerry Archaeological and Historical Society as well as the Kerry Magazine for 2025 will be launched on Thursday, 20 November at 7pm at Tralee Library by the Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr Michael Foley. New members of the Society are always welcome. Membership covers a range of member-only events and a copy of the Journal and Magazine every years. More information at kerryhistory.ie.

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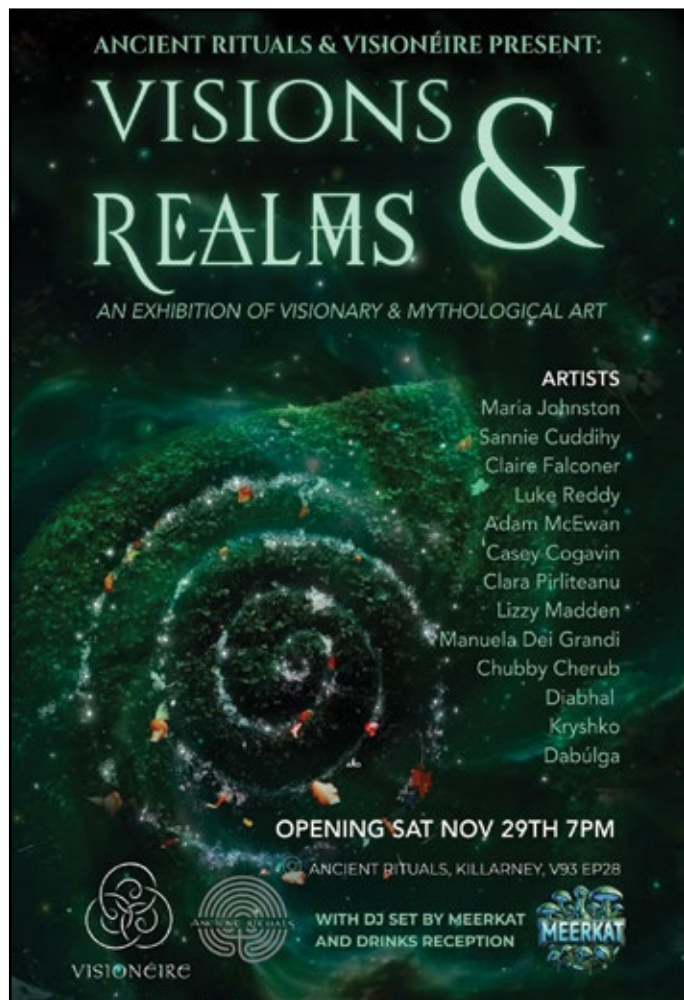
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*Unchecked, the rhododendrons pose, a relentless stranglehold,
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COUPE BEACH SPRINTS - MUCKROSS ROWER CILLIAN LESLIE COMPETES FOR IRELAND

There was great excitement last weekend for Muckross Rowing Club and one of its talented rowers, Cillian Leslie from Ballyhar, who travelled to Cadiz in Spain as part of an Irish squad of 16 rowers that competed in the Coupe de la Jeunesse Beach Sprints last week. The Coupe de la Jeunesse is a rowing federation of 16 European countries with annual Olympic rowing competitions for athletes in the Under 19 category. Since 1985, the Coupe has brought together some of Europe's best junior rowers with many Coupe athletes progressing to further international success at senior level. Ahead of the introduction of coastal beach sprint rowing at the Los Angeles Olympics in 2028, the fast-paced Beach Sprint event has recently been added to the annual programme of Coupe rowing competition. The 2025 Coupe Beach Sprints are just the third annual edition of the coastal rowing event.

Cillian contested for Ireland in the Mens Single event, together with one other Irish junior rower, Aidan Barry of Ring Rowing Club in Cork. Racing among the top 20 European junior rowers contesting the event, Cillian progressed from the first time trial round with a 10th place ranking, to then secure the fastest time in the second time trial round. Progressing through to the knockout stages, Cillian faced a strong challenge from his Austrian opponent Janis Glantschnig in the final round of 16. It was the Austrian who secured the win in their knockout

race to progress to the quarter final stage. Muckross RC is immensely proud of Cillian's achievement, to have reached the top 16 in the newest of European rowing competitions and to have represented club and country so well. Aidan Barry of Ring RC was also pipped at the knockout stage, second to his opposite number from the Czech Republic. The Mens Single was ultimately won by one of the home team, Ignacio Garcia of Spain.

Cillian is the son of David and Melissa Leslie from Ballyhar. His selection to the Irish squad for the Coupe Beach Sprints followed his participation in a national trial series organised by Rowing Ireland. The Muckross club is enjoying a particularly successful year in 2025, with Cillian becoming the seventh Muckross rower selected for international competition this year. In September, Muckross and UL U23 rower Caoimhe O'Sullivan placed fourth for Ireland as part of the Womens Eight crew at the European Rowing U23 Championships. At the Home International Regatta held in London in July, the club was also represented in the green jersey by Rachel Fuller, Daniel Daly and Ethan O'Neill with Rachel returning as a double gold medallist. In August, Muckross was represented by Cian Scannell and Ronan Fahy at the Coupe flatwater regatta held in Linz, Austria. A highlight from Austria was the bronze medal win for Cian and his Lee Valley crewmate Colin Creedon in the Mens Double.



Cillian Leslie, Muckross Rowing Club (centre) from Ballyhar, pictured with his parents David and Melissa Leslie at the Coupe de la Jeunesse Beach Sprints held in Cadiz, Spain from 30th October-1st November 2025.

The sport of rowing continues to go from strength to strength in Ireland, with the success of the famous O'Donovan brothers from Skibbereen and a growing group of Irish Olympic rowing starts inspiring a whole new generation in the sport. The participation of the Irish squad in the Coupe Beach Sprints and other international coastal competition will no doubt pave the way for future success in the coastal branch of the sport, with growing optimism for Irish fortunes at the LA Olympics in 2028 and beyond.



Cillian Leslie, Muckross Rowing Club, racing for Ireland at the Coupe de la Jeunesse Beach Sprints in Cadiz, Spain, 30th October-1st November 2025.



Cillian proudly holding the Irish Flag



Cillian Leslie, Muckross Rowing Club (fifth from left) pictured with the Irish U19 rowing squad that competed in the Coupe de la Jeunesse Beach Sprints 2025, held in Cadiz, Spain from 30th October-1st November 2025.

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Preview The All-New Q3 and the 261 Audi range at Audi Approved:plus Kerry Test Drive Event

Audi Approved :plus Kerry will host a 261 Test Drive Event at their showrooms in Monavalley Industrial Estate from November 3rd -8th. This special event will showcase the new Audi range available to order for January delivery. As part of the event the all-new Audi Q3 will be on display as at the dealership on November 7th and 8th. The updated model is available in petrol, diesel and plug-in hybrid.

The Q3 now in its 3rd generation, has been a well-established bestseller in the premium compact segment for more than 10 years. In its exterior design, the Q3 conveys confidence and emotion both as an SUV and Sportback. Numerous innovative features turn the Audi Q3 into a digital companion, providing a first-class user experience and also ensures greater comfort and safety for the driver thanks to

many assistance systems.

This special test drive event gives customers the opportunity to discover the full new car range and offers which include finance starting from 3.9%, exclusive product pack and purchase contributions on electric and hybrid models. For more details about the new Audi range contact the Audi Approved:plus Kerry Team.

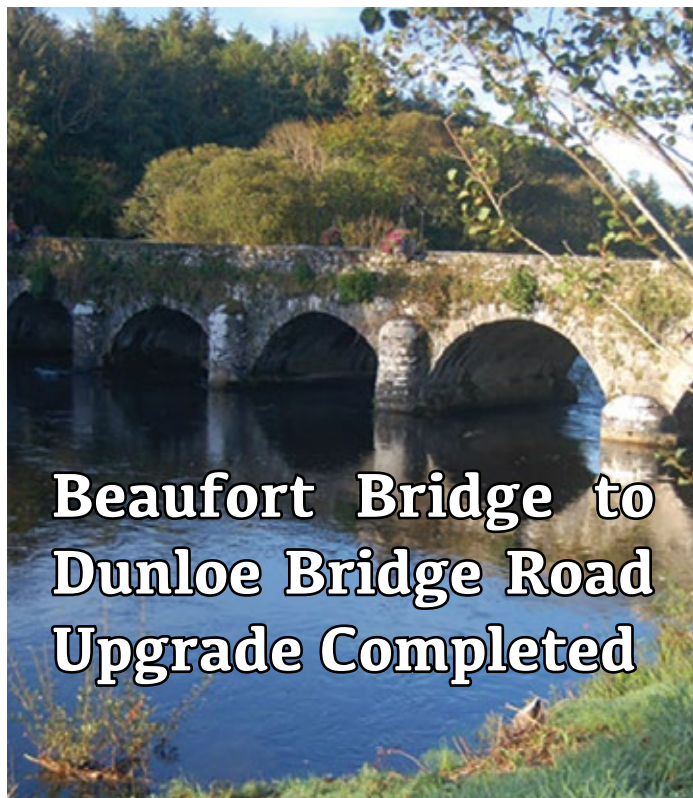
Fianna Fáil Councillor Tommy Cahill has welcomed the completion of resurfacing works on the Beaufort Bridge to Dunloe Bridge road, marking a significant improvement to one of the area's busiest and most important local routes.

The upgrade, which has just been completed today, provides a smooth new blacktop surface and enhances both safety and accessibility for motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians.

Speaking following the completion of works, Cllr. Tommy Cahill said, "I'm delighted to see the completion of the resurfacing works on the stretch from Beaufort Bridge to Dunloe Bridge. This is a busy and vital route for our community, and it's fantastic to see it brought up to a high standard. Both my father and I had received several requests from local residents about the condition of this road, and following multiple representations made by myself and Deputy Michael Cahill, it's great to see this important project delivered. I'd like to extend my sincere thanks to Area Engineer John Sugrue and his team for their excellent work and continued commitment to maintaining and improving our local road network."

Deputy Michael Cahill TD, who supported the project alongside his son, praised the collaboration between local representatives and Kerry County Council, "This is another example of what can be achieved when local voices are heard and acted upon. The Beaufort Bridge to Dunloe Bridge route is vital for residents, businesses, and tourism in the area, and I'm delighted to see it resurfaced to such a high standard. I commend Councillor Tommy Cahill and the Kerry County Council engineering team for ensuring this upgrade became a reality."

The resurfacing forms part of Kerry County Council's ongoing programme of local road improvement works across the Kenmare Municipal District.



Kerry Friends of Motor Neurone receive €2,000

The Great Southern Hotel Killarney was the venue where the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle hosted their 2025 presentation night on the 23rd of October 2025 to distribute the massive €1.2 million to 44 local charities being the proceeds of their ever-popular charity cycle.

Congratulations to the hard-working committee again for making the cycle such a success and in doing so coming to the aid of so many local charities not to mention all the monies raised over the past 43 years.

Kerry Friends of Motor Neurone were delighted to be selected as a beneficiary and to receive a cheque for €2,000 on the night.

We wish the ROK Charity Cycle every success going forward.



L – R Denis Geaney, Martin O'Grady Cathaoirleach of Killarney Municipal District, Mary and Christy Lehane Kerry Friends of Motor Neurone and John Rice ROK Charity Cycle.



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BUSINESS AWARD FOR KERRY COACHES

After a highly competitive judging process, members of the Kerry Coaches team attended the beautiful Johnstown Estate in County Meath this week for the annual Family Business Awards and proudly accepted the title of Transport & Logistics Family Business of the Year.

More than 300 guests gathered for the event on Thursday 30 October, hosted by Today FM's Matt Cooper, an afternoon dedicated to celebrating excellence across categories ranging from Small Family Business of the Year to Innovative Family Business of the Year.

The Family Business Awards showcase the outstanding contribution of family-led enterprises and their impact locally, nationally and internationally. Entrants span every scale and sector, from husband-and-wife teams and sibling partnerships to multi-generational companies continuing a legacy.

Kerry Coaches, a third-generation family business founded in 1957 by Johnny Buckley Snr, more than qualifies. Today, it stands as one of Ireland's longest-established and most respected coach operators, proudly headquartered in Killarney. The company now operates one of the country's largest and most modern fleets, a testament to decades of growth, innovation, uncompromising quality standards, and the dedication of the hard-working team behind the scenes.



Today FM's Matt Cooper, Ciara O'Donnell, Mary O'Shea, Tanja O'Leary and Padraig Ashe

Gallivan Financial Expands with Further Acquisition in Dublin

Gallivan Financial, the financial planning and wealth management firm in Killarney, has signed an agreement to acquire Dublin-based Tara Financial Partners Ltd for an undisclosed sum.

The transaction, which is subject to the customary regulatory approvals, is anticipated to complete within a number of weeks.

The deal to buy Tara is the third acquisition by Gallivan Financial this year and means that it has added five new businesses to its network over the past two years.

The Tara acquisition brings Gallivan's total assets under management (AUM) to over €850 million and further expands its presence into the Dublin market. With additional transactions currently in exclusive negotiations, Gallivan Financial remains on track to exceed €1 billion in AUM by year-end.

Following the opening of its new state-of-the-art head office in Killarney, the firm is well positioned to support continued growth across Ireland.

Fergal Smith, Gallivan Financial Managing Director, said:

"We're thrilled to welcome the Tara Financial team into the Gallivan family. Their client-focused philosophy and commitment to personalised advice align with our own values. This acquisition enables us to deepen our reach in Dublin, while also reinforcing our national expansion strategy." Since it was established in 2014, Tara Financial has emphasised a human-centred approach: focusing on the motivations and life goals behind its clients' financial decisions. Over the years, Tara has grown its client base to over 700 and now manages approximately €185 million in assets, serving individuals and businesses across Dublin and beyond. With a reputation for personal service, integrity, and tailored advice, it has built trust by putting clients first at every stage.

Tara Financial Founder & Managing Director Conor Martin said:

"After years of helping clients navigate life's financial challenges with patience and care, we recognised the benefit of partnering with a larger firm that shares our values. With Gallivan Financial, I'll remain actively involved to ensure continuity, support our clients through transition, and help grow their future opportunities."

The acquisition of Tara Financial marks another milestone in Gallivan Financial's nationwide expansion strategy—strengthening its Dublin presence while preserving the client-first ethos that defines both firms. "Together, we will continue to deliver trusted, personal advice with the backing of expanded resources and a shared commitment to long-term client success, Mr Smith said.

"Tara's clients will continue to receive personalised service from their trusted financial advisor, while Tara will benefit from the enhanced resources, technology and expertise of the wider Gallivan Financial Team."

Earlier this year, Gallivan Financial acquired Mount Street Group, which was its first move into the Dublin market, and Tralee-based Kelly O'Shea Pensions & Financial Services for an undisclosed sum.

Gallivan Financial is majority-owned by the Gallivan family, who sold its Gallivan Murphy Insurance Brokers (GMIB) business to U.S.-based Assured Partners in 2022. Gallivan Financial was not part of that transaction and is now engaged in a significant expansion strategy.



Back row (l-r) Tadhg Gallivan, Gallivan Financial Founding Director, Fergal Smith, Gallivan Financial Managing Director and Annamaria Gallivan, Gallivan Financial Founding Director. Front row (l-r) Conor Martin, Tara Financial Founder & Managing Director and Niamh Kelly, Tara Financial Head of Compliance

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KILCUMMIN PARISH

Written by: Helen Moynihan

KILCUMMIN CHURCH NOVEMBER MASSES

Dates for November Masses for the Holy Souls. Especially for our dearly departed and all the names on our November list and Memory Tree.

First Friday Nov 7th @ 7.30pm. Sat 8th Nov @ 7.30pm (All who have died since Nov 2024). Thurs 13th Nov @ 7.30pm. Tue 18th Nov @ 9.30am. Thur 27th Nov @ 7.30pm.

SPECIAL MASS

A special Mass will be celebrated in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kilcummin on Saturday, 8th November in memory of those whose Funeral Mass was celebrated in our Parish during the Past Year, Nov 24 – Nov 25. We also warmly invite parishioners to submit the names of loved ones whose funeral took place outside the Parish. These names will be included and remembered in our Annual Mass. Please give their names to Siobhan in the Parish office.

KILCUMMIN COMHALTAS

Kilcummin Comhaltas would like to thank everyone who gave so generously to our branch church gate collection last weekend.

KILCUMMIN BABY AND TODDLER

Kilcummin Baby and Toddler Group continues on Monday's, 9.30 am – 11.30 am at the Recreational Hall. Caitriona's 6 week language course and play programme continues for ages 0-3 years. The programme consists of songs, nursery rhymes, hand puppets, play, advice on local services in the area, etc. Playgroup is drop in with no pre – booking needed, the fee is €3 each Monday, tea/coffee, snacks included. Everyone welcome. Group contact is Orla 086 3628335.

KILCUMMIN GAA NOTES BY DONAL BARRY

100 YEARS

Last Sunday marked a historic milestone for Kilcummin GAA club who on the 2nd November 1925 won the inaugural East Kerry league final defeating Killorglin 2-4 to 0-1.

Earlier in the day the East Kerry GAA board marked the centenary by unveiling a special plaque on the Flesk Bridge, Killarney by the Cathaoirleach of Killarney M.D Martin Grady just metres away the Cricket Field which was the venue of the first final and afterwards invited family representatives to the Gleneagle Hotel for some informative musings in a relax manner. Much of the fine work for the occasion was down to the timeless energy of Billy Doolan who undertook the project to ensure that Kilcummin's first ever win was remembered. For the record the team were – Paddy Moriarty (who was represented by his grandnephew Eoghan Moriarty).

Din Counihan who was represented by his grandnephew Brendan Counihan.

John Billy Murphy who was represented by Grandsons Flor and Michael Murphy.

Eugene McCarthy was represented by Granddaughters Jean and Margaret McCarthy.

Tady D O Sullivan was represented by relative Eamon Foley.

Patrick Fleming was represented by Grandsons Dermot and Noel 'Will' Fleming.

Timmy McCarthy was represented his daughter Tessie Sheahan.

Dee O'Connor was represented by his grandson Dinny O'Connor.

Denis O'Leary was represented by his nephew Timmy Cooper.

John O'Connor was represented by his grandnephew Denis Casey.

Jack Cronin was represented by grandson Cllr Brendan Cronin.

Connie O'Leary was represented by his daughter Noreen Cooper.

Tom O'Connor was represented by his grandnephew Denis Casey.

Paddy Healy was represented by his nephew John Healy.

Pat O'Meara represented by his nephew Donal O'Meara.

Fr. John Horgan was represented by his grandnephew Timothy Horgan.

MINORS

Hard luck to our Minor footballers who were defeated 4-9 to 1-12 to Fries in the East Kerry Division 3 semi-final.

UNDER 16'S

The very best of luck to our under 16 team who play Killarney Legion in the East Kerry Championship semi-final on Sunday.

SUPER 10'S

Well done to our Under 14 Super 10's team who represented the club and county with great pride on Saturday last at Mick Neville Park in Limerick just coming up short in the Munster final when Monaleen got the better of our lads 4-5 to 1-5.



It was a great afternoon of football in which Kilcummin drew with Waterford side Gaultier 2-7 to 3-4 in their opening group game. Conor Gallivan scored 2-1 while Max Moynihan 0-5 with Morrie O'Shea 0-1 got the other scores.

The team's most complete performance came in game 2 when they defeated Tipperary side Rockwell Rovers 4-12 to 0-5. Once again Conor Gallivan hit 2 goals with Max Moynihan and Cillian Sheehan also netting for the team. That win ensured Kilcummin topped the group and set up a semi-final against fellow Kerry side Scartaglin. Scart made the better of the starts and led at the break 2-4 to 0-5 but second half goals from Moynihan (2) and Gallivan (1) spurred the team onto a 3-10 to 3-6 win. Monaleen proved a step too far in the final but once again the team put in a credible display all the way to the final whistle. Well done to all the players who played so well throughout both the Kerry and Munster campaigns who were well decked out in their new zip tops thanks to the sponsorship of Leane's Kitchens and Bedrooms and Ger Sheehan Building.

SCÒR NA NÒG CO FINAL

Well done to our Novelty Act who placed 2nd in the County Final of Scòr na nÒg in Dromid today. Aoibhinn O Leary, Nessa Brosnan, Ann Murphy, Ella Kate Pigott, Rory Leane, Saoirse Lucey & Alva McCarthy. Thanks also to their mentor Geraldine Pigott for her fantastic effort in preparing the team.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Isla Cronin who played for the East Kerry U13 Ladies football team that won the District Championship today in Fitzgerald Stadium on Sunday beating West Kerry. Isla played a fine game from wing back.

LGFA AGM

Kilcummin Ladies Gaelic Football Club AGM will be held on 11th November. This is a good opportunity for new people to get involved in the running of the club. Any parent, senior player or person in the parish who is interested in getting involved- please contact Esther on 087 9924603.

AGM

Kilcummin GAA AGM will take place on November 28th, 2025, at the Club house.

LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Monday 03rd November for the Jackpot of €4,750. Numbers drawn were 04,13,18,30. Consolation prizes of €50 went Aoife O'Connor, Scartaglen, Seán Leahy, Brosna, Vincent Roddy, Dunrine, Ger Lenihan, Rathaneane. Our next draw will be on Monday 17th November for Jackpot of €5,000.

MASTERGEEHA FC

U13 NATIONAL TROPHY ROUND 2; Mastergeeha FC 3-1 Corbally Utd.

Huge congratulations to our U13 boys team who are through to the next round of the National Trophy. A superb hat-trick from man of the match Warren O'Boyle secured the victory. Well done to all involved on the day. We look forward to round 3.

LOTTO

The Jackpot of €12,000 was won on Friday, 31st October. Numbers drawn were 1, 10, 19, 21. Congratulations and best wishes to Noah & Freddie O'Leary. The next draw will be on Friday, 7th November for a Jackpot of €2,000.



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BEAUFORT PARISH

By Bridget Hartnett

BEAUFORT LOTTO

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MID KERRY MINOR SHIELD FINAL was played in Glenbeigh on Bank Holiday Monday. Two very talented sides from Beaufort and Glenbeigh Glencar Cromane faced off in what became an end of season epic.

GGC started brightly and built up a commanding 7 point lead early in the first half. Towards the end of the half Beaufort grew into the game and the tactical deployment of Joseph Coffey and later Killian Breen in sweeper roles started to limit the supply to the dangerous GGC inside forward line. Beaufort finished the half stronger and reduced the deficit to 3 points. The half-time score was GGC 1-09 to Beaufort's 1-06.

On the resumption GGC started brightly and extended their lead once more to 5 points.

Fionn Kennedy dropped deeper and ably assisted by Callum Galvin and Luke Foley they started to win the midfield battle. Through some resolute defending by Fionnan O'Sullivan, Jack Gabbett and Adam Galvin Beaufort started to limit the GGC forward line. Driven forward by some outstanding runs by Ronan Coffey and Arthur Gabbett Beaufort put immense pressure on the GGC back line. Luke of Malley, Callum Smith with some great link play brought their inside forward line into the game and the clinical finishing of Man of the match Kevin Coffey and the dynamic Cillian Slattery started to get the scoreboard ticking over. Approaching full time Beaufort still trailed by 3 points with time almost up. A great team move led to an intelligent and targeted kick by the outstanding Michael Culhane into the danger area. It was met by Luke Foley on a charging run who used all of his basketball prowess to flick the ball past the GGC keeper. The final whistle sounded and the large crowd in stands were in raptures after such a dramatic finish.

Full time Score: GGC 2-16 to Beaufort 3-13

Extra time

Beaufort emerged in extra time like a team on a mission led by their inspirational Captain Eoin Kissane. Beaufort built up a commanding lead, aided by some fine defending and a number of point-blank saves by Cormac O'Sullivan they were never going to be caught. The future is bright for Beaufort GAA.

Final Score (AET): Beaufort 7-18 to Glenbeigh Glencar Cromane 2-21

Beaufort Scores: Kevin Coffey 3-08, Michael Culhane 1-6, Cillian Slattery 2-1, Luke Foley 1-1, Luke O'Malley 0-1, Fionn Kennedy 0-1

Beaufort Team: Cormac O'Sullivan, Ronan Coffey, Arthur Gabbett, Adam Galvin, Jack Gabbett, Eoin Kissane, Fionan O'Sullivan, Eoin Kissane, Callum Galvin, Luke Foley, Joseph Coffey, Kevin Coffey, Cillian Slattery, Michael Culhane, Fionn Kennedy, Callum Smith, Luke O, Malley, Killian Breen.

BEAUFORT SENIORS will be in action on the weekend 8/9th November in the Mid-Kerry Championship semifinal. They will play Cromane as they beat Glenbeigh-Glencar and Keel will play Milltown/Castlemaine in the other semifinal as they beat Laune Rangers.

WELL DONE to Mid-Kerry ladies U15 and U17 teams who both had good wins the weekend.

SCOR NA NOG

Congratulations to Chloe O'Connor who represented Beaufort and finished 2nd in the Solo singing discipline held in Dromid on Sunday. Well done Chloe.

CLOTHES COLLECTION

In conjunction with the Healthy Club Recycling Initiative there will be a Clothes collection on 27th November. Women's, Men's and Children's clothes and shoes, Belts, Handbags, Curtains and Sheets. Bags can be dropped off at anytime to the Clubrooms. Thank you in advance.

GLENFLESK PARISH

Written by: Sean Daly

COUNTY CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the Glenflesk ballad group of Muireann Healy, Patrick Mullane, Cliona Moynihan, Keelin O'Shea and Sarah O'Donoghue who won the Scór na nÓg county final which was held in Dromid last Sunday. They will now represent Kerry in the Munster final in Cashel on the 30th of November. Well done to Olivia Angland also, who competed in the solo singing.

EAST KERRY U13'S

Congratulations to the East Kerry U13 girls who defeated West Kerry in the County Final last Sunday and especially to Glenflesk girls Shauna and Kaitlin O'Riordan and Aimee Shine.

EAST KERRY U15'S

Last Monday evening the East Kerry U15 girls beat South Kerry after extra time in the U15 District Championship Shield Final played in Glenflesk. Congratulations to Glenflesk girls Orlagh, Rose, Sarah & Anna on their great win.

O'SULLIVAN CUP

The Senior B team had a two point win against Legion in the Quarter Final of the O'Sullivan Cup last Sunday, final score Legion 0-17 Glenflesk 1-16

AGM

The Annual General Meeting of Glenflesk GAA will be held on Thursday 27th November 2025 at 8pm sharp in the Hall. There will be mass beforehand at 7pm. All members are invited to attend.

LOTTO

There was no winner of Glenflesk Lotto which took place on 28/10/25. Jackpot €4,000 The numbers drawn were: 1, 5, 14, 30. Consolation Prizes of €50: Dio Buckley, Listry, Noreen Cashman, Killeen, Match Lotto Sellers (Sellers' Prize), Seamus O'Mahony, Belmont. Next draw will take place in Glenflesk Hall on Monday 10/11/25. Tickets may be handed in from 8.30pm.

AHEAD OF THE GAME

November "Ahead of the Game" workshop will be held on Wednesday 12th November in Glenflesk GAA Hall. 7 to 8pm workshop is open to all female players and young females in the community from ages 13-17 years (Secondary School Age) 8:15 to 9pm workshop is open to all



Glenflesk Ballad group who won the Scór na nÓg County Final last Sunday in Dromid.

parents, coaches and interested adults. This is an expert backed program delivered by past and present intercounty players Mary-Kate Lynch Meath football and Saoirse McCarthy Cork Camogie and members of the GPA. Consent forms to be completed online. The links are available on Glenflesk Facebook page. Places are limited.

FREE PARENT WORKSHOP

Raising resilient teens. Practical tools to spot when your teen is struggling and to support their wellbeing while easing your worries as a parent. Thursday 13th November 7pm The Panoramic, Killarney Racecourse. The links to reserve your free space are available on Glenflesk Facebook page.

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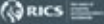
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By Michael O' Mahony

SHARE THE BUCKET

Share the Bucket takes place weekly. The draw is every Friday evening in Teach Fáilte @8.30 pm and can be viewed live on our Gneeveguilla CommunityFacility Group Facebook Page. This week's jackpot was €205 and the winner was Nora O' Sullivan. 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.

SYMPATHY

Rathmore GAA club would like to extend our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to Joey, Siobhán, Aidan, Róisín and their extended families on the death of their beloved Danny.

DANCE CLASSES

Dance Classes with Norella every Wednesday @ 8.15pm in Ballydesmond Community Centre. Learn to dance the jive, waltz, quickstep, line dancing and more. Great exercise, good fun. €10 pay as you go. No partner needed.

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FIXTURES

O'Donoghue Cup semi finals: Rathmore V Kenmare, Spa V Dr. Crokes

weekend of 15th of November exact fixtures and times TBC

100 YEARS

This year, the East Kerry GAA Board is celebrating 100 years since its foundation. After already having memorable night back in August, to celebrate the first meeting of the East Kerry Board, we now look back to the final of our first Competition, which was the East Kerry League. Kilcummin and Kilorglin reached the final, which was played in the old "Cricket Field" behind Flesk Bridge on the Muckcross Road, Killarney. Kilcummin became the inaugural winners of that League, on a scoreline of 2-04 to 1-00. The East Kerry Board unveil a plaque at Flesk Bridge on Sunday last By mayor of Killarney MD Cllr Martin Grady to commemorate the 100th anniversary of that first East Kerry League Final.

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SYMPATHY

Sympathies to families of firends of Daniel McAuliffe RIP, Shronemore, Rathmore, Kerry and Mary O'Sullivan RIP (née O'Donoghue), Station House, Rathmore, Kerry & Cork. May Daniel & Mary rest in peace

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.

LISTRY PARISH

Written by: Colette Leslie

LOTTO

Jackpot €13,000. Numbers Drawn: 2, 18, 24, 25. Not Won. €100 Geraldine McCarthy, Lissivane East. €50 Paddy B Lynch, Spa. €50 Kieran Hobbins, Coolroe. €25 Sinéad Tangney, Poul Na Muck. €25 Ben Sullivan, Ballybrack
Jackpot Next Week 09/11/2025 13,150

SENIORS

East Kerry Intermediate Championship Fr Galvin cup Listry V Scartaglen away Saturday 8th November at 2pm .

*East Kerry Board Vice Chairman Noel Kennedy at the Flesk Bridge last Sunday when a plaque was unveiled to mark 100 Years of East Kerry GAA
Photo Seamus Healy*



NEWS BITES...

KILCUMMIN COMMUNITY CARE

Kilcummin Community Care wishes to acknowledge and sincerely thank Kerry County Council for the financial assistance through the Community Support Fund 2025 towards the running cost of our very successful exercise classes for our clients and also for the cost of bus hire and enjoyable day trips that are always looked forward to.

ANNUAL GARDA MASS

The annual Garda Mass will take place on Thursday the 13th November in the Killarney Oaks Hotel at 7pm. All welcome.

CLOTHES COLLECTION

In conjunction with the Healthy Club Recycling

Initiative there will be a Clothes collection on 27th November. Women's, Men's and Children's clothes and shoes, Belts, Handbags, Curtains and Sheets. Bags can be dropped off at anytime to the Beaufort Clubrooms. Thank you in advance.

AHEAD OF THE GAME

November "Ahead of the Game" workshop will be held on Wednesday 12th November in Glenflesk GAA Hall. 7 to 8pm workshop is open to all female players and young females in the community from ages 13- 17 years (Secondary School Age) 8:15 to 9pm workshop is open to all parents, coaches and interested adults. This is an expert backed program delivered by past and present intercounty players

Mary-Kate Lynch Meath football and Saoirse McCarthy Cork Camogie and members of the GPA. Consent forms to be completed online. The links are available on Glenflesk Facebook page. Places are limited.

SPECIAL MASS

A special Mass will be celebrated in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kilcummin on Saturday, 8th November in memory of those whose Funeral Mass was celebrated in our Parish during the Past Year, Nov 24 – Nov 25. We also warmly invite parishioners to submit the names of loved ones whose funeral took place outside the Parish. These names will be included and remembered in our Annual Mass. Please give their names to Siobhan in the Parish office.



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The week through the eye of the lens



Femhe Flynn (6) from Sallins, pictured with Deirdre Walsh, CEO The Jack and Jill Children's Foundation, and Alan Bannon, Founder Cannonball Ireland, at the presentation of a cheque from Cannonball Ireland to the Jack and Jill Children's Foundation. Cannonball Ireland, the annual supercar event, has now surpassed two and a quarter million euro raised for charities and €781,914 for The Jack and Jill Children's Foundation alone since the partnership began in 2022. Photographer: Leon Farrell / Photocall Ireland



Darragh Doolan from Killarney was awarded the prestigious Gold Medal for securing first place in all BA in Education programmes at the MIC Thurles graduation ceremony. He was also honoured for his outstanding academic achievement in both Gaeilge and Mathematics. Amy Ann Coffey (Co. Waterford), BA in Education, Business Studies and Accounting, was honoured with the Tipperary County Council Business Award and also received recognition for her academic excellence in Accounting and Business Studies.



Laura Daly the Kerry Rose of Tralee launched the Christmas Cards in aid of the Kerry Hospice Foundation at Palliative of Care on Monday night, pictured are the Artists whose beautiful work is on display by the Artists sitting in front, from left Phil Daly, Colleen Murphy, Niamh Moriarty, The Kerry Rose Laura Daly who launched the Christmas Cards, The Chairman of the Kerry Hospice Foundation Jack Shanahan, Jane Hillard and Ber Earley also Deirdre Walsh Kerry Radio, artists Tetyana Stelmakh Marie-Claire Stacey, Breda Barry, Nulia Finnegan, Barbara Dando, Ursula O'Connell Chairperson Christmas cards, Maura Sullivan Treasurer Kerry Hospice Tralee Br. Photo : by John Cleary KHF.



Chris Barron, (2nd left) Killarney National Park Education Centre, who presented Thursday nights Autumn Talks Series in Killarney House, entitled 'Killarney. National Park: 40 years of Conservation Conversation' also included is his Wife Teresa and Daughter Eimear, Padruig O'Sullivan, Autumn Talks Series Organiser, NPWS Conservation Ranger. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan/FREE PIC



Congratulations to Liam O'Connor, recipient of the Irish Entertainment Award for Multi-Instrumentalist of the Year 2025, presented by the legendary Patrick Bergin. It was a wonderful night of entertainment at the Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran, County Donegal. He is pictured with his son Cillian and Helen Bergin.



Cian McMahon, Killarney and Dara O'Callaghan from Kilcummin who graduated from UCC this week both achieving BA - Joint Hons. They are pictured with their families, Aine, Karl and Leah McMahon Diarmuid, Trish and Caoimhe O'Callaghan.

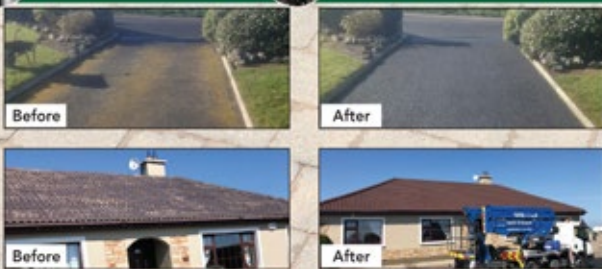
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Jim Finucane left Kerry better than he found it

TRIBUTES PAID TO THE LATE CATHAOIRLEACH OF KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

Kerry County Council have paid tribute to the late Jim Finucane, former Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, who passed away on Tuesday.

A native of Tarbert, he was elected as Cathaoirleach of the Kerry County Council in 2023, previously served as Mayor of Tralee, and held a seat on Tralee Urban District Council from 1985 to 1999. Elected to Kerry County Council in 2009, he was a dedicated public servant, who entered politics at the age of 18 and served nearly 30 years as a Councillor until his retirement as an elected representative in 2024. He will be remembered for his dedication and service to the communities of Tralee and Kerry.

Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr. Mike Foley expressed his sincere condolences to Jim's wife Sheila and his family, describing Jim as dear friend and colleague. "Jim will be remembered for his dedication, passion, and kindness. May his family find comfort in the memories they shared and the legacy he leaves behind. A true gentleman, he will be sadly missed."

Mayor of Tralee, Cllr. Terry O'Brien expressed his deepest sympathies on behalf of the Tralee Municipal District elected members to Jim's wife Sheila, son James and daughters Jill and Orla, "Jim was a man of integrity, honesty and a pure gentleman and a true leader in the Council Chamber. The members of the Tralee MD are heartbroken and the loss of a man who always had Tralee and the community at the heart of everything he did. He was held in the highest regard by those that served with him as well as the staff and members of the Executive he worked with."

As a mark of respect, the meeting of the Tralee

Municipal District at Council Chambers this morning was postponed and rescheduled for Monday next 10th November.

Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr. Mike Foley, has opened a Book of Condolence at the offices of Kerry County Council at County Buildings, Rathass, Tralee.

Members of the public who wish to sign the Book of Condolence may do so during office hours, Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

An Tanaiste Simon Harris has also paid tributes to the late Jim Finucane who passed away on Tuesday evening.

It is with deep sadness that I learned of the passing of my friend and former colleague Jim Finucane, a man who devoted his life to Kerry, to Fine Gael and to the people he represented with honour, humility and purpose.

For close to forty years Jim gave everything to public life.

Elected first to Tralee Town Council in 1986 as the only Fine Gael Councillor where he served for 14 years.

He was later elected to Kerry County Council in 2009 and re-elected in 2014 and 2019 proudly representing the people of Tralee and its surrounding communities until his retirement last year.

Jim's career was defined by his unwavering commitment, conviction and humanity.

He was twice Mayor of Tralee and in 2023 was elected Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council. Throughout his life Jim was passionate about education.

I had the pleasure of working with him when he was Chair of the Kerry Education and Training



Board where he and I transformed the scale and reach of educational opportunity in the county. In fact he played a central role in the development of Kerry College.

Jim fundamentally believed that every person, regardless of age or background, should have every opportunity to reach their full potential.

Jim's service went beyond politics and education. He was deeply involved in community life from reviving the Blennerville Windmill to supporting the Kerry Hospice Foundation, to the Tidy Towns and countless local sports and voluntary groups. His contribution was immeasurable.

In recent years, Jim became a driving force behind Kerry's response to the arrival of Ukrainian families.

His compassion and determination earned him national and international recognition. Earlier this year he was appointed Honorary Consul of Ukraine for the South-West of Ireland, the first such position in the country. It was a fitting honour for a man who led first and foremost with humanity.

Those of us who had the privilege to know Jim will remember a man of warmth, humour and enthusiasm.

He was a deeply proud Kerry man, proud of its culture and its people.

To Jim's wife, Sheila, his children and his grandchildren, I want extend my heartfelt condolences. Their loss is immense and they are in my thoughts and prayers.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

Milltown Credit Union Celebrates 55 Years

Milltown Credit Union was very proud to celebrate its 55th anniversary on October 29th.

In 1970, a group of young and energetic people had the foresight and vision to establish their own credit union in the parish for the benefit of the people living in the area and surrounding parishes.

It was during a conversation between the then curate, Fr. Denis O'Mahony (RIP), and local businessman James O'Doherty (RIP) that the idea of establishing a credit union was first broached. A study group was formed in May 1970, and five months later, on October 29th, the organisational meeting was held in the Muintir na Tíre Hall, where Milltown Credit Union was officially formed and its first board and supervisors were elected.

This first committee was made up of 15 volunteers from the local community. Muintir na Tíre Hall continued to be the home of the Credit Union until a new premises was purchased on the Castlemaine Road in 1974. "Credit Union House" was renovated and officially opened

on September 21st, 1974, and it is an honour to say that we are still operating from this location today.

Over the years, the premises has been expanded and developed to meet the needs of the rapidly growing Credit Union and the local community. Last Saturday, we had the privilege of welcoming seven of the original board members to celebrate this monumental milestone. We also took time to remember the six members of the first board who have gone to their eternal reward - a candle was lit in their memory.

Their legacy continues to inspire the current board, management, and staff to work in the best interests of our members.

A sincere thank you to our members for supporting us down through the years, and to all the boards, volunteers, and staff past and present who have shaped our history and kept the doors open.

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Reclaiming your lane starts with awareness. Notice when your attention shifts to others—how they live, work, or think—and gently bring it back to yourself. Ask, "Does this serve me or sidetrack me?" That simple question can refocus your energy where it belongs.

Coaching Tip: Each morning, set one clear intention that supports your goals. When distractions or drama arise, remind yourself of that intention. Staying in your lane isn't selfish—it's self-caring. From this grounded place, you can show up for others with authenticity and strength. Remember, your lane is where you shine the brightest.

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On the softer side, milky whites remain a favourite for their clean, natural look and butter yellow. Minimalists can opt for sheer pinks or glow tints, which give nails a healthy, glossy finish without overpowering colour. Together, these trends balance



drama and subtlety, making it easy to personalize your winter manicure whether you're drawn to rich, sultry shades, shimmering metallics or understated neutrals that radiate quiet elegance. With the season to sparkle fast approaching, now is the time to book your appointments and ensure your nails look beautiful for every celebration.

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- Weight gain, especially around the abdomen
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(continued next week)

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Driving glasses

If you have been advised to wear glasses for driving, make sure you wear them, even for short trips – and keep a spare pair in the car. Choose glasses with thinner sides for driving as they won't block your side vision as much as thicker ones. If you wear contact lenses, keep a pair of glasses in the car in case you need to take your lenses out. Even if you don't need to wear glasses all the time, you will probably find they are particularly helpful when the lighting is poor, and for driving at night. Headlights of oncoming traffic can be dazzling when you are driving at night or

in poor weather conditions. Special driving lenses designed with a specially-developed glare filter and a contrast-enhancing filter can help reduce reflections and uncomfortable glare from oncoming traffic.

If glare is an ongoing problem for you, make sure your windscreen and headlights are thoroughly cleaned and free from grime and dirt. If you wear glasses, and don't forget to keep them clean too. If you find that problems with glare at night persist, make an appointment to have a sight test.

Sunshine can be dazzling too, particularly when the sun is low in the sky. If you wear glasses, you may find it helpful to have a pair of prescription sunglasses in the car, or to wear clip-on sunglasses over your prescription glasses. Polarised sunglasses are great for driving in bright conditions. Polarised lenses are lenses with a special built in filter to reduce glare and improve vision in bright conditions

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Minister Michael Healy-Rae calls for deferral of toll increases hitting motorists and hauliers

Minister of State Michael Healy-Rae TD has today said that the planned toll increases due to take effect from 1 January 2026 should be deferred, describing them as "another blow to hard-pressed motorists and the already struggling haulage industry."

"While I understand that our road network needs continued investment and maintenance, it is simply not fair that the only people being asked to pay more are the ordinary men and women driving to work, and the haulage operators who keep this country moving," Minister Healy-Rae said.

"The M50 and Dublin Port Tunnel were built to keep cars and lorries out of our towns and cities, not to price them off the roads entirely. The Irish Road Haulage Association made it clear yesterday that these hikes will force many drivers to start avoiding toll roads altogether, which will only push more heavy vehicles back into built-up areas, creating extra

congestion and safety issues.

Minister Healy-Rae said he will be seeking Government approval to defer the increase and to look at a fairer approach that balances the need for road funding with the pressures facing road users.

"I have always stood up for working people, for small businesses, and for the haulage operators who are being squeezed from every angle by rising insurance, fuel, and compliance costs. This toll hike may look small on paper, but it's another cumulative cost that adds up week after week, month after month," he said.

"The fair thing to do now is to pause these increases, review the current toll system, and make sure it's delivering value for money without punishing people who have no choice but to drive. I'll be bringing that case directly to my colleagues in Government."

Welcome funding announced for OUTDOOR RECREATION PROJECTS

Deputy Danny Healy Rae has welcomed the funding announced today by Minister Calleary for outdoor recreation projects. The funding for Kerry of €1,096,299. is very welcome. This is great news for the people of Kerry. Whether it's a walk through Ballyseedy Woods, a cycle to the National Park, or a hike up Strickeen, these improvements will be felt on the ground by local communities and visitors. The importance of maintaining and improving access to nature cannot be overstated.

One of the projects to benefit from this funding is The Jarvey lane walk/cycle trail repair and upgrade project and I am glad these works will be done on this busy area between Killarney and the National park which is popular with many locals and visitors to the Killarney area.

There are four key projects across Kerry which have secured funding totalling €1,096,299, aimed at enhancing walking, cycling, and trail amenities to benefit locals and tourists alike:

- €500,000 – Ballyseedy Wood Amenity Trail: Extending the existing trail network and linking to Tralee.
- €200,000 – Jarvey Lane Walk/Cycle Trail (Phase 2): Completion of the popular shared trail linking Killarney town with the National Park.
- €200,000 – The Shannon Way (Slí na Sionainne) Phase 2: Continued upgrades to trail surfacing and infrastructure.
- €196,299 – Strickeen Mountain Trail: Erosion repair and improvement works to maintain this treasured upland route.

€450 energy credit urgently needed as electricity bills set to surpass record peaks - Pa Daly TD

Sinn Féin spokesperson on Environment, Climate and Energy, Pa Daly TD, has criticised the government for allowing Ireland's energy affordability crisis to worsen following the withdrawal of energy credits and its failure to hold energy companies accountable.

Deputy Daly called for the immediate reintroduction of the €450 electricity credit this winter, warning that annual bills are now set to surpass €1,900, with over 300,000 households already in arrears.

He highlighted that the average electricity debt has surged to €471, up from €292 in 2021, with over 60% of arrears now long term, underscoring the growing hardship faced by households. Daly accused Fianna Fáil, Fine Gael, and the Regional Independents of "paying lip service" to the crisis, and condemned energy suppliers for raising prices despite falling wholesale costs, citing international data showing one of the largest gaps between wholesale and retail energy prices globally.

"The government must act now to reinstate the €450 credit and hold energy companies to account," Daly said. "People can't wait until 2026 for an Energy Affordability Plan while they struggle to heat and light their homes this winter."

WELCOME FOR MEETING WITH HUNGER STRIKERS AT DAIL EIREANN

Deputy Danny Healy Rae has welcomed the fact that An Taoiseach Micheal Martin has met with survivors of industrial and reformatory schools this week.

"Having met with the survivors of industrial and reformatory schools and those on hunger strike at the Dáil, over the past month, I raised the matter with Government Ministers and the Taoiseach and also made written representations again last week to ask that the Taoiseach intervene in the matter and grant them the requested health amendment act car and a state contributory pension in response to what they endured during their childhood and the impact this has had on their lives", Deputy Healy Rae told Killarney Outlook.

"I also said that their hunger strike had gone on long enough and somet thing needed to be done.

I am glad that the Taoiseach has met with them this week and hope this matter will be resolved without delay once they have their follow up meeting next week", he added.

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Bridge Bar, Rathmore
Dennehy's Bar, Rathmore
Richie McAuliffe's, Gneeveguilla

3rd Friday

7.30 PM
8.00 PM
8.15 PM
9.00 PM
9.30 PM

Castleisland Area

River Island Hotel, Castleisland
The Kingdom Bar, Castleisland
The Crown Hotel, Castleisland
Hughes Bar, Cordal
Lyon's Bar, Scartaglen

1st Wednesday

8.00 PM
8.30 PM
9.00 PM
9.30 PM

Killarney Area

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

4th Thursday

7:00 PM
7.30 PM
8.15 PM
8.45 PM
9.15 PM
9.45 PM

Killorglin Area

Golden Nugget, Fossa
Galvin's Bar, Beaufort
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Anvil Bar, Boolteens

1st Thursday

8.30 PM
9.00 PM
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10:00 PM

Glenflesk & Barraduff

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4th Friday

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10.45 PM

Kenmare & Sneem Area

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Last Monday

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10:00 PM

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Cllr Jackie Healy-Rae encourages Castleisland community to have their say on new Town Centre Masterplan

Cllr Jackie Healy-Rae has welcomed the progress made by the Castleisland Town Team and Kerry County Council in bringing the Draft Castleisland Town Centre First Masterplan and Public Realm Plan to the public consultation stage.

"This is a major milestone for Castleisland," said Cllr Healy-Rae. "A huge amount of work and local collaboration has gone into getting this plan to this stage, and I want to commend everyone involved, especially the Town Team for their dedication and vision. It's now time for the people of Castleisland and the surrounding areas to have their say on how our town develops into the future."

The draft Masterplan sets out a vision for how Castleisland's town centre and public spaces can evolve to support local business, improve the streetscape, enhance community life, and strengthen the town's role as a key hub in Kerry. A public drop-in event to present the Draft Masterplan and Public Realm Plan will take place on Tuesday, 11 November 2025, from 3:00pm to 7:00pm at the River Island Hotel, Castleisland.

The event will be hosted by ARUP Consultants in collaboration with Kerry County Council, and



will give residents, business owners, students, community organisations, and all interested parties the opportunity to engage directly with the project team and provide feedback.

"This plan belongs to the people of Castleisland," added Cllr Healy-Rae. "Whether you're a shop owner, student, resident or community volunteer, your voice matters. This is your chance to shape the future of your town and help make Castleisland an even better place to live, work and visit."

Submissions can be made online at <https://consult.kerrycoco.ie/en/consultation/castleisland-town-centre-first-masterplan-and-public-realm-plan> or by email to townregenerationunit@kerrycoco.ie.

The closing date for submissions is 5:00pm on Tuesday, 25 November 2025.

For more information, contact the Town Regeneration Unit on 066 7183836 or visit www.kerrycoco.ie/castleisland-masterplan.

Hunger Strike have a strong case - Cahill

The former residents of Industrial and Reformatory Schools have made a very strong point to the Government supporting their case for compensation for the wrong that was forced upon them and now they must be listened to according to Kerry Fianna Fáil TD Michael Cahill. Deputy Cahill has been a huge supporter of the Hunger Strikers since day one and was the first TD to raise the matter on the floor of Dáil Éireann, seeking a resolution to this life threatening protest. The second TD to raise the issue on the floor of Dáil Éireann was the incumbent President, Catherine Connolly.

"I am again pleading with the Taoiseach, the Tanaiste, the Minister for Education, the Minister for Health and the Minister for Justice to solve this problem now before anyone becomes seriously ill or worse. We can and must come to an acceptable solution for all parties here and these survivors of the Industrial and Reformatory Schools and the treatment they received there, cannot be allowed suffer any longer. It is critical, health wise, that this hunger strike is brought to an end now, before any further damage is done" stated Deputy Cahill.

"The Hunger Strikers have entered their 44th day on Huger Strike. They were scheduled to meet with the Taoiseach today and this has been pushed back until Wednesday. With a little understanding and empathy, I believe we can get around this impasse and return these fine people to the comfort of their own homes" said the Fianna Fáil Spokesperson for Older People and Tourism.

"The main issues here are the HAA Medical Card and a State Contributory Pension I have raised these important issues twice in the Dáil with the Taoiseach and the Minister for Justice, I have also raised it at a Joint Oireachtas Health Committee meeting with the Minister for Health, I have submitted several Parliamentary Questions on these matters and I am in regular contact with the Taoiseach and the Minister for Education in respect of these issues and I will pursue them until such time as we get a successful conclusion" added Michael Cahill TD.

AFFORDING RETIRED LIVING

A County Kerry Teachta Dála has reiterated his call for a significant increase in supports for our Older People who are finding it very difficult to survive in the present climate of rising prices. Deputy Michael Cahill, who is the Fianna Fáil Party Spokesperson on Older People and Tourism knows of many people out there who struggle daily to make ends meet, provide food and heat for themselves and many have family members dependent on them due to health issues, etc.,

"I meet many people daily, who find it extremely difficult to heat and feed themselves, due to the rapid rise in grocery prices recently and the ever increasing price of fuel. During the past few days, I have been contacted by a number of elderly constituents in Killarney, Dingle and Castleisland who are extremely concerned about an increase in the cost of Meals on Wheels. Senior citizens in Killorglin informed me that they are going up 2 euros per day, that is 10 euros a week and this wipes out the 10 euro weekly increase in the pension. I have queried our Government Ministers as to what new and additional supports that they can provide to alleviate the hardship now suffered by our Older People who have given a lifetime of service to their family and country" stated

Deputy Cahill.

"A priority of mine would be the removal of the anomaly that exists, where the Fuel Allowance is paid to a person, even though the heating of a house costs the same, whether it is occupied by a couple or a single person. Older single people living alone need to receive a sufficient monetary support to ensure they can heat their living quarters properly" said Rossbeigh TD.

"We must also be more innovative in our ways of providing support and look at the worldwide best practices in this field. Our people need food, water, air, heat, shelter and healthcare, as part of their daily living requirements. The regular company of family and friends is also of great benefit, helping both their mental and physical health and more social activity must be facilitated for them. It is only right that we have facilities to allow and encourage social interaction and avoid the exclusion of older people in society" he said.

"But the bottom line is that nourishment, heat and access to healthcare must be supported for an ageing population in Ireland to ensure their older years are their Golden Years in comfort and that is the main goal" added Michael Cahill TD.

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COUPE BEACH SPRINTS

Well done to Cillian Leslie, who returned from Cadiz in Spain as part of the Irish squad that competed in the Coupe de la Jeunesse Beach Sprints last weekend. Cillian contested for Ireland in the Mens Single event. Racing among the top 20 European junior rowers contesting the event, Cillian progressed from the first time trial round with a 10th place ranking, to secure the fastest time in the second time trial round. Progressing through to the knockout stages, Cillian faced a strong challenge from his Austrian opponent in the final round of 16. It was the Austrian who secured the win in their knockout sprint to progress to the quarter final stage. The club is immensely proud of Cillian's achievement, to have reached the top 16 in the newest of European rowing competitions and represented club and country so well.

CLUB BBQ

The club's annual End of Year Social Event will be held on Saturday evening next, November 15th at the Muckross Park Hotel. With the return of the dark evenings, there will be a welcome taste of summer once more with a sumptuous buffet BBQ in store for those attending. Tickets are available for purchase in advance online through our social media pages. To assist with numbers and event planning, we would greatly appreciate if all tickets could be purchased no later than Tuesday, November 11th. A limited number of tickets will be available for purchase on the evening.

UPCOMING

Skibbereen HOR, Saturday, November 15th, River Ilen. Provincial Indoor Rowing Championships, Saturday, November 22nd, UL Arena. Muckross HOR, Saturday, December 6th, National Rowing Centre, Farran, Cork.

KILLARNEY SWIMMING CLUB

Killarney Swimming Club received a €750 Grant Allocation under the Community Support Fund 2025 to provide Lifeguard training.

Killarney Swimming Club Would like to thank Kerry County Council for financial assistance under the Community Support Fund 2025, which provided Lifeguard Training for two of our swimmers.

Elaine O'Donoghue, PRO said "This funding is very welcome and has allowed two of our young swimmers, Dara Sheahan and Shane Tomilson, to qualify as Lifeguards. Dara and Shane carried out their training with Fiona Carroll, Irish Water Safety Instructor. Having additional qualified Lifeguards will benefit both our Club and the wider community. We would like to sincerely thank Kerry County Council for this funding".

Killarney Swimming Club was formed in 2012 and is a competitive club offering instruction, training and competition for young people of all ages and varied abilities in a positive team environment. As well as the huge health and fitness benefits of swimming, our young people learn important life skills such as: water safety,

commitment, resilience and leading a healthy lifestyle.

KILLARNEY VALLEY ATHLETIC CLUB

The Munster Juvenile Uneven Age, U23 and Senior Cross Country Championships was held in Two Mile Borris, Tipperary on Sunday. A brilliant day of racing from our young and senior KVAC athletes who tackled the challenging course with heart and determination. In the U9 Girls, Natalie Murphy was 5th overall out of a field of 121. In the U11 Boys, out of a field of 154 runners, James Doody was 2nd, Charlie Jay Kelliher was 9th, Fionn O'Donoghue was 68th and Dylan O'Connor was 94th and all scored points for the Kerry County Bronze medal. In the U11 Girls, out of a field of 192 runners, Lauren O'Sullivan was 63rd, Fiadh Driver was 109th, Sadie Sugrue was 114th, Eleanor Breen was 123rd, Siun O'Callaghan was 128th, Cara Corcoran was 174th and Cliona Hegarty was 183rd. In the U15 Boys 3,500m, Thomas O'Sullivan was 32nd out of a field of 80. In the U15 Girls 3,500m, Muireann Breen was 18th. In the Boys 4500m, Liam Murphy was 34th. In the U17 Girls 4,500m, Kirsten Kenny was 17th. In the U19 Boys 5,000m, Michael Crowley was 21st. In the U19 Girls 5,000m, Maria Murnane came 8th. In the U23 Men, Conor Crowley came 5th.

Our Couch to 5K program for 2026 has been launched and is now available to book online on our website www.killarneyvalleyac.ie. It will start on 13th January twice per week for 8 weeks (Tuesday and Thursday at 7.15pm). The goal is for all to be able to complete the Killarney Parkrun on Saturday 7th March 2026 in a fun non-competitive environment.

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KILLARNEY RFC CLUB

SENIOR MEN GO TOP OF THE TABLE

Killarney RFC's 1st XV produced a superb display on Sunday in Aghadoe, defeating Scarriff RFC 39-24 in a top-of-the-table clash in the Munster Junior League Division 3. The home side ran in an impressive seven tries in front of a strong crowd to move into first place in the league standings. It was a fantastic all-round team effort, with captain Matt McAuliffe leading by example and the team showing great composure and



Pictured are Shane Tomlinson and Dara Sheehan with Fiona Carroll.

attacking flair throughout. The coaching team of John O'Connell, Seamus Greally, and Declan Fuller praised the commitment and intensity shown across the park.

Killarney now travel to Dungarvan RFC this coming Sunday, November 9th, for their next league fixture as they look to continue their winning form.

KILLARNEY PLAYERS REPRESENT KERRY U17S

A proud weekend for the club as several of our young players represented Kerry Rugby U17s in the Intercounty matches held at Virgin Media Park in Cork.

Well done to Emjay Leslie, Ronan Coffey, Luke O'Malley, Mikey Moroney, David Hallissey, Hayden O'Neill, and Kwaku Blessing Annobil, who all did Killarney RFC proud in the Kerry colours.

A special thanks to all the coaches and to Munster Rugby for facilitating another great development opportunity for our young athletes.

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1st: E/W Imelda Healy & Maura Horan

2nd: E/W Mai & Tim Corcoran

Congratulations to all.



Well done to Killarney RFC Club members Emjay Leslie, Ronan Coffey, Luke O'Malley, Mikey Moroney, David Hallissey, Hayden O'Neill, and Kwaku Blessing Annobil, who all did Killarney RFC proud in the Kerry colours.

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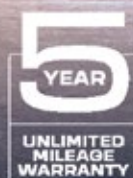
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Farm Hazardous Waste Collection Days 2025

Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine Martin Heydon TD, together with Minister of State at the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment, Alan Dillon TD, have today announced the commencement of six Farm Hazardous Waste Collection days over the coming weeks.

This initiative continues to progress hazardous waste management in accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) National Hazardous Waste Management Plan (NHWMP) 2021-2027. It builds on the success of the 2024 trial collection days, which collected 95,000kg of hazardous waste from approximately 600 farms. The collection days are being supported through strengthened cooperation with stakeholders in the veterinary medicine and plant protection product sectors.

Minister Heydon said: "I am delighted to announce that a further six Farm Hazardous Waste Collection days will take place throughout the country in the coming weeks building on the success of the trial collection days in 2024. I encourage farmers across all farm enterprises to avail of this service and to dispose of any hazardous waste which may be on their farms.

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1st: Patrick Howard & Enda Prendergast 48pts

2nd: Johnny Greene & James Lynch 47pts (Back 9)

Best Gross: John Kerrisk & Alan MacSweeney 65

3rd: Brian O'Connor & Pat F. O'Connor 47pts (Back 6)

4th: Niall Kavanagh & Pdraig Kerins 47pts (Back 9)

5th: Michael Crossan & Ronan Doyle 47pts

6th: Niall Thompson & Karl Scott 46pts

ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB

COMPETITIONS

1st November 10 hole Scramble

10-hole Scramble 10.00am for 10.30am. All Members welcome

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The A.G.M. will be held in the Club House on Saturday 28th November at 10.00am. Motions & Nominations must be received by 15th November All new members welcome. Followed by a Scramble or a refresher on the Rules of Golf.

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS MEET & PLAY

Meet and play every Wednesday morning. Meet in the Club House 10.00am tee off 10.30am. All members welcome.

DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT



James Fleming (Deerpark, Munster Mens Team Manager, front third from left) along with Deerpark's Damien Fleming (back, second left) and Tralee's Jason Cregan (back, third left) pictured with the winning Munster Mens side after their win in the Inter-Provincial Charity event in aid of Fighting Blindness last Sunday in Ryston Pitch & Putt

CLUB

INTER-PROVINCIAL EVENT

Congratulations to Damien and James Fleming on the Munster Mens win last Sunday in Ryston, Newbridge, Co Kildare as we also say well done to Fionn McMonagle and Aodhan O'Halloran on winning Munster's two points in their defeat to the Leinster U16's in their match.

CHRISTMAS TURKEYS

These began last Sunday with the following results for the first weekend- Two Ball Betterball-First Nett: James Foley & Aidan O'Keeffe 34½, Gross: Noel Moynihan & James Foley 44 and Second Nett: Gearoid Cronin & Denis Duggan 39. These will resume on Sunday November 16th.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER Will take place for both adults and U16's this Sunday November 9th with play over 36 holes. Full details will be confirmed to players closer to the weekend.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

The club wishes to let its members know that the O'Neills website is updated with some new items in the club range. Anyone interested in Club Membership as a Christmas Gift is also asked to contact 0872954489 for more information.

MEMBERS ONLY

A reminder to the general public that as of November 1st until the end of next February the course is open only to members except in



Deerpark Pitch & Putt Club's Aodhan O'Halloran and Fionn McMonagle who competed for the Munster U16 team in the Inter Provincial Challenge last Sunday in Ryston Pitch & Putt Club, Newbridge, Co Kildare.

the case of a pre-arranged booking through the club phone on 0877823138.

CONDOLENCES

The club offers its sympathy to Aidan and Shirley O'Donoghue and their family on the death of their aunt Elizabeth Atkinson last week. May she Rest in Peace.



Photographed at the presentation of prizes for the Denis McCarthy Memorial Cup in the Ross GC are (l to r): Captain Peter Wickham, M J O'Sullivan, John Cuskelly, Gordon Howard, Golf Professional, President Betty Farrell, Captain Elaine Casey.



Photographed at the presentation to mark the departure of Gordon Howard from the Ross GC are (l to r): Captain Elaine Casey, Gordon Howard, President Betty Farrell, Captain Peter Wickham and many Ross GC members wishing Gordon well on his departure.

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Lady Captain and Castlerosse GC members at the Nine&Dine Lunch in the Castlerosse Hotel.

CASTLEROSSE GOLF CLUB, LADIES

NINE & DINE COMPETITION: MIXED SCRAMBLE

There was a fabulous turnout for the Nine & Dine competition on Saturday. Weather turned out just perfect for golf. Afterwards, we had a delicious meal in the Castlerosse Hotel, who sponsored a glass of wine for the occasion. Congratulations to the winners and runners-up.

1st: Una Moroney, Liam Sweeney, Margaret McCarthy

2nd: Donal O'Reilly, Barbara O'Shea, Rose O'Connor

SOCIAL GOLF

Social golf every Wednesday at 10.30am. Meet at 10.15am for draw. Book on BRS.

NOVEMBER COMPETITION

From the 4th November to the 22nd November there will be a 9hole Stableford Re-Entry Competition.

GOLF LESSONS

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

KERRY PITCH & PUTT

The Pitch & Putt season ended with mixed results for the Munster Inter-Provincial sides in last Sunday's Charity matches against Leinster in Ryston, Newbridge, Co Kildare which were held in aid of the Fighting Blindness Charity.

The Mens side- managed by Deerpark's James Fleming- were in stunning form in defeating their Leinster counterparts 13.5-4.5 overall. James' brother Damien and Tralee's Jason Cregan were paired together for the Scotch Foursomes as their 3&2 win over Leinster's Stephen Murray & Sean Goggin was part of a 5.5-0.5 lead for the Munster side after the Scotch Foursomes. Damien followed up with a 2&1 win over Meath's Eamon Gibney in the Singles as although Jason was defeated by Dublin's Chris Gallagher 1up on the last hole, the Munster Mens side only lost three of the twelve Singles matches in total.

It wasn't as good for the Munster U16 side in their encounter with Leinster as they went down by 7-2 overall. Deerpark's Fionn McMonagle and Aodhan O'Halloran contributed both of Munster's points in this encounter as the pair won a Scotch Foursomes match with Leinster's

Jason Kelly & Max Guyot 1up on the last. Fionn also won Munster's only point in the singles with a 3&2 win over Guyot again as Aodhan went down by 6&5 to another Leinster player in Max Hayden. The Munster Ladies team also lost 7-2 in their encounter with the Leinster Ladies.

2025 is now done and dusted on the Pitch & Putt front beyond club level as it will be remembered for two National Singles Strokeplay victories on consecutive weekends from a Kerry point of view. Damien Fleming produced a stunning performance to win the Senior Mens event over 72 holes in St Annes, Cork while a week later Tralee's Charlotte Blake became the first Kerry woman in 27 years to win a National Individual Ladies Strokeplay grade when she won the Junior ladies Strokeplay in McDonagh in Kildare. The County Board thanks its clubs and the registered members in the county for their help and assistance throughout the playing season as it was a year where we were all saddened by the deaths of former County Board Officers Kevin McCarron (Listowel) and Pat Mitchell (Castleisland).



Castlerosse GC Lady Captain Finola Geary presenting Barbara O'Shea representing the Runners Up of the Nine&Dine.



Castlerosse GC members at the Nine&Dine.

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Kerry FC crowned MU20 EA Sports LOI Academy Shield Champions after fairytale final win against Shamrock Rovers

REPORT: IVAN HURLEY

In the midst of an early winter wind, rain and hail storm, Kerry FC emerged on top in what was an epic final against Shamrock Rovers as the club's Men's Under 20 side wrote their names into the history books as the first Kerry FC side to win a League of Ireland trophy in the club's short existence.

After a hectic season, the Under 20 side narrowly missed qualification for the Tier 1 competition by just a couple of points on the league table. But with some impressive results in the third quarter of the campaign, the Kingdom secured a quarter-final berth in the Shield (Tier 2) competition. A comeback 2-3 away victory over Bray Wanderers in the last 8 was followed up by an impressive 2-0 semi-final win over Cobh Ramblers in Mounthawk Park to book the Kingdom's place in the final against Rovers. An incredible feat in itself for Kerry, who had reached the Tier 3 (Plate) final the previous two seasons, but lost out on both occasions in the decider.

A big crowd gathered in expectation in Mounthawk Park on Saturday evening. A coin-toss allowed for home advantage for Kerry FC in the final, and a huge advantage it proved in the end. The final was played on tenterhooks throughout the opening 90 minutes, with neither side wanting to make the first mistake in a tactical battle.

Kerry came close several times throughout the opening 45, including chances for Brosna's Luke Palmer and Killarney man Luke Doolan. But Shamrock Rovers did threaten the goal on a number of occasions, but Killorglin's Darragh Foley refused to be beaten between the sticks. The second half started in the same manner as the first, with both sides threatening the opener as the game started to open up as we ticked nearer the end of the 90 and extra-time beckoned.

But, it seemed Kerry hearts were to be broken yet again. Josh O'Dwyer found himself on the end of a lovely ball across from a Shamrock Rovers winger, and he tucked his effort home to the bottom right-hand corner to send the away dugout into jubilation as they thought the game was won.

With a minute of the 5 added on remaining, Kerry launched one last attack out on the right-hand side. Some lovely link-up play from substitute Rob Keane left Andy Kerins swing in a lovely cross which was met high in the Mounthawk sky by Ryan Perez. His header rattled off the crossbar, but a striker's instinct by Luke Doolan, who was waiting on the edge of the 6-yard box for the rebound. The Leaving Cert student in the Sem riffled the ball into the net, and the roar from the large crowd was deafening. Referee Oisín Walsh blew the full-time whistle, and we were headed for extra time. What is it with Kerry FC and cup drama! Again, the added 30 minutes were played out in a tentative fashion. A deluge of rain, hail and high winds didn't allow for the best of football,

but both teams had to adapt to the atrocious weather conditions in the county capital. A Shamrock Rovers attack petered out to a Darragh Foley kick-out as the clock ticked into 120 minutes. With a minute added, it seemed we were headed for the dreaded penalty shootout once again, but then came a moment of sheer magic.

As conditions worsened, Darragh Foley launched one last attack from the back. A long-ranging kick out, aided by the wind, beat the Shamrock Rovers' back line. The pacey Luke Doolan got in behind and, with composure beyond his years, took the ball around the Shamrock Rovers goalkeeper (Todd Bazunu, brother of Ireland international Gavin) and he smashed the ball into the empty net with the last kick of the game. Cue the frantic celebrations with the Kerry bench running to the goalscorer, is sheer joyous scenes between the players and fans alike.

The torrential rain didn't spoil the celebrations as Kerry were crowned Shield champions. Kerry FC captain and Killarney man Oran Horgan collected the trophy and, after an inspiring speech, lifted the trophy with his teammates to the backing track of Tina Turner's 'Simply the Best'

Killarney's Luke Doolan was named man of the match and collected his trophy as recognition of the former Killarney Athletic's man's efforts throughout the 120 minutes, and with First Team Manager Colin Healy watching from the stands, we could be likely to see Luke feature more and more for the senior side in 2026.

It is a day that will live long in the memories of everyone associated with the club. Kerry have been playing League of Ireland football for 6 seasons, 3 seasons before the introduction of the senior side in 2023. We've come a long way in that time, and a trophy is the icing on the cake in what has been a record-breaking season for the club both on and off the pitch.



Kerry FC Captain and Killarney man Oran Horgan being presented with the Shield, by Ger Nagle.



Killarney's Luke Doolan presented with the Man of the Match award, by Ger Nagle.





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BOYS U15 NATIONAL CUP, ROUND 3 RESULT

Listowel Celtic 1 - 5 Killarney Athletic

Patrick O'Connor x 1, Sean Quill x 2, Robert Murphy x 1, Max Moyinhan x 1

Our young Blues secured their place in the fourth Round of the National Cup this afternoon with a very impressive win away to Listowel Celtic. Well done to all the squad who performed brilliantly in the wet & windy conditions

BOYS U15 DIVISION 2 RESULT

Killarney Athletic B 3 - 2 Fenit B

Miron Svyrypa x 2, Jack Gleeson x 1

A tough battle at Woodlawn today against a Fenit side who fought us all the way. The lads had to dig deep and show real character to get the result. It wasn't our most fluent performance, but it was full of effort, resilience, and determination. Credit to Fenit for making it a proper contest from start to finish, and a big thanks to the referee for managing the game well. MOTM - Miron Svyrypa

BOYS U13 DIVISION 1 RESULT

Killarney Athletic B 3 - 1 Killarney Celtic C

The boys made the short trip to Celtic this morning. They started the game second best with Celtic having control of the first half going a goal ahead going into the break. In the second half the boys went out with strong character and really taking the game to Celtic. Jakub got our first goal to equalise and we played some great football with Oisín getting two more to take the game away from Celtic. The hard work and effort by this team always shines through and they deserved this win overall. We would like to thank Celtic for hosting us and the Ref for a great game. Jakub Slowakiewicz x 1 Oisín O'Sullivan x 2

U12 GIRLS PRE-SEASON DIVISION 1 LEAGUE

Killarney Athletic 5-3 Ballyhar Dynamos

Our Girls were in action this morning in Woodlawn against a strong Ballyhar side. It was a sunny morning and perfect conditions for football, with Kayla O'Sullivan leading the team as captain. After a competitive and exciting



Killarney Celtic U15C squad vs Mastergeeha

game from both sides, Athletic came out on top with a 5-3 win.

Goals: Carolena Kelly x 2, Rose O'Riordan x 1, Erin McSweeney x 2.

Super effort from all the girls - great teamwork and determination shown throughout! A big thank you to Ballyhar for a sporting game

U14 GIRLS

Killarney Athletic 8 - 1 Fenit Samphires

Roisín O'Sullivan x 3, Leah Heinemann x 2, Elizabeth Brosnan x 1, Evie Doolan x 1, x 1 Own Goal. Player of the Game: Roisín O'Sullivan

U12 GIRLS PRE SEASON PREMIER DIVISION

Goalscorer Hollie Shevlin x 3

Athletic played away to local rivals Mastergeeha today. Despite a difficult day at the office, the girls showed great team spirit throughout. Captain: Maud Hickey Mastergeeha were deserved winners on the day. Thanks to Mastergeeha for hosting and to the referee for officiating.

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC U16 GIRLS 2

Kenmare U16 Girls 2

The girls welcomed Kenmare today in tough conditions, to be fair it was a tough day it was a day we did not get anywhere near to what we can do and Kenmare took advantage of it taking a two goal lead! The girls dug deep and through Ella Murphy and Roxy got the goals to even up the game. The team overall were below their normal levels but still have enough to pull themselves back in to a game like this. Esme O'Sullivan was the girl that really dragged the whole team with her she was fantastic. We

would like to thank Kenmare for a fantastic game and the Ref. Roxy Wawro x 1 Ella Murphy

KILLARNEY CELTIC

CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 6,7,20,25. No Jackpot winner. No Match 3 winners. Lucky Dip winners received €50. Next jackpot €4,200 on Monday November 10th. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through clubzap.

U15 DIV 3

Killarney Celtic C 3-3 Mastergeeha B

Mark O'Connor, Eoin Murphy, Nathan Cronin

An exciting clash ended all square after both teams gave their all for the win. At the end however, honours were shared.

U13 SFAI NATIONAL CUP

Aisling Annacotty 5-3 Killarney Celtic AET

Dylan McCarthy 2, Josh Buckley

Celtic U13A bowed out of the SFAI National Cup after a titanic game with Aisling Annacotty. Both sides tried manfully to win the game in normal time but the sides were deadlocked at the full time whistle. In extra time Aisling made the all important breakthrough and they sealed the game to move forward

U13 DIV 1

Killarney Celtic C 1-3 Killarney Athletic

Fionn Murphy

Celtic C put in a fine effort but on the day Athletic were just a little bit stronger.



Killarney Athletic U16 Girls



Killarney Athletic U15 National Cup

GIRLS**U14 PREMIER****Killarney Celtic 3-1 Killorglin***Leah Mannix 2, Mia Cox*

Celtic U14 girls bounced back to winning form with this win over Killorglin

CONGRATS to our club member Jane O'Donoghue who has been accepted onto the FAI General Assembly.

Congrats to Ryan Lynch U14/15 who made the KSBGL Team of the Week and to Molly Philpott U14 who made the Girls Roll of Honour.

KERRY SCHOOLBOY/GIRL SOCCER

NATIONAL**14'S BOYS MAKE WINNING START TO INTER LEAGUE**

Kerry got their U14 Boys Inter-League campaign off to a winning start in a thrilling seven-goal encounter at Killeaney against Limerick Desmond

Kerry began brightly and were rewarded when Sean Quill rose highest to head home from a corner and give his side the lead. Limerick Desmond responded quickly, levelling the game just five minutes later to make it 1-1 at the break. The second half saw Desmond edge ahead with a superb strike from 25 yards, but Kerry's substitutes made an immediate impact. Caelan Prendergast and Jack Clifford combined well after coming on, with Clifford's delivery finished smartly by Quill to make it 2-2.

With momentum swinging their way, Kerry went ahead when Caelan Prendergast finished off an excellent move down the right wing to put his side 3-2 in front. Quill then completed his hat-trick with a composed finish to make it 4-2. Desmond refused to go away, pulling one back from a corner to set up a tense finale, but Kerry held firm in the closing stages to secure a deserved 4-3 victory and a perfect start to their campaign.

U13 BOYS NATIONAL CUP AND TROPHY CONTINUES

It was another busy weekend of National Cup and Trophy football for Kerry sides, with plenty of goals as some campaigns continued, while others sadly came to an end.

In the National Cup, Killarney Celtic bowed out after a brave effort away to Aisling Anacotty, falling 5-3 after extra time despite a strong showing from Dylan McCarthy (2) and Josh Buckley. Camp Juniors were beaten 3-1 by Fairview Rangers, while Fenit Samphires lost 2-0 to Bridge United.

Inter Kenmare impressed on home soil, producing a superb attacking display to defeat Killorglin 7-1. Alasdair Sullivan struck a hat-trick, with further goals from Conor Casey, Shay O'Connor, Timmy Sullivan, and Sergej Arsenic, while Páidí Ó Muircheartaigh netted for Killorglin. St. Brendan's Park were also in fine form, cruising to a 5-0 win over Murroe AFC thanks to a Tadhg Gilligan hat-trick and goals from James Tansley and Shakir Jahan.

In the National Trophy, Mastergeeha advanced with a Warren Boyle hat-trick in a 3-1 victory over Corbally United. St. Brendan's Park B also enjoyed success, overcoming Kilmallock United

*Kerry U14 Boys**Ballyhar Dynamos FC Youths who drew 1-1 away to Camp Juniors FC in the Kerry District League*

5-2 through doubles from Oisín Murphy and Cody McKenna, with Luca Toomey also on target. Castleisland were emphatic 6-0 winners against Holycross, with Kallum Brennan, Amari Pabon, Noah McCarthy, Dylan Reidy, and Liam O'Rourke all scoring. Meanwhile, Milltown edged a seven-goal thriller, defeating Breska Rovers 4-3 courtesy of goals from Muiris Quirke (2), Martynas Kerpe, and Cian Vaughan.

MIXED WEEKEND FOR 15'S IN NATIONAL ACTION

There was plenty of drama and goals as Kerry sides continued their journeys, while others came to an end in the U15 Boys National Cup and Trophy competitions this weekend.

In the National Cup, the all-Kerry clash between St. Brendan's Park and Fenit Samphires went all the way to penalties after a tense 1-1 draw in extra time. Daniel O'Leary scored for Park, while Zach Kearney found the net for Fenit. The shootout was a marathon affair, with Fenit eventually prevailing 7-6 on penalties.

Park's spot-kick scorers were Dylan McEvoy, Kian Cronin, Conor Maguire, Daniel Diggins, Ben O'Sullivan, and Daniel O'Leary, while Fenit's successful takers were Jack Corridon, Conor Stack, Cian Slattery, Evan Diggin, Cormac Lawlor, Eamon Óg McElligott, and Patrick Egan.

Killarney Athletic also advanced with an excellent 5-1 win away to Listowel Celtic.

Sean Quill led the way with a brace, with Max Moynihan, Robert Murphy, and Patrick O'Connor also on target. Leo Vasylichenko scored the consolation for Celtic.

Elsewhere, Camp Juniors were beaten 6-0 by Newcastle West Town, while Fairview Rangers defeated Killorglin 3-0.

In the National Trophy, both Killarney Celtic and Inter Kenmare progressed with walkover victories against Shannon Hibs and Granagh United respectively, while Tralee Dynamos exited the competition after a 6-2 defeat to Shelbourne.

GIRLS**12'S PRE-SEASON ACTION HEATS UP**

The Maher Meats U12 Girls pre-season continued at the weekend, with plenty of goals, action and drama in both the Premier and Division 1 grades. In the Premier Division, Park continued their excellent early form with a composed 2-0 win away to Iveragh. Goals from Natalia McDermott and Millie Costello ensured the visitors maintained their momentum heading into the new campaign.

Mastergeeha impressed with an 8-3 victory over Killarney Athletic, led by a stunning six-goal display from Gracie Maher. Annie Mai O'Donoghue and Ellie Doherty also found the net for the home side, while Hollie Shevlin hit a fine hat-trick for Athletic in reply.

Fenit Samphires claimed a narrow 1-0 win against Castleisland, thanks to a decisive finish from Annabelle Rolls, while MEK showed strong form with a 2-0 success over Killorglin. Charlotte O'Connor and Siomha Nic Gearailt provided the goals.

In Division 1, Killarney Athletic B came out on top in a lively encounter, defeating Ballyhar A 5-3. Carolena Kelly and Erin McSweeney both struck twice, with Rose O'Riordan also on target for Athletic. For Ballyhar, Aislinn O'Sullivan bagged a brace and Anna Kate Daly added another.

MEK B recorded an impressive 6-2 win over Tralee Dynamos, led by a Chloe O'Sullivan hat-



Ballyhar Dynamos FC Seniors who were defeated by Dingle Bay Rovers FC on Sunday last at Murt Scott Park in Division 2 of the Kerry District League.



Milltown U13 National Trophy

trick, while Maeve O'Malley and Olivia Murphy were also on the scoresheet. Abi Donovan and Ava Cronin scored for Dynamos.

Dingle delivered one of the standout performances of the weekend, running out 7-1 winners against Camp B. Aoibhín Ní Mhurchú led the way with a hat-trick, while Meadhbh Corcoran added two and there were further goals from Emma Kennedy and Aoife Ní Shuilleabháin.

Rounding off the weekend's fixtures, LB Rovers produced a solid 3-0 win over Listowel Celtic A, with Maggie Dillane scoring twice and Lexi Boyle also getting on the scoresheet.

ATHLETIC LEAD THE WAY IN 14'S PREMIER

Another impressive result for Killarney Athletic has opened up a small gap at the summit of the O'Sullivan's Bakery U14 Girls Premier, after an enthralling weekend of action

Killarney Athletic were in superb form as they powered to a 7-1 win over Fenit. Roisin O'Sullivan led the charge with an outstanding hat-trick, while Leah Heinemann added a fine brace. Elizabeth Brosnan and Evie Doolan were also on target in a dominant team display.

In Castleisland, Park continued their strong early-season run with a 5-2 victory over the hosts. Saoirse Moynihan struck twice, with Faith Breen, Ciara Cronin, and Caoimhe Field also finding the net. Roisin Cronin's double was a bright spot for Castleisland, who battled gamely throughout.

Meanwhile, Killarney Celtic claimed a 3-1 home win against Killorglin. Leah Mannix was the difference-maker once again, netting twice, while Mia Cox added a third. An own goal gave Killorglin a consolation.

CLINICAL DINGLE CONTINUE UNBEATEN START

Dingle remain the team to beat in the O'Sullivan's Bakery U14 Girls Division 1, as they picked up another three points at the weekend to continue to lead the Division.

Dingle continued their impressive run with a 5-2 victory over Ballyhar. Lucy Keane and Niamh Ní Sé each netted twice, with Eilís Nic Gearailt also getting on the scoresheet. Niamh O'Sullivan replied with a brace for Ballyhar, but Dingle's attacking play proved decisive.

Elsewhere, Camp produced a strong home performance to overcome MEK 4-2. Andrea Fitzgerald was in fine form, scoring twice, while Hannah Enright and Eleana Muller were also on target. Eve O'Halloran struck both goals for MEK,

who pushed hard but couldn't overturn Camp's advantage.

CAMP GRAB FIRST WIN IN 16'S PREMIER

Camp Juniors grabbed their first win in the season in what was a closely fought competitive week across the 16's grade.

Camp had a 5-1 victory away to Fenit. Amy Moriarty and Órlaith Flynn both struck twice, with Holly O'Driscoll adding another to seal the win. Erin Harty grabbed a consolation for Fenit, but Camp's attacking quality proved too strong on the day.

Killarney Athletic and Inter Kenmare shared the points in a tightly contested 2-2 draw. Ella Murphy and Roxy Wawro were on target for Athletic, while Brittney Bevan and Alice O'Connor found the net for Inter in an entertaining clash that could have gone either way.

BOYS TEAM OF THE WEEK

1. PJ Griffin (Killorglin U15)
2. Fionn McGrath (Ardfert U13)
4. Ryan Lynch (Killarney Celtic U15)
5. Ewan Myers (Ballyhar Dynamos U14)
3. Cian Vaughan (Milltown U13)
6. Oisín Galvin (Inter Kenmare U14)
7. Alex Karpowicz (St Brendan's Park U13)
8. Krystian Dudus (Dingle Bay Rovers U13)
9. Conor Kiely (Camp Juniors U15)
10. Dylan Doona (Killorglin U13)
11. Kallum Brennan (Castleisland U13)

GIRLS ROLL OF HONOUR

1. Róisín Henken (Killorglin)
2. Roimi O'Shea (Inter Kenmare)
4. Esme O'Sullivan (Killarney Athletic)
5. Ciara Leahy (Dingle Bay Rovers)
3. Charley O'Sullivan (MEK Galaxy)
6. Molly Philpott (Killarney Celtic)
8. Anna Kate Daly (Ballyhar Dynamos)
7. Roisin O'Sullivan (Killarney Athletic)
10. Gracie Maher (Mastergeeha)
9. Saoirse Moynihan (St Brendan's Park)
11. Amy Moriarty (Camp Juniors)

MAHER MEATS U12 GIRL'S PREMIER PRE-SEASON

Iveragh 0-2 Park
Mastergeeha 8-3 Killarney Athletic
Fenit 1-0 Castleisland
MEK 2-0 Killorglin

MAHER MEATS U12 GIRL'S DIVISION 1 PRE-SEASON

Killarney Athletic B 5-3 Ballyhar A
MEK B 6-2 Tralee Dynamos
Dingle 7-1 Camp B

LB Rovers 3-0 Listowel Celtic A

U14 GIRL'S NATIONAL TROPHY ROUND 1

Caherdavin Celtic 8-2 Inter Kenmare

O'SULLIVAN'S BAKERY U14 GIRL'S PREMIER

Killarney Athletic 7-1 Fenit

Castleisland 2-5 Park

Killarney Celtic 3-1 Killorglin

O'SULLIVAN'S BAKERY U14 GIRL'S DIVISION 1

Camp 4-2 MEK

Dingle 5-2 Ballyhar

U16 GIRLS PREMIER

Killarney Athletic 2-2 Inter Kenmare

Fenit 1-5 Camp

BOYS

EBS U12 BOY'S PREMIER PRE-SEASON

Killarney Athletic A 5-0 Camp A

EBS U12 Boy's Division 1 Pre-Season

Park B 3-2 Killarney Athletic B

U13 BOY'S NATIONAL CUP ROUND 3

Aisling Anacott 5-3 Killarney Celtic AET

Fairview Rangers 3-1 Camp Juniors

Bridge United 2-0 Fenit Samphires

Inter Kenmare 7-1 Killorglin

St. Brendan's Park 5-0 Murroe AFC

U13 BOY'S NATIONAL TROPHY ROUND 2

Tralee Dynamos 0-3 Ballynanty w/o

Mastergeeha 3-1 Corbally United

St. Brendan's Park B 5-2 Kilmallock United

Castleisland AFC 6-0 Holycross AFC

Milltown 4-3 Breska Rovers

U13 BOY'S PREMIER

Iveragh 4-0 Listowel Celtic

U13 BOY'S DIVISION 1

Killarney Celtic C 1-3 Killarney Athletic B

Dingle A 7-1 MEK A

U13 BOY'S DIVISION 2 NORTH

Ardfert 3-3 Tralee Dynamos B

U13 BOY'S DIVISION 2 SOUTH

Killarney Athletic C 4-4 Iveragh B

Mastergeeha B 1-2 Castleisland B

Ballyhar B 0-6 Killorglin B

U14 BOY'S INTER LEAGUE

Limerick Desmond 3-4 Kerry

THE GOLDEN NUGGET U14 BOY'S PREMIER

Iveragh A 0-3 Park A

Inter Kenmare A 7-2 Fenit A

THE GOLDEN NUGGET U14 BOY'S DIVISION 2

Ballyhar B 1-0 Killorglin B

THE GOLDEN NUGGET U14 BOY'S DIVISION 3

Milltown 5-2 Iveragh B

U15 BOY'S NATIONAL CUP ROUND 3

St. Brendan's Park 1-1 Fenit AET (Fenit won 7-6 on pens)



Killarney Celtic U14 Girls



Killarney Celtic U13 National Cup

Listowel Celtic 1-5 Killarney Athletic
Newcastlewest Town FC 6-0 Camp Juniors
Killorglin 0-3 Fairview

U15 BOY'S NATIONAL TROPHY ROUND 2

Killarney Celtic 3-0 Shannon Hibs w/o
Inter Kenmare 3-0 Granagh w/o
Shelbourne 6-2 Tralee Dynamos

TC CONSTRUCTION U15 BOY'S DIVISION 1

Camp A 4-3 Fenit A
Ballyhar 1-2 Dingle

TC CONSTRUCTION U15 BOY'S DIVISION 2

Killarney Athletic B 3-2 Fenit B
Killorglin B 2-2 LB Rovers A

TC CONSTRUCTION U15 BOY'S DIVISION 3

Killarney Athletic C 1-7 Park B
Killarney Celtic C 3-3 Mastetgeeha B
MEK 0-3 Castleisland B w/o
Power Travel U16 Boy's Premier
Inter Kenmare A 5-3 Mastergeeha



Killorglin U14 Girls Premier

Ewan Lee Extends Mounthawk Stay with New Kerry FC Contract

Kerry FC has confirmed that defender Ewan Lee has signed a new contract with the club, keeping him at Mounthawk Park for the 2026 League of Ireland season.

The 22-year-old Cork native, who joined from UCC during the summer transfer window, impressed after making the step up from the Munster Senior League. Lee featured 11 times in the second half of the 2025 campaign, scoring his first League of Ireland goal in a 1-1 draw against Treaty United.

Manager Colin Healy praised Lee's impact, saying he "proved his work-rate and professionalism very quickly" and would be "a vital player again in 2026."

Lee's renewal follows new deals for goalkeeper Matt Connor and defender Niall Brookwell, as Kerry FC continues to strengthen ahead of the new season.

Connor, a 28-year-old former Athlone Town player, made seven appearances before injury ended his season, while Brookwell, formerly of Cork City and Liverpool's academy, was ever-present in 2025 with 36 appearances and three goals.

All three signings highlight Kerry FC's intent to build on a record-breaking 2025 campaign as preparations begin for the 2026 League of Ireland First Division season in mid-February.



Niall Brookwell



Matt Connor



Ewan Lee



JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY

takes a look at all things sport...

NUDIE HUGHES RIP

1985. Kerry were the most feared football team in the county. They were rightly popular as individuals, having not only dominated the game for the latter half of the seventies but coming back from that hammer blow of Seamus Darby's in 1982 and Cork in '83 to win again. Not many teams come back. They weren't especially beloved at the time nationally; nobody likes the top dogs in any sport – or should. It's human nature to back underdogs.

But in 1985, there was hardly a soul giving Monaghan a chance against the reigning champions. Their semi-final against Monaghan was expected to be a formality, even though Monaghan were league champions.

It wasn't, far from it. Davy Byrne and Hugo Clerkin were dominating midfield, even against Jack O'Shea. Eamonn McEneaney was at his bullish best. And up front they had the best of them all. Before that game, pretty much everybody in Kerry could have only named one Monaghan footballer. But everybody could name Nudie Hughes. I was actually surprised to find out that his real christian name was Eugene. He was Nudie Hughes. He won the first ball that day and calmly stroked it over the bar. Páidí Ó Sé was a famously parsimonious defender, but Nudie was Nudie. And Nudie infused that Monaghan team, who only coughed up 1-1 in the first half to the most feared forward line in gaelic football.

They couldn't stay with them. Davy Byrne went off with a dead leg late in the first half and gradually a more experienced Kerry ground them down to win the replay by 2-9 to 0-10. We went on to beat Dublin to win our 29th All Ireland. 29 more than Monaghan.

Nudie Hughes. He was an icon of the era. Fair enough, all the Kerry players were household names, but they were winning things, repeatedly. Nudie was a Monaghan man through and through, and never had the same quality of player beside him. And still Monaghan were a power at the time. After all, they had Nudie Hughes. Mickey Kearins of Sligo. Declan Browne of Tipperary. John Galvin of Limerick. In fairness, Conor McManus of Monaghan had a touch of that same aura. If you said that Conor McManus was Monaghan's greatest ever footballer, few enough would argue with you, and Nudie certainly wouldn't be one of them. He'd have been wrong, though, he really would, and I think McManus was one of the best forwards of his generation. Nudie would still get my vote; he could do everything Conor could and was also physically strong enough to shrug off tackles from big men. Low center of gravity and deadly accuracy, once he got the ball, it was game over for any defender, and he was a natural ballwinner.



The late Nudie Hayes who was involved with the All Ireland Golf Classic. Fellow members are truly saddened at the passing of their great friend and loyal supporter Nudie. For more than 20 years Nudie spearheaded the teams from Ulster and beyond- helped run the events and we will never forget his infectious good humour at all times. Ní fheicimid a leithéid arís. Pic: Eoin O'Hagan

It's traditional to list all the medals and the accolades that players have won at times like these. Three All Stars, one as a corner back and two as a corner forward. Three Ulster titles, '79, '85, and '88. A National League in '85. He won All Stars in each of those three years. Nine county titles and two Ulster crowns with his beloved Castleblayney Faughs. An equally talented dual player, he won three county hurling titles.

But all of those medals....they are no measure of the genial Monaghan man. His greatest battle was against cancer in recent years, he treated it with the same respect he gave to all his opponents on the field. You can say that the cancer finally won, but it could never take the smile off his face.

Nothing could. A devoted Faughs and Monaghan man, an absolute phenomenon of a player who pretended not to know that he was not that good. A genuine legend, to use that overblown word correctly. He was Nudie, and my generation in Kerry grew up half fearing but mostly admiring him. Imagine the impact

he had on a Monaghan generation who had no winning tradition. May he rest in peace.

MUNSTER SENIOR FINAL

**Comeragh Rangers (Waterford) 1-12
Southern Gaels 0-11**

The Waterford champions, who ended Ballymacarbery's incredible sequence of county titles last year and won another thriller this year, were always going to be a huge challenge and in the end they just had a little too much for Southern Gaels. With the wind behind them, they hunted and harried Southern Gaels' kick-outs and defensive possession and it gradually paid dividends. A brace of Rachel Dwyer frees had Southern Gaels level with them in the opening minutes. At 0-4 to 0-3 (Mayers Lyons' point) Southern Gaels had two great chances to go ahead, with Siofra O'Shea making a great catch but her piledriver coming back off

The victorious Cromane Team.



the crossbar, and then Rachel Dwyer racing through but her shot going wide. Comeragh got the next three points and then the Murray sisters combined for Katie to rattle the net. Two more points meant that they led by 1-9 to 0-3 at half-time.

Southern Gaels now had the wind and with Megan O'Connell coming off the bench to great effect, Mayers Lyons, Jess Gill, and Rachel Dwyer helped them to four points on the trot. A sparkling Jess Gill shot two more and there was just a goal in it. Eibhlin Power pointed for Comeragh but Rachel Dwyer and Jess Gill trimmed the gap to a single point. Unfortunately, though, Southern Gaels had eight wides in the second half and it was the more clinical Deise side that got the last two points to seal the win and ensure that the Michael Ryan Cup would be residing in Waterford.

Southern Gaels: Mary Ellen Bolger, Clodagh Dwyer, Emily O'Sullivan, Kiera Furey, Jess Gill (0-4), Anna Galvin (0-1), Cara McCrohan, Shonagh Fitzpatrick, Muireann Teahan, Mayers Lyons (0-2), Ellie O'Connell, Katie Foster, Siun Fitzgerald, Siofra O'Shea, Rachel Dwyer (0-4, 3f). Subs: Megan O'Connell (for Siun Fitzgerald, half-time), Aoibhinn Fitzgerald (for Clodagh Dwyer, 53 mins).

MUNSTER INTERMEDIATE FINAL

**Naomh Abán 2-11 Clounmacon/
Moyvane 2-8 (AET)**

Both sides left goal chances behind them before the first green flag was raised at the end of the first quarter by Naomh Abán's impressive youngster Roisín Lehane. Just thirty seconds later Lydia McDonogh struck again and Clounmacon/Moyvane were 2-1 to 0-1 behind. Erin Finucane, Gillian Musgrave, and Laura Sheeran helped trim the gap but Naomh Abán still led by 2-3 to 0-5 at the break. The Cork side just about edged a hard-fought second half to lead by 2-7 to 0-7. Late on, Erin Finucane set up Ornaith Wall, whose shot crashed back

off the crossbar, but Marie Kennelly reacted fastest to force the rebound home and it was a three point game. Roisín Lehane and Erin Finicane exchanged scores. Five minutes into injury time, the outstanding Finucane pounced for another goal and Clounmacon/Moyvane's resilience had taken the game into extra-time. Unfortunately, an intense game had taken its toll and they just couldn't raise their game to match the Cork champions in extra-time. It was a fair result overall, Naomh Abán were the better team, but Clounmacon/Moyvane put up a ferocious battle and left everything they had on the field.

Clounmacon/Moyvane: Danielle Clemmer, Ciara Hudson, Aisling Kelly, Ashlea Sheehy, Ornaith Wall, Kelli McGrath, Tara Enright, Laura Sheeran (0-1), Muirne Wall; Aobha Quinn, Mikala Mulvihill, Kelly Enright 0-2; Gillian Musgrave (0-2, 2f), Erin Finucane (1-2, 1f), Fiona Buckley. Subs: Marie Kennelly 1-1 (for Fiona Buckley, 40 mins), Grainne Stack Mulvihill (for Ciara Hudson, 40 mins), Catherine Flavin (for Ashlea Sheehy 52 mins), Laura Stack (for Tara Enright, 55 mins), Ashlea Sheehy (for Laura Sheeran, 77 mins).

MUNSTER JUNIOR FINAL

Cromane 6-17

St. Patricks (Tipperary) 2-6

It's turning into some year for Cromane. Their mens' team are the Kerry Novice champions and won just their third game ever in the Mid Kerry championship last weekend, beating a fancied Glenbeigh/Glencar. Their ladies, managed by Anna Maria O'Donoghue, were making their first ever foray into Munster as Kerry champions and won the title at the first time of asking. Not only that, but they did it in style.

Mary Kate Smith (the teenager will surely be getting an invitation to Kerry senior training from Mark Bourke next year – I expect that her big brother Liam will be getting a phone call from Jack O'Connor as well) set up Roisín Griffin for a goal in the opening minutes. Eabha Hogan did slot a St. Patricks penalty soon after,

but a dominant Cromane responded with 1-6, 1-4 of that coming from Eimear Burke. Cromane led by 2-11 to 1-4 at the break and Mairín Duffy set up Roisín Griffin for her second goal shortly after the restart. Just four minutes later she completed her hat-trick and she turned supplier for Mairín Duffy to score Cromane's fifth goal, with Maggie Quirke raising a sixth green flag before the finish.

Cromane: Edel Murphy, Aoibhin O'Donovan, Orlaith Burke, Seodhla O'Donovan, Naoise Burke, Orla Dunphy, Sian Corkery (0-1), Leona O'Sullivan (0-2), Roisin Smith, Mairín Duffy (1-1), Mary Kate Smith (0-3), Emily O'Sullivan, Roisin Griffin (3-1, 1f), Eimear Burke (1-9, 1f), Saoirse Harkin. Subs: Mary Ellen McDonnell (for Aoibhinn O'Donovan, half-time), Maggie Quirke 1-0 (for Orlaith Burke, half-time), Katie Roche (for Naoise Burke, 54 mins), Sinead Clifford (for Mairín Duffy, 55 mins), Lorna Griffin (for Emily O'Sullivan, 59 mins).

MUNSTER INTERMEDIATE CLUB HURLING

**O'Callaghan's Mills (Clare) 1-19
Abbeydorney 1-17**

Abbeydorney have been all-conquering in Kerry this year but just fell short in the Munster intermediate quarter-final to O'Callaghan's Mills of Clare. Abbeydorney will feel that this was one that got away from them, especially in terms of late misses, but in mitigation a three month delay after the Kerry County Final can't have helped their cause. It's fairly unavoidable, with so many players also involved in a County Football Championship that in Kerry, understandably has a higher priority.

Abbeydorney actually made a lighting start, Jack Sheehan firing over a brace, Michael Slattery adding another, and Michael O'Leary making it 0-4 to 0-0. The excellent Seán Boyce soon helped to trim the gap back down to one, 0-7 to 0-6, but Abbeydorney responded through Michael O'Leary (3f), Oisín Maunsell, and Michael Slattery. O'Callaghan's Mills did get

it back down to two, 0-12 to 0-10, at half-time. Abbeydorney stretched the lead on the restart through Michael O'Leary and Oisín Maunsell, but then things started to go wrong. A deflected sliotar spun loose in the Abbeydorney defence and Jacob Loughnane won the race for possession before blasting it into the net. That seemed to lift O'Callaghan's Mills, but more importantly it seemed to jolt Abbeydorney, who just couldn't convert their chances over the next 22 minutes. Meanwhile O'Callaghan's Mills snapped over five unanswered points to take control of the tie. In the last ten minutes, Abbeydorney shook off their torpor and came attacking in waves, but still they just couldn't take those badly wanted scores. Michael O'Leary did finally snare a point in the 60th minute and Kevin Varian got a goal to make for a pulsating finish, but it was the Clare side who showed the greater composure to keep that precious couple of points between them all the way to the finish line.

Abbeydorney: Conor Bohane, Jedd Maunsell, Stephen Egan, Mikey Clifford, Damien Hogan, Ronan Donovan, Niall O'Mahoney, James O'Connor, Calum O'Sullivan (0-2), Jack Sheehan (0-2), Michael O'Leary (0-8, 6f), Ruairí Ó hAiniféin, Brendan O'Leary, Oisín Maunsell (0-3), Michael Slattery (0-2). Subs: Daniel O'Leary (for Brendan O'Leary, 41 mins), David Egan (for Ruairí Ó hAiniféin, 45 mins), Kevin Varian 1-0 (for Jack Sheehan, 57 mins), Kian Sheehan (for Calum O'Sullivan, 59 mins).

MUNSTER JUNIOR CLUB HURLING QUARTER-FINAL Knockaderry 2-16 Kenmare Shamrocks 2-14

An absolute heartbreaker. Kenmare Shamrocks played some superb hurling, especially the likes of Kevin O'Sullivan, Jimmy Lehane, Fionán O'Sullivan, and James McCarthy up front. Liam O'Sullivan had the sliotar in the net for them right at the start. The Limerick champions replied in kind but Kenmare began to pull away in the second quarter and a strong finish to the first half saw them lead by 1-10 to 1-4 at half-time, albeit with the help of a very strong wind (we also got a savage icy shower to cheer us all up). Knockaderry did have that wind in the second half and did dominate possession and start to chip away at that lead. However, tigerish Kenmare defending and a stellar performance by Fionán O'Sullivan in particular meant that Kenmare still led by 2-11 to 1-7 with five minutes of normal time left. Then came the blitz. Former Limerick player (he won two All Ireland medals as a corner back) Tom Condon had been a danger-man up front all day and he put on the burners to point himself and set up Mark Danaher with two points. Enda Noran showed great awareness to set up Brendan Guiry for a goal and Kieran Storin equalised just as the game went into injury time. Knockaderry had all the momentum now and scored two points to snatch victory at the death and see off a brilliant Kenmare challenge.

Kenmare Shamrocks: Dan Lucey, Tommy O'Sullivan, David Crowley, Darragh O'Connor, Tommy Cronin (0-1), Jamie O'Regan, Kieran Harrington (0-1), Kevin O'Sullivan, Jimmy Lehane (0-2), Gaspar Landron O'Connor, Fionán O'Sullivan (0-3, 2f), Eoghan McCarthy (0-2), Liam O'Sullivan (1-0), James McCarthy, Liam Palmer (1-5, 4f, 1'65). Subs David O'Brien (for Gaspar Landron O'Connor, 60), Dylan Wallace (for Jimmy Lehane, 60)

RUGBY

Ireland Lose Out In Soldier's Field New Zealand Ireland

Ireland's victory over the All Blacks of New Zealand in 2016 bookmarked arguably Ireland's brightest rugby era – I know that every generation will have their own opinions. I did feel at the time that, while it was certainly a historic victory, attempts to equate it with Munster's famous victory in Thomond Park in 1978 were exaggerated, to say the least – Ireland beat an All Black team who were at the end of a long and tough season. However, it was a moment that saw rugby – always popular but never wholly beloved by the Irish public – really take hearts and minds.

There were rumblings in advance of this game. Nobody was excessively worried about the particular result, but there was the outhalf question. Did we hold on to Johnny Sexton a bit too long before trying to bed in a successor? Ah, not really – we did try to blood replacements at the time, remember, and when one of the best players in the world wants to keep playing, when do you really take the jersey off him? Even now, have we a couple of players in there based on sentiment rather than cold calculation? Are Leinster over-represented and Munster under-represented? Ah, yes, that hoary old chestnut. I'm not convinced – yes, Munster have made a fantastic start to the season and McMillan has the place absolutely humming. But frankly, I think some people are counting chickens based on eggs, Munster are not running with the big dogs just yet. But I will point out that none of these conversations were happening in hindsight; they were all clearly on the table before this game.

A low-key enough start. Mind you, it's very obvious that we are all over the place with our line-outs (personally, I think that's been the case against the top teams for several years now).

Beauden Barrett collides with Tadhg Beirne. I didn't think it was too bad at first but when I saw the replay....look, there's been umpteen debates. Full credit to Beauden Barrett for saying afterwards that there was no malice and that he would speak in defence of Tadhg at the hearing but he did not say that it wasn't a red card – because he knows and Tadhg knows that under the new laws it was most certainly a card. There's a whole other debate about whether these much stricter new laws that don't require any semblance of intent are actually necessary. I'm not expert enough to have that debate but I do have an opinion, and straight up too many rugby players were coming out of the game with too many injuries and after-effects,

especially of concussion. I honestly think it would have unquestionably morally negligent (and, looking at the NFL in particular, not just morally) not to have taken action.

Anyway, what's most pertinent to this isn't your opinion or mine; it's the referee's and the TMO, and Tadhg's yellow card was upgraded to red. Ireland didn't appear too rattled. In fact, good work by Stuart McCloskey saw Jack Crowley put Ireland in front with a good penalty kick from long distance. It got even better in the 17th minute as great Irish pressure opened the door for Tadhg Furlong and he powered over the line for a try. 10-0.

You can only go on so long against a top team while a man down, though, and once New Zealand kicked into gear, they were always going to do damage. Ardie Savea picked off a good try and Beauden Barrett converted. There were actually some good passages of play after that, but neither side could add to their tally and it remained 10-7 all the way to half-time. Ireland put on early pressure in the second half and Jack Crowley was unlucky with a penalty kick that just curled a fraction too far. Three minutes later he had an easier one and made no mistake. 13-7. To be honest, it's not a great game, but if we can hang on, it'll be some result. Into the last quarter now. Ireland were making substitutions, with the likes of McCloskey (he was excellent), Sheehan, and Furlong making way. New Zealand with a tap and go and suddenly show their pace and power, with Tamaiti Williams going over. Barrett nails the conversion and New Zealand have gone ahead, 14 to 13. Ireland are beginning to look a little bit ragged.

Yep, there we go. 13 minutes left and Wallace Sititi crosses the line for a try. Another conversion by Barrett and it's 21-13 in their favour. Ireland are really labouring now. The tanks are fairly empty. In all honesty, I wouldn't exactly say that it's the All Blacks at their best, for that matter. Cam Roigard added a try late on and they even had another one disallowed for a forward pass.

Like I say, not a disaster. Not any advertisement for the game, either, though, and questions will linger.

SOCCER

Shamrock Rovers finally sealed their title win. Look, their early dominance effectively killed off any suspense in the last run of games. The fact that they limped to the finish line, struggling to get that final point to seal it, unfortunately dulled any excitement rather than heightened it. To be fair, they were rarely able to field their best team in those games and still got the job done.

Derry City's Candystripes will be quietly pleased with taking second place with a run of a draw and four wins in their last five games, including a final day 1-0 win that piles more pressure on a Cork City side who are a far cry from their heady days battling with Stephen Kenny.

Shelbourne also had a good run, even if they never looked the same quality or were half as interesting without the mercurial Daïen Duff at the helm. They never looked the same side this

season – acceptable, but no more than that. They will be looking to improve.

Bohs won't really say it out loud, but they will be thrilled with a final day rout of Drogheda that sees them leapfrog into fourth place. That's much bigger than it sounds; if Shamrock Rovers do the double by beating Cork City in the FAI Cup Final, that will free up a European spot for Bohs. Lads, Bohemians will ask their supporters to cheer for Shamrock Rovers in that one. And be soundly refused – they might have done it for Shelbourne, but Rovers? There's a history there over more than a century.

Wunderkind Mason Melia was sensational all year for St. Pats and he moves on to bigger things at Tottenham, but even he couldn't find a winner against Shelbourne that would have guaranteed them fourth place. Missing out on Europe is a huge sting for Stephen Kenny.

Down at the bottom of the table, Cork City never really looked Premier grade all through the year and there's a real chance they could be yoyoing between Premier and First Divisions – there is an enormous gulf between the two in terms of both finance and quality. Moreover, with Cork fans really turning on Dermot Ussher (partially justified in terms of price increases, but if I was on an aeroplane with the engines failing, I wouldn't be starting any fight with the guy who owns the parachutes) it could get a lot worse before it gets any better.

The battle for who was going into the play-off was a lot more interesting. Galway, Waterford, and Sligo were all struggling. I have a certain fondness for Sligo – Eamonn Sweeney's "There's Only One Red Army" has been among my favourite Irish sports books for a long time now (although credit Neal Horgan's Cork City trilogy) and, well....you expect soccer in Ireland to be mostly city based, given our history, not Sligo. There's a little bit of me that expects Sligo to be full of hard-eyed cattle jobbers and sheep farmers who view American tourists more as a food source than actual people, and it's far from it. They are actually brilliant and very funny supporters. Add in Kerry FC's defeat of them in the FAI Cup quarter-final....you'd have to be a cold Kerry soul to wish Sligo Rovers



Pictured at the U16 Kerry Ladies Team Civic Reception hosted by Kerry County Council on Thursday evening in County Buildings were: Tara and Celine O'Sullivan from Fossa. Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography

to be relegated this year. And they won't be, having defeated Shamrock Rovers in their final game to secure promotion. Another teenage sensation, Owen Eldings, scored a crucial penalty for a victory over the champion elect – Sligo's first win over them in a decade (Rovers were far from full strength, though). Actually, Rovers had a teenage sensation of their own in Michael Noonan, who actually made his name with St. Pats.

With all its many travails, Irish soccer does still seem to be able to throw up these talented young players. It's interesting that most of them are coming through the clubs rather than the FAI's underage academies. Although, given that the FAI are trying to shed 60 staff, perhaps not surprising. They are also under pressure from UEFA and are still trying to force through a switch to a calendar year. I still say that would be a disaster for underage soccer in Ireland and I'd be telling UEFA to get back to me after they have sorted out those 115 charges against Man City – La Liga have reported Man City to the European Commission. As for this long promised third tier to the LOL...unless you let teams use the local town park and jumpers for goalposts, that ain't happening

With the Bit O' Red (I actually can't tell if Sligo have a brilliant or a terrible nickname – it's like something out of a Maurice Walsh novel) safe, the relegation play-off spot came down to Galway or Waterford. In the end it was a draw, and Galway's superior goal difference sees them safe, while the Blues will face Bray Wanderers in a promotion/relegation play-off. Waterford will be strong favourites.

In the first division, Dundalk may be a mess off the field with various disputes in regard to ownership etc. but they still have good support and a solid team. They were fully deserving (and unsurprising) winners of the First Division and deserve to go back up.

Bray Wanderers have a chance in that promotion play-off, after beating Treaty United with a last minute winner, but are just that bit too inconsistent for me. That doesn't get hugely exposed in the First Division, but at a level higher....respectfully, I don't see them going up and even if they do, I don't expect them to stay there. Cobh Ramblers were a bit unlucky, having finished second in the regular season, and they would be my favourites for promotion next year; I think they have a good recent record of recruitment.

MILLTOWN BOWLING CLUB CROWNED CHAMPIONS OF THE SEÁN CHAIRDE LEAGUE 2025

The final of the Seán Chairde League 2025 took place at the Gleneagle Hotel on October 20th, 2025, bringing together bowling enthusiasts from across the county for an evening of skill, sportsmanship, and friendly competition. After a closely contested match, Milltown Bowling Club emerged as the champions, claiming the coveted Seán Chairde League title. The runners-up, Beaufort Elves, put in a strong performance throughout the competition and pushed the winners all the way in an exciting final.

Spectators enjoyed a lively atmosphere at the Gleneagle Hotel as both teams

showcased their precision and teamwork in a thrilling display of bowling excellence. The event marked the culmination of months of competition, with clubs from across the region taking part in league fixtures leading up to the final.

Organisers congratulated all participants for their dedication and praised both finalists for their sportsmanship and commitment to the spirit of the league. The evening concluded with a presentation ceremony, where the Seán Chairde League trophy was awarded to Milltown Bowling Club, celebrating another successful year for community bowling in Kerry.



The Milltown Indoor Bowls Team which won the trophy in the final of the Seán Chairde Competition in the Gleneagle Ballroom, Killarney. Left to Right: Willie O'Shea, Paddy Lawlor, Mike Long (Skip), Catherine Kavanagh (Chairperson Seán Chairde), Margo Lawlor.

FOSSA

LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 02/11/2025 for a jackpot of €4,200 were 2, 20, 21, 25. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Mary Francis O'Shea, Online; Eithne O'Shea, Online; Pat Terry; Sarah Coffey; Fiona Myers. Tickets are available from our sellers and can also be bought online with the following link <https://fossagaa.clubforce.com/products/lotto/fossa-gaa-club-lotto>

U14 GIRLS

Our valiant ladies forced Scartaglen/Cordal into extra-time in the East Kerry Final in Scart after a testy battle in tough conditions.

In the dying seconds (at end of extra time) it took several saves, blocks, and the upright to deny Fossa a draw, and Scart ran out narrow winners on a scoreline of 2 - 11 to 2 - 8.

Great credit to the Fossa girls who fought to the very end across 80 minutes of hectic and physical football.

This brings our season to a close. Thanks to all the girls, their parents, coaches, and the club for their support throughout the year.

Much to be proud of girls - Beidh blian eile againn i'26.

EAST KERRY NEWS

O'DONOGHUE CUP SEMI FINAL

Dr Crokes V Spa

Rathmore V Kenmare Shamrocks

Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th November

FR GALVIN CUP

Semi Finals: Currow 4-12. Cordal 0-05

Scartaglen V Listry Saturday 8th November at 2pm

All above games carry extra time with result on the day.

O'SULLIVAN CUP (JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP)

Legion 0-17 Glenflesk 1-16

Gneeveguilla 1-17 Spa 1-07

Listry 1-15 Dr. Crokes 3-08

Semi Final

Gneeveguilla V Glenflesk - Sunday 9th November at 12pm

EAST KERRY MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Division 1 Final

Legion 1-13 Dr. Crokes 1-10

Division 3 Semi Finals

Firies 4-09 Kilcummin 1-12

Saturday 9th November at 3pm, Gneeveguilla V Glenflesk (in Gneeveguilla)

EAST KERRY/EOGHAN RUADH U13 ACADEMY

Two coaching sessions took place during the week. East Kerry sessions took place in St Brendans College. Thirty players attended over the two days with all players showing great skill levels. Vince Cooper East Kerry GDC and Josh Coffey (UL) delivered the games based coaching sessions with all players enjoying the experience. Eoghan Ruadh sessions took place in Rathmore Astro Turf. Twenty players attended over the two days with all players improving and developing their decision making during the small sided games. Vince Cooper and Josh Coffey were delighted with the standard at both venues with all players mixing well over the two days. Thanks to Sean Coffey (St Brendans College) and Noreen

Lawlor (Rathmore) for supporting Vince Cooper East Kerry GDC in running the two day events.

ATHLETIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

East Kerry/Eoghan Ruadh U14 Athletic Development Programme took place in St Brendans College over the weekend. Thirty players took part over the two hour period with all players showing huge interest in improving and developing all technical areas during the well run sessions. Josh Coffey (UL) delivered the indoor sessions in the hall with all players working hard during the sessions asking questions and listening to feedback provided. Players will see good improvement over the seven week programme. Regular attendance will give every player a great chance to improve and develop in this coaching environment. Thanks to Sean Coffey (St Brendans College) for his continued support at all times which is vital for development of all players in East Kerry.

KILLARNEY MEDAL'S AND TROPHIE'S EAST KERRY MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Killarney Legion 1-13 Dr Crokes 1-10

Despite some terrific save's from goalkeeper Kacper Robak, Dr Crokes lost out to a determined performance by Killarney Legion, in the East Kerry Division 1 Minor Final, at Fitzgerald's Stadium on Saturday.

As always when these 2 side's face off, this was a highly competitive contest. Mark O Carroll's superb 2 pointer giving Crokes an early lead. Legion's first 2 scores came from free's from Finan Blackwell and Bryan O Shea. A sharp Crokes move ended with a fine Ben Kelliher point. Further Kelliher point's plus 1 from Liam Hennigan, left Crokes with a 0-6 0-3 half time lead. Only the brilliance of Robak, who denied Legion with 3 brilliant close in saves, had stopped Legion going in with a sizeable half time lead.

After an early Paddy Nash point for Crokes, Legion began to take over. With Samuel Scroope leading the way, they took control in midfield, and point's from Scroope and O Shea gave them their first lead of the game. When Oisín Fleming burst towards goal, the loose ball was picked up by Eoin Murphy who found the net with a well placed low shot. Crokes responded well. Kelliher breaking free, and smashing the ball to the corner of the net from a distance. As Crokes pushed on to try and get an equalizing goal, they were caught out with a breach at the back, giving Fleming an easy free. With the last kick of the game, Kelliher blasted a free towards goal. Legion's defense held firm, and they had held on for a deserved win.

GLENEAGE LEISURE FR GALVIN CUP SEMI FINAL

Cordal 0-05 Currow 4-12

3 second half goal's helped Currow to victory over Cordal, and a place in the Final of 2025 Fr Galvin Cup, with a resounding win on Saturday. Currow took the lead early, with David Healy getting the opening score. John O Connor doubled that advantage. The home side responded with point's from Ryan Dennehy and Gerard Costello. Centre Forward Conor Sheahan then struck for Currow's first goal of the evening. By half time it was still an even match, with Currow having a slender lead.

From here, the visitor's were well on top, helped



Pictured at the U16 Kerry Ladies Team Civic Reception hosted by Kerry County Council in County Buildings were: Annie Brosnan with Cllr Tommy Cahill. Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography

by a man of the match performance from Owen O Connor. An early goal from John McMahon, setting them up for a dominant 30 minute's. Healy added 2 more fine point's. By the time Sheahan got his second goal right near the end, the winner's were already well known. Currow now face either Listry or Scartaglen in this year's Fr Galvin Cup Final.

DR. CROKES

AGM will take place on Tuesday 25th November at 8pm in the clubhouse.

CLUB MASS will take place on Tuesday 25th November at 7pm in the clubhouse.

LOTTO took place on November 3rd. Numbers drawn were 12, 19, 25, 27. Jackpot of €14,000 was NOT WON. 9 patrons matched 3 numbers and receive €45 each. Jackpot for draw on November 10th will be €14,300. Play online by following the link below and follow instructions attached https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=734#Anchor (https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=734#Anchor)

FR. PADDY'S CARDS NIGHT will continue on Wednesdays from 8pm in the clubhouse. All are welcome.

GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS with Kathleen continues on Tuesdays from 11am in the Clubhouse. Everyone is welcome.

GENTLE YOGA for both men and woman takes place on Thursdays from 6:15pm-7pm. It is €40 for 4 weeks, valid for 5 weeks.

BINGO

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

CONGRATULATIONS to Gavin O'Shea and Michaela Bruton on their engagement.

WELL DONE to manager Pat O'Donoghue and our Dr. Crokes girls who were on the East Kerry U13 team that won the County Final

NOTES

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



East Kerry u15 captain Rhea Kate Devane with the County Shield after her team beat South Kerry in a thrilling final in Glenflesk on Monday.
Photo: Seamus Healy



East Kerry u15 Ladies team who won the Co. Shield in the Final against South Kerry last Monday in Glenflesk.
Photo: Seamus Healy

LEGION GAA

AGM NOTICE

The Club AGM will take place on Tuesday 25th November at 8pm at a Venue to Be Confirmed. You are kindly asked to return any Nominations or Motions via email to the club secretary at secretary.legion.kerry@gaa.ie by 8pm on 11th November. There are a few vacancies to be filled in some important positions.

Chairperson - David Randles - outgoing/ Not Staying

Secretary - Denise Fogarty - outgoing / Staying

Assistant Secretary - New Position - to be filled

Registrar - Fiona Ní Chonchubhair - outgoing / Staying

Vice Chairperson - Liam McGuire - outgoing / Not Staying

P.R.O. - Enda Walshe outgoing / Not Staying

Children's Officer - Linda O'Donoghue - outgoing / Not Staying

Treasurer - Sharon O'Shea - outgoing / Staying

Assistant Treasurer - New position - to be filled

Cultural/Scor Officer - Vacant

Health and Wellbeing officer - Vacant - To be filled

County Delegate - Donal Culloty - Outgoing/ Staying

East Kerry Delegate 1 - John Hegarty - Outgoing/Staying

East Kerry Delegate 2 - Vacant - To be filled.

EAST KERRY MINOR CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to our minor boys who had

a hard fought win in Fitzgerald Stadium last Sunday against our neighbours Dr Crokes. This finishes a long, but very rewarding year in which they won the County league Division 1 Shield and made the County Championship semi final. The game itself was a tight and tense affair, with Legion almost scoring a goal in the first minute, when Kevin Looney charged through but saw his shot come off the foot of the post. Legion playing into the wind spurned a number of goal and point chances in that first half, with Oisín Fleming, Jack Culloty and Brian Ó Sé almost raising the Green flag. A black card midway through the first half, gave the Crokes a numerical advantage but the damage on the scoreboard was minimised thanks to some resolute team defending. Crokes did use the wind to good offense to score a two pointer and a couple of scores to lead at the break by 0-6 to 0-3. The Crokes lead was eroded with fine scores from Samuel Scroope and Brian O'Shea.

Oisín Fleming left the field with a dislocated thumb and blood injury but with the generous help of the Crokes physio, he was back on the pitch within five minutes. Jack Culloty was replaced after a dead-leg injury by the equally dangerous Eoin Murphy, who got the breakthrough goal for Legion on the three quarters mark with an excellent finish to a backs to forwards break. Legion were on top but Crokes never gave up and from play they worked a goal. Aindi O Cathasaigh who was

injured in the build up to the goal was replaced with the industrious Sean Pierce and Legion restored their three point cushion after some good possession spells but Crokes pressed hard for a levelling goal and went close in the dying moments but when a Legion player emerged from the pack with the ball in the 64th minute - the boys in green would see out a famous win. The thoughts of the team and management are with our injured players Aindi, Oisín and Jake and we hope they make a swift recovery.

Thanks to the Crokes for another sporting game showcasing the footballing talent in Killarney and thanks to ref Evan Horan and his team of officials. We are very appreciative of the great support we had in the park today from across our great club. Final score Killarney Legion 1-13 Dr Crokes 1-10.

EAST KERRY U13 LADIES

Congratulations to John Doona, Mia Cox, Leah Mannix, Jaylinn O Leary and Clodagh Hegarty who were all involved in the East Kerry U13 team that won the District Championship on Sunday in Fitzgerald Stadium beating West Kerry in the decider.

LOTTO

Numbers were 11, 16, 17, 20. Bonus No 10. Results Monday November 4th. No Jackpot Winner. Lucky dips / Match 3s: 1. James Twomey 2. Joe Huggard 3. Sean Fleming



The U16 Kerry Ladies management team, pictured with Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr. Mike Foley, during a Civic Reception hosted by Kerry County Council on Thursday evening in County Buildings. Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography

UTILITY TRUST ST PAULS VS METEORS REPORT

Dominos Womens Superleague
Saturday November 1st
Colaiste Iosagain

UTILITY TRUST ST PAULS 53
TRINITY METEORS 63

Report by Enda Walshe

Trinity Meteors put an end to Utility Trust St Pauls unbeaten start to the season and in truth James Fleming side will know that their performance neither didn't do themselves justice or deserved the win. The fluency they had shown in the opening four games was not there and when they drilled down into the stats they only shot 31% from the floor, failing to capitalise on chances they usually get in their sleep and missed 10 free throws. Having said all that they were only two points in arrears heading into the final quarter and the game was anyone at this juncture. But Meteors Ava Learn had an inspirational closing quarter to seal the win.

The timing of the defeat could be a blessing, given that St Pauls have a massive cup clash against Brunell this weekend, and the the week will no doubt be spent ironing out the creases as they look to regain the form that has seen them take the Superleague by storm. It should also be said that playing on the road ,almost weekly as they had been, isnt easy and to have four wins from five at this stage is not to be sniffed at. When on form they have shown that they are a match for anyone and the Killarney Sports and Leisure centre is sure to be hopping for the visit of Brunell next Saturday night.

The first quarter was finely balanced with Maisie Burnham and Sarah Kenny exchanging baskets. Ava Learn hit her sides first three point effort but Lovisa Hevinder followed suit as the sides went toe to toe. It was then the turn of Irish International teammates Hazel Finn and Lorraine Scanlon to trade scores . Finn, recently signed from Liffey Celtics was integral to the Meteors effort and she was proving a handful for the St Paul's defence. Burnham and Tara Cousins , especially from outside , kept their side in the conversation as Kylie Horstmeyer took the role of tormentor in chief. Lorraine Scanlon was getting joy inside as well and at the end of a breathless first quarter it was 21-20 in favour of the Dublin side.

Finn again hit early in the second quarter, twice from outside and with the help of Ciara Mulligan and they stretched out the lead to 31-22, with Burnham being the sole St Pauls reply. At this stage it looked like Meteors were in control but Lorraine Scanlon had other ideas and with support from Denise Dunlea they closed the gap to 31-28. They did let some other opportunities pass in the next few minutes and that allowed Meteors to again steal a march . Cousins with a three looked to have countered that move but Finn finished the quarter how she started it, with a three, and that gave them a 38-31 half time lead.



Dominos Womens Superleague Utility Trust St. Paul's

The third quarter was St Paul's best in the game although it started with a Horstmeyer basket for Meteors. But gradually with Cousins and Hevinder to the fore it seems like the flow of the game was shifting. Even at the midway stage of the quarter Meteors held a nine point advantage but a Scanlon basket and a Burnham three point play more than halved the deficit. Helena Keane then hit a three, Meteors final score of the quarter to make it 47-40 but the remaining seconds saw St Pauls roar into the contest. Burnham hit a neat basket before Dunlea hit a massive three to cut the gap to two, 47-45, and the stage was set for a grand finale.

For that to materialise St Pauls had to make a solid start to the final quarter but it was the hosts who sprang out of the traps. Ava Learn, who was to be a thorn in the side, inspired a 7-0 scoring run which was only interrupted by a Burnham basket. Hevinder then hit a three to make it a four point game as both sides missed opportunities to press on. Aisling Moran, Finn and Learn did however strike and in the closing moments those points were crucial. Leah McMahon did respond but the horse had bolted and Learn put the polish on a 63-53 win for the hosts.

Maisie Burnham had 13 for St Pauls, Tara Cousins and Lorraine Scanlon 12 each, Lovisa Hevinder 9, Denise Dunlea 5, Leah McMahon 2. Hazel Finn was the star turn for Meteors with 17, Ava Learn shot 14, Sarah Kenny 11 and Kylie Horstmeyer 9.

And so attention turns to the National Cup and the draw could have been kinder to St Pauls . Brunell won the 2024 edition of the cup and in Edel Thornton they possess a rare talent. Having said that the Presentation Gym laid witness to a gripping win for the home side last season and the game, to tip off this Saturday November 8th at 7.30pm in the Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre has all the potential to be an epic.

UTILITY TRUST ST PAULS VS MOYCULLEN REPORT

Dominos Men's National League
Saturday November 1st
Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre

UTILITY TRUST ST PAULS
LAKERS 88
MOYCULLEN 80

Report by Enda Walshe

Utility Trust St Pauls Lakers picked up their third win in four games when they eventually overcame a dogged Moycullen challenge in Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre on Saturday night. Having lost out narrowly to league leader Portlaoise Panthers last weekend they regenerated the momentum again and Coach Luke O Hea will be most pleased especially by the return to form of both Eoin Carroll and Jack O Sullivan.

Carroll hit 17 points and collected 13 rebounds while O'Sullivan was close to his best with 14 points, 12 rebounds and some spectacular defensive blocks. Steve Kelly led the way in scoring for the Lakers with 30 points while Sam Grant played every second garnering 21 points. With Moycullen missing their influential centre Aitor Munoz they varied their game and hit twelve three pointers while their talismanic figure Grant Ollson hit 30 points. But it was the overall team ethic that carried the spoils for the Lakers and they head to Tipperary next weekend in good spirits for a National Cup date with the Talons.

The Lakers raced into an early 8-0 lead with Eoin Carroll quickly into his rhythm helped by Samuel Grant and Steve Kelly. Moycullen struggled offensively early but Ollson got them up and running. A Kelly three pointer and Jack O Sullivan finish kept the Lakers eight to the good, 13-5, and Grant and Kelly extended that further to 17-5. But Moycullen started to find their mojo with Ollson a strong influence in the paint getting good assistance from Antonio Molina. By quarter's end they had closed the gap to 21-15, a Grant finger roll , giving the Lakers clear daylight.

Ollson started the second quarter on the front foot with Molina on board and they tied up the game at 23 a piece, Kelly replying for the Lakers. Another neat O Sullivan finish kickstarted a Lakers period of ascendancy with Grant netting from beyond the arc. But Moycullen responded and actually led for the majority of the quarter. John Hackett was accurate for them and with Ivan Basic now influential they extended the lead to 42-38 towards the end of the half. But Captain Carroll led by example hitting two superb scores to put the game on level pegging at half time.

The third quarter started very evenly as the lead exchanged hands six times in the opening minutes. It was dominated by Carroll and Kelly for the Lakers with the usual suspects Molina and Ollson prominent for Moycullen. Kelly then started to pull the strings and with Grant also finding his range the lead was again pushed out



Dominos Men's National League St. Paul's Lakers Team

to seven, 60-53. But credit to Moycullen they refused to bend and when Dylan Cunningham struck from outside it was squeezed up again to 62-60. Kelly's drive to the basket were starting to hurt Moycullen as he drew fouls, the subsequent points coming from the free throw line. That helped the Lakers into a 68-65 lead heading into the final period.

Eoin Carroll and Pablo Murcia put the foot to the floor, hitting six points without reply and with eight minutes to go the Lakers had looked like they were heading for home. When Grant made it 76-67 the point was emphasised but Moycullen, through Molina and Basic, struck from outside and reeled the Lakers within four. Ollson, Kelly and Murcia all netted, holding Moycullen at bay, it was now 84-80 with 2.41 to go. But the Lakers' intensity lifted and defensively they got to grips with the physical Ollson. The Moycullen scores dried up with the Lakers topping up their total from the charity stripe and they ran out 88-80 winners.

Stephen Kelly hit 30, Sam Grant 21, Eoin Carroll 17, Jack O Sullivan 14 and Pablo Murcia 6. For Moycullen Grant Ollson had 30, Antonia Molina 14, Ivan Basic 12 and John Hackett 9.

Next weekend is National Cup weekend and it's a familiar opponent for the Lakers as they come face to face with Tipp Talons. The two sides only met in recent weeks with the Lakers coming out on top on a 102-72 scoreline. But the cup is a different kettle of fish and the Talons will be looking for retribution. Tip off in Scoil Ruain in Killenale is at 6.30pm this Saturday November 8th.

Basketball Ireland COUGARS BATTLE HARD BUT FALL TO TALONS COMEBACK

Domino's National League Div 1

TIPP TALONS 96 KILLARNEY COUGARS 74

The Killarney Cougars' third game in a week proved a stern test, with injuries taking their toll on the travelling squad on Saturday evening. It was another tough outing on the road, as a short rotation further challenged the team's stamina. Coming off a narrow 69-66 defeat

away to the Titans in Galway, the Cougars carried that improving form into this contest in Killenale, delivering an excellent first-half performance that showcased sharp offensive execution and strong teamwork.

The visitors took control of the opening quarter, led by an explosive 15-point burst from Simon Olanipekun, to build a 32-23 advantage. The Cougars maintained their momentum into the second period, as Adam Linehan and Josh Vermiglio chipped in with key baskets, helping the team hold a 49-44 lead at halftime.

However, the third quarter proved decisive. The Tipp Talons came out firing, unleashing a stunning 29-6 run led by Matthew McHale's scoring and Aleksandar Kovacevic's outside shooting. The hosts flipped the script, taking the lead for the first time and ending the third quarter ahead 73-55.

A major turning point came midway through the third period when American forward Jackson Ryan, whose presence had kept the Cougars in control, was forced to leave the game. His departure shifted the momentum dramatically, and the Talons capitalised on the opportunity to pull away.

Tipp maintained their rhythm in the final quarter, with Emmanuel Kabengele and Kovacevic trading baskets to keep control. Despite resilient efforts from Olanipekun and Kenny Shimwa, the Cougars couldn't bridge the gap as the Talons closed out a commanding 96-74 victory.

Kabengele recorded a double-double with 22 points and 11 rebounds, while Kovacevic led all Talons scorers with 26. Olanipekun also posted a double-double for the Cougars, finishing with 29 points and 13 rebounds.

Top Scorers:

Killarney Cougars: Simon Olanipekun 29, Kenny Shimwa 14, Jackson Ryan 13, Adam Linehan 9, Josh Vermiglio 9.

Tipp Talons: Aleksandar Kovacevic 26, Emmanuel Kabengele 22, Matthew McHale 16, Niall Walsh 13, Rian Broderick 11.



St Paul's boys T1 and T2 teams played in a thrilling league clash and they gave it everything! Great skills, teamwork, and sportsmanship shown



KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL STOPPING HOUSE BUILDING IN KERRY

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

“ERRATIC PLANNING DECISIONS WITHOUT CONSEQUENCES FOR KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL”

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

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

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

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



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



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

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



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



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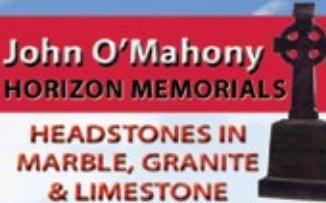


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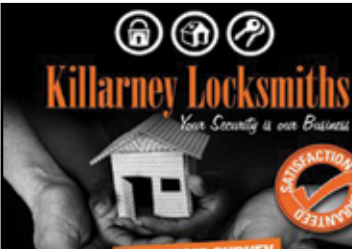


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FROM BROOKLYN TO LOUGH GUITANE

By Nicky Barry

To be born in Brooklyn, and end up in Lough Guitane,
Is just like John Wayne's story, in The Quiet Man.
From the bustle of the city, to a lakeside haven,
Is like leaving hell on earth, to discover heaven.
Instead of yellow taxis, there is yellow gorse on hills,
And to wake up each morning, in an unearthly thrill.
Instead of gushing hydrants, there's the lapping of lake water,
Playing music in your ears, like some old Celtic harper,
And the mist on the mountain, is like a mystic cloak of grey,
That lifts with the sunrise, on each new Kerry day.
Sheep and goats forage for grass, in the purple heather,
Just so happy to be there, in all kinds of weather.
Jets fly high across the sky, en route to New York,
Trailing tails of vapour, over Mangerton and Torc.
You think of what you left behind, for you had the wisdom,
To set out for a better life, in Kerry's mighty kingdom.
You wonder at times if it's a dream, or could it be real,
For it seems like Glockamara, or the Isle of Innisfree.
But this is neither of them, for it's just Lough Guitane,





A Word of Victory

"I waited patiently for the Lord; He inclined to me and heard my cry. He lifted me up from the pit of despair, out of the mire clay; He set my feet upon a rock, and made my footsteps firm. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord"
(Psalms 40:1-3)

Welcome back dear student these powerful verses show the Lord taking action on behalf of those stuck in trouble - the heart of our Good Shepherd. Psalms twenty-three illustrates how He provides for His loved ones - He feeds, protects, defends and blesses, ensuring complete preservation, so we can rest safely under His care. The lead Scripture demonstrates our Shepherd's deliverance: He's listening for our cry. He's on the scene - lifting us out of despair. God then positions us safely, from where we can advance. This relationship causes contentment, joy, and thankfulness - affecting even those around us to also trust in God. During times of crisis, it can feel like the whole world is crashing down. Even in the darkest times though, you can reap the benefit of having deposited God's Word into your heart. Paul asks in Ephesians 'when the evil day comes, will you be able to stand?' (Ephesians 6:13). Only those who have prepared will be able. Being prepared is not hoarding water and cans of beans: but investing in a meaningful relationship with God through His Son Jesus. It's in His Word where we get to know Him for the Lord Jesus is the 'Word of God' (John 1:14).

God speaks of the 'mire' often. It describes a clay like substance with a quicksand effect. When a body is soaked in mire it is very difficult to lift one's legs or resist against the pull downwards. Many situations - be they health, relationships, or financial can have this same impact upon folks. The feeling of being too tired to fight, being overwhelmed, or going under. But friend, in every situation - change is possible! Jesus is our Deliverer - that means He fought so that we wouldn't have to. He gifted us freedom from sin, curse and destruction by enduring and coming out the other side of death and hell victoriously (Psalms 107:20). But if a person doesn't know that they cannot benefit from His work. Jesus promised that we can come to Him, when we are heavy laden and burdened, and He will give us rest (Matthew 11:28-30). Billionaires cannot buy the rest that Jesus gives. In knowing the Lord, even if one is facing the worst of circumstances you can stay in peace in the midst of the trouble, because you're not the one who has to come up with the solution! Jesus is the answer. God is the One Who strengthens you and enables you to overcome (Isaiah 40:28-31). "I removed the burden from their shoulders; their hands were set free from the basket of tasks" (Psalms 81:6).

At times life can feel overwhelming simply because there's so much to do. But God promises that you "can do all things through Christ Who strengthens you" (Philippians 4:13). The Anointing that Jesus walked in is available to believers who obey and walk with Him daily. Isaiah prophesied that it's the 'Anointing that destroys the yoke' (Isaiah 10:27). What he saw was that those who knew and trusted in God, grew fat in His Presence. The world is obsessed with losing weight - but here the Lord reveals that the nourishment that comes from abiding in His Presence causes condition to come upon that one's spirit that bursts through every restrictive yoke, bringing freedom, by His Spirit - not man's power or strength (Zechariah 4:6). Praise the Lord!

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For your planning, please note that bookings for 2026 are now being taken. Contact the Parish Office on 0646631014 or email; killarney@dioceseofkerry.ie

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In the Cathedral: Concelebrated Mass with Office for the Dead on every Monday evening 6.15pm for November

The Church of the Resurrection: Wednesdays of November at 9.30am

Muckcross Church: Thursdays of Nov at 6.00pm following Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE LISTS

This is our opportunity for us to pray for our loved ones who have died. You might return your November List and Offering at Masses, at the Parish Office, or at the box at the sacred space in the Cathedral. In this sacred space will be the names of all those who passed away over the past 12 months

MONTHLY DIVINE MERCY:

Holy Hour will be held on Thursday the 6th of November at 8pm in St Brigids Chapel, Church of the Resurrection.

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

PERMANENT DEACONS

ON SATURDAY November 8th 2025 Bishop Ray Browne will ordain 5 new Permanent Deacons for our Diocese.

The ordination ceremony will be held in St. Mary's Cathedral, Killarney at 12 noon on Saturday November 8th, followed by a reception in St Brendan's College. All are welcome

QUIZ NIGHT

KILLARNEY COMHALTAS are holding their annual quiz night at Hotel Killarney on the 7th of Nov at 7:30pm. Get in touch with Ann to book your table now on 087 940 3508.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF
PHIL DINEEN



LATE OF UPPER SHINNAGH,
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*The ones we love never go away
They walk beside us every day
Unseen, unheard yet always near
Still loved, still missed and very dear.*

Always remembered
by your loving mother Eithne

4TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF A
WONDERFUL SISTER
PHIL DINEEN



LATE OF UPPER SHINNAGH,
RATHMORE
WHO PASSED AWAY ON
9TH NOVEMBER 2021

*If roses grow in Heaven Lord
Please pick a bunch for me
Place them in Phil's arms
and tell her they are from me.*

Always on my mind, forever in my heart
Loved and remembered every day
from Bernie and Family

4TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
A DEAR SISTER
PHIL DINEEN



LATE OF UPPER SHINNAGH,
RATHMORE
WHO PASSED AWAY ON
9TH NOVEMBER 2021

*Today is a day of memories
Of someone so special
We wish we still had
And when thoughts go back
As they often do
We treasure the memories
We have of you.*

Sadly missed by
Mary, Bernie & Kevin Cotter

*A quiet thought
A silent prayer
For someone special
In God's Care*

Sadly missed by
John, Anna & Sean O'Leary

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT 1ST & 4TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
**MARGARET WALSH
O'DONOGHUE &
JJ O'DONOGHUE**



WHO PASSED AWAY
NOVEMBER 5TH 2024
& DECEMBER 5TH 2021.

As we mark the 1st anniversary of Margaret Walsh O'Donoghue's passing, & the 4th anniversary of JJ O'Donoghue, their daughters Pam, Valerie, Grace, & Rachel, along with their husbands, children, Margaret's sisters Kathleen & Rose, JJ's brothers Gerard & Seamus, sisters Kathleen, Joesphine, Celine, Noreen & Angela, & all the extended family on both sides, would like to sincerely thank everyone who has supported us since the untimely passing of Margaret, JJ, & their beloved son Podge. (Rip March 31st 2023.)

We wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to O'Shea's Funeral Home for your professionalism, care, & genuine compassion. To Regina, who took incredible care of our mother in her final years - we are beyond grateful for your kindness & sincere compassion.

To all Mum's loyal neighbours & close friends, thank you for your unwavering support, friendship, & love throughout the years.

To the many professionals in all capacities who cared for & supported our mother, father & brother- thank you.

Our thanks also to Sinéad & all the team at the Victoria House Hotel, who always extended a warm welcome to Mum and hosted the post-funeral gatherings with such grace. Special appreciation goes to our incredible family & close friends who have rallied around us & cared for us at every turn over the past four years - we are enormously grateful & deeply thankful to you all.

We would also like to thank Lily McMonagle & Paud O'Donoghue for the beautiful music at our services, & our auntie Kathleen, whose words in the eulogies for both our mother & brother Podge were truly perfect. To everyone who sent cards, flowers, gifts, or offered Masses - thank you sincerely.

We Remember them

*At the rising of the sun & at its going down
- We remember them.*

*At the blowing of the wind & the chill of winter
- We remember them.*

*At the opening of the buds in the rebirth of spring
- We remember them.*

*At the blueness of the skies & in the warmth of summer
- We remember them.*

*At the rustling of the leaves & the beauty of Autumn
- We remember them.*

*At the beginning of the year & when it ends
- We remember them.*

*As long as we live, they too will live, for now they
are a part of us, - We remember them.*

Margaret's 1st anniversary & JJ's 4th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, November 9th at 9.30am in Muckross Church Killarney.

3RD ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
**NOREEN PAYNE
(NEE COFFEY)**



LATE OF ST. BRENDAN'S
TERRACE KILLARNEY
WHO PASSED AWAY
7TH NOVEMBER 2022.

*When someone you love becomes a memory
The memory becomes a treasure.*

Loved and remembered by
Julie and Family.

3RD ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
**NOREEN PAYNE
(NEE COFFEY)**



LATE OF ST. BRENDAN'S
TERRACE KILLARNEY
WHO PASSED AWAY
7TH NOVEMBER 2022.

Beautiful memories left behind.

Loved and remembered by
Paul and Family.

4TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
A WONDERFUL SISTER
PHIL DINEEN



LATE OF UPPER SHINNAGH,
RATHMORE
WHO DIED ON
9TH NOVEMBER 2021

*You always had a smile to share
A laugh, a joke, a time to care
A wonderful nature warm and true
These are the memories
We have of you*

Fondly remembered always
your dear sister Patricia, John, Aoife,
Darragh and Claragh.

PRAYER TO THE LITTLE FLOWER ST THERESE

O Little Therese of the Child Jesus, please pick for me a rose from the heavenly gardens and send it to me as a message of love. O Little Flower of Jesus, ask God to grant the favors I now place with confidence in your hands . . .
(mention in silence here)

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

Amen

MEMORARE

Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day 11th February
Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.

To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful.

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

6TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**DAVE
GEANEY**



LATE OF GRENAGH, FOSSA,
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(FORMALLY BROSNA)
WHO DIED ON THE 8TH
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*There are no ways to tell you Dave,
What losing you has meant,
But each day brings precious memories,
Of the many happy times we spent,*

*Though Heaven and Earth divide us,
We are never far apart,
As YOU are always on my mind,
And forever in my Heart.*

**Love you always,
Your loving wife,
Helen xx**

*Anniversary Mass for Dave will be held in
the Prince of Peace Church, Fossa
on Saturday 8th November
at 7.30pm.*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & 1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**NORA DOHERTY
(NÉE KELLIHER)**



LATE OF GNEEVES, BEAUFORT.
WHO PASSED AWAY ON
9TH NOVEMBER 2024.

As we mark the first anniversary of Nora's passing, Nuala, Anne Marie, Catherine, Miriam, Michael, and Eamon wish to extend our sincere gratitude for the many acts of kindness, support, and sympathy shown to us during our time of bereavement.

We appreciate everyone who visited Nora's home, sent Mass cards, letters, messages of condolence, and floral tributes. A heartfelt thanks to everyone who travelled from all across Ireland, the UK, and the USA.

Our thanks go to Fr. Fergal Ryan and Fr. Denis O'Mahony for the lovely funeral service and thoughtful words and graveside prayers; to Peggy Lynch and Nora Mai Kelliher for their invaluable assistance throughout the service; and to Paud O'Donoghue for providing beautiful music and singing.

We are deeply grateful to Micheal, Mary, and Mike O'Shea of O'Shea's Funeral Home and to Ger Fitzgerald for your professionalism, compassion, and kindness. We thank the grave diggers for preparing Nora's final resting place with care. Appreciation is also extended to Killarney Golf Club for hosting the post-funeral gathering.

Our heartfelt thanks go to Nora's carers in recent years - Beaufort Home Help for their compassionate daily visits, Killorglin HSE for their medical support, and all those who provided care morning, day, and evening, ensuring Nora's comfort and dignity. Special thanks to Nora, Cait, Donna, Bridget, Joanne, Anne Marie, Helena, Finola, Jackie, Kathleen, Margaret(s) and Mary(s).

The Ross Medical Clinic is sincerely thanked for its diligent and professional attention to Nora over the years. We are also grateful to Liam Sheahan Pharmacy and staff for their longstanding support. Special recognition goes to great friends and neighbours including Mary Francis & Martin O'Donoghue, George Kelly, Ann & Peter Knoblauch - for your regular visits and readiness to assist in times of need. We also thank the extended Doyle and Kelliher families for their consistent friendship and for brightening Nora's days with a visit and a song. She so loved to sing the Rose of Tralee. As it is not possible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest appreciation. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

*Those we love don't go away,
they walk beside us everyday
Unseen, unheard, but always near,
Still loved, still missed and forever dear.*

Nora's First Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated on Saturday, 8th November 2025
at 7.30pm in St. Mary's Church, Beaufort.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & 1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF A WONDERFUL HUSBAND,
DAD AND GRANDIE

ANDY O'SULLIVAN



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We, his family, wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all who offered their condolences, sent flowers and Mass cards, called to the house, or reached out in so many ways to sympathise with us on our sad loss. Your kindness, support, and continued thoughtfulness throughout the past year have brought us great comfort.

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to Dr. Ken Keohane and all the team at Deenagh Medical, to the wonderful Ambulance Team in Kerry for their kindness and care, to Eoin, Bernard and all the staff at Reen's Pharmacy, to the staff in A&E, and especially those on Carrig Ward at Kerry General Hospital, for their exceptional care and compassion.

A heartfelt thank-you also to Dr. Liam Chawke and Dr. Lorraine O'Neill in the Respiratory Unit at Kerry General Hospital for their unwavering support and kindness to Andy - your care meant so much to him and to all of us.

We would also like to thank the wonderful staff at Killarney Community Hospital for their exceptional care and rehabilitation, which gave us precious extra quality time with Dad, something we will always be grateful for.

To the wonderful team in Palliative Care at Kerry General Hospital, thank you for the love and care you showed, it was beyond compassionate.

A special word of thanks to Dad's wonderful Home Help team, particularly his goddaughter Breda Kelly, for the loving care, respect and kindness shown to him.

To all those who travelled great distances

to share stories, offer support, or simply sit with us, we are forever grateful.

We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Fr. Joe Begley, Fr. Kieran O'Brien, and Fr. Pat O'Donnell for calling to Dad on an ongoing basis, and for blessing him in his final hours. It meant a great deal to him and to all of us, his family, and brought great comfort and peace.

A special thank you to O'Shea's Funeral Home for their professionalism and care. Our heartfelt thanks also to Spa GAA Club and the Kerry Independent Alliance for providing the guard of honour, it meant the world to us as a family.

We are deeply thankful to our extended family, friends and neighbours for their continued love, support and friendship, not only during Dad's illness and at the time of his passing, but also throughout the past year. Your care and presence have meant so much to us all. A special thank you, too, for all the food that was so kindly and quietly dropped to the house, it was deeply appreciated.

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

*Though you are no longer by our side,
you are forever in our hearts and memories.
Loved beyond words, missed beyond
measure.*

May his gentle soul rest in peace.

**Deeply loved and sadly missed by his
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Diarmaid, their partners Rachel, Anto,
Kevin, Michelle and Erin, and his adored
grandchildren Aoibhin, Ryan, Alex, Teddy,
Fionn and Maggie, his brothers and
sisters John, Nora Mai, Mary, Liz and Noel,
and their wonderful partners.**

A Mass will be offered on Wednesday,
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