



# A Note from the **E** DITOR



As we look forward to a bumper weekend of sport in Killarney, we have a busy magazine for you this week.

A tribute to the late Maurice O'Donoghue took centre stage at the Rally of the Lakes, there is a call to welcome EU Ministers to Killarney later this year and it's time to Walk from Darkness Into Light.

Soccer stars at St. Brigid's are celebrating a historic win, a new retail committee in Killarney has been formed and the Friary Folk Group have launched their new CD to raise funds for a very worthy charity.

A fundraiser at Liebherr has resulted in a massive donation to the Kerry Hospice Foundation, plans are being finalised for National Biodiversity week and Kerry County Council have launched a dog fouling campaign.

The countdown is on the fifth Killarney Club 7's, the pubic are being urged to be "Tick Aware" as we enter peak Lyme disease season and Killarney Tidy Towns are back at work and are looking for volunteers.

In sport, two talented basketball players have been chosen to represent Ireland, Kerry FC celebrate a win over Cork FC and Jimmy takes a look at all things GAA this week.

Hope you all enjoy this week's Killarney Outlook!

*Aisling Crosbie*



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# Tribute to the late MAURICE O'DONOGHUE takes centre stage at the Rally of the Lakes

A poignant tribute to one of Killarney's great visionaries took centre stage when the Assess Ireland International Rally of the Lakes 2026 got underway in the heart of Killarney last Friday night.

At the head of the ceremonial start was a beautifully restored 1950s Riley RM, a car once owned by the late Maurice O'Donoghue, a man widely regarded as a trailblazer of tourism not only in Killarney but across Ireland. The moment served as both a celebration of motorsport and a heartfelt tribute to a figure whose influence helped shape the town into the world-renowned destination it is today.

Maurice O'Donoghue's legacy was deeply intertwined with Killarney's rise as a tourism hub. His vision, innovation, and commitment to hospitality laid foundations that continue to support the town's economy and international reputation. It was fitting, therefore, that his own vintage car led such a globally recognised event through the streets he helped put on the map.

The restoration of the Riley RM was a labour of love for the Killarney Valley Classic and Vintage Club, whose members dedicated countless hours to bringing the car back to its former glory. Their work ensured that Maurice's legacy was not only remembered but brought vividly to life.

Behind the wheel for this special occasion was experienced driver Mike Buckley, representing the club with pride and a deep sense of occasion.

The event also brought together a number of well-known local figures, each connected through community, heritage, and the enduring spirit of Killarney. Among them was Caoimhe Lynch, whose role as Kerry Rose embodied the cultural pride and tradition of



Tim Clifford (Clerk of the course) and Mike Buckley, driver, with the vintage 1950s Riley RM that was owned by the late Maurice O'Donoghue and restored by Killarney Valley Classic and Vintage Club to lead the ceremonial start of the Assess Ireland International Rally of the Lakes 2026 in Killarney town centre on Friday night.

Picture: Eamonn Keogh

the region. Joining her were Mike Marshall and Tom Leslie, both respected contributors to local events and community life.

Adding a deeply personal dimension to the evening were members of the O'Donoghue family. Patrick O'Donoghue and Aine O'Donoghue, representing the renowned Gleneagle Hotel, were present to honour Maurice's enduring impact. Their presence highlighted the continuation of a family legacy that remains central to Killarney's hospitality

sector.

As the Riley RM rolled through the town centre, it did more than mark the start of a rally, it told a story. A story of vision, community, and the enduring connection between past and present. In that moment, the spirit of Maurice O'Donoghue once again led the way, just as he had done in shaping Killarney into a destination cherished by visitors from around the world.

## Call to Welcome EU Ministers to Killarney

Cllr. John O'Donoghue has called on Killarney Municipal District to formally invite the Government to host an EU Ministerial Meeting in Killarney during Ireland's upcoming EU Presidency.

Addressing the May meeting of the Council, Cllr. O'Donoghue highlighted the town's strong tradition of hospitality and its proven ability to host high-profile events.

"Given our long and storied history of welcoming visitors to our town and county, Ireland's EU Presidency presents a unique opportunity to showcase everything our area has to offer," he said.

He emphasised that Killarney stands out among towns nationwide due to the scale and quality of its hospitality sector.

"Killarney is somewhat unique in that our hospitality infrastructure can cater for events of every size and scale," he added. "We should capitalise on this opportunity by actively seeking to host a ministerial meeting or potentially even a full EU leaders' summit."

The proposal is expected to be considered further by the Municipal District as part of broader efforts to position Killarney on the international stage during Ireland's presidency term.





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## Killarney Legion to Host Darkness Into Light Walk

Killarney Legion GAA Club is set to support the annual Darkness Into Light event, with a community walk taking place on Saturday, May 9th, 2026 at 5am. The event will be held at the Killarney Legion GAA Grounds, bringing people together in support of mental health awareness and suicide prevention.

The early morning walk, organised in partnership with Pieta, aims to offer hope and solidarity to those impacted by suicide and self-harm. Participants of all ages are welcome to attend, with organisers encouraging attendees to wear their Legion colours as a show of community spirit.

Following the walk, participants are invited to gather for a sausage sizzle along with tea, coffee, and a chance to chat, creating an opportunity for connection and support in a relaxed setting.

Local organiser Noelle O'Brien has extended an open invitation to the wider community, highlighting the importance of coming together for such a meaningful cause.

The Darkness Into Light walk has become a significant annual event in communities across Ireland, symbolising the journey from despair to hope. Organisers in Killarney are hopeful of a strong turnout as the town once again steps forward in support of this important initiative.

The event is being run as part of Killarney Legion LGFA's participation in the Lidl Serious Support Club Programme developed in partnership with the Ladies Gaelic Football Association is a five-step mental health awareness programme for LGFA Clubs to raise awareness and improve their understanding of mental health within their club using 5 themes consisting of 'connect (with others)', 'be active', 'take notice', 'keep learning' and 'give'.

## St. Brigid's Presentation Make History as 2026 FAI Schools Minor Girls National Cup Champions

St. Brigid's Presentation made history this week by becoming the first girls' soccer team from Kerry to win an All-Ireland schools soccer final after defeating Coláiste Éinde of Salthill in the 2026 FAI Schools Minor Girls National Cup Final in Ballingarry.

The victory marks a landmark achievement for both the school and girls' soccer in Kerry, with the team also becoming the county's first side to win a Munster Cup at this level. Students, staff, families and supporters gathered in huge numbers on Wednesday evening to welcome the champions home and celebrate a memorable occasion for the school community.

The squad delivered outstanding performances throughout the campaign, combining skill, determination and teamwork on their way to national glory. Over seven games, St. Brigid's scored 25 goals while conceding just once, underlining the hard work and commitment shown by the players and management all season. After narrowly losing last year's Munster final, the team returned stronger and fully deserved their success.

Coaches Mike Fleming and Martin Crowley praised the players for their dedication and spirit, describing them as a hugely talented group who have put Kerry girls' soccer on the map at both local and national level. They also thanked the local clubs, along with the support of the school and teachers Ms McElligott and Ms Moore, for helping provide the girls with a platform to develop and showcase their talents.

It was pleasure to coach this group, a most talented bunch of girls and we look forward with excitement to what else these girls can achieve, how they have inspired the younger students supporting them today, a day in which they have made history. The achievement is a proud moment in the history of St. Brigid's Presentation and an inspiration to younger students and future generations of footballers in Kerry.



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# NEW RETAIL COMMITTEE OUTLINES PRIORITIES

A new retail sub-committee of Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce has encouraged those with specific concerns and ideas relating to the town's retail offering to engage with its members and allow them to represent their interests.

The committee, chaired by Killarney Outlet Centre manager Paul Sherry, involves Aoife McBride of MacBees, Enda Walshe of Quills, Brian O'Shea of Brian James and Mary Counihan of Adams Jewellers.

The main objective is to engage on behalf of retailers – both members and non-members of Chamber – with Kerry County Council and any other relevant bodies to ensure the retail offering in Killarney is afforded every opportunity to be as good and as strong as it can be.

"It is important that all bodies and groups work for the benefit of the town as a whole. These are difficult times for all business operators but, by working together, a great deal can be achieved," said committee chairman Paul Sherry.

The sub-committee has already made initial representations to Killarney Municipal District Council officials on a number of issues including:

- The persistent occupation of designated



Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce Retail committee. From left are Aoife McBride (Macbees) Brian O'Shea (Brian James and Easons), Paul Sherry (Killarney Outlet Centre and Chairman), Johnny McGuire (Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce President), Enda Walshe (Quills) and Mary Counihan (Adams Jewellers).

Picture: Eamonn Keogh

loading bays by private vehicles which is presenting significant operational challenges for retailers.

- While retailers are broadly supportive of busking and street performance, the increased prevalence of amplified and unregulated busking is causing problems due to volume and frequency.

- The introduction of a long-promised CCTV system for the town centre, which has been under discussion for several years, should be introduced as a matter of priority to enhance public safety and support the town's reputation as a secure and welcoming destination.

- While the public realm works currently underway on Main Street and Kenmare Place are a hugely positive development, which will significantly enhance the overall character of the area and the town centre's retail, commercial and tourism offerings, it is

important that stated targets are met and the route will be open to all traffic during the busy tourist season.

Mr Sherry thanked outgoing retail sub-committee chairman, Anthony Walshe, and all those who have engaged on behalf of retail for the great work that has been done in the last few years and he hopes the new group can continue that effort and add strength and vitality to all things retail in Killarney.

"The members of the committee are strategically positioned, location wise, to listen to and bring any issues that exist to committee and to the Chamber executive.

"We encourage all retailers – independent, corporate or otherwise – to engage with us and allow us to represent them and I am confident that we can make things happen," the chairman said.

## NEW STAMPS LAUNCHED TO ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO 'PROTECT NATURE'

An Post has issued two new 'Protect Nature' stamps developed in conjunction with Ireland's National Parks & Wildlife Service (NPWS) and unveiled by Minister of State for Nature, Heritage and Biodiversity, Christopher O'Sullivan TD, just ahead of National Biodiversity Week (15th-24th May.)

The new Protect Nature stamps highlight how everyone's actions impact the natural world around us, and the importance of us all playing our part in protecting nature as we participate in everyday leisure and work activities. The designs focus on the effect of water pollution and fire on our natural surroundings and wildlife, carrying the message to Observe, Respect and Protect all nature, now and for generations to come.

The set of two 'N' rate national stamps, for letter postage within the island of Ireland, a special First Day Cover envelope and cancellation designed by CI Studio are available from

selected post offices and at [anpost.com/shop](http://anpost.com/shop), with free delivery.

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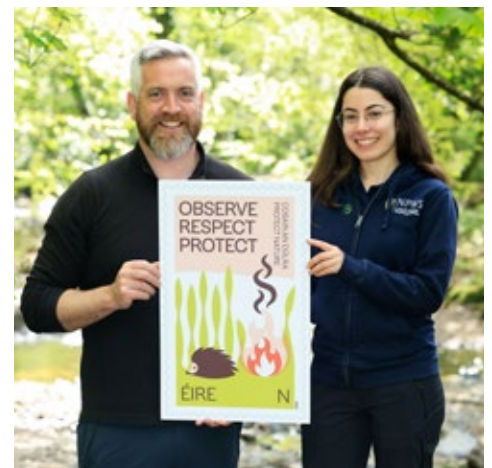
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Be responsible for your dog. Keep your dog on a lead in areas where birds are nesting and where signage asks you to do so.

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Pictured is (L-R) Minister of State for Nature, Heritage and Biodiversity, Christopher O'Sullivan TD and Laura Rosa Regalado Rocha, Education Guide, Knocksink Wood Education Centre just ahead of National Biodiversity Week (15th-24th May.)



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## “Reflections”

# Friary Folk Group New CD to raise funds for Comfort for Chemo

The Friary Folk Group, a much-loved musical presence in Killarney for almost 40 years, has announced the release of their fourth charitable CD, “Reflections”, a heartfelt collection of liturgical and contemporary songs.

Building on a long tradition of music, faith, and community, “Reflections” brings together a rich blend of sacred and modern pieces that capture the spirit and journey of the group. Over the years, the Friary Folk Group has raised approximately €30,000 for local charities through previous recordings, and it is hoped that this latest production will continue that legacy of generosity.

All proceeds from “Reflections” will go to Comfort for Chemo, supporting vital services for those undergoing cancer treatment.

The album was recorded at Sonas Studios under the expert guidance of renowned recording engineer Tony O’Flaherty, whose skill and sensitivity have helped shape a production of exceptional warmth and quality.

Speaking about the release, Group Coordinator Derek O’Leary said: “The Friary Folk Group has always been about more than music, it’s about people, community, and shared experience. Many of our members have faced their own cancer journeys, either personally or alongside loved ones, so supporting Comfort for Chemo is deeply meaningful to us.”

“There is something very special about coming together week after week, year after year, to sing as a community. The friendships, the faith, and the sense of purpose have sustained us for nearly four decades”, he added.



“We are also incredibly grateful for the continued encouragement and support of Br. Pat and the Franciscan Community here in Killarney. Their presence has been central to our journey from the very beginning.”

“Reflections” is available to purchase from the Friary Bookshop in Killarney. The album can

also be downloaded via BandCamp using the QR code provided on promotional materials.

With its blend of reflective melodies and uplifting harmonies, “Reflections” is not only a musical offering but a testament to resilience, compassion, and the enduring power of community.

## Kilgobnet NS Marks 150-Year Milestone with Call for Memories

Kilgobnet National School is set to celebrate a remarkable milestone in 2026, marking 150 years at the heart of its community. Plans are already underway to commemorate the occasion, including the creation of a special book that will capture the rich history and spirit of the school.

As part of the celebrations, the school is inviting past pupils to contribute photographs, stories, and personal memories from their time in Kilgobnet NS. Organisers say these contributions will play a vital role in preserving the legacy of the school for future generations. Former students who may have kept class photos, snapshots of school events, or simply hold fond recollections of their school days are encouraged to get involved. All submitted photographs will be carefully scanned and returned to their owners, while digital copies



can also be sent via email.

Submissions can be made by emailing [kilgobnetreunion2026@kilgobnetns.ie](mailto:kilgobnetreunion2026@kilgobnetns.ie), and anyone seeking further information is welcome to contact the school directly at 064 6644622.

The closing date for contributions is Friday,

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**Anne Lucey** looks at the positive news happening in Killarney



## CELEBRATING RHODODENDRON

It's a great shame our view of Rhododendron - the name comes from the Greek and means rose tree or rosy tree - may have been coloured by ponticum, the purple variety that is a pest. An invasive species, no less.

Because if you go down to the Muckcross Gardens this week, you will be overjoyed by the supremely fine shows of pink, cerise, yellow, and white shrubs. It is a truly stunning display and I urge you to take advantage.

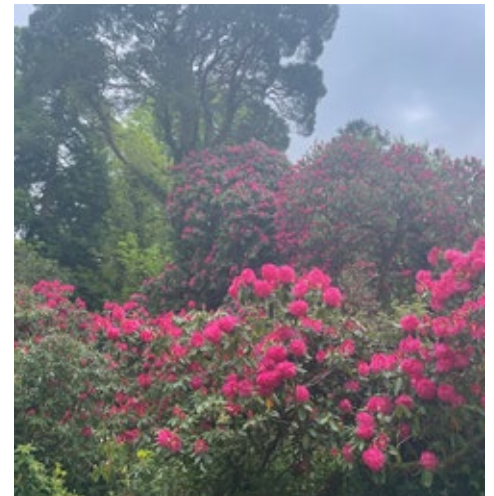
Many of these shrubs are almost two centuries old and they reach to heights of 40 feet.

In 1887, The Gardeners Chronicle described as 'very choice' the specimens of Rhododendron

that thickly edged the lawns and shrubberies at Muckcross. It also remarked upon the bright hues of the Azaleas, commenting that they were 'like bushes of fire in some cases.'

Many of them were planted by the Herberts in the 1840s.

Meanwhile, might it be a good idea to label the rhodos and give an approximate age? Many gardens I visit now not alone name but date their trees and give a bit of their history. Muckcross gardens has never looked finer. As well as the rhodos, we have a fine wisteria and a thriving herb bed, not to mention the colourful tulips just coming to an end. It would great for old and young alike to delve into the plant names and even their uses.



## MORE THAN UKRAINIANS BENEFITTED



We don't want to be Sweden which is uprooting people who have made that country their home with 20 years, but the curbs to the over-generous supports for Ukrainian beneficiaries of temporary protection over the last four years are needed.

The reality is social cohesion is at risk. Europe jumped in too quickly in that conflict and the Fianna Fail/ Fine Gael/Green Government here jumped higher than anyone else!

Benefits like not having to pay vrt, car tax or even to do an nct; payments of between 3,200 and 7,586 for attending third level college, unmeans tested supports for housing, health, transport, pensions and social welfare etc - has stuck in the craws of Polish and other immigrant as well as other refugees just as much as Irish.

But let it also be said that education bodies, local authorities, development agencies, opticians, dentists and others all got large chunks of the bonanza. Especially in Kerry which has around 10,000 Ukrainians.

And especially politicians and political families of course - and people with political affiliations who have lapped up the windfall payments for accommodation to the tune of hundreds of thousands of euro.

Sinn Fein when they finally put their finger up rightly highlighted how the 800 to 600 euro tax free monthly accommodation recognition payment, not to mention the 100,000 plus numbers coming in, « distorted » the rental market in the middle of the worst ever housing crisis. There was also the fact this rent help is exclusively for Ukrainians. Those of us with children working in Dublin and paying enormous sums for rent might have liked parity.

The politician who consistently and courageously spoke out is leader of Aontú, Peadar Tobin. "Nobody from outside this country should be given any support not available to citizens here", he rightly said.

We have some of the highest numbers of Ukrainians in Ireland in Kerry. Many agencies have had windfall benefits. The county council has a special dedicated unit for them. The development agencies, colleges like the MTU and the ETB have benefited hugely. But there have also been huge stresses in schools and in healthcare.

The strains have been on the little people. And who takes any notice of them?

There are proposals now to award returning Ukrainians 2,500 for individuals and Euro 10,000 for families. I would like to hear from our five Kerry TDs and especially from Michael Cahill, Michael Healy-Rae and Pa Daly on this one. And might similar payments be considered for Irish children going to Dublin or Australia etc? Just to help them settle!

## RECALLING THE TOWER OF BABEL IN KENMARE

I came away from a court in Kenmare last Friday wondering if the real value in court reporting these days might not be in the mechanics. Apart from the old reliables showing peasant Ireland was still alive and well, much of the court was about language. Or maybe the lack of it.

A Kilgarvan man had doused a woman's car with urine because he took issue with her use of a gate and a right of way, and down in Eyeries a man was being "traumatised" by neighbours letting his cows loose, including "a beautiful pregnant cow". Comfort in the familiar.

Then we had the case of the Romanian man. He had pleaded guilty at a previous court. Something to do with brown trout in a lake - we think. The case had been adjourned for a Romanian interpreter to be present. The interpreter showed up but the Romanian man did not. He was convicted in his absence after evidence in court by an officer whom no one could hear, not to mind understand. This man with foreign name read from notes at such a speed and in such low voice from behind a stand where the perspex panel erected during Covid had not been taken down I had a senior moment and for a minute wondered why the interpreter wasn't interpreting? A younger colleague put me right: This was the officer, not the accused! She hadn't heard a word either - and we decided we might lodge a complaint since we could not report because we couldn't hear. Justice is after all meant to be heard!

Interpreters were ordered for cases in June involving Ukrainians. We have a problem with standards of English in modern Ireland. Public speaking is at an all time low. From courts to council meetings, people talk down to their waists or read in drone monotones with bad pronunciation rather than project their voices. All too often, the English now spoken in Ireland is merely strings of nouns accompanied by gestures.

Modern Ireland is at serious risk of becoming a tower of Babel, in other words. Where no one understands each other.

I put in a query with the HSE recently. UHK in Tralee have interpreters for those patients without English. Substantial sums are spent. But is there anyone on hand to help the common people of Ireland understand doctors and nurses and others whose standards of English are not good? I was told they were expected to have good English. The reality on the ground is not meeting the HSE's expectations. It is the same with a lot of the public service switchboards, the utility companies and the banks - the standards of English are often poor and it is impossible to understand. The State has two official languages. This is in the constitution. We have a constitutional right for communication in either or both English or Irish. We may need to start asserting this right.

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# Kerry exhibitor gets ready to Bloom!



With just three weeks to go, Bord Bia has today announced the final line-up for this year's Bloom festival, and there is plenty to celebrate. With a host of new features, expert talks and immersive experiences taking place, Bord Bia Bloom's landmark 20th year promises five unforgettable days in the Phoenix Park, Dublin. From Kerry, five exhibitors will be exhibiting to the festival.

The festival expects to welcome over 100,000 visitors over its five days, which will play host to 20 spectacular new show gardens at the centre of the experience. Green-fingered attendees can also enjoy the perfectly formed petite Postcard Gardens supported by Tirlán CountryLife.

The Nursery Village will welcome leading plant experts including Billy Alexander from Kells Bay House and Gardens with his spectacular fern collection. Attendees can also enjoy live demonstrations and interactive workshops including floral crown making in the Botanical Hub, and exhibitions of Botanical and Floral Art and AOIFA's (Association of Irish Floral Artists) Floral Art Competition.

There is much to enjoy at this year's festival, with three indoor restaurants and three outdoor catering areas serving Bord Bia Quality Assured produce, along with the Food Village which features +100 of Ireland's best artisanal food and



drink producers. From Kerry, Cahersiveen's Skellig Six18 Distillery, Valentia Island Vermouth, Dingle Distillery and Wayward Irish Spirits from Killarney will exhibit their craft drinks.

'A Taste of Bloom, curated by Neven Maguire' is returning to this year's festival in the flagship Garden View Restaurant, featuring a three-course menu showcasing some of the finest ingredients from quality Irish producers. The 'Taste of Bloom' package is available to purchase on Ticketmaster.

Speaking about the announcement, Laura Douglas, Head of Bloom and Brand Partnerships, Bord Bia said "Bord Bia Bloom provides attendees with countless opportunities to grow, taste and learn, and to mark its 20th year, we have a brilliant programme planned. With 20 spectacular Show Gardens, a new wellness area, and experiences that celebrate gardening, quality food and drink and sustainable living, there is something to suit

everyone.

"For younger visitors, there's plenty to enjoy too, with a range of fun, educational and interactive workshops at the Budding Bloomers area, and the RTÉ Stage will provide entertainment throughout the festival, featuring a variety of its most-loved programming and live musical performances to keep attendees of all ages a-buzz!

Bord Bia Bloom will take place in the Phoenix Park, Dublin from Thursday, May 28th to Monday, June 1st from 9am-6pm each day. Head to [bordbiabloom.com](http://bordbiabloom.com) to book your tickets and start planning your visit.

Tickets are priced at €35 per adult, €30 for concessions (plus booking fee). Up to two children aged 16 and under can enter for free with every adult ticket (additional child tickets €5 (plus booking fee)) making Bloom a great day out for all the family.



Pictured back left to right: Eimear Hallissey, Cathal Walshe, Aine Moriarty, Conor Dineen, Liz Reidy front left to right: Bronagh O'Keeffe, Dermot O'Reilly, Pat Doolan, Aine Walsh.

## Liebherr Staff Donate Over €15,000 to the Kerry Hospice

The Sports and Social Club of Liebherr Container Cranes Ltd has presented a generous donation of €15,651 to Kerry Hospice Palliative Care, following a successful series of fundraising efforts.

The funds were raised through contributions from the company's annual Christmas party, where employees donated their entrance fees, as well as through the much-supported Christmas charity raffle. The initiative once again highlighted the strong sense of community and generosity among staff at the Killarney-based company.

Employees of Liebherr expressed their sincere appreciation for the exceptional service provided by Kerry Hospice Palliative Care, noting the compassion, support, and empathy shown by staff to patients and families during some of life's most difficult moments.

Representatives of the company said they were proud to support such an invaluable service, which plays a crucial role in the community.

The team at Liebherr Killarney extended their best wishes to Kerry Hospice Palliative Care and its dedicated staff for the future, expressing hope that the donation will make a meaningful contribution to the continuation of their vital work.

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# Mother Nature Needs you!

Reenadinna Yew Woodland. Killarney National Park's nature and wildlife will take centre stage from Friday 15th - Sunday 24th May for National Biodiversity Week 2026

Photos: Valerie O'Sullivan



Killarney National Park's nature and wildlife will take centre stage from Friday 15th - Sunday 24th May for National Biodiversity Week.

The annual 10-day celebration of nature and wildlife offers a variety of free events - funded by the National Parks and Wildlife Service, the week will provide opportunities for the public to connect with nature and learn from local experts and groups actively working to protect our natural heritage.

Killarney National Park has once again registered for the Natura 2000 BioBlitz, a friendly competition with our fellow European nature sites and reserves, Natura 2000 sites, and National Parks and Nature Reserves across Europe to see which site can record the highest number of species during Biodiversity week.

Your mission is to help identify and record as many species in Killarney National Park as possible.

Here is where Killarney National Park Education Centre Needs you.

Download the Obsidentify app so Anytime between Friday 15th - Sunday 24th May 2026, simply record what you see - all your scans in that period will count for the EU-wide Natura 2000 Day BioBlitz! Killarney National Park came 8th out of 86, with 647 species being recorded in last year's competition.

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/o/killarney-national-park-education-centre-107253639581>

**Monday 18th May  
10.30am-12.00 noon**

**Birds of the River Deenagh Guided  
Bioblitz Recording walk**

**King's Bridge, Knockreer, (opposite St. Mary's Cathedral)**

**Tickets FREE - Available through Eventbrite.**

Join Ornithologist Ed Carty & the Killarney National Park Education Team on a guided

Red Fox Cub, Killarney National Park. Killarney National Park's nature and wildlife will take centre stage from Friday 15th - Sunday 24th May for National Biodiversity Week 2026



"recording & identifying walk" to spot and record as many different species as possible along the way.

We will be using apps and field guides to help Killarney National Park, in a friendly competition between other National Parks and designated sites across Europe to record the highest number of species.

Our route will take us along the "river walk" so it would be suitable for buggies and wheelchairs. NO DOGS PLEASE as these may disturb the animals and birds that we are trying to observe and record.

**Wednesday 20th May  
10.30am - 3.00 pm**

**Guided Bioblitz Walk from  
Derrycunihy Church**

**To Lord Brandon's Cottage  
(Tickets FREE - available shortly)**

Join Killarney National Park Education Team on a guided "recording & identifying" walk to spot and record as many different species as possible along the way. We will be using apps

and field guides to help Killarney National Park, in a friendly competition between other National Parks and designated sites across Europe to record the highest number of species.

The walk will follow the tracks and trails through Derrycunihy woodland, which can be uneven in places, so strong shoes or boots are advisable.

We will stop for refreshments at Lord Brandon's cottage, but do bring a snack and something to drink.

During Biodiversity Week Killarney National Park Education team will be engaging with Coolick National School - pond dipping, The Second Level Schools will be taking part in a major Bioblitz recording session in Knockreer, and the Junior Rangers will be busy at the weekend recording and identifying more flora and fauna for Bioblitz week.

# Ross Island Biodiversity Week Walk

As part of Biodiversity Week, a special guided walk will take place on Ross Island, offering participants a unique opportunity to explore the natural and historical significance of the area.

Overlooking the shores of Lough Leane, Ross Castle has stood since the mid-15th century, forming an iconic feature of the landscape. While it may appear unchanged, both the castle and its surrounding environment have undergone significant political and ecological transformations over the centuries.

The guided walk will be led by biodiversity advocate Conal Guilfoyle, who will share insights into the natural history of Ross Island and the evolving ecosystem within Killarney National Park. Participants will also have the opportunity to discuss the environmental challenges facing the area and consider how these might be addressed in the future.

Two one-hour tours are scheduled for Saturday, May 16th, at 11am and 2pm, with participants meeting at the yew tree in the castle courtyard. The event will take place entirely outdoors, and attendees are advised to wear appropriate footwear and waterproof clothing due to uneven terrain and exposed roots along the route.

Organisers have noted that the walk may prove challenging for those with mobility difficulties or very young children. As places are limited, advance booking is recommended via [rosscastle@opw.ie](mailto:rosscastle@opw.ie), although a small number of spaces may be available on the day.



**Biodiversity Walk**  
May 16th 2026, 11am & 2pm  
Meet Conal at Ross Castle Reception

## DOG FOULING THE TARGET OF NEW COUNTY COUNCIL CAMPAIGN

The scourge of dog fouling in public places and the responsibility of dog owners to clean up after their pets is the focus of a new enforcement effort and social media campaign from Kerry County Council during the month of May.

Over the coming weeks, there will be a

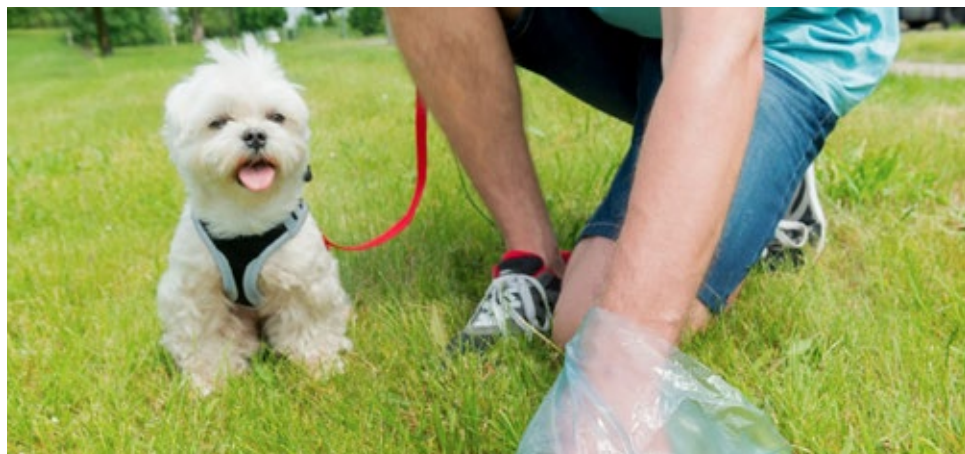
co-ordinated and targeted campaign by Enforcement Officers and Litter Wardens to patrol problem areas and public amenities in order to highlight the issue, to advise and caution dog owners, and issue fines where appropriate.

The local authority is reminding all dog owners

that on-the-spot fines can be issued when owners do not clean up after their pets. Failing to clean up after your dog in a public place is an offence under the Litter Pollution Act and offenders face a fine of €150 which, if unpaid, can lead to a maximum fine of €4,000.

Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr Michael Foley, appealed to all dog owners to play their part:

“Kerry County Council works closely with community and voluntary organisations like Tidy Towns committees across the county to keep our public areas clean and tidy and is appealing to dog owners to support that effort. “Dog foul continues to be a scourge in Kerry, a county which maintains and promotes a clean and pristine landscape for the enjoyment of residents and visitors alike. Dog foul can be particularly unpleasant for pedestrians, cyclists and wheelchair users so it is imperative that owners clean up after their pets. Bag it and bin it is the message.”



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# Killarney Club 7's

The Killarney Club 7s is back for its fifth year and is set to be the biggest and most exciting yet. Taking place at Spa GAA Club on Saturday, 30th and Sunday 31st May, this action-packed June Bank Holiday weekend promises a dynamic blend of competitive sport, live entertainment, family-friendly activities, and a lively festival atmosphere.

The tournament will host 40 teams from across Ireland, featuring 24 ladies' and 16 men's squads competing in thrilling 7-a-side Gaelic football matches. Adding a unique international element, St. Brigid's GAA from Chicago will return for a third year, joining the competition for a share of the €10,000 prize pot.

Beyond the pitch, the entertainment continues with a full line-up of live music from 12pm to 10pm each day, headlined this year on Saturday by the world famous DJ, Sigala:

Saturday: The Candle Lighters, The Full Shilling, The Blow In's, Meadhbh Walsh, Sigala

Sunday: Brad Heidi, A-Bros, Sean Magee, Blessed Irish Band, Riff Shop

Families are warmly welcomed, with a dedicated Kids Corner open from 11am to 6pm featuring face painting, balloon artistry, and a range of fun activities for children.

Food lovers will be spoiled for choice at the on-site Food Court, where popular vendors including Stu's Pizza, Fish Box, and Face Cook will be serving a wide variety of delicious



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options throughout the weekend.

Tickets are available now at [www.killarneyclub7s.ie](http://www.killarneyclub7s.ie):

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- €50 for a weekend pass
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World famous DJ, Sigala

A free shuttle bus will be running all weekend between the Friary in Killarney town centre and Spa GAA Club, ensuring easy and safe access for everyone.

Whether you're there for the football, the tunes, the food, or the fun — the Heineken Killarney Club 7s is the ultimate Bank Holiday weekend celebration.

## Castleisland Community College Students Craft Traditional Súgán Chairs



2nd year students pictured in the photo from left standing: Róisín O Donoghue, Aoibh Brosnan. Sitting: Billy Moriarty, Darragh Lyons, Emmet Hickey, Emmet O'Grady, Matt Davis, Aidan Joy (Wood Technology teacher).

There's something special about watching a centuriesold tradition come alive in a modern classroom. That's exactly what happened this term as secondyear Wood Technology students took on the challenge of building their own súgán chairs, a classic piece of Irish furniture known for its woven straw seat and sturdy wooden frame.

In class, students made mortise and tenon joints and turned spindles for structural stability to ensure they chair could never be broken. The mantra of being "out by millimetre out by a mile" was taken in measuring pieces and reading off a working drawing. A glue up assembly was followed by a natural beeswax finish to stand the test of time. The project was taken a step further by weaving the súgán rope for the seat.

It was Wood Technology teacher Aidan Joy who instigated the project. "It was a wonderful project to undertake with students as it keeps our culture alive. The project blended craftsmanship, heritage and creativity. The students are not just building a chair—they are learning about the traditions and techniques that shaped everyday life in Ireland for generations. With a keen eye on their junior certificate project (70% of their final grade) next September, students are now very comfortable using all hand tools and machinery. In conjunction with this, there has been a focus on their own health and safety, associated with the use of such equipment."

The finished chairs showcase impressive craftsmanship and a strong appreciation for Irish heritage, proving that traditional skills still have a place in modern classrooms.

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# TIME TO TEE OFF FOR KERRY GAA GOLF CLASSIC

Kerry GAA is delighted to announce that its Annual Fundraising Golf Classic will take place on Friday, 29th May 2026 at Beaufort Golf Club, in support of its Inter-County teams.

Beaufort has been a fantastic host over the past number of years, and the organisation is thrilled to return once again to this beautiful Mid-Kerry venue. A great day of golf, camaraderie, and entertainment awaits all participants.

For all those who supported this event in 2024 and 2025, it was wonderful to see them avail of the Flexible Ticket Package and attend Croke Park to witness Kerry's memorable victory over Donegal in last July's All-Ireland Final, truly a special occasion for supporters of the Kingdom. Once again, this year's Golf Classic will include a similar package, with each participating team receiving four complimentary stand tickets for an All-Ireland Final featuring the Kerry GAA Senior Footballers. This Flexible Ticket Package offers the option to "bank" tickets over a three-year period (2026–2028), increasing the chances of being present to see Kerry take the field on All-Ireland Final day.

Following the county's 39th All-Ireland Senior Football Championship triumph last year, another milestone now beckons in 2026, as Kerry aims to successfully defend its title and secure a remarkable 40th championship.

All-Ireland titles are never easily won, but with a talented group of players, a measure of good fortune, and an injury-free campaign, there is every hope that Kerry could once again step onto the hallowed turf of Croke Park on Sunday, July 26. Should that opportunity arise,



Kerry GAA is delighted to announce that our Annual Fundraising Golf Classic will take place on Friday, 29th May 2026 at Beaufort Golf Club, in support of our Inter-County teams. Pictured at the launch at ASP were: Paudie Dineen, Jp Brick Patrick o Sullivan, John Allen (MCP), Killian Broderick (MCP), Tim Clifford, Ger O Keeffe and Aileen Foley .

Missing from picture Tom Keane, Frank Stephenson and Derry Murphy.

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supporters are encouraged to be there and share in what would be a truly unforgettable occasion.

By supporting the Golf Classic, participants play a meaningful role in helping Kerry pursue further All-Ireland success. Their generosity directly contributes to the development and preparation of the county teams, while also

offering the chance to be part of the biggest day in the GAA calendar.

*Go raibh míle maith agat to all supporters for their continued backing, it is sincerely appreciated. Kerry GAA looks forward to an exciting year ahead for all Inter-County teams, both hurling and football. Ciarraí Abú!*

## 'The Shoemaker' Takes Top Spot in the Camera Club Competition

This month's Killarney Camera Club winner was Maryann Heidtke who won both the Novice and Unrestricted categories this month with her picture titled 'The Shoemaker'.

This was taken in a narrow alleyway in Marrakesh's medina, a good example of environmental portraiture capturing both a man and the world he inhabits.

An elderly shoemaker sits in his small shop, surrounded by vivid reds, yellows, blues, and gold, rows of handcrafted leather shoes and bags that speak of a lifetime of skill and routine.

He appears gentle, almost part of the setting itself. Yet it is his eyes that command attention, soft, expressive, and quietly sad, drawing the viewer into a story that remains untold.

This environmental portrait does more than show a person, it reveals a life shaped by place, craft, and time, inviting us to look closer, even as its deeper story stays beyond reach.

Congratulations to all winners in this month's competition and thank you to all that entered.

**Unrestricted results:**

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**2nd Anne Kelly 'Repair Shop'**

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# Devine and O'Sullivan Make It Five-in-a-Row in Killarney

Callum Devine and Noel O'Sullivan secured their fifth consecutive victory at the Assess Ireland International Rally of the Lakes after a thrilling contest in Killarney, finishing just 13.2 seconds ahead of Eddie Doherty and Tom Murphy.

The reigning champions delivered a composed performance across the 14 stages, setting seven fastest times to reclaim the championship lead. Doherty and Murphy pushed them all the way, briefly leading on Saturday before Devine regained control on Sunday's decisive tests around Moll's Gap.

David Kelly and Shane Buckley completed the podium in third, while a late surge saw Josh Moffett snatch fourth place from Matthew Boyle on the final stage.

In the modified category, local driver Robert Duggan started on his home stages to claim a commanding victory despite mechanical issues, finishing well clear of Barry Meade and John Michael Kennelly after a dramatic final stage battle.

In the Historic section, John O'Donnell and Paddy Robinson took top honours in their BMW M3, while Darragh Walsh and Gary Lombard claimed victory in the Junior category with a dominant display.

The event once again showcased the challenging Kerry stages and delivered high drama across all classes, cementing its status as one of the highlights of the Irish rally calendar.



Overall winners Callum Devine, right, and co-driver Noel O'Sullivan at the finish ramp at the Assess Ireland International Rally of the Lakes 2026 at The Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney on Sunday. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Overall winning co-driver Noel O'Sullivan, Killarney, with his parents Noel O'Sullivan Senior and Marion O'Sullivan at the Assess Ireland International Rally of the Lakes 2026 prizegiving ceremony at The Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney on Sunday night. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Overall winning co-driver Noel O'Sullivan, Killarney, with Killarney & District Motor Club members at the Assess Ireland International Rally of the Lakes 2026 prizegiving ceremony at The Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney on Sunday night. In front are Dermot Healy, Dan Keane, Rob Duggan, Dylan McCarthy, Noel O'Sullivan Jnr, Tim Clifford (Clerk of the course), Thomas Randles (Killarney & District Motor Club Chairman) and Diarmuid Lynch. In back row are Diarmuid Cronin, Denis McCarthy, Brian Glover, Tim Clifford, Maureen McCormick, Pat Looney, Diarmuid O'Shea, Lisa Foley, Tara Looney, Marion and Noel O'Sullivan Snr, Norma Lucey, Ivan Hurley, Joe McCarthy, Kieran Martin and John Murphy. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



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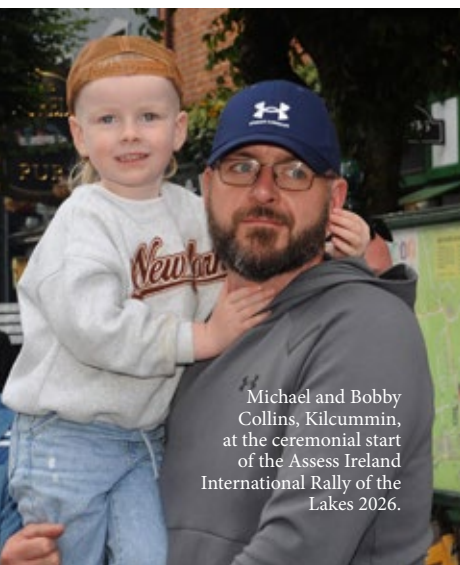
Overall winners Callum Devine and co-driver Noel O'Sullivan with Lisa Foley (Rally Secretary), Rebekah Kiely and Ronan O'Sullivan (Elite Signs), Conor Deasy (Assess Ireland CEO), Brian Glover (BG Motors), Tim Clifford (Clerk of the course) and Dan Keane (Deputy CoC) at the finish ramp at the Assess Ireland International Rally of the Lakes 2026 at The Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney on Sunday. *Pictures: Eamonn Keogh*



John White, Martin Farrell, Kian O'Connor and Brian Glover (BG Motors) at the finish ramp.



Gillian Mannix, Mary and Micheal O'Donoghue and Niamh O'Donoghue at the finish ramp.



Michael and Bobby Collins, Kilcummin, at the ceremonial start of the Assess Ireland International Rally of the Lakes 2026.



Margaret Reid, Mary Lehane and Lourda Gleeson.



Moss Hannon, Timmy Kelliher and Ciaran O'Brien, Kilcummin.



Rob Duggan and John McCarthy, modified class winners, with Brian Glover (BG Motors), Dan Keane (Deputy CoC), Tim Clifford (Clerk of the course), Lisa Foley (Rally Secretary), Conor Deasy (Assess Ireland CEO) and Ronan O'Sullivan (Elite Signs) at the finish ramp at the Assess Ireland International Rally of the Lakes 2026.



Roisin, Padraig and Caragh Rose O'Sullivan, Beaufort, at the ceremonial start.



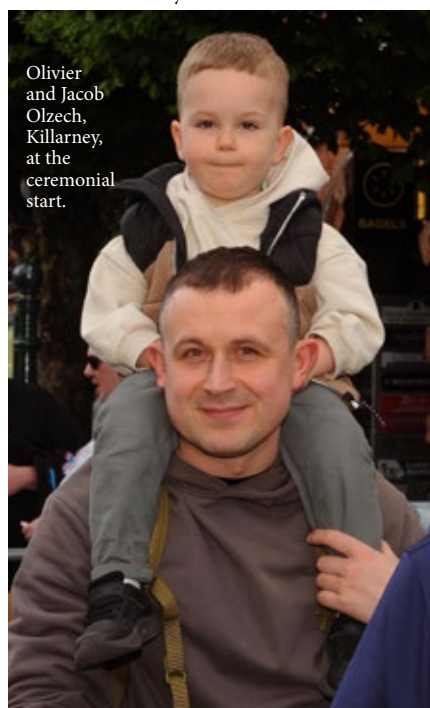
Austin MacHale and Brian Murphy with Mike Moriarty, Thomas Randles (Killarney & District Motor Club Chairman), Dermot Healy, Brian Glover (BG Motors) Ronan O'Sullivan (Elite Signs), Caoimhe Lynch (Kerry Rose), Conor Deasy (Asses Ireland CEO) and Mayor of Killarney Martin Grady at the ceremonial start of the Asses Ireland International Rally of the Lakes 2026



Brian Glover (BG Motors), Conor Deasy (Asses Ireland CEO), Caoimhe Lynch (Kerry Rose), Tim Clifford (Clerk of the course), Mayor of Killarney Martin Grady and Ronan O'Sullivan (Elite Signs)



Callum Devine, right, and co-driver Noel O'Sullivan with Caoimhe Lynch (Kerry Rose) at the ceremonial start.



Olivier and Jacob Olzech, Killarney, at the ceremonial start.



Rally marshals TJ Moynihan, Liam Cronin and David Slatter.



The ceremonial start of the Asses Ireland International Rally of the Lakes 2026 in Killarney town centre on Friday night



Kate Ahern, Lorna Donoghue, Lucy Clarke and Orlaith Lynch, Killarney, at the finish ramp.



Pat McCarthy, Medicare Patient Ambulance Service, with Aine, Chloe and Ava McCarthy.



Rob Duggan and John McCarthy, modified class winners, at the finish ramp.



Caoimhe Lynch (Kerry Rose) with Mayor of Killarney Martin Grady and his wife Emma and children Jack, Amelia and Rosie at the ceremonial start.



Sheila Burke, Michael and Catherine O'Mahony and Liam Burke, Rathmore,

# Rally of the Lakes Host Autism Friendly Hour



A group at the Assess Ireland International Rally of the Lakes Autism Friendly 'Quiet Hour' in the Lewis Road car park, Killarney, on Friday. Included are Tim Clifford (Clerk of the course), Conor Deasy (Assess Ireland CEO), Eddie and Stephanie Garry, Denis Doolan and John O'Donoghue (Autism Friendly Killarney) and Dermot Healy.

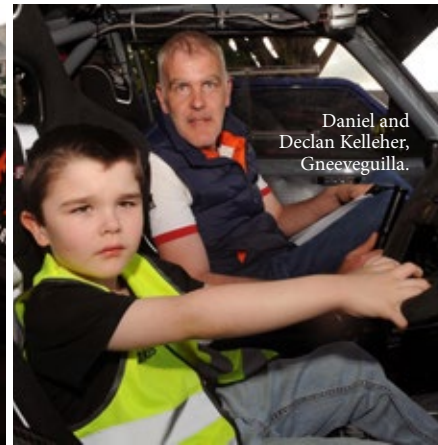
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# Public urged to “Be Tick Aware” during peak Lyme disease season

Tick Awareness Day took place on Wednesday of this week and people are being urged to take simple preventive steps to protect themselves against tick bites and Lyme disease as outdoor activity increases during the spring and summer months.

Lyme disease, also known as Lyme borreliosis, is an infection transmitted to humans through the bite of infected ticks and can, in some cases, lead to serious illness. Ticks are present throughout Ireland, in both urban and rural settings. While ticks can be active at any time of year, the period of highest tick activity and therefore risk of Lyme disease is between spring and autumn months.

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH ADVICE AND RESOURCES:**

The HSE's National Health Protection Office, through the Health Protection Surveillance Centre, (HPSC), has responsibility for the surveillance of Lyme disease in Ireland. The HPSC provides a wide range of information and resources to help people reduce their risk of tick bites, including seasonal updates for both the public and healthcare professionals.

Each year in early May, the HSE marks Tick Awareness Day by providing practical advice on the prevention of tick bites that can transmit Lyme disease. This public information campaign is delivered through website news articles, social media content, press releases



and media interviews.

#### **The campaign focuses on:**

Common tick habitats across Ireland including parks, woodland and grassland

Activities that increase the risk of tick exposure

Practical prevention measures

How to safely remove a tick

Throughout the summer, the HSE continues its awareness efforts through regular public communications and social media messaging aimed at supporting people to stay informed and reduce their risk.

Professor Mary Horgan, Chief Medical Officer, said: “Ticks are found right across Ireland and most people who are bitten do not become ill. Lyme disease can occasionally cause serious health problems if not diagnosed and treated early so awareness is key. People should know where ticks are commonly found, check their skin after spending time outdoors, and seek medical advice promptly if they develop symptoms such as a rash spreading outward from a bite site or flu-like symptoms following a tick bite.”

## RECORD NUMBER OF NEW HOME COMPLETIONS IN KERRY reflects strong momentum in housing delivery

A record number of new homes were completed in Kerry the first three months of the year, according to the latest data published by the Central Statistics Office.

According to the report, there has been a 121% increase in new dwelling completions from 91 homes in Q1 2025, to 201 new homes in Q1 2026. This represents the highest number of Q1 completions in Kerry since the series began in 2011.

*The full CSO data can be accessed at: <https://www.cso.ie/en/releasesandpublications/ep/p-ndc/newdwellingcompletionsq12026/>*



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# Vikings Celebrate Victory in Killarney Community College House Competition

Students at Killarney Community College recently celebrated the conclusion of another successful year in the school's house system, with the Vikings emerging as overall winners.

The house system, which was introduced in 2013, aims to foster strong connections among students and encourage collaboration across all year groups. Five houses compete throughout the academic year, earning points through a wide range of sporting, academic, and artistic activities.

This year's winning house, the Vikings, were rewarded with a memorable day out on the lakes of Killarney. The group enjoyed exploring the scenic islands, visiting Lord Brandon's Cottage and Ross Castle, taking in the natural beauty and history of the area.

The celebrations concluded back at the school, where the students enjoyed pizza together, marking a fitting end to a year of teamwork, effort, and achievement.

The house system continues to play a central role in school life, promoting inclusivity, school spirit, and a sense of belonging among all students.



# Raheen NS Pupil Selected for Kerry Primary Games Team

Raheen National School has proudly announced that Sixth Class pupil Ryan O'Donoghue has been selected to represent Kerry on the Primary Games team.

Ryan, the son of Ger and Marlene O'Dohnoghue will take to the field at half-time during the Munster Final clash between Kerry and Cork on May 10th at Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney an occasion that is sure to be a memorable experience for the young player.

This selection marks a significant achievement for Ryan, his family, Raheen National School, and Glenflesk GAA Club. It reflects both his dedication to the sport and the strong sporting tradition within the local community.

The school has extended its congratulations to Ryan, expressing confidence that he will be an excellent ambassador for both his school and community on such a prestigious stage. Staff and fellow pupils alike have spoken of their pride in his accomplishment and are looking forward to supporting him on the day as he represents Raheen with distinction.

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# Killarney Tidy Towns Volunteers are Back In Action and Looking for Help

Award-winning and admired year after year, Killarney Tidy Towns volunteers have once again returned to action, continuing their dedicated efforts to keep the town looking good.

Renowned for its outstanding appearance and community spirit, Killarney has long benefited from the hard work of local volunteers who give their time to maintain and enhance the town's streets, green spaces, and public areas. With another busy season ahead, the group is encouraging new members of the community to get involved.

Those looking for a fun and rewarding way to make a difference are invited to join the Killarney Tidy Towns team. Volunteers meet every Monday evening at 6:00pm in the High Street car park, where all necessary tools are provided.

There is no need to register in advance, and organisers stress that every contribution counts, whether someone can spare just an hour or wishes to commit on a regular basis.

With the continued support of the community, Killarney Tidy Towns hopes to build on its strong reputation and ensure the town remains a welcoming and attractive destination for residents and visitors alike.



Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty getting in on the act of keeping Killarney clean.

**Killarney Tidy Towns Volunteers back in action this week.**



Volunteers with the Killarney Tidy Towns group are carrying out great work on their Monday night outings, much of which is unseen but it will be vital during the adjudication stage of the competition.

The most recent undertaking involved the painting of the steps and railings leading to Killarney Library and Bishop Moynihan Crescent as well as a general clean-up in other areas of town.

More volunteers willing to lend a hand would be very welcome and the group meets every Monday at the bottle bank in the High Street car park at 6.00pm. All materials required will be supplied.

The Tidy Towns judges are due to pay their first visit in early June so an all-out effort, involving as many people as possible, is required. Anyone seeking further information can contact Johnny McGuire on **085-8722546**.

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# New playing gear for TEAM KILLARNEY

Team Killarney will line out with a new set of jerseys for this year's Tidy Towns championship.

The volunteers that make up the formidable side every year have been handed a new set of high-viz bibs by Daly's SuperValu of Killarney in keeping with the retail group's sponsorship of the national competition.



Billy Daly, Daly's SuperValu, presented a new set of high visibility jackets that will be used by Killarney Tidy Towns volunteers. Included are Kathleen Foley, Matthew Farrell (Killarney Municipal District Officer), Cllr Martin Grady (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council), Johnny McGuire, Michael Gleeson and Juliette Kelly. Picture: Eamonn Keogh

Team Killarney, captained by Kerry GAA legend and All-Ireland winner Michael Gleeson, are hoping to make a big impact this year's in an effort to win the prestigious overall award for the first time since 2011 or to at least repeat the Ireland's Tidiest Large Town success of 2023.

Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce President, Johnny McGuire, who spearheads the Tidy Towns campaign every year, has appealed to everybody in the locality to make a special effort to have Killarney looking its best this year.

Businesses, residents' associations and individuals have been urged to get their premises and their houses into shape before the first visit of the Tidy Towns judges in the coming weeks.

"First impressions last and that will certainly be the case with the adjudicators due to pay their first visit to the town in early June," said Mr McGuire.

"The initial adjudication is key so we would ask business owners to get whatever work they are planning, such as painting or planting, done before that.

"There will be a second judges' visit but the really important one is the first round of adjudication as it is then that the main opinions are formed," he said.

Meanwhile, more help is needed for the weekly voluntary clean-ups and anyone willing to lend a hand – and play a key role for Team Killarney – is asked to be in attendance at the bottle bank in the High Street car park every Monday evening from 6.00pm. All necessary materials will be provided.

## KERRY BASKETBALLER PLAYERS CHOSEN TO REPRESENT IRELAND

Two talented Kerry basketball players have been selected for the Ireland U17 Women's National Team ahead of the upcoming Four Nations tournament.

Julie O'Connor from Castleisland and Clodagh O'Sullivan from Killarney will proudly wear the Irish colours as they represent their country in Scotland next month.

Julie, who plays with St. Mary's Basketball Club in Castleisland, previously featured on the Ireland U16 team that competed in the European Championships last summer, where she earned her first international cap. She has also been part of the Ireland U18 training squad throughout the year, which included 18 players. Despite being eligible for U18 again next year, Julie has earned selection on this year's U17 squad for the Four Nations tournament. Julie is the daughter of Marion and Tom O'Connor.

St Paul's Basketball Club has also extended its congratulations to Clodagh O'Sullivan on her selection. This marks a fantastic achievement and a proud moment for Clodagh, her family, her coaches, and everyone involved in the club. Clodagh's hard work, dedication, and commitment have clearly paid off, and her selection is seen as just the beginning of a

promising future. She has stood out at club level from a young age and is eagerly looking forward to the tournament in July, where Ireland will face Scotland, Wales, and England.

Clodagh is the daughter of well-known local businessman Timmy O'Sullivan and his wife Maura.



Julie O'Connor



Clodagh O'Sullivan

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*Written by: Sean Daly*

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**COMMUNITY GAMES**

Glenflesk Community Games Athletics event will take place next Thursday 14th May at 7pm in Killarney Valley AC. Boys and Girls races for U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 and U6 Tiny Tots race. All children living in Glenflesk parish are welcome to come and participate. Full programme of events will be posted in advance on our Facebook page. Any enquiries contact Niamh (087) 6207179.

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**LOTTO**

There was no winner of Glenflesk Lotto which took place on 27th April. Jackpot €6,600. Numbers drawn 2, 12, 21, 22. Consolation prizes of €50. Danny Moriarty, C/o Brendan Brosnan, Brendan Brosnan (Sellers' prize), Noreen Murphy, James Moynihan. Next draw 11th May. Jackpot will be €6,800. Thanks to all who support our Lotto & to Damien McCarthy & HR Buddy for sponsoring our tickets.

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**LISTRY PARISH**

*Written by: Colette Leslie*

**LOTTO**

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**MINORS**

Minors play the Div 1 east Kerry league final away v Glenflesk on Saturday evening May 9th at 6pm. Please note venue is Glenflesk.

**U8**

The U8 play Friday, May 8th – Home vs Gneeveguilla at 6:00pm

**SENIORS DAY**

A lovely day was held last Tuesday in Listry Community Centre. Thanks to all the seniors who attended thanks to Cathriona and gang for the beautiful food and to Owen O Shea Historian who gave a very interesting talk. The next day out will be May 26 in the Kerry Creamery Experience Listry from 1pm to 3pm



Kara Nagle who received First Holy Communion last Saturday in Rathmore. Photo Seamus Healy.

Thao Kelleher who received First Holy Communion last Saturday in Rathmore. Photo Seamus Healy.

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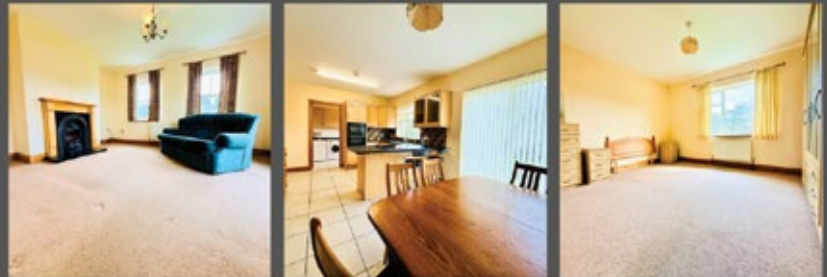
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SPA PARISH

By Leanne Cronin



Joey McCarthy & Conor Gleeson Spa Representatives on the Kerry U20s Panel

**SPA SENIOR MEN FIND THEIR RHYTHM IN COUNTY LEAGUE**

Spa Senior Men have continued their strong run in the County League, making it three wins on the bounce after an opening run of three defeats. Following on from an impressive win away to Dr Crokes, they backed it up with another excellent result against Rathmore, running out 3-11 to 0-13 winners. A powerful first-half display proved decisive, with Spa striking three goals in a five-minute spell to take control and build a lead that proved undisputable.

The second half saw Spa disrupted by two red cards, but they held firm, with substitute goalkeeper Jack O'Sullivan producing a crucial penalty save after Shay O'Meara went off injured, ensuring Spa saw out a deserved victory. Next up for Spa is a trip to Kerins O'Rahilly's on 17th May.

**SPA REACH U15 FÉILE FINAL AFTER IMPRESSIVE RUN**

Spa travelled to Tralee for the final stages of the U15 Féile and, for the third consecutive week, delivered another excellent series of performances. They overcame Northern Gaels in the semi-final on a 1-6 to 1-2 scoreline, having controlled much of the game and showing strong resolve to see it out after leading 0-4 to 1-0 at half-time. In the final, Spa faced a very strong Ballyduff side who built an early advantage, but Spa responded well and, despite playing against the breeze, dominated large spells of the second half. However, Ballyduff's defence held firm to secure a 2-8 to 0-6 win. Spa can take great pride from their run to the final and the spirit and determination shown throughout the competition.

**SPA U12 GIRLS ENJOY MEMORABLE CELTIC STEPS OUTING**

The Spa U12 girls enjoyed a fantastic and high-energy outing to Celtic Steps on Sunday evening, creating lasting memories together off the pitch. The evening began with a visit to the Racecourse Cafe, where the girls were treated to pizza and chips, setting them up perfectly for the night ahead. They then took in a spectacular show of traditional Irish music and world-class dancing, which captivated everyone in attendance and may yet inspire a bit of extra flair in the weeks ahead. Sincere thanks to the Racecourse Cafe for their hospitality and to David and all at Celtic Steps for the warm welcome and unforgettable entertainment.

**MUNSTER U20 SUCCESS FOR SPA REPRESENTATIVES**

Congratulations to Spa's Joey McCarthy and the Kerry U20 panel on their



Spa's Dara Moynihan in County League action vs Rathmore last week

fantastic victory in the Munster U20 Football Final last week. Well done also to Conor Gleeson, who played a key role as part of the backroom management team. A proud occasion for the club to see Spa represented on a successful Kerry side.

**SPA GAA EMBRACES BIODIVERSITY INITIATIVE**

Through the Spa Health and Wellbeing Committee as part of the Green Clubs Programme, Spa GAA has launched a new biodiversity initiative. The project began with an environmental audit and the planting of native species around the grounds. A big thanks to the Health and Wellbeing Committee, especially Noelle Casey and Brendan Lynch, for leading this initiative. Keep an eye on Spa GAA facilities in the coming weeks as this work develops and see if you can spot the positive changes taking shape.

**UNDERAGE TEAMS UP AND RUNNING FOR THE SEASON**

Spa's underage teams are now firmly up and running, with plenty of action and encouraging performances across all age groups in recent weeks. Our youngest players have made a great start, with the U8 girls impressing at their opening blitz and the U10 boys enjoying a strong start to their Go Games campaign. At the older levels, the U14 boys have hit excellent form with three wins in a week to reach a county semi-final, while the U14 girls were unlucky to lose out by a single point in a spirited display. The U16 boys also showed plenty of positives despite a recent defeat and now look ahead to a league final. With all teams now back in regular action, the best way to stay up to date on fixtures, results and all the latest news is via the ClubZap app, our website [www.spagaa.com](http://www.spagaa.com) and our social media channels.

**CLUB LOTTO**

Spa Lotto 04/05/2026 Results. Numbers drawn: 13, 14, 17, 30. No jackpot winner. Lucky Dips €50 each: Tracey O'Mahony, Barry Duggan, Maurice Casey, Claire O'Leary, Alan Breen. Monthly Annual Ticket Holders Draw: Triona Mangan.

Next week's draw will be on Monday 11 May for a jackpot of €6,000. Play online via [www.spagaa.com/draws](http://www.spagaa.com/draws)



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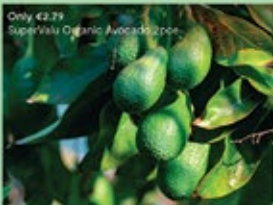
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**KILCUMMIN PARISH**

Written by: Helen Moynihan

**PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK**

Kilcummin's Annual Parish Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Saturday, 27th June. More details follow.

**COOLICK NATIONAL SCHOOL**

Wednesday last was a historic day for Coolick NS, as for the first time ever, the school Choral Group participated in the Cork International Choral Festival Primary Schools Competition. They performed 'The Bat' composed by Andy Beck and also a traditional Irish-language hymn, 'Bí Íosa im Chroise'. The Choral Group, conducted by the amazing Sorcha O Connor, performed against schools from Cork, Clare and Kerry in Cork City Hall. The group were placed 6th in the competition which is a massive achievement in this highly acclaimed event. Sorcha commented 'We are really proud of the group who performed so brilliantly in front of a large audience. It was great experience for the children and they have many memories of a great day'.

**KILCUMMIN GAA**

**MCCARTHY INSURANCE CO LEAGUE DIV 1 RD 6**

**Legion 1-12 Kilcummin 1-12**

Having played with the breeze in the first half, we were level 0-6 each at half time.

We hit a purple patch in the third quarter and led by 4 points helped by a Gary O' Leary goal. Legion fought back and took the lead in the closing stages. A Brendan Kealy two-pointer put us a point up only for Legion's Ryan Grady to level at the death. The result left both sets of supporters relatively pleased to have secured a point each from this keenly fought encounter.

**MCCARTHY INSURANCE CO LEAGUE DIV 6**

**Kilcummin 3-12 Glenflesk 1-15**

Goals from Paudie Moynihan, Shane McSweeney and a converted penalty by Cian Lynch helped our lads to a three point victory in Kilcummin on

Friday evening last. Gavin Cronin contributed five points while Aaron Buckley, Mikey O' Shea and Dylan Cronin also got on the scoreboard. Team: Dylan Cronin, T.J.Healy, Kevin McSweeney, Darragh Brosnan, Aaron Buckley, Luke Daly, Jake Dann, Gavin Morrissey, Jack O' Donoghue, Cian Lynch, Colin O' Leary, Jer Sheehan, Paudie Moynihan, Shane McSweeney, Gavin Cronin, subs used Mikey O' Shea, Tomas O' Connor, Colm Janot, Jaden Tynan.

The club wishes to extend its best wishes to the Glenflesk player who got injured during the Div 6 game and also to wish him a speedy recovery.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Dara Stack, on winning a Munster championship medal with Kerry recently.

**LOTTO**

There was no winner of our lotto on Monday 4th May for the Jackpot of €8,000. Numbers drawn were 6,12,23,26. Consolation prizes of €50 went to M. Holland; Seamus O'Sullivan; Marie Lehane; Eamon Bowler. Our next draw will be on Monday 18th May for Jackpot of €8,250. Thank you for your continued support.

**KILCUMMIN COMMUNITY GAMES**

**U10 FOOTBALLERS**

Congratulations to our U10 Footballers who finished in 4th place last Bank holiday Monday in Tralee.

They started the day with a win against Dromid/Waterville in the first game and another win against Ardfer/Kilmoyley after extra time in their 2nd game. Their next game was with a loss to Kenmare in the semi-final & a loss to Cahersiveen in the 3rd / 4th place playoff. Overall finished in 4th place. Thanks to Gary and Damien for coaching the team, to all the parents for their support, and to the boys for a wonderful day of football, skill and teamwork.



Coolick NS Choral Group participated in the Cork International Choral Festival Primary Schools Competition



Kilcummin U10 Footballers

**RATHMORE | GNEEVEGUILLA PARISH**

By Michael O' Mahony

**GNEEVEGUILLA ATHLETES**

A huge Congratulations to Megan Sheahan and Mairead O'Neill, both competing in the Templemore throws last Sunday. Megan won the U20 with 38.46 and Mairead O'Neill was 2nd in Seniors with 52.07.

Wishing all our athletes competing in the county Championships this coming Sat May 2nd and Sun May 3rd at An Ríocht, all the very best.

**LOTTO**

No winner of last weeks Lotto, Jackpot for this coming Friday May 1st, €11,600 + Bonus draw for €1000

**SHARE THE BUCKET**

Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group reminds you that Share the Bucket takes place weekly. The draw is every Friday evening in Teach Fáilte

@8 pm and can be viewed live on our Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook Page. 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 appreciated 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

Breeda O' Donoghue won this week, €203

**NOTES**

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By Dermot Cronin  
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*If you require any further information on the above or any other matter you can contact Dermot Cronin at [info@dermotcronin.ie](mailto:info@dermotcronin.ie) or 0646622775 or 0872893649.*

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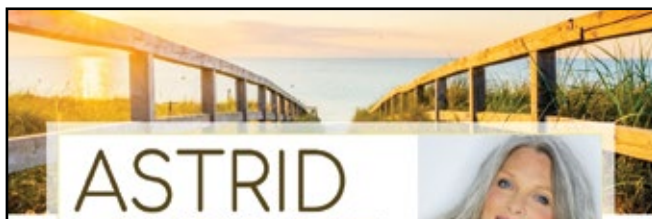

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At the heart of these fluctuations is water. Your body is constantly adjusting its fluid balance in response to what you eat, how you sleep, and even how stressed you feel. A salty dinner can make you retain water overnight. A tough workout can cause temporary inflammation that nudges the scale upward. Even healthy carbohydrate intake pulls water into your muscles as glycogen stores refill.

Digestion adds another layer of unpredictability. The scale doesn't just measure you, it measures your food, your hydration, and whatever your body hasn't yet processed. A late meal, a slow digestive day, or simply weighing yourself at a different time can shift the number dramatically.

Hormones also play a starring role, especially for people who menstruate. It's common to see a rise of one to four kilos during certain phases of the cycle due to natural changes in estrogen and progesterone.

What these fluctuations don't represent is rapid fat gain or loss. True fat change happens slowly and steadily, not overnight. That's why nutritionists often recommend tracking trends over weeks rather than fixating on daily readings.

If your weight graph looks like a roller coaster, take heart - it's supposed to. The key is focusing on long-term patterns, not the noise in between. Your body is dynamic, responsive, and constantly adapting. The scale is simply reflecting that story in real time.

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Some people get retinal migraine every few months, although the frequency can vary.

Retinal migraine is a separate condition and should not be confused with headache-type migraine or migraine with aura, which usually affects the vision of both eyes.

The symptoms of retinal migraine may include:

- partial or total loss of vision in one eye – this usually lasts 10 to 20 minutes before vision gradually returns
  - headache – this may happen before, during or after the vision attack
- It's unusual for an episode of vision loss to last longer than an hour. The same eye is affected every time in almost all cases.

Vision may slowly become blurred or dimmed, or there may be flashes of light. Some people see a mosaic-like pattern of blank spots (scotomas), which enlarge to cause total loss of vision.

Retinal migraine is caused by the blood vessels to the eye suddenly narrowing (constricting), reducing the blood flow to the eye.

It may be triggered by:

- stress
- smoking
- high blood pressure
- oral contraceptive pill
- exercise
- bending over
- high altitude
- dehydration
- low blood sugar
- excessive heat

Retinal migraine tends to be more common in:

- women
- people aged under 40
- people with a personal or family history of migraine or other headaches

Treatment for retinal migraine usually just involves taking pain relief for any headaches and reducing exposure to anything that might be triggering the retinal migraine.

If you experience any sudden changes in you vision it is important to have a sight test to rule out more serious causes.

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# EU Parliament backs ‘Coco’s Law’ against cyberbullying, pushed by Fine Gael MEPs

The European Parliament’s vote in favour of criminalising online bullying and harassment has been welcomed by Fine Gael MEPs Seán Kelly, Regina Doherty, Maria Walsh and Nina Carberry who co-signed the parliamentary resolution that adopted in Strasbourg today (Thursday). The MEPs are now asking the European Commission to begin the urgent work on establishing an EU-wide ‘Coco’s Law’, inspired by the Irish example.

“Cyberbullying has become a scourge across Europe with one in six children having already experienced some form of online abuse or harassment. The trauma of such online attacks has resulted in very tragic consequences. It is unacceptable to us that legal gaps enable this behaviour online. That’s why we are pushing the EU to act and harmonise law, in order to stop it. Today, the European Parliament backed our call and voted to protect children and young people online”, said Seán Kelly MEP.



Fine Gael MEPs pictured in the European Parliament (l-r): Nina Carberry, Seán Kelly, Regina Doherty, Maria Walsh.



After today’s resounding vote, here’s no time to waste on the next steps according to Regina Doherty MEP: “The Commission must urgently progress an EU-wide Coco’s Law, modelled on the Irish law named after the late Nicole ‘Coco’ Fox. Nicole tragically died by suicide in 2018, after suffering years of horrendous bullying – online and offline. Her mother, Jackie Fox, has shown enormous strength and determination in campaigning to achieve the law in Ireland and most recently at EU level. We have been

honoured to support her work to make Coco’s Law a European Law and today is a significant step forward towards that goal.” The Resolution also asks the Commission to take swift action to address current legal gaps concerning the voluntary reporting mechanisms carried out by online platforms of child sexual abuse material. It underlines that online platforms have an obligation to ensure a safe digital space for children that respects their fundamental rights and data privacy.

## Minister Foley welcomes confirmation of further strengthening of Garda numbers in Kerry

Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Kerry TD Norma Foley has welcomed the allocation of two additional gardaí to Tralee.

It comes in the wake of the allocation of five new Gardaí to Tralee and three new Gardaí to Killarney since last year.

Last week’s passing out ceremony at the Garda College in Templemore saw 193 new Gardaí take up posts across the country, of which 134 are men and 59 are women.

Minister Foley said: “I am delighted to confirm that two new gardaí graduating from Templemore today are en route to Tralee. This is a further strengthening of garda resources in the county. I want to acknowledge the great work of An Garda Síochána throughout County Kerry and I am confident these latest



additional Garda will support the work of the force on the ground. “I want to thank my cabinet colleague, Minister for Justice Jim O’Callaghan, for his ongoing commitment to delivering more Gardaí for Kerry and communities across the country.” The allocation forms part of a strong Garda recruitment pipeline. 619 new Gardaí attested from the Garda College last year and a further 200 trainees are set to enter Templemore next week. This will bring the total number of current trainees to over 600.

Two recruitment campaigns were held in 2025, with over 11,100 people applying to join An Garda Síochána. A new recruitment competition will open in the coming weeks.

## Minister Foley confirms €4.8m in funding for free schoolbooks for over 28,000 Kerry students

Minister for Children, Disability and Equality and Kerry T.D Norma Foley has confirmed €4.8 million in funding for free schoolbooks for over 28,000 Kerry students.

Over €4.8 million is being provided to provide free schoolbooks for 15,778 primary school students and 12,681 post-primary students in Kerry for the forthcoming 2026/2027 school term.

Minister Foley, who introduced the groundbreaking free school books scheme during her tenure in the Department of Education, said:

“I am delighted to confirm this funding for the free school books scheme for the forthcoming school year. This will benefit over 28,000 students in 133 Kerry primary schools and 29 post primary schools. It will continue to ease some of the financial burden facing families with the back-to-school costs.”

The scheme will provide, at a minimum, free schoolbooks, workbooks and copybooks for all pupils enrolled in primary, post-primary and special schools in the 2026/2027 school year. The total funding being provided to schools under the free school books scheme is €146 million for the 2026/2027 school year.



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<b>1st Thursday</b> 8.30 PM 9.00 PM 9:30 PM 10:00 PM	<b>Glenflesk &amp; Barraduff</b> The Kerry Way, Glenflesk Spillane's Headford Murphy's Bar, Barraduff Corner Bar, Barraduff	<b>4th Thursday</b> 7:00 PM 7.30 PM 8:15 PM 8.30 PM 8.45 PM 9.15 PM 10.00 PM	<b>Killorglin Area</b> Golden Nugget, Fossa Galvin's Bar, Beaufort O'Grady's Bar, Killorglin Francie Sheahan's Bar, Killorglin Clifford's Tavern, Killorglin The Plough, Milltown Griffins Bar, Castlemaine
<b>1st Friday</b> 8.45 PM 9.00 PM 9:30 PM 10:00 PM	<b>Kenmare, Tuosist &amp; Lauragh</b> Roughty Bar, Kenmare O'Connors Bar, Kenmare Sailors Bar, Killaha West Helen's Bar Kilmacalogue	<b>4th Friday</b> 8.30 PM 9.30 PM 10.30 PM	<b>Kenmare &amp; Sneem Area</b> The Roughty Bar, Kenmare Riney's Bar, Sneem Blackwater Tavern
<b>3rd Monday</b> 8.30 PM 9.00 PM 9:30 PM	<b>Knocknagoshel &amp; Brosna</b> O'Connor's Bar, Knocknagoshel Walsh's Bar, Knocknagoshel Kate Pat's Bar, Brosna	<b>Last Monday</b> 8:00 PM 8:30 PM 9:00 PM 10.00 PM 10:15 PM	<b>Farranfore Area</b> Ulick's Bar, Farranfore James Daly's Bar, Farranfore Cunniffe's Bar, Currow Butlers Bar, Furies John Hendersons, Furies

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# Welcome for €20,000 for Men's Sheds across Kerry

Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry and Party Spokesperson on Older People, Michael Cahill, has warmly welcomed the latest round of funding for Men's Sheds, which will see a number of groups across Kerry benefit from vital financial support.

The funding, delivered through the Department of Rural and Community Development and distributed by the Irish Men's Sheds Association (IMSA), provides grants of up to €3,000 to support the day-to-day running costs of sheds nationwide, including heating, electricity and insurance.

Deputy Cahill confirmed that the following Kerry Men's Sheds have received funding:

- \* Ballybunion Men's Shed – €2,835.20
- \* Ballyduff Men's Shed – €2,086.31
- \* Ballyheigue Men's Shed – €3,000.00
- \* Killarney Men's Shed – €3,000.00
- \* Sneem Men's Shed – €1,877.00
- \* Tralee Men's Shed – €3,000.00
- \* Waterville Men's Shed – €1,656.47
- \* Caherciveen Men's Shed – €3,000.00

Speaking this week Deputy Cahill said:

"Men's Sheds play an incredibly important role in communities across Kerry, particularly for older men who may otherwise experience isolation

or loneliness. These spaces provide not just practical activities, but friendship, support and a real sense of belonging.

"I am delighted to see such strong support being delivered to sheds right

across the county, with significant funding allocated to groups in Ballybunion, Ballyduff, Ballyheigue, Killarney, Sneem, Tralee, Waterville and Caherciveen.

"As Fianna Fáil Spokesperson on Older People, I am particularly conscious of the positive impact Men's Sheds have on mental health, wellbeing and social inclusion. This funding will help ensure that these groups can continue their valuable work and remain open, welcoming spaces for years to come.

"I will continue to advocate for sustained and increased investment in community-based initiatives like Men's Sheds which make a real and tangible difference in people's lives on the ground."

Deputy Cahill also acknowledged the work of the Irish Men's Sheds Association in supporting and coordinating the network of sheds across the country.



## KILLARNEY ISSUES RAISED AT THE MAY MEETING

Cllr. John O'Donoghue has raised the following issues at the Killarney Municipal District meeting this week.

### LISSIVIGEEN ROUNDABOUT



**• That we would write to the TII and state that the current state of Lissivigeen roundabout is completely unacceptable. It has been 6 months since the issue with the road surface has been highlighted to them and it is not good enough that we are still waiting on the required works. A new system allowing the MD to carry out critical works as they arise needs to be put in place.**

I am happy to hear that the repair work will take place in the couple of weeks as it is urgently required, but I feel it is unacceptable that it has taken so long to get the work done on a National on road on what is one of the main arteries into the town, and indeed the county and it is over 4 months since I said you could nearly dip a sheep or take a bath in the trough on the roundabout. The surface as it currently stands presents

a serious hazard, particularly to cyclists. This is not the fault of Kerry County Council. I realise this road is in the charge of the TII so I am not blaming Kerry County Council for the delay, but it highlights a serious deficiency in the system where we have to wait for so long to get the go ahead from the TII to do work. The Local Authority needs to have the autonomy to carry out any emergency works it has identified immediately, and get the funding at a later date. Waiting for approval from National Level is just blocking up the system and preventing our Council from carrying out their duties to the best of their abilities and is a perfect example of how nonsensical bureaucratic procedures often hinder rather than assist progress in this country.

### DISABILITY PARKING SPOTS

**• To request that the parking spaces beside the entrance to Killarney House be changed to 2 parking spots for people with disabilities along with a set down area for coaches.**

This is a very simple request and one which makes much sense to me. Killarney House and Gardens is one of the major tourist attractions in our town but does not have any onsite parking itself. While Beech Road Carpark is quite close to one of the entrances to the gardens, I feel were the two spaces by the

Golden Gates changed to parking for those with disabilities, it would be very beneficial as they are not crucial to general parking within the town. A bus set down area would also be very welcome if there was adequate room.

### HIGH STREET BUS STOP



**• That the possibility of creating a space for the Anseo bus to pull in on High Street be examined. One of its busier stops is to a major retailer on the street and currently it is impeding the flow of traffic through the town as it waits for people to exit/enter the bus.**

This issue has been highlighted to me by business owners on High Street and I have witnessed it myself. The service is much used to bring people to and from a major retailer on High Street, but there is nowhere for the bus to pull in. This is not as big an issue when people are disembarking from the

bus, but when the bus is collecting customers, often it has to wait for a couple of minutes for the people to get on board, particularly on wet days. With nowhere for the bus to pull into at the moment, it is forced to stop on the street blocking all the traffic behind it which builds up very quickly. Killarney is under such pressure from traffic congestion, every blockage can cause huge tailbacks and I feel that were we to provide a set down area for the bus, it would greatly help matters.

### PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

**• Previously I requested a crossing for pedestrians and cyclists on Muckcross Road, located around the Spar Shop/End of Loreto Road. Has there been any engagement with the TII on the matter or is there any update?**

This is a hugely busy area with hordes of people walking and cycling to and from the National Park, as well as those attending local rowing clubs amongst others. There is also a large estate at the end of Loreto Road as well as many houses further up the road. I welcome the reply that a feasibility report is imminent, and hope that we might see action before long. A crossing similar to the one at the Gleneagle Hotel would in my opinion be ideal as it does not obstruct traffic flow, yet still facilitates safe crossing for pedestrians.

**Cllr  
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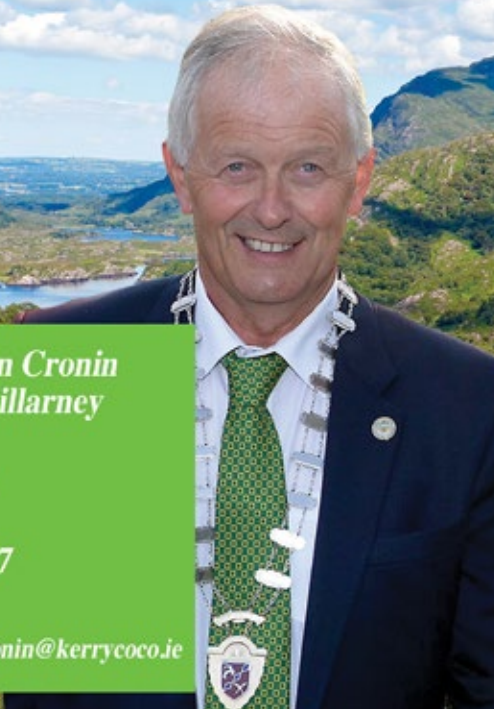
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## KILLARNEY GOLF CLUB LADIES BRANCH

18 HOLE STROKE COMPETITION ON O'MAHONY'S POINT COURSE SUNDAY MAY 3RD

Ladies Chairperson's Cup kindly sponsored by our chairperson Patricia Quane

1st: Mary Kearney (12) Nett 65  
2nd: Mary A. Cronin (19) Nett 69  
Best Gross: Tracy Eakin +(0.7) Nett 72  
3rd: Geraldine Rosney (36) Nett 70  
4th: Margaret Moloney (29) Nett 71  
5th: Kay O'Connor (14) Nett 72  
6th: Maureen Creedon (18) Nett 72  
7th: Patricia Walsh (28) Nett 73  
8th: Margaret O'Donoghue (27) Nett 73  
9th: Cara Fuller (23) Nett 73  
10th: Elizabeth O'Farrell (13) Nett 73  
Front 9: Mary Looney (20) Nett 33.5  
Back 9: Kathleen Wall (24) Nett 34  
Winner of the 13 Hole Stableford Competition: Mary Shanahan 31pts (21)

## ROSS GOLF CLUB (GENTS)

ON MAY 2ND AND 3RD WE HELD A STABLEFORD COMPETITION

The winners were :-

1st: Peter Wickham 37 (11)  
2nd: Barry O'Grady 35 (11)

### Division 1

1st: Daniel Ling 33 (6)  
2nd: John M O'Brien 32 (10)

### Division 2

1st: Conor Brosnan 34 (16)  
2nd: Cormac O'Donoghue 34 (16)

### Division 3

1st: John McGillycuddy 34 (20)  
2nd: Tony Fagan 34 (19)

THE TEAMS ORDER OF MERIT IN THE M D O'SHEA SPRING LEAGUE.

Winning team - Team A: Ryan Scott, David Murphy, Mike Doody, Ailus Brazetis, John Fleming. Runners up - Team D: Donald McSweeney, Peter Wickham, Denis Casey, Derek McAllister, Dan O'Sullivan.

### SPRING LEAGUE CATEGORY WINNERS

Category 1: Daniel Ling.  
Category 2: John Cuskelly  
Category 3: Steve Shine.

Category 4: Anthony O'Mahony.

Category 5: Tim Ryan.

### ROSS SENIORS

On Thursday April 30th the Ross seniors held their weekly competition

The winners were :-

1st: Mossie Cremin 22 pts  
2nd: Seamus McCarthy 22 pts  
3rd: Dan O'Sullivan 21 pts  
4th: Donal Doherty 20 pts

### MAY BANK HOLIDAY MIXED SCRAMBLE RESULT

1st: Daniel Ling, Bridie Brosnan, Lucas Cronin, Tim Ryan.

2nd: Kevin O'Callaghan, Anthony O'Mahony, Maurice Coffey, Margaret Hickey.

3rd: Daniel Shine, Mark Webb, Michael Webb, Emer Coffey.

4th: John Cuskelly, Aaron O'Connor, Sheila O'Mahony, Mary Moynihan.

5th: Mike O'Keefe, Maureen Beecher Crowley, Mike O'Leary, Muireann Hayes.

**BEST OF LUCK** to the Killarney Race Co for their upcoming May Racing Festival on May 9th, 11th and 12th

## ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB

RESULTS SATURDAY 2ND MAY 25TH 2026

Scramble very kindly sponsored by Noreen O'Mahony and Eilish O'Sullivan

Well done to the winners and to all who participated. Thanks to Noreen O'Mahony and Eilish O'Sullivan for their very generous sponsorship.

1st: Lady Captain Elaine Casey, Bridie Doyle, Mary B O'Sullivan. 34 points

2nd: Margaret O'Donoghue, Emer Brosnan, Mona Looney. 34 3/7 points

3rd: Sarah Scanlan, Kitty O'Grady, Helen Moylan. 37 points

4th: Bridie Brosnan, Lourda Kelly, Kathleen Fitzgerald. 38 points (back 9)

### COMPETITIONS

Saturday 16th May 2026

9 & 18 - hole single Stableford competition. Enter via the BRS App

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### KILLARNEY RACE COMPANY

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### GOLF LESSONS

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

## DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB

### GOOD TRAVELS

Both Damien Fleming and John McGrath were part of trip by the Kerry Senior Mens panel to the north-east last weekend as Damien won the Navan Masters Singles event while John partnered with Tralee's Jason O'Regan to win the 36 Hole Gross prize at the Seapoint Scratch Cup in Louth as well.

### MAY BANK HOLIDAY DRAWS

Sunday- Two Ball Betterball- First Nett: Nathan Cronin & Dan Kiely 35, Gross: Gearóid Cronin & Daniel Kelly 47, Second Nett: Denis Duggan & John Murphy 41 and Hole-In-One: Niall O'Loughlin (13th Hole). Monday- Two Ball Scramble- First Nett: Bobby Kelly & Dan Kiely 35½ Gross: Ger Casey & Sean Ashe 45 and Second Nett: Bobby Kelly & Margaret O'Brien 36.

### MUNSTER MATCHPLAY

Our Best Wishes to Damien Fleming (Senior), Michael and Nathan Cronin (Intermediate), James Foley, Niall O'Loughlin and David Harnett (Junior) along with Eileen McCarthy (Intermediate Ladies) in their respective grades this weekend in both Fermoy and St Stephens in Cork.

### MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Following on from our previous announcement as regards Membership Applications for 2026, the Committee has further reviewed the situation and decided that no further Family or U16 Applications (renewing or new) will be accepted for the remainder of this year.

### COURSE CLOSED

Please note due to road closures connected to the Munster Final on Sunday we will not be open to any play on the day.

## BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB (MEN'S)

RESULTS FOR SATURDAY 2ND & SUNDAY 3RD MAY 2026

Sponsor: Riverview Kennels

Yellow Tees - 18 Hole Stableford

1st: Humphrey Kerins, 42 points (21)

2nd: Robaird Foley, 36 points (26)

White Tees - 18 Hole Stableford

1st: Kenneth O'Connor, 40 points (11)

2nd: Anthony O'Sullivan, 38 points (25)

### NEXT WEEK

4 Ball Better Ball (Pairs) - White Tees

Sponsor: Men's Club



Ross Ladies Scramble very kindly sponsored by Noreen O'Mahony and Eilish O'Sullivan.

Some of the Players and Winners who took part in the Scramble on Saturday.

Pictured Left to right Maureen Beecher Crowley, Bridget McGuire, Helen Fitzgerald, Lourda Kelly, Mernie Linehan, Jennifer Nash, Kitty O'Grady, Sponsors Noreen O'Mahony and Eilish O'Sullivan, Therese O'Keefe, Aine Murphy, Emer Brosnan, Lady Captain Elaine Casey, Mona Looney, Mary B O'Sullivan, Susan Shorten, Emir Coffey, Bridie Doyle, Bridie Brosnan, Margaret O'Donoghue, Margaret Hickey and Helen Moylan

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## BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB (LADIES)

18 HOLE V-PAR COMPETITION PLAYED ON SATURDAY 2ND / SUNDAY 3RD MAY

The competition was very generously sponsored by Tony Dunne.

- 1st: Maeve Quirke (21) 4 up
- 2nd: Mary Jo Coffey (44) 2 up
- 3rd: Grainne McShortall (16) 1 up

## KERRY PITCH AND PUTT

While the Munster Matchplay Finals in Cork this weekend will pre-occupy most of the Kerry players minds there were some very encouraging performances for the county in Leinster events over three Bank Holiday Weekend.

Deerpark's Damien Fleming won the Navan Masters event in Meath on Sunday with a 36-hole score of 18 under par, 15 years after his first

ever Scratch Cup win in Leinster which came in St Bridgets Kildare back in 2011. Tralee's Jason Cregan finished third in the Senior grade with a score of 15 under par as over in Seapoint in Termonfeckin, Co Louth both Tralee's Jason O'Regan and Deerpark's John McGrath won the 36 Hole Gross prize in the club's Open Scotch Foursomes event with a score of 14 under par. This weekend's Munster Matchplays take players to both Fermoy and St Stephens on Saturday with Fermoy the venue for all of Sunday's play. In the Senior Mens grade all the Kerry players are in the bottom half of the draw as Jason Cregan begins his bid for a third title in four years against Tipperary's Brian Cahill. Jason O'Regan and himself could face each other in the Last 16 if O'Regan comes through his encounter with Limerick's Liam O'Donovan as Damien Fleming's bid for the only major Singles honour he is yet to win in the game begins against another

Tipperary player in Paul Sweeney. Listowel's Chris Gibney plays a third Tipperary player in Stephen O'Reilly as Darren Goodall of Tralee faces Phillip Sweeney from the host club.

The Kerry Ladies start in St Stephens as well on Saturday as the Intermediate grade sees Tralee's Lisa O'Connor and Deerpark's Eileen McCarthy in the quarter-finals respectively against Gillian Morrissey (St Annes) and Gemma Martin (Larkspur Park) respectively. The Junior Ladies sees one all-Kerry Round 1 tie between Tralee club-mates Charlotte Blake and Bernadette O'Regan as another Tralee player in Catriona O'Connor takes on Eileen Hanley from Ranges in Cork.

The County Board wishes all 20 Kerry players taking part in the various grades the very best of luck this weekend.



Patricia Quane Chairperson Killarney Golf and Fishing Club Management Committee presenting the Chairperson's Cup Junior first prize to winner of the Junior Boys Stableford Competition Alan Scannell with (left) Ryan Lowe overall winner in the Novice Boys competition, Cian Lenihan Cat 1 winner and Ben Cronin Cat 2 Novice Boys (back from left) Tomas Kelliher Captain, Thomas O'Shaugnessy 2nd Cat 1 and Luke Twiss 2nd Cat 2 Junior Boys Single Stableford at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Patricia Quane Chairperson Killarney Golf and Fishing Club Management Committee presenting the Chairperson's Cup to overall winner in the Ladies Stroke competition Mary Kearney with (left) Geraldine Rosney 3rd, Mary A Cronin 2nd, Captain Annette Mc Neice (second row) Margaret Moloney 4th, Kay O'Connor 5th, Maureen Creedon 6th, Patricia Walsh 7th (back from left) Margaret O'Donoghue 8th, Betty Farrell 10th, Mary Looney front nine, Kathleen Wall back nine and Mary Shanahan 1st Chairperson's Cup Stableford competition at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Patricia Quane Chairperson Killarney Golf and Fishing Club Management Committee presenting the Chairperson's Cup to overall winner Dan Quirke with (left) Padraig O'Sullivan 2nd, Donal Considine Best Gross, Captain Tomas Kelliher (second row from left) James Suter 3rd, Frank Shaw 4th, Kieran Cremin 5th, Alec Rennie winner Cat 1 (back from left) John O'Shea winner Cat 3, Ger Walsh 3rd Cat 3, Danny Healy winner Cat 4 and Maurice Lyons 2nd Cat 4 at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Patricia Quane Chairperson Killarney Golf and Fishing Club Management Committee presenting the Chairperson's Cup first prize in the Junior Girls 18 Hole competition to winner Elise Roberts with (left) winning team members in the 9 Hole Scramble Saffron McCarthy, Orlaith O'Sullivan and Lucy Kavanagh, 2nd 9 hole competition Addison Mulcahy and Aine Scanlon, winners of the 6th Hole competition Lily Moynihan and Ava Lowe (back from left) Junior Officers Marguerita Mulcahy, Julie Kelly and Captain Annette McNeice at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



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## KILLARNEY ATHLETIC AFC

### U17 CUP SEMI FINAL RESULT

#### Killarney Athletic 4 - 2 Tralee Dynamos

Leo Allen x 2, Oisín Cryan x 1, Luca Mosca x 1

Our U17's travelled to Mounthawk Park Saturday evening to play our cup semi final v Dynamos and came away with a place in the final for the second year running. Our boys were slow out the blocks with Dynamos dominating the opening period and they took a deserved lead after 20 mins when a corner wasn't dealt with and the Tralee player poked home. 5 mins later Dynamos were awarded a penalty which would have put them two up deservedly on the balance of play, however the excellent Dylan McAulliffe made a superb double save to deny the Tralee side. This seemed to spur our boys into life and shortly after we grabbed an equaliser when a Leo header was turned home. HT 1-1 and our boys could count themselves lucky to be level. The second half however, was a different affair, we came out strong and gabbled the lead when Alex swung a lovely flat ball into the box and Oisín finished well to the corner... Leo then added a third from a super Alex free kick, when Leo hit a bullet header to the Dynamos net. To their credit Dynamos never gave up and grabbed one back with 25 to go. 3-2..... however the game was put to bed with 12 remaining when Luca unleashed a ferrous free kick to the Dynamos net. FT 4-2. It's onto the final again for our boys where we meet last years finalist Killarney Celtic where we hope to go one better over our near neighbours.

Thanks to Dynamos for a hard fought game which was in the balance for long periods and to Tom for officiating on the day. All roads lead to Tralee again in a few weeks time

### BOYS U14 PREMIER RESULT

#### Killarney Athletic A v Listowel Celtic A

The lads had a good away match in Listowel today. They secured a comfortable victory to keep their win streak going thus far in the league this year with two games left. Thanks to Listowel Celtic and the referee for a very sporting game. Goal scorers today Artem Dzhandra, Myron Svyripa, Cathal Foley, Trey Hurley, Mark Doonan. Man of the match was Artem Dzhandra who was spectacular all day. (5 goals)

Well done to our boys and onto the the second last game of the season on Wednesday May 6th

at home at 6:45pm v Park.

### U14 BOYS CUP SEMI-FINAL

#### Killarney Athletic B 4 v Killarney Celtic A 7

Goals: Cian Lenehan (2), Eric Reed, Cillian Sheehan  
The U14B boys' excellent run in the cup came to an end in the semifinal on Monday evening against a strong Celtic A side but not without a fight. Athletic started with real intent creating a couple of openings early on and were rewarded with the lead through Cian Lenehan. Celtic responded well and took control as the half went on to go 4-1 up at the break. Athletic put in a super performance to draw the second half 3-3, scoring three brilliant goals, showing great spirit and effort to the final whistle. But it's Celtic who deservedly progress to the final in the end. Well done to U14B boys for finishing the season so strongly.

### GIRLS U-15 MATCH REPORT

#### Killarney Athletic 4-0 St Brendans Park

Ella Crowley x 2, Lori Rujevcan x 1, Evie Doolan x 1

An early kick-off in Woodlawn marked our final league game of the season, and the girls delivered a strong performance from start to finish. Killarney Athletic made a bright start, taking the lead midway through the first half when Lori Rujevcan found the net with a well-taken goal. The momentum continued as Evie Doolan doubled the advantage before the break with a smart finish, putting Athletic 2-0 ahead. The second half proved to be a real battle, with both teams competing fiercely. The Park pushed forward with some quick and dangerous attacks, but Athletic's defence stood firm under pressure, showing great heart and determination. With 10 minutes remaining, Ella Crowley extended the lead with her first goal of the game. She wasn't finished there—just five minutes later, Ella struck again with a superb curling effort into the corner of the net to seal the win. This was a fantastic performance from the entire panel. Credit to The Park for a very sporting and competitive match, and thanks to referee Willie for officiating. Attention now turns to the cup final in two weeks' time.

## MASTERGEEHA FC

### U13 BRID DEVANE PERPETUAL CUP S/F

#### Mastergeeha 2 v Iveragh 1 AET

### U14 EVE O CALLAGHAN PERPETUAL CUP

#### Dingle 0 v Mastergeeha 4

### U13 GIRL'S PREMIER

### Mastergeeha 1 v Iveragh 1

### U12 BOY'S DIVISION 3

#### Iveragh B 1 v Mastergeeha D 4

### GIRLS U12 DOMINIC SCANLON CUP FINAL

#### Mastergeeha 2-0 Castleisland

Goal Scorers on the day were Gracie Maher & Annie Mai O'Donoghue

POTM Gracie Maher

An incredible season reached its perfect conclusion as the team followed up last month's unbeaten league triumph by sealing the cup on Monday evening.

Played in glorious sunshine, both sides began nervously. Eabha Buckley was called upon early to make some vital interceptions in defence, while Ellie Fleming stayed alert in goal. At the other end, Mia Burke carried her impressive semi-final form into the final, and some excellent play saw her put Gracie Maher through on goal, where she made no mistake.

Castleisland responded well with a series of dangerous breaks, but Lucy Devane and Kate Doolan were equal to the task with some crucial clearances. Clodagh Moynihan came close just before half-time with a superb effort, while Niamh Griffin's good work created another chance for Gracie, only to be denied by a fine save.

The second half continued to ebb and flow. Olivia O'Connor grew increasingly influential, linking up well with Neassa O'Sullivan to create an early opportunity. Ellie Doherty and Robyn Kennedy added great energy to the attack, and the breakthrough came when the ball was squared to Annie Mai O'Donoghue, who calmly finished into the corner, sparking great celebrations.

At the back, Ali O'Leary and Yasmin Pashpangadan helped solidify the defence as the team saw out the game. The final whistle was met with scenes of joy.

Captain Gracie Maher, who also earned Player of the Match, proudly accepted the Dominic Scanlon cup. The game was played in a fantastic spirit, and no doubt Castleisland will come back stronger next year. A huge thank you to the referee and to the Listowel grounds, which provided a picturesque setting on a beautiful evening.

### MASTERGEEHA LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on 1st May 2026 for the Jackpot of €7,000. Numbers drawn were 2,13,16,18. Consolations Prizes of €50



MasterGeeha Girls U12 Dominic Scanlon Cup Final Winners 2026



Killarney Celtic U13A squad vs Killarney Athletic

each to the following, Karen O'Shea Killarney, Dan Dwyer Anabla, Ian Millis & The Egan Family Mastergeeha. Our next draw will take place on Friday 8th May 2026 at the Village Inn for a Jackpot of €7,200.

## KILLARNEY CELTIC

### CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 3,4,15,17. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €150. Next jackpot €9,400 on Monday May 11th. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through Clubzap.

**BOOKING FOR THE KILLARNEY CELTIC SUMMER CAMPS** are now open. Week 1 is Monday June 29th - Friday July 3rd. Week 2 is Monday July 13th - Friday July 17th. Early Bird Offer if booked by May 31st via clubzap.

### KDL DOMINOS PIZZA U17 CUP SEMI FINAL St Brendan's Park 2-2 Killarney Celtic.

**Celtic won on Penalties.**

*Ignacy Truchan 2*

Celtic overcame St Brendan's Park on penalties after an exciting semi-final in Mounthawk Park. Celtic led 1-0 at the break after Iggy Truchan netted. St Brendan's Park overturned the deficit to lead 2-1 before Ignacy Turuchan netted again to level the game. Extra time could not separate the teams so the game went to penalties. Celtic were successful on penalties after an Evan Foley save gave Celtic the initiative.

### U16 PREMIER

#### Ballyhar Dyn 1-0 Killarney Celtic

Celtic's recent run of wins came to an end in Ballyhar as the home side gained the day.

### U13 PREMIER

#### Killarney Athletic 1-3 Killarney Celtic

*Dylan McCarthy 2, Cillian Daly*

In a must win game Celtic overcame Athletic to draw level with St Brendan's Park at the top of the division. Celtic were on top form from the start and were rewarded with the goals that gave them all the points. This result now means there will be a playoff between Celtic and St Brendan's Park for the league title.

### U12 PREMIER

#### Dingle 8-1 Killarney Celtic

*Eryk McGrath*

Celtic went down to a good Dingle side in their final game of the season.

### WOMEN

### HOUSE OF UPHOLSTERY CUP

#### Dingle Bay Rovers 1-4 Killarney Celtic

*Hannah Casey, Ciara Horgan, Katie Doe, Abbie Finnan*

Celtic overcame Dingle in the Cup after a good 2nd half performance was rewarded with 4 goals. The game was tied 0-0 at half time but Celtic opened the scoring when Hannah Casey netted. Dingle came straight back to level but Abbie Finnan goaled to edge Celtic in front. Katie Doe extended the lead before Ciara Horgan sealed the win with a goal to leave Celtic 4-1 winners.

## KERRY SCHOOLBOYS/

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### GIRLS



The Killarney Community College u19 boys team who were narrowly defeated in the Munster shield final against Mayfield Community College losing 2-1 after conceding the winner in injury time!



Ballyhar Dynamos FC seniors who drew 2-2 away to Dingle Bay Rovers in Division 2 of the Kerry District League.

### MASTERGEEHA CROWNED DOMINIC SCANLON CUP CHAMPIONS

Mastergeeha were crowned U12 Girls Dominic Scanlon Perpetual Cup champions after a composed 2-0 victory over Castleisland in Pat Kennedy Park.

Goals from Gracie Maher and Annie Mai O'Donoghue secured the win, with both players delivering when it mattered most.

In a closely fought encounter, Mastergeeha delivered a strong all-round performance, combining solid defending with clinical finishing to seal the title.

### DINGLE EDGE EXTRA-TIME FINAL TO LIFT SHIELD

Dingle were crowned U12 Girls Dominic Scanlon Perpetual Shield champions after a dramatic 1-0 victory over LB Rovers following extra time.

In a tightly contested final, neither side could be separated in normal time, with both defences holding firm in a tense encounter.

The decisive moment came in extra time, when Aoife Ní Shuilleabháin found the net to secure the winning goal and seal the title for Dingle.

### MASTERGEEHA EDGE EXTRA-TIME BATTLE TO REACH FINAL

Mastergeeha booked their place in the U13 Brid Devane Perpetual Cup Final after a hard-fought 2-1 victory over Iveragh following extra time.

In a closely contested semi-final, Annie Mai O'Donoghue gave Mastergeeha an early lead, before Tiernagh McGill scored for Iveragh to

level matters at 1-1 for the remainder of the first half.

Little could separate the sides in extra-time. But in the burning embers of the opening half, a volley from Sophie Moynihan hit the top corner of the Iveragh net, a goal that ultimately proved decisive after a tight battle, as Mastergeeha held firm to secure the win and progress to the final where they meet St Brendan's Park.

### CAMP JUNIORS ADVANCE INTO SHIELD FINAL

Camp Juniors secured their place in the U13 Girls Brid Devane Perpetual Shield Final with a confident 3-0 victory away to LB Rovers.

Goals from Aoibhín Lyne, Sophie Lynch, and Robyn Flynn highlighted a strong attacking display, as Camp controlled the game throughout. They now await the winner of Tuesday's other semi-final between Fenit and Killorglin.

### O'CONNOR STARS AS CASTLEISLAND EDGE NINE-GOAL THRILLER

Castleisland came out on top in a thrilling 5-4 victory over Listowel Celtic in the U14 Girls Eve O'Callaghan Perpetual Cup.

In a high-scoring encounter, Elsie O'Connor was the standout performer, scoring an incredible four goals to lead Castleisland to victory, while Aoife Reidy added the other.

Listowel Celtic pushed them all the way, with Samantha Lyons scoring twice alongside goals from Emer O'Sullivan and Katelyn Joy, but Castleisland just held on in a dramatic finish.



Mastergeeha U12 Girls Cup Final



Castleisland U12 Girls Cup Final

## STRONG WINS ACROSS U15 GIRLS DIVISIONS

There were impressive performances across the Muckross Park Hotel U15 Girls leagues, with big wins in both the Premier Division and Division 1. In the Premier Division, MEK delivered a dominant 5-0 victory over Killorglin. Grace Ryan was in outstanding form with a hat-trick, while Megan Quigg and Isabelle O'Connor also found the net in a commanding display. Killarney Athletic were also in top form, recording a 4-0 victory over Park. Ella Crowley scored twice, with Lori Rujevcan and Evie Doolan adding further goals to complete an impressive result. In Division 1, Tralee Dynamos secured a strong 3-1 win over Mastergeeha A, with Caoimhe Daly scoring all three goals in a superb individual performance.

## BOYS MASTERGEEHA D ADVANCE INTO SHIELD FINAL

Mastergeeha D secured their place in the U12 John Murphy Boy's Shield Final with a hard-fought 2-1 victory over Park D. Goals from Adam Buckley and Conor Herlihy proved decisive in a closely contested semi-final, as Mastergeeha showed composure to see out the win, and secured safe passage to the decider against Killarney Celtic C.

## DINGLE HIT SEVEN IN U12 PREMIER DISPLAY

Dingle produced a superb attacking performance in the EBS U12 Boys Premier Division, securing a commanding 7-1 victory over Killarney Celtic A.

Goals were spread across the team, with Ruan Lynch leading the way with a brace, while Jamie Murphy, Jack Brosnan, Luí Ó Sé, Joey O'Connor, and Finn MacGearailt also found the net in an impressive display.

Eryk McGrath scored the consolation for Killarney Celtic, but Dingle's attacking quality proved far too strong on the day.

## GOALS GALORE ACROSS U12 DIVISION 3

It was a high-scoring round in the EBS U12 Boys Division 3, with plenty of goals and standout performances across multiple fixtures.

Tralee Dynamos B were in excellent form, recording an 8-2 win over Killarney Athletic D, with Michael McCarthy (2), Keane O'Brien, Alex Kavanagh, Donnacha Brosnan, Joseph Sheridan, Lincoln Coffey, and Aron Costello all finding the net. Carlos Gonzalez and Liam Kiely replied for Athletic.

Dynamos B also secured a 6-1 win over Ballyheigue, with Michael McCarthy hitting a hat-trick and Joseph Sheridan (2) and Alex Kavanagh adding to the tally. Killarney Celtic D defeated Killarney Athletic C 3-1, thanks to goals from Buchle Schreurs, Ryan Sugrue, and Bogdan Halyk.

Mastergeeha D claimed a 4-1 win over Iveragh B, with goals from Joseph Rohan, Ben O'Keeffe, Micheal O'Riordan, and Christian Ceragoli. MEK B impressed with a 6-0 victory over Tralee Dynamos C, while Listowel Celtic C edged a thrilling 7-4 win over Killarney Athletic D. Elsewhere, Tralee Dynamos C and Castleisland C were awarded walkover victories.

## PARK AND CELTIC CLAIM WINS IN U13 PREMIER

here were competitive encounters in the U13 Boys Premier Division, with St Brendan's Park and Killarney Celtic A both securing important victories.

Park edged a tight 3-2 win over Castleisland, with Igor Jasiński scoring twice and Tadhg Gilligan adding the other. Liam O'Rourke struck both goals for Castleisland in a closely fought contest. In the other game, Killarney Celtic A produced a strong performance to defeat Killarney Athletic A 3-1. Dylan McCarthy led the way with two goals, while Cillian Daly also found the net to secure the win.

## CELTIC HIT SEVEN TO REACH TOM HAYES CUP FINAL

Killarney Celtic powered into the U14 Tom Hayes Boys Cup Final after a thrilling 7-4 victory over Killarney Athletic B in a high-scoring semi-final. Cillian Scannell was in outstanding form, scoring a hat-trick, while Luke Clifford added two goals. Further strikes from Paul McGrath and Jack Clifford completed a superb attacking display. Killarney Athletic B battled well and kept the contest lively, with Cian Lenehan scoring twice alongside goals from Eric Reed and Cillian Sheehan, but Celtic's firepower proved decisive, they advanced to meet either Camp Juniors or Park in the final.

## WINS FOR ATHLETIC AND FENIT IN U14 LEAGUE ACTION

Killarney Athletic A produced a clinical performance in the Golden Nugget U14 Boy's Premier Division, securing an emphatic 7-1 victory over Listowel A.

Artem Dzhandra led the scoring with a superb hat-trick, while Myron Svyripa, Mark Doonan,

Trey Hurley, and Cathal Foley also found the net in a powerful attacking display.

In Division 3, Fenit B edged a tight 3-2 win over Milltown in a closely contested encounter. Conor Morris scored twice for Fenit, with John McCarty adding the other goal to secure the points.

## NARROW WIN AND HIGH-SCORING CLASH IN U16 ACTION

There were contrasting games in the Power Travel U16 Boys leagues, with a tight Premier Division contest and a goal-filled Division 1 encounter.

In the Premier Division, Ballyhar A edged a 1-0 victory over Killarney Celtic A, with Paddy O'Shea Cournane scoring the decisive goal in a closely fought game.

In Division 1, Killorglin A came out on top in an entertaining 5-3 win over MEK. Kieran Patten was the standout performer with a hat-trick, while Cathal Clifford and Billy Tyther also found the net.

MEK responded with goals from Ryan Bolger, Ryan Van Der Merwe, and Nathan O'Sullivan, but Killorglin's attacking edge proved decisive in a lively contest.

## PARK CROWNED DIVISION 2 CHAMPIONS

St Brendan's Park were crowned Power Travel U16 Boy's Division 2 Champions after a 4-1 victory over Iveragh A in the play-off final.

Kylan O'Carroll was the standout performer, scoring a superb hat-trick, while Julius Banom added the other goal to seal an impressive win, and with it silverware after a long season.

## U12 GIRLS DOMINIC SCANLON PERPETUAL CUP FINAL

*Castleisland 0-2 Mastergeeha*

## U12 GIRL'S DOMINIC SCANLON PERPETUAL SHIELD FINAL

*Dingle 1-0 LB Rovers AET*

## U13 GIRLS BRID DEVANE PERPETUAL CUP S/F

*Mastergeeha 2-1 Iveragh AET*

## U13 GIRLS BRID DEVANE PERPETUAL SHIELD S/F

*LB Rovers 0-3 Camp*

## U14 GIRLS EVE O'CALLAGHAN PERPETUAL CUP

*Listowel Celtic 4-5 Castleisland*

## MUCKROSS PARK HOTEL U15 GIRLS PREMIER

*MEK 5-0 Killorglin*

*Killarney Athletic 4-0 Park*

## MUCKROSS PARK HOTEL U15 GIRLS

**DIVISION 1**

*Mastergeeha A 1-3 Tralee Dynamos*

**U16 GIRLS PREMIER**

*MEK 0-3 Inter Kenmare w/o*

**BOYS FIXTURES**

**U12 JOHN MURPHY BOYS SHIELD S/FINALS**

*Mastergeeha D 2-1 Park D*

**EBS U12 BOYS PREMIER**

*Dingle 7-1 Killarney Celtic A*

**EBS U12 BOYS DIVISION 3**

*Killarney Athletic D 2-8 Tralee Dynamos B*

*Killarney Athletic C 1-3 Killarney Celtic D*

*Iveragh B 1-4 Mastergeeha D*

*Inter Kenmare B 0-3 Tralee Dynamos C w/o*

*Ballyheigue 1-6 Tralee Dynamos B*

*MEK B 6-0 Tralee Dynamos C*

*Listowel Celtic C 7-4 Killarney Athletic D*

*Castleisland C 3-0 Iveragh B W/O*

**U13 BOYS PREMIER**

*Castleisland 2-3 Park*

*Killarney Athletic A 1-3 Killarney Celtic A*

**U13 BOYS DIVISION 2 NORTH**

*Park C 4-3 Fenit*

*Listowel Celtic B 1-2 MEK B*

**U14 BOYS TOM HAYES BOYS CUP S/F**

*Killarney Athletic B 4-7 Killarney Celtic*

**THE GOLDEN NUGGET U14 BOYS PREMIER**

*Listowel A 1-7 Killarney Athletic A*

**THE GOLDEN NUGGET U14 BOYS DIVISION 3**

*Fenit B 3-2 Milltown*

**U16 BOYS TUCKER KELLY CUP Q/F**

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

**POWER TRAVEL U16 BOYS PREMIER**

*Ballyhar A 1-0 Killarney Celtic A*

**POWER TRAVEL U16 BOYS DIVISION 1**

*Killorglin A 5-3 MEK*



*Mastergeeha U13 Girls Semi-Final*

**POWER TRAVEL U16 BOYS DIVISION 2 PLAY OFF FINAL**

*Park A 4-1 Iveragh A*

**BOYS TEAM OF THE WEEK**

1. Daniel Duggan (Ballyhar Dynamos U16)
2. Fionn Walsh (Killarney Athletic U12)
4. Michael McCarthy (Tralee Dynamos U12)
5. Ryan Lynch (Dingle Bay Rovers U12)
3. Luke Clancy (Killarney Celtic U16)
6. Liam O'Rourke (Castleisland U13)
8. Artem Dzhandra (Killarney Athletic U14)
10. Kieran Patten (Killorglin U15)
7. Cillian Scannell (Killarney Celtic U14)
9. Ryan Greensmyth (St Brendan's Park U13)

11. Conor Morris (Fenit Saphires U14)

**GIRLS ROLL OF HONOUR:**

1. Ellie Fleming (Mastergeeha)
2. Esmee Van Benthem (MEK Galaxy)
4. Olivia Kissane (Listowel Celtic)
5. Nora O'Connor (Camp Juniors)
3. Amy McGrath (Tralee Dynamos)
6. Lucy Devane (Mastergeeha)
8. Sam O'Sullivan (Killarney Athletic)
7. Gracie Maher (Mastergeeha)
10. Evie Doolan (Killarney Athletic)
9. Elsie O'Connor (Castleisland)
11. Robyn Flynn (Camp Juniors)

**Fossa U12 Soccer team win Gold in Kerry Community Games**



*Fossa U12 Boys Soccer team that won Gold in the Kerry Community Games Competition held in Camp over the Bank Holiday weekend. The team will now go on to represent Kerry in the Munster Community Games.*

**SSE AIRTRICITY MEN'S FIRST DIVISION**

**GREAT WIN FOR KERRY FC**

**Kerry FC 1-0 Cork City**

By David Moriarty

Kerry FC were back in home action on the May Bank Holiday Monday as they took on Cork City in Mounthawk Park.

Kerry came into the game in decent spirits as they picked up a point and a clean sheet away to Athlone Town on Friday, who sat in third position in the league table. For Cork City, they came into the game after a first league defeat of the season against local rivals Cobh Ramblers at the start of the weekend and were in poor enough form by their standards. They had picked up just a point from their previous two games against Cobh and Bray Wanderers, so Kerry FC had slight optimism coming into the fixture.

Kerry FC have faced Cork City in competitive action six times and have yet to even manage a draw, so everyone in Mounthawk Park was hoping for a positive performance from the Kingdom. Over eight hundred and fifty people were in attendance for what was sure to be a huge Munster Derby in the Tralee sunshine.

**FIRST HALF**

There was an electric atmosphere as the match kicked off, and Kerry immediately showed intent in front of their home supporters.

In the tenth minute, Cork City registered the first notable effort of the contest when Ruairi Keating's sliced shot drifted harmlessly wide of the left-hand post. It proved to be an early warning, but Kerry quickly settled into their rhythm and began to assert themselves.

Their positive start paid dividends in the sixteenth minute. A long ball delivered deep by Cian Bargary caused uncertainty in the Cork defence. Jonas Häkkinen attempted to control but misjudged the bounce, and the ball fell kindly to Niall Brookwell. Showing composure beyond his years, Brookwell took a few steady touches before driving a precise finish into the bottom right corner, giving Kerry FC a deserved 1-0 lead. Buoyed by the goal, Kerry continued to dominate proceedings. By the twenty-sixth minute, they had established themselves as the stronger side, creating several promising chances while remaining organised and resolute at the back.

A golden opportunity to extend the lead came in the thirty-second minute. Sean O'Connell delivered a dangerous corner into the area that was completely missed by Cork City goalkeeper Conor Brann. Despite the inviting situation, no Kerry player could capitalise, and the ball eventually fell to Cian Bargary, whose effort sailed over the crossbar.

Cork City struggled to create clear-cut chances, and in the thirty-third minute, Ruairi Keating's attempt from a tight angle drifted well wide. Kerry continued to threaten, with Cian Brosnan trying his luck from distance in the thirty-ninth



Ryan Kelliher climbs highest in the box. Photo: Komrad Pytlowski

minute, though his powerful strike narrowly missed the target.

Just before the break, Kerry crafted another excellent opportunity. In the forty-third minute, Ewan Lee produced a superb piece of play to thread a through ball towards Ryan Kelliher, but the striker was unable to make decisive contact. Cian Bargary entered the referee's book in the thirty-seventh minute following a late challenge, adding a note of caution to an otherwise impressive first-half display from the hosts.

At half-time, Niall Brookwell's well-taken goal remained the difference between the sides, with Kerry FC fully deserving of their 1-0 advantage.

**SECOND HALF**

Cork City emerged for the second half with renewed urgency, knowing they needed a response. Early on, Charlie Lyons received a yellow card in the forty-sixth minute, reflecting the increasingly competitive nature of the contest.

Kerry nearly doubled their lead in the forty-eighth minute when a corner kick caused chaos in the Cork penalty area. The ball evaded everyone before being cleared at the last moment, denying Cian Murphy a close-range opportunity.

The game became more physical as the half progressed, with another booking issued in the fifty-second minute. Kerry, however, continued to push forward. In the fifty-third minute, Jonas Häkkinen saw his effort inside the area blocked as the hosts searched for a crucial second goal.

Cork City introduced attacking intent and came close in the fifty-ninth minute when Conor Drinan dragged his shot wide from inside the box. It was a reminder that the visitors remained a threat despite Kerry's control.

A key substitution came in the sixty-fifth minute when Cian Brosnan was replaced by Ryan Perez, injecting fresh energy into Kerry's midfield. Moments later, in the sixty-sixth minute, Cian Murphy produced a superb half-volley from a tight angle that crashed off the right-hand post, agonisingly close to doubling the lead.

Kerry continued to create chances, and in the sixty-ninth minute, Ryan Kelliher squared the ball

across goal to Cian Murphy, but the connection was not clean, and the effort drifted wide of the right-hand post. The match took a dramatic turn in the seventy-third minute when Cian Bargary received a second yellow card for time wasting, resulting in a red card. It was a harsh decision that left Kerry FC to see out the remainder of the game with ten men.

Despite being reduced in numbers, Kerry showed resilience and determination. In the seventy-fifth minute, Ryan Kelliher rose well to meet a cross, but his free header went just over the crossbar.

Cork City pushed forward in the closing stages, seeking an equaliser. In the eighty-second minute, Conor Drinan's effort from distance was comfortably gathered by Matthew Connor. Sean Maguire then fired wide in the eighty-ninth minute before coming even closer in the ninetieth minute, striking the crossbar in a dramatic late chance.

With five minutes of added time signalled, Kerry defended heroically, holding their shape and composure under sustained pressure.

At the final whistle, Mounthawk Park erupted in celebration. Kerry FC secured a hard-fought 1-0 victory, with Niall Brookwell's first-half strike proving decisive. It was a derby day triumph built on discipline, resilience, and quality. An outstanding performance that reflected the growing strength of Colin Healy's side.

Kerry FC finished the Bank Holiday weekend with four points and now looks to carry that forward, starting with a long trip to Ballybofey on Friday to take on Finn Harps in Donegal.

**Kerry FC Team:** Matthew Connor; Sean O'Connell, Kilian Cantwell (C), Ryan Kelliher, Cian Murphy, Jonas Häkkinen, Cian Brosnan, Samuel Aladesanusi, Niall Brookwell (GOAL '16), Ewan Lee, Cian Bargary (RED CARD '75).

**Subs Used:** Ryan Perez

**Cork City Team:** Conor Brann; Fiacre Kelleher, Charlie Lyons, AJ Bridge, Ruairi Keating, Hans Kamta Mpongo, Darragh Crowley, Josh Fitzpatrick, Sean Maguire, Rory Feely, Cillian Murphy.

**Subs Used:** Joshua Fitzpatrick, AJ Bridge, Matthew Murray, Matthew Kiernan.

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### LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 03/05/2026 for a jackpot of €8,100 were 3, 10, 17, 18. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Noreen Leslie, Jack Hallisey, Tim Cronin, Daithi O'Shea, Fiona Kissane.

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>

### SENIOR COUNTY LEAGUE DIV. 3

Our Golden Nugget sponsored senior team were away to Currow in Rd 6 of the County League on Sunday. This was a high scoring, entertaining game, Rian Colleran got the first score of the half, Currow struck back with three on the bounce before Emmett O'Shea landed a two pointer to level matters. In the 13th minute, Fintan Coffey used all his experience to punch a high ball to the net, Currow replied with a two pointer but a Michael O'Dwyer point and an Emmett O'Shea goal put Fossa four ahead by the 20th minute. Currow struck back for a goal but Shane O'Sullivan kicked a superb 45 to give Fossa a two point lead at the break, 2-8 to 1-9. Currow were back on level terms within a minute of the restart with two quick scores, then a fantastic goal followed by two points from Emmett O'Shea pushed Fossa four ahead after seven minutes of play. Currow then began to exert pressure on the Fossa kickouts and gained a foothold around the middle third of the field, in the final twenty minutes they scored 1-8 against Fossa's 0-2 which left the home side victorious on a score of Fossa 3-12, Currow 2-19.

### DIV 5 COUNTY LEAGUE

#### *Fossa B 2-14, Rathmore B 2-14*

On an evening when Monaghan staged a famous comeback in the Ulster Championship against Derry, the Fossa B team had their own comeback in Rathbeg against Rathmore B to earn a well deserved draw. Scores from Kevin McCarthy, Darren Cronin and Rocco Sheehan had Fossa ahead by two after 15 minutes of the first half, however Rathmore scored 1-3 without reply. Fossa finished the half well with scores from Kevin McCarthy and a massive two pointer from Rocco Sheehan left the side level at the break, 1-5 to 0-8.

The second half was a cracking contest, the teams swapped scores but Rathmore struck for their second goal in the 12th minute to put them five points up. Harry Kelly, Cian Doyle and Mark Dennehy started to win good possession and the pressure paid off when Peadar Kelliher struck for a goal in the 15th minute. Rathmore still held the lead when Shay McCormick came off the bench and kicked a fabulous 1-2 to leave the bare minimum between the sides, with time almost up Cathal Breen kicked the equaliser to earn Fossa a deserved draw on the night, 2-14 apiece.

### U14 COUNTY LEAGUE RD 5

#### *Fossa 4-10, Moyvane 2-06*

Fossa hit the ground running with Eoin Murphy fielding high in the square and roofing the ball to the net, this was quickly followed by well taken points by Aaron O'Sullivan and the impressive Mark O'Connor. Moyvane, however

struck back with a well taken goal of their own to remind the hosts of their undoubted ability. Fossa finished the half on the upper hand with George Nomikas raising another green flag, leaving Fossa ahead at half time by 2-07 to 1-01. The North Kerry side came thundering into the contest at the start of the 2nd half to score 1-03 without reply and it was now game on in earnest.

Fossa, to a man lifted their game considerably thereafter, with Aaron O'Sullivan scoring two cracking goals to put some daylight between the sides once more. Ryan Lynch and Mark O'Connor also found their range to ensure Fossa would emerge victorious from this exciting encounter. Thanks to Moyvane for a most sporting game and to the excellent Kilcummin referee, Mike Morrissey.

### MINOR GIRLS

Austin Stacks visited Fossa in our final game of the Minor Girls 9/11 aside County League. A tight, hard-fought first half saw both sides trade scores, with little between them as strong defending and work-rate kept the contest finely balanced with the home side 0-10 v 1-06 up at the break. After half-time, our intensity lifted noticeably as we began to dominate possession and win key battles around the middle. The turning point came early in the second half when relentless pressure on the kick-out forced a crucial turnover around the middle. Quick support play won the breaking ball and a slick move upfield led to a well-taken score, shifting momentum decisively. From that moment, confidence grew, kick-outs were contested aggressively, and repeated turnovers allowed sustained pressure that translated onto the scoreboard with a series of well-worked scores, creating daylight between the teams and the home side ran out 3-14 v 1-13 winners. A strong collective effort ensured control was maintained through the closing stages and Fossa now finish the league stages unbeaten.

### BOYS U-16

Fossa U16 boys completed the group stage of their Division 1 East Kerry League campaign this week with two tough fixtures. On Sunday, they hosted Kilgarvan and secured victory on a 4-13 to 1-12 scoreline. Fossa were back in action on Thursday evening away to Legion, but Legion took control after half-time to run out winners by 3-16 to 2-8, despite a determined Fossa finish with scores from Myers, Vaughan and Marc Sheehan.

### SENIOR LADIES

Fossa Senior Ladies produced a display of real effort and teamwork in Round 5 of the Credit Union Donal Curtin Cup to record a deserved 3-5 to 1-6 win over Glenflesk. Building on a strong first half performance that saw them go in level (1-2 to 0-5) at half-time.

From the outset, Fossa's work rate and intensity set the tone. Winning possession was a key feature of the game with Fossa showing great hunger and commitment all over the pitch. That effort was backed up by excellent kick-outs from Anne gave a solid platform to build attacks. Not only were the kick-outs consistently accurate and calm under pressure, but there were also numerous important saves, and this composure and reliability at the back gave huge confidence

to the defence and frustrated the opposition throughout.

Defensively, Fossa were relentless, with the Naoise, Alicia, Iseult & Caoimhe forcing Glenflesk into rushed shooting through strong pressure and disciplined tracking. Every player contributed, working hard to close space and support one another.

In attack, Aoife & Ciara were efficient and composed. Despite Glenflesk taking more shots overall, Fossa made their chances count, converting over half. However, our goals came at the right times following sharp movement and good decision making.

The scorers reflected a real team effort, with goals from Gráinne K, Ava and Lily who also made her mark by winning both throw ins, helping Fossa gain early momentum in each half while Lucy (0-3), Anna O'R (0-1) and Seodhla (0-1) added the valuable points.

With our three returning players playing the full game this was a performance built on discipline and teamwork, with standout contributions right throughout the team. A very satisfying result and an example of what this group can achieve when everyone commits fully to the effort. Well done to all

### COMMUNITY GAMES

Huge congratulations to our Fossa Boys who won gold medals yesterday in community games soccer blitz in camp.

After an exciting group stage, Fossa topped the group to win a place in the final against local rivals Milltown/ Listry.

In an evenly contested final, Fossa came out on top to claim 1st place and have qualified to represent Kerry in Munsters. Well done to Patrick O'Reilly for coaching the team.

## DR CROKES

### SHL

#### *Dr. Crokes 0-15 Lady's Walk 0-20*

Following a positive start to this year's County Hurling League where we defeated Causeway on a scoreline of 0-14 to 0-11, we welcomed Lady's Walk to Dr. Crokes on Tuesday last. This match was a repeat of the 2025 County League Final which saw us emerge winners following Extra-time. Following the throw-in, Lady's Walk got off to the better start with 2 points from play. We then settled with a point from Mark Heffernan. Lady's Walk created an early goal chance shortly after but Daithi Kenny made a heroic save to keep matters 0-04 to 0-01. The Dr. Crokes Captain pulled off another split second save 5 minutes later, leading his team by example. This seemed to encourage his teammates who displayed great spirit up to half-time with further points from Dave Carroll and Mark Heffernan however Lady's Walk closed out the half with a commanding lead - HT Dr. Crokes 0-03 Lady's Walk 0-10. Conor O'Hare opened scoring in the second half with a point from play and David Carroll with a free to reduce the deficit. Defence stalwarts James Murphy and Mark O'Connor were ably assisted by young gun Kieran Clancy with mid-field well marshalled by Nathaniel Doncel. However, Lady's Walk kept the scoreboard ticking over while we struggled to get into a rhythm. We rang in some changes

which had a positive effect with more players getting on the scoreboard - superb points coming from play by Jack O'Riordan (0-01) and Kevin Landers (0-02). Kieran O'Connor opened up centre-forward, proving troublesome for the Lady's Walk defence, breaking through with his pace and off-loading to teammates. A close-range free was awarded and Mark Heffernan shot for goal in an effort to bring us a single point off Lady's Walk however it was saved but he scored the resulting '65 to put us 3 points behind. Despite a brace of points, both from play and frees, we were unable to catch Lady's Walk on this occasion.

**FIXTURES**

With a busy few weeks ahead keep an eye on all social media platforms for upcoming fixtures.

**CROKES CUBS AND ACADEMY** take place every Saturday. Hurling from 10am-11am and football from 11:15am-12:15pm. All new members welcome.

**KATHLEEN'S GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS** concludes on May 19th.

**CHAIR YOGA WITH HANNE** takes place every Thursday at 11am in the clubhouse. This is perfect for beginners. Stretch and relax from the comfort of your chair. Cost: €7. Contact 0871471592 for more information.

**LOTTO** took place on May 4th Numbers drawn were 1, 3, 9, 20. Jackpot of €5,300 was not WON. 10 patrons matched 3 and receive €40 each. Jackpot for draw on May 4th will be €5,600. Play online by following the link below <https://member.clubspot.app/club/dr-crokcs-gaa/fundraisers>

**BINGO**

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

**NOTES**

If anyone has anything they want to add to our club notes please email communications. [drcrokcs.kerry@gaa.ie](mailto:drcrokcs.kerry@gaa.ie)

**LEGION GAA**

**LOTTO**

Lotto numbers: 2, 3, 25, 26. Bonus 18. Lucky dips: Donal & Kate Hegarty, Dermot O Connor, Geraldine Keane

**U12 BOYS**

Our U12 boys played their Phase One final games against Furies last Monday evening, with two open and competitive matches on display. We had 21 players available, and each of them put in a huge effort, showing some excellent skills throughout.

A big thank you to the four U10 players who stepped up after a few late withdrawals—it's greatly appreciated. Thanks also to Furies for making the trip.

Finally, both games were excellently marshalled by James and Roman.

**U15 GIRLS FEILE**

Legion U15s took part in the Féile competition held in excellent conditions in Rathmore GAA on Wednesday evening. Competing in the top division, it was always going to be a challenging outing for the girls, but they rose to the occasion in both of their games.

Our opening fixture was against Rathmore and



The launch of Corn Pháidí Uí Shé, the new trophy for the Munster Senior Football Championship, took place on Wednesday, May 6th, at 8.00pm in Páidí Ó Sé's Pub, Ventry, Co. Kerry. Pictured walking on Ventry beach are Munster GAA Chairman Tim Murphy and Pádraig Óg Ó Sé Son of his legendary father the late Páidí Ó Sé RIP. Photo By : Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD

proved to be a tightly contested battle from start to finish. Legion held a narrow lead at half-time, 2-1 to 1-1. The second half was equally competitive and went right down to the wire. A late penalty awarded to Rathmore—one that would ultimately prove decisive—found the back of the net, setting up a tense finish. However, Legion showed great composure and secured the win, finishing 2-4 to 2-1.

With no break before their second game, Legion faced a fresh MKL side who struck early with three quick goals. Despite a determined defensive effort, Legion trailed 3-3 to 0-1 at half-time. A much-improved second half saw Legion score a well-worked goal and valuable points while limiting MKL to just one point in the second half, but the early deficit proved too much, with MKL winning 3-4 to 1-3.

Following the group stage, all 3 teams were separated by just two points on score difference. Unfortunately, this meant Legion did not progress further in the competition. Nevertheless, the girls can hold their heads high, having matched their opponents in the top division—a performance that reflects great pride and determination.

A sincere thank you to Rathmore for their warm hospitality, and to and to referee Sean Courtney for his efforts on a busy evening.

Finally, well done to the Legion players who represented the club with tremendous spirit and teamwork.

**U14 BOYS**

The U14 Green Team made the trip to Milltown for their final County League group game on Tuesday. Despite dealing with a number of injuries, they produced a spirited performance despite finishing on the losing side.

After an energetic first half, the visitors found themselves behind at halftime. To their credit, the Green Team showed a superb never-give-up attitude throughout the entire game. They battled hard in every line, working tirelessly to create chances and added some excellent scores. Their determination and teamwork were evident right to the final whistle.

Milltown ultimately came out on top with a final score of 5-26 to 5-14, but the effort and

resilience shown by the Green Team was a real positive and will stand to them going forward.

U14 white team travelled away to Milltown / Castkemainne ladt Thursday for the final game in the division 12 B league.

First half our 14 man side played into the breeze and whilst under pressure from the start , they stuck with it and got a few scores back before half time

Second half started as a 13 a side game and with the breeze to our back we had hoped to stage a comeback but a physical stronger Milltown team plugged away and dominating possession in key areas . We grabbed a few goals towards the end of the game to leave the score mikktown / Castkemainne 4-9 Killarney legion 2-7

A semi final awaits the white team next week where a big performance will be needed .

Thanks to the u 12 boys who made their debut at u 14 level this evening. And to hosts Milltown/ Castlemaine for a sporting game

**U16 BOYS**

**U16 Div 1A East Kerry League**

**Killarney Legion 3-16 Fossa 2-8**

Our U16 Boys Team hosted a local derby against Fossa in Dereen. The boys were slow to settle into the game and found themselves 4 points behind midway through the first half. An improvement in performance in the last 15 mins of the first half saw us retire at the interval level with the score Legion 0-8 Fossa 1-5.

A higher level of energy and performance in the second half saw the boys work some great team scores and at full time we ran out winners by 11 points.

**SENIOR MEN**

**Co. League Rd 6**

**Killarney Legion 1-12 Kilcummin 1-12**

Legion and Kilcummin shared the spoils in Round 6 of the County League after a hard fought and evenly contested encounter that finished level at 1-12 a piece. Both sides showed great determination throughout scoring 0-6 points a piece at the HT whistle with points from Finbarr, Josh and Ryan.

Mid way through the second half Kilcummin went 4 points ahead scoring a goal and a point, before Legion worked the ball up the field with

a great goal coming from the fist of Josh Bowler. Both sides added further points throughout this half, in the 60th minute Kilcummin went a point ahead from a 2 pointed free, from the kick out Legion worked the ball down the field and were awarded a free which was converted by Ryan O Grady to leave the sides all square 1-12 a piece at the final whistle.

**SYMPATHIES**

The club extends its deepest sympathies to Helena wife of David Randles on the death of her mother Maureen, grandmother to Niamh & Ciara. May she rest in peace.

**EAST KERRY**

**EAST KERRY MINOR LEAGUE - EAST KERRY DIVISION 1 FINAL**

Rathmore V Glenflesk

Friday 8th May at 7.30pm. Venue: Rathmore. Extra time if necessary - Result on the day

**EAST KERRY MINOR LEAGUE DIVISION 1**

**FINAL**

Fossa 2-11 Spa 3-12

Beaufort 1-21 Kenmare Shamrocks 4-09

**EAST REGION U16 FOOTBALL LEAGUE FINALS**

Thursday May 14th at 7.00pm

Firies v Scartaglen Division 1A

Dr Crokes v Legion Division 1C

Fossa v Spa Division 1E

Rathmore V Na Fianna Division 2A

**PRIMARY SCHOOL SKILLS COMPETITION**

East Kerry Primary School Girls Skills competition took place during the week. The format was a team of three players on the day with all scores to count. Lissivigeen NS (Lily Duggan, Erica O Sullivan, Sophie Moynihan) secured top spot with a solid display. Anniemai O Donoghue (Coolick NS) qualified in the individual competition showing excellent skill levels on the day.

Eoghan Ruadh Primary Schools Girls Skills competition took place during the week. The

format was a team of three players on the day with all scores to count. Faha NS (Lauren Fleming, Mollie O Connor, Lily O Sullivan) won the team section showing great team work on the day. Lily O Donoghue (Knockanes NS) qualified in the individual competition overcoming difficult weather conditions to post an excellent score on the day.

Thanks to Dr Crokes and Rathmore GAA clubs for the use of both club grounds. St Brendans College TY students marked all scoring sheets over the two days supporting Vince Cooper East Kerry GDC in completing the events. Teachers provided great support at both venues over the two days. Best of luck to all girls in the county final on Wednesday 20th May in Austin Stack Park

**MUNSTER FINAL**

Best of luck to the Kerry team in Sundays Munster Final.

**TG4 MUNSTER SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Lucey goal gets champions Kerry off the mark in Munster**

**Kerry 1-6 Tipperary 0-7**

By Michael Heverin

Champions Kerry kept their hopes alive of retaining their provincial title with a narrow two points win over Tipperary in the TG4 Munster SFC Round 2 clash at Clonmel Sportsfield. Kerry needed the win following their first round defeat to Waterford but were more relieved than jubilant after surviving a spirited Tipperary revival in the second half when the home side outscored the visitors by 0-6 to 0-2.

A dominant first half display laid the foundation for the Kingdom victory, after which they led by 1-4 to 0-1. Team captain Siofra O'Shea opened their account from a free in the second minute after they had dominated possession from the throw-in.

Emma Morrissey set up Sarah English for a Tipperary equaliser four minutes later but that was Tipp's only score of the half as Kerry went on to dominate play, with Emma Costello dominant at centre-half back, Anna Galvin and Mary O'Connell on top at midfield, and O'Shea, Niamh Carmody, Jadyne Lucey and Caoimhe Evans causing huge problems for the home defence.

Points from Lucey, another O'Shea free and Mary O'Connell pushed Kerry into a 0-4 to 0-1 lead before Lucey struck for the game's decisive score four minutes from the break, winning possession and then making room to shoot low to the net past Lauren Fitzpatrick.

Tipperary had struggled for scores in the first half but they were a rejuvenated side in the second, with Morrissey, Lauren Cunningham, Sarah English, Heather Spillane and the Martin sisters, Nora and Niamh, leading the charge. Three points on the bounce in the third quarter

had the home support in fine voice. Morrissey from a free for a technical breach started the run, with the outstanding Cunningham adding the second, and a huge point from Kirsty Crotty Ryan bringing it back to a one score game, 1-4 to 0-4, by the 47th minute.

Kerry had to wait eighteen minutes for their first score of the half, with a point from O'Shea helping to stem the Tipperary onslaught. But Tipperary, finally reproducing the form that saw them shock Cork in the first round a week earlier, hit back with another two points from Nora Martin and Emma Morrissey to bring it back to 1-5 to 0-6 with five minutes to go.

As the game entered added on time, Kerry extended the lead with an Aisling O'Connell point, just their second of the half, and even though Tipp responded with a Niamh Martin point after strong pressure, time ran out for the home side.

Scorers - Kerry: J Lucey 1-1, S O'Shea 0-3 (0-2 f), M O'Connell, A O'Connell 0-1 each.

Tipperary: E Morrissey 0-2 (0-1 f), Nora Martin, Niamh Martin, S English, L Cunningham, K Crotty Ryan 0-1 each.

KERRY: C Butler; R Rahilly, D Kearney, E Lynch, A O'Connell; E Costello, A Dillane; A Galvin, M O'Connell; N Carmody, N Ní Chonchúir, C Evans; R Dwyer, S O'Shea, J Lucey. Subs: L McMahon for Dwyer (36), M E Bolger for C Butler (inj, 44), K Enright for Carmody (55), M O'Connor for Evans (60).

TIPPERARY: L Fitzpatrick; T Hoare, M Curley, E Cronin; K Cashman, Nora Martin, S English; L Morrissey, Niamh Martin; C English, L Cunningham, H Spillane; K Crotty Ryan, A Carey, E Morrissey. Subs: A McGuigan for Crotty Ryan (51), A Ryan for Cashman (55).

Referee: Justin Murphy (Cork)



**TG4 Munster LGFA Senior Championship Round 2**

Tipperary 0 - 07 -v- Kerry 1 - 06

**Munster LGFA Senior B Championship Round 3**

Kerry 1-07 -v- Limerick 5-14

**Saturday 9th May Munster Minor B Championship Final**

Kerry -v- Waterford

Venue: Banteer - Throw in: 2pm

**Munster Senior B Championship Round 4**

Kerry -v- Tipperary

Venue: Cordal

Throw in: 12noon (Throw in TBC)

**All Ireland U14 Gold Championship Quarter Final**

Kerry -v- Offaly

Venue: Nenagh - Throw in: 1:45pm

**Sunday 10th May TG4 Munster LGFA Senior Championship Round 3**

Kerry -v- Cork

Venue: Fitzgerald Stadium - Throw in: 11:45am

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## HARD-FOUGHT VICTORY FOR KERRY U20S

### MUNSTER U20 FOOTBALL FINAL

**Kerry 3-14 Cork 0-20**

It was a good game with plenty of entertainment. I would not say it was a perfect performance; in fact I would be critical of some of the play by both sides at times. Look, it was exciting to watch, there was a lot of great individual talent on both sides, positive football. But they both looked a bit cautious in the build-up to attacks. I thought Kerry profited from beltiers into the likes of Tomás Kennedy but opted to probe and prod more often than not. Sady, teams do seem to reverting back to conservatism instead of adventure. But Tomas Ó Sé did reference the Munster format and the fact that it was only their second competitive game. Remember that earlier defeat by Cork? Oh, woe is me and all that jazz? Nah. Nobody, including me, really cared. That was a tepid game, really poor, and I don't think either side was even willing to put in a real pretence at that one. It literally meant nothing, and we all knew it at the time. A few pundits made attempts to big up Cork's victory as a revival of their fortunes, but nobody was biting at bait that poor. This game, despite their defeat, was a more meaningful statement about a rising tide in Cork football. They went toe to toe with Kerry and could feel a little unlucky (yep, I'll just say it, we got a few refereeing calls that were a bit on the generous side) not to come out of it. They were also down some key bodies through injuries, Dara Sheedy, Seán O'Leary, Gearóid

Daly.....it does make a difference.

The lead that they coughed up will sting, though. Cork started like a house on fire. Kerry played like they had in the earlier game; individuals putting in effort but very little sense of cohesion. Paddy Lane did open the scoring with a handy free, but Cork took over completely.

Danny Miskella arrowed a two pointer free straight between the posts and then fired another point from play high and over – he wasn't much inside the arc for that one either. Seán Coakley (opposing player or not, it's great to see him finally get a break from injuries, a great talent) kicked a two pointer from play. It's not like Kerry weren't competing for ball, but they seemed to be trying to run through a well-coached and alert Cork defence. They did have chances, but more often than not were shooting under pressure. Midfield was as good a contest out there as I have seen in a while, really good. Old school up in the sky football. But the Rebels were much quicker at that stage to put boot to ball, and it was working. The lively Rickey Barrett from play. Midfielder Mark O'Brien from play. Barrett with another. 0-8 to 0-1. Cork did have a slight wind, but frankly it was Kerry's hesitancy to commit in attack that was their real problem.

At the start of the second quarter Tomás Kenedy finally got Kerry's second point. Hard-earned, but somehow that seemed to click Kerry into gear. Kerry came again, Aodhna Ó Beaglaíoch with a good turnover, Killian Dennehy transferring it forward, and Gearóid White jinking his way onto the left endline and hand-passing across for an alert Paddy Lane to fist home. Not exactly our first time seeing that pair combine for a goal!

Máirtín McKivergan made it 0-8 to 1-3. Cork were unlucky at the other end, Pa Walsh

snatching Dylan O'Neill's effort out of the air on the goal-line.

The tide was very much tuning in Kerry's favour anyway. Tomás Kennedy notched his second point. The lively Dennehy picked off one of his own. Level pegging now. Tomás Kennedy nudged us in front.

Seán Coakley equalised for Cork, but they were in trouble now. Paddy Lane calmly fistied over the bar. Gearóid White gathered possession and suddenly sliced through the defence before a clever finish with the outside of his boot. A stunning goal, and this is something of a trademark of his at this stage. Remember the goal he scored to stem Clonmel's revival in the Corn úí Mhuirí Final? This one was even better. Tomás Kennedy and Paddy Rose boh got black-carded in the dying seconds of the first half

**Half-time. Kerry 2-7 Cork 0-9.**

From seven points down to four points up, outscoring them by 2-6 to 0-1 in that period.

The second half started in the same fashion. Paddy Lane and Gearóid White picked off points to stretch the lead. Rickey Barrett pulled one back. Gary Holland added another. Four in it again.

Kerry had basically found their groove now. Killian Dennehy, outstanding in the trenches (he would win the Man of the Match Award – Boyle, Ó Beaglaíoch, White, Lane and Cork's Darragh Clifford were the other leading contenders for me) picked off another point. Máirtín McKivergan converted a '45, he has some belt of a ball. Cork goalkeeper Billy Curtin replied with an equally impressive '45, though. Then came Kerry's third goal, Gearóid White involved in the build-up and Paddy Lane there again with a close range finish. Right place at the right time; it's genuinely an artform in any sport. 3-11 to 0-12. Plenty of time on the clock but Kerry should be able to pull away



The victorious Kerry Under 20 team

now. Tough on Cork, I wouldn't at all say that Kerry, despite being very good themselves, were eight points better than this Cork team, or anything like it.

Darragh Clifford was really taking the game by the scruff of the neck now. Seán Coakley (f) and Rickey Barrett trimmed the gap. Then Kerry got caught twice with some careless mistakes. A three up breach gave Billy Curtin a chance to pick off a handy two points. Worse, the referee raised his hand for a bit of dissent, and Curtin got another two points for his side far too easily. From eight points up to just two. There are teams out there who will take you apart if you cough up scores that easily.

Timmy Cullinane for Cork. Just one in it now and Austin Stack Park is buzzing.

Kerry had to dig deep, but that's alright; some of these lads have stood up in big games. Daniel Kirby soared high to claim a high ball. A foul on Tomás Kennedy saw Gearóid White kick over and Paddy Lane pointed a beauty deep in injury time to finally see off a great Cork challenge. Good game, but Tomás Ó Sé has plenty to work on. There are harder challenges ahead.

Next up are Connaught champions Roscommon next weekend. Kerry wouldn't want to take the Rossies lightly; they beat Mayo by a whopping 5-16 to 2-22. That's some scoring...at both ends. Kerry: Kacper Robak, Michael Lynch, Gearóid Evans, Dara Stack, Eoin O'Flaherty, Aodhna Ó Beaglaioich, Pa Walsh, Daniel Kirby, Evan Boyle, Jack O'Sullivan, Máirtín McKivergan (0-2, 1'45), Killian Dennehy (0-2), Gearóid White (1-2, 1f), Tomás Kennelly (0-3), Paddy Lane (2-4, 1f) Subs: Adam Byrne (for Pa Walsh, 44 mins), Ronan Carroll 0-1 (for Máirtín McKivergan, 48 mins), Jack Joy (for Jack O'Sullivan, 53 mins), Isaac Brosnan (for Michael Lynch, 54 mins).

Cork: Billy Curtin (0-5, 2 tpf, 1'45), Frank Hurley, Peter Rose, Harry Wixted, Aaron Keane, Cathal McCarthy, Odhran Foley, Darragh Clifford, Mark O'Brien (0-1), Ben O'Connell, Danny Miskella (0-3, 1 2f), Gary Holland (0-1), Seán Coakley (0-5, 1tp, 1f), Rickey Barrett (0-4), Dylan O'Neill Subs: Denis O'Mullane (for Dylan O'Neill, 43 mins), Timmy Cullinane 0-1 (for Gary Holland, 46 mins), Luke Shorten (for Ben O'Connell, 49 mins), Adam Dineen (for Odhran Foley, 54 mins), Dylan O'Neill (for Danny Miskella, 57 mins).

Referee: Chris Maguire (Clare)

## STATE OF PLAY

### LEINSTER CHAMPIONSHIP

#### Dublin 0-20 Louth 0-10

A comfortable win for Dublin would normally send a few shivers down the spine but – and I know it's tempting fate to point it out – neither side really looks like the force of a few years ago. In fairness, Dublin were without the likes of Tom Lahiff, Eoin Murchan, and most crucially, Con O'Callaghan. However, it was Cormac Costello who started instead of the talismanic full forward, and it ain't like it's Cormac's first rodeo either. I've pointed it out before; you'd be surprised how often Cormac

Costello has outscored the likes of Dean Rock, O'Callaghan, or Ciarán Kilkenny in the Leinster Championship.

Dublin always looked the more purposeful side here. They only led by 0-8 to 0-6 at half-time and should really have been further ahead. They had only the one goal chance by then, Paddy Small hesitated a fatal second too long before making up his mind and pulling the trigger. Of Dublin's new contingent, Charlie McMorrow was definitely impressing. Louth's Conor Grimes had actually opened the scoring and a couple of points from Sam Mulroy and Dara O'Donnell and Ryan Burns (tp) meant that the game was very much alive at the break. Louth just never got going in the second half. Paddy Small opened the scoring. Killian McGinnis blasted a rocket off the crossbar but at the other end Louth had a point effort come back off the woodwork as well. Dublin's intensity and workrate were impressive as they took complete control. Louth will be very disappointed with the challenge they put up but if Dublin didn't exactly show the clinical execution of old, they certainly showed that they are getting back that bit of teamwork and relentless intensity. It'll still take you an awful lot of the way.

### Westmeath 2-21 Kildare 0-23

Westmeath lined out without the talismanic Luke Loughlin and it was Kildare who made the early running. They led by 0-7 to 0-3 and had two goal chances cleared at the last minute. But then Westmeath began to take control with 1-5 on the trot to lead into the break, Brian Cooney with a genuine contender for Goal of the Year. 1-8 to 0-7. An early second half burst from Kildare saw them pull level, but the Lilywhites were simply missing too many chances. Sam McCartan's two orange flags for Westmeath were crucial in a game like this. With the game down to the final minutes, Shane Allen had Westmeath apoint ahead but they were tiring now and they hadn't the legs to contest Alex Beirne's equalising free.

It was only a temporary reprieve. Kildare went a point up in the first half but Brian Cooney had another goal effort. His kick was saved, only for Brandon Kelly to fist home the rebound. That put Westmeath two points up and they were able to push for home and a precious victory. Remember how the Leinster Championship used to be Dublin versus who cares? Dublin are back in the final, but its Westmeath's turn to live a fairytale...or possibly tilt at windmills.

### ULSTER CHAMPIONSHIP

#### Armagh 3-33 Down 0-14

The provincial football championships have been, as the kids would say, cray-cray (actually, that's either a Taylor Swift song or a Disney movie). On that basis, it felt like Down, with one huge scalp under their belts, could catch Armagh on the hop. And in fact, that looked a definite possibility early on, as Down really took the game to the Ulster finalists.

At which point Armagh just went to work. At 0-5 to 0-2 down, they suddenly clicked. Tomás McCormack sliced in for a great goal. That left

them a point down but they were on fire now. Simply bigger, faster, and more controlled than their hapless opponents. After an unanswered 1-8, the second goal coming from a great fetch by Darragh McMullen before setting up Conor Turbitt for the finish.

It never got any better. Armagh added 1-21 in a totally one-sided second half to eventually set a new scoring record for the Ulster Championship. They brought awesome power to the table and they were clinical in using it. For Down, it was a double whammy. Westmeath's victory in Leinster means that Down are consigned to the Tailteann Cup. Fine margins in terms of fate...but certainly not on the scoreboard.

### Monaghan 1-30 Derry 3-23

A few weeks ago I had a look through the provincial fixtures to see about the likelihood of provincial champions and the teams they would be drawn against in the All Ireland Championship proper. Oh lads, if any of ye kept that article it could probably be used to blackmail me at some point in the future.

I actually quote (with quite a bit of regret!)...“Donegal are probably in pole position. Monaghan are not the force that they were with Conor McManus, but Bannigan has assembled a strong and disciplined team; I wouldn't fancy them out of the hat. Derry... again, would you be wanting a piece of Glass, Rogers, McGuigan, etc.? I wouldn't.

In the last two years, the team I have been expecting to make the breakthrough has been Tyrone. On paper they have talent all over the field.....“I'd be expecting Derry versus Monaghan in one semi-final and Armagh v Donegal in the other. No prizes for guessing which side the winners will come from”.

Yes. Spot on, Jimmy. Well done here. Be fair. It's Ulster. It's the national version of the North Kerry Football Championship. You can't predict it. Jaysus, there are undercurrents flowing up there that Jacques Cousteau wouldn't be willing to explore.

Conor Doherty set up Niall Loughlin on the run for an early goal that put Derry in the driving seat. With Conor Glass, Shay McGuigan, and Loughlin himself adding points, Derry were five points clear early in the second quarter. Impressive midfielder Michael McCarville and Stephen Mooney pulled back points for Monaghan, but Etahn Doherty clipped over Derry points and Eoin McEvoy fisted a goal to give them a 2-10 to 0-6 half-time lead. A team overhauling a ten point deficit in the Ulster Championship? Ah, stop, lads.

Rory Beggan fired over a two pointer to start the second half and Micheál Bannigan was unlucky to see a shot skim just wide of the goal. However, Derry kicked back with three points on the trot to resume control. Once Niall Loughlin struck for his second and Derry's third goal, there was ten points in it again.

The thing is that Derry were picking off their scores from close range. Monaghan weren't breaking down that resolute Derry defence....so they did exactly what one of the new rules was designed to do. They shot over them.

Apropos of nothing, did you know that in the

original game designed by Maurice Davin, any goal outscored any number of points. Until teams would score a goal....and then pile all 21 players on their team to block their goal-line, because it didn't matter how many points the opposition scored. As you can imagine, white flags started to count for an awful lot more.... just like, in the modern twist on that story, orange flags do now.

And Monaghan were raising orange flags. McCarville, Woods, Rory Beggan, McCarthy, all on target. Bobby McCaul went in as a target-man and suddenly there was a fox in the henhouse. Shea McGuckian just about managed to deflect his rocket off his leg, great goalkeeping.

Rory Beggan, now effectively playing in midfield, caught a great ball and sent Micheál Bannigan in for a superb goal. Sub Jack McCarron made it a two point game.

At which point the hooter sounded and jubilant Derry supporters rushed onto the field to celebrate. Only to be escorted back off after Rory Beggan correctly reminded the referee that dead balls can still be kicked after the hooter, even though open play has drawn to a close.

Jack McCarron stood over the sideline. Very, very tight angle. Remember the free kick of Seanie's that beat Dublin in 2022? Or go all the way back to 2002 and Maurice Fitz in Semple Stadium with Tommy Carr desperately trying to distract him? Yes, McCarron's kick was absolutely in that category, and the flag it raised was orange. Extra-time.

Bannigan slotted a free to nudge Monaghan ahead early in extra-time, but a Murray two pointer had Derry leading by two on the turnaround. With just seconds left on the clock, Seán Kearney put Derry a point ahead, but Rory Beggan had one last chance to kick a two pointer free and seal an incredible triumph. It's Beggan; he nailed it. What's that old saying? Sport doesn't build character, it only reveals it. This one will stand to Monaghan for a long time to come.

## ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIP

### Round One Draw

It isn't knock-out. The eight winners will be drawn against each other, with the first drawn team having home venue. The losers of these games will also play each other. The four 'winners' from the initial 'losers' side will play the four 'losers' from the 'winners' side, and the winners of those games will progress. In other words, it doesn't matter whether you lose in the Provincial Championship or not. You have to lose twice in the All Ireland Championship itself to be out until the actual knockout quarter-final stages. Defeat there, your first or not, will obviously eliminate you.

### Kerry V Donegal

Will it be a repeat of the All Ireland Final, or a repeat of the National League Final? Those were two very different games. Look, I don't

think Kerry were fully primed for the League Final; I think we were still doing plenty of heavy training (Portugal is not a sun holiday for these lads). Our injury list is still obviously a huge concern. Donegal, like most Ulster counties, are probably a little bit further ahead than us in terms of training. Ulster is always the toughest provincial championship and this year it has been even more entertaining than usual. This could be tight. Kerry on home ground, though....I can't see more than three in it, but I think we will be very slight favourites. Oh lads, tempting fate, isn't it?

### Dublin v Louth

Meh. Dublin already beat them by ten points. Yes, Louth are better than that, but that wasn't Dublin at full strength either. I can't see this having any different ending. Dublin to win pulling up.

### Cork v Meath

Tasty. Remember the Division Two Final? I thought Cork were actually the better team for long periods; it was the strange fifteen minute malfunction in the second half that cost them. Now, Cork still have a tough game ahead in the provincial championship (at least, I most certainly hope so!) whereas Meath have a free run into it. But I think the Rebel's trajectory is rising higher and Sherlock and Chris Óg Jones have turned into serious forwards. I felt that Brian Hurley carried that burden almost alone for a long time. As the older generation would have said, Cork now have a bit of cutting about them.

### Monaghan v Mayo

Monaghan v Derry was the game of the year so far. Can they repeat the feat against a mercurial Mayo? Look, McCarron and Beggan worked miracles, and the county had to play great football just to make those count. Mayo will be very disappointed with their display against Roscommon. Have they a rise in them? I honestly thought they would be contenders this year. I'll still back myself; Mayo to win and reach the latter stages.

### Armagh v Derry

Derry put up 3-23 against Monaghan and still lost. Lads, I love this modern football. Derry actually looked in control for long periods. But look, I rate Derry much higher than Down, without taking away from Down's heroics against Donegal, but the way Armagh swept Down aside....it's not that record scoreline. It's the ace, the power....I've seen professional rugby league teams that aren't going to stay with these lads over seventy minutes. I have to go for Armagh.

### Galway v Kildare

Galway are nursing a few key players along, but on form the Tailteann champions look very much the weakest side of all this litter. Again, I can only see the home side winning here.

### Roscommon v Tyrone

Tyrone were eliminated from the Ulster Championship by a single point by Armagh. That was a cracking game, and looks all the more impressive in hindsight with everything that Armagh have done since. I'm not taking away from Roscommon, whose defeat of Mayo was all on merit. Mark Dowd is the definite frontrunner for Manager of the Year so far in my view. But Tyrone....they really seemed to fall back after winning that Covid AI Ireland, but underage and club success plus shooting forwards.....Tyrone are right up there with anybody and I think they'll prove too much for Roscommon.

### Westmeath v Cavan

Intriguing. To be honest, I'm not expecting Westmeath to repeat their giant-killing feats against Dublin and a loss there could deflate them. Will the talented Luke Loughlin be back in time? On the other hand, Cavan ran Monaghan close in a good Ulster quarter-final. They just about held their own in Division Two while Westmeath narrowly lost out on promotion to it. I think these two will provide each other with a great battle but truthfully, I don't see them up among the contenders. Call it? Arrah, toss a coin. It'll be that tight.

## CAMOGIE IMPRESSIVE WATERFORD SHOW KERRY THE SENIOR STANDARD

### Munster Senior Semi-Final Waterford 5-23 Kerry 0-7

Kerry were always going to be complete underdogs against high-flying Waterford, and John Madden's hand was weakened even further by losing the likes of Sara Murphy, Roisín Quinn, Amy O'Sullivan, Ruth O'Connor, Emma Conway, and Danielle O'Leary to injury before the game.

Waterford were on the attack straightaway with Beth Carton narrowly wide. A minute later the five time All Star and 2023 Camogie Player of the Year was in action again, teeing up Annie Fitzgerald for Waterford's opening goal. Patrice Diggin struck back with a long distance free, Kerry's first ever score in senior championship, but a superb pass by Niamh Rockett to Lorraine Bray opened the Kerry defence again, with Abby Flynn rounding the hapless Aoife Fitzgerald and firing home goal number two. The duel between Carton and the excellent Niamh Leen was worth the entrance fee on its own, with Carton setting up Abby Flynn again, only for Aoife Fitzgerald to make a stunning save. Niamh Rockett won and converted a free before Carton split the posts herself.

A foul on attacking linchpin Jackie Horgan saw Patrice Diggin double her tally. Unfortunately Waterford replied with goal number three, Niamh Rockett batting home after a great run by Abby Flynn. Niamh Rockett added a free. Patrice Diggin replied with a brace but Lorraine Bray, Beth Carton, and Alannah O'Sullivan



Action from the Munster Senior Camogie Semi-final. Photos: Lucy Shalmov Fitzgerald Stadium PR

moved Waterford into a 3-6 to 0-4 lead. Jackie Horgan won another free for Patrice before splitting the posts herself. Kerry's first ever senior championship score, and it really was an absolute beauty. However, Waterford reeled off a string of scores from Rockett (2f), Lorraine Bray, Alannah O'Sullivan, and the irrepressible Beth Carton.

**Half-time Waterford 3-11 Kerry 0-6**

The second half was more of the same as the Deise piled on the pressure. Aoife Fitzgerald made yet another great save to deny Annie Fitzgerald but it was only delaying the inevitable, and two minutes later Carton slipped it to Abby Flynn for her second goal. Waterford reeled off six points from Rockett, Bray, Carton (2) and subs Eimear O'Neill and Roisín Kirwan. Patrice Diggin did point another free for Kerry but you could see that bodies were beginning to tire now. Abby Flynn teed up Annie Fitzgerald for Waterford's fifth and final goal, and they added more points down the stretch from player of the match Beth Carton, Annie Fitzgerald, Lorraine Bray, and Eimear O'Neill.

A tough day for Kerry, but it was never going to be anything less and Kerry can certainly be pleased at the great showing by the likes of Aoife Fitzgerald, Niamh Leen, Kathryn Ryan, Caoimhe Spillane, Patrice Diggin, and Jackie Horgan. This game will certainly stand Kerry in good stead when they open the group stage of the All Ireland Intermediate Championship at home to Down on the weekend of May 23rd/24th, before travelling to take on Antrim two weeks later and finishing the group stage on June 25t/26th with a home game against Derry.

Waterford: Noelle Murphy, Alannah McNulty, Clodagh Carroll, Rachael Walsh, Kelsie Obanya, Keeley Corbett Barry, Laoise Forrest, Lorraine Bray (0-4), Orla Hickey, Alannah O'Sullivan (0-3), Beth Carton (0-7, 5f), Abby Flynn (2-0), Mairead O'Brien, Niamh Rockett (1-5, 5f), Annie Fitzgerald (2-1). Subs Eimear O'Neill 0-2 (for Orla Hickey, 38), Bevin Bowdren (for Mairead O'Brien, 38), Roisín Kirwan 0-1 (for Niamh Rockett, 38), Anna McGoldrick (for Laoise Forrest, 44), Abbie Burrows (for Kelsie Obanya, 50)

Kerry: Aoife Fitzgerald, Rachel McCarthy, Aoife Behan, Michelle Costello, Kathryn Ryan, Niamh Leen, Ellen O'Donoghue, Patrice Diggin (0-6,

6f), Caoimhe Spillane, Amy McCarthy, Jackie Horgan (0-1), Kate Lynch, Norette Casey, Laura Collins, Shannon Collins. Subs Tara Burke (for Amy McCarthy, 40), Áine Devlin (for Kathryn Ryan, 55), Orla Leahy (for Michelle Costello, 55), Tiarna Dineen (for Rachel McCarthy, 57)  
Referee: Johnny Dooley (Tipperary)

**KERRY MINORS  
SUCCUMB TO CORK**

**MUNSTER MINOR  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
Cork 3-18 Kerry 1-14**

Look, Cork were excellent. There's no denying it. They looked hungrier, faster, sharper, all through.

Danny Lane and daragh Keane had Kerry on the scoreboard early on, with Eoghan Ahern and Alex O'Herlihy replied each time. Ben Hegarty put Cork in front and then was gifted a handy free for a Kerry breach. Cork's first goal was a thing of crafted beauty. Peadar Kelly rose to catch the kickout and gave a superb pass to Jacob Barry, and he picked out the unmarked Ahern to drill low and hard to the net. The Kerry defence were sliced open with absolute precision and there was little they could have done about it anyway, given the speed of transition. Pure skill.

Alex O'Herlihy kicked his second point. Luc Mac Gearailt finally split the posts for Kerry and Daragh Keane added another, but Kieran O'Shea burst through for a point and Ben Hegarty punished another breach. Kerry, to put it mildly, were at sixes and sevens all over the field. At half-time, Cork led by 1-10 to 0-4....and it was a fair reflection of proceedings overall.

The second half was an improvement. It didn't exactly start great, goalkeeper Rory Twohig raising an orange flag for Cork. Ben Hegarty exchanged frees with Daragh Keane. Alex O'Herlihy pointed from play but Daithí Laide and Cillian Moynihan replied for Kerry and then Laide struck for a goal. 1-14 to 1-7. Still a massive gap, but conceivable at least.

Cork's response was impressive, though, Riley O'Donovan calmly finishing another goal and adding a point. Kieran O'Shea took them to

2-16 before Daragh Keane brought Kerry to 0-8. Danny Lane fisted over and Danny Murphy came up from wingback for a beauty. Daragh Keane with a free and Danny Lane with an advanced mark. Arrah, look, we were only playing for respectability at this stage. Riley O'Donovan had two points for Cork but Daragh Keane replied with an orange flag. Deep in injury time, Cork added another goal through Luke O'Neill.

As things stand, Cork are through to the Munster Final, while Kerry have to get a result against Clare in Austin Stack Park next week.

This was a tough day for Kerry. However, much like the earlier U20 defeat to Cork, I'd be more than a little sceptical about any significance. I'm not for one second suggesting that Kerry threw the game, not a chance. You don't give opponents that kind of encouragement by choice. Cork were good, Kerry were poor. But I didn't get the impression that Kerry were throwing any handles with the hatchets. Honestly? I'm not worried about the Clare game, and I think we'll see a different Kerry the next time (i.e. 'if') we meet Cork.

Cork: Rory Twohig (0-2, 1tpf), Riain McCormack, Gabriel Oronsaye, Conor Garvey, Darragh O'Sullivan, Conor Downing, Éanna Lynch, Kieran O'Shea (0-2), Peadar Kelly, Eoghan Ahern (1-2, 2f), Ben Hegarty (0-6, 5f), Joe Miskella, Alex O'Herlihy (0-3), Jacob Barry, Donal Herlihy. Subs: Riley O'Donovan 1-3 (for Jacob Barry, 42 mins), Luke O'Neill 1-0 (for Donal Herlihy, 50 mins), Pól O'Connor (for Riain McCormack, 50 mins), Morgan Corkery (for Joe Miskella, 51 mins), Mark Power (for Conor Garvey, 57 mins). Kerry: Christian O'Donnell, Eoin Mangan, John Breen, Conor Clifford, Danny Murphy (0-1), Seanie Clifford, Mikey Corridon, Maidhc Ó Sé, Tom Slattery, Lúca MacGearailt (0-1), Samuel Scroope, Jack Collins, Danny Lane (0-3, 1f), Daragh Keane (0-7, 1tp, 2f), Odhran Buckley. Subs: Jan Ziober (for Conor Clifford, bs, 12-14 mins), Daithí Laide 1-1 (for Odhran Buckley, half-time), Cillian Moynihan 0-1 (for Samuel Scroope, half-time), Tom Lenihan (for Tom Slattery, 46 mins), Podge O'Sullivan (for Mikey Corridon, 51 mins), Timmy Kennelly (for Jack Collins, 54 mins)

Referee: Eoin Keane (Clare)



Fossa rowing club underage crews who were out enjoying the lake last week



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Fossa Bridge Club New President, Michael presenting outgoing President Margaret with a thank you for her contribution for the last year.

## FOSSA ROWING CLUB

### CONGRATULATIONS!!

Wishing a huge congratulations to our oarswoman Ciara and her husband Brian on the birth of their baby girl. Wishing you all health and happiness from all at Fossa Rowing Club!

### DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

On Saturday, the 9th of May, we will take part in the annual Darkness into light event. The plan is to meet at Gap Road Cross at 4:15am for a walk/row as dawn breaks, raising funds for Pieta house. So be sure to come along and support. €2 donations accepted for a worthy cause. All welcome!

### FLESK VALLEY TIME TRIALS

We look forward to the first event of the rowing calendar - the Flesk Valley Tile Trials. This event takes place on Sunday the 17th of May and all crews will take part. Keep an eye on club socials for more.

## WORKMEN'S ROWING CLUB

### CLUB

We were blessed with glorious sunshine at the Bantry Regatta over the May Bank Holiday weekend, setting the stage for a fantastic day of racing and camaraderie. Our crews delivered outstanding performances across the board, with medals galore bringing great pride to the club.

A huge congratulations goes to every single member who took to the water, and a special word of praise for our new recruits who rose to the occasion and competed so impressively on their very first outing—an exciting glimpse of what's to come.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to our dedicated coaches, transport teams, shore crews, boat handlers, parents, and supporters. Your commitment and hard work behind the scenes make days like this possible. Attention now turns to the highly anticipated Ghent International Regatta, taking place this Saturday and Sunday, 9th–10th May 2026.

Preparations are in full swing, with crews training hard and spirits high as we get ready to represent the club on the international stage. The opportunity to compete overseas is always a special one, and this promises to be a memorable and valuable experience for all involved.

We extend our very best wishes to all our oars people travelling to Ghent—may your hard work pay off and your races be strong and successful.

Training continues as usual for all members as we build on the momentum of a great start to the season.

## FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB

### AGM

We held our AGM on the 30th April which marks the end of a very successful year. We would like to thank our outgoing President, Margaret O'Sullivan for her wonderful contribution.

The following is our committee for the summer and winter season ahead.

President: Michael McHugh

Ex Officio: Margaret O'Sullivan

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Thank you all and wishing the very best for the year ahead.

Margaret's last role was her prestigious President's Prize which was held on the 16th and 23rd April last. There was a wonderful turnout over both days.

1st Ursula Daly & Ciarán Broadbery

Best Gross Marie Moloney & Conor Dwyer

2nd Karen O' Keeffe & Imelda Healy

3rd Anne Looney & Michael McHugh

4th Tim & Mai Corcoran

5th Horst Rosler & Evelyn Breen

6th Pauline Lyne & Phyllis O' Regan

7th Doreen Brosnan & Ron Carron

1st Session Mary Murray & Maureen Culloty

2nd Session Breda Counihan & Don O'Sullivan.

Congratulations to all.

**SUMMER BRIDGE** has commenced and all bridge players are more than welcome to join us any Thursday morning at 10am at The Castlerosse Hotel.

## KILLARNEY BADMINTON CLUB

Well done to both division 4 and 5 teams on competing in Munster club finals in MTU at weekend ... a great experience for all.

Amazing results at the weekend for club member Sinead Galvin who competed in Victor Irish Open held in Baldoyle, Dublin.

Sinead completed the double in singles and doubles competition on Fri and Sat. Gold in both for Sinead in singles and with partner Mirim Rohan (Castlisland) in doubles ... a huge achievement and a great end to the season.

As we come to a close of season, we look forward to annual social being held in the Ashe Hotel on May 23rd, tickets available on club zap or contact Kieran within club .



Sinead and partner Mirim Rohan



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*By Nicky Barry*

Just when I got used to, all the joyous sounds of spring,  
On May Day I was horrified, by what the rally brings.  
The peace of Muckross Road was rent, by the exhaust noise,  
Of little souped up hot rods, driven by wheely boys.  
These are the fans who precede, the real racers who come,  
To Killarney every year, for their rally fun.

Now I know the town's economy, depends on visitors,  
Who come from all around the world, to see and savour,  
The splendour of the lakes and isles, and the mountains peaks,  
The restaurants and singing pubs, and famed jarveys who greet,  
All tourists with open arms, and take them for a ride,  
Giving them the jarvey spiel, which is renowned worldwide.  
The visit of Queen Victoria, put Killarney on the map,  
And poets Thackeray and Tennyson, had cause to reflect,  
On the majesty of beauty's home, as heaven's reflex.  
If perchance they came this May, to sip afternoon tea,  
These poets just could not believe, how such serenity,  
Could be taken over, by such a roaring jamboree.  
But that was a long time ago, and now things have changed,  
But still the essence of Killarney, must be nurtured and saved!



## Gardening

with Killarney Outlook

by John O'Sullivan

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A good example for tall plants at the back of the box would be upright geraniums or upright fuchsias. Good trailing plants for the front of the box would be trailing geraniums or trailing petunias. Other examples of good trailing plants for fillers would be trailing lobelia, bacopa and bidens.

When your box is planted, water in plants well and don't put into position for a few days.

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## A Word of Victory

*"This is the Lord's doing, and it is wonderful to see" (Psalm 119:23 NLT).*

Welcome back dear student, continuing on our new identity in Christ. The Psalm above depicts victory over the trials of life ending with a proclamation of God's enduring 'Chesed' – 'His Faithful Love'. The Hebrew Word 'Chesed' is an unbreakable Covenant between two parties – a legally binding agreement with an understanding that the stronger one upholds and protects the weaker partner. This is the Love of God – unending, undeserving, and undeniable. Have you ever heard of how God loves you friend? In the world many songs and poems have been written about love, but the real Love of God is beyond compare. This is why the testimony of the Cross is so vital to understand. Jesus, the Righteous Son of God, the sinless Messiah and Lamb, laid down His Life, so that anyone who believes in Him can receive, as a free gift – forgiveness of sin, right-standing with God, and Hope (John 15:13).

The Lord Jesus defeated death, sin, and hell, so that we could be acquitted from our sins and justified by our faith in Him, and now He lives forever – the Firstborn from the dead, so that believers can trust that when our time comes to die, eternal life is but a breath away. This is the Love that God has for each one of us, that He allowed His Son to suffer and die, to pay our ransom. No matter how great a love we ever experience on this earth nothing compares to the Love God has for us: expressed in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. And He is coming back! All the signs that are prophesied in the Bible are lining up. "Look up for your Redemption draws nigh" (Luke 21:28; Job 19:25).

When someone experiences the Love of God everything changes. Here is the testimony of a gentleman from our church. "I grew up in neighbourhoods where violence, crime, and drugs were the norm. I fell in with the wrong crowd and soon was caught up in this bad life from a young age. I ended up hopeless, addicted, and in prison in my early twenties. I didn't know God, but He knew me. I didn't believe in myself either, yet Jesus believed in me. I wasn't expecting anything, but I encountered God's life changing Hope. After prison however, life went right back to how it had been before: more crime, drugs etc. But the Lord intervened, and when I look back now, I see the thread of His plan of redemption throughout my life. I got accepted on a social care course. I knew nothing about computers or assignments, but somehow God brought people alongside to help me learn. I gained work experience in a homeless charity, and later, when a part-time job came up, I was encouraged to go for it. Someone saw something in me. I got the job, so now, I was studying my course, and working amongst people with multiple problems, and, because of my background, I understood them – 'been there, done that, and bought the tee-shirt' as they say! My life experiences gave me compassion for them. In the meantime, I started to seek to know Jesus myself. I realised I couldn't live without His help after I relapsed, and I experienced the Love of God as He lifted me back up out of the miry clay, ready to walk forward with His hand supporting me now (Psalm 40:2; Colossians 1:9-14). I'm so grateful for how the Lord delivered me and I'm growing to know Him through His Word, more everyday". Praise the Lord friend, this Hope is there for you too! 'God has done this, and it is marvellous in our eyes'.

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**FRANCISCAN DAY TRIP TO KNOCK SHRINE –** Sunday 28th June €25.00 per person. Pre-Booking essential & payments can be made at the Friary Office or over the phone on 064 6631334

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Killarney Burial Ground Mass: Monday 29th of June 7pm.

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(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.

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O Saint Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me, and ask Him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath.

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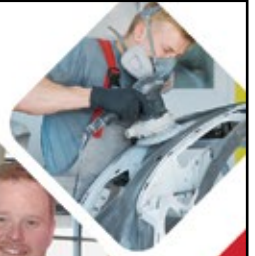
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