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Pictured at the launch of the National Transport Authority's / Local Link Kerry TFI Anseo Pilot in Killarney is Cathaoirleach of Killarney Municipal District, Cllr. Martin Grady.







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### A Note from the DITOR



As the dust settles on the fantastic All Ireland win, we have lots for you to enjoy in this week's Killarney Outlook.

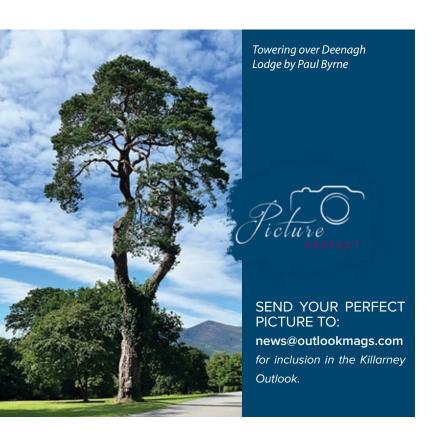
A die hard Kerry fan is donning the Cork jersey to raise funds for the Ian O'Connell Trust, the road to Muckross will be packed with vintage cars and tractors on the 17th of August and we have all the details for you and a Killarney native and London based fashion designer will will be looking out for Best Dressed at the Listowel Races.

There was a huge honour in Croke Park for a Killarney teacher who played with Mayo in the 1999 and 2000 All Ireland winning team, the Kilgarvan Show lived up to all expectations in glorious sunshine and the GAA Rose Cup returns for 2025.

Killarney Comhaltas has made waves at the Fleadh, the inaugural Milltown History & Heritage Weekend is officially on the calendar, and Muckross rowers are doing us proud on the international stage. We reveal the winner of the hotly contested Battle of the Bands, take a pictorial look at a memorable Captain's Day at Killarney Golf & Fishing Club, and share the latest triumphs from Kerry FC at both senior and junior levels.

There is something for everyone in this issue, so sit back and enjoy this week's magazine!

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# Kerryman Mike Riordan to Wear Cork Jersey in **Charity Walk for Ian O'Connell Trust**



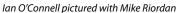
roud Kerryman Mike Riordan will be donning a Cork jersey and walking the scenic Old Kenmare Road on Saturday, August 17th at 10:30am, all in support of the lan O'Connell Trust. Mike's decision to wear the rival county colours is all part of a fundraising effort to support lan O'Connell's ongoing care, rehabilitation, and recovery after he suffered damage to his neck and spine after falling from his bike while cycling with friends in the Muckross area of Killarney National Park, in 2017. lan, who has inspired many with his resilience and determination, expressed his deep gratitude for the gesture.

"I want to say a huge thank you to proud Kerry man Mike Riordan who is walking the Old Kenmare Road on the 17th of August at 10:30 AM in a Cork jersey to raise funds for my ongoing care and expenses for the lan O'Connell Trust and the long road of recovery and rehabilitation I have ahead of me. You can see details on how to donate or scan the QR code below. A huge thank you again to Mike for this", Ian told Killarney Outlook.

Supporters are encouraged to come out, show their support, and donate to this worthy cause. Every contribution helps in making a real difference in lan's journey.

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Mike will take on The Old Kenmare Road to raise funds for the Ian O'Connell Trust.

## Killarney Valley Classic & Vintage Club to HOST VINTAGE RALLY AT MUCKROSS TRADITIONAL FARMS

The much-anticipated Vintage Rally hosted by the Killarney Valley Classic & Vintage Club, in partnership with the Trustees of Muckross House, will take place on Saturday, August 17th, at Muckross Traditional Farms. A celebration of mechanical heritage and rural life, the event promises a rich day of nostalgia, education, and entertainment for all ages.

Gates will open at 11:00 AM, when Muckross will come alive with the sights and sounds of a bygone era. Attendees will have the unique opportunity to experience vintage life up close, with a diverse showcase of classic cars and tractors, many lovingly preserved or restored by their proud owners.

The rally will also feature live thrashing, cultivating, and seeding demonstrations, offering an insight into traditional farming techniques once common in Kerry and across rural Ireland. These interactive exhibits are not only a treat for machinery enthusiasts but also an educational experience for younger generations who may never have seen such methods in action.

All participating vehicles must be 30 years or older, in keeping with the club's commitment to preserving authentic vintage character. Exhibitors are required to be on site by 10:30 AM, with departures allowed only between 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM, or after 3:00 PM, to ensure smooth running and safety for all visitors.

Now in it's second year running, the Killarney Valley Classic & Vintage Club rally is bringing participants and spectators from across Kerry and beyond. It's a testament to the enduring passion for vintage machinery and the deep pride in rural heritage that runs through the local

community.

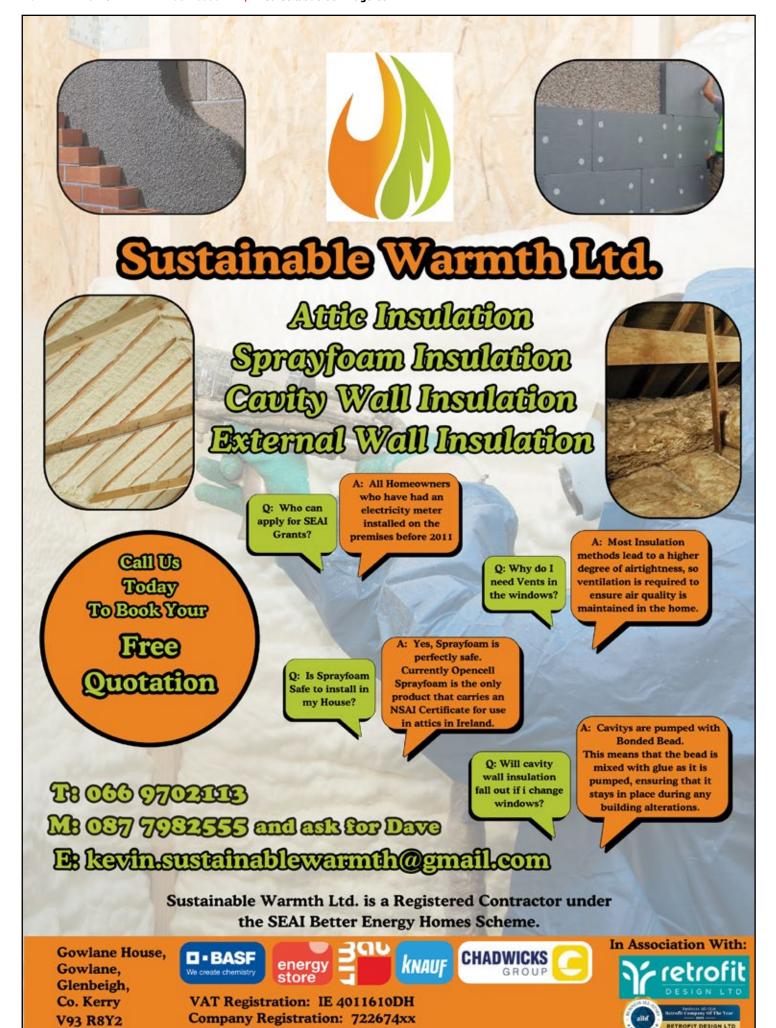
Whether you're a seasoned collector, a curious onlooker, or simply looking for a fun family day out, the Vintage Rally at Muckross Traditional Farms is not to be missed.

For more information or to register an exhibit, please contact: Tom Leslie: 087 2383809

Francis O'Shea: 087 9089013



One Owner ...Three Generations, The Leslie family, Michael, left, Son Tom and Grandson Pierce Leslie, with their Ford Popular - built in 1953 at the Cork Ford Factory, and bought by Michael from 'Jimmy the Masters' Ford dealership, Killarney in 1953. The car was on display at the All-Ireland Vintage Rally last year on the grounds of Muckross Traditional Farms at Muckross, Killarney. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



ringing where you want in Killarney, The National Transport Authority (NTA) has announced the launch of a new Smart Demand-Responsive Transport (DRT) pilot in Killarney, set to commence operations from Monday 11th August 2025 with areas including Cleeney, Lacabane and Ballycasheen included in the routes. Building on the successful rollout of TFI Anseo in Achill, Co. Mayo last month, the Killarney pilot will offer a modern, tech-enabled transport option designed to ease traffic congestion and improve access to key services such as healthcare, shopping, and social activities. Passengers can book rides easily through the 'TFI Anseo' app, combining the convenience of on-demand travel with the dependability and affordability of public

Using the 'TFI Anseo' app, passengers will be able to book on-demand rides with ease, bringing the convenience of modern rideshare together with the reliability and affordability of public transport. Unlike conventional fixed-route services, the innovative Smart DRT model empowers passengers to request pick-ups and drop-offs within the designated Killarney zone, delivering improved flexibility and accessibility for all.

The Smart DRT pilot is powered by a fully integrated transport management system. In addition to the passenger app, the solution includes a driver app, contact centre support, operator dashboards, smart routing technology, transport simulations, and end-to-end SaaS and advisory services.

Operated by TFI Local Link Kerry using clearly branded TFI Anseo vehicles, the service will run seven days a week, year-round. It aims to strengthen the existing transport network by increasing service frequency and offering residents a more convenient, reliable, and visible mobility option within the area.

Along with benefits for climate targets and reducing the number of car trips, the smart DRT pilot aims to improve first and last mile connectivity by offering affordable, convenient links to wider transport networks.

Fares will be distance-based, with most trips costing €3 or less, ensuring the service remains affordable for all users.

Blathin McElligott, Head of Corporate Services at the National Transport Authority said: "The launch of the TFI Anseo pilot in Killarney marks a meaningful step forward in our mission to reshape how people move around urban Ireland. This innovative service, developed in close collaboration with TFI Local Link Kerry and Via Transportation uses smart technology and local insight to deliver a transport solution that

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# BRINGING YOU WHERE YOU WANT IN KILLARNEY



Announcing the launch of the National Transport Authority's / Local Link Kerry TFI Anseo Pilot in Killarney are L to R: Philip O'Callaghan Director O'Callaghan's Coaches; Blathin McElligott, Head of Corporate Services at the National Transport Authority; Mathew Cutajar, O'Callaghan Coaches Local Link Coordinator; Martin Grady, Mayor of Killarney; Alan O'Connell, General Manager at Local Link Kerry; Johannes Horn General Manager, O'Callaghan's Coaches; Siobhan O'Keeffe, Operations & Smart DRT Coordinator at Local Link Kerry and Rogie Mosquera, Driver O'Callaghans Coaches O'Callaghan Coaches Local Link Coordinator.

is flexible, inclusive, and environmentally sustainable. TFI Anseo connects people to jobs, education, healthcare, and social opportunities, while supporting Ireland's climate goals. Having had the opportunity to contribute to this project, I'm proud of what we've achieved together, and I encourage everyone in the community to make the most of this new service."

TFI Local Link Kerry General Manager Alan O'Connell said: "We are delighted to partner with the National Transport Authority on the TFI Anseo bus service for Killarney.

"This innovative pilot will make a real difference to Killarney by providing a sevenday a week service which is designed to be a flexible, reliable, and affordable public transport option.

"By connecting people to key destinations

– such as social events, employment opportunities, education, healthcare and

recreational activities - we are not only enhancing accessibility but also supporting more sustainable travel choices. We are confident that TFI Anseo will make a meaningful difference in the lives of the people of Killarney."

The pilot in Killarney will run for an initial 12 months. The NTA is encouraging residents to try the service during the pilot phase and provide feedback to help shape the future of urban mobility.

For more information about the pilot and how to use the TFI Anseo app, please visit: www.transportforireland.ie

This pilot project is funded under the Government's Climate Action Fund, supporting innovative transport solutions that contribute to Ireland's climate goals. Additional pilot areas are planned for rollout in the near future as part of the continued expansion of the Smart DRT programme.

## Jumping success for Octogenarian Jim O'Shea!

A huge well done to Jim O'Shea of Farranfore Maine Valley Athletic Club, who travelled to Tullamore Stadium to compete in the National Masters Championships, and came home with not just one, but two major victories.

Jim competed in the M80 long jump (for men over 80) and secured first place with an impressive leap of 3.26 metres. Just two hours later, he returned to the field for the M80 high jump, where he once again came out on top, this time setting a new national record with a winning jump of 1.15 metres, breaking the previous record of 1.10 metres.

A truly inspiring achievement, congratulations, Jim!









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### End of an Era on High Street as

### Tom O'Donoghue Passes Away



Killarney bids farewell to one of its most cherished characters this week with the passing of Tom O'Donoghue, owner of the Speakeasy Bar on High Street. Tom passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family and in the exceptional care of the Palliative Care Unit at University Hospital Kerry.

Tom was much more than a publican, he was the heart and soul of the Speakeasy, a place where generations gathered to celebrate wins, lament losses, and share stories over a pint.

Synonymous with sport especially GAA and racing The Speakeasy was one of Killarney's most popular bars and regularly welcomed members of the Dr. Crokes Club, a team that Tom supported all his life.

A devoted family man, Tom was the beloved husband of the late Mary, who passed away in November 2024. He was a proud and loving father to Bryan, Gavin, Maeve, and Ciara, and a doting grandfather to his eight grandchildren: Killian, Darragh, Garvan, Éanna, Lauren,

Sadhbh, Clodagh, and Ruairí.

Tom will be deeply missed by his daughters-in-law Thérese and Michelle, sons-in-law Billy and Hugh, his sisters-in-law Kitty Twomey and Maire Galvin, niece Aida Costello, the extended O'Donoghue family of Moyeightragh, and his wide circle of friends. He was predeceased by his beloved sisters Peggy, Joan, and Frances.

His funeral takes place today, Friday, at St. Mary's Cathedral, with Requiem Mass at 10:30am, followed by burial in the New Cemetery. The Mass will be livestreamed at churchservices.tv/killarneycathedral.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to the Palliative Care Unit at University Hospital Kerry. Tom O'Donoghue's passing marks the end of an era on High Street, but his memory, warmth, and legacy will live on in The Speakeasy Bar.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a h'anam dílis.

# Winnie the Muckross Pine Marten Outfoxes the Cub Fox

Photographer Valerie O'Sullivan shares the July Trail Cam with readers of Killarney Outlook Magazine



Killarney National Park July Trail Cam has highlighted a lovely encounter between Winnie the Pine Martin and a fox cup.

Last month's Trail Cam Monthly: The Secret Life of Killarney National Park delivered yet another wildlife gem with the park's most elusive resident Winnie, the beloved and now celebrity Pine Marten of Muckross, caught on camera engaging in a curious standoff with a young fox cub. Both animals are regulars at a hidden wildlife hotspot in the park, but in true Winnie fashion, she outfoxed the fox with her usual grace and cunning. The big surprise came later in the footage when Winnie was captured returning to the hide, this time with her three kits in tow. It was a surprise appearance that delighted the park's rangers and researchers.

Each of the kits can be identified by unique markings on their creamy bibs with one kit, in particular, standing out with seven distinctive spots. Killarney National Park continues to provide the perfect habitat for Pine Martens, with rich woodland cover and minimal human interference helping them to flourish. The sightings confirm that the population is thriving.

Adding to the park's good news, the two White-tailed Eagle chicks born earlier this year at Lough Lein have officially fledged this week. Their successful flight marks another milestone for the ongoing reintroduction of this majestic bird of prey to Ireland's skies.



Cyril the Squirrel



Winnie the Muckross Pine Marten outfoxes the Cub Fox



The Fox Cub who had a stand off with Winnie



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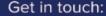
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Charlene Brosnan honoured at Croke Park 

### Charlene Honoured at Croke Park on Ladies All-Ireland Final Day

Mayo native and Killarney resident Charlene Brosnan received a special honour at Croke Park on Ladies All-Ireland Final Day, as she was celebrated alongside her former teammates who secured Mayo's second All-Ireland title back in 2000.

The event brought together the Mayo Ladies Gaelic Football team who gathered to mark the 25th anniversary of the county's famous victory. It was an emotional and joyful reunion at the scene of their greatest triumph, where Mayo overcame Waterford in a memorable final.

Charlene played on the 1999 and 2000 Mayo ladies panels that were All-Ireland champions both years. On Sunday last the team had our jubilee celebrations during the LGFA finals day at Croke Park. It was a wonderful occasion to be reunited with old friends and reminisce on the glory days. Charlene was lucky enough to play with some of the greats of the game like Cora Staunton and Claire Egan.

Charlene, moved to Killarney nine years ago and now lives here with her husband Ciaran

She joined the Crokes ladies senior team for a number of years playing this time with Kerry greats like Amanda Brosnan and Kayleigh Cronin and now plays with Crokes Mothers and Others.

Charlene also takes time out of her busy schedule to coach the underage girls in Dr Crokes and in St Oliver's National school where she teaches.



lassic car lovers and Opel enthusiasts are in for a treat this weekend as the 18th annual Ted's Opel Vauxhall Run takes place on Saturday, August 9th, setting off from the Mills Inn, Ballyvourney, Co. Cork.

Registration kicks off at 9:00am, with a €20 entry fee per car, which includes a starter pack. At 10:00am, the first Special Award of the day will be presented, before participants take to the road at 11:00am, setting off on a scenic tour of the Cork/Kerry border region.

This year's route takes in the stunning Derrynasaggart Mountains, passing through Loo Bridge, Kilgarvan, and Kenmare, before climbing the spectacular Caha Pass and heading into Glengarriff. A scheduled stop at Cronin's Service Station, Ballylickey, offers a chance to catch up, grab a coffee, and see two more Special Awards presented.

The return leg winds through Kealkill, Ballingeary, Inchigeela, and Toons Bridge, before finishing back at the Mills Inn for the Prizegiving Ceremony and a BBQ celebration.

An array of Perpetual Cups and Awards will be presented, with the highlight being the Opel Ireland Award for Best Overall Car, to be presented by Emma Toner, Marketing Director of Opel Ireland. Raffles and spot prizes will also be on offer throughout the day.

The event is proudly supported by Opel Ireland, Cartell.ie, and Casey Caravan Services, and continues its long-standing partnership with the charity Dogs for the Disabled, which has benefited from the run since 2008.

All Opel, Vauxhall, Bedford, and GM vehicles are welcome, whether vintage classics or modern models. Spectators and supporters are warmly encouraged to stop by the Mills Inn, cheer along the route, or simply give the convoy a wave as it passes by.

For more information, contact Ted on 086 3256751 or Denis on 086 3562905, or follow the event updates on Facebook.







### IT'S THE TALK | OF THE TOWN



Anne Lucey
looks at the positive news
happening in Killarney



### TOURIST SEASON: A MIXED BAG AND DIFFICULT TO CHART

It is never easy to get a handle on tourism. Now with so much tourist accommodation taken up in Killarney with refugees and our many foreign workers - necessary for retail, health and tourism to survive, especially as our own are having to emigrate - you don't know who is a tourist and who is a resident.

The Covid peak of free-spending Irish has receded in Killarney as well as Kenmare. Tourism professionals would point out Killarney never really depended on the Irish. The Americans, the Germans and UK visitors, and now the French are whom Killarney attracts.

Besides, the stats on foreign visitors - never very firm anyway - are less reliable than ever this year. The IHF are at loggerheads with the Central Statistics Office regarding the numbers of foreign visitors, and whether they are up or down.

But one thing everyone agrees on: the spend is down.

I have been speaking to the very affable and wonderfully articulate Brian Lawlor of the O'Donoghue Ring Collection. Brian is chair of the Kerry branch of the IHF.

"A mix of everything" is how he would characterise the overall picture where retailers, cafés and others report a drop in business in Killarney and Kerry this year.

The Irish are going back to the day trip and last minute booking has taken hold.

Brian points out that when hoteliers give their figures to their national body or even the CSO it is often several weeks in advance of when they are published. With late bookings, the business is therefore under-reported.

"People are not booking as far in advance as before." he says.

Domestic tourism seems to be down across the

board, is the consensus. The grey skies are not helping and the Irish are hopping on planes to get a bit of sun before autumn sets in.

### TIME TO DITCH THE PRIVATE/PUBLIC HEALTHCARE CODOLOGY?

A lot of money is being paid out by our public hospital University Hospital Kerry to its near neigbhour and private hospital the Bons Secours in Tralee.

University Hospital in Tralee has paid out close to Euro 5.8 million to the Bons in Tralee for patient services for just over 800 public patients for beds, theatre and diagnostics in 2024. The figures were released to me by the HSE South West.

Pulling hen's teeth in the dragging out the information is one way of putting how difficult it was to get all those stats, which should anyway be up there on websites. Alas, that is how it is these days. I think I have eleven emails back and forth. It's not the fault of the communications office with the HSE South West. They are hard working, decent people. The parsimonious release of information is at the hospital end, I suspect. Every single parameter has to be sought.

Anyway, in 2024, the expenditure by UHK to the Bons in Tralee amounted to €5,727,908.

This is broken down as follows:Euro 3.2 million was for theatre (surgical procedures) and 2.17 million was the spend on "medical beds" (I am not sure what other kind of beds there are in a hospital); the spend on diagnostics in the Bons by UHK amounted to over 224,000 and Lab amounted to just over Euro 185,000.

In 2024 a total of 814 patients were treated by the Bons on behalf of UHK, including 592 medical patients and some 222 orthopaedic patients.

The press person for HSE South West said an



additional 39 beds are scheduled to come on stream at UHK by the end of 2026, "significantly easing pressure on services" and there are plans too for a further 90 plus beds in a new block which is at design stage.

You would wonder what the whole point of private and public hospitals is? People are paying through the nose for VHI and other health insurances - yet it gives little or no advantage and makes little sense now when vou see these figures. You would wonder too. how many private rooms are there in the Bons how many are semi-private and whether there is a pecking order. Another aspect has crept in: Some of the consultants in the Bons are the same ones you meet in the public hospital, a lot of the time. They have "rooms" in the Bons where the minimum charge for your 15 minutes or less of contact with them is 125 euro. While a mile to the east at UHK you can meet the very same people and the charge is nil. The whole health system is a complete mess and the days of private health and private hospitals have to be numbered. There should be no private healthcare anyway, ideally. The reality though is money always talks in medicine. And continues to talk even when it makes little sense for most of us to be paying through the nose for it. The pecking order now is probably with those who can afford the highest plans.

#### A BRIDGE TOO FAR?

Further information is being sought from the National Parks and Wildlife Service on the construction of the raised platform along the Muckross lake between Dinis and Torc.

The off-road one km cycleway and walkway is to provide a safe route on the narrow section of the N71, between Dinis exit from the Killarney National Park and Torc Waterfall, we recall. That section was used by more than 136,000 cyclists in 2023. And the 915m long x 3m wide raised platform is to be part of a wider car free loop for cyclists around the three lakes of Killarney.

It got the go-ahead from Kerry County Council early in 2025 but was appealed to An Bord Pleanala by Peter Sweetman environmental consultants.

The site is a special area of conservation (SAC) and the development will involve bringing tonnes of steel, concrete, precast concrete slabs and other materials into a sensitive area, Mr Sweetman submitted.

If such a walkway is given the go ahead, then anything can be built on



an SAC, he said.

The application received strong support from tourism representatives. The decision on the appeal was expected in late June. However, An Coimisiún Pleanála have now written to agents for the NPWS for a plethora of further information regarding the environmental impact of the platform.

An Coimisiún says it is not satisfied it has received sufficient detailed information to show the "precise impact" of the works on the woodland habitat, including sessile oak woods and holly, as well as the Kerry slug, Lesser Horseshoe Bat and Killarney Fern.

It wants detailed drawings, and maps of both the existing trees and species and the impact of the works.

The trees to be removed and those to be retained must also be listed. The NPWS is also being asked to "justify" why habitat loss will not result in adverse effects on site integrity of the SAC overall.

They were initially given until July to furnish the extra environmental information but now have until mid September. You would wonder about its prospects.





### **Carley Touches Down From**

## 'Leap For Life' Skydive With €6000 For Kerry Mental Health Association

MUM-of-two Carley Stack has presented a cheque for €6000 to Kerry Mental Health Association after successfully completing her Leap for Life Skydive fundraiser for suicide and mental health awareness.

A three-day weather postponement from the original Father's Day jump in June didn't stop the mental health nurse from Ardfert, County Kerry from achieving her goal.

Her daughters, Sophie and Emma, cheered Carley on while her husband Dawid and her daughter's Godfather, Oskar also took part in the event in County Offaly on 18th June.

Carley, who works as a mental health staff nurse in Kerry, said: "It was a terrifying experience, especially the initial fall from the plane, but my skydive partner was calm and helped me through the challenge. When the initial jump of Father's Day was postponed, I didn't hesitate when offered the next available date three days later so that I could fulfil the commitment to complete the skydive. Overall, I am most grateful to everyone who donated money and to my family, friends and colleagues for their support. Every donation will make a difference to the lives of people who may be struggling with their mental health, their families and carers."

Kerry Mental Health supports people in Kerry mental health challenges, their families and carers through befriending, funding community mental health educational and therapeutic activities.

The General Manager of Kerry Mental Health Association, John Drummey, said "Congratulations to Carley for showing such



"Carley Touches Down From 'Leap For Life' Skydive For Kerry Mental Health Association" - MUM-of-two Carley Stack from Ardfert, Co Kerry has presented a cheque for €6000 to Kerry Mental Health Association after successfully completing her Leap for Life Skydive fundraiser for suicide and mental health awareness. Also pictured is John Drummey from Kerry Mental Health Association Photo By: Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD

courage to make the Leap for Life. We are grateful to her and everyone who donated to the fundraiser for their support. The funds will contribute to improving the mental health services available in Kerry, making a tangible difference in the lives of those affected by mental health issues."

Kerry Mental Health Association's next big fundraising event will be the annual

#TieDayFriday countywide event which coincides with World Mental Health Day, Friday 10th October 2025.

Anyone with plans to raise funds for Kerry Mental Health Association on #TieDayFriday or at any other time of the year can contact John Drummey at Manager@KerryMentalHealth.ie or donate online at https://KerryMentalHealth.ie/donate.

### CAHILL PUSHES FOR OUTDOOR SHOWER FACILITIES AT BEACHES ACROSS KERRY

Fianna Fáil Councillor Tommy Cahill has called for the installation of outdoor shower taps and improved accessibility at Waterville Beach and Inny Strand to cater to the growing number of swimmers, surfers, and beachgoers. The motion was raised during the July meeting of the Council and is part of Councillor Cahill's ongoing commitment to enhancing local amenities for the community.

Speaking at the meeting, Councillor Cahill stated, "Shower taps are a basic necessity at our beaches. With the rise in popularity of all-year-round sea swimming, water sports, and outdoor activities like walking and running, these facilities are now essential. I believe they should be rolled out across all our beaches in Kerry, particularly as more people flock to our stunning coastline throughout the year."

While Councillor Cahill acknowledged the priority given to the 13 Blue Flag beaches, he disagrees with the current focus on these beaches alone. He said, "While I recognize that the Council prioritizes our 13 Blue Flag beaches, I don't believe this is right. There should be an equal focus on all our beaches. We should be aiming to bring all our beaches up to the same high standards we see at the Blue Flag beaches, ensuring that every beach in Kerry is accessible, well-equipped, and welcoming for

everyone."

The Council's response emphasized the prioritization of funding for the 13 Blue Flag beaches, five of which are located in the Kenmare Municipal District. However, the response also stated that the possibility of additional funding for improvements at other beaches like Waterville and Inny Strand would be kept under review.

Councillor Cahill concluded, "We must ensure our beaches are accessible, welcoming, and equipped to meet the growing demand for outdoor coastal activities. I'm confident we can enhance the experience for all beach users and ensure Kerry remains a top destination for water sports and recreation. I will continue to work with the council to secure the necessary funding for such improvements at our beaches."





### **Your bus is Anseo**

From August 11th, the new TFI Anseo app will allow you to order a bus service to pick you up wherever you are in Killarney.



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### KILLARNEY DESIGNER JOINS LOUISE DUFFY TO JUDGE BEST DRESSED AT LISTOWEL RACES

Killarney born, Irish fashion designer, Shauna Courtney, who is based in London and Top broadcaster Louise Duffy have been announced as the judge of the McElligotts Kia Best Dressed Lady at the Listowel Harvest Racing Festival on Friday 26th of September 2025. Thanks to sponsors McElligotts Tralee, the overall winner of the Best Dressed Lady title will be jetting off to the Big Apple and staying in the iconic Fitzpatrick Hotel in Manhattan, New York. This is the 11th year of McElligotts sponsorship of this prestigious fashion event and they are delighted to once again welcome on board Kia as official event co-sponsors. In addition to the overall winner's prize of a Trip for Two to New York, there are also generous cash prizes of €1,000 for the Most Creative Headpiece and €500 for the Most Contemporary Outfit.

Shauna Courtney, the daughter of Eamon and Valerie Courtney from The Oaks Hotel, is based in London and is widely considered to be one of Ireland's rising stars in the industry. Since launching her luxury brand, Shauna Courtney London, she has featured in a Designer Profile in British Vogue, worn on a BAFTA red carpet and debuted at London Fashion Week.

Louise Duffy is an Irish broadcaster with over 15 years of prime-time experience, known for her warm, engaging style. She currently presents The Louise Duffy Show on RTÉ Radio One, curating an hour of music and conversation each weekday at noon. Beyond radio, Louise is a respected voice in fashion and



Killarney born, Irish fashion designer, Shauna Courtney

beauty, hosting the acclaimed Brown Thomas Presents... podcast.

The 167th Listowel Harvest Racing Festival runs from Sunday 21st to Saturday 27th of September. Featuring top-quality national hunt and flat racing, there are 4 dedicated



Irish Broadcaster Louise Duffy

fashion competitions over the week, top musical acts entertainment and DJs and a festive feeling of fun which makes Listowel Races unmissable! For more information and to pre-book tickets and corporate packages visit www.listowelraces.ie or follow #listowelraces

### Welcome Home and

Happy Birthday Ann!

Congratulations to Ann O'Shea, who recently arrived home from Boston to celebrate her 60th birthday with her beloved family.

Although Ann's milestone birthday isn't officially until October, she continues the cherished tradition of returning home each August to spend time with loved ones and this year, the celebration came early!

Ann, lives in Boston with her husband Donal Mangan, a native of Muckross, and their two children, Ryan and Kelsey. Her visit home was a great family occasion and enjoyed by all members of the O'Shea family.

Ann was pictured enjoying the festivities alongside her siblings: Joan Molloy, Thomas O'Shea, Kathleen O'Grady, Ann Mangan, Margaret McCarthy, and Ger O'Shea.

Wishing Ann a very happy 60th birthday and many more wonderful returns!





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## "AN EVENING WITH KATIE TAYLOR"

### ANNOUNCED FOR JANUARY 2026 AT GLENEAGLE ARENA

atie Taylor to appear live on stage for the first time ever in exclusive unscripted interview

GM Entertainments, in association with Legends 7, is proud to announce a world exclusive event that will capture the hearts of sports fans across Ireland: An Evening with Katie Taylor, taking place on Friday, 9th January 2026 at the Gleneagle Arena, Killarney.

In a landmark moment for Irish sport, Katie Taylor, Olympic gold medallist, undisputed world champion, and global trailblazer will step onto the stage for a one-of-a-kind, unscripted live interview, hosted by acclaimed sports broadcaster Steve Bunce.

For the first time ever, fans will be given a unique opportunity to hear Katie's story in her own words, from her early days in Bray to headlining Madison Square Garden, in what promises to be an unforgettable evening of insight, reflection, and inspiration.

Tickets are on general sale via www. gleneaglearena.ie.

Prices start from €69.00, with exclusive VIP packages available.

**Ticket Packages Include:** 

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6:00 PM Arrival
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**Taylor** 

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Exclusive live interview hosted by Steve Bunce

Live entertainment, memorabilia auction

Hosted by MC Jed Stone Event concludes at 11:00 PM

#### **GOLD PACKAGE**

6:45 PM Arrival
Gold-level seating
Live interview with Katie Taylor
hosted by Steve Bunce
Live entertainment, memorabilia
auction
Hosted by MC Jed Stone

Event concludes at 11:00 PM

#### **SILVER PACKAGE**

7:00 PM Arrival
Silver-level seating
Live interview with Katie
Taylor hosted by Steve Bunce
Live entertainment,
memorabilia auction
Hosted by MC Jed Stone
Event concludes at 11:00 PM





### **David Kenny Secures 10th National Medal** at Athletics Ireland Championships

David Kenny of Farranfore Maine Valley AC claimed his 10th National medal in style at the Athletics Ireland Track and Field Championships on Saturday, delivering a commanding gun-to-tape victory in the 10k race walk.

Kenny clocked an impressive time of 39 minutes and 39 seconds, showcasing both control and class throughout the event. His performance adds yet another accolade to his growing list of national achievements.

Speaking after the race, Michael O'Connor of Farranfore Maine Valley AC said, "had he been pushed, he would easily have broken Rob Heffernan's National record of 39 minutes 15 seconds."

David, the son of Noel and Mary Kenny from Ballyhar is currently in Spain, engaging in warm weather training as he continues his preparations for the upcoming international season.

The club and local athletics community are immensely proud of David's continued success and commitment to excellence on the national and international stage.





The village of Kilgarvan came alive once again on Sunday, 3rd August, as crowds gathered for the 39th annual Kilgarvan Agricultural Show, one of the largest and most vibrant shows in the Munster region.

Renowned for its wide variety of events catering to all ages, the Kilgarvan Show has become a summer staple, attracting families, farmers, and visitors from across the country. This year's show did not disappoint, delivering a full day of fun, competitions, and entertainment in the heart of the Kerry countryside.

From early morning, the showgrounds were abuzz with activity. Competitors showcased their finest in livestock, sheep, and dog classes, while others competed in categories such as baking, arts and crafts, and home produce. Trade stands lined the area, offering everything from local crafts to farming equipment, giving visitors a true taste of rural Ireland.

Children enjoyed a host of family-friendly attractions, while music lovers were treated to live music and entertainment throughout the day.

Organisers hailed the event as a great success and expressed their gratitude to all participants, sponsors, and volunteers who continue to make the Kilgarvan Show a standout event on the local calendar.

Photos by Seamus Healy





### KILGARVAN SHOW

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### KILLARNEY CAMERA CLUB PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR ANNOUNCED

As the shutter closes on another successful season, the Killarney Camera Club is proud to announce the winner of its prestigious Photographer of the Year award.

Throughout the season, members of all skill levels participated in seven themed challenges, with topics ranging from "Curves" and "Black and White Street Photography" to "Nature," encouraging photographers to explore new techniques in lighting, composition, and creativity.

Competition Results:

1st Place: Ade Desbrow (Unrestricted) – 130 points

2nd Place: Elizabeth Browne (Novice) – 127 points

3rd Place: Terry McSweeney (Unrestricted) – 117 points

The top honour went to Ade Desbrow, whose imaginative and technically excellent work earned him the well-deserved title of

Photographer of the Year. He was presented with the Mary O'Reilly Memorial Trophy by John O'Reilly.

Taking second place was Elizabeth Browne, who not only secured a high score but also won the overall Novice category, earning her a move to the Unrestricted category — a remarkable achievement in her first year with the club.

Terry McSweeney, a former Photographer of the Year, took third place. His consistently high-quality photography continues to inspire club members year after year.

Newcomers are always welcome at the Killarney Camera Club. The first meeting of the new season will be announced soon. All skill levels are encouraged to join — no expensive equipment is needed.

For more information, visit our website at https://killarneycameraclub.ie or email: secretary@killarneycameraclub.ie



Photographer of the Year, Ade Desbrow, was presented with the Mary 'Reilly Memorial Trophy by John O'Reilly.

### The Prestigious GAA Rose Cup Returns for 2025



The highly anticipated GAA Rose Cup is back for 2025, with the official launch taking place on Wednesday, July 30th at Bon Secours Hospital, proud title sponsor of the event.

This prestigious Under-13 competition is a standout fixture on the GAA Juvenile calendar in Kerry, organised by Coiste Trá Lí in partnership with the Rose of Tralee Festival. The 2025 tournament will see 16 top teams from Kerry and Limerick compete for both the Bon Secours Rose Cup and the Rose Shield.

Among the teams set to take part are well-known clubs such as Austin Stacks, John Mitchels, Listowel Emmets, and Milltown/Castlemaine. Also joining the competition this year are Fr. Casey's Abbeyfeale from Limerick, bringing added inter-county rivalry and excitement.

Representatives from Coiste Trá Lí, Bon Secours management, and players from local GAA clubs were present at the launch, highlighting the continued support and enthusiasm surrounding the event.

Matches will kick off on Saturday, August 16th, from 10:30am at two Tralee venues – Na Gaeil and Healy Park. The Finals will be held later that afternoon at Healy Park, where the Rose of Tralee herself will present medals to the winning teams in a celebratory finale.

With a high standard of play expected once again, the 2025 Bon Secours Rose Cup promises to be a thrilling day of football, community, and celebration of underage GAA talent



### Scartaglen Rambling House

at the Heritage Centre Scartaglen
11th August at 8pm.

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### Killarney Comhaltas Celebrates Success at Fleadh Cheoil na Mumhan 2025

The Killarney Comhaltas Branch is thrilled to share the wonderful success of their members at Fleadh Cheoil na Mumhan 2025. They are very proud of all participants, whose hard work, dedication, and exceptional talent shone throughout the competition.

"It is a tremendous honour to announce that many of our members have qualified to advance to Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2025, taking place in Wexford from August 3rd. This is a remarkable achievement and a proud moment for our Branch and the wider Killarney community", Mary Coffey from the club told Killarney Outlook.

"We extend our warmest congratulations and best wishes to all those moving forward. Your achievements are a true credit to yourselves, to our Branch, and to the rich tradition of Irish music, dance, and storytelling that we are so proud to uphold", Mary added.

#### Results from Fleadh na Mumhan 2025 Dancing - Ceili

U 12 4 Hand Céilí Mixed 1st
12-15 4 Hand Ladies 1st
O 18 4 Hand Ladies 1st
8 Hand Ladies 1st
Dancing - Set
U 12 Full Set Mixed 1st
12-15 Full Set Mixed 2nd
12-15 Full Set Ladies 3rd
15-18 Full Set Mixed 1st
15-18 Full Set Ladies 3rd
15-18 Half Set 2nd
O 18 Half Set – Abbeycross 2nd

#### Comhrá

U 9 Colm Óg Ó Súilleabháin 9-11 Saibh Ní Riada

#### Storytelling

U 12 - Allie Casey 3rd 12-15 - Rian Gleeson 3rd Scéalaíocht - O 18 Eibhlín Thomáis Uí Chatháin 1st Whistling - 12-15 Rian Gleeson 3rd Accordion - 12-15 Michael O'Connor c Melodeon - Michael O'Connor 1st Flute - 15-18 - Cormac O'Sullivan 3rd



































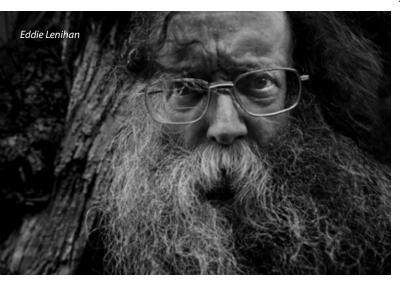
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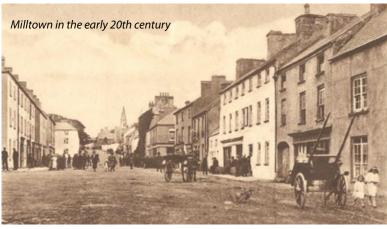
## INAUGURAL MILLTOWN HISTORY AND HERITAGE WEEKEND

SERIES OF WALKS AND TALKS HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED AS PART OF THE INAUGURAL MILLTOWN HISTORY AND HERITAGE WEEKEND WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE BETWEEN 22 AND 24 AUGUST.

An evening with storyteller, Eddie Lenihan, a guided walk of historic Milltown and a presentation on plans for the conservation of the local White Church have been arranged by the Milltown History and Heritage Society. Information and bookings are now available on their website. Since its establishment two years ago, the Society has been running a series of events and recently released an acclaimed new documentary film on the heritage and the landscape of Milltown. It is hoped that the third weekend of August each year will become an annual celebration of the rich and unique history and heritage of the locality.

On Friday, 22 August, in an event which is part of national Heritage Week, local historian Dr. John Knightly, conservation architect Karol O'Mahony, and arborist Cormac Foley will outline the story of the White Church as well as details of the preparation of a Conservation Management Plan for its future preservation.





The White Church is an important ecclesiastical site, largely rebuilt in the 18th century as an estate church. The preparation of a Conservation Management Plan for the church is being supported by a grant awarded by the Heritage Council in 2025.

On Saturday, 23 August, the Society presents an engaging and enlightening evening with one of Ireland best-known and instantly recognisable storytellers, historians, and folklorists, Eddie Lenihan. In his own unique style, Eddie will present tales of Irish myth and folklore and ancient Irish traditions and customs, many of which are being lost in the modern world. This event is suitable for all ages and is a special occasion which is not to be missed.

Finally, on Sunday, 24 August, at noon, Dr. John Knightly will lead a walking tour of Milltown which will explore, showcase and inform participants about the historical, cultural, and architectural significance of this remarkable 18th century estate village.

All of the information and booking details for all events are now available on the website of the Milltown History and Heritage Society: www. milltownhistoryheritage.ie



### The Wellness Zone Returns to Féile Thrá Lí at New Wetlands Location

Now in its third year, the Wellness Zone with Quest and Thrive returns to Féile Thrá Lí from August 15–19, offering five days of free wellbeing events from 9am to 5pm at the Tralee Bay Wetlands & Ecology Park.

The 2025 programme features 30+ events including yoga, meditation, sound healing, fitness classes, and creative workshops, with a dedicated daily schedule for children and teens. All activities take place in a custom marquee sponsored by Ballygarry Estate Hotel & Spa and powered by a Kia EV3, showcasing eco-

conscious technology via McElligott's of Tralee. Event highlights include:

Morning yoga and meditation

Children's yoga, martial arts, and creative sessions

Movement classes like Pilates and Body Blast Sound healing and restorative practices

A closing Bhakti music ceremony on August 19 The Wellness Zone promotes sustainability and community wellbeing, encouraging attendees to walk, cycle, or carpool. All events are free, but booking is required at www.questandthrive.ie.





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### **MUCKROSS ROWERS SHINE**

Muckross Rowing Club is on the crest of a wave following two weekends of international competition where club members represented club and country with great pride and returning two gold and one bronze medal to Killarney. Over the last two weekends, three junior members of the club have competed for Ireland at two separate international regattas, together with two former junior members of the club who are now racing with their university clubs.

On Saturday 26th July, junior rower Rachel Fuller was joined by Daniel Daly (UL Rowing Club) and Ethan O'Neill (UCC Rowing Club), as a trio of Muckross rowers racing for Ireland at the Home International Regatta, held in Eton in London, England. The Home International Regatta is rowing's annual Triple Crown event, where crews from Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales come together in competition. Rachel is the daughter of Declan and Cara Fuller from Cloghereen Lower, Muckross and was selected as one of a four strong junior womens sculling team representing Ireland, together with Isabelle Monahan (Shandon Boat Club), Tara Payne (UCC Rowing Club) and Gaby Nagle (Fermoy RC).

The junior womens sculling team had a highly successful weekend, winning both the Womens Junior Quad and Junior Double scull events - with Rachel competing in both. Winning two gold medals in separate boat categories is generally a rare event at the regatta and a great accomplishment for Rachel and her fellow crewmates. The success in Eton follows earlier success at July's Irish Championships Regatta where Rachel and Muckross crewmate Khim Fleming also won bronze in the Womens Double Scull event. Both in London and at home, there were great celebrations also for the coaches of the Muckross Junior Womens squad including Jeremy Kenny, Niall O'Donoghue, Garrett Doolan and Marko Tot.

At the senior grade, Ethan O'Neill made a return to the Homes Regatta this year with UCC RC, having already won a gold medal in the event in 2022 as a junior rower and again representing Ireland in 2024 as a senior. Ethan, the son of Brendan and Lynne O'Neill from Gortagullane in Muckross, is a student in UCC, where he was a double national championship winner at the Intermediate grade in 2024. At this year's Homes Regatta, Ethan was selected to row in the Irish Mens Pair, in an all-Kerry pick that also included Sean Morris from Tralee RC. Sean's father James is a former Muckross rower and now coaches with the Tralee club where the Morris family reside. The Irish Pair were second to England, with English crews earning the most silverware on the day.

In a Muckross rowing reunion, Ethan raced together with Daniel Daly in the sprint race of the Mens Eight. Son of Sean and Breeda Daly, Daniel is a native of Gortagullane in Muckross and studying in UL. Daniel is also no stranger to the Home International event having won



Cian Scannell (Muckross RC) and Colin Creedon (Lee Valley RC), bronze medallists for Ireland in the Mens Double at the Coupe de la Jeunesse Regatta 2025, held 1st-3rd August 2025 in Linz, Austria.



Isabella Monahan (Shandon BC), Rachel Fuller (Muckross RC), Gaby Nagle (Fermoy RC), Tara Payne (UCC RC), winners of the Womens Junior Quad scull for Ireland at the Home International Regatta 2025 held in Eton Dorney, London on Saturday 26 July 2025

silver medals in the contest as a junior rower in 2023. Making his senior Homes debut, Daniel was selected as part of the Mens Eight to race both the full 2km race distance and the separate 500m race. Unfortunately, a podium finish proved elusive on the day for the Irish Mens Eight crews with fourth place finishes in both races.

Overall, while the various categories saw mixed results, it was a strong overall showing for the Irish contingent with Ireland placing second of the four competing countries in the final points tally. Central to this success was the gold medal wins of the Womens Junior group that enjoyed a particularly successful day. All in Muckross are especially proud of Rachel Fuller's gold medal wins, a fantastic achievement in her international rowing debut.

With breaths barely drawn following the excitement of the Home International contest, last weekend saw two of Muckross' junior oarsmen travel to Linz in Austria for another



Daniel Daly, UL RC / Muckross RC, member of the Irish Mens Eight at the Home International Regatta 2025

### **FOR IRELAND**

## SIX MUCKROSS ROWERS RACING FOR IRELAND IN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION THIS SUMMER



Rachel Fuller, Muckross RC, double gold medal winner for Ireland at the Home International Regatta 2025



Cian Scannell, Muckross RC, bronze medal winner for Ireland at the Coupe de la Jeunesse Regatta 2025



Ronan Fahy, Muckross RC, member of the Irish Mens Junior Quad crew at the Coupe de la Jeunesse Regatta



Ethan O'Neill, UCC RC / Muckross RC, second for Ireland in the Mens Pair at the Home Internatinal REgatta 2025

international regatta. Ronan Fahy and Cian Scannell were selected to race for Ireland at the Coupe de la Jeunesse Regatta for European junior rowers. The Coupe Regatta features 16 countries and this year's edition was held over three days from Friday 1st to Sunday 3rd August. The Coupe Regatta has a unique format, with each crew racing the same event twice, both on Saturday and again on Sunday. This ensures selected athletes are offered the maximum racing opportunity at the prestigious event where most athletes will only compete once in their lifetime at the junior grade. Cian Scannell, son of Chris and Eimear Scannell from Gortagullane in Muckross, was selected in the Mens Double together with Colin Creedon of Lee Valley Boat Club, Cork. On their first day of competition, the Irish Double had a tough opening race placing 4th in a fast heat but crucially securing A final qualification with the fastest finish time outside the automatic qualifying positions. In Saturday's A final, it was a strong 4th place finish that provided encouragement for the following day. In Sunday's heat, the Irish duo enjoyed a better start placing 2nd to Great Britain to again qualify to the A final. A determined final race saw Cian and Colin fight back from 6th place at the 250m mark to secure 3rd place at the finish and a bronze medal with Portugal winning

gold and Great Britain silver. The bronze medal win was the sole silverware returned by Ireland from the Coupe event, underlining the high standard of competition and the immense achievement for Cian and his crewmate Colin. Ronan Fahy, son of Liam and Ciara Fahy from Ballycasheen, was selected in an all Munster line-up to race in the Irish Mens Quad scull at the Coupe Regatta, Ronan was joined by Conal Gillard (Cork Boat Club), Darragh Morris (Tralee Rowing Club) and Darragh O'Mahony (Lee Valley Rowing Club). In a highly competitive field, the Irish quad progressed to the B final on both Saturday and Sunday with 5th and 6th place finishes respectively that saw the crews ranked 11th and 12th over the weekend of racing. Great Britain secured the gold medals on offer in the event.

Muckross Rowing Club is immensely proud of both Cian and Ronan and their participation with the Irish rowing squad for the Coupe. The club also extends its congratulations to the coaches of the Mens Junior group that included Maurice Coffey, Elaine Daly, Kieran Murphy, Eoin Moynihan, Micheal O'Suilleabhain and Noel Kelleher. Cian and Ronan become only the fourth and fifth male members of the club to be selected for the competition. The history books will also record Cian's bronze medal win as the Muckross club's second medal



Rachel Fuller (Muckross RC) and Gaby Nagle (Fermoy RC), winners of the Womens Junior Double scull for Ireland at the Home International Regatta 2025 held in Eton Dorney, London on Saturday 26 July 2025

in Mens competition at the Coupe. While a number of female rowing stars from the club have returned silverware in years past, the last Coupe medal won by a male rower from Muckross was by Sean Casey, who won Coupe gold in 1996. Sean later went on to represent Ireland at the Beijiing Olympics in 2008 along with fellow Muckross rowers Paul Griffin and Cathal Moynihan.

Following the Home International and Coupe Regattas, there is further excitement ahead in September, with Muckross and UL rower Caoimhe O'Sullivan selected to race in the European U23 Rowing Championships taking place in Racice, Czech Republic (6-7 Sep).



Colin Creedon (Lee Valley RC) and Cian Scannell (Muckross RC), bronze medallists for Ireland in the Mens Double at the Coupe de la Jeunesse Regatta 2025, held 1st-3rd August 2025 in Linz, Austria.



Ronan Fahy (pictured right), Muckross RC with crewmates Darragh O'Mahony (Lee Valley RC), Conal Gillard (Cork BC) and Darragh Morris (Tralee RC) racing for Ireland in the Mens Quad scull at the Coupe de la Jeunesse Regatta 2025, held

1st-3rd August 2025 in Linz, Austria.

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On Sunday 3rd August, Ballymac Vintage Club held another very Classic Car & Honda 50 run - the 15th year of this run. The morning began with a cars & coffee event at O'Riadas Bar & Restaurant Ballymacelligott. A lovely dry morning to start proceedings and give everyone time to park up, chat and enjoy the varied range of cars & motorbikes on display. With over 120 vehicles registered on the day, there was something for everybody to enjoy and reminisce over.

This year's event was in memory of the run's founding member Lucy Breen. Lucy, along with George Glover and John Breen founded the run 15 years ago, and Lucy was very well known in the Vintage Car Scene in Kerry and Cork with her yellow 1973 Rover 2000.

2025 Kerry Rose, Laura Daly, from Ballymac, joined us on the morning, and picked 2 of her favourite cars for our first spot prizes of the day. Also joining Laura was local girl Sophie Horan, a Rose Bud for this years Rose of Tralee festival, representing Queensland.

Proceeds on the day were in aid of two local causes:

#### Tralee Community Hospital

Lucy received outstanding care from the compassionate team at Tralee Community Hospital. Their kindness and dedication meant

so much to Lucy and her family, and we are proud to give back to this vital local facility in her honour.

#### Scoil Nuachabháil

Scoil Nuachabháil is a local National School located just down the road from our event starting point. Ballymac Vintage Club would like to thank our main sponsors: BG Motors Killarney, Browne's Agri Steel & Builders Providers, O'Riadas Bar & Restaurant Ballymac, as well as numerous other local businesses who sponsored in excess of €1,000 in spot prizes and raffle prizes on the day: GMIB Insurance, Boyles Hardware Tralee, Garveys SuperValu, Castleisland Tyre Centre, B Safe Training, Agri Auto Parts, The Motor Shop Killarney, CRL OIL, CC Lubricants, Halfords Tralee, Brian O'Neill Garden Equipment, Tralee Tyre Depot, Cul Cabs, Macs Auto Parts, Bavarian Autoparts, Premier Autoparts, Glenduff Manor, Flowers by Sheila, Fealebridge Co-operative, Carol Robbins & Family, Cork Music Station.

After taking the opportunity to have a good look around all the cars & bikes, the convoy of vehicles left for a nice local scenic drive in the direction of Castleisland, taking some of the lesser travelled roads in the area, to the halfway point in Brosna village. After a brief stop to stretch the legs & grab an ice-cream,

the convoy continued to the finish at the Community Centre in Knocknagoshel where the local Knocknagoshel Meals on Wheels team put on a great spread for everyone to end a very enjoyable day out.

Spot prize winners on the day were: Gerard Healy , Pat Moriarty, Michael Crean, Jow McCarthy, Michael Cahill, Tom Cotter, Margaret Raggett, Sean O'Sullivan, Mike Power, Mike McDonnell, Vera Quirke, Brendan Howard, Richard Manning, Philip Blennerhassett, Tome Fealy, Tommy Scanlon, Raffle winners on the day were Pat Brosnan, Mossy Leen. Thanks to Lucy's family, friends and neighbours for their support; To all who helped in the smooth running of the day, including An Garda Siochana & Brosna Church for their facilities; To all who attended and supported the event on the day.

Online donations can be made for a few more days for anyone that wishes to do so: https://www.gofundme.com/f/tralee-community-hospital-ballymac-vintage-club-fundraiser.

Our next event will be a Tractor, Car & Motorbike Run on Sunday 21st September from the Halfway Bar in Ballymac. Keep an eye on our social media for more information: Facebook. com/BallymacVintageClub





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## Tralee Art Group to Launch "Unforgettable" at Killarney House

Tralee Art Group is proud to announce the official opening of "Unforgettable", its first-ever exhibition at the historic Killarney House, on Saturday, August 9th at 4pm. The exhibition will be launched by Cormac Foley, former Parks Superintendent and advisor on the restoration of the gardens at Killarney House.

This special exhibition marks an exciting new chapter for Tralee Art Group, as they bring their work to the heart of Killarney for the first time. Unforgettable is a celebration of lasting impressions — people, places, and moments that leave their mark, featuring a diverse collection of work from the group's members.

Tralee Art Group, founded in 1979, currently has more than 45 active members working across disciplines, with a rich history of community involvement and regular exhibitions throughout the region.

Set within the stunning grounds of Killarney National Park, Killarney House offers an unforgettable backdrop for this new exhibition, which will be open daily to the public until August 25th. All are warmly invited to attend the official launch and experience this inspiring showcase in one of Killarney's most iconic cultural locations.

For further information on the exhibition, artworks, and becoming a member, please contact:

info@traleeartgroup.com



Pictured: (I-r) Caitriona Foley, Marie Corcoran O'Neill, Ber Earley, Bec Fahy, and Sian Roycroft, pictured with Nikki Wissell from Killarney House and Gardens. Photo: Niall Foley

## Magic Moments as Fairtree Village Welcomes 2025 ROSE BUDS & ROSE BUDDIES EVENTS

The Rose of Tralee International Festival and Fairtree Village came together on Friday evening to celebrate the official pairings of this year's Roses with their Rose Buds and newly introduced Rose Buddies – adding even more magic to Ireland's most beloved festival.

For the first time, little boys aged between six and ten will join the Roses, Rose Escorts, and Rose Buds throughout the Festival, taking part in parades, attending the exclusive Rose Buds & Rose Buddies party, and even helping to open the live TV shows on RTÉ One on Monday, 18th August.

Fairtree Village, the official Rose Bud & Rose Buddy sponsor, was the perfect setting for this special announcement. The evening was hosted

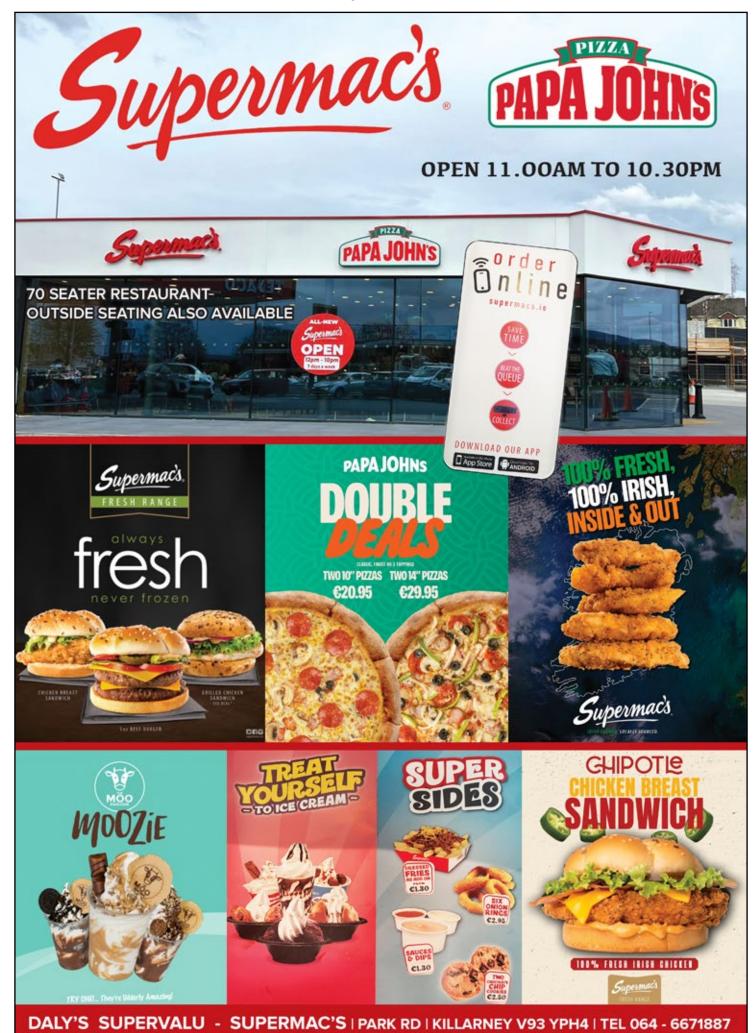
by Festival Director Suzan O'Gara, joined onstage by Kerry Rose Laura Daly and Rose Escort Mark Riordan, representing this year's Roses and Escorts. Together, they introduced each pairing to a crowd of over 250 proud parents and families, as every Rose Bud and Rose Buddy received their sash or badge and a photograph with the guests of honour.

The Rose Buds & Rose Buddies programme is one of the most cherished traditions of the Festival, now made even more special with the addition of the young lads joining in the celebrations for the first time.

The Rose of Tralee International Festival takes place in Tralee from August 15th-19th in Tralee, Co Kerry.



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## Silver Anniversary Start

### Tour de Munster Kicks Off Charity Cycle in Aid of Down Syndrome Ireland

he 25th annual Tour de Munster charity cycle is fast approaching, and anticipation is growing as more than 100 amateur cyclists prepare to take on a challenging 600km journey through the six counties of Munster, from August 7th to 10th. The epic cycle is all in support of raising crucial funds for the Munster branches of Down Syndrome Ireland (DSI).

This year's Tour marks a major milestone, celebrating 25 years on the road for the renowned charity cycle. Since its launch in 2001, Tour de Munster has raised over €5 million for the Munster branches of DSI, making a meaningful and lasting impact on the lives of children and adults with Down syndrome throughout the region.

Cycling legend Seán Kelly will once again join the four-day expedition, pedalling through Munster's cities, towns, and villages. His participation supports the vital work of the DSI Munster branches, which provide essential services and support to their members. While the journey is physically demanding, the cyclists share a powerful sense of purpose raising crucial funds and awareness for Down Syndrome Ireland across the province.

The 2025 Tour de Munster will kick off from the iconic English Market on Grand Parade in Cork City on Thursday, August 7th. After four days of challenging cycling across Munster, the Tour will return to Cork on Sunday, August 10th, where participants will face the demanding climb of St. Patrick's Hill to mark the grand finish.

Speaking ahead of this year's Tour, John O'Connor from Down Syndrome Kerry, said: "This year's 25th Tour de Munster marks a truly special milestone, and here in Kerry, we're thrilled to be part of it once again. The sense



Conor O'Dea from Limerick is cheered on by the crowd at the end of the 2024 Tour de Munster Charity Cycle on Patricks Hill, Cork City on Sunday, August 11th. Cyclists completed the epic four-day, 600 km route across Munster raising vital funds for the Munster branches of Down Syndrome Ireland and were joined by cycling leaend Sean Kellv.

To donate, visit https://www.idonate.ie/event/tdm24 Pic: Diane Cusack

of community and purpose that surrounds the Tour is unmatched, and we're so grateful for the ongoing support. These funds are critical in helping us provide meaningful support to children and adults with Down syndrome. Best of luck to all the cyclists and a huge thank you for your ongoing commitment - we'll be behind you every step of the way."

To support the Tour de Munster and donate, please visit https://www.idonate.ie/event/ TDM2025 Madison and Harley Scott, aged 3 and 5, from Midleton pictured at the end of the 2024 Tour de Munster Charity Cycle on Patricks Hill, Cork City on Sunday, August 11th. Cyclists completed the epic four-day, 600 km route across Munster raising vital funds for the Munster branches of Down Syndrome Ireland and were joined by cycling legend Sean Kelly. Pic: Diane Cusack

### The Anam Sessions:

### Free Early Evening Concerts Bring Irish Folk to Killarney

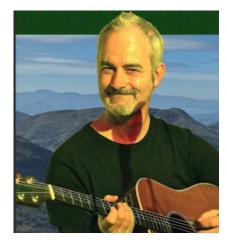
This summer, traditional Irish folk music is flourishing at the Anam Centre on East Avenue with The Anam Sessions, a vibrant series of free early evening concerts celebrating local and emerging talents. Every Monday at 7 pm, music lovers are invited to enjoy the enchanting sounds of Kerry's rich musical heritage in the beautiful, floral setting of the Anam Centre. The series features a lineup of talented performers, led by musician Tim O'Shea, now in the sixth week of an eight-week run.

This week's highlight includes a special collaboration with Fiona Doyle, a gifted vocalist and guitarist hailing from Tralee and Beaufort. Fiona, one half of the folk duo Riversiter, draws inspiration from both Irish and Americana traditions. After spending over a decade in London, she has returned to Kerry to rekindle her passion for music alongside her professional career as a creative writer.

"The Anam Sessions are about community and the joy of sharing music," said Tim O'Shea. "We're excited to showcase both familiar faces and new talents from Killarney and beyond."

The concerts promise an evening of captivating traditional and contemporary Irish folk tunes, creating a perfect way to unwind and immerse yourself in the local culture.

The series continues every Monday at 7 pm through the summer. All are welcome.





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The property extends to c. 829 sq.m / 8,923 sq.ft over three floors. The ground floor retail / restaurant area extends to approximately c. 362 sq.m / 3,898 sq.ft. This is an attractive stone clad building with a pitched slate covered roof. It has multiple entry and exit points and the option to open back doors to give an outside in feel to anyone looking to enjoy some food or a drink on the beach.

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### This is major....

### DANNY AND BEN PICKED ON MINOR **TEAM OF THE YEAR**

Listry minor footballer Danny Murphy and Dr. Crokes minor footballer, Ben Kelliher have been named on the Electric Ireland GAA Minor Star Football Team of the Year.

They are joined on the team by fellow Kerry players, Ronan Sheridan, Duagh, David Sargent, John Mitchels, Gearóid White, John Mitchels and John Curtin, Ballyduff, with Peter Colton of Tyrone crowned Electric Ireland Minor Star Football Player of the Year

Electric Ireland, proud sponsor of the Electric Ireland GAA Minor Championships, unveiled the 15 standout performers from the 2025 Minor Football season, this week.

This year's Minor Football Championship once again delivered a season of captivating drama, exceptional talent and one packed with plenty of minor and major moments as Electric Ireland reflects on their 14th year in partnership with the GAA.

The semi-final stage of the championship saw two enthralling contests: Tyrone, after a quickfire double before the break, kept Roscommon at arm's length to secure their final spot. In the other encounter, Kerry emerged victorious against Mayo, with momentum shifting repeatedly before a late surge from the Kingdom sealed their win. The pinnacle of the season, saw Tyrone claim the title after a hard-fought battle against a formidable Kerry team, edging them out by a single point in the final contest at Cedral St Conleth's Park.

In this year's Electric Ireland Minor Star Football Team of the Year, the two finalists, Tyrone and Kerry, dominate the selections, accounting for 13 of the 15 spots. Tyrone players take seven places, reflecting their championship victory, while Kerry has six representatives on the squad. Semi-finalists Roscommon and Mayo each have one player featured on the prestigious panel.

#### 2025 Electric Ireland Football Minor Star Team of the Year

Ronan Donnelly (Tyrone and Eglish St. Patrick's)

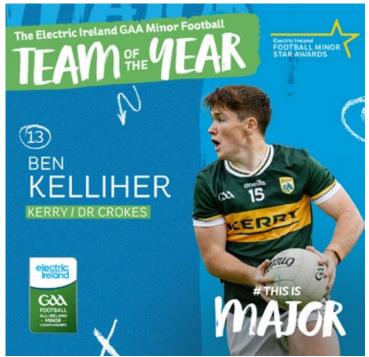
Elliott Kerr (Tyrone and Errigal Ciaran) Padraig Goodman (Tyrone and Fintona Pearses) Ronan Sheridan (Kerry and Duagh) Danny Murphy (Kerry and Listry)



Listry's Danny Murphy



David Sargent (Kerry and John Mitchels) Aodhan Quinn (Tyrone and Errigal Ciaran) James Mulgrew (Tyrone and Kildress Wolf Tones) John Curtin (Kerry and Ballyduff) Dara Curran (Roscommon and Castlerea St Kevin's) Peter Colton (Tyrone and Fintona Pearses) Gearóid White (Kerry and John Mitchels) Ben Kelliher (Kerry and Dr Crokes) Eoin Long (Tyrone and Cookstown Fr. Rock's) Ben Holmes (Mayo and Westport)



Dr. Crokes Ben Kelliher

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By Michael O' Mahony

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Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group reminds you that Share the Bucket takes place weekly. The draw is every Friday evening in Teach Fáilte @8.30 pm and can be viewed live on our Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook Page. This week's jackpot was Mike McGillicuddy who won €204. extra draw for € 100 to celebrate Bank Holiday Weekend was won by Donie Collins

Tickets cost €2 each or 3 for €5. They are available at Teach Fáilte and can be bought online at https://tinyurl.com/y2ade5om.or in local businesses where you see the Green Share the bucket.

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

#### **DIVINE MERCY**

Join the Divine Mercy Hour in the Church of the Holy Rosary Gneeveguilla It is streamlined on MCN Gneeveguilla on every Frist Friday at 3pm The Holy Rosary is prayed in the Church every Wednesday at 8pm.

#### **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK**

The Third Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Saturday 23rd of August 2025. Please note the date and consider taking part in this special time of prayer and reflection at Ireland's National Marian Shrine. Bus will leave from Rathmore Church @ 6.45am approx.Please call the Parish Office to book on 064 7761669 or email rathmore@dioceseofkerry. ie

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#### NOTES

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

SPA PARISH

By Leanne Croni

#### KERRY PETROLEUM SENIOR CLUB FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2025 Kerry Petroleum Senior Club Football Championship Round 1 fixtures commence this weekend. Spa welcome Dr.Crokes at 7pm on Friday 8th August. Best of luck to our senior team and management.

#### FLEADH CHEOIL NA HÉIREANN

Best wishes to all in Spa GAA competing in Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann in Wexford over the coming days. Safe travels to all that are attending.

#### SPA LOTTO 4/8/25 RESULTS

Numbers drawn: 3, 5, 16, 25 No jackpot winner Lucky dips €50 each: Tim Cronin, Online; Rita McKenna, Mill Rd; Boris Uzik, Clasheens; Pa O'Donoghue, c/o McSweeneys; Monthly Annual Ticket Holders Draw; Pat

Connolly, Bantry Blues; Next week's draw is on Monday 11 August @ 9pm for a jackpot of  $\in$ 5,100

#### **MASS**

There will be mass in the Clubhouse on Thursday 14th August @ 20.00. Mass is being celebrated by our Club President Fr Michael O Donoghue, Fr Timmy O Sullivan & Fr Kieran O Brien. All Club members past & present & the wider Spa community are welcome to attend. Teas and coffee afterwards.

#### NOTES

Any items for our notes please contact Leanne 085-7762411

GLENFLESK PARISH

Written by: Sean Da

#### **CHAMPIONSHIP**

Our Senior team take on St Mary's Cahersiveen in the first round of the Intermediate Club Championship this Saturday at 7pm in Glenbeigh.

#### **COMMUNITY GAMES**

The very best of luck to Aoife McSwiney in U8 60m, Séimí Favier in U8 60m, Dylan O'Connor in U10 100m and Zara Nagle in U12 600m who will represent Glenflesk and Kerry at the Regional competitions in TUS Campus Clonmel this Saturday.

#### **CHAMPIONS**

Well done to the U16 players and management who beat Castleisland Desmonds in the Division 6 County League Final last week.

A fantastic display of tractor seats at Kilgarvan Show. Photo: Seamus Healy



LISTRY PARISH
Written by: Colette Leslie

#### LOTTO

Jackpot €11,050. Numbers Drawn: 10, 19, 23,24. Not Won. €100 Rob Hunt, 8 Alder Grove. €50 Pat Twomey, Kenmare. €50 paudie Kelleher, Kenmare. €25 Fiona Casey, Rockfield Middle. €25 Linda Murphy, Coolbane, Killorglin. Jackpot next week Sunday 10/08/2025.

€11,200

#### **SENIORS**

Best of luck to the senior team and management who begin their club championship campaign on Sunday August 10th in Ballymac v Churchill at 4pm.

#### **ATHLETICS**

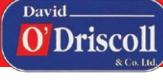
Massive congratulations to Jim O'Shea (Farranfore Maine Valley Athletic club) who made the journey to Tullamore stadium for the national masters championships. First up was the M80 long jump (for men over 80). He won with a leap of 3.26 metres and two hours later, took part in the M80 high jump. He was also victorious in a new national record for the category with a winnimg jump of 1.15 metres. The old record was 1.10 metres.





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#### KILCUMMIN PARISH Written by: Helen Moyniha

#### KILCUMMIN CCÉ

We extend our very best wishes to our branch members who head to Wexford on the weekend of August 8th to 10th to participate at Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann. To get the honour of participating at this level takes a lot of hard work and dedication and we are very proud of everyone who will represent us on All Ireland stage in the coming days. We have representation in set dancing, music and singing competitions. We are very grateful to all of your trainers and tutors who have prepared you for competition and we wish everyone safe travels, a very enjoyable experience and hopefully some success along the way. Go n-eirí libh.

#### KILCUMMIN LOOKING GOOD

Kilcummin Looking Good website is now live and can be viewed at www.kilcumminlookinggood.com. The website has all the up to date information of what the group are involved in and also a wealth of information on the history of Kilcummin, complementing the information sign located in Kilcummin Village. If you have a contribution for the website please contact a member of Kilcummin Looking Good.

#### **BIODIVERSITY PARK**

As the park goes through the natural seasonal change we have quite the crop of apples on our apple trees. Please feel free to take some apples home if you have some use for them.

#### KILCUMMIN COMMUNITY CARE

Kilcummin Community Care will be closed for two weeks on the 5th & 12th of August for holidays and will resume on the 19th August. Community Care meet every Tuesday from 11am to 2pm in the G.A.A. hall. Hot dinner provided, free transport available. Anybody interested, please contact Mary Doyle on 064 663357 / 086 1550803.

#### KILCUMMIN GAA By Donal Barry PRO

#### Intermediate Championship

Well done to the Senior team who opened their Intermediate Championship campaign with an impressive win with over Firies in Group 1 Round 1 of the Kerry Petroleum Intermediate Championship at Fitzgerald Stadium on Saturday evening.

In the end a second half goal by Kevin O'Gorman steered the contest in the winners favour but Firies remained well in the contest until then In fact, it was Firies that made most of the early running taking a 0-6 to 0-3 inside the opening 10 minutes of a very open contest with both sides hitting a number of well taken scores.

Mark O'Shea with the first two pointer of the day and a two pointed free by Brendan Kealy saw Kilcummin take a 0-12 to 0-9 lead with them to the break.

Kilcummin stretched to a 0-15 to 0-10 lead by the 40th minute before O' Gorman punched to the net from a high delivery.

In the end an impressive 0-6 haul by Mark O'Shea with 0-4 from brother

Paul at midfield build a solid foundation for an overall impressive team performance in which Sean O'Leary and Dara O'Callaghan made a welcome return from the US with O'Leary getting on the scoresheet. Kilcummin will now await this weekend's result between Fossa and John Mitchel's before finding out their opposition in Round 2.

#### **Family Fun Day**

Due to the threat of adverse weather conditions last Monday's annual Family Fun Day was postponed and rescheduled for this Sunday 10th of August. The must sought after under 13 parish league is up for grabs with both boys and girls looking for the coveted winners medal. The preliminary games will take place between 11am-1pm with the final to take place at 3.30pm.

#### **Dillon Ouirke Foundation**

The club were delighted to host Michael, Barbara and Maura from the Dillon Quirke Foundation to complete cardiac screening with 45 of our younger players during the week as part of our Healthy Club Initiative. We had boys & girls from aged 12 to 18 participating. Many thanks to all participants & parents for ensuring the day ran smoothly and for your generous donations which will assist the Dillon Quirke Foundation to continue the very important work that they do.

#### **Under 12 Boys**

Our U12s teams battled hard to take two big wins against tough Rathmore sides in the East Region league.

The Green team played very well, with Ryan Cronin and David Fleming absolutely solid at the back. Up front, Warren Boyle was in deadly form, slotting over some classy scores. Some really slick football from the lads! Not to be outdone, the Red team put on a show with some brilliant passing and teamwork. Zach Moynihan was excellent in defence, Kyle Morrissey dominated the middle while Jack Lucey couldn't stop scoring at the other end—some great skill on display.

#### LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Tuesday 29th July for the Jackpot of €3,000 Numbers drawn were 05, 15, 24, 26. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Siobhan O'Sullivan online, Denis Doolan, Shane O'Donoghue and Patie O'Leary. Our next draw will be on Monday 11th August for Jackpot of €3,250.

#### **MASTERGEEHA F.C.**

#### LOTTO

There was no winner on Friday 1st August 2025 of the Jackpot €9,400. Numbers drawn were 06, 10, 14, 22. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Éala Devane, Dublin; Charlie Lenihan, Rathanane; Susan O'Neill, Mastergeeha; Jackie O'Sullivan c/o John Lenihan. The next draw will be on Friday 8st August for Jackpot of €9,600.



Above: Enjoying the Kilgarvan Show. Photos: Seamus Healy Right: It's a dogs life at the Kilgarvan Show. Photo: Seamus Healy







# MONEY MATTERS..

By Dermot Cronin, **Financial Advisor** 



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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 or 0646622775 or 0872893649.

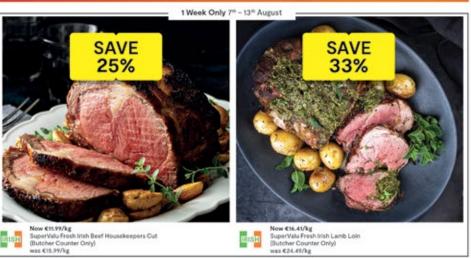


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# **Shane Doolan Band Crowned Champions**AT BATTLE OF THE BANDS FINAL

he ANAM Cultural Centre in Killarney was alive with music and excitement on Friday, August 1st, as two talented acts went head-to-head in the highly anticipated Battle of the Bands final. After an evening of outstanding performances, the Shane Doolan Band emerged victorious, claiming the championship title.

The competition showcased the diverse musical talent in Kerry, with both finalists delivering memorable performances to an enthusiastic audience. The MC was Michelle Rosney and there was a great crowd in attendance as ANAM was transformed into an outdoor concert venue for the big event.

First to take the stage was Luaghmhar, who captivated the audience with a series of traditional reels before delivering a powerful rendition of "Killeagh Kingfisher" that demonstrated their exceptional musicianship and deep connection to Irish traditional music. Shane Doolan and his band followed with an equally impressive set, performing a mix of original compositions and carefully chosen covers. Their rousing version of "Piano Man" had the entire venue singing along and proved to be a highlight of the evening, showcasing the band's ability to connect with their audience and bring fresh energy to beloved classics.

The panel of expert judges faced a challenging decision in determining the winner. Jessica Plunkett from the Westend School of the Arts and Deirdre Johnson from Music Generation brought their extensive stage and musical expertise to the judging process, carefully evaluating both technical skill and audience engagement.

As champions, Shane Doolan Band will receive a mentoring session with acclaimed local musician and recording artist Cathal Flaherty, providing invaluable guidance as they continue



Battle of the Bands winners: Sean Fleming, Dara Lynch, Shane Doolan, pictured with Michelle Rosney, Kate Kennelly, Jessica Plunkett and Deirdre Johnson Photograph By Molly Thokwana

to develop their musical career.

This was the first Battle of the Bands that has ran at ANAM Cultural centre and saw two electric nights of music on the qualifying nights of the 18th and 25th of July. The first night saw Shane Doolan Band go head to head with Aftereye, an indie pop band as well as big ballads from Dylan Shortt. The second nights saw Laughmhar go against traditional music band Teorainn as well as rock band Sons of Boru who were making their debut as a four piece rock band. A special mention to all acts who competed, showcasing the abundance of local talent in Killarney.

Deirdre Johnson, Development Officer for Music Generation Kerry said, "It was a pleasure to adjudicate the Battle of the Bands at ANAM Cultural Centre and see young musicians sharing the joy of making music with friends. It is wonderful to witness such active music-making among young people here in the Kingdom"

Kerry County Arts Officer Kate Kennelly, who was in attendance for the final, praised the event's success: "This was a fantastic celebration of local musical talent. Both bands delivered exceptional performances that truly showcased the vibrant music scene we have here in Kerry. Congratulations to Shane Doolan Band on their well-deserved victory, and well done to all involved in making this such a memorable evening. Events like these are vital for supporting and nurturing our emerging artists."

# Older People Fuel Allowance

Many of our Senior Citizens obviously depend on reduced incomes to live, eat and keep warm during our long winters and being a vulnerable group, require support from the State that they have worked all their lives to build, according to Fianna Fáil Spokesperson on Older People, Michael Cahill TD.

"Our older generation saw very tough times as they grew up, worked and raised families, paying their due tax to the Revenue and contributing to building Ireland to what it has become today, a modern and relatively well off nation. Many now survive on small pensions, finding it difficult to make ends meet, sometimes having to choose food over heat and vice versa" stated the Kerry Teachta Dála.

"I have raised one very important support, the Fuel Allowance payment, with the Minister for Social Protection, Dara Calleary TD, by way of Parliamentary Question, asking to have it adjusted to remove an unfortunate anomaly that exists there. A single person can qualify for €524 under the Fuel Allowance payment, whereby couples qualify for €1,024 but it costs the same amount to heat a home for one as it does for a couple" said Deputy Cahill.

"I am urging that Minister Calleary to address this anomaly in the upcoming Budget, as I believe as many others do that it discriminates against older people who live alone. They deserve better and I will continue to push for their rights" said Cahill.

"If we are lucky, we will all live on to a ripe old age, in health and some comfort and we ourselves will appreciate having a warm home in our twilight years" added Michael Cahill, Fianna Fáil Spokesperson on Older People and Tourism.



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#### THE HEALING POWER OF NATURE

I have loved the summer days and being able to be outside in nature, even if it's only for a short time. Spending time in nature has a remarkable ability to calm the mind, relax the body, and support emotional healing. Whether it's walking through a forest, sitting by the sea, or simply observing birds in a park, the natural world offers a gentle escape from the pressures of modern life.

Scientific studies have shown that nature exposure can lower cortisol levels, reduce blood pressure, and improve mood. The sights, sounds, and smells of the outdoors help our nervous system shift from "fight or flight" to "rest and digest." This natural reset helps reduce anxiety, promote clearer thinking, and restore mental balance.

In today's fast paced world, nature also provides space for reflection and emotional release. Without the constant buzz of technology or responsibilities, we can connect more deeply with our thoughts and feelings. Many people report feeling a sense of peace or clarity after spending time outdoors, even for a short while.

Coaching Action: This week, schedule just 10 minutes a day to step outside—whether it's a walk, sitting under a tree, or standing on a balcony. Notice how your body and mind respond. Keep it simple and consistent.

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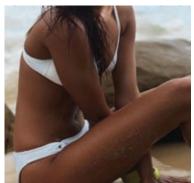


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Fake tan is increasingly popular with more people realising the dangers associated with lying in the sun. The feel-good effect from a spray tan or bronzing body lotion is immediate and very safe. Not just for occasions anymore, fake tan now has a place in everyday life and means less time spent on makeup in the mornings.

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#### EXERCISE FOR HEALTHY AGEING -FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

#### Q1: Why is exercise important as we age?

Exercise plays a vital role in maintaining strength, balance, flexibility, and overall independence. As we grow older, staying active helps reduce the risk of chronic conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, arthritis, and depression. In short, regular movement is one of the most powerful tools for healthy ageing.

#### Q2: What types of exercises are best for older adults?

The most effective approach includes a combination of movement that improves your heart health, builds muscle, enhances balance, and increases flexibility. Activities like walking, swimming, light strength training, gentle stretching, and even tai chi can all be beneficial. The key is to keep your body moving in a way that feels right for you.

#### Q3: Is it safe to start exercising later in life?

Yes - starting to exercise later in life is not only safe, it's strongly encouraged. It's always wise to consult your doctor before beginning a new routine, especially if you have existing health conditions. Starting slowly, with simple movements and gradually increasing intensity, is a great way to ease in safely and build confidence.



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When should you be concerned about flashes and floaters?

Tiny spots, lines, flashes or shapes in your vision are known as flashes and floaters. Lots of people experience them and they usually aren't cause for alarm.

#### What are flashes?

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

#### What are floaters?

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

#### When should I be concerned?

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

your vision, you should take urgent action.

### What will happen if the retina

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

## How is retinal detachment treated?

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

## What to do if your symptoms change

Look out for the following:

- Flashes or floaters getting worse
- A black shadow in your vision
- A sudden cloud of spots
- A curtain or veil over your vision
- Any change in vision

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### A Triumphant Return to Form

# Senior Bronze at National Championships for Jason O'Reilly

Jason O'Reilly of Killarney Valley AC made a remarkable return to the national stage by claiming his first senior medal at the National Senior Track and Field Championships, held at Morton Stadium in Dublin on Sunday. Competing in the men's 400m hurdles, Jason delivered a blistering performance, finishing third in 55.33 seconds to secure the bronze medal

This result not only marks a personal milestone for Jason but also makes history for Killarney Valley AC, as it is the club's first senior national medal in the hurdles discipline.

Jason's journey back to the podium is all the more inspiring given the two years of injury setbacks he has overcome. A former junior star, Jason has previously represented Ireland at the European Youth Olympics and other international events. His latest performance has reignited interest from several U.S. universities, who have been monitoring his progress since his junior success in the 400m and multi-events.

Also representing Killarney Valley AC at the

championships was Sarah Leahy, who narrowly missed out on a medal in the women's 100m final. Sarah finished fourth, just onethousandth of a second off the podium in an incredibly close race.

Keelie O'Connor made her senior outdoor debut, showing great promise. She placed fifth in her 100m semi-final with a time of 12.65, and later took fourth in her 200m semi-final.

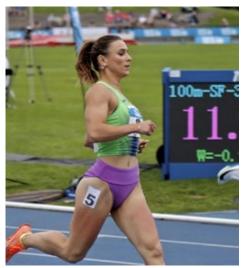
In the men's 1500m, Conor Kissane impressed in his semi-final, running a personal best of 4:03 minutes in a high-quality field.







Jason O'Reilly



# **All-Ireland Camogie Senior Championship Finals** to Feature Full-Day Family Entertainment at Croke Park

Fans heading to Croke Park on Sunday, August 10th for the Glen Dimplex ; something for everyone – from die-hard supporters to families looking All-Ireland Camogie Senior, Intermediate, and Premier Junior Camogie Championship Finals are in for more than just thrilling sporting action they can expect a full day of family-friendly entertainment pre and post matches, both on and off the pitch.

Entertainment highlights include:

Tailgate party in the Croke Park Hotel from 12 noon, featuring music, facepainting and more!

Live DJ Sets and a Dance Cam in Croke Park throughout the day T-shirt cannons in Croke Park

Drumming performances in Croke Park

Half-Time Shows - including pitch-side appearances from mini teams, U14 Parades, and the Tipperary Jubilee Team of 2000

Live stadium MCs: broadcasters Aisling O'Reilly and Valerie Wheeler The Premier Junior Final begins at 1pm and will see Laois and Armagh battle it out for the Kay Mills Cup.

The Intermediate Final will begin at 3pm and will see Kerry and Offaly compete for the McGrath Cup.

The day will culminate in the Senior Final at 5:15pm as Galway and Cork battle it out for the O'Duffy Cup.

Brian Molloy, Uachtarán, The Camogie Association said: "There's nowhere else you'll want to be on August 10th than Croke Park. We've got for a memorable summer day out. With entertainment from start to finish, the atmosphere promises to be electric, both on and off the pitch. It's a true celebration of camogie, community and culture - you won't want to miss it."

For tickets and updates, visit www.camogie.ie



Camogie Association Finals Day

Galway's Aine Keane, Cork's Meabh Cahalane, Laois' Clodagh Tynan, Johnny Dunne, Chief Executive Glen Dimplex, Brian Molloy, Camogie Association President, Armagh's Ciara Hill, Kerry's Patrice Diggan and Orlagh Phelan of Offaly Photo: ©INPHO/Morgan Treacy



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# KILLARNEY MINOR INJURIES UNIT

In reply to a Parliamentary Question posed by Fianna Fáil Deputy, Michael Cahill, the Health Service Executive (HSE) have confirmed that the proposed Killarney Minor Injuries Unit will be provided at the St Columbanus Hospital location.

"Construction on the new Killarney Community Nursing Unit, on the St Finan's Hospital site, is nearing completion. The residents and staff currently located in St Columbanus Hospital will be relocated there, and work can then proceed to set up the Killarney Minor Injuries Unit at Columbanus's" stated Deputy Cahill, a member of the Joint Oireachtas Health Committee and Fianna Fáil Spokesperson for Older People.

"I do hope that there will be no further delays and that all statutory building compliance regulations, etc, are followed and that the Killarney Minor Injuries Unit can proceed as soon as possible. This will be of big benefit to the people of Killarney, East and Mid and South Kerry and will also help to relieve pressure on the A&E unit in University Hospital Kerry (UHK) Tralee" said the Kerry TD.

"These upgrades and improvements are very welcome and will aid a more efficient and effective running of our Health Service in Kerry" added Michael Cahill TD



## LYME DISEASE

Wild deer wandering freely on the roads of Kerry, pose a significant threat to the safety of all road users and that combined with the added danger of contracting Lyme disease from their ticks, makes it imperative that deer numbers are culled to manageable numbers, according to Kerry TD, Michael Cahill.

"Lyme Disease is a debilitating, horrible disease and the early signs of the illness can include fever, fatigue and muscle and joint aches, while later-stage symptoms can include pain in bones and nerves, weakness, tingling or loss of sensation in limbs, swelling of the brain and spinal cord, memory loss and the inability to think clearly" said Deputy Cahill, a member of the Joint Oireachtas Health Committee.

"Climate Change is now being cited as a reason for an increase in Lyme disease cases in the US. Warmer temperatures and increased humidity accelerate the spread of ticks that carry Lyme disease. Mild winters and longer, hotter summers allow ticks to survive and reproduce more successfully, potentially expanding their range and increasing the length of time they are active each year. Shorter, milder winters allow



ticks to survive longer into the colder months and emerge earlier in the spring, extending the period of tick activity and human exposure" said the Kerry Teachta Dála.

"In May and June of this year, the United States has seen the highest number of emergency admissions for tick bites since 2019. Many celebrities including singers, Justin Bieber and Justin Timberlake have been diagnosed with Lyme disease. Contracting Lyme disease while pregnant can also pose risks to both mother and the developing baby and early detection and treatment is crucial for minimising potential complications" stated Deputy Cahill. "We need a combined approach to the twin

dangers posed by the deer roaming around Kerry. I believe the first piece has been put in place by the former Minister for Agriculture, Charlie McConalogue with the setting up of the Deer Management Strategy Group and I expect that they will arrange for deer numbers to be returned to manageable levels" stated the Fianna Fáil man.

"The threat of contracting Lyme disease is ever present with large numbers of deer on our doorsteps and I continue to believe that a specific Department should be set up in University Hospital Kerry, for detection, treatment and research of this debilitating condition" said Deputy Cahill.

"UHK would be the perfect location for a Lyme Disease Department, given the proximity to such large deer herds in Killarney National Park and beyond. At present, even if Lyme Disease is diagnosed, patients often need to travel to Germany for treatment and this is a major imposition on people who are ill and stressed enough already. A Lyme specific diagnostic and treatment Department in UHK, makes a load of sense" added Michael Cahill TD.

### COOLCASHLAGH JUNCTION IDENTIFIED AS HIGH COLLISION LOCATION

Coolcashlagh Junction on the N22, just outside Killarney, has not been identified in annual collision analysis carried out by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) as a high collision location, as advised by them to Fianna Fáil TD, Michael Cahill recently. Deputy Cahill had submitted a Parliamentary Question to the Minister for Transport, Climate, Energy and the Environment, Darragh O'Brien TD, seeking funding to improve safety for traffic using such a busy junction on the main Killarney to Cork Road

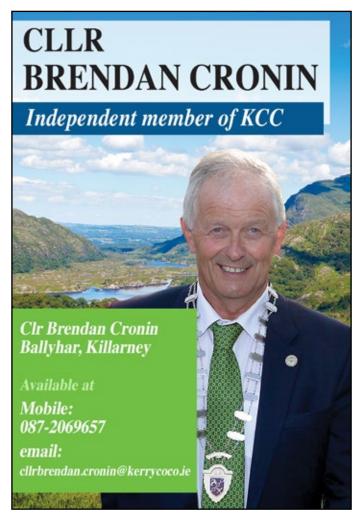
"Safety improvements are urgently required at the junction to Coolcashlagh at the top of the Pike Hill, which serves an extremely busy business and residential district leading off from the N22 Killarney to Cork main road. The large volumes of vehicles that travel past and through

this junction on a daily basis, appears to have avoided the notice of Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) and they appear to assess required safety measures, only on the number of collisions that have taken place historically there" stated Deputy Cahill.

"Because of regular tailbacks due to heavy traffic numbers entering and leaving Killarney town, exiting from Coolcashlagh is a lottery and frustration can lead to drivers taking chances with their safety. I will further liaise with the Minister for Transport, Darragh O'Brien, TII and Kerry County Council to identify a solution here which hopefully could be incorporated within the Killarney to Farranfore Bypass project. Progress of the Bypass will, I'm sure, relieve many pressure points around Killarney and I will highlight this in my correspondence" added Michael Cahill TD.

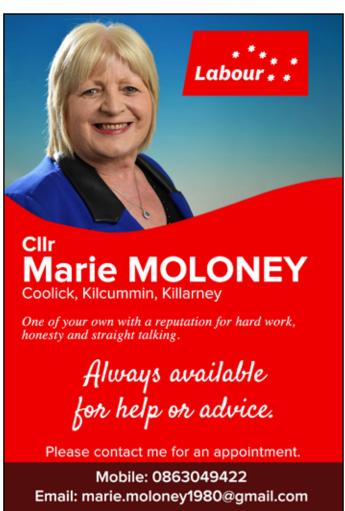
Danny Healy Rae TD welcomes the announcement of additional funding of 1.2milion for Local Improvement Schemes in Kerry, 1 million was already allocated last year for 2025, therefore a total of 2.2 million has now been allocated for local improvement schemes in Kerry, I am very glad of this announcement as I have fought hard to get this funding and this was one of our priorities on the formation of the Government.

The Healy Raes are already pushing for increased funding for 2026











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#### **COUNTY BOARD SCRATCH CUPS**

Congratulations to Eileen McCarthy on winning the Ladies Gross prize at the Paul O'Sullivan in Tralee on the Bank Holiday Monday last which also includes a Claret Jug recognising the 1995 Kerry Ladies Team that won the National Inter-County that year. Well done also to Paddy Murphy (Junior Final 18) and Niall O'Loughlin (Junior B) on winning prizes at the event also.

**BRUFF SCRATCH CUPS** 

Well done also to Connie O'Sullivan Jnr on a strong performance last Sunday in the Bruff Scratch Cup where he finished second overall in the Intermediate Mens event.

#### SUNDAY DRAWS

Two Ball Betterball - First Nett: Bobby Kelly & Shane Doona 38 (B9), Gross: Bobby Kelly & Denis Duggan 48 and Second Nett: John Looney & Margaret O'Mahony 38.

#### **SUMMER SERIES**

In association with the Flesk Restaurant-Wednesday July 30th Results- Winners: Paddy Murphy, Aodhan O'Halloran, Daniel Quinlan & Paddy Murphy. Runners-Up: Brian McCarthy, Brian O'Connor, Liam Lyne & Lucas Uchytal.

#### **U16 COMPETITION**

Wednesday July 30th Results- First Nett: Max Moynihan 31, Second Nett: Nathan Mulcahy 39 (B9) & Gross: Jamie Downing 54 (B9).

#### **NATIONAL MENS STROKEPLAY FINALS**

Best Wishes to Damien Fleming (Senior), Ger O'Connor & Cillian Courtney (Intermediate) and Robbie Harnett (Junior) in the National Strokeplay Finals in St Annes in Cork this weekend.

# KILLARNEY GOLF & FISHING CLUB

CAPTAIN MIKE'S PRIZE TO THE LADIES 18 HOLE LADIES STROKE COMPETITION, PLAYED ON MAHONY'S POINT COURSE ON 3RD AUGUST 2025.

Winner & Captain's Cup Winner: Nicola O'Mahony 63 (19)

2nd: Emma Loughnane 63 (22)

Best Gross: Anne Moynihan 73

3rd: Catherine Hartnett 65 (31)

4th: Annette Sheehan 66 (40)

5th: Helen O'Donoghue 67 (21)

6th: Lousie Langan 68 (19)

7th: Peggy O'Donoghue 68 (20)

8th: Eileen Galbraith 69 (30)

9th: Aoife Twomey 70 (29)

10th: Particia Walsh 70 (29)

Front Nine: Maura Fitzgerald

Back Nine: Geraldine Rosney

Guards Cup Winner: Anne Duggan 70 (12)

13 Hole Winner: Peggy Barrett 26pts (26)

#### **FIXTURES**

Next Fixture will be 8th August 2025 Member / Guest Invitational Mixed Team of Four Champagne Scramble kindly sponsored by The Trustees of Muckross House. On 9th & 10th August 2025 Single V-Par 18 Hole on Mahony's Point Course. 13 Hole Single Stableford kindly sponsored by Cahernane House Hotel Killarney

#### **KERRY PITCH & PUTT**

Bank Holiday Monday last saw the Kerry County Board Scratch Cup events take place in Tralee headlined by the Paul O'Sullivan Memorial Senior Mens event. Gusty winds made playing conditions all the trickier as it was reflected in the overall scoring on the day.

Tralee's Jason O'Regan led the way in the Senior Mens event with a 54-hole total of 13 under par as he held on to his 36-hole lead in the end despite Jason Cregan pushing him to within a single stroke in the end in finishing on 12 under par. The Final 18 was won by another Tralee player in Darren Goodall on four under.

There was a dramatic finish in the O'Donovan Perpetual Intermediate Mens meanwhile as it need a total of 59 holes to decide a winner. This came as a result of both Tralee's Danny O'Leary & Bishopstown's Colm O'Donnell tying on one under par after 54 holes. The regulation three-hole playoff could not separate them as they were still level after the fourth extra hole. Then at the fifth playoff hole O'Donnell chipped in for birdie as O'Leary could only manage a par in finally settling the matter in the Bishopstown player's favour. The Last 18 prize here was won by another Cork player in John Fitzgerald from the ESB club on level par.

The O'Mahony Perpetual Junior Mens event gave Tralee another victory on the day as Martin Courtney triumphed with a score of 180, two ahead of club-mate Alan O'Connor on 182 with Deerpark's Paddy Murphy winning the Last 18 prize on 57. The other trophy on the day was the Ladies one commemorating the 1995 Kerry Ladies Inter-County side that won the National Inter-County that year as Deerpark's Eileen McCarthy claimed it with a score of 123. Catriona O'Connor of Tralee won the Ladies Nett prize meanwhile with a score of 98 as the final prize on the day- the Junior B Mens prize- was won by Deerpark's Niall O'Loughlin with 127.

The County Board thanks Tralee for hosting last Monday's events on top of all the other events they have hosted this year as we commend their hospitality towards all players on the day as well. Special mention must also go to Deerpark's

Connie O'Sullivan Jnr on an impressive performance in finishing second in the Bruff Intermediate Scratch Cup last Sunday.

This weekend sees the National Mens Strokeplay Finals take place in St Annes in Cork as there is plenty of Kerry interest in the three grades. Pitch & Putt Ireland have devised a new format this year where all competitors will play 36 holes on Saturday and a third of the three fields will go forward to play another 36 holes the following day to decide the titles over 72 holes altogether. The County Board wishes all Kerry players the very best of luck in St Annes this weekend.

# CASTLEROSSE LADIES GOLF CLUB

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF THIS WEEK'S COMPETITION

9 Hole Stableford

Margaret Crowley

18 Hole Stableford

Kay Malone, Barbara O'Shea, Nuala Ward COMPETITION

This weeks 9 hole Stableford & 18 hole Stableford competition will take place this week over Friday and Saturday.

#### **SOCIAL GOLF**

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

#### **MIXED SCRAMBLES**

Mixed scrambles every Tuesday at 6pm. Visitors welcome.

#### **GOLF LESSONS**

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### **ROSS GC (GENTS)**

RESULTS OF PETER WICKHAM'S CAPTAIN'S PRIZE, KINDLY SPONSORED BY CELTIC STEPS - THE SHOW

1st: Daniel Cronin 67 (11)

2nd: Mike J O'Sullivan 68 (14)

3rd: Daniel Ling 70 (8)

Best Gross: David MacIndoe 80

4th: Kieran Murphy 70 (28)



The overall winners of the various grades at the Kerry County Board Pitch & Putt Ireland Scratch Cups pictured with their respective trophies after the August Bank Holiday Monday event held in Tralee. Pictured L to R: Eileen McCarthy (Deerpark, 1995 Kerry Ladies Team Perpetual Event Winner), Jason O'Regan (Tralee, Paul O'Sullivan Memorial Senior Mens Event Winner), Colm O'Donnell (Bishopstown, O'Donovan Perpetual Intermediate Mens Event Winner) and Martin Courtney (Tralee, O'Mahony Perpetual Junior Mens Event Winner).









Photographed at the presentation of the Winners Prize at Captain Peter Wickham's Captains Day in the Ross Golf Club are :-(I to r) Betty O' Farrell, President, Laura Sourke, Daniel Cronin, Winner, Peter Wickham, Captain, Peg Wickham.



Photographed at the presentation of Prizes at Captain Peter Wickham's Captains Prize in the Ross Golf Club are:-

Front (I to r) Trevor Nagle, Donie Broderick, Betty O'Farrell, President, Laura Sourke, Dan Cronin, Winner, Peter Wickham, Captain, Peg Wickham, Tony Lenihan. Back(I to r) David MacIndoe, Lucas Cronin, Terence Mulcahy, Mike J OSullivan, Michael M Gorman, Donal Hayes, Maurice Coffey, Daniel Ling, Kieran Murphy.

5th: Donie Broderick 71 (16) 6th: Terence Mulcahy 71 (12) Front NIne: Michael M Gorman 36 (7) Back Nine: Trevor Nagle 39 (9) Past Captain: Tony Lenihan 72 (16)

Seniors Prize: Donal Hayes 24 (11) 10 hole comp

Guest Prize: Pat O'Neill

**Division 1** 

1st: Barry O'Grady 72 (11)

**Division 2** 

1st: Lucas Cronin 71 (15)

**Division 3** 

1st: Maurice Coffey 73 (30)

ON **THURSDAY** JULY 31ST OUR SENIORS HELD A 10 HOLE STABLEFORD COMPETITION.

The winners were 1st: Mossie Cremin 21pts 2nd: MJ Casey 2 pts

3rd: Mike O'Leary 20pts 4th: Donal Hayes 19pts

**ON FRIDAY AUGUST 1ST** WE HELD **OUR FRIDAY EVENING MIXED 10 HOLE** SCRAMBLE.

The winners were

1st: Brenda Kelliher, Dan Cronin, Sean Hickey, M J Casey

2nd: M J O'Sullivan Eugene O'Connor, Mary O'Connor, Maurice Coffey.

3rd: Daniel Ling, Ted Cpnway, Michael O'Leary,

Timmy O'Brien

4th: John L Ivory, Elaine Casey, John J Ivory, Ned **Buckley** 

#### **FIXTURES**

On Friday August 8th our Friday evening mixed 10 hole scrambles will continue. Please get your name on the entry sheet before 5.30pm to enable us to be playing golf by 6pm. No Late entries allowed.

On August 9th and 10th we will hold a club sponsored stableford competition.

#### ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB

#### LADY CAPTAIN ELAINE CASEY'S CAPTAIN'S **PRIZE**

Lady Captain Elaine Casey's Captain's Day was a huge success. Weather was outstanding and the course was immaculate. Well done to all the prize winners.

Winner of Captain Elaine Casey's Captain's Day was Miriam Hickey.

#### **CHALLENGE CUP TROPHY**

Congratulations to The Ross Ladies Challenge Cup Trophy team who played against Waterville at The Ross Golf Club on Friday 1st August who are now through to the next round. Well done to everyone. Best of luck in the next round.

#### COMPETITIONS

18 hole & 9 hole Single Stableford on this Saturday 9th August. Enter via the BRS APP.



Winner of Lady Captain Elaine Casey's Captains Day prize Miriam Hickey middle. Pictured with President Betty O'Farrell and Lady Captain Elaine Casey

#### **WEDNESDAY MORNINGS MEET & PLAY**

Meet and play every Wednesday morning. Meet in the Club House 10.00am tee off 10.30am. Enter via the BRS App. All Members welcome. **GOLF LESSONS** 

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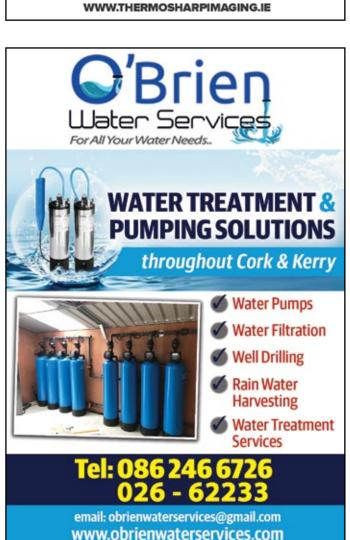


Winners 1st prize for the 18 hole and 9 hole for Gents prize to the ladies. Pictured from left to right: President Betty O'Farrell, Lady Captain Elaine Casey, Emir Coffey winner, Gents Captain Peter Wickham and Emer Brosnan winner



Lady Captain Elaine Casey's Captain's Day prize winners bottom from left to right President Betty O'Farrell Lady Captain Elaine Casy, winner of competition Miriam Hickey, Gents Captain Peter Wickham, Emir Brosnan. Back from left Emir Coffey, Mary McGuire, Breda O'Farrell, Margaret O'Donoghue, Jennifer Nash, Therese O'Keeffe, Eileen O'Riordan, Kitty O'Grady, Eileen Fleming and Caitriona Shanahan











# Captain's Day Celebrated In Style At Killarney Golf & Fishing Club

Photos: Michelle Cooper Galvin

Captain Killarney Golf Club Michael McAuliffe presenting his Captain's Prize to the Ladies to winner Nicola O'Mahoney with (front from left) Ann Duggan winner Guards Cup, Emma Loughnane 2nd, Catherine Hartnett 3rd, Annette Sheehan 4th, Máire Murphy Captain, Anne Moynihan Best Gross (second row from left) Peggy O'Donoghue 7th, Eileen Galbraith 8th, Aoife Twomey 9th, Helen O'Donoghue 5th, Louise Langan 6th (back from left) Maura Fitzgerald back nine, Geraldine Rosney front nine, Patricia Walsh 10th and Peggy Barrett 13 Hole competition winner at Killarney Gollf and Fishing Club on Sunday.



Junior Boys Captain Brian McCarthy (front second from left) presenting his junior Captain's prize to winners (front from left) Noah O'Sullivan Overall winner Novice winner, Kevin Breen Overall winner Junior Boys, Darragh McLoughlin 3rd Novice Boys and Junior Division 2 winner (back from left) Brian White Division 1 Junior winner, Luke McCan Best Gross Division 1, George Leech 2nd Division 1 and Cormac Sheehan 2nd Division 2 at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday.



Captain Killarney Golf Club Michael McAuliffe presenting his Captain's Prize to Junior Boys Overall winner Adam Shine (left) Tadgh Horgan 2nd Division 2, Eanna Myers Novice Boys 2nd Division 2 (back from left) Ryan Lowe 1st Junior Boys Division 2, Cian Lenihan Novice Boys Division 1 winner and John Byrne Novice Boys Division 2 winner at Killarney Gollf and Fishing Club on Sunday.



Captain Killarney Golf Club Michael McAuliffe presenting his Captain's Prize to Men's winner Jimmy Smith with (from left) Jason Arthur Best Gross, Denis Cronin 2nd, Tadgh Walsh 10th (seond row from left) Alec Rennie 3rd, Mark Culloty 4th, Tommy Galvin 8th, Colm O'Shea Past Captain (back from left) John Wall 11th, Brian Horgan 2nd Category 1, Shane Edwards 2nd Category 3, Brian Holden Committee prize and Daniel Moynihan 2nd Category 4 at Killarney Gollf and Fishing Club on Sunday.



Captain Killarney Golf Club Michael McAuliffe presenting his Captain's Prize to the Junior Girls (left) Grace O'Connell 1st 18 Hole competiiton and Ariana Hynes 1st 13 Hole Competition at Killarney Gollf and Fishing Club on Sunday.



Captain Killarney Golf Club Michael McAuliffe making presentations to Mother and Daughter Emma Loughnane and Ariana Hynes winners at his Captain's Prizegiving at Killarney Gollf and Fishing Club on Sunday.



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#### DR CROKES GOLF CLASSIC

RESULTS OF THE DR CROKES GOLF CLASSIC HELD AT MAHONYS POINT, KILLARNEY ON THURSDAY JULY 31ST AND FRIDAY AUGUST 1ST

1st: Rose Hotel team of Karl McMahon, Cian McMahon, Colm O'Shea and John O'Shea 102 pts

2nd: Dedicated Trustee Services: Donnacha Galvin, Sinead Galvin, Breda Duggan and Ann Courtney 102pts

3rd: JMac Office & IT Solutions: John McEnery, Peter McEnery, Liam

Hartnett, Brendan Keogh

4th: Fexco team 100 pts

5th: Great Southern Hotel 100 pts

6th: Diarmuid O'Carroll Electrical 100 pts

7th: Ma Nolan's Bar 98 pts

8th: The Shire 97pts



At the presentation of prizes of the Dr Crokes GAA Club annual Golf Classic at the Mahony's Point Course at Killarney Golf Club last weekend were front from left, Eoin Brosnan (Dr Crokes Chairman), Karl McMahon (member of the winning Rose Hotel team), Colm Foley (Charlie Foley's Bar, sponsor), Cian McMahon (member of the winning Rose Hotel team) and Vincent Casey (organising committee). Standing from left are Muiris O'Donoghue, Liam Hartnett, Nathan Cronin, John McEnery, Liam Hennigan, Peter McEnery, Brendan Keogh, Sinead Galvin, Ross Brosnan, Donnacha Galvin, Colm Galvin and Eamonn Fitzgerald. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



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### **SOCCER NEWS**

#### **BALLYHAR DYNAMOS FC**

#### LOTTO

No.s 4, 7, 19, 22. No winner of the Jackpot. 5 x €25: Holly Staunton, Firies. Hannah McGillicuddy, Ballyhar. Shane Galvin, Scartaglin. Liam Fell, Firies & Elsa O Donoghue, Dublin. Next draw for a jackpot of €2200 will take place on Saturday next 9th August at Butlers Bar, Firies. Tickets available from committee members, Sheehans Filling StationFarranfore, Hendersons & Spar shops, Firies and Butlers Bar, Firies. Thanks to all who support and help out with the club lotto.

#### **50TH CELEBRATIONS**

The club will host an occasion of football & fun on Sunday 24th August at Murt Scott Park in recognition of the club's 50th year since its formation. All welcome

#### **SYMPATHY**

The club offers its Condolences to the Doolan family, Killarney on the passing of Jamie. May he rest in peace.

#### **KILLARNEY ATHLETIC**

#### AGM

Monday 11th August 2025. Time: 7.30pm. Venue: Scott's Hotel (in the Upstairs room. All Welcome

#### KILLARNEY CELTIC

**CADBURY KICK FIT** in association with the FAI continues on Wednesdays at Killarney Celtic. Starting time is 7pm and the training runs for



Killarney Celtic A, who play in the Keane's Jewellers Munster Champions Trophy next Sunday.

1 hour until 8pm. It is open to women over 18 years of age and all levels of ability.

#### CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 6,7,13,23. Jackpot winner received €7,200. Next jackpot €1,600 on Monday August 11th. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through clubzap.

**KILLARNEY CELTIC A** start the 2025/26 this coming Sunday in Waterford in the last 8 of the

Keane's Jewellers Munster Champions Trophy. Kick off against Villa Fc is 3pm in Connors Park. Updates available through the FAlconnect app and Killarney Celtic social media.

**TRAINING FOR THE 2025/26 SEASON** has resumed. Please see our social media for training updates.

**CONGRATS** to our former players who won the All Ireland Senior Football Final with Kerry.

# YOUTH TEAMS CELEBRATE WINS IN THE LONDON PRO ELITE CUP

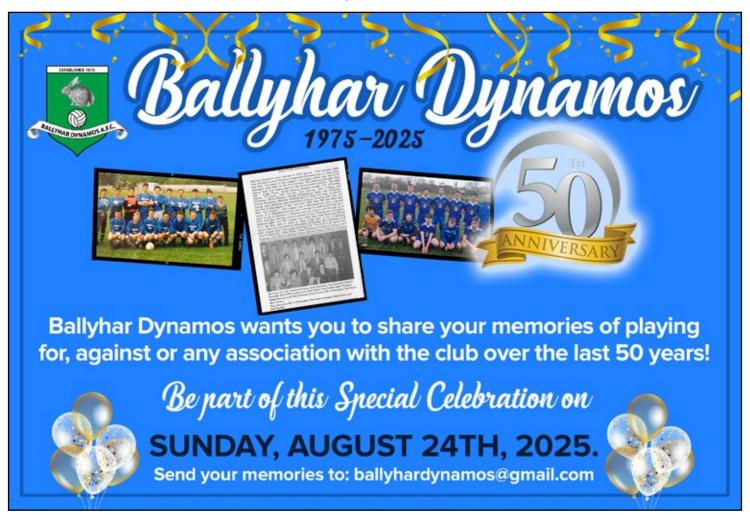
The Kerry FC MU14s and MU15s travelled to England over the August Bank Holiday weekend to take part in the London Pro Elite Cup which was held in the University of Hertfordshire. The team travelled from Kerry Airport on Friday for the tournament which began on Saturday. The MU14s began their games on Saturday, finishing second in their group and qualifying for the Gold Cup on Sunday. The MU15s began their games in the afternoon, finishing third in their group, just missing out on the Gold Cup but still qualifying for the Silver Cup. There was great excitement both groups as they both had a great opportunity of winning silverware in their respective cups. The MU14s began their Gold Cup games on Sunday winning their first two games and only needing a point against

QPR to win the Gold Cup. A brilliant defensive display by the whole team earned the team a 0-0 draw against QPR and meant that they became the winners of the whole tournament and becoming the first Kerry FC team to win a trophy for the club. The MU15s began their Silver Cup games on Sunday and they won all four of their games which meant they won the Silver Cup, only conceding one goal throughout the whole day. Both teams became the winners of their respective competitions and brought silverware back to the kingdom. They created history in the club by winning the first pieces of silverware for the club in their short history. Killarney lads Eric Corcoran, Noah Browne, Alex Finn and Calum Templeman were part of the MU14s. David O'Donoghue and

Jamie Murphy were part of the MU15s. Both sets of players and parents enjoyed an amazing weekend of football and also the activities they did on both Saturday and Sunday evenings. Coaches for the MU14s were Seb Vasiu and Kian Clancy while the coaches for the MU15s were Stuart Templeman, Brendan Smith and Shane McGaley. It was a fantastic experience for everyone involved creating a lifetime of memories. These young men created history for their club and county. They have made their club, county, friends and families proud of them. People should keep an eye out for them in the next few years lining out for the Kerry FC first team.









# KERRY FC SECURE FANTASTIC WIN

#### **Kerry FC 4-0 Athlone Town**

by David Moriarty

It was the first of a busy weekend for Kerry FC as they were heading to Limerick on Monday for their final visit to the Markets Field and to Treaty United this season, so they hoped they could get a good start to the bank holiday weekend with the game against Athlone Town. Kerry FC have had a tough few weeks to say the least, with five losses in a row in the league, their last victory was in that FAI Cup fixture against Athlone Town, so the Kingdom will likely fancy their chances of putting that poor streak to an end.

With the transfer window shut, Kerry FC made three additions to their squad in the final week. Matthew O'Connor, Ewan Lee and Luke Doolan all signed on the dotted line on Tuesday as Colin Healy finished up the month happy with the squad he has for the remainder of the season.

#### **FIRST HALF**

Kerry FC had a penalty shout after just nine minutes as Lee Duggan seemed to have taken down Daniel Okwute inside the area. Despite a huge shout from the Mounthawk Park faithful, referee Alan Patchell waved play on.

Athlone's first effort came after fifteen minutes when a free kick on the left side of the pitch was whipped into Stanislav Hulidov, who was

free inside the box, but he headed wide from a definite goalscoring opportunity.

Just two minutes later, a great through pass from Oran Crowe found Daniel Okwute, but although it went by Duggan, his effort hit the post and came back out to Robbie Cleary, whose effort was blocked. It was, overall, a very bright start from Kerry FC.

The bright start from Kerry FC would be rewarded in the twenty-seventh minute when a superb pass through the channel from Robbie Cleary found Ronan Teahan in a great position. Ronan took the shot, and although Lee Duggan seemed to get enough on it, the ball made its way into the back of the net.

Just four minutes later, Kerry FC would go a goal further ahead as a Sean O'Connell corner kick on the right side went all the way in, putting the Kingdom in dreamland.

Ten minutes later, Kerry FC would cap off an unbelievable first-half performance with a third goal scored and orchestrated by Robbie Cleary. He picked up the ball on the right wing and drove forward with it, a few silky step overs later and a great finish, Kerry were three to the good with Cleary getting a goal he fully deserved for his first half performance.

Kerry FC were unbelievable in the first forty-five minutes without really coming out of first gear. The home crowd hoped for more of the same in the second period

#### SECOND HALF

The first opportunity of the second half went to the away side and to Billy Gilmore. He opened up space for himself inside the box, and from the angle we were at, it looked like it had gone in, but instead hit the side netting.

Kerry FC added a fourth just after the hour mark as Carl Mujaguzi hit a rocket from outside the area into the bottom left corner. It was a great play from Kerry FC, who kept the ball for a long period of possession, and it eventually came to Mujaguzi, who was met by the "shoot" shouts, which he delivered with some emphasis.

From then on, Kerry FC remained in total control. Their next big shot came from Cian Brosnan with five minutes left of the ninety: he had a bit of space for himself and struck it well, but it went safely into the hands of Lee Duggan. Kerry FC would see out the five minutes of added time to pick up their first league win since the twentieth of June and their biggest winning margin in their short history. Special mentions go to new signings Matt Connor, who kept a clean sheet on his debut, and to Ewan Lee, who, in his first-ever League of Ireland appearance, was solid across the 90 minutes. They have very little time to celebrate, however, as they now face the task of Treaty United on Monday evening in Limerick.

#### SSE AIRTRICITY MEN'S FIRST DIVISION

# ALL SQUARE FOR KERRY FC

#### Treaty United 1-1 Kerry FC

by David Moriarty

Kerry FC were back on the road to finish off the Bank Holiday weekend, this time it was a Munster Derby as they took on Treaty United in the Markets Field for the final time this season. For Treaty United, they are three games without a win, a controversial loss in Bray on Friday night was fuelled by Steven Healy's red card after twenty-five minutes, which was later rescinded. Bray would go on to win the game in the ninety-fifth minute, meaning Treaty would be coming out against Kerry FC with an extra fire in their bellies.

#### **FIRST HALF**

The first opportunity of the game came to Treaty United inside the opening two minutes. A long ball over the top seemed to stop dead thanks to a divot on the pitch. A lobbed effort then followed, but it went just wide to the relief of the travelling Kerry FC support.

The next opportunity for Treaty United came just after the half-hour mark, a floating ball into the box from Robbie Lynch found Mark Byrne, but the header went just over the crossbar. It felt like Treaty United were getting closer, but Kerry FC were doing well to keep the home side

at bay

Daniel Okwute had one of Kerry FC's brightest chances of the first half with six minutes to play. He seemed to have won the race for the ball against the Treaty defender and was seemingly taken down outside the area in a last-man challenge, but play was waved on by referee John Walsh.

#### **SECOND HALF**

Kerry FC opened the second half with a big chance, and probably their biggest opportunity of the game. A corner whipped in by Sean O'Connell on the right side goes over everybody in the box and reached Ronan Teahan, but unfortunately, his diving header effort went wide.

Just before the hour point in the game, Mark Byrne had a great opportunity to put the hosts up, but a fantastic save from Matthew Connor denied them that opportunity. A slight blunder from Kerry at the back opened the opportunity, but luckily, Connor was on hand to keep the game level pegging.

Unfortunately, the pressure was building and resulted in Treaty United finally breaking that deadlock in the sixty-fifth minute. A cross from the right wing came into the area and was met by the head of Patrick Ferry. The header may not have had the power, but it definitely had

the accuracy to fly past Matthew Connor and into the back of the Kerry FC net.

The goal brought Kerry FC back into the game and brought a new lease of life to the Kingdom, creating chances to get back into the fixture. Colin Healy ran the bench with attacking players in an attempt to salvage something from a losing position. With fifteen minutes to play, a long shot from Oran Crowe reached Kennedy Amechi inside the area, but he unfortunately could not get it under control, and the chance went begging.

Five minutes later, Kerry FC were on the attack again. A great innovative delivery from Oran Crowe found Ewan Lee, but his effort did not have enough of a connection on it and went just over the crossbar. Kerry were getting closer to a deserved equaliser and four minutes later, they found it.

A long throw-in by Sam Aladesanusi was scrambled and not dealt with in the area by the Treaty United defence. Ewan Lee got there to get it over the line and bring the game back level, with both sides now hoping they could come away with all three points

Kerry FC did very well to fight back into the game and can now take that into Friday night's game against Finn Harps in Mounthawk Park, Tralee.







# JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY

# takes a look at all things sport...

### **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS PREVIEW**

Sam is back home and all is right with the world, but a packed calendar doesn't give players much time to rest on their hard-earned laurels. Frankly, I think the demands on inter-county players at all grades has gotten ridiculous professional players get more of a break.

Of course the All Ireland is paramount in Kerry; that goes without saying. But the clubs are the bedrock of all of that. I keep saying it, because people keep putting the cart before the horse in this; the Kerry senior team is the flagship, but it is not the fleet.

County League is a saga in it's own right, a rollercoaster soap opera rather than a blockbuster movie, but the club championships are the crucible where legends are formed, and that is as true of the Junior Championship as the Bishop Moynihan itself. Actually, even more so - the lack of relegation in the Senior County Championship takes a lot of bite out of it; there is no point in dressing that up.

The county league may be absorbing, but I'm not sure that it's a reliable barometer of teams anymore. Nowadays, with modern living, practically every club has players abroad or unavailable for the league. Inter-county players are, despite occasional platitudes to the contrary, held from those games. I'm not always a fan of that. It may well be necessary for seniors, probably is given their workload, but U20s missed out on club league games without getting playing time for Kerry. Yes, they played challenge games and trained hard, but do they really need to be held since January? Honestly, I think a talented young player can learn as much from going up against an old dog soldier from North Kerry. And before any from North Kerry suggests that's a falsehood because all their footballers are clean-living and god-fearing Christians (if they can say it with a straight face), it was the legendary Tim Kennelly who pointed out that "God didn't give you elbows so that you could pick your nose". But look, easy for me to be talking, but Tomás Ó Sé took his U20 team all the way to an All Ireland Final this year, and that counts as hard currency in Kerry.

But club championship....well, if you want a county jersey, this is where you prove it. This is what every club builds towards, and it's all about to kick off.

This, of course, will be the first club championships in Kerry under the new rules. I love them, lads, I absolutely love them. Football was gone brutally bad, we can actually say that out loud now. This year we have attacking teams getting rewarded and teams forced to defend one on one. No more stultifying blanket defence and negativity. Skill is one again paramount, as it always should be. But who is going to take advantage?

#### **SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

#### **Group One**

#### Austin Stacks, Templenoe, Na Gaeil

I'll tempt fate and venture to suggest that Austin Stacks should be nigh on untouchable in this group. The Spillanes, Crowleys, and Tadhg Morley will ask questions of them in the opening round but two-time Kerry U21 and reigning minor champions? Stacks dropped down to Intermediate after being crucified with injuries but bounced back in style and look as strong as ever. Dylan Casey, Jack O'Shea, Jack Morgan, Armin Heinrich, Joe O'Connor (Joe was absolutely phenomenal for Kerry all through, best midfielder in the country by a mile). Then you look at their shooters.....I still think Templenoe rely a lot on Killian for their scores, Stacks could pull another six forwards off the bench and not lose much.

The runners-up spot will be more interesting. Diarmuid O'Connor and Jack Barry would have been in the mix for Kerry's starting midfield and they'll want to prove a point. The likes of Jack Sheehan were outstanding for County Hurling champions Abbeydorney. Na Gaeil are an excellent team, especially with the likes of the Bourkes. Their issue with the last few years has been scoring. As I say, Templenoe rely on Killian, but the younger Spillane always produces the goods and the likes of Brian and Aidan Crowley can chip in....l give Templenoe a slight edge toward reaching the quarter-final. Qualifiers; Dingle, Templenoe

#### **Group Two** Dingle, Kenmare Shamrocks, Milltown/Castlemaine

Milltown/Castlemaine won't want to remember their last encounter with Dingle - they scored just one point over the hour. The margin won't be anything like that on this occasion, but last year's club and county finalists have more strength in depth and three sharp-shooting Geaneys who are due All Ireland medals, that tells its own story. Kenmare Shamrocks are a tougher proposition. Seán O'Shea is, unsurprisingly, a phenomenon for them, I'd argue that himself and Paul Geaney have been the top two players of the last three county championships (before anybody asks, I consider Crokes to be the best team rather than a group of individual talents). But I think that Kenmare don't get enough credit as a team simply because Seán is so good. They would be a very solid unit without him. Kevin O'Sullivan, Dara O'Shea, David Hallissey, David Ciuciu.... all good footballers. Having seen the school



in this year's Corn Uí Mhuirí (Trained by Seán and Ronan Buckley) I can confirm that there's a good crop coming through as well, watch out for Jack O'Sullivan in particular. I still give Dingle a slight nod over them, but I expect them to take the quarter-final berth at the expense of Milltown/Castlemaine.

Qualifiers: Dingle, Kenmare Shamrocks

#### **Group Three** Dr. Crokes, Rathmore, Spa

No prizes for guessing the favourites here! Dr. Crokes have been the most dominant club of a generation and if anything, they look even stronger this year, now that Mark O'Shea and Evan Looney have really established themselves as Kerry seniors to go along with Shane Murphy, Gavin White, Micheál Burns, and Tony Brosnan, while Charlie Keating was in training with the team. Spa and Rathmore did both defeat Dr. Crokes in the county league, but when you consider the amount of players that Dr. Crokes were missing, this is a very different kind of animal. With the latter in particular as a primary score-getter, I can't see anybody landing a glove on them, to be honest, and that's overall, not just within the group (I expect Stacks and Dingle to be the main challengers). Rathmore also had a comfortable league win over Spa, putting four goals past them. However, Spa will have a few players back for the championship and while they will go in as underdogs against Rathmore, I don't expect there to be too much in it. You'd still have to give the Sliabh Luachra side with the Murphys, Ryans, and Moynihans a slight nod to make the quarter-final.

Qualifiers; Dr. Crokes, Rathmore

# INTERMEDIATE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

I would actually argue that the Intermediate Championship in the past few years has, if anything, actually been more entertaining overall than the senior. There isn't a big difference in quality - truthfully, there are a lot of senor teams that you'd be very slow to take bets on winning the Intermediate in any given year. The fact that there is a clear pathway to an All Ireland and Kerry clubs have a phenomenal record at that grade (look, we all now our grading system is a big part of the reason why, but the fact that Kerry had divisional teams that allow players from smaller clubs to stake a claim with the county is one of our biggest strengths - ask the likes of Seán O'Sullivan, Donnchadh Walsh, Graham O'Sullivan, or... what's the name of those brothers out in Fossa again? Oh, yeah.....frankly, I am honestly amazed that other counties don't copy our successful blueprint (I do acknowledge the primacy of football over hurling in Kerry and the logistical difficulties in the likes of Cork). Quite simply, I love the Intermediate, the absolute height of entertainment. But as for predicting it? The Intermediate is always full of surprises and traps for the unwary. If I'm asked later on, I am absolutely going to deny ever writing any of this.

#### Group One Kilcummin, Fossa, John Mitchels, Firies

Reigning Premier Junior champions Firies got a tough enough introduction to Intermediate standard as Kilcummin had too much firepower through Kevin O'Gorman's goal and 0-10 from the O'Shea brothers Paul and Mark. A young Firies side had James Horgan in sparkling form with 0-8 but it wasn't enough as they went down by 1-18 to 0-14. I fancy Kilcummin to give the Intermediate a right rattle; they have been unlucky enough in the last couple of years but have an experienced side and showed well in Division One. I wouldn't write off a talented young Firies side just yet, but they are battling uphill now.

Fossa, for two very obvious reasons, will be the popular favourites to join them in qualifying. I don't like singling out individual players too

much – as a general rule, it's the better team that prevails rather than the best individuals, but yeah, one does have to make an exception for Paudie and David. They ended up relegated from Division Two, including a 1-12 to 0-12 defeat to Firies. I don't really see Fossa winning it out, and in fact I could see Firies starving the Cliffords of possession, but I can see Fossa making the knockout stages. The likes of Rian Colleran, the Doyles, Paddy Sheehan, and the O'Shea brothers will have a big say.

John Mitchels are a bit of an unknown quantity. They have been sleeping giants in Tralee football for a while now but are showing real signs of progress. They made the opposite trip to Fossa, winning promotion from Division Three, and sharpshooters like Mikey Kelliher, Shane O'Connor, and Darragh Cunnane give them a real chance. That's a team that I could see taking a big scalp at some stage, but again, I don't see them as realistic candidates for the title. I know – I could see my words being used for an inspirational team talk before a final yet! Qualifiers: Kilcummin, Fossa

#### Group Two Laune Rangers, Killarney Legion, Listowel Emmetts, Ballydonoghue

Laune Rangers and Killarney Legion meet in the opening round and that should be some cracker. Killarney Legion should be listed among the favourites on paper but guite simply have struggled in the last year or two to put up the kind of scoring their play has deserved. James O'Donoghue was a machine in that regard, but James is no longer the force that he once was. They still gave eventual winners Stacks a right rattle in last year's quarter-final though and will be tough to beat. Laune Rangers went within a whisker of beating Austin Stacks last year - who knows how much of a sliding doors moment that was? - but have plenty of talent. You'd still have to give the likes of the Hassett brothers, Daire Cleary, and Fiachra Clifford the nod to do enough damage and if Laune Rangers can win this win, I expect their momentum to be very hard to stop.

Listowel are a coming side. Eddie Healy stamped his class with Kerry, while the likes of Darragh Leahy, Joe Joe Grimes (Cork midfielder last year), Cormac Mulvihill, and the Keanes up front are serious footballers, I just don't



Young supporters at the Intermediate Club Championship, Kilcummin v Firies. Photos by Lucy Shalimova, Fitzgerald Stadium PR

see them staying with the top two over a full hour. Likewise Ballydonoghue. They are fit and purposeful, but they got relegated from Division Three. I know Jason Foley had a really superb club championship last year, but I just don't see Ballydonoghue having enough to make the breakthrough.

#### Group Three An Ghaeltacht, Castleisland Desmonds, Glenflesk, St. Marys

Glenflesk's semi-final against laune rangers was one of the best games I saw last year, a thriller from start to finish. For that matter, Glenflesk had a belter of a game at home to Austin Stacks the year before. Iff Glenflesk have a full pick - and that, unfortunately, has carried an asterisk in recent years - they are very strong contenders for me. Jamie Moynihan really blossomed last year and was the driving force behind the Sem later on. The Roche brothers, especially Darragh, are lethal prowlers. Patrick Darcy, the Bowlers, Callum Cronin, Jeff O'Donoghue pulling the strings, Cian Lynch and Killian O'Sullivan at the back....they were't far away last year and I can see them going closer again. I don't see St. Marys staying with them - there's no denying now that rural depopulation has really hit South Kerry football hard. St. Marys are the pick of the teams down there, and did manage to get promotion to Division Two, but they simply aren't the force





Action from the opening round of the Intermediate Club Championship, Kilcummin v Firies.

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of old as yet and I can't see them stopping Glenflesk in their opening game.

Desmonds are one of those teams I find really difficult to read. Last year I thought Fossa would beat them with a bit to spare; instead Desmonds put up a thrilling battle. There are days where you would be asking why the likes of the Brosnans, Brian Leonard, the Hickey brothers, and Adam Donoghue aren't wearing Kerry jerseys. But there are other days where Desmonds just can't seem to fire the engines. They can beat anybody on a good day, but every now and again they can lose to almost anybody as well. I think they will reach the quarter-finals, but depending on the draw I wouldn't fancy them to go much further.

An Ghaeltacht is, unfortunately, another area without high employment and they struggle to hold on to players. They just barely staved off relegation from Division Two. They have some top quality players, Cian Mac Gearailt, big midfielder Éanna Ó Chonchúir, and Tomás Ó Sé among them, but will struggle. Again, if they get a head of steam....but it's a big 'if' in a fairly merciless group.

Qualifiers; Glenflesk, Castleisland Desmonds

#### Group Four Beaufort, Glenbeigh/Glencar Gneeveguilla, Kerins O'Rahillys

Lads, that's a seriously tough group! Any two out of the four could qualify. I don't see Glenbeigh/Glencar being the force of recent years, especially with Darran O'Sullivan's retirement. Beaufort would absolutely have to be fancied, Mike Breen, Seán O'Brien, Jack and darragh O'Connor, the Dennehys....serious firepower and a nice brand of football. I actually think they could be in the final shake-up.

Gneeveguilla are another side who have been closer contenders than people realise from the outside, having only lost by two points to Glenflesk last year. With the likes of Seán O'Keeffe, John O'Leary, Pádraig Doyle, and Jack Cremin, they have shooters to hurt anybody and they bring a good, intense style of football. I think that's a club that will relish the space the new rules afford, it certainly didn't hurt them as they beat Milltown/Castlemaine to get promoted back to Division One.

Kerins O'Rahillvs were relegated Intermediate in 2023by Na gaeil - incredibly, they were the reigning Munster champions at the time! I felt myself that with David Moran, Tommy Walsh, Con Barrett, and Barry John Keane beginning to feel their age and Jack Savage and Cormac Coffey based in Dubai, along with an amalgamation at juvenile with St. Pats, that the club were in for lean times. It turns out that I was emphatically wrong. Jack Savage is back playing and as lethal as ever, Darragh O'Connor has emerged as a serious threat in the inside line, while the likes of Ben Hanafin, Jake Hoare, and Daniel Bowler have really stepped up to the mark. That's without mentioning Tomás Kennedy, and I would say that he and Ben Murphy of Stacks are right up there with the best young sporting talent in the country. Believe me, Strand Road will e right in the mix.

Qualifiers: Beaufort, Kerins O'Rahillys



Fans enjoying the Kilcummin V Firies game at the Fitzgerald Stadium at the weekend. Photos by Lucy Shalimova, Fitzgerald Stadium PR

#### PREMIER JUNIOR

I won't be lying to ye, people, I'm running into choppy waters here. The truth is that while I would have followed their county league progress and last year's championship (didn't we all? It was utterly magnificent, especially those unbelievable semi-finals), there would be a small bit of bluff and a colossal amount of guesswork about any predictions I make here. Arrah, ye know me well enough; there's been plenty guesswork written already if I'm being really honest about it. Ye have been warned and ye know what to expect.

#### Group One Duagh, Reenard, Waterville, Ballyduff

I had Duagh as dark horses from a long way out. They looked very solid and assured in the county league (granted, in Division Four) and that was mostly without Cormac Dillon. Put him among the Mahers, Nigel O'Connor, Ted Moloney....The thing is, they had to come from nine down to beat Reenard, and that's worrying. Not because Reenard aren't a fine side in their own right; they most certainly are, but a scoreline of 2-20 to 5-7? Duagh have a precious win in the bag, but with five goals conceded? As for Reenard, who had 3-3 from the dangerous Seán Teahan and further goals from Aodhán O'Neill and Fintan O'Sullivan, they will have to be looking at this as one that got away.

Ballyduff reached the County Hurling Final for the second year in a row, that won't have helped their preparations too much in football terms. It was a tough hurling championship, really physical and draining (especially with a magnificent Pádraig Boyle battling through injury) and a really tough finale for them. Can they bounce back from that defeat? Waterville certainly won't give them anything easy but you'd feel that the likes of Evan Boyle, the Segals, Kevin Goulding, Luke Rochford, and Dylan Moriarty should have just enough for

Ballyduff to open with a win. I'm just not sure if those players can maintain that hunger, though. Waterville will need Barry and Adam Dwyer, Jack Curran, Niall Fitzgerald, and Jamie O'Sullivan to be on top form to take something here. I do think that the loser of this one will struggle after that.

Qualifiers; Duagh, Reenard

Senans to come through.

#### Group Two: St Senans, Currow, Churchill, Listry

Well, there's nothing soft here, is there? St. Senans would be listed among most people's favourites, and with good reason. They could consider themselves unlucky to lose out narrowly to Ardfert in last year's semi-final, Ardfert's Nicky O'Sullivan making two superb saves to keep them at bay. Senans will have Cillian Trant back around the middle, two Dillons, Seán O'Connell, Darragh Behan, David Foran....all good footballers and a serious amount of muscle – people might not like me saying it, but muscle does count for a lot in these games. Even with a group as tight and

Currow have been contenders for the past while – they gave eventual winners Firies plenty of it last year in the 'airport derby'. With John McMahon, John Buckley, and Cathal Brosnan up front, they can do serious damage and they don't cough up anything easy either. If they get past St. Senans, they can run the table.

unpredictable as this one, I'd still fancy St.

Listry, for my money, were slightly the better team in a Premier Junior Final two years ago, but just couldn't contain the Clifford brothers at their best. Listry certainly haven't gone away, and Ruairí Murphy will be back from county duty to join the likes of Jimmy O'Leary, Ronan uckley, Gary O'Sullivan, Anthony Kennedy, and sharpshooter Aaron O'Shea. Churchill, with fine footballers themselves like Oisín McGibney, Cian O'Gara, Ben Donnellan, Jason Mortimor, and Darragh O'Sullivan, but Listry will surely go in as strong favourites here.

Qualifiers: St. Senans, Listry

# Group Three: Ballymac, Castlegregory, St. Pats Blennerville, Dromid Pearses

Ballymac have been perennial favourites because of their Division One status, but have just been caught in the latter stages in the last couple of years. There would be a certain irony about it if they were to finally achieve their coveted goal in the year where they slipped down to Division Two. They are still a very formidable force. Aiden Brreen has been one of the most consistent championship players in the whole county and when you add in the likes of veteran Vinny Horan, Tadhg Brick, Brian Lonergan, and Donal Daly, they will be one of the teams to beat. To be honest, I would be very surprised if they don't get out of the group.

Castlegregory have been motoring very well. Veteran Alan Fitzgerald still pulls the strings, but the likes of Maurice O'Connell and Thomas O'Donnell are really coming into top form and I think they will be in the mix as well. Unfortunately St. Pats Blennerville ended up relegated from Division Four despite the best efforts of top scorer Fergal O'Brien and players like Liam O'Sullivan, Gary Savage, and Adam Hegarty. Have they enough to get through this group? Even with the return of Kerry hurler Jordan Conway, I can't really see it happening. Dromoda na Piarsaigh will be looking to the evergreen Niall Ó Sé, Kerry U20 star Donagh Shine O'Sullivan, Seán Ó Suilleabháin and Pádraig O'Sullivan to ignite their challenge, but the likelihood is that they will be up against it. Qualifiers; Ballymac, Castlegregory

#### Group Four: Ardfert, Keel, Brosna, Annascaul

That's actually another savage group. Lads, the Premier Junior could be the best contested competition we see. Ardfert reached last year's final nd have a great mix of veteran (Michael Leane, Daithí Griffin, John Egan) and young (the Ferris's, Gary O'Riordan, Nathan O'Driscoll, Fionán Egan, Liam Óg O'Connor) players and they have to be fancied.

Keel were a bit of a surprise package to me personally last year – it turned out that a lot of people in Mid Kerry were aware of the Evans family (Liam was one of the best championship players I saw last year, while Keith has an All Ireland medal to stamp his credentials) and the likes of Aaron Cahillane, Thomas Ladden, and Paul Costello. A lot of the Mid Kerry clubs appear to be increasing in population; certainly I think Keel will be a team to watch out for in the coming years. I don't think they will win this year's championship, but any team that knocks them out will be in with a great chance.

Then you have Brosna. Another tough side to beat. Paul Walsh on song is county standard, Adam Barry would walk onto any team out there, and when you add the likes of Timmy Finnegan and veteran Flor McAuliffe to that mix, Brosna will be a real handful for anybody. Lastly you have Annascaul. So far in this group you have obvious favourites in Ardfert, genuine dark horses in Keel, and a Brosna side who will pose a real test for both of them. You'd hardly

have another dark horse running in that herd, would you? Well, let me throw out a few names and see if any of them are familiar....Colm Moriarty, Gearóid Lyne, James Ashe, Jason Hickson, Seán Kennedy...oh, and Killian Falvey and Cathal Ferriter. Yes, they played in Division Four, but they went through it undefeated. On paper they will be underdogs, but I never saw any football match won on paper yet and my gut is saying that if they start well and get out of the group, they will be right in the mix. Again, there's that famous 'if', every pundit has to play that caveat!

Qualifiers: Ardfert, Keel

#### **IUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP**

The lack of an All Ireland path to follow subsequently is a bit of a shame – would it really be that hard to have one? I guess logistically it might, given the pre-eminence of hurling in a lot of counties a lot of junior football clubs would have small ball commitments to fulfil within their counties and, given the general reliance on smaller playing panels, a greater reliance on younger players. Look, I don't know. I just think that it would mean as much or more to small clubs to play in Croke Park. Have you heard Kingfishr's song 'Killeagh'? Yes, it's as hokey as they come. That thing has so much corn that people in Virginia or Tennessee would make moonshine out of it. But that doesn't stop it being absolutely brilliant. We might sometimes pretend to be too cool and sophisticated to admit to it, but that song strikes a chord with anyone who had the privilege of representing their club on or off the field. And that encapsulates junior football for me. G.K. Chesterton has a poem, 'The Silent People', about the social history of England. It resonates with the same note for me. And the Junior County Championship is a living, breathing part of that, an actual social narrative being written in real time.

#### Group A | Group One Cordal, Valentia, Skellig Rangers, Moyvane

Skellig Rangers and Valentia Young islanders served up an absolute cracker. Valentia had goals from Ben Egan and Brian O'Connor, while Andy Quigley as always was dangerous up front, but Skellig had matchwinners in Keith Brennan, Ronan O'Shea, and Micheál O'Sullivan and deserved their 1-12 to 2-8 victory. That puts them in pole position, but there's quite a race to run yet! Valentia will have to win both their remaining games, and that's a big ask. Certainly not impossible, not with the players they have, especially if the talented Emmett Daly is available, but it's a big ask.

Cordal have arguably been the unluckiest side in the Junior Championship over the past four or five years. Right up there every time, but just getting caught at crucial moments every year. To be truthful about it, I'd love to see Seán Óg Ó Ciardubháin and Philip O'Connor win a Junior, not because I know either particular well, but I know enough to know that they are both gentlemen, dedicated club men, and two of the greatest warriors in Kerry club football.

Promotion to Division Two after a play-off doesn't hurt their chances. They had a great championship until late on last year? Can they go further? Yes. Can they win it? Yes – but I said that last year and the year before as well!

Moyvane...it's another club that I like, a club who do their business right, and Martin Stack is one of the most under-rated forwards in the county, but they just don't have the playing numbers for strength in depth and I'm sorry, but this is a tough playing schedule; panel depth will count before the finish.

Qualifiers: Cordal, Skellig Rangers

# Group Two Kilgarvan, Tuosist, Cromane, Lispole

Tuosist had to see off Ballylongford in a preliminary qualifier and did so in style but came a cropper against Cromane in the group opener itself. That 4-20 to 1-5 victory puts Cromane in pole position in the group for me. The won promotion out of Division Five – which is a lot harder than it sounds with B teams in the mix. Cromane have alway had decent footballers, but for the Darragh McKeeffry, Jason O'Connor, and most especially the emergence of young Jack McGrath gives them a serious cutting edge up front to go along with it.

Kilgravan also opened with a win, this one a much tighter affair against a Lios Póil side inspired by the Ó Cinnéide brothers, but a superb display by Shane O'Sullivan in defence and Daniel Casey (2-5) up front, with Jimmy Kelliher and Gearóid Finnerty chipping in with 0-3 each, gave Kilgarvan a very tight win. Tough on Lios Póil, you won't score 1-18 and be on the losing side too often, but Kilgarvan clocked up 3-13 along the way. That gives them a big advantage in terms of qualification. All to play for, but definitely two early leaders.

Qualifiers: Cromane, Kilgarvan

#### Group Three Tarbert, Scartaglin, St Michaels-Foilmore, Sneem/Derrynane

Tough one to call. Scartaglin and St. Michaels/ Foilmore served up a cracker in Killorglin.The excellent Pádraig Reidy had Scartaglin in the driving seat early on but Bally/Foilmore came back and it took a fantastic two pointer from Shay Walsh to give Scart a two point lead at the break. Scores were hard to come by in a tightly contested and genuinely absorbing second half. Bally/Foilmore, with lan O'Sullivan sparking into life, had nudged his team in front in the final minute, only for Eddie Horan to kick a great two point free and then rise high to catch the final kick-out. That's a very big win in what is going to be a tight group.

Sneem/Derrynane will be a tough contest for anyone. An opening loss to Trabert by 0-12 to 1-8 is a blow in a group that's likely to come down to ine margins, though. Ruairí Burns is a hugely talented full forward, and they can call on the likes of lan Galvin, Oisin Breen, and Tom Clifford as well. The team that came fourth in Division Four are probably up against it, but they are more than their parts and I can see them rising to championship challenges.

#### ALL THINGS **SPORT**

Lastly, there's Tarbert. Always a tough side - I remember them going from Division Five to Division One under the great Patsy 'Skin' O'Connell. Nobody called their home ground 'Shannon Park' back then, it was always 'Fortress Tarbert', and to be honest that wasn't any affectionate nickname! Tarbert struggled in recent years but Tarbert Comp.'s All Ireland C win last year has seen an influx of young talent. John Coolahan is unquestionably a standout talent, Paudie Finucane, Shaun Wren, Andrew Doherty....suddenly, they have a bit of bite to them. They already notched a crucial win over Sneem/Derrynane, 0-12 to 1-8 with Coolahan the standout. Forget their league position, these are genuine contenders. Finalists the last two years, is third time the charm? Qualifiers; Tarbert, Scartaglin

**Group Four** Knocknagoshel, Finuge, Beale, Asdee

Hard to look beyond Beale in this group. They reached the semi-finals two years ago but came a cropper last year in the opening round and ended up in the Novice. Undeterred, they went to win the Munster Junior B. Yes, the retirements of Paul Collins and Jeremy King (what a warrior!) will hurt them, but on the other hand the emergence of Rob Stack is a huge boost - I can't imagine it'll be too long before we see him stepping from Kerry U20 to senior. John Griffin, the three Toomeys, Eoin Tydings, Ian Mannix....they already recovered from a slow start to see off Finuge's challenge





Action from the County Hurling Final - Abbeydorney v Ballyduff. Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans

by 2-13 to 2-9, and that's a big win to have in storage.

Asdee struggled badly for numbers during the league. They will contest the championship, no John Kennedy team will bow out without putting up a battle, but the odds are heavily stacked against them just now - again, population is a key factor. The Walsh's, especially Edmond, are proven scorers along with Cathal McElligott and the likes of Shane O'Connell and veteran Denis Roche are proven quality. They reached a semi-final last year and will look to at least do the same again.

Qualifiers: Tarbert, Knocknagoshel

### **KERRY HURLING**

### **County Final:**

Abbeydorney 0-23 Ballyduff 0-17

Look, it's always a hugely vibrant occasion and full of noise and colour. But I have to be honest. The County Hurling Championship felt very rushed, very forced. I was paying more attention to Kerry and the impending All Ireland Final and I make no apologies for that; I certainly wasn't the only one. I also found the build-up a little bit bizarre, in that there was any amount of "too close to call" and "it'll be very tight". Really? Look, I'm definitely not any expert on Kerry hurling, far from it, but Abbeydorney are basically unbeaten in any match that counted for two years now. They beat Ballyduff in last year's final – I felt it was more comfortable than the final scoreline suggested - and Ballyduff were carrying injuries and absentees into this one. I mean, Podge had to come off the bench and limp his way to superb comebacks not once, but twice. I might not be an expert, but I had an inkling of who was favourites for this one. It wasn't a hard wind to read.

I wasn't wrong, either. Big Michael O'Leary was once again unstoppable, finishing with eleven frees. He won a lot of those himself and to be honest, I definitely thought he should have won a few more. Daniel O'Carroll did as well as anybody could do that powerhouse - I'd say

the same about Brendan McCole or Pádraig Hampsey on David Clifford, and with about as much effect. O'Carroll also cleared a Michael Slattery effort off the line early on; Ballyduff were already struggling at that stage. A lighter Ballyduff side were trying to play it short and through the lines - they had no choice, Abbeydorney were winning the physical contests on every long ball. Abbeydorney led by 0-13 to 0-8 at half-time and it felt like even more. Kevin Goulding came off the bench to good effect for Ballyduff, while Evan Boyle, the Segal brothers, Dylan Moriarty, and Luke Rochford tried very hard. They did get it back to two points but with O'Leary, Oisín Maunsell, and Michael Slattery always dangerous, a turnaround never really felt likely. Podge Boyle did manage eight points, but only one from play; Abbeydorney always seemed to have an extra man to spare to crowd him out. Back back wins for Abbeydorney and Francie O'Halloran.

#### **County Minor Final:** Tralee Parnells 2-18 Crotta O'Neills 0-10

I was expecting a decent minor final. In fact, I called this one completely wrong; I thought Crotta would follow up their Minor League Final victory with another narrow win. It didn't materialise. Tralee Parnells took ten minutes to get going, and then just blew them away. Goals from Ryan Sheehy and Eoghan Costello, who finished with 1-10, had them in front by 2-9 to 0-5. They added the first four points of the second half and the gap never dipped below ten points. A very late goal for Oisín Heaton was only a consolation for Crotta, and scant consolation at that. Delighted for Parnells, it;'s only the second time the Seán Lovett Cup has gone outside of North Kerry (Austin Stacks in 1986 - Martin McKivergen and Anthony Gleeson were among the standouts that day) but your heart would go out to Crotta. To lose a final on merit is hard; to lose without really performing is an awful lot harder.

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### **SPORTS NEWS**

#### KILLARNEY RFC CLUB

#### **U14 BOYS RETURN TO TRAINING**

The Killarney RFC U14 boys kicked off their preseason preparations with their first training session back on Thursday evening. There was a fantastic turnout, with plenty of energy and enthusiasm on display. Training continues every Thursday evening at 7pm at the club grounds. New players are always welcome to join—no experience necessary.

#### **GIVE IT A TRY GIRLS VISIT MUSGRAVE PARK**

A group of girls from the club's "Give It A Try" programme enjoyed a brilliant day out at Musgrave Park in Cork last weekend, where they cheered on the Ireland Women's team in a World Cup warm-up clash against Scotland. The trip provided a huge boost of inspiration for the girls, who got to see their rugby heroes in action up close. The club extends its thanks to all who helped organise the trip.



Members of Killarney Rugby Clubs "Give It A Try" programme who cheered on the Ireland Women's team in a World Cup warm-up clash against Scotland.

### FINAL LIONS WATCH PARTY AND RAFFLE WINNER

The fourth and final Lions Watch Party took place at Scotts Hotel on Saturday morning, where members and supporters gathered to watch the deciding test against Australia. The series of watch parties was a great success, bringing together the club community in support of the Lions. Congratulations to Kerry TD Danny Healy-Rae, who was the lucky winner of the signed Lions jersey in the final raffle draw. Sincere

thanks go to the club volunteers who helped organise and run each event.

## ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME DRAW – WIN A TRIP TO CHICAGO

Killarney RFC's major summer fundraiser is now live, offering supporters a chance to win a truly unforgettable prize: a trip for two to Chicago to see Ireland take on New Zealand at Soldier Field. The prize includes match tickets, flights, accommodation, and €1,000 spending money. Tickets are €25 and are available to purchase now at www.killarneyrugby.com/events. All proceeds go directly to supporting the club's teams and development plans.

#### **UPCOMING**

Mini, youth, and girls rugby training will return in full over the coming weeks. Keep an eye on the club's website and social media channels for updates.

# KILLARNEY SWIMMING

Cathal Mackey, Ella Cremin and Cathal Larkin represented Killarney Swimming Club at the 2025 Irish Summer Youth and Senior National Championships at the National Aquatic Centre in Dublin last week. This was a five day event and all three swimmers had excellent swims and made the club extremely proud competing at National Level. Ella Cremin made finals in three of her six events. She finished 8th place in the 200 Fly, 8th in the 400IM and 17th in the 100 Fly, with excellent swims in all events. She came away with 5 personal bests. Cathal Mackey swam superbly, making two A finals and finished 6th in the 200 back, 9th in the 100 back and 14th in the 100 fly. Cathal Larkin had an excellent swim in the 200 Breast. All club swimmers are now looking forward to a well deserved break and will return to the pool in September.

#### **WORKMAN'S ROWING**

#### CI IIR

OOKING AHEAD: ALL IRELAND COASTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS – FRIDAY, 16TH – 18TH AUGUST 2025

Fantastic weekend ahead for coastal rowing and the club are looking forward to something special for the 33rd All Ireland coastal rowing championship 2025 in Glenarm, County Antrim which is taking place on Friday, 16th- 18th



Congratulations to the St Brendans RC woman's crew who successfully competed in the Valentia Regatta, especially Edel on her first Regatta, great race by all the team. Also congrats to the men's team in their races. All club members are looking forward to competing in the Killarney regatta on the 14th of September 2025.

#### August 2025.

Preparations are well underway — our crews and management team are in full swing, fine-tuning boats and sharpening their skills for what promises to be a fantastic weekend of racing and celebration.

The coastal waters of Glenarm will be alive with colour and energy as rowers from across Ireland take to the waves. It's a chance not only to compete but to celebrate the spirit of our sport and our community.

Best of luck to all our crews over the weekend – see you all in Co Antrim. Don't forget to bring the green and gold!!!!

#### **ONGOING TRAINING**

Regular training sessions continue as scheduled throughout the week. Consistency and teamwork in training remain key — keep showing up, pushing forward, and supporting one another.

### FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB

#### **RESULTS FOR 31ST JULY**

1st: Anne Looney & Michael McHugh 2nd: Doreen Brosnan & Ron Carron 3rd: Phyllis O' Regan & Ciarán Broadbery Well done.

**SUMMER BRIDGE** continues every Thursday morning at 10am at The Castlerosse Hotel. All bridge players are welcome.



Killarney Swimming Club members Cathal Mackey, Coach Sean Farndon and Cathal Larkin at the NAC, Dublin.



Killarney Swimming Club members Cathal Mackey, Coach Sean Farndon and Ella Cremin.



# KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL STOPPING HOUSE BUILDING IN KERRY

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

# ERRATIC PLANNING DECISIONS WITHOUT CONSEQUENCES FOR KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

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

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

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



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



This is a photo of a manhole that was built in 2008.

This manhole is in perfect condition after sixteen years.

The specifications on building a manhole has changed recently and Kerry County Council wants all the manholes in the estate dug up and rebuild under the updated specifications and this work will cost the builder €45,000.

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



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

#### KILLARNEY LEGION

**MINOR BOYS** 

A busy week for our minor boys. On the last Tuesday in July they took the trip to Rathbeg on Tuesday evening for a Minor County League semi final encounter. In what was a very entertaining game they started brightly with a goal and a point, and Rathmore replied with a goal in a sign of things to come in a game where goals were going to be crucial.

Legion was putting in a good shift into the breeze with the defence combining well the midfield and with the forward unit in impressive form they built up a good lead scoring 3-4 from play out of 3-5. Rathmore scored a goal and point just before the whistle to close the gap to just two points. The excitement continued in the second half as both sides traded early goals, and Legion pointed again before ref John Purcell awarded a penalty to the home side. James Murphy saved the spot kick out at the expense of a 45. The teams raised white flags before Rathmore scored 1-3 without midway through the half to swing momentum towards the home side. But the game ebbed and flowed with the final. whistle signalling a narrow Legion win.

So it was onto the final in Fitzgerald Stadium on Bank Holiday Monday. Na Fianna would provide the opposition and it was to prove to be a real see-saw battle. Playing with the wind to their backs and attacking the dressing room goal they set about the task early with points from Oisin Fleming, Brian OShea and Jack Culloty. The South Kerry combination were competitive though and were boosted by a goal midway through the half. When referee John Purcell sounded the half time whistle there were four points between the sides, Killarney Legion 0- 9 Na Fianna 1-2. Na Fianna, through their impressive midfielders, made a flying start to the second half with a trio of two pointers edging them in front. But a brilliant goal from Brian O Shea steadied the Legion ship and that kick started a period of dominance with Samuel Scroope joining Fleming and O Shea on the scoresheet. That opened up a six point advantage, 1-14 to 1-8, but again Na Fianna mounted a strong comeback to draw level with the game entering the final stages. But up popped centre back Bryan Walsh to get the Legion noses in front again before substitute Eoin Murphy put the seal on it with a mighty point. Na Fianna had a chance at redemption, but their long range free was pulled just left of the posts. The final whistle brought the curtain down on a very enjoyable final, the scoreboard reading Killarney Legion 1-16 Na Fianna 1-14.

Post game Paudie Healy, Treasurer of the Kerry County Board and Micheal Keane, representing Keanes SuperValu, presented Captain Brian O Shea with both the winning shield and the Man of the Match award.

Well done to the management team of Donal and Sean Culloty, Bryan Griffin, Eoin Carroll with assistance on the night from Mike Pierce and Enda Murphy. Brian Looney, a pivotal member of the set up, is away this week.

#### **SENIOR LADIES**

Our senior ladies welcomed ISG to Direen with both teams, knowing a place in the club league final awaited the winners. The visitors, playing



Legion U16 Girls who defeated Churchill in the County League - Division 2



Killarney Legion Senior Ladies who won the @corriboiltralee Club League, defeating Kerins O Rahillys 3-18 to 1-11 in Ballyrickard this week.

against the wind in the first half, opened the scoring with an early goal and a point. However, the girls came roaring back with four answered points and a goal following a very good team move, finished to the net by returning Elizabeth Mohan. Both teams traded further points before Ciara Randles raised another green flag to leave thw scoreboard reading Killarney Legion 2-07 ISG 1-04

The home team stretched the lead early in the 2nd half with another point before ISG came up the field and scored a goal of their own quickly, followed by a point to leave only three between the teams. This appeared to spur the hosts into action as they gained control in the middle third. Some resolute defending and strong attacking play set up some fine team scores in the next period with girls taking the points on a score of Legion 2-15 ISG 2-05.

#### **U16 GIRLS**

The girls secured their first win of the Division 2 campaign in Round 3 during the week with a strong performance against Churchill. Playing with a stiff breeze in the first half, they started brightly and took some well-worked scores, built on solid defending at the back. A big thanks to Churchill for making the journey despite being without several first-team players, and for contributing to a very sporting game. Thanks also to Seán Courtney for officiating. Final Score Killarney Legion 5-8 Churchill 1-6

#### **ROWING**

Well done to minor squad member Cian Scannell, who medalled at the Coupe de la

Jeunesse rowing regatta in Linz, Austria rowing for Ireland in the Double .His teammate Ronan Fahy also put in an excellent performance in the Irish Quad.

#### **DEEPEST SYMPATHIES**

The Club would like to extend its sympathies to the family, friends and Dr Crokes clubmates of Jamie Doolan, who sadly passed away. May he Rest in Peace.

#### **LOTTO**

Results Tuesday July 29th. Numbers were 11,13,17, 22. Bonus No 4. Match 3s / Lucky Dips: 1. Maurice Donovan 2. Karen Walsh 3. Maura Maher.

#### **FOSSA**

LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 03/08/2025 for a jackpot of €12,000 were 4, 7, 9, 12. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Siobhan Kiely, Christine Davidson, Marie and Tony Nagle, Patie Kelliher, Jerry Cullinan. Tickets are available from our sellers and can also be bought online with the following link https://fossagaa.clubforce.com/products/lotto/fossagaa-club-lotto

#### U-16 GIRLS

Last Thursday evening our U16 sponsored Arcon Contracting Ltd girls played their second game in Division 3 of the Kerry Ladies Gaelic Football County League. With Na Gael opting to play with the wind, Fossa prepared for a battle and that it proved to be. The first half proved difficult

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for Fossa which saw our full back line of Ayla Keogh, Zara McCarthy and Feur O'Neill along with our half back line of Fiona Brunner, Emma O'Connor and Kate Kissane defending strongly while Milly Spillane was full value in goals as we managed to go in marginally ahead of Na Gael at half time. Fossa 3-06, Na Gael 3-05. Callie Cummins and Elise Brunner worked tirelessly and covered every blade of grass defending and going forward. The second half saw the girl's performance flourish and with the wind now in their favour our midfielders Kate Lyons and Tara O'Sullivan worked hard supplying ball to our forwards to ensure Fossa had a good spread of scorers Ava Harty, Kelsey Cummins, Aoibh Ni Gearailt, Isabelle Lyons, Tara O'Sullivan and Emma O'Connor all contributing with plenty of outstanding scores. Abigail O'Mahony wasn't shy when introduced and assisted in great passages of play to ensure Fossa ran out winners. Fossa 5-13, Na Gael 4-10

Wishing speedy recovery to both Na Gael and Fossa players who picked up injuries.

Two wins from two for Fossa U16 girls.

#### **EAST KERRY**

**EAST REGION U14 LEAGUE** 

Division 1B

Kenmare 5-14 Firies 5-18

Division 3

Kilgarvan 1-04 Glenflesk 5-13

Currow 5-31 Beaufort 1-10

**SYMPATHIES** 

Condolences from all in East Kerry GAA to the families of Dr Crokes stalwart Jamie Doolan on his tragic passing last week. May he rest in peace.

#### DR CROKES

**LOTTO** took place August 4th. Numbers drawn were 6, 19, 23, 28. Jackpot of €10,100 was NOT WON. 5 patrons matched 3 numbers and receive €80 each. Jackpot for draw on August 11th will be €10,400. Play online by following





At the presentation of prizes of the Dr Crokes GAA Club annual Golf Classic at the Mahony's Point Course at Killarney Golf Club last weekend were from left, Cian McMahon (member of the winning Rose Hotel team), Karl McMahon (winning captain of The Rose Hotel team), Vincent Casey (organising committee), Colm Foley (Charlie Foley's Bar, sponsor), and John O'Shea (member of the winning Rose Hotel team). Picture: Eamonn Keogh

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BINGO

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

**CONDOLENCES** to Bryan, Gavin, Meave and the entire O'Donoghue Family on the passing of Tom O'Donoghue. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a ainm. **NOTES** 

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

# MKL Gaels U15 Girls Shine at All-Ireland 7s in Kilmacud



Back L to R: Mary Kennedy (Mentor), Maria McCarthy (S&C coach), Anna Mangan, Kaylee Flynn, Saoirse McHugh, Meabh Kennedy, Tara O'Connell, Aisling Quirke, Leah McCarthy, Clíodhna Quirke (Manager) Front L to R: Holly Burke, Grace Ryan, Eve Kelliher, Lauren O' Sullivan, Ellen Barry, Esmèe Van Benthem

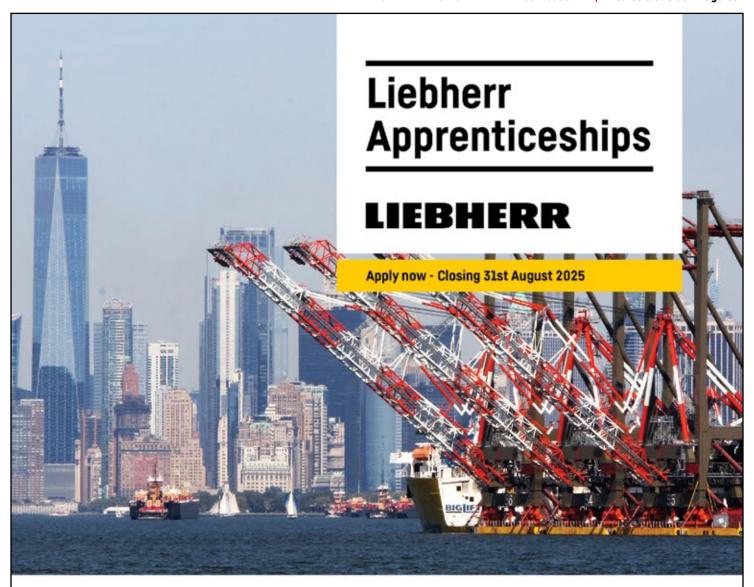
The MKL Gaels U15 girls team did Kerry proud this weekend as they took to the field at the prestigious All-Ireland 7s competition hosted by Kilmacud Crokes.

Representing the Kingdom, the talented young squad delivered a strong performance in the group stages. They recorded impressive wins over both Down and Dublin, showcasing great teamwork, skill, and determination. Despite a narrow loss to Cavan, the team secured second place in their group and advanced to the Cup quarter-finals.

In the knockout stage, MKL Gaels faced a tough battle against a well-drilled Derry side. Despite their best efforts, the Kerry girls fell short, but not without leaving their mark on the tournament.

The club and community are immensely proud of the team's achievements. Representing Kerry on a national stage is no small feat, and the girls' performances throughout the day reflected their hard work, commitment, and passion for the game.

Well done to all involved, the future is bright for this talented group of players.



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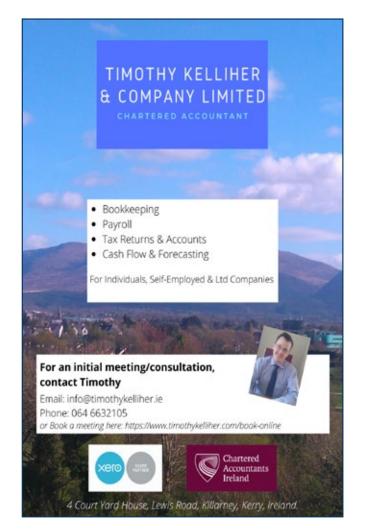
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Best of luck to Aideen Ní Bhuachalla, Saibh Ní Riada & Colm Óg O'Súilleabháin from Gaelscoil Faithleann, Killarney who will be taking part in the All Ireland Fleadh Cheoil Comhrá Gaeilge competitions in Wexford this weekend. Aideen & Saibh will take part in the 9-11 competition and Colm in the U9 competition.



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you will probably get a few seasons out of it in the container and you can plant it somewhere in your garden afterwards.

Some good centre pieces for containers are Large: Phormium, Cordyline (green or purple) Varigitas, Holly or Bay tree Small: Care, Algold, Heuchara, Euonymus, Azalea.

You need to also make sure when choosing that the plant is evergreen. There is also a good selection of flowering winter bedding which you can plant, including Violets, Pansy, Primrose, Polyanthis, Cyclamen and Ornamental Cabbage.

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"What shall we say about such wonderful things? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? Since He did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't He also give us everything else? Who dares accuse or condemn us whom God has chosen for His own? No one—for God has given us right standing with Himself ... and Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and He is sitting in the place of honour at God's right hand, pleading for us. Can anything ever separate us from Christ's Love? Does it mean He no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death?....No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's Love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of Hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:31-39 NLT).

Welcome back dear student — a longer than usual lead Scripture today, but it's important to read it in context. Essentially the Word promises that no matter how bad things are - God is for you friend, He will help you through every battle because of His great Love. This is life changing if we get a hold of it. The enemy attempts to bind and destroy believers in any way He can, and at times it can feel like God is not responding. We have all been there. This is why fellowshipping with other believer's and studying the Word together makes such an impact. Isolation is a huge trick of the enemy. Sometimes people are afraid to admit they are struggling, but withdrawing only further drives oppression, "God is Light and in Him is no darkness at all" (1st John 1:5). When a person invites the Lord Jesus into their Heart and follows Him, the path ahead might still be obscure, but victory is assured, for now the Light of the World Himself walks with you. Where Light is, darkness is always extinguished. "Light shines in the darkness and the darkness can never overpower it" (John 1:5).

Jesus said, 'I Am the Light of the World whoever follows me shall not walk in darkness" (John 8:12). You see friend, there will always be darkness attempting to swarm and overwhelm. But if you have THE Light, the dark won't affect you. "Your Word is a Light to my feet and a Lamp to my path" (Psalm 119:105). And again.... "The entrance of Your Word brings Light, so even the simple can understand" (Psalm 119:130). What precious words of comfort from the Father of Light Himself (James 1:17). Sometimes people are facing situations that are cloaked in dread or mystery. It causes fear - 'what will happen?" . . . . 'how will this work out for me?" Fear of the unknown is a high thing - a weapon Satan uses to torment people (2 Corinthians 11:4-5). "But the people who know their God shall be strong and do mighty exploits" (Daniel 11:32). The enemy schemes to rock what people believe through deception, which then creates terror. This is the tactic he used in the Garden and still uses today (Genesis 3:1-10). But walking in THE Light, we learn who we are in Christ and can resist the lies and fear and overcome through the Power of God's Love.

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#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & 1ST ANNIVERSARY**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

# SMITH DONCEL



LATE OF BALLYHAR, KILLARNEY AND NEW YORK WHO PASSED AWAY ON AUGUST 15TH, 2024.

As we deeply and lovingly remember Smith on his 1st Anniversary, his adored

Josephine, beloved sons Matthew, Christopher and Nathaniel and daughterin-law Laura would like to thank everyone for their kindness and support during our most difficult time. Our heartfelt appreciation to all who sent Mass cards, letters of sympathy, flowers and donated to charity in his honour.

We would like to thank everyone for their support, all who came to the house, all who

travelled from near and far to pay their respects and all who could not be present but joined the Requiem Mass online. To those who phoned and offered a quiet word of support in the days and weeks that followed, our sincere thanks.

We especially would like to thank Michael Cooper and his family for the generous use of his field for parking and we are so grateful to the many stewards who assisted with the parking and kept people safe on the road. To all of our friends, neighbours and colleagues who brought food and those who made sure everyone was catered for throughout this difficult time, your support and kindness will never be forgotten.

To Smith's colleagues in Kerry Adolescent Counselling Service, thank you for supporting us and sharing with us many happy memories of Smith.

A sincere thanks to Fr. Kieran O'Brien for his kind and comforting words and his thoughtful celebration of Smith's Requiem Mass. Heartfelt appreciation to Fr Paddy O'Donoghue who concelebrated the Requiem Mass.

We are truly touched and grateful for the beautiful music and singing that the staff of St Oliver's NS provided, which brought such comfort and meaning to the Mass.

We are very grateful to O'Shea's Funeral Home for their kindness and professionalism and the dignified manner they carried out the funeral arrangements. We wish to especially thank Mary O'Shea who guided us through this challenging time with patience, care and compassion.

We wish to thank Dr Linda Long, Dr Brian White, Dr Kerry Houston and the staff in Farranfore Medical Centre for all the care and attention they gave to Smith. Thank you to the staff of Park Road Pharmacy for their kindness to Smith over the years. Our sincere appreciation to Dr Bird and all the staff in St Bernadette's and St Veronica's Wards, Bons Secours Hospital, Cork, who gave Smith such compassionate care over the course of his illness.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our appreciation for your kindness and compassion.

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

'You left us beautiful memories Your love is still our quide. And though we cannot see you You're always at our side.'

Smith's First Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday August 17th at 12 noon in St. Mary's Cathedral, Killarney.

#### **5TH ANNIVERSARY**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF JOHN CRONIN



10 ST MARYS TERRACE, KILLARNEY WHO DIED ON THE 5TH OF AUGUST 2020

They say there is a reason,
They say that time will heal,
But neither time or reason,
Will change the way we feel.
We want to tell you something,
So there won't be any doubt,
You're so wonderful to think of,
But so hard to be without.
We cannot bring the old days back,
When we were all together,
The family chain is broken now,
But memories live forever.

Always remembered by your, Niece Abina, James & Cian, Nephew Mattie & Marian

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# ST. PEREGRINE

THE PATRON SAINT OF CANCER PATIENTS

Oh great St. Peregrine you have been called the Mighty, the wonder worker because of the numerous miracles you obtained from God for those who have had recourse to you.

For so many years you bore in your own flesh this cancerous disease which destroys the very fibre of our being and you who had recourse to the source of all grace when the power of man could do no more you were favoured with a vision of Jesus coming down from his cross to heal your affliction please ask God and Our Lady to cure the sick we entrust to

you..... (names)
Aided in this way by your powerful
intercession, we shall sing to God, now
and for all eternity a song of gratitude
for his great goodness and mercy. Amen

#### **5TH ANNIVERSARY**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

## JOHN CRONIN



10 ST MARYS TERRACE, KILLARNEY

# WHO DIED ON THE 5TH OF AUGUST 2020

Five years ago we cried that night you left no matter how hard I tried. God saw you getting tired and staying was not to be so he put his arms around you and whispered, "Come to Me" With tearful eyes I watched you and saw you pass away and although I love you dearly I could not make you stay. A heart so soft & Big, You could stay no more, you waited to say Goodbye before you joined mom and all above in the night sky. Memories always in our mind Your hands you clapped all the time. You loved the laugh and chat and always wore your hat.

No one knows the heartache, That lies behind our smiles, No one knows how many times, We have broken down and cried.

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Missed & in our hearts everyday, always remembered by Your Nephew PJ & Grand Nephew Leo & Eva

> A character true & true, original in every way, We miss you every day.

# POWERFUL NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART

0 my Jesus, you have said:
"Truly I say to you, if you ask anything of the Father in
my name, he will give it to you."
Behold, in your name, I ask the Father for the grace
of. . .

(Mention your Intention Here)
Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & 1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF NELLIE DOYLE (NEE ROCHE)



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WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE ON THE 12TH AUGUST 2024.

As we lovingly remember and greatly miss Nellie on this, her First Anniversary, Charles, David, Brid together with our families wish to express our deepest appreciation and thanks to all those who supported us at the time of her passing and this past year. To those who sent floral tributes, mass cards and enrolments, online condolences and

A heartfelt thanks to all those who cared for Nellie over the years, Dr Fidelma Cronin Park Medical, Trants Pharmacy, The Home Support Care Team and Holy Cross Daycare Centre.

text messages thank you.

We are most grateful to the staff of UHK who looked after Nellie in her final days.

A hearfelt thank you to Fr Anthony from the Franciscian Friary who recited the prayers at the removal, V.Rev Micheal O'Loingsigh for celebrating such a meaningful funeral Mass. To all who participated in Nellies funeral mass. To the sacristian Joe Murphy and to those who prepared the grave. O'Sheas Funeral Directors for all your help and professionalism.

We extend our utmost thanks to our great neighbours, relatives, and friends of whom it would be impossible to thank everyone individually please accept this acknowledgement as sincere thanks and appreciation.

The Holy sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.

'Suimhneas Siorai dá hamam. To us you were someone special Someone kind and true Never a day begins or ends Without a thought of you.'

Nellie's First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated at 9.30am on Sunday, 10th August at Our Lady of the Wayside Clonkeen.

#### 31ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

# Eileen O'Donoghue



LATE OF BALLYCASHEEN, KILLARNEY. WHO DIED ON THE 11TH AUGUST, 1994.

As I lay down to sleep
To god I give my soul to keep
If I shall die before I wake
To god I give my soul to take
There are four corners in my bed
There are four angles at my head
One to guard me, one to guide me,
And two to take my soul straight to heaver

From her loving daughter Tricia, Richard and Grandsons Timmy and Paddy

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#### 31ST ANNIVERSARY

In Loving Memory of

# EILEEN O'donoghue



whose anniversary occurs on August 11th

Always loved and missed by her son Sean, daughter in law Jen and her grandsons Robert and Benjamin

#### 31ST ANNIVERSARY

In Loving Memory of

# EILEEN O'DONOGHUE



LATE OF BALLYCASHEEN, Killarney. WHO DIED ON THE 11TH AUGUST, 1994.

Our Mum.

Why our Mum we often say Why she was picked to be that way Now she has gone and left us here We all did love her very dear When she was very ill in bed She won't pull through the Doctor said Every time she came out on top But suddenly it came to a stop All the nurses we must thank so much They always had the special touch To get her well and pull her through We owe it all to all of you And also the home-help They did a lot Don't worry we never forget Ye kept her well she- had no pain

And minding her was not a strain

And her friend that was so dear

She never had to live in fear

Of feeling down and all alone

She'd come by and make it home

All the suffering Mom went through

Dad was there And went through it all He stood by her through it all And at the end he took the fall A bouquet of beautiful memories Sprayed with a million tears Wishing God could have spared you If just for a few more years.

Loved always and never forgotten Your loving husband Sean, Norma and Bryan, Lorraine and Killian, Tricia and Richard, Sean and Jen, Miriam, Stacey and Shane, and your loving grandchildren Fionn, Saoirse, Oisin, Timmy, Paddy, Robert and Benjamin

#### **1ST ANNIVERSARY**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

## DERMOT O'Connor



LONDON AND ALOHERT. BEAUFORT WHO PASSED AWAY ON 10TH AUGUST 2024.

Thinking of you today We talk of you still. We haven't forgotten you and we know we never will.

Sadly missed by your sister Joanna, Tom, Sheila, Siobhan & Paddy.

#### **1ST ANNIVERSARY**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY BROTHER

## DERMOT O'Connor



ALOHERT, BEAUFORT WHO PASSED AWAY ON 10TH AUGUST 2024.

You may be out of sight You may be worlds apart. You are always in our prayers And forever in our hearts.

Loved and sadly missed by Your sister Kathleen & Family.

#### **1ST ANNIVERSARY**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY SON

## Dermot O'Connor



LONDON AND ALOHERT, BEAUFORT WHO PASSED AWAY ON 10TH AUGUST 2024.

You had a smile for everyone, You had a heart of gold, You left so many memories. That we will always hold. Our thoughts are always with you.

Lovingly remembered by your mother Joan and brother Brendan.

#### **1ST ANNIVERSARY**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF UNCLE

## Dermot O'Connor



LONDON AND ALOHERT, BEAUFORT WHO PASSED AWAY ON 10TH AUGUST 2024.

> A silent thouaht A quiet prayer, For a special person in God's care.

Lovingly Remembered, Your Nieces and Nephews.

#### **1ST ANNIVERSARY**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY BROTHER

## Dermot O'Connor



LONDON AND ALOHERT, BEAUFORT WHO PASSED AWAY ON 10TH AUGUST 2024.

Happy memories we keep forever Of days when we were all together. They bring a smile after a tear And always a wish that you were still here.

Always Remembered & Loved Your sister Mary, Gary and Family.

#### **1ST ANNIVERSARY**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY BROTHER

## Dermot O'Connor



LONDON AND ALOHERT, BEAUFORT WHO PASSED AWAY ON 10TH AUGUST 2024.

A quiet thought, a silent prayer For someone special in God's care A loving nature, a heart of gold. These are the memories I treasure and hold.

Always Remembered and Loved Your sister Delia, John & Family.

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#### PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF KNOCK

Our Lady of Knock, Queen of Ireland, you gave hope to your people in a time of distress and comforted them in sorrow.

You have inspired countless pilgrims to pray with confidence

to your divine Son, remembering His promise, "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall

Help me to remember that we are all pilgrims on the road to Heaven. Fill me with love and concern for my brothers and sisters in Christ, especially those who live with me.

Comfort me when I am sick, lonely or depressed. Teach me how to take part ever more reverently in the Holy Mass. Give me a greater love of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Pray for me now and at the end of my death. Amen.





