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A Note from the EDITOR



As we continue to enjoy the sunshine, the town pulled out all the stops last weekend to ensure that a great bank holiday weekend was enjoyed by all.

Killarney Rotary Club raised an amazing €25,000 at their Wine & Art Night, the Tidy Towns volunteers are back in action on Monday night next and Shaq's memory lives on with a fantastic fundraiser for Comfort for Chemo.

The families of two much loved dads are holding a fundraising event in their memory, a great day was enjoyed by all at the Garda Siochana Emergency Services Day, and they're off at Killarney Races which begins on Sunday with their Family Day.

There was All Ireland wins in Basketball for two secondary schools, a sixth class student at Knockaderry NS is the best speller in the county and it's First Holy Communion time for lots of families in the area.

Fossa Climate Action Group are hosting an Energy workshop, there is a new member of the St. Brendan's College family and National Bike Week has been launched.

Anne Lucey takes a look at the Fossa Straight, Jimmy reports on the successful Munster Final and we have all the news from the sports clubs in town.

Hope you all enjoy this week's Killarney Outlook!

Aisling Crosbie



Dundag Beach captured perfectly by Clíodhna McEntegart



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€25,000 RAISED AT ROTARY WINE & ART

KILLARNEY ROTARY CLUB ARE DELIGHTED WITH THE TOTAL AND WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE MEMBERS OF THE CLUB AND EVERY PERSON WHO HELPED ACHIEVE THIS AMAZING AMOUNT OF MONEY. THIS ONE NIGHT EVENT SUPPORTS LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS IN THE KILLARNEY AREA SUCH AS SCHOOLS, CLUBS AND LOCAL CHARITIES", PRESIDENT CIARA IRWIN FOLEY SAID.

"Killarney Rotary Club, are delighted with the total and would like to thank the members of the Club and every person who helped achieve this amazing amount of money. This one night event supports local community projects in the Killarney area such as schools, clubs and local charities", she added.

We could not do it all these years without the huge support of Daly's SuperValu, Killarney Brewing & Distilling Co and Killarney Credit Union. A huge thank you to each of them. Thanks to the team at The Great Southern Killarney who ensure nothing is a problem for this event. Thank you also to the businesses who sponsored door prizes and competitions - The Rose Hotel, M.D. O'Shea's, CRL and The Lake Hotel and to Mike Neeson who entertained the crowd.

Like other years, up to fifty artists and craftspeople displayed their work, some of whom have been showing since the Wine & Art night began and it's a wonderful opportunity for them to network. There is always great interest from the artists to get involved in such a worthy event and a percentage of their sales is donated on the night. Some also very generously donate their works of art for the auction where 100% of the money raised goes to the overall beneficiary fund.

The beneficiaries in turn busy themselves in advance selling tickets for the night and it is through this that they raise funds for their projects. The schools, clubs, organisations and charities involved put in an enormous effort and it is always fantastic to hear how the money raised has benefitted them and what they have used the money for. The Hospice sell their Christmas cards and The Irish Pilgrimage Trust sell raffle tickets which helps them to bring local people to Lourdes at Easter.

The Wine & Art night is a big undertaking for the Rotary Club with lots of preparations happening well in advance. There are many people who



Ciara Irwin Foley, President of the Killarney Rotary Club presenting a cheque for €25,000 which was divided between various charities following the Killarney Rotary Wine and Art Night.

contribute to this and many more volunteers who give their time on the night to ensure it all runs smoothly. All of these different parts make it the success it is and the €25,000 this year went to the following beneficiaries - Faha N.S., Fossa N.S., Gaelscoil Faithleann, Knockanes N.S., Loreto N.S., Loughquittane N.S., St. Brendan's (Sem), Hospice, Irish Pilgrimage Trust, Kerry Stars Club, Killarney Athletic and Killarney Valley AC.

Killarney Rotary Club look forward to the next Wine & Art night at the end of November.



Tidy Towns Volunteers BACK ON DUTY

The weekly Tidy Towns Clean Up will commence on Monday next May 12th.

The team, who are on the look out for volunteers are meeting at the High Street Car Park at 6pm.

The hard working volunteers are supporting the Kerry County Council employees who ensure that the town is looking good on a daily basis.

"We would be delighted to see a few new faces on Monday night", Johnny McGuire, a long time volunteer told Killarney Outlook.

"Our efforts add an extra polish to the already amazing work performed on a daily basis by the Council Staff", he added.

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SHAQ'S MEMORY LIVES ON FOLLOWING FANTASTIC FUNDRAISER

Family members of the late Caoimhin 'Shaq' O'Donoghue presented a cheque this week for €21,565 to Comfort for Chemo Kerry (CFCK). The money was raised following a very successful memorial walk in memory of Caoimhin's 50th birthday. A huge turnout for the walk along with several online donations all contributed to a fantastic fundraiser by the O'Donoghue Family in memory of the popular and well known Caoimhin, who sadly passed away one year ago on May 9th 2024.

Comfort for Chemo Kerry's mission is to fundraise €5 million for the fit out of a new purpose built chemotherapy unit, on the grounds of University Hospital Kerry, for the people of Kerry. This will allow the best care, comfort, privacy and dignity for patients in our County.



Family members of the late Caoimhin 'Shaq' O'Donoghue presenting a cheque for €21,565 to Comfort for Chemo Kerry (CFCK). The money was raised following a very successful memorial walk in memory of Caoimhin's 50th birthday. From left are Brid O'Connor (CFCK), Tim, Seodhna and Cormac O'Donoghue, Mary Horgan (CFCK) and Sheena O'Donoghue. Photo: Eamonn Keogh

Fáilte Ireland Holds Kerry Tourism Networking Event to Encourage Collaboration



Michael O'Sullivan, Killarney Photographic Tours, Breffni Ingerton, Director, INEC & Gleneagle Hotel, Danielle Favier, Fáilte Ireland, Josephine O'Driscoll, Manager, Fáilte Ireland, Mike McCarthy, Milltown, KTIF, at a special Fáilte Ireland networking event in the Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

Over 80 Kerry tourism businesses today attended a special Fáilte Ireland networking event in the Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney.

The event was organised by Fáilte Ireland in partnership with Kerry County Council and Tourism Industry Federation to build collaboration across the tourism industry in the county, encouraging businesses to collaborate and cross-sell to attract visitors and inspire them to explore the county and all it has to offer.

Face-to-face networking sessions were facilitated among accommodation providers, visitor attractions, experiences, activities and golf providers to forge new connections and renew old ones. The meetings focused on how tourism businesses can work together to collectively sell Kerry as an exciting destination with a range of things to see and do for all demographics of visitors.

Fáilte Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way team and Kerry County Council provided the attendees with updates on tourism initiatives for the county while Fáilte Ireland also hosted a panel discussion featuring key players in the tourism industry who discussed the importance of cross-selling and networking within the Wild Atlantic Way communities & destinations.

Curatorial Engagement with Aisling Clark webinar for Kerry artists

Visual Artists Ireland (VAI) and Kerry County Council Arts Office are delighted to announce the 2025 Lifelong Learning programme for Kerry-based artists. The programme is supported by the Arts Council of Ireland and will begin with Curatorial Engagement with Aisling Clark delivered online at 11am Wednesday 4 June.

In this webinar curator Aisling Clark will map out how curators operate, demystifying their process, discussing what they need from artists, and what artists can expect of curators. Offering practical advice, strategies, and reflections on best practices. She will draw on real-life examples. Having worked in a variety of public art galleries and artist-run organisations in Ireland and abroad, Aisling will share insights into navigating the art world, finding opportunities to develop and exhibit artwork, the benefits of working with a curator and overcoming challenges in realising exhibitions. The event is free to Kerry-based artists. Booking is essential. For more information about the event and how to register, please visit the VAI website (www.visualartists.ie)

VAI is the representative body for visual artists in Ireland. It is an advocacy, support, publishing, and information organisation that represents professional visual artists on the island of Ireland. The Arts Office in Kerry County Council works with VAI to develop an annual programme that supports Kerry artists.





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Summer Racing Festivals at Killarney

Kick off with Family Day



Getting ready for the Killarney races Family Fun Day on Sunday May 11th are Dara, Brendan, Donal and Karl McCay with Otis Buckley and Moss Shannon. The fun day will include Garden games, wacky races, face painting, colouring competitions, magic show, circus skills and much more. U-14's go free and the early bird ticket prices is only €15. Book tickets and get more information on www.killarneyraces.ie

Photos: Don MacMonagle

To launch their 2025 racing schedule, Killarney Races are opening the season with Family Day on Sunday, May 11. The first of the three-day 'MayFest' fixture will host an exciting programme of jump racing, live music and entertainment complemented by delicious food and beverages and a fantastic summer festival atmosphere.

All race-meetings at Killarney Races are free to attend for patrons under 14 when accompanied by an adult. In addition to free admission the team at the racecourse have teamed up with MACademy a local performing arts school to ensure plenty of entertainment for children of all ages.

There will be two designated children's activity zones; the lawn for tiny tots and the glass bar for the bigger kids. Facepainting, colouring competitions, mascot races and all the usual antics will be enhanced by a transformed audio-visual experience in the glass bar complete with a discos and magic shows throughout the afternoon. Live music will also be in situ on the lawn before, during and after racing to ensure the tone is on-point for the opening leg of the season.

Monday 12 and Tuesday 13 are evening meetings hosting jump and flat racing respectively. Both cards have proven to be good markers for racing fans and punters. Last year's 3rd in the Boylesports An Roicht Steeplechase (Grade 3). Gentlemen De Mee going on to with the Topham Handicap Chase at the Aintree Grand National Festival.

The winner of The Outlook Publications Race, Uxmal trained by Joseph O'Brien used it as a stepping stone for the Queen Alexandra Stakes at Royal Ascot where he went on to win in great style.



Karl McCay, General Manager Killarney Races commented "It is really fitting that we begin our season with Family Day as Killarney Races is offers of those unique activities the whole family can enjoy together.

We often see two, three and even four generations of families enjoying a special day out, making memories together here, at Ireland's most scenic Racecourse. Our popular early bird tickets combined with free admission for the little ones and discounts for the seniors make it a novel, price sensitive and great day out for everyone! All our 2025 festival tickets are now available on our website at an early bird discount rate so book early to avoid disappointment"

With four unique multiday horse racing events to choose from in May, July, August and October there is a raceday to suit everyone at Killarney Races.

There are also various ticket levels and packages too, so whether it is close to the action general admission tickets or silver service dining and a table for the day, you're sorted! Killarney



Dara, Brendan and Donal McCay with Moss and Penny Shannon and jockey Otis Buckley.

Racecourse have announce an early bird discount offer for all festivals in 2025 so book now and get your €5 discount today!

Adult admission tickets will give you access to all you need for a great day at the races; the viewing stands, public bars and restaurants, the bookies ring and parade ring viewing areas as well as access to live entertainment during and after racing all from just €20. OAPs and students enjoy a €5 discount with appropriate ID. Furthermore, it is good to note that all children under the age of 14 are free of charge to attend all race days at Killarney Races.

The racecourse is just a stroll from the town centre and for those travelling by car, there is ample on-site free car parking also. With enhanced facilities, wonderful catering options to choose from, live music on the lawn and an atmosphere you'll want to bottle and bring home, the only question left is, have you booked yet? For further information or to book online visit www.killarneyraces.com.

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How to spend the ultimate weekend in Killarney



Amy Lynch, Ireland Editor with Lonely Planet attended the Wander Wild Festival recently and here is what she had to say....

Sitting on the outskirts of the stunning Killarney National Park, Killarney is a lively, energetic tourist hub, popular with international and domestic travellers. The town is also a perfect base to explore the further reaches of Kerry, with plenty of accommodation options, excellent restaurants, cozy pubs with live music nearly every night of the week, and tour operators to bring you to any of the incredible regional sights that you might want to see. Coming from the opposite coast, I had never been to Killarney before my recent visit, but my first hectic visit over a long weekend was enough to convince me that I will need to come back. Even with four action-packed days, I barely skimmed the surface of the activities, views and nights out on offer in this bustling town.

WHEN TO ARRIVE:

Friday, early, is a great time to start your few days exploring Killarney. If it's an option, a couple of days during the week won't be so hectic, and accommodations will be cheaper. There's also less chance of running into a raucous hen party out on the town. Summer is also incredibly busy, so consider spring or autumn for your visit. The wonderful Wander Wild Festival takes place in April, and is a great choice for families, wellness enthusiasts and outdoor adventurers.

HOW TO GET FROM THE AIRPORT:

Kerry airport is a 25-minute drive from Killarney via taxi or public bus. There's also a train that leaves a couple of times a day from Heuston station in Dublin that will take you to Killarney station right in the middle of the town. This will be far more relaxing and scenic than driving from the capital.

GETTING AROUND TOWN:



Ready to spread its wing... a mute swan puts on a display, as Kayakers make their way to Innisfallen Island from Ross Castle, Lough Lein, Killarney National Park, as part of the Wander Wild Festival in Killarney.
Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

Walking is always your best option for Irish towns. They have not been designed for cars, and traffic can be mayhem. Killarney is no different. Bikes are great to get you to the outer edges of the park for any walks or outdoor activities you might have planned slightly outside the town. Most hostels and hotels will offer bike hire.

WHERE TO STAY:

Killarney Plaza Hotel is a beautiful spot for anyone looking to splurge, and to be placed smack-bang in the center of the town. For those on a tighter budget, the Black Sheep Hostel, run by travelers for travelers, is a great option. And for something a bit more middle-of-the-road price-wise, and out of the bustle of the town center, Crystal Springs is a bed and breakfast sitting on the River Flesk.

WHAT TO PACK:

Bring walking or hiking boots, and raingear that folds up easily. You'll be out and about a lot, so it's handy to have a raincoat just in case – this is, after all, the west coast of Ireland.

FRIDAY

HOW TO SPEND THE DAY:

Kayaking on the lake in the middle of Killarney National Park is an absolute must. Head out onto the calm waters of Lough Leane surrounded by Macgillycuddy's Reeks mountain range. The views are unrivalled. Irish Adventures will take you out on the lake from Ross Castle (dating from the 15th century, this historic site is worth a look in its own right). Splitting their time between Dingle and Killarney, this friendly and professional outfit run by Noel and Conor is perfect for anyone from beginners upwards. They are mindful of varying abilities, and all gear is provided. You will kayak out to Innisfallen Island, site of a monastery from the 7th century, and currently home to ruins of a 12th-century Augustinian Priory. We got lucky with the weather and had an extremely peaceful afternoon paddling our way over smooth lakewater under the sun. For those who want to enjoy the views with less strenuous requirements, there are also waterbus tours available with Killarney Lake Tours.

DINNER:

After working up an appetite on the lake, Polly's on the ground floor of the Ross Hotel in Killarney town is the perfect place to stop





In the Zen Emma West leading a sound bath session at the Wander Wild Festival Wellness Village on the grounds of Killarney House & Gardens in Killarney National Park.



Niall Breslin at Wander Wild Festival in Killarney

for dinner and a few refreshing cocktails. This modern spot is inspired by Mediterranean food with a focus on sustainability. The housemade mint lemonade is perfect on a warm day.

AFTER DARK:

No sojourn in Killarney is considered complete until you've spent a few hours of an evening ensconced in a cozy pub with a pint, listening to some live traditional music. O'Connor's is the gold standard of such a pub, boasting live music every night. This family-run spot is 100 years old and full of charm. It's not big, so get there early. JM Reidy's is another great choice, with pizza to boot.

SATURDAY

MORNING:

For early risers, a sunrise dip at Dundag Beach will really wake you up. The water wasn't exactly warm in early April – see if you can withstand more than I can (above the ankles). It's a gorgeous spot to enjoy the early morning. Samhradh's sauna, a mobile sauna in the region, was there for a warm-up afterwards, or you could do like some adventurers and hop continually between the lake and the sauna for 30 minutes to get your blood really circulating. Check the location of the sauna during your visit; it will be beside one of the bodies of water in the region.

HOW TO SPEND THE DAY:

For those traveling with little ones – or who just like ice cream – the Cow to Cone tour at Muckross Creamery cannot be missed. The

award-winning ice cream is a recent addition to the dairy farm of John and Catherine Fleming, the farm having been in John's family since the 1840s. A tour of the farm, just 5km (3 miles) from Killarney town, involves being brought to see the calves, the milking room, the cows, and the ice-cream room up close, along with a whistle-stop introduction to the process of making ice cream. And of course it includes a sample!

The friendly family operation also sells its own granola and skyr (yoghurt). The ice cream itself is delicious: creamy and fresh, with incredible flavors. My favorite was the strawberry, but the options can change, so it's best to try a few! It's a working farm and tours don't run all the time, but you can find the ice cream in local shops and at farmers markets.

DINNER:

Killarney is not short on excellent dinner options, no matter what budget or type of cuisine you're looking for, from upmarket Hilliard's on Main St and Argentinian street food at Tango's, to small plates with excellent cocktails at Pig's Lane. Killarney Brewing Distillery, just outside the town, is a great choice for those who want to sample some local beer (their red ale is excellent) alongside pub classics such as wings or fish and chips.

SUNDAY

Morning: Start off your morning with a lively brunch in Cafe du Parc, connected to the Killarney Plaza Hotel, right opposite Killarney House. It has all the usual brunch options, to a

high standard (try the eggs Benedict), and will set you right up for a hike.

HOW TO SPEND THE DAY:

Tomies Wood, a 20-minute drive from the town, is the perfect spot for a Sunday walk. If you're lucky as you wander through one of Ireland's few oak woodlands, you'll see deer, squirrels and maybe even a white-tailed eagle. There are a couple of trail options, depending on how intensive a hike you're looking for, the longest taking you on a 6km (3.7-mile) loop. Note that the walk is very popular with dog walkers. Keep an eye out for the steps down to O'Sullivan's Cascade, a peaceful waterfall to sit alongside moss-covered rocks and have a break, enjoying the sounds of the water. Keep some drinking water to hand for the steps back up.

NEXT TIME:

Despite my action-packed few days exploring Killarney, I left with an even longer "to do" list than when I had arrived. I still want to climb Carrauntoohil, Ireland's highest peak. I still want to do the historic Torc Mountain hike. I still want to explore the supposedly stunning Gap of Dunloe via boat and bike. I still want to see the Victorian Muckross Estate. Needless to say, Killarney has jumped up the list as one of my favorite destinations in Ireland.

Amy Lynch traveled to Killarney at the invitation of the Wander Wild Festival. Lonely Planet staff members do not accept freebies in exchange for positive coverage.





Anne Lucey
looks at the positive news
happening in Killarney

THE FOSSA STRAIGHT - AND NARROWER



Exactly as we had predicted two weeks ago, "the big conundrum" of two buses trying to pass each other in Fossa has come to pass! A photo taken from a dashboard camera is doing the rounds on social media - and clearly the big buses only get by with great difficulty.

The total road width in Fossa is now just six metres. Why the difficulty with heavy machinery and lorries was not anticipated would leave anyone perplexed. All that was wanted in Fossa was a pedestrian crossing, Johnny Healy-Rae told Kerry Council last week.

National roads should be widened not narrowed and the reality is that the road will be blocked as far as Cork now if lorries etc get stuck in Fossa. "The only thing worse than no money being spent, is wasting money," Johnny said of the project which was forecast in some quarters as costing up to five million euro. (The council has not responded to a query on costs at time of going to press).

Director of Roads Frank Hartnett defended the works and said the same concerns were raised about the Muckcross Road and these proved unfounded.

Several layers of approval were gone through,

and it was not a waste of money, the director insisted.

But Cllr Brendan Cronin has now thrown a cat among pigeons - he measured the Muckcross Road that road is wider by a yard.

Fossa is 6 metres - Muckcross is 7 meters.

A big difference when inches are at stake.

To be fair to everyone, a look back at the minutes of the July 2022 meeting which approved the traffic calming measures for the 1.574km from the Golden Nugget to the Gap Cross leaves no one in any doubt that the carriageway would be "reduced" to 6 metres. The plans were outlined by acting manager John Breen and engineer Padraig Teahan.

28 submissions from the public had been received. No one raised the reduced width - apart from the turning at the Gap Cross for agricultural machinery.

Councillors themselves - they voted unanimously for it - did not do so either. The big concern was the turning point.

There is another startling finding from those minutes: The new raised cycleways are not designed for the road's regular groups of fast moving sports cyclists - they will still be using the now narrower main road.

Perhaps it is time the public and the councillors who, are presented with video mockups of plans like traffic calming measures? So no one can be under any illusion. This way everyone can see exactly what is proposed.

Cllr Martin Grady who measured the Fossa Road and paths has come up with a solution - there is still time to move in the 7 inch curb line on the left side.

That way cars won't mount should an emergency service vehicle need to pass, Martin says.

Councillors in Killarney will earn their money this year - they are right now faced with serious questions with regard to three huge projects -

Fossa, the Aras and the Green Lawn.

COUNCIL AND FAILTE IRELAND NEED TO SPEND A FEW PENNIES

The dire need for toilets at all tourist hotspots was outlined at a council meeting recently by new councillor Tommy Cahill who has replaced his father Michael.

The popular Lisleibane - one of a number of routes to the highest mountain - was the start and finishing point of a tough hike. But it did not have a public toilet, Tommy said.

"Lisleibane is a big hike," Mr Cahill said.

Climbers came by car from Killarney or further afield and a climb could take five or six hours depending on the level of fitness and experience. There was a necessity for a toilet coming back to the car also.

The same was true of Dundag beach on the Muckcross Lake - people had no toilet facilities.

As for beaches, the toilets should be open all year round as these were popular walking spots in winter and summer now.

"Going to the toilet isn't seasonal," Tommy said. Speaking after the meeting, he said Mangerton - which sees hundreds traveling from Cork each weekend - should also be included in a review of facilities.

It is three years since the need for toilets on Carrauntoohil and on Mangerton and Dundag Beach was raised in this column. The fine early summer weather this year has brought crowds out on the mountains as well as the beaches.

The council said it does not have the budget for mountain toilets or to be open all year round.

Tommy is disappointed at the reply he got from the council which outlined how it already runs 36 toilets. Failte Ireland which promotes the outdoors in Kerry should now contribute, he believes.

GREAT ACTION IN KILLARNEY SOROPTIMISTS

The Killarney Soroptimists International, part of the oldest ladies organisation in the western world have had a busy year. Covid came near annihilating the club - but huge effort by a few stalwarts has kept it going. Old and new members have come forward to lend a hand. This year energetic and highly focused President Anne Wrenn Killarney SI has led a tremendous drive.

The club's annual Shrove Tuesday pancake coffee morning at the East Avenue Hotel this year for the Kidney Association and the Kerry Hospice saw a huge turnout.

The national debating competition for senior cycle girls, which Killarney SI helped revive 15 or so years ago saw members travelling to Bandon in Co Cork and to Castlebar Co. Mayo to accompany successful contestants. Tree planting to mark international women's day was President Anne's choice of a cherry blossom to represent femininity and a plaque "Mna le chéile" was placed to recognize the strength of women together - and the often unsung women of Killarney past and present.

Brigid Delaney's work with the community Killarney Response Unit saw her selected as Killarney SI woman of the year for 2025. Previous worthy recipients to name some, include the late Betty Crosbie for her work with the children of Chernobyl; Trinette Larkin for her contribution to community services, the late Yvonne Quill for Tidy Towns, Brigid

Quilligan. Eileen Switzer, the late Kay Randles and Claire Bowler were among other worthy recipients. The list goes on.

So worthy a recipient is Brigid Delaney and such great work do her and her colleagues do - they hadn't time to finish their lunch when their call bells went. And off they went in response.

President Anne thanked Declan Murphy of Killarney Town Council and Killarney Councillor Marie Moloney for her help in facilitating and supporting the tree planting, restoring the Soroptimist Seat allowing the plaque in the Maurice O'Donoghue park, Muckcross Road. The annual mass for deceased members takes place shortly and a new president will be unveiled soon after.



President Anne Wrenn, seated on the left, Killarney Soroptimist Ireland has led a tremendous drive this year.

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Soak Up Summer by the lakes at Aghadoe Heights

This summer, expect even more lakeside luxury at Aghadoe Heights Hotel and Spa. The 5-star Killarney hotel recently refurbished 12 stunning lakeview suites, and has launched new culinary experiences designed to make the most of long, sun-filled evenings overlooking the Lakes of Killarney. The newly transformed lakeview suites are the ultimate five-star experience, combining plush interiors with panoramic views in what is probably Killarney's most scenic hotel. The designers Cantrell and Crowley partnered with Nordic Elements to create a tranquil sanctuary with Scandinavian accents. The furniture and materials used reflect the natural landscape, designs drawn from Danish mid-century traditions resulting in a unique and special experience that embodies the timeless elegance of Scandinavian design. Guests looking for a staycation on their doorstep, can unwind in the spacious rooms, soak in spa-style bathrooms, and experience unmatched tranquility framed by the natural beauty of Killarney's lakes and mountains. The suites also reflect a growing commitment to sustainability, featuring 100% natural, vegan, handmade Irish products by Peigin Crowley and the elimination of single-use plastics.

Summer dining also takes centre stage at Aghadoe, with a series of delicious new additions at the hotel's acclaimed restaurants. A new Lounge Menu in the casual dining space puts locally sourced ingredients in the spotlight, with elevated touches such as Artisan Cheese Boards, Irish Salmon Sharing Plates, and a diverse offering of light bites, salads, mains, and desserts.

In the fine-dining Lake Room Restaurant, which is one of the best restaurants in Killarney, guests can discover seasonal additions inspired by Irish traditions and foraged ingredients, paired with modern culinary techniques and the meticulous attention of the hotel's head chef Cedric Bottarlini and award-winning team. Highlights include Cromane mussels, Monkfish, Hake with courgette and Yuzu for dessert.

For a more relaxed dining experience, the hotel has introduced Plataí Beaga – Kerry Tapas every Friday and Saturday evening on the terrace. Overlooking one of Ireland's most iconic views,



locals can savour small plates bursting with flavour while sipping a glass of wine in the evening summer sun.

Looking ahead, Aghadoe Heights plans further enhancements to its guest experiences and award-winning spa offering in 2026, building on its reputation as one of Ireland's top luxury wellness destinations.

Newly appointed general manager, Brian Bowler said, "We're thrilled to welcome guests to an exciting summer season here at Aghadoe Heights. Our newly refurbished lakeside suites truly raise the bar for luxury and comfort, offering guests the chance to unwind in style while taking in some of the

most breathtaking views in Ireland. From fresh additions to our award-winning dining experiences to relaxed evenings on the terrace with our new Kerry Tapas offering, every detail has been thoughtfully curated to create an unforgettable stay. Whether you're joining us for a family getaway, a romantic escape, or a moment of well-earned rest, this summer at Aghadoe promises something special for everyone."

For more information, visit www.aghadoeheights.com or contact the hotel's reservations team.



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TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE IRISH CANCER SOCIETY

Two families who have lost loved ones to cancer are coming together to raise funds for the Irish Cancer Society.

The novel Shave and Dye fundraiser will take place at The Golden Nugget on Sunday May 25th at 5pm.

Adrian and Darren Cronin along with Colin Davidson will be centre stage on the night with lots of hairstyling taking place on what will be an emotional night for the families.

Donal Cronin lost his battle to cancer in July of last year and speaking to the Killarney Outlook this week, Elaine Cronin, Donal's daughter said they wanted to raise funds because of the wonderful care that their dad received.

On their Just Giving fundraising page, Adrian said, "we want to show our appreciation for the care our dad Donal received throughout his battle with cancer which he sadly lost last July. The care he received throughout was exceptional, from the oncology and ICU units in University hospital Kerry to the care of University hospital Cork and we would like to thank them both from the bottom of our hearts. This is just a small way to give back and show appreciation to the brilliant services and care we received as a family. On behalf of the Cronin family we would like to thank everyone who stood by and cared for our dad throughout his battle, which he fought with such dignity and pride. From his friends and neighbours who he cherished and adored spending time with to his family who he loved. As a family we wish to thank ye all for always being there for dad and for us.

Adrian and Darren will be dying their hair blonde on the night while Colin Davidson will be remembering his dad Duncan Davidson, who passed away eight years ago, by shaving his head and beard.

"There will be plenty of opportunities for people to join in on the night", Colin told Killarney Outlook. "There will be waxing, shaving and hair dying taking place, so the more the merrier", he added.

While there will be no entry fee on the night, there will be bucket donations, along with major raffle with top prizes including two signed jerseys from David and Paudie Clifford, and a day at the Dail Restaurant with Kerry's newest TD, Deputy Michael Cahill.

So far the fundraiser has exceeded all expectations raising over €7,500 and the families would like to thank everyone who has helped in any way. The night, which is open to everyone, promises to be a fantastic fundraiser for the Irish Cancer Society and if you would like to donate, you can do so on the following link.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/adrian-cronin-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=015



Adrian Cronin, Colin Davidson, Elaine Cronin and Darren Cronin preparing for their fundraiser at The Golden Nugget on Sunday May 25th at 5pm.



The fundraising team, holding photos of their beloved dads, Duncan Davidson and Donal Cronin.

Killarney handled big double bill in its stride

The bumper crowd that packed Killarney for the May bank holiday weekend was a clear illustration of just how well the town can cope with a major influx of visitors at any one time, Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce has said.

To be in a position to host both the International Rally of the Lakes and the Munster Senior Football Championship Final, on the same day, proves how well equipped Killarney is to accommodate two or more huge events, with relative ease and great comfort, at the same time.

Organisers of the Rally of the Lakes estimate that the popular celebration of motorsport attracted between 20,000 and 25,000 people to town and that statistic was based on

programme sales alone.

Clerk of the Course, Dermot Healy, said the weekend also highlighted how traffic can be managed if there are sufficient people assigned to manage it.

Chamber acknowledged that the international publicity the rally will generate will be a huge boost to the town with images of the spectacular stages, in places like Moll's Gap, being beamed into millions of homes around the world.

The Kerry v Clare Munster Final was another big hit with over 13,000 people in shirt sleeves in attendance at Fitzgerald Stadium and numerous others watching the game in local hostels, hotels and beer gardens.

"The atmosphere around the streets for the

entire weekend was immense and the double bill was a massive boost to local businesses," said Chamber President Johnny McGuire.

"We congratulate Dermot Healy and Killarney and District Motor Club for, once again, ensuring their big event was professionally run and a great success and, as always, we thank Der Brosnan and the Fitzgerald Stadium Committee for presenting Killarney in the best possible light and ensuring the stadium looked resplendent on a glorious day of sunshine," said Mr McGuire.

He added that Killarney can look forward to another very busy weekend when Kerry entertain Roscommon in the first of the group games at Fitzgerald Stadium on Saturday, May 17.



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This year's tournament features 40 teams from all over Ireland — with **24 ladies' and 16 men's teams** going head-to-head in fast-paced 7-a-side matches. Adding an international flair, St. Brigid's GAA from Chicago, USA join the competition for the second year in a row, with all teams battling it out for their share of a **€10,000 prize fund**.

And it's not just about the football — the off-field entertainment is just as impressive.

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Sunday: The Candle Lighters, The Full Shilling, Sparkle, Riff Shop, Super Céilí

Families are more than welcome, with a Kids Corner open from 11am to 6pm offering face painting, a balloon artist, and plenty of activities to keep the little ones smiling.

Hungry? Head over to the Food Court where you'll find crowd favourites like Stu's Pizza, Fish Box, and Face Cook serving up tasty bites all weekend.

Tickets are available now at www.killarneyclub7s.ie:

€25 for a day pass

€40 for a weekend pass

U18s free but must be accompanied by an adult

A free shuttle bus will be running all weekend between Killarney town centre and Spa GAA Club, ensuring easy and safe access for everyone. Whether you're there for the football, the tunes, the food, or the fun — the Heineken Killarney Club 7s is the ultimate Bank Holiday weekend celebration.



Brian Fenton and Louise Ní Mhuirheartaigh pictured in JM Reidys for the launch of the Killarney Club 7s



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The Europe Hotel & Resort has announced its inclusion in the prestigious 2025 American Express Fine Hotels + Resorts (FHR) recommended list. This recognition places the hotel among a select group of the world's most luxurious and noteworthy properties.

Syndicated to American Express Platinum and Centurion Card members globally, the FHR programme offers exclusive benefits designed to elevate the travel experience. Inclusion in the programme not only highlights The Europe Hotel & Resort's exceptional standards but also opens the door for discerning travellers to enjoy tailored privileges during their stay.

North American leisure travellers are frequent visitors to The Europe Hotel & Resort, drawn by its extensive resort offerings, diverse dining options, and prime location on the Ring of Kerry.

From its breathtaking lakeside location to its award-winning ESPA spa, The Europe Hotel & Resort offers an unrivalled blend of natural beauty, relaxation, and five-star service. It now joins a prestigious group of Irish properties, including Ashford Castle, Adare Manor and The Merrion solidifying the hotel's reputation for luxury hospitality on the global stage.

Michael Brennan, Managing Director at Killarney Hotels Collection, commented: "We're truly honoured to be included in the 2025 American

Express Fine Hotels + Resorts list. It's a real testament to the hard work and passion of our entire team here at The Europe Hotel & Resort. Welcoming guests from all over the world to experience the beauty of Killarney is something we take great pride in and being recognised on a global level like this means a great deal to us."





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A mystery artist has painted famous Killarney actors, Michael Fassbender and Jessie Buckley on power boxes in the town.

The image of Fassbender has been in place for a few weeks, while the stunning painting of Jessie Buckley was created at the weekend.

Michael Fassbender, the son of Joseph and Adele went to school in Fossa NS and St. Brendan's and is the recipient of various accolades, including nominations for two Academy Awards, four BAFTA Awards and three Golden Globe Awards. Jessie Buckley is the daughter of Tim and Marina Buckley and went to school in Holy Cross Mercy and the Ursuline College in Thurles.

She has received numerous accolades including a Laurence Olivier Award, and nominations for an Academy Award and three BAFTA Awards. Jessie began her career in 2008 as a contestant on the BBC TV talent show *I'd Do Anything*, in which she came second.



The Generation Game" Three generations of The Geaney Family taking part in the 2022 year's Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle. Denis Geaney (centre) organiser of the cycle pictured with his sons Bernard and Norman and granddaughters Keira and Jennifer. Norman and Jennifer flew in from Sweden to take part in the cycle.

DENIS GEANEY'S ACORN DREAM

By Nicky Barry

Some folk are born to lead, and others to be led,
For leaders have initiative, and very little dread,
Caring they try to make the world a better place,
For they see what can be done, and have no time to waste.
Such a man is Denis Geaney, a sportsman supreme,
Who has a flair for golf and squash, and marathon cycling.
One day in conversation, he got this great brainwave,
To cycle the Ring of Kerry, with a few of his mates.
They hoped to raise a few bob, for the kidney charity,
So off they went in lycra, into cycling history.
They stopped for porter here and there, and really had a ball,
And all got back home safely, without a crash or fall.
When word got out about this trip, more cyclists came on board,
And so they did it the next year, and the numbers soared.
It's now an annual jamboree, with folks from round the world,
Coming with their bikes to Kerry, for this Ring marathon.
It's a festival of wheelie fun, run by volunteers,
Raising euros by the millions, for Kerry charities.
As from little acorns, mighty oak trees grow,
Denis Geaney's acorn dream, is now Kerry's greatest show.

CALL FOR PARKING AT THE BLUE POOL WOOD

At this month's Killarney Municipal District Meeting which took place on Wednesday, Cllr. John O'Donoghue put forward the following Notice of Motion

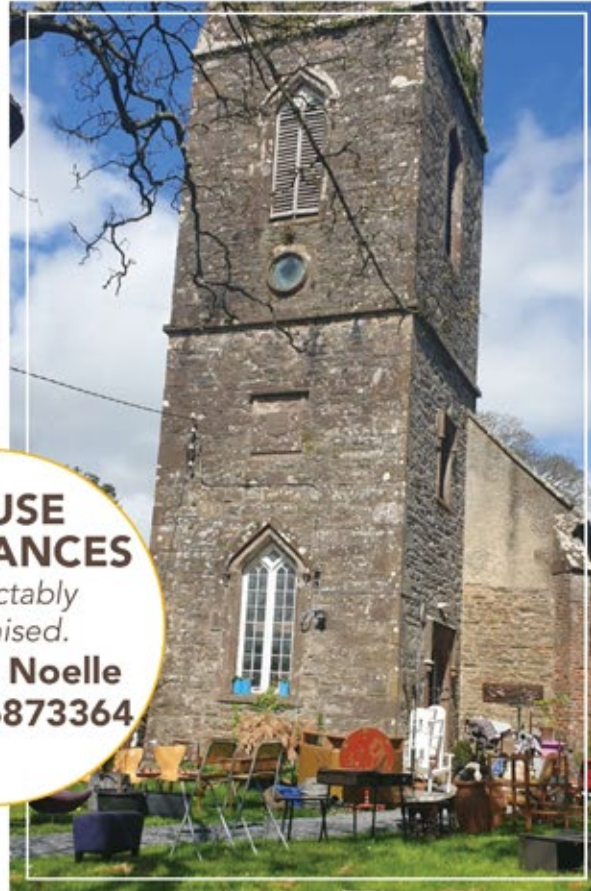
• Has any funding stream been identified to provide parking at The Blue Pool and how are plans progressing?

I have long had this issue on the agenda and will continue to do so until the matter is resolved. The Blue Pool wood has been transformed in

recent times due to the excellent work carried out by NPWS staff and The Meitheal. As such, it is now a very popular area for both tourists and locals, but on busy days the parking is a major issue. Local residents have told me that they feel it is only a matter of time before there is an accident as cars are parked with abandon around the entrance. I believe the NPWS are open to suggestions and request that this work would proceed as quickly as possible.



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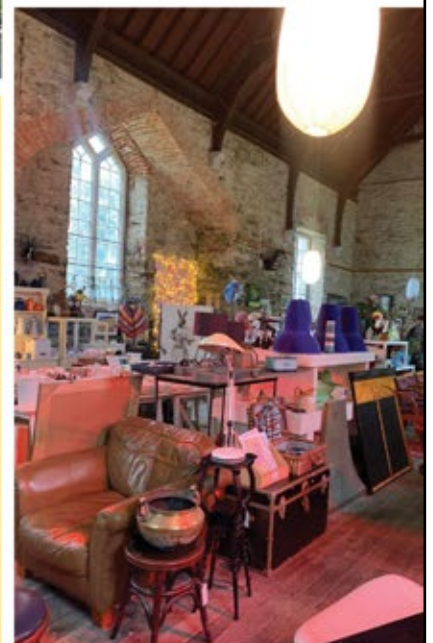


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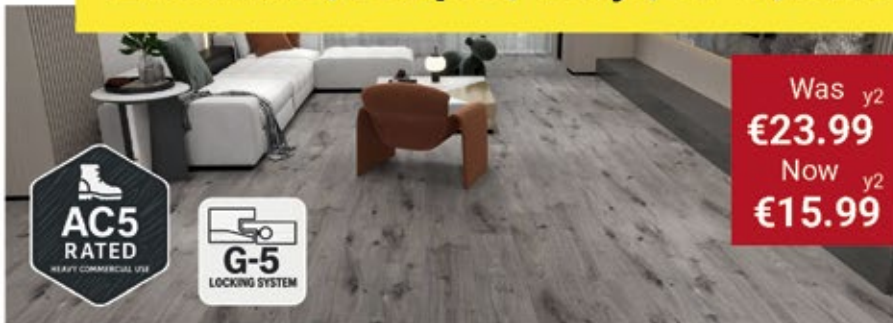


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Castleisland Community College dominated the All Ireland A Division Schools Basketball finals in the 1st and 2nd year categories at the National Basketball Arena, Dublin last week. The U14 Boys and U15 Girls both won the A Division Cup Championships while the U15 boys also won the A Division Cup Championship and the 2nd year girls won the A Division League. What a thrilling week for the school! The U15 team triumphed in a thrilling showdown in the All Ireland 'A' Cup final, Monday April 28th.

They emerged victorious over St Pats Cavan, with the final score of 39 to 23. Castleisland dominated the court, with some excellent defensive play by Emmet Hickey. Joey Kelly lit up the court with great

scores. As the third period unfolded the lead changed hands multiple times. In the final period the Kerry boys unleashed a remarkable performance with Ógie O'Leary Griffin leading the charge that cementing their victory.

Wednesday afternoon was a famous day for Kerry schools basketball as both the U14 Boys and U14 Girls teams claimed the 2 All-Ireland Schools Cups. Their U14 girls side had to survive down the stretch against a very strong Malahide Community School outfit, a strong third quarter in which they outscored their opponents 10-4 proved the difference. Despite Malahide rallying in the final five minutes, it was Castleisland who ran out 33-30 winners at the final buzzer. Danielle Sheahan and Brid McCarthy topped the boxscore for their team with 12 and 11 points respectively in the game.

It was a more convincing performance in the U14 boys final, as the sharpshooters from Castleisland raced in to a 32-6 lead at the interval. Olly O'Shea

and Connie O'Connor leading the way with 10 and nine points during that stretch. Mungret Community College kept fighting throughout the second half but they had to make do with a silver medal when all was said and done. Thursday saw the 2nd year girls claim the All Ireland 'A' League final against Presentation Kilkenny. The Castleisland team dominated the game with 4 quick baskets at the start that saw them lead by 8-0. The Kerry girls played brilliantly with speed, accuracy and determination that saw them maintain their lead throughout the complete game. Isabel Walmsley was top scorer giving an excellent shooting display on the day. The team came out victorious with a winning score of 37-21. Captain Sinéad Galvin proudly lifted the trophy to rapturous applause from the team and Castleisland supporters in the arena! 'It has been an incredible week for the school and we are all incredibly proud of the teams. Great praise is needed for our excellent coaches and managers i.e. Ms Rice (Girls Manager), Denny Porter (Girls Coach), Ms Mc Loughlin (Boys Head Coach) and Maurice Casey (Boys Coach). On behalf of the school, I would like to extend my utmost gratitude to all those involved who have made this success happen- to our wonderful parents who dropped off the players to training in the mornings and for the early start on the road to Dublin this week, to our fantastic supporters who cheered on their fellow students and their parents/guardians who dropped them early for buses, to the teachers and SNAs who have all been actively involved. We have made memories for life for everyone. Ní neart go cur le chéile (There is no strength without unity)', concluded Mairéad Corridan (Acting Principal).



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Liam emerged victorious in the Kerry Eason Spelling Bee!

After a challenging competition against nine other spelling enthusiasts, Liam, a sixth-class student from Knockaderry Farranfore National School, triumphed in the County Kerry final. Liam will now represent County Kerry in the Provincial Spelling Bee at the end of the month. A keen reader and sports fan, Liam enjoys reading books about soccer and his favourite players.

Celebrating its 12th year, the Eason Spelling Bee is a key part of Eason's broader literacy initiative, designed to encourage and inspire children to develop their spelling and pronunciation skills. Over the years, the competition has fostered a greater appreciation for words, vocabulary growth, and self-confidence among participating children.

Lisa O'Brien, Group Head of E-Commerce and Marketing at Eason, commented: "We are delighted to launch the 2025 Eason Spelling Bee with such talented children participating in County Kerry. They are a

testament to the bright young minds of Ireland. We are confident that this year we will build on the success of 2024 and inspire communities to support their local schools and, especially, their spelling bees!"

The All-Ireland winning bee will secure a selection of books for their school library valued at €7,500, along with the coveted title of Eason Spelling Bee 2025 Champion. The winner will also receive a goodie bag filled with books worth €500.

This year, over 450 schools nationwide will compete for this coveted prize. The Eason Spelling Bee team will travel across the country to host County Final Spelling Bees, followed by Provincial Spelling Bee contests. The champions from each province will then compete head-to-head in the All-Ireland Final Bee in June 2025, where the ultimate King or Queen Bee will be crowned.



TAKING CARE OF OUR OLDER PEOPLE

A complete overhaul is required of our system of taking care of our elderly when they no longer can take care of themselves according to Fianna Fáil Spokesperson for Older People, Michael Cahill.

"Placements in locations far from their homes is unfair, undignified and often inaccessible to their loved ones" stated Deputy Cahill.

"I can quote a case in point where a patient was placed over 240km from his home and his loved ones. Availability of places must be increased all over the country to ensure our older loved ones can remain close to their homes and amongst people they know and recognise" said the Kerry TD.

"There is also an urgent need to improve the Homecare Scheme. Our Senior Citizens are living longer and wish to remain at home for as long as possible and we must provide proper services to allow this to happen. We must also provide community housing in our towns



and villages for those who wish to reside close to the shop, the Doctor, the Church, the Post Office, etc," stated Deputy Cahill.

"The channelling or streaming of our national sports such as Gaelic Football and Hurling behind paywalls, making them largely unavailable to our older people, is a total disgrace. These people played and supported our Gaelic Games over many decades and what thanks do they get? Asked to pay an extra fee to see their own games, on a system

many of them cannot operate. The GAA have been generously funded by successive Irish Governments and should make our games available on our national television provider, RTE, as the honourable thing to do" said the Fianna Fáil Spokesperson for Older People.

"Our older people helped to build this state and they deserve much better treatment than what they presently receive" added Michael Cahill TD.

Lucky Kerry winner scoops €50,000 with Prize Bonds

The weekly prize of €50,000 has been won in Kerry.

Prize Bond number AKD934366 was purchased in 2018.

There were over 8834 prizes awarded in this week's Prize Bond Draw, amounting to more than €739,475.

In addition to a €500,000 prize awarded on the last weekly draw of every calendar month, there are weekly draws where the top prize is €50,000. Other cash prizes awarded each week include 20 of €1,000 and 20 of €500.

Prize Bonds are an Ireland State Savings product which, instead of paying interest, offers bond holders the chance to win cash prizes every week. All winnings are tax-free, and Prize Bonds can be cashed in at any time after the minimum holding period of three months.

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Conor Buckley celebrating his First Holy Communion Day with his parents Clare and Jeremiah, his brother Josh and sisters Eve and Faye. Photo: Conor Healy



Scarlett with her parents Kerry and Ger celebrating her First Holy Communion Day. Photo: Conor Healy



Daniel O Leary from Rathmore relaxing after his First Holy Communion last Saturday. Photo Seamus Healy.



Congratulations to Zoe O'Sullivan who completed the Lodon Marathon at the weekend.

Zoe showed sheer determination and stamina, coming back from a broken leg which saw her miss out in the New York Marathon last year. Zoe has raised over €7,000 for her chosen charity Children with Cancer UK.

She is pictured with her parents Patrick and Frances and her sister Zoe in London.



Danny Shevlin celebrating his First Holy Communion Day with his sister Hollie. Photo: Conor Healy



Siobhán O'Leary, Olive McCarthy, Julie McCarthy, Miriam Harty and Elaine O'Sullivan at the 30's plus disco at the Gleneagle at the weekend.

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SATURDAY, MAY 10TH

- 10am - 5pm Trade Stands
- 10am - 6pm Amusements
- 10am - 5pm Showjumping
- 11am - 4pm Ridden Horse & Pony Showing
- 11am - 4pm In-Hand Horse & Pony Showing
- 11am - 1.45pm Radio Kerry - Live Broadcasting
Sponsored by Lee Strand
- 12.30 - 3.30pm Little Rosebuds Children's Activities
- 2pm - 4pm Irish Country Home Crafts, Baking & Horticulture
- 2pm - 5pm Live Music - PJ Murrihy

SUNDAY, MAY 11TH

- 10am - 4pm Vintage Show
- 10am - 4pm Westport Sheepdog Experience
- 10am - 5pm Showjumping
- 10am - 6pm Trade Stands
- 10am - 6pm Amusements
- 11am - 4pm Garda Marquee
- 12noon - 1pm 75th Anniversary Parade & Official Opening With Minister Norma Foley
- 12noon - 3pm Sheep Showing
- 12.30pm - 3.30pm Little Rosebuds Children's Activities
- 12.30pm - 3pm Cattle Showing
- 1pm - 2pm Goat Showing
- 1pm - 3pm Dog Show
- 1pm - 2pm Irish Dancing Display In the Music Marquee
- 2pm - 3pm Macra Demonstrations
- 2pm - 4pm Bonny Baby In the Arts/Craft/Horticulture Marquee
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- 2pm - 5pm Live Music - Patrick O'Sullivan & Louise Morrissey
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MILLTOWN TOWN CENTRE FIRST MASTERPLAN PROGRESSES TO DRAFT STAGE



The Milltown Town Centre First Masterplan has reached draft stage and is now entering its final phase of public consultation.

As the first town in Kerry to receive funding under the Town Centre First Policy, Milltown is taking a significant step towards reimagining and revitalising its rural community. This initiative aims to breathe new life into towns and villages across the region.

Kerry County Council appointed Downey Consultants to develop the masterplan in collaboration with the Council, the Milltown Town Team and the local community. The draft Masterplan focuses on six key themes to outline actions to address some of the town's most pressing issues.

Now, Kerry County Council and the Town Team are seeking the community's views and feedback to ensure the masterplan reflects the aspirations of the entire community. The draft plan can be viewed at <https://www.kerrycoco.ie/milltown-town-centre-first-masterplan/> and the online feedback form can be accessed via the QR code below or by visiting <https://form.jotform.com/251142187981359>. A drop-in

event will be held at the Nagle Rice Community Centre on Monday 12th May, from 4pm – 7:30pm. This event will provide an opportunity for the public to view the masterplan and speak with the consultants who have worked on the plan, as well as with Kerry County Council and members of the Town Team.

Speaking about the consultation, Jean Foley, Town Regeneration Officer with Kerry County Council, said "This masterplan has been created to address the challenges facing Milltown while reflecting the aspirations of its Community. We now invite everyone - residents, businesses, and community groups to get involved again, attend the drop-in event, and share their feedback. This is a real opportunity to collaboratively shape the future of the town.

Stewart Stephens, Chair of Milltown Town Team said "The Masterplan puts the people of Milltown at the heart of shaping the future of our town. Like all rural communities, Milltown has its challenges but also has a wealth of strengths on which to build. Have your say and play your part in building our future together."

The public consultation period will run

until June 13th at 5pm. The input from the community is vital in finalising the masterplan for Milltown

For further queries or information please email milltown@kerrycoco.ie or visit <https://www.kerrycoco.ie>

Town Centre First is a government policy that aims to regenerate towns across Ireland, creating town centres that are viable, vibrant, and attractive locations for people to live, work and visit. By investing in town centres, Town Centre First enables towns to thrive and to reach their full potential, while functioning as the service, social, cultural, and recreational hub for the local community.

A Town Teams is made up of local residents, community groups, businesses and other stakeholders and work with the local authority to develop a tailored Town Centre First Plan based on the strengths and challenges their town is facing. The Town Team will be supported by the Town Regeneration Officer in the local authority.



Robin captures the winning spot at Killarney Camera Club

Last week we published Iryna Halaieva's winning photo in the Unrestricted category from Killarney Camera Clubs recent Nature themed competition. Here is the winner in the novice category.

Congratulations to Anne Kelly with this enchanting capture of a Robin laying claim to his delicious find.

Robins (Spideog) are one of Ireland's most common garden birds. Despite their delicate appearance and cheerful song they are in fact fiercely territorial and aggressive and will defend their territory and food source like a true warrior.

Here are the top three in the Novice category

Well done to 1st Place: Anne Kelly 'Lunchtime'

2nd Place: Trish Scully, 'Nature'

3rd place Elizabeth Browne 'Fenit rocks, a Curlew's coastal Kitchen'

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Bord Bia Bloom has announced that three Kerry exhibitors will be joining this year's exciting event line-up, Kells Bay Gardens from Cahersiveen, Dingle Distillery, and Valentia Island Vermouth. With just three weeks to go until the festival of flowers, food and fun returns to its home in the Phoenix Park, Dublin, organisers are encouraging visitors to plan their visit and enjoy a great day out this summer.

The festival expects to welcome over 100,000 visitors across its 70-acre site, which will play host to 20 spectacular new show gardens at the centre of the experience.

Kells Bay Garden & Nursery will exhibit breathtaking ferns in the Nursery Village. Twice Gold Medal Winner at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show, Billy Alexander, owner at Kells Bay House and Gardens, has won a number of awards for his exotic and rare fern collection.

Dingle Distillery opened in 2012 as one of the first new distilleries in the Irish whiskey renaissance. It is an independent, family-owned, artisan Distillery creating Whiskey, Gin and Vodka.

Valentia Island Vermouth founded by wife-and-wife team Anna & Orla, producers of the first Irish Vermouth on Valentia Island in Co Kerry.

Attendees can also enjoy delicious food from plenty of food trucks, the BBQ Bliss area or Bloom's four on-site restaurants: The Garden View Restaurant, Bistro Bloom, Country Crest Restaurant

Three exhibitors from Kerry announced for **Bord Bia Bloom**



Billy Alexander from Kells Bay Garden & Nursery will exhibit breathtaking ferns in the Nursery Village

and The Seafood Terrace. New for this year is 'A Taste of Bloom, curated by Neven' a three-course dining experience celebrating quality Irish produce designed exclusively by chef Neven Maguire for Bloom.

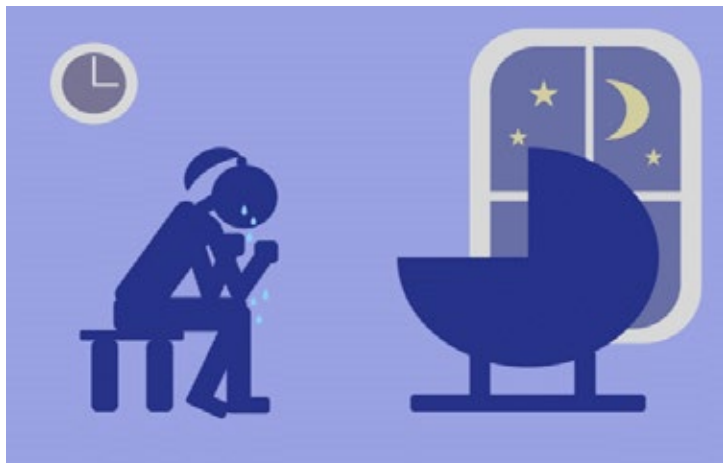
Tickets are on sale via the BordBiaBloom.com website. Two children (aged 16 and under) go free with each adult ticket purchased.

Maternal Mental Health Awareness Week: **4 in 5 Women Experience Baby Blues**

As Maternal Mental Health Awareness Week takes place, mental health charity Turn2Me is calling on families across Ireland to be vigilant and compassionate when supporting new mothers. According to the HSE, four in five women experience some form of 'baby blues' after childbirth – but around one in seven women go on to develop postnatal depression, a more serious and long-lasting condition.

The first few weeks and months after giving birth can be an overwhelming emotional rollercoaster. Hormonal changes, sleep deprivation, and the huge responsibility of caring for a newborn can impact mental health in profound ways.

"Too often, postnatal depression is misunderstood or dismissed," said Fiona O'Malley, CEO of Turn2Me, "The 'baby blues' is more common than not in new mothers and postnatal depression can linger and worsen if not addressed. Knowing the signs and how to support a loved one is vital."



7 Common Signs of Postnatal Depression:

- Persistent feelings of sadness or hopelessness
- Apathy: lack of interest or joy in activities once enjoyed
- Excessive guilt or feeling like a 'bad mother'
- Difficulty bonding with the baby
- Changes in appetite or sleep (beyond typical exhaustion)
- Irritability, anger, or anxiety
- Thoughts of self-harm or harming the baby (which requires immediate help)

3 Ways to Support a Loved One with the 'Baby Blues'

- Listen without judgement
 - Allow her to express her feelings openly. Don't try to 'fix' things—just be present and supportive.
 - Offer practical help
- From cooking meals to watching the baby so she can sleep, small acts of kindness make a big impact.
- Encourage professional support
- Gently suggest talking to a GP or using services like Turn2Me if her symptoms persist beyond a week.

Turn2Me is encouraging new mothers and their families to prioritise mental health. The charity offers up to six free professional counselling sessions to anyone over 18 living in Ireland. Sessions are available online through Turn2Me.ie and are fully confidential.

"Support, empathy and timely intervention can make all the difference. No one should suffer in silence." O'Malley added.

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As well as being official Milk Supplier to the Kerry LGFA, we are delighted to announce their partnerships sees them come on board as official sponsors of our Development and Go Games at U8, U10 and U12's

Speaking on behalf of Kerry LGFA, Chairperson Nora Fealey said 'We are

delighted to have Lee Strand continue their association with Kerry LGFA. The company takes great pride in supporting local community and sport projects and have been a great supporter to Kerry LGFA over the years. Their commitment to our development and Go Games further highlights this. We have built up a great working relationship with the team over the last few years and we look forward to developing this relationship even further both on a club and intercounty level'

POWER UP GRANT

Fianna Fáil Spokesperson on Tourism, Michael Cahill TD has welcomed the announcement of additional payments under the Power Up Grant - Appeal and Reclassification scheme. Many businesses who did not qualify for payments initially, may now do so following a reclassification process, said the Kerry TD.

"Businesses that had not classified themselves as operating in the hospitality, retail or beauty sectors were ineligible for the second Increased Cost Of Business (ICOB) and Power Up grants. This is because one of the main criteria for the Power Up grant was that a business must have received the second ICOB payment. In order to address this, this week the Government approved an appeals process that will give those businesses in the retail, hospitality and beauty sectors that were not eligible for ICOB and the Power Up grant because of the misclassification issue, an opportunity to register for those grants" stated Deputy Cahill.

"I am delighted with this latest announcement by the Government and I warmly welcome this new appeals process. I raised this important issue on behalf of constituents who previously lost out on this business

support measure and I am now pleased that they can now apply for this grant through the appeals process" said the Rossbeigh TD.


"A reclassification exercise will be undertaken by Local Authorities and all businesses affected will be given guidance to complete the appeal application. I will keep you all posted on this as it develops" added Michael Cahill TD.

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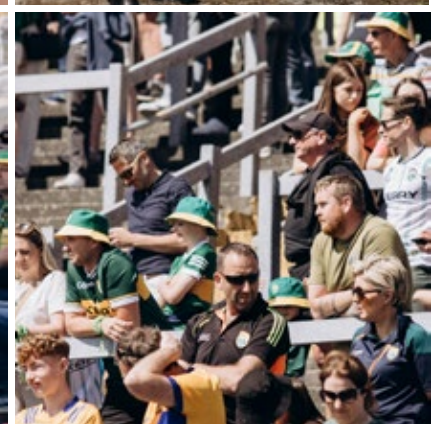
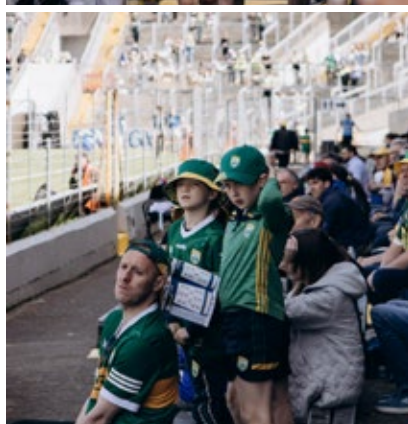
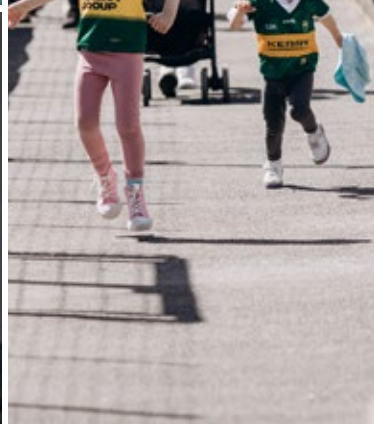
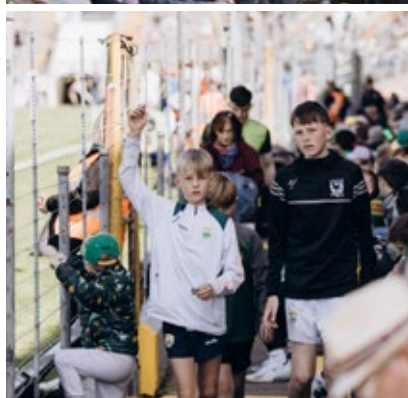
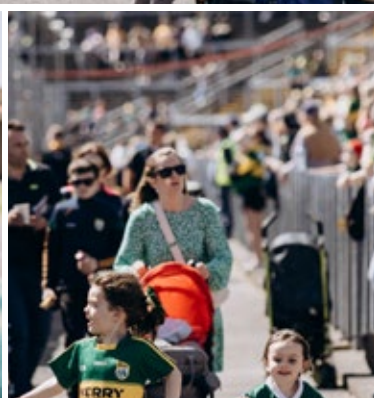


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Fossa Climate Action Group HOST WORKSHOP ON ENERGY

The series of workshops hosted by Fossa Climate Action Group continues next Wednesday (14th of May) with an information session on sustainable energy. The evening talk will be facilitated by two speakers: Caitriona Fallon of Dingle Hub and Karena McCarthy of Killarney Credit Union. Caitriona will give a short presentation on the Sustainable Energy Communities scheme. This could be of benefit to your home, sports club, community hall, church or business. She will answer common questions such as 'What is energy efficiency?' and 'Why is renewable energy better for our community and environment?'

Karena will deal with the options available to invest in renewable energy and to increase efficiency in your home. Answering questions such as 'What loans are available to pay for solar panels?' and 'What grants are available?' 'Energy is an important topic that concerns us all. I look forward to hearing about ways that give us sustainable energy without costing the Earth' says Diarmaid Griffin of Fossa Climate Action Group.

The event is free of charge and is made possible by the Department of the Environment and Community Foundation Ireland. Talk begins at 7:30pm at Fossa Community Hall. All Welcome.

CALL FOR LONGER OPENING HOURS AT PLAYGROUND

At this month's Killarney Municipal District Meeting which took place on Wednesday, Cllr. John O'Donoghue put forward the following Notice of Motion

• To ask that the playground opening times be reviewed, possibly in line with the clock change date as during the admittedly unique fine weather we had over Easter, many families were going to the playground at Knockreer in the evening to find it locked at 5.30pm. This despite it being bright for another couple of hours after 5.30pm.

I appreciate and accept that we are after an extraordinary period of good weather, but I was contacted by numerous families, particularly in the lead up to the Easter break, telling me that they were travelling to the playground in the evening time to avail of the good weather, only to find it locked. I am asking that the opening times be amended in line with the clocks changing each year, or if that is not possible that the Council staff may be afforded a degree of discretion to leave the playground open for longer if we get a week of nice weather.

Ireland should target the low hanging fruit in its own back garden when it comes to trade and commerce - MEP Kelleher

- Boosting exports to the Single Market and finding new global markets must be our twin priorities -

Fianna Fáil MEP Billy Kelleher has said that he believes that Ireland must redouble its efforts to export goods and services into the European Single Market as a response to the possibility of an extended tariff war with the United States.

Kelleher, a member of the European Parliament's Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON) Committee, was commenting as it was reported that the Government were today discussing a large trade mission led by An Taoiseach, later this year.

"Don't get me wrong. Trade missions are essential, and I believe a mission led by An Taoiseach is vitally important to our future prosperity.

"However, we cannot ignore our core markets, and quite frankly, with the exception of the Netherlands, Germany and Belgium, as well as France and Italy to a lesser extent, we export very little to the other Member States.

"In 2023, of the €81.2 billion of Irish exports to

the EU, €60.07 billion went to the Netherlands, Germany and Belgium, accounting for nearly 75% of all our exports to the EU.

"The US may be our biggest trading partner as a single country, but we need to make sure we harness the potential of the tariff free single market on our doorstep. As a bloc, the EU is by far our biggest trading partner.

"There is a huge market in the east of Europe that Ireland should be looking to gain traction in Poland, the Scandinavian and Baltic countries, and central European countries like Czechia and Slovakia are all considerably more prosperous than 10-15 years ago.

"It's a well-established economic fact that bilateral trade between two countries is inversely proportional to the geographic distance between them.

"For Ireland that means boosting our exports to the countries closest to us. As well as trade within the EU being tariff-free, the EU is now actively working to lower internal

administrative and compliance burdens, which should make it more attractive for small businesses to sell into the Single Market

"As an economy, we need to reduce our over-dependence on certain markets. That means new trade deals with countries across the globe, but it also means fostering even closer ties with our closest neighbours," concluded Kelleher.



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RATHMORE | GNEEVEGUILLA PARISH

By Michael O' Mahony

SHARE THE BUCKET

Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group reminds you that Share the Bucket takes place weekly. The draw is every Friday evening in Teach Fáilte @8.30 pm and can be viewed live on our Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook Page. This week's jackpot was €220 and the winner was Tadhg 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.

TUREENCAHILL COMMUNITY CENTRE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday: Yoga 6.45–7.45pm & 8–9pm (Contact Denise: 086 8901234)

Tuesday: NEW CLASS! From May 6th – Sean Nós Dance (Adults) 7–8pm, 6-week block (Contact Kieran: 085 1731073)

Wednesday: Bridge 1–4pm, Kids Kickboxing 4.30–5.30pm (Maurz: 089 4010475), Kids Set Dancing 6–7pm (Marie: 083 0045432)

Thursday: Monthly Pop-Up Gaeltacht (see noticeboard/social media) Contact (086 3159744)

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RATHMORE GNEEVEGUILLA COMMUNITY GAMES

On behalf of Rathmore Gneeveguilla Community Games we would like to say a big thank you to everyone in our community who contributed to our Church Gate Collections last weekend and to all our volunteers who collected on Saturday and Easter Sunday. Your continued support as always, is very much appreciated.

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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

LISTRY PARISH

Written by: Colette Leslie

LOTTO

May 4th 2025. Jackpot €9,000. Numbers Drawn 5, 9, 21, 24. Not Won. €100 Michael O'Sullivan, Faha. €50 Hannah Wharton c/o JD. €50 Pip Dwyer, Ballytrasna. €25 Gerard Looney, Lissivane West (Online). €25 Noel & Alison, Listry. Jackpot next week 11/05/2025 €9,150

SENIORS

Our seniors are away v Jn Mitchels next Sunday May 11th at 2pm. All support welcome

U16

Best of luck to the U16 team who play kenmare in the East Kerry Div 1 shield find on Thursday 8th may at 7pm in Glenflesk

U14

Our U14 team play kenmare on 13/05/2025 at 7pm at home .

KERRY MINORS

Best of luck to David McCarthy ,Danny Murphy and the Kerry minor team who play Clare on Monday 12th in the Munster semi final.

KERRY SENIORS

Congrats to Ruairi Murphy and the Kerry senior team and management on winning the Munster final.



Minor League Division 2 Final won by Listry.

Listry Captain Eanna Murphy presented with Division 2 Trophy by East Kerry Officer Michael Healy.

SPA PARISH

By Leanne Cronin

CREDIT UNION SENIOR FOOTBALL COUNTY LEAGUE ROUND 6

Spa seniors play Rathmore on 11th May at 2pm in Rathmore. Please see our social media accounts for fixture updates.

OUR JUNIOR MEN defeated Castleisland Desmond's on Monday 5th May FT score Spa 3-13 Desmond's 1-11. In the next round they will play away to Ballymacelligott on 11th May in at 2pm.

LGFA

Spa Senior Ladies travelled to Tralee this evening to play Austin Stacks in the Credit Union Donal Curtin Cup Division 3 round 6 league.

The first 15 minutes was a close enough affair with Spa hitting a good few wides. The second quarter saw Spa beginning to dominate going into half time leading 2-08 to 1-02.

Spa continued to dominate in the second half due to a combination of the

Spa subs contributing brilliantly and Austin Stacks tiring a little. It was a comfortable win for Spa with a final score line of 6-13 to 2-05.

Spa will play Fossa next Sunday 11th at 11am in Spa.

A special word of congratulations to Imelda Taylor who played her first game for Spa after joining the panel recently.

SPA LOTTO 5/5/25 RESULTS

Numbers drawn: 7, 17, 20, 24. No jackpot winner. Lucky dips €50 each: Alan Breen, Online; Tommy Walpole, Muckross; John Murhill, Muckross; PC c/o Killarney Park; Monthly Annual Ticket Holders Draw: Michelle Daly, Tiernaboul. Next week's draw is on Monday 12 May @ 9pm for a jackpot of €9,300

NOTES

Any items for our notes please contact Leanne 085-7762411

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KILCUMMIN PARISH

Written by: Helen Moynihan

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KILCUMMIN DEFIBRILLATOR GROUP

Kilcummin Defibrillator Group will be holding their Annual Church Gate Collection on the 17th & 18th May, your support would be greatly appreciated.

GROTTO MASS

Grotto Mass at Glounonea on Thursday 15th of May at 7.30pm.

KILCUMMIN CCÉ

Kilcummin CCÉ - Fleadh Cheoil Chiarraí 2025 takes place on Sunday May 18th, Saturday May 24th and Sunday May 25th in Causeway. We would like to take the opportunity to wish all of our competitors the very best of luck. We know that a huge amount of time and dedication has gone into your preparations these past months and we thank you sincerely for representing our branch on stage at Fleadh this year. We also thank the various mentors who work with our members in having them so well prepared for this occasion. Thank you also to your parents who support you in so many ways to ensure your participation at this level. Safe travels and best wishes to you all.

KILCUMMIN GAA BY DONAL BARRY PRO SENIOR COUNTY LEAGUE DIV 1

Kilcummin face County Football League Division 1 leaders Austin Stacks in Round 6 of the Credit Union Senior Football League on Sunday 11th May 2025 at Connolly Park (2pm)

SENIOR COUNTY LEAGUE DIV 7B

Meanwhile in Round 6 of Division 7B of the Credit Union Senior Football League we are away to Desmonds. Check social media accounts for up to date fixture information on this fixture.

INTER COUNTY

Congratulations to Dara Stack who was part of the Kerry Under 20 Football team that claimed the Munster under 20 football title. Kerry face Tyrone now in the All-Ireland semi-final.

FEILE FUNDRAISER 2025

Many thanks to those who helped out on our Feile street collection on Munster final day. The collection was vital for the fundraising efforts for the team's trip to Feile in Derry at the end of June.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to club members Eamon O' Donoghue and Darragh Keane who were members of the St Brendan's Junior A All-Ireland Schools title winning side.

EAST KERRY TITLE

Massive congratulations to the Under 16B team who won the East Kerry Division 3 title defeating Dr. Crokes 6-15 to 1-11. Congratulations to the team and the management.

HEALTHY CLUB

Kilcummin GAA and LGFA will be applying to take part in the Healthy Club Initiative in Autumn 2025. We have recently formed a Healthy Club Committee with representatives from various aspects of club life to work towards gaining 'Healthy Club' status. The aim of the GAA Healthy Club is to make every GAA club a hub for health and well-being in the community, encouraging and supporting better physical, social and mental well-being for all members of our community. We are keen to hear the opinions of members of the club and the local community on what you think we should start/stop or continue. We would really appreciate it if you would take 5 minutes to complete this survey. Please ask a member of the executive for the link.

WELLBEING WALK

Kilcummin GAA & LGFA Healthy Club Committee welcome members of the club and local community to a wellbeing walk on Thursday the 15th of May between 7-8pm on the walking track. This is part of the Hello, How are you? Campaign by Mental Health Ireland.

Hello, How Are You? is a campaign about connection and engaging in open conversations about mental health. The campaign asks individuals, communities, workplaces, friends & family to say Hello and ask the question 'How Are You?' in a meaningful way. Asking this small question and having one conversation can make a real difference in someone's life. Creating, maintaining and staying connected with others helps tackle loneliness, creates a sense of belonging and purpose and builds relationships. People are welcome to join us on the track to walk a couple of laps while connecting with others. Looking forward to seeing you all on the 15th at any stage between 7-8pm. This event is open to all. You do not need to be a member of the walking track to take part in this particular event. Please note that the only dogs allowed on the GAA grounds are therapy or assistance dogs, this is a GAA regulation.

NOTES

If anyone has anything they want to add to our club notes please contact Donal by emailing pro.kilcummin.kerry@gaa.ie or Text/WhatsApp 087-7023681 before 10pm on Sundays.

GAA LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Monday 5th May for the Jackpot of €3,000. Numbers drawn were 04,09,24,26. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Breda Piggott; Rachel Gorman; Noel Duggan; Elizabeth Sweeney. Our next draw will be on Monday 19th May for Jackpot of €3,250.

MASTERGEEHA F.C LOTTO

There was no winner on Friday 2nd May 2025 of the Jackpot €6,800. Numbers drawn were 01,03,10,25. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Aisling O'Donoghue, Lacca; Cian, Dara & Evan Cronin c/o Mike Devane; Neasa Ní Lionáird O/L; Julie Looney, Mastergeeha. The next draw will be on Friday 9th May for Jackpot of €7,000.

GLENFLESK PARISH

Written by: Sean Daly

COMMUNION

Best wishes to all the boys and girls making their First Holy Communion in Glenflesk parish this weekend.

COMMUNITY GAMES

Glenflesk Community Games Athletics night will be held on Tuesday 13th May at 6pm in Killarney Valley AC. Registration from 5:30pm. Races for U8, U10, U12, U14 and U16 Boys and Girls and U6 Tiny Tots. U14's will run first at 6pm to accommodate those playing in U14 GAA match. Competitors must reside in Glenflesk parish. Admission €2 per person, all welcome. Well done to the Girls U12 Soccer panel of Gracie Mai Favier, Emer O'Connor, Emma O'Connor, Emily O'Donoghue, Sarah Louise O'Donoghue, Keelin O'Donovan, Laura O'Donovan, Sadie Roche and Lana Scott who competed in the county finals in Camp on Sunday. Well done to the mixed U10 Gaelic Football panel of Fionn Daly, Gearóid Linehan, Paddy MacGillicuddy, Elliot Moroney, Oscar Nagle, Oisín O'Connell, Dylan O'Connor, Jacob O'Donoghue, Fionn O'Leary, Saoirse O'Leary, Max O'Reilly, Séamí Somers and Oliver Troci who took part in the county finals in Tralee on Monday.

BASKETBALL

Well done to Dara O'Sullivan, Malachy Audley and Patrick O'Donoghue who won the All Ireland A Final with St Brendans College.

LOTTO

There was no winner of Glenflesk Lotto on 30/4/25. Jackpot €6,000. Numbers drawn: 2, 11, 18, 23. Consolation Prizes of €50: Dio Buckley, Faha, Eamon Bowler, Lisbabe, Mary McCarrick, Barraduff & Mary McCarrick, Sellers Prize. Next draw 12/5/25. Jackpot will be €6,200. Thank you to all who support our Lotto, our sellers and to Diarmuid Lynch Plumbing and Heating Ltd for sponsoring the tickets.

SENIORS

Our B team had a good win away to Milltown-Castlemaine last weekend, final score 2:10 to 4:16. This weekend in Division 1 we take on Ballymacelligott at 2pm in Caherslee, Tralee while in Division 6 the B team host Kerins O'Rahillys at 2pm in Glenflesk.

ACADEMY

Continues every Tuesday evening 6:15pm to 7:15pm in Barraduff Community Field. Little legends 3 plus, U6 and U8 Boys, U6 and U8 girls. All welcome!

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BEAUFORT PARISH

By Bridget Hartnett

FIXTURES

Senior men will be home to Killarney Legion on Friday, 9th May at 7pm in County League, Div. 6, round 6.

Senior men will be away to Killarney Legion, on Sunday, 11th May at 2pm in Div.1, Co League, round 6.

RESULTS

Kerins O'Rahilly's 3.16 Beaufort 1.11 in round 4, Senior Co League, Div.1.

MATCH REPORT

Our U10 Girls had their first games of the season as they travelled to a sunny Currow on Tuesday, 29th April for a Go Games Blitz.

We had our full squad of players and two teams played 5 games in total vs Kilcummin and Currow.

The girls made great progress and the blitz format allows them to experience many different positions on the pitch.

Team: Erynn Kelliher, Anna O'Sullivan, Kayleigh O'Keeffe, Molly Moloney, Ava Dennehy, Olivia Murphy, Lorna Doyle, Scarlett O'Sullivan, Fiadh Riordan, Tara O'Rourke, Scotia O'Nuallain, Grace Johnson, Robyn Moriarty, Molly Moriarty.

LOTTO

The next draw for a jackpot of €5,800 will be on Sunday, 11th May in Beaufort Bar. Tickets €2 each or 3 for €5 available from usual sellers, shops, and public houses and online at www.beaufortgaa.com. Thank you to everybody who support our lotto.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mike Breen, Seán O'Brien and Seán Coffey, the Kerry team and management on their Munster football final victory against Clare on Sunday, 4th May.

Fay O'Donoghue was part of the senior Ladies team which qualified for the Munster senior Ladies final. Lily Kearins played in the Kerry Munster senior



Beaufort U10 girls who played Kilcummin and Currow in a Go Games blitz last week

B championship game against Limerick.

Lori O'Connor, Keeva Riordan and Eabha McEvoy were part of the minor panel who were defeated by Cork in the Munster minor A final.

Clionagh Coffey played with Kerry U14 girls in stage 1 of Under 14 girls championship series.



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ADJUSTMENT

The uncertainty about the marking of the 2025 Leaving Cert exams was ended when it was announced that the post-marking adjustment will be reduced to an average of 5.5%. The 7.5% upwards adjustment last year resulted in 68% cent of grades increasing. As a result, last year's Leaving Cert candidates gained, on average, about 60 CAO points more than they would have done before the pandemic. By decreasing the post-marking adjustment to an average of 5.5%, the average gain by 2025 Leaving Certs should be about 43 CAO points. The State Examinations Commission (SEC) will publish the Leaving Cert results on Friday, 22nd August.

MANAGE

The state exams begin on Wednesday, 4th June so it's vital to make good use of the remaining weeks. Manage your revision efficiently and sharpen your exam techniques. Concentrate on a final revision of your course material and practice answering past exam papers. Be organised in your revision plan. Set down priorities in the subject areas, which you intend to revise. Be patient and methodical in your routine. Don't be over ambitious in your revision planning. Take a self-contained manageable unit of work in a revision session. Cramming – extended revision sessions with too much content – is the least effective way to prepare for exams.

SIMULATE

When answering past exam papers simulate exam conditions as far as possible. Using A4 paper, try to answer within the time allowed for each question. Accurately number each question and part of question. Ensure that your handwriting is legible, that your diagrams are detailed and that your presentation is neat.

FORMAT

Attend school each day up to the end of term as your best work is done under the expertise of your teachers, who will guide you through revision and exam techniques. Be familiar with the format of each exam paper. Be aware of the style of questions and the topics examined

in each paper. Know how the marks for each paper are allocated and how much time should be spent on each question.

REVISION

As the final weeks are for revision and for answering past exam papers, avoid studying new unfamiliar material, if possible. If you have missed out on some part of the course, give that topic immediate priority. Study the topic, revise the topic and consolidate it by answering past exam questions based on it. The alternative is to omit that topic completely. In summary, an intensive revision period is the best prescription for effective exam preparation.

ROUTINE

Efficient management of your home study is vital. A regular routine is essential. Study for about four hours on each of the five weekday nights. Two sessions of about two hours each with a half-hour or meal break in between will result in good quality work. Aim to do seven or eight hours of revision spread over Saturday and Sunday. Prepare a daily, weekly and full-term study schedule. Review your progress at the end of each week. Be disciplined and organised in your approach to study. Stick to your routine and to your study schedule. Use short breaks between subjects. Avoid unscheduled breaks and beware of 'time thieves' such as excessive TV watching and prolonged social media use.

ENVIRONMENT

Good working conditions are vital aids to effective study. A comfortable study environment at home is essential. If possible, study on your own where you'll have peace and quiet. A comfortable room temperature, neither too hot nor too cold, is an aid to concentration. You need a table or desk on which to write and a hard-backed chair on which to sit. Good lighting keeps you from getting tired. A desk lamp, if available, is a useful aid to mental application. Your total focus must be on your work, so don't allow yourself to be distracted.

REWARD

Use a reward system to reinforce your progress

and to maintain your momentum. The aim of doing well in your exam is your greatest motivator but also build in a few treats. After an evening of study, your reward might be a favourite television programme or listening to some music. At the weekend, treat yourself to a film, a swim in the local leisure complex or an active leisure activity, which you enjoy. As a result, you will face the challenges ahead of you with confidence and renewed energy.

CHECKLIST

- Final term work mainly consists of revision and doing past exam papers
- Be patient and methodical in your revision programme
- Cramming is the least effective way to study
- Simulate exam conditions when answering past exam papers
- At school you will benefit from the expertise of your teachers
- Understand the lay out and marks distribution of each paper
- Avoid new unfamiliar material if at all possible
- Routine and organisation are vital in your home study
- A private working environment at home is conducive to effective study
- Beware of 'time-thieves' such as long telephone calls and unscheduled breaks
- Face the challenges ahead of you with confidence
- Reward yourself for work well done
- CAO online change of mind facility (free) opened on the 6th May
- The State exams begin on Wednesday, 4th June
- Leaving Cert exam results will be released on Friday, 22nd August

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St. Brendan's College has welcomed the newest member of their school family - Jackson !

Jackson is full brother to our previous therapy dog JJ. The school are so grateful to Deirdre Prendergast and the charity 'My Canine companion' for placing another therapy dog (in training) in the school. Jackson will be an incredible addition to St Brendan's, offering emotional support, companionship and fun to students and staff alike.



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WORKMEN'S ROWING CLUB

A GOLDEN WEEKEND IN BANTRY

The May Bank Holiday weekend brought more than just sunshine — it brought success, spirit, and standout performances from our rowers at the Reendonagan Lake Regatta in Bantry. With blue skies above and mostly calm waters below, the scene was set for an unforgettable day of racing.

From our junior crews to our more experienced rowers, Workmen's RC athletes displayed grit, focus, and unity — securing multiple medals and turning heads with their impressive performances. Whether it was a tightly contested sprint or a determined comeback, every race reflected the hard work and dedication poured into training week after week.

Special thanks go to our dedicated coaches, Michael J and Mary Burns, who were there from start to finish — guiding, motivating, and supporting every crew throughout the day. A heartfelt thank you also goes out to our volunteers, parents, and supporters, whose efforts behind the scenes — from trailering boats to organising logistics and cheering from the shoreline — ensured everything ran seamlessly. Your contribution does not go unnoticed and is deeply appreciated.

But the day wasn't just about medals. The regatta was a true celebration of rowing — of teamwork, resilience, and club spirit. It was fantastic to see so many members come together to support one another, creating an atmosphere of encouragement, laughter, and pride. Our colours were well represented, both on and off the water.

LOOKING AHEAD

With momentum on our side, we now look forward to the Ghent International Regatta, scheduled for this coming weekend in Belgium. We send our very best wishes to all rowers competing, and to the coaches and parents making the trip — safe travels and good luck! Meanwhile, regular training continues as usual. For those preparing for upcoming events, now is the time to refine the details and maintain sharp focus. And for those building their skills — stay

patient, stay driven. Every stroke, every session, and every outing counts.

This weekend reminded us why we row: for the challenge, the camaraderie, and the pride of wearing the white and red stripe. Let's carry that energy and unity forward into everything we do.

KILLARNEY VALLEY ATHLETIC CLUB

The County Juvenile T&F Championships were held in Castleisland last Saturday and Sunday and KVAC had a great turnout with some 140 athletes participating. Below are just some of the results: -

U20 Karl James O'Neill came 1st and Felice Covillon came 2nd in the 3000m. Jack Culloty came 1st in the 1500m and Muireann Breen came 1st in her 1500m. Madie O'Riordan came 1st and Naoise Cronin 2nd in the U20 100m. The 4x100m relay of Jason O'Reilly, Dominik Wasila, Leo Allen and Klaidas Merkcivicius came 1st. Jason came 1st in the 200m. The Women's 4x100 relay finished 1st and 2nd. Team members were Naoise Cronin, Madie O'Riordan, Sophie Duke, Mollie O'Riordan, Tara O'Sullivan, Antonya Lejwoda, Megan O'Reilly and Taesha Veerasoo. In the U20 Triple Jump, Antonya Lejwoda came 1st and Ellie O'Shea 2nd and Kate O'Shea 3rd. Antonya and Ellie came 1st and 2nd in the U20 Long Jump. Finn Moloney came 3rd in the U20 Discus and 2nd in the U20 Javelin.

U16: The 4x100m relay of Lauren McEvoy, Beibhinn O'Donoghue, Maja Zakrzewska and Maria Coleman came 1st. Katie O'Sullivan was 2nd in the Triple Jump and 1st in the High Jump. Lauren McEvoy was 1st in the 100m. Kate Kissane was 1st in the 800m. Conor Duffin was 1st in the 1500m. Babatunde Smith was 1st in the High Jump with a PB of 1.81m.

U15's Kieran Moloney came 1st in the Discus, Fionn Spellman was 1st in the 200m, Elsie O'Doherty was 2nd in the 800m. Sophie Culloty came 1st and Elle Fleury came 2nd in the 100m. In the 200m Elle came 1st and Sophie came 2nd. U14's Brid O'Connor came 3rd. Aaron O'Sullivan came 3rd in the Shot Putt and 3rd in the 800m. Seodhna O'Sullivan came 3rd in the 800m and



Fossa Bridge Club President Pauline presenting her prize to the worthy winners, Finola Spillane & Ger Foley.

Fionn Culloty came 2nd in the 1500m.

U13's Ryan O'Donoghue came 1st in the 600m. Olamide Smith came 1st in the 80m and Long Jump. Finian Swarbrick came 2nd in the Javelin and 3rd in the Long Jump and 1st in the High Jump. Saoirse O'Shea came 3rd in the 80m and 1st in the 600m.

U12's Marcela Piechowiak came 1st in the High Jump, Kayla O'Sullivan came 1st in the 60m. Conor Scannell came 3rd in the Long Jump and John Byrne came 3rd in the Shot Putt.

U11's Triple Gold for Allie Casey in the 60m, 600m and Long Jump. Double Gold for James Doody in the 60m and Long Jump. Gold for Gary Arthur in the 60m.

U10's Dylan O'Connor came 1st in the 60m and 3rd in the 500m. Cian Sheehan came 2nd in the 500m

U9's Jacob O'Donoghue came 2nd in the Long Jump and 3rd in the 300m.

All relevant information on our club is on our website www.killarneyvalleyac.ie.

FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB

RESULTS FROM PRESIDENT PAULINE'S PRIZE WHICH WAS HELD ON THE 17TH & 24TH APRIL LAST

1st: Finola Spillane & Ger Foley
2nd: Anne Looney & Michael McHugh
3rd: Kathleen Coen & Phyllis O'Regan
4th: Ger Mc Sweeney & Conor O'Dwyer
5th: Ursula Daly & Ciaran Broadbery
6th: Marie O'Sullivan Kenmare & Horst Rosler
7th: Don O'Sullivan & Hanneke Nieman
First Session (17th April) winners - Marie Moloney & Joan Lenihan
Second Session (24th April) winners - Mary Murray & Maureen Culloty.
Well done everyone, great scoring.

THANKS

We would like to thank the organisers of this event, Finola Spillane, Phyllis O'Regan, Mary Murray and Miriam McFarlane for the great effort they put in on both days. Thank you ladies.

SUMMER BRIDGE has now started for the season every Thursday morning at 10am at The Castlerosse Hotel. All bridge players are welcome.



Workmen's Rowing Club – Golden Weekend in Bantry

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FOSSA ROWING CLUB

KILLARNEY REGATTA COLLECTION



A huge thanks to our members who helped out with the Killarney Regatta church gate collection over the weekend at St. Mary's Cathedral. A special thanks to Maya, Anastasia, Lily, Luke and Katie. Thanks to all who supported.

DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

This Saturday morning we will hold a walk to the lakeshore, and a row, for the Darkness into light. We will meet at the old church in Fossa at 4:15am and all very welcome.

EVENTS COMING UP IN MAY:

- Saturday 10th May- Darkness to Light walk/row. Meeting at Old Church in Fossa at 4.15am
- Sunday 18th May- Flesk Valley, Killarney- Time trial event. One design and off shore boats
- Sunday 25th May- Caherciveen- Time trial

event.

- Saturday 31st May- Ocean to City, Cork

MUCKROSS ROWING CLUB

BANTRY REGATTA

On Saturday, the club's younger rowers travelled to Reendonegan Lake for the Bantry Sprint Regatta. Muckross RC was represented by over 20 crews racing in the Junior 13, 14 and 15 grades. Great racing experience gained by all our young crews some silverware too. Congratulations to Oliva Murphy and Orla Forde, winners of the Womens Junior 14 Double and to Orla Forde, Olivia Murphy, Lauren O'Donoghue and Amelia Mackiewicz, winners of the Womens Junior 14 Quad.

EVENTS

Castleconnell Sprint Regatta, Saturday, May 17th, O'Briensbridge; Lee Regatta, Saturday, May 24th, Cork City Marina; Dublin Metro Regatta, Saturday, May 24th, Blessington; Munster Branch Regatta, NRC Farran, Saturday, June 7th; Cork Regatta, Sat-Sun, June 21st-22nd, NRC Farran; Rowing Ireland 1k Classic, Lough Rynn, Sat-Sun June 28-29th.

KILLARNEY REGATTA COLLECTION

Our thanks to the club members and supporters who collected at masses last weekend in support



Muckross RC, winners of the Womens Junior 14 Quad at Bantry Regatta, Saturday 3 May 2025. l-r: Lauren O'Donoghue, Amelia Mackiewicz, Olivia Murphy, Orla Forde and Clodagh X (cox).

of the annual regatta Church Gate collection. Special thanks to all who contributed in support of Killarney's oldest sporting tradition!



Killarney Valley AC Members who took part in the Kerry County Championships at a sunny Riocht facility in Castleisland at the weekend.





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The key to remember is that buttons are simply "soft spots" that have been touched one too many times and they often symbolise some pain that needs to be healed and acknowledged. This may be a wound from childhood or some traumatic experience. Either way, they are sensitive to certain provocations and flare up when activated or pushed.

3 steps to changing your response

- As soon as you recognise that your buttons have been pushed, take a deep breath in and a long exhale out. Physically move backwards. This helps the body & mind symbolically create some distance.
- Blaming the 'button pusher' only distracts us from healing. They may not even be aware of what they have done. Take responsibility for how you feel and know that you have a choice to feel better.
- Remind yourself that all is okay in this moment and that nothing bad is happening to you. Inwardly, tell yourself that this is an old emotion and that you are safe and well in this moment.

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Drinking a glass of water as soon as you wake up before your coffee and breakfast jumpstarts your metabolism, rehydrates your body after hours of sleep and can help you feel more alert. If plain water feels boring, try infusing it with fresh fruits, herbs, or cucumber. Lemon, mint, berries, and orange slices not only add flavour but also provide a small nutrient boost without added sugar.

Many fruits and vegetables—like watermelon, cucumbers, oranges, and lettuce—have high water content. Snacking on these throughout the day helps keep your hydration levels up, especially in warmer weather.

You're more likely to stay hydrated if you keep a water bottle nearby. Choose one that's convenient to carry, easy to clean, and visually appealing—it sounds simple, but it works.

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Over time, the effects of UV rays may help cause several eye problems.

UV-A

can hurt your central vision. It can damage the macula, a part of the retina at the back of your eye.

UV-B

The front part of your eye (the cornea and the lens) absorbs most UV-B rays, but these rays may cause even more damage to your eyes than UV-A rays.

What Eye Problems Can UV Rays Cause?

Macular Degeneration

UV rays may lead to macular degeneration, a leading cause of vision loss for older people.

Cataract

UV rays, especially UV-B rays, may also cause some kinds of cataracts. A cataract is a clouding of the eye's natural lens, the part of the eye that focuses the light we see.

Pterygium

Another UV-related problem is a growth called pterygium. This growth begins on the white of the eye and may involve the cornea. Eventually,

the growth may block vision. It is more common in people who work outside in the sun and wind.

Skin Cancer

Skin cancer around the eyelids is also linked to prolonged UV exposure.

Corneal Sunburn

Corneal sunburn, called photokeratitis, is the result of high short-term exposure to UV-B rays. Long hours at the beach or skiing without proper eye protection can cause this problem. It can be very painful and may cause temporary vision loss.

Protecting your eyes from the sun

If you are spending time outdoors, especially in the summer or on holidays abroad, make sure that you and your children have good quality, dark sunglasses with UV protection. Look for the British Standard (BS EN ISO 12312-1:2013) or the CE mark, which is the manufacturer's assurance that the sunglasses have been made to the appropriate safety standards. You can also protect your eyes by making sure to wear a hat with a brim or a sun visor in bright sunlight.

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Cutting cost of third level education must be Government priority

- Fine Gael Senators

Fine Gael Senators have tabled a motion to be debated in the Seanad this week urging the Government to continue to reduce the student contribution fee during its lifetime.

The motion acknowledges the significant improvements made for students and their families across the country in cutting the cost of going to college and university in recent years. This includes a reduction in third level fees for the last two years and changes to eligibility criteria student grants to ensure more families can avail of support.

In addition to calling for a reduction in fees, the Seanad motion calls for a range of commitments in the Programme for Government on further and higher education to be fulfilled.

These include additional capital funding for the third level sector under the review of the National Development Plan, reforming the CAO, increasing funding for research, and identifying alternative routes into further education for the more practically minded student, particularly in high demand roles.

Senator Seán Kyne, the leader of the Seanad, said: "Third level education is a huge cost for families across the country. The student

contribution fees, accommodation costs, and travel all add up and can be a significant cost for students and their parents.

"In the last few years, we have made good inroads in helping families by reducing costs particularly at a time when household bills have been impacted by inflation. It is important we meet the Programme for Government commitment to reduce the fees over a period of time and to build more student accommodation."

Mike Kennelly, Fine Gael Senator and Spokesperson on Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, said: "The establishment of the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science has been transformative for third level education in this country.

"Apprenticeships are now more popular than ever, higher education degrees are now available outside the CAO system for the first time and we have started a new building programme for student accommodation.

"Our party leader, Tánaiste Simon Harris, began a lot of this work when he held the portfolio and

it is really vital we continue to make progress in all these areas in the time ahead.

"That is why we want to see more funding for the third level sector under the review of the National Development Plan to develop our college campuses and build more accommodation.

"It is also vital we back research and innovation in this country by continuing to fund Taighde Éireann, a new agency, that will drive competitive research and innovation funding. This is even more important in this period of global economic uncertainty.

"The administration of President Donald Trump has taken the decision to reduce funding for universities and research centres in the United States. Ireland could potentially offer those impacted a place to live and study and certainly believe this is something the Minister should be actively looking at. But in the first instance if we can show research is a priority, talent will come to Ireland bringing significant economic benefit."

KILCOOLAGHT RESIDENTS FORCED TO ENDURE HUGE VOLUMES OF TRAFFIC

At this month's Killarney Municipal District Meeting which took place on Wednesday, Cllr. John O'Donoghue put forward the following Notice of Motion

• As much traffic is now being funnelled down the lane way opposite O Kelly's Villas in Kilcoolaght, to ask again that the bollard which was there previously would be reinstated. Similar lanes in the area have bollards to prevent them being used as a rat run and residents feel quite aggrieved that they are being forced to endure huge levels of traffic passing through what was a quiet residential area.

I should say at the outset that I am not suggesting traffic is being deliberately funnelled through this area, but rather that it is a by product of the traffic congestion our town faces. Residents of this once, quiet neighbourhood are being forced to endure colossal volumes of traffic passing by their houses. They are growing increasingly frustrated by this huge increase in traffic, and of late buses and other large vehicles have begun to use it as a rat run which is making the situation even more untenable. On the laneway in question, residents are again appealing for the bollard which was there previously to be reinstated. This would at least prevent traffic snaking around the back of houses through narrow laneways which were traditionally used mainly by pedestrians and sometimes by delivery trucks. They have no issue with residents own private motor vehicles but rather with the volume of through traffic. If the bollard was reinstated, it would at least ensure that through traffic had to stay on the main thoroughfare through the area. The new residential development at the old dairy site has also greatly increased the amount of cars in the area, but many of these residents rather than driving around on the main road through O Kelly's Villas out towards Daltons Avenue are turning right to use the narrow laneways. Other similar lanes in the area have a bollard to prevent through traffic and I feel it is unfair that the residents of this laneway cannot get the same. I again call for the situation to be examined to see if a solution can be reached.

Danny Healy Rae raises Revised National Planning Framework in Dail Eireann

People in Kerry are looking forward to the new planning framework and hoping it will deliver from them in a way previous plans have not done. I am talking about people who own land, not farmers' sons or daughters because they are being looked after. There are others who own an acre beside their parents' house, four or five miles outside Killorglin or seven or eight miles east of Killarney, but are still not allowed to build. We talk so much about housing here every day. It is scandalous that people who want to build and are asking for nothing but planning permission - no money or funding because they would build the houses themselves - are not being allowed to do so. It is all because of this significant urban-generated pressure that has been thrown at them.

For people who want to buy their own house, there have been no affordable houses in Kerry. The Government's plan did not provide for one affordable house in Kerry. As regards sewerage schemes and water schemes, we are totally

ruined. Treatment plants in 38 settlements need upgrading. People in places like Scartaglen, Curragh, Castleisland and Moyvane cannot build another house. We then have group water schemes in places like Knight's Mountain, Gneeveguilla, Bawnard, Knocknaseed, Castleisland and the higher areas that are without water for a lot of the year. We need to do something.

People are blaming Irish Water and that is wrong because the company is not being funded. It cannot do this work without being funded. I ask the Government to show that if it is real about building houses, it has to build treatment plants and provide water sources. To do that, we need to fund Irish Water to provide those services.



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Ní Mhurchú nominated for Best Newcomer in prestigious European Parliament awards

Ireland South MEP Cynthia Ní Mhurchú has been nominated in the category of Best Newcomer in the upcoming prestigious European Parliament awards.

According to the Parliament magazine, the awards are a "recognition and celebration of the hard work and policy accomplishments of MEPs to honour their outstanding achievements throughout the year"

The winners will be announced at a sit-down gala dinner of 250 EU decision-makers on June 24th, 2025 in the Royal Museum of Fine Arts of Belgium in Brussels.



Cynthia Ní Mhurchú, a former journalist and barrister, was first elected to the European Parliament in July 2024. She has become a member of the EU Transport Committee and the Internal Markets and Consumer Affairs committee. She is also a member of the EU tourism taskforce.

Ní Mhurchú has said the award is more a recognition of the ongoing work that is being done and needs to be done on the ground in Ireland South. She thanked organisers for their nomination and vowed to continue to work day and night on the issues that she was elected on.

NTA AND KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL LAUNCH BIKE WEEK 2025

The National Transport Authority (NTA) and Kerry County Council have announced details of Bike Week 2025, which runs from Saturday 10th to Sunday 18th May. Among the events planned in Co. Kerry are; Street Velodrome Tralee, Bike Maintenance Workshop, Adapted Cycle Taster Sessions and Cycle Safety Webinar for Kerry Primary Schools.

Bike Week is an annual celebration and promotion of the benefits of cycling, with hundreds of family friendly events including heritage cycles, maintenance workshops, and learn-to-cycle courses taking place across the country. All 31 local authority areas are involved in Bike Week with events being organised jointly through the local authorities and local sports partnerships.

Hugh Creegan, Acting CEO of the NTA emphasises the importance of the week says: "The engagement from the local authorities and local sports partnerships has once again been fantastic this year. It's great to see so many events taking place all around the country."

Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr. Breandán Fitzgerald added, "Bike Week is a celebration of sustainable transport and simply the joys of cycling a bike. Take part in some of the events or go for a leisurely cycle – it's easy, it's fun and it's for everyone"

For more information and to see some events taking place in Co. Kerry, visit www.bikeweek.ie

Those taking part in Bike Week are encouraged to share photos or videos to social media using #BikeWeek and tagging their local authority and Transport for Ireland @TFIUpdates.



CALL FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT ENTRANCE TO CAHERNANE


At this month's Killarney Municipal District Meeting which took place on Wednesday, Cllr. John O'Donoghue put forward the following Notice of Motion: To ask that the entrance at Cahernane be re-examined to try to improve safety for all road users. The road marking done previously has improved matters but it is still treacherous for residents.

I have raised this issue previously and the works carried out then helped the matter somewhat but it is still treacherous for residents entering and exiting the junction. The problem is that residents are firstly coming out at an area heavily used by pedestrians and cyclists and when they get

out they then have to stop in the middle of the area used by these in order to negotiate their way onto the Muckcross Road. During the busy summer months this is a perilous exercise and they fear it is only a matter of time before there is a serious accident involving a pedestrian or cyclist. I believe the huge increase in recent years of scooters whizzing along has only exacerbated matters. There is no easy solution to this problem but I ask that our engineers would again review the junction and speak to residents to see what can be done to improve the situation.

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NEW TERTIARY BACHELORS' DEGREES AVAILABLE IN KERRY for 2025/2026 academic year

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The Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, James Lawless TD, has today announced the details of six new Tertiary Bachelors' Degrees, bringing to almost 40 the number of Tertiary Bachelors' Degrees now open to applications across the country, for the upcoming academic year 2025/2026.

The National Tertiary Office was established in 2023, representing a new era in higher education, providing enhanced access for people – of all ages – who may not be able to otherwise, to earn a Bachelor's Degree. Tertiary Bachelors' Degrees commence in Education and Training Boards (ETBs), with a seamless transition to Higher Education Institutions. Entry is not based on points, and there are no tuition fees for the first one to two years.

Amongst the new Tertiary Bachelors' Degrees revealed this week, is a BSc (Hons) in Occupational Therapy beginning in Kerry College of Further Education and Training with a seamless transition to University College Cork. Also open to applications this year in Kerry are: BSc (Hons) in General Nursing commencing in Kerry College of Further Education and Training (Denny St Campus), concluding in Munster Technological University, Kerry Campus

BSc (Hons) in General Nursing commencing in Kerry College of Further Education and Training (Listowel Campus) and concluding in Munster Technological University, Kerry Campus

BSc (Hons) in Mental Health Nursing commencing in Kerry College of Further Education and Training (Denny St Campus), concluding in Munster Technological University, Kerry Campus

Tertiary Bachelors' Degrees were first open to applications for the 2023 / 2024 academic year. There were 13 Tertiary Bachelor's Degree programmes in the first year. That has almost trebled for 2025/2026 with 38 programmes nationwide.

In addition to a wide range of existing Tertiary Bachelors' Degrees across Business, ICT, Arts, Engineering, Social Sciences, Early Learning & Care, Agricultural Science, Sport, Manufacturing & Construction and Health & Welfare, the following six new options are



Pictured at the launch of the 2025/2026 programme of Tertiary Bachelors' Degrees are: (L-R) Calvin O'Brien, Talking Bollox Podcast Co-Host; James Lawless TD, Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science; Tanya Jones, Deputy Director of the National Tertiary Office; Terence Power; Tracey Calpin, Tertiary Bachelor's Degree Student; Talking Bollox Podcast Co-Host; and Grace Bennett, Tertiary Bachelor's Degree Student. Picture: Naoise Culhane

being revealed this week. The programmes are designed in partnership with industry to tackle skills shortages and equip students for careers in sectors that need them.

BSc (Hons) Digital Arts (Tipperary Education Training Board and Technological University of the Shannon)

BSc (Hons) in Occupational Therapy (Cork College of Further Education and Training and University College Cork)

BSc (Hons) in Occupational Therapy (Kerry College of Further Education and Training and University College Cork)

BSc (Hons) ID Nursing (Waterford Wexford Education Training Board and South East Technological University)

BA (Hons) Politics, Society and Media (City of Dublin Further Education and Training College Ballyfermot Road/ City of Dublin Further Education and Training College, Rathmines and Technological University Dublin)

BA (Hons) Social Care Practice (Cavan and Monaghan Education Training Board and Atlantic Technological University).

Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, James Lawless TD, said: "I'm pleased to launch the third round of tertiary degree programmes. These initiatives are giving more students than ever the chance to pursue their ambitions without being tied down by the CAO points race."

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ST. BRENDAN'S END 19 YEAR WAIT WITH THRILLING 42-34 TRIUMPH in All Ireland League Final

IN A PULSATING FINALE TO THE 2ND YEAR 'A' ALL IRELAND LEAGUE AT THE NATIONAL BASKETBALL ARENA, ST. BRENDAN'S COLLEGE KILLARNEY DETHRONED LOCAL RIVALS CASTLEISLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE 42-34 TO CLAIM THEIR FIRST NATIONAL BASKETBALL CROWN IN 19 YEARS.

The two Kerry powerhouses entered the game with history on their minds. Earlier in the season it was Castleisland who had prevailed in a fiercely contested encounter, and the Community College were chasing an unprecedented "double" having already secured the All-Ireland Cup. But on Thursday May 1st St. Brendan's supporters packed the Arena's stands and roared their team on from the first tip-off, their passion matching every Castleisland surge.

A Nail-Biter from Start to Finish

From the opening tip-off, the intensity was relentless. Both sides traded basket for basket, and by halftime, only a single score separated the teams. It was St. Brendan's leading 18-16, setting the stage for a high-octane second half.

For the third quarter, the scoreboard read as a mirror: every basket by the Killarney side was met with an equaliser. The Arena reverberated with chants of "Seminary Victory!" each time the home side in green & yellow nudged ahead. Each player giving it their all on the court.

Decisive Moments in the Final Minute

With just under a minute remaining, St. Brendan's held a narrow 38-34 advantage. After a crucial steal by St. Brendan's, and well worked team score the lead was extended to 40-34. Castleisland's final offensive effort was thwarted by some super defending, and with Castleisland in foul trouble, there were two more free throws scored sealing a 42-34 triumph.

Scenes of jubilation ensued as the final buzzer sounded. Captin Daragh Keane collected the cup of behalf of St. Brendan's.

Later that evening, the victorious team returned to Killarney in triumph, escorted through town, local supporters waving and sounding horns. At the school gates, proud parents and friends formed a cheering guard of honour, celebrating their team.

St. Brendan's wish to express their heartfelt appreciation to all who generously donated to their iDonate fundraiser, whose support played a vital role in making their All-Ireland journey possible.

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RESULTS

ON MAY 3RD AND 4TH WE HELD THE SAHARA CUP STABLEFORD COMPETITION

The winners were :-

1st: Ronan Corcoran, 44 (39)

2nd: Oliver Butler, 41 (16)

Division 1: Niall O'Brien 39 (9)

Division 2: Derek McAllister 40 (19)

Division 3: Gerard Murphy 40 (23)

ON THURSDAY MAY 1ST OUR SENIORS HELD A 10 HOLE STABLEFORD COMPETITION.

The winners were :-

1st: Dermot O'Connor (11) 24 pts

2nd: John Hurley (14) 23pts

3rd: Pat Mitchell (12) 21 pts

4th: Niall Brosnan (15) 21 pts.

BEST OF LUCK to the Killarney Race Company for a successful May Racing Festival on May 11th, 12th and 13th.

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MEN'S RESULTS:

3rd/4th May, Sponsor Riverview Kennels White Tees

1ST: SEAN J COFFEY (30) 43 POINTS

2ND: DAN O'CONNOR (16) 38 POINTS

3RD: CONOR BOHANE (10) 37 POINTS

Yellow Tees

1st: Manjit Gill (19) 41 points (B9)

2nd: Micheal Kissane (19) 41 points

3rd: Gerry O'Sullivan (32) 40 points

COMPETITION 10TH/11TH MAY - Holmpatrick Cup, Sponsored by Liam Lynch Skoda, Farranfore.

LADIES' RESULTS

27th/29th April, Stroke Play, Sponsor O'Sullivan Lawlor Accountants

1st: Maeve Quirke 89-20 = 69

2nd: Maura Kennedy 123-51 = 72 (B9)

3rd: Noeleen Mackessy 101-29 = 72

3rd/4th May, Sponsor Castlerosse Park Resort

1st: Marian Kerrisk (25) 40 points

2nd: Joan O'Sullivan (27) 38 points

3rd: Geraldine Collins (47) 37 points (B9)

COMPETITION 10TH/11TH MAY, V-Par, Sponsor WAZP 3D Printing, Tralee

DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT

WILLIE PARKER MEMORIAL

Our first major of the year took place on Bank Holiday Monday last as Denis Duggan was a convincing winner in his present return to play in the last six months or so. Results- Overall Nett:



Photographed at the presentation of prizes for the C&C Lifting sponsored competition in the Ross GC are :- Front (l to r): Peter Wickham, Captain, Lucas Cronin, Niall O Connell, C&C Lifting, Sponsor, Dan Cronin, Seamus McCarthy

Back (l to r): Denis Casey, Daniel Ling, M J O'Sullivan, M J Casey, Tristan Eadie.

Denis Duggan, Overall Gross: John McGrath, Second Nett: Eileen McCarthy, 18 Gross: Dave Spillane and 18 Nett: James Foley.

COURSE CLOSED

In the aftermath of Monday's event it was decided to close the course currently due to the effect of the recent dry and hot weather on it, particularly our greens. We ask everyone to follow our Facebook page as regards when the course will be reopening to play.

CONGRATULATIONS To both Ben Kelliher and Mark O'Carroll on making their debut with the Kerry Minors last Monday night as we wish them well in their semi-final match with Clare next Monday night.

BEST WISHES To the St Brendans College Killarney teams taking part in the Munster Secondary Schools event in Tipperary Hills on Friday May 9th.

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES To Eileen Switzer, Sheila O'Donoghue and the Buckley family on the death of their brother Donie in the past week. May he Rest in Peace.

KILLARNEY GOLF & FISHING CLUB (LADIES)

COMPETITION RESULTS

Chairperson's Cup 18 Hole Ladies Single Stroke Competition played on Mahony's Point Course on 5th May 2025. Sponsored by Management Fleming

Winner: Nancy Cuming (28) 66

2nd: Bridie Brosnan (36) 63

Best Gross: Anne Moynihan 73

3rd: Julie Kelly (18) 67

4th: Moira Quinlan (26) 67

5th: Jane Dwyer (16) 68

6th: Annete McNiece (19) 68

7th: Lorna O'Leary (21) 69

8th: Cora O' Sullivan (22) 69

9th: Eileen Devane (26) 70

10th: Pat Collins (29) 71

Front 9: Sinead Galvin last 6 holes

Back 9: Winnie Ryan

NEXT FIXTURE will be 10th & 11th May 2025 'The Professional Prize' Mark Heinemann 13 & 18 Hole V Par on Killeen Course.

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CAPTAIN'S CHARITY WEEKEND 17th & 18th May 2025 team of four event contact reception to book tee time

ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB

RESULTS

Results of the 3 club 9 Hole non qualifying competition on Saturday 3rd May

1st: Jennifer Nash

2nd: Kathleen Fitzgerald

3rd: Brenda Kelleher

SPRING LEAGUE RESULTS

Spring League Results 2025 very kindly sponsored by Ollie Favier The Racecourse Cafe at Ross Golf Club. Most beautiful views and weather on the day. Well done to all.

The winning team were: Breda O'Farrell, Susan Shorten, Jennifer Nash, Doreen Brosnan
2nd Place: Mary Moynihan, Mary McCarrick, Maureen Beecher, Helen Moylan



Winners of the Ladies Spring League very kindly sponsored by Ollie Favier The Racecourse Cafe at Ross Golf Club. Pictured Doreen Brosnan, Susan Shorten, Lady Captain Elaine Casey, Jennifer Nash, Gordon Howard on behalf of the Racecourse Cafe and Breda O'Farrell



Runners up of the Ladies Spring League very kindly sponsored by Ollie Favier The Racecourse Cafe at Ross Golf Club. Pictured Maureen Beecher, Lady Captain Elaine Casey, Mary Moynihan, Gordon Howard on behalf of the Racecourse Cafe, Mary McCarrick and Helen Moylan



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COMPETITIONS

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LADIES GET INTO GOLF

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KERRY PITCH & PUTT

This weekend in Pitch & Putt sees the Munster Matchplay Finals take place at both the Douglas and Raffeen Creek clubs in Cork with plenty of Kerry interest in all grades.

The Senior Mens event sees six Kerry players in action highlighted by Jason Cregan's bid for a third straight title in the Senior Mens competition. Last year of course he defeated Deerpark's Damien Fleming in the first ever all Kerry final in the competition. However, following last week's draw it can't be a repeat between both men as they are in the top half of the draw and would be scheduled to meet in the semi-finals if they both win through to that stage.



Winners of the mixed Scramble at Ross golf Club held on Monday 5th May.

Jason has a tricky all-club affair to negotiate first in the event as he faces club-mate and recent County Matchplay runner-up Darren Goodall in one of two all Kerry affairs in the First Round. The other is between Tralee's Mike Conway and Castleisland's James Dignan as Damien Fleming faces one of his Irish World Cup winning teammates from last October in Kieran Earls from Limerick. Jason O'Regan is the only Kerry player in the bottom half of the draw as he plays last year's National Senior Mens Matchplay runner-up in DJ Lynch from Tipperary Hills.

In the Intermediate grade two Kerry players will find themselves playing against players from the St Stephens club in Cork. Mark O'Regan from Tralee will face Gerard Hogan while Listowel's Bobby McCarron will play Darren Temple. County Intermediate Matchplay winner Mark Lucey meanwhile will face Noel Coonan from

the Riverdale club in Nenagh. The Junior Mens grade has four Kerry participants meanwhile both Tralee and both Deerpark players in the same half of the draw.

Both Noel Lee and Reece Sugrue from Tralee face Bishopstown from Cork opposition in Ian McCarthy and Colm O'Connor respectively. County Junior Matchplay winner Mark O'Shea faces Cian McCarthy from Rocklodge in the bottom half of the draw while his Deerpark club-mate Paddy Murphy faces Paul Walsh from Collins in the same section.

The draw for the Ladies event will be made closer to the weekend as we wish all players taking part in the event along with the Kerry Secondary Schools Teams taking part in the Munster Secondary Schools event in Tipp Hills on Friday the very best of luck.

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TG4 MUNSTER SENIOR FOOTBALL

Kerry through to TG4 Munster SFC final after holding off brave Waterford Championship

Kerry 2-9 Waterford 1-11

By Thomas Keane

Reigning TG4 All-Ireland champions Kerry qualified for the Munster final after a hard-earned win in Dungarvan when they were pushed all the way by Waterford.

The champions led 1-5 to 0-5 at the break, Rachel Dwyer's 13th minute goal proving to be the difference between the sides at the interval. The goal was a well worked team movement into the harbour end of the ground which saw Danielle O'Leary find Dwyer and she made no mistake in finishing past Katelyn Gardner in the Waterford goal.

Kerry struck for a second goal on 39 minutes, Siofra O'Shea flicking the ball to the net after she was picked out by Danielle O'Leary.

The visitors added to their lead after the restart with scores from Dwyer and the impressive Aoife Dillane, but Waterford were not giving up as they followed up with points from Kellyann Hogan, Chloe Fennell and Áine O'Neill by the 46th minute.

Lauren McGregor struck for a goal for Waterford following the restart following O'Neill's score to leave just one point between the sides.

Hogan made it a one-point game on the hour mark when she put over from play and that lead was suddenly two points when O'Leary pointed at the other end.

Waterford did not give up and five minutes into stoppage time they won a free which was brought into a more favourable position, but Hogan saw her effort rise over the crossbar as the All-Ireland Champions drew players back to line the goal.

Scorers

Kerry: S O'Shea (0-2f), R Dwyer 1-2 each, D O'Leary 0-3, A Dillane 0-2.

Waterford: K Hogan 0-6 (6f), L McGregor 1-1, C Fennell 0-2, C Walsh, Á O'Neill 0-1 each.

KERRY: ME Bolger; F O'Donoghue, D Kearney, E Lynch; A O'Connell, E Costello, A Dillane; M O'Connell, A Galvin; C Evans, N Ní Chonchúir, N Carmody; D O'Leary, R Dwyer, S O'Shea. Subs: C Lynch for A Dillane (40), J Lucey for N Carmody (43), L Boyle for C Evans (55), K Brosnan for R Dwyer (58) R Rahilly for F O'Donoghue (64).

WATERFORD: K Gardiner; M Ryan, R Casey, C Murray; K McGrath, H Power, Á O'Neill; Á Power, E Power; C Fennell, K Hogan, L Ní Harta; K Murray, C Walsh, L McGregor. Subs: E Bolger for M Ryan (24), L O'Shea for C Walsh (43).

Referee: C McCarthy (Cork).

Kerry's defence as Munster Ladies Football Minor A champions came to an end following a deserved win for Cork in Mallow

Kate Carey pointed for Cork to get them off to the perfect start. Kerry's Muireann Teahan drew the Kingdom level from a free in the seventh minute as both sides took time to settle/

The Kerry defense was holding firm with Seodhla Colleran and Mikala Mulvihill holding Cork at bay.

Cork went back in front with Laura Walsh and Kate Carey pointing.

A goal and a point from Laura Walsh saw them open up a seven-point lead mid-way through the first half. Despite Cork dominance Muireann Teahan pointed for Kerry. The same player was quickest to react from a mistake by the Cork keeper to help ignite Kerry's charge. Teahan added a free with points from Lori O'Connor and Priya O'Donovan saw the sides all square

at halftime.

Kerry went in at halftime full of confidence and confident of the challenge that lay ahead for the second half. Unfortunately, it wasn't to be as Cork dominated the second half. Kerry failed to score as Cork set up camp in the second half scoring 4-13

Early in the second half Laura Walsh scored a goal to make it 2-6 to 1-5. Kerry's cause wasn't helped when in the 37th minute Mary Kate Smith was sin-binned for a high tackle on Orlaith Drummey.

Eabha O'Donovan and Kate Carey goals saw Cork take a commanding lead while Kerry were reduced to fourteen. burst past several defenders to score Cork's fourth goal with 45 minutes gone.

A brace of points from Eabha O'Donovan and Laura Walsh saw Cork open up an extremely healthy advantage. Substitute Ella Burns rounded off the scoring for Cork to seal a comfortable and deserved win.

CORK: A Toye; O Drummey, A Tobin, A O'Sullivan; R Breen, M McRae, E Walsh; S Cunningham, J Foskin; S O'Connor (0-01), L Walsh (2-07 3f), A McAuliffe; E O'Donovan (1-06), K Carey (1-03), A Leahy (0-01).

Subs: A Sheehan for A Leahy (41), M Barrett for A O'Sullivan (51), G Young for O Drummey (52), E Burns (1-0) for S O'Connor (54), M O'Callaghan for R Breen (55).

KERRY: A O'Shaughnessy; S Colleran, M Mulvihill, R Daly; J Lee O'Connor, L O'Sullivan, S Randles; A O'Donoghue, L O'Connor; K Riordan M Teahan (1-03 2f), P O'Donovan (0-01), L O'Connor (0-01), M K Smith, H Nic Gearailt.

Subs: R Cahill for S Colleran, D Healy for S Randles (both 45), S Palmer for P O'Donovan (47), S Harkin for R Daly (52), A McCarthy for H Nic Gearailt (53),

Referee: David Grogan (Tipperary).

KERRY PLAYERS HONoured

The best players from the four divisions in the 2025 Lidl National Football Leagues were selected by the LGFA's All Star committee. The players selected on the Teams of the 2025 Lidl National Leagues were presented with their awards at Croke Park on Friday, May 2. The best players from the four divisions in the 2025 Lidl National Football Leagues were selected by the LGFA's All Star committee.

Pictured are Kerry players from left Danielle O'Leary, Siofra O'Shea, Mary Ellen Bolger, Eilís Lynch and Aishling O'Connell at the 2025 Lidl National Leagues awards. Photo by Matt Browne/ Sportsfile



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BALLYHAR DYNAMOS FC

TEAMS

The club Youth squad have qualified for the Division 1 shield final thanks to a penalty shootout win over Mainbank FC in a mid week home fixture. The game finished 2-2 at normal time. Tony Daly & Gerard Long were the Ballyhar goal scorers after a scoreless first half. Ballyhar won the penalty shootout on a 4-2 win to set up a final against either Mastergeeha FC or Inter Kenmare. Charles Doherty, Eoin Walshe, Ross Lally, Shane Doolan & Cian Mulcahy were in fine form for Ballyhar.

The Club U17s played out a 1-1 draw & a replay to follow at Mounthawk park, Tralee on Saturday last in the Division 1 league plate final against Ferry Rangers of Tarbert. Ross Lally with the equaliser in an exciting game with Sean Brosnan, Jamie Fleming, Eoghan o Sullivan, Conor Giles & Davin Quilter having great performances on the evening. The club u13s bowed out of the cup at the semi final stage, being defeated by Killarney Celtic away on a 6-0 scoreline. Thanks to the players of the u13 A & B squads, parents & management for their commitment over the season.

The U12 A squad, U15 A & U15 B squads have cup fixtures the coming week against Dingle, Castleisland & LB rovers. Best of luck to all teams.

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC

AFC

U16 PREMIER RESULT

Tralee Dynamos 1 - 3 Killarney Athletic
Darragh O Donoghue x 1, Leo Allen x 1, Jack Fleming x1

Our U16's rounded off a very good league campaign with a decent win away to Tralee Dynamos. With both squads down a few bodies, there was plenty of good football between the teams, with really good goals from Darragh, Leo and Jack. We look forward now to our cup final with Killarney Celtic on May 10th.

U13 GIRLS CUP 1/4 FINAL

Fenit 0 - 4 Killarney Athletic

Leah Heinemann x 2, Clodagh Hegarty x 1, Erica Maloney x1

Our U13 girls progressed to the semi final of the cup on Saturday afternoon with a well deserved win away to Fenit. Both sets of players put on a great display of football, with Athletic taking their chances in front of goal. We look forward



Ballyhar Dynamos FC youths who qualified for KDL Division 1 shield final thanks to a penalty shootout win over Mainbank FC

to the draw on Monday evening and hopefully a chance to book a final slot on May 10th. Thanks to Fenit for a very sporting game and the ref on the day for officiating

GIRLS U12 DIVISION 3 FINAL

Camp FC 2 - 0 Killarney Athletic A

On a beautiful Friday evening in Camp, the division 3 league final played out with Camp FC v Killarney Athletic Blues against each other. It turned out to be a trilling encounter between the two evenly matched teams.

Athletic put on early pressure and put Camp on the back foot. On the 9th minute, Peg Fleming made a dashing run down the right and crossed to Caitlin Hickey who got the shot off but fired just over the bar. On the 16th minute with some confusion in the Camp defense, the ball fell for Sinead Coleman, whos shot was saved brilliantly by the Camp goalkeeper. Maya Lesniak made some great saves in the first half, but on the 19th minute, Camp got a break through Athletics defence and slotted home for 1-0.

In the second half, Camp again pilled on the pressure. Holly O Connor, Maebh Coughlan, Isabelle Tagney, and Rian O Donnell were immense in defence holding the line, but were unlucky in the 37th minute when a deflected shot saw it's way into the Athletic net. 2-0. Maya, in great form, continued to keep shots out of her goal preventing Camp extending their lead. From then on Athletic, pushed forward, showing great courage and conviction, with Muireann O Sullivan, Suin Cotter, Brid Ni Shuilleabhain and Abbey Reidy playing some great balls through to their forwards. On the 42th minute, Flora Walsh played a lovely ball in towards goal, Sinead Coleman timed her run perfectly to beat

the offside and get her shot off, but it was saved only on the line by the goalkeeper. In the dieing minutes of the game, Athletic gave it their all, with Flora Walsh having two great shots on goal, but were saved by the Camp goalkeeper.

Congrats to Camp for a great game and on their win. Well done to our girls who gave it their all and put on a great performance for their families and friends who came to support them. Captain - Holly O Connor.

U13 TROPHY SEMI-FINAL RESULT

Castleisland B 0 - 5 Killarney Athletic

B Malik Jinad x 3 Trey Hurley x 2

POTM: Malik Jinad

The U13B boys travelled to Castleisland on Saturday morning for the trophy semi final. The lads played well throughout the game and earned a comfortable win in the end. Trey Hurley scored a brace including a brilliant direct free. Captain for the day, Malik Jinad, led from the front scoring a superb hat-trick. Thanks to Castleisland for the sporting game. Well done to Athletic on progressing to the final!

KILLARNEY CELTIC

CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 10,13,22,28. No jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €30. Next jackpot €15,000 on Monday May 12th. Jackpot is capped at €15,000 with the additional €200 going on to the 1st jackpot after the next jackpot win. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through clubzap.

CHARLEVILLE CHEESE PREMIER A

Killarney Celtic 5-5 Killarney Athletic



CHAMPIONS: MEK Under 12 B team who beat Masergeeha B 2-0 in Division 2 South



Killarney Athletic U13 Trophy V Castleisland B



Alan O'Connell, Local Link Bus, Hazel Ramsey, Kerry County Museum, Josephine O'Driscoll, Manager Fáilte Ireland, Sandra Leahy, Kerry County Museum, Veronica O'Connor, Fáilte Ireland, at a special Fáilte Ireland networking event in the Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney.

FÁILTE IRELAND NETWORKING EVENT IN THE GLENEAGLE HOTEL, KILLARNEY.

The event was attended by over 80 Kerry tourism businesses and was organised by Fáilte Ireland in partnership with Kerry County Council and Tourism Industry Federation to build collaboration across the tourism industry in the county, encouraging businesses to collaborate and cross-sell to attract visitors and inspire them to explore the county and all it has to offer. Photos: Valerie O'Sullivan



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Miriam Ferriter, Dingle Skellig Hotel, Jamie Flannery, Dingle Ocean World, Killian Burns, heatoxygenfuel.com and Declan Murphy, Fáilte Ireland



Danielle Favier, Fáilte Ireland, left, Mary Hartnett-Cussen, Scales Travel, Mary McQuinn, O'Donoghue Ring Hotels, Susan Randles, Dromhall Hotel



Mags O'Sullivan, The Aqua Dome Tralee, Aisling Foley, The Rose Hotel, Veronica O'Connor, Fáilte Ireland, Aidan Costelloe, Ireland Walk Hike Bike, at a special Fáilte Ireland networking event in the Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney.



Kaatie Moffatt, Killarney Brewing Company, Danielle Favier, Fáilte Ireland, Niamh Kerins, Killarney Riding Stables, Anne Tyther, Aghadoe Heights Hotel



James Murphy, Portmagee Whiskey, Danielle Favier, Fáilte Ireland, Emma McGrath, Skellig Coast Tourism, John Fitzgerald, Atlantic Seaweed, at a special Fáilte Ireland networking event in the Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney.

Sean Lovett 2, Matt Keane, Stephen McCarthy, Graham O'Reilly

Celtic and Athletic served up a goal fest last weekend in this Premier A clash. Celtic were fast out of the blocks and led by 3 after 25 mins through Sean Lovett and Matt Keane. But Athletic came back with a double salvo before half time to leave Celtic leading 3-2 at half time. Celtic regained their composure to extend the lead through Graham O'Reilly and Stephen McCarthy but Athletic came back and gained a point. Celtic stay top of the division as they continue their quest for a place in the final.

JIMMY FALVEY YOUTHS SHIELD SEMI FINAL

LB Rovers 0-5 Killarney Celtic

Luca Mosca 2, Pa O'Brien, Cillian Coffey, Joshua Williams

The Youth team had a clearcut win over LB Rovers as they qualified for the Jimmy Falvey Shield Final where they will meet Iveragh Utd.

U14 PREMIER

Castleisland 1-0 Killarney Celtic

Celtic just came out the wrong side of a tight game played on the bank holiday Monday.

U12 PREMIER

Iveragh UTD 1-1 Killarney Celtic

Erik Dominguez

Celtic finished their league campaign with a share of the points away to Iveragh. Erik Dominguez netted in the 2nd half as Celtic came from behind to gain a point. The team finished runners up in the league but still are involved in the Cup.

HOUSE OF UPHOLSTERY WOMEN'S CUP

Castleisland 0-2 Killarney Celtic

Eabha Lyne, Ellie Mai Nugent

Killarney Celtic captured the Women's Cup after a very competitive encounter with Castleisland last Sunday. Celtic struck after 15 mins when Hannah Casey set up Eabha Lyne who finished to the net. Castleisland came into the game more but Celtic's defence held firm and finally with time almost up Ellie Mai Nugent struck to seal the victory. Well done to players and management.

LOL O'LEARY U16 CUP SEMI FINAL

Listowel Celtic 1-4 Killarney Celtic

Holly Forrest 3, Sadbh O'Halloran

A great performance from the U16 girls saw them qualify for the final of the LOL O'Leary Cup. Killarney were more clinical in front of goal on the day against old rivals Listowel and the team now move on to the SFAI Subway U16 National Trophy final vs Granada FC in Kilkenny on this Sunday May 12th.

KERRY SCHOOLBOYS & GIRLS

GIRLS

U12 GIRLS LEAGUE FINALS

Premier Division Final

Mastergeeha 0-1 Castleisland

Division 2 Final

LB Rovers 0-2 Tralee Dynamos

Division 3 Final

Camp 2-0 Killarney Athletic A

U12 Dominic Scanlon Cup Q/F

Killorglin 4-2 Fenit

U13 Girls Brid Devane Perpetual Cup Q/F



Killarney Celtic winners of the House of Upholstery Women's Cup

Castleisland 4-3 Tralee Dynamos

U14 Girls Premier

Tralee Dynamos 0-6 MEK

U16 Girls LOL O Leary Cup S/F

Listowel Celtic 1-4 Killarney Celtic

Inter Kenmare 4-5 Park

BOYS

U12 Boys Premier

Iveragh 1-1 Killarney Celtic A

U12 Boys Div 1

Park C 6-1 Killarney Celtic B

Camp B 0-1 Park B

U12 Boys Div 2 (North)

LB Rovers B 2-0 Fenit C

Castleisland C 1-0 Listowel Celtic C

Tralee Dynamos B 3-2 Ardfert

U12 Boys Div 2 (South)

Mastergeeha C 0-2 MEK B

U13 Boys Division 2 North

Park D 0-5 LB Rovers B

U13 Boys Division 2 South

Mastergeeha B 4-5 Inter Kenmare B

Dingle B 3-0 Iveragh B w/o

John Joe Naughton U13 Boy's Cup Q/F

Killarney Celtic 6-0 Ballyhar A

Listowel Celtic A 4-2 Fenit A AET

Iveragh A 4-1 Park A

John Joe Naughton U13 Boy's Shield Q/F

Park B 1-2 Inter Kenmare A

John Joe Naughton U13 Boy's Trophy S/F

Castleisland B 0-5 Killarney Athletic B

Killorglin B 0-2 Killorglin C

U14 Boys Division 1

Fenit 3-0 Mastergeeha w/o

U15 Boys Premier

Ballyhar A 3-0 Mastergeeha A

U15 Boys Healy Family Cup Q/F

Inter Kenmare A 6-3 Tralee Dynamos A

U15 Boys Healy Family Shield Q/F

Mastergeeha B 2-0 MEK A

Killarney Celtic B 3-0 Dingle A

GIRLS

U12 LEAGUE CHAMPIONS CROWNED

An exciting week of action saw the U12 Girls League Finals bring thrilling action across all three divisions, with Castleisland, Tralee Dynamos, and Camp lifting silverware in their respective categories.

In a closely fought Premier Division final, Castleisland edged Mastergeeha 1-0 thanks to a decisive goal from Bella Clifford. Both sides battled hard throughout, but Clifford's composed finish proved the difference in a tense

encounter, handing Castleisland a well-deserved league title.

Tralee Dynamos claimed the Division 2 crown with a 2-0 win over LB Rovers. Goals from Rosa Gordillo and Faith Breen sealed the win for the Dynamos, who were sharp in attack and solid at the back, keeping a clean sheet on their way to lifting the trophy.

In the Division 3 decider, Camp Juniors emerged 2-0 winners against Killarney Athletic A, showcasing great teamwork and energy throughout. Their disciplined performance saw them control much of the game and earn a well-earned league title in style.

KILLORGLIN BOOK DOMINIC SCANLON CUP SEMI-FINAL PLACE

Killorglin secured their spot in the semi-finals of the U12 Dominic Scanlon Cup after a thrilling 4-2 victory over Fenit.

It was a standout performance from Sienna Boyle, who netted twice to lead the charge. Grace Mangan and Chloe O'Sullivan also got on the scoresheet in a dynamic attacking display. Fenit showed resilience and found the net twice, but Killorglin's clinical edge proved the difference as they advanced to the last four, where they meet Listowel Celtic.

CASTLEISLAND INTO BRID DEVANE CUP LAST FOUR

Castleisland advanced to the semi-finals of the U13 Girls Brid Devane Perpetual Cup after a dramatic 4-3 win over Tralee Dynamos in a thrilling quarter-final clash.

The standout performer was Bella Clifford, who bagged a superb hat-trick to lead her side to victory. Katie Reidy added a vital fourth goal to complete the scoring for Castleisland.

Tralee Dynamos pushed their opponents all the way in a high-scoring encounter, but Castleisland held on in a nail-biting finish to book their place in the last four.

MEK END 14'S SEASON IN STYLE

MEK ended their double winning season with a clinical showing in the U14 Girls Premier Division, running out emphatic 6-0 winners over Tralee Dynamos.

A blistering attacking display saw Ava Harty lead the way with a brace, while Isabelle O'Connor, Ava O'Sullivan, Grace Ryan, and Megan Quigg all got on the scoresheet in a complete team performance.

KILLARNEY CELTIC AND PARK ADVANCE TO U16 Girls LOL O'Leary Cup Final

Two thrilling semi-finals saw Killarney Celtic and Park book their spots in the final of the U16 Girls LOL O'Leary Cup.

Killarney Celtic advanced with a 4-1 win away to Listowel Celtic. Holly Forrest was in sensational form, netting a hat-trick to inspire Killarney Celtic to a commanding win over Listowel Celtic. Sadhbh O'Halloran also got on the scoresheet in a strong all-round display.

Listowel Celtic battled hard and managed a goal through Laura Meehan, but Killarney Celtic's quality in the final third proved decisive. Listowel Celtic now meet the winners of Killarney Athletic and Camp Juniors in the Shield Final.

The other sem-final in Kenmare was a goal-filled thriller, St Brendan's Park edged Inter Kenmare 5-4 in a match that had everything. Arina Sucari led the charge with two goals, while Leah Griffin, Sofia Rybanska, and Isabelle Cushen also found the net in a dramatic encounter. Despite scoring twice late on to cause some nerves, Inter Kenmare fell just short in what was one of the most entertaining games of the competition.

BOYS

ST BRENDAN'S PARK ON THE DOUBLE IN U12'S DIVISION 1

It was a great week for the St Brendan's Park U12 Division 1 sides, with both their B and C teams securing impressive wins, as the C's clinched the league title.

The Park C's put in a commanding display to overpower Killarney Celtic B on a 6-1 scoreline. A spread of goals showcased their attacking depth, with strikes from Igor Jasiński, Iarlaith Clifford, Leo Fitzgibbon, Rory Kelliher, Kyle O'Sullivan, and Dean Ferritier.

Cian O'Connell netted a consolation for Celtic, but Park C were in control throughout.

In a much tighter affair, Park B edged past Camp B 1-0 thanks to a late goal from Dylan Carroll. The result capped off a perfect week for the club's U12 sides, a league title and six points claimed.

TITLE RACE CONTINUES TO HEAT UP IN U12 DIVISION 2 NORTH

An exciting round of fixtures in the U12 Boys Division 2 North, saw LB Rovers pick up a big three points in the title race.

Anlon O'Brien was the hero for LB Rovers B, netting both goals in a well-earned 2-0 victory over Fenit C. The home side looked sharp in attack and solid at the back, securing a deserved clean sheet.

A tightly contested match in Georgie O'Callaghan Park was settled by Zach O'Connor, whose goal proved enough to give Castleisland C a narrow but valuable win 1-0 over Listowel Celtic C.

In the most dramatic game of the round, Tralee Dynamos B edged a five-goal thriller against Ardfer 3-2. Goals from Jack O'Connor, Gearoid Jones, and Abdul Razzouk secured the points, while Billy Kelly and Dean Power were on target for Ardfer in a brave effort.

KNOCKOUT ACTION GALORE IN JOHN JOE NAUGHTON U13 CUP, SHIELD AND TROPHY

A thrilling week of U13 John Joe Naughton Cup, Shield, and Trophy action, saw the competitions produce goals galore across quarter finals and semi-finals.

In the Cup quarter-finals Killarney Celtic advanced to the last four with a 6-0 win over Ballyhar. Conor Doherty stole the show with a



Castleisland U12 Girls Premier Winners



Tralee Dynamos U12 Division 2 Winners

hat-trick. Goals from Sean Doyle, Rowan Murphy, and Andrew Daly rounded off a dominant performance.

It went the distance in Listowel in one of the other ties, as Listowel Celtic advanced with a 4-2 win over Fenit after extra time after a fiercely contested match. Iveragh also advanced with a 4-1 win over Park, with Kevin Foster bagging a brace, while Cian Coffey and Robbie O'Sullivan added one each. Killarney Celtic face Killorglin, while Iveragh host Listowel Celtic in the final four.

Elsewhere in the Shield quarter-final, a tightly fought match in Tralee saw Ben Leonard and Shay O'Connor strike for Inter Kenmare, edging Park B 2-1 to progress to the next round. They will meet Mastergeeha, while LB Rovers host Milltown.

Finally in the Trophy semi-finals, Killarney Athletic B advanced to the final with a 5-0 win away to Castleisland B. Malik Jinad was in sensational form with a hat-trick, supported by a brace from Trey Hurley as Killarney Athletic B marched into the final with style.

Killorglin C await them, as they booked their spot in the final thanks to goals from Paidi O'Shea and Avi Bloom in a solid all-round performance, to win an all club clash 2-0 over Killorglin B.

SEMI FINAL PLACES SECURED IN U15 HEALY FAMILY CUP AND SHIELD

It was an action-packed quarter-final stage in the U15 Healy Family Cup and Shield, with goals flowing and semi-final spots secured.

In the Cup, Inter Kenmare secured their place in the semi-final stage, with a 6-3 win over Tralee Dynamos. A high-scoring encounter saw

Inter Kenmare A outgun Tralee Dynamos in an entertaining contest. Despite goals from Jaden Kareem, Danny Lane, and Ahmed Abdulla for Dynamos, Inter Kenmare proved too strong with an impressive six-goal haul.

Elsewhere in the shield quarter-finals, Padraig Lenihan and Alan O'Leary were on target, as Mastergeeha B earned a deserved 2-0 victory over MEK A to advance to the Shield semi-final. In the other quarter final tie, Killarney Celtic B delivered a clinical 3-0 performance to see off Dingle A.

BOYS TEAM OF THE WEEK

1. Evan Foley (Mastergeeha U15)
2. James Tansley (St Brendan's Park U13)
4. Padraic O'Callaghan (Castleisland U12)
5. Albaraa Makki (Tralee Dynamos U12)
3. Terry Healy (St Brendan's Park U13)
6. Jack Kelly (Ballyhar Dynamos U15)
7. Matthew O'Riordan (Mastergeeha U13)
8. Eoin Griffin (Listowel Celtic U12)
9. Malik Jinad (Killarney Athletic U13)
10. Kevin Foster (Iveragh United U13)
11. Conor Doherty (Killarney Celtic U13)

GIRLS ROLL OF HONOUR

1. Tara Cronin (Killarney Celtic)
2. Laura Breen (Mastergeeha)
4. Evanne Mason (Listowel Celtic)
5. Ruth Fleming (Castleisland)
3. Mary Kate O'Shea (Tralee Dynamos)
6. Hannah O'Connell (Listowel Celtic)
8. Isabelle O'Connor (MEK Galaxy)
7. Sienna Boyle (Killorglin)
10. Arina Sucari (St Brendan's Park)
9. Holly Forrest (Killarney Celtic)
11. Bella Clifford (Castleisland)



Kerry FC were on the road once again on Friday as they faced UCD AFC in the capital to kick off the Bank Holiday weekend. Kerry FC came into the game against UCD off the back of three defeats in a row against Bray Wanderers, Cobh Ramblers and Finn Harps, so points on the board from this one are a much-needed result for the Kingdom.

UCD have just two wins in their last six games, with a win away to Wexford last week in Ferrycarrig Park being a huge three points for the Dublin side. A win for the College would bring them into the playoff places, depending on other results across the First Division. Kerry FC had a great travelling support up in Dublin, and hopefully, a win would be a great reward for the dedicated travelling Mounthawk Park faithful.

FIRST HALF

The match got off to a lively start with Hiemer making an excellent save in the opening minute to deny the hosts. The opening 15 minutes were evenly balanced, with both sides struggling to carve out clear opportunities. In the 19th minute, Daniel Okwute went close for Kerry, sending a low effort just wide from outside the area. Hiemer was called into action again in the 24th minute, pulling off a brilliant point-blank save to stop Ciaran Behan. Moments later, Alex Dunne's dazzling footwork created space for a volley, which Dara Kavanagh managed to hold onto, though

the move deserved a goal. Jake Doyle saw a glancing header drift wide for UCD in the 28th minute. The hosts had a golden chance to take the lead in the 42nd minute when they were awarded a penalty, but Hiemer made a crucial save to keep the score level.

SECOND HALF

Kerry came out stronger in the second half and were rewarded in the 53rd minute when they won a penalty of their own. Great work between Ronan Teahan and Daniel Okwute saw Kerry's number eleven taken down inside the area. Sean McGrath stepped up and fired it home despite a strong hand from Kavanagh, his powerful effort proving unstoppable.

As the game progressed, Kerry's confidence grew, and they looked the better side overall. Michael Raggot came agonisingly close to drawing in the 74th minute when his effort rattled the crossbar for UCD.

UCD were handed a lifeline in the 82nd minute with a second penalty, but incredibly, Hiemer denied them again, making him only the fourth goalkeeper in First Division history to save two penalties in one game.

A standout performance from Tim-Oliver Hiemer and a clinical finish from the spot saw Kerry FC take all three points in an impressive away display. All roads now lead to next week's Munster Derby clash as Treaty United travel down to Tralee in Mounthawk Park.

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KERRY MUNSTER FINAL

**KERRY 4-20 (4-3-14)
CLARE 0-21 (0-2-17)**

I see absolutely no point in dressing it up. The Munster Championship is basically a dead duck. Fair play to Cork for playing a huge part in an absolutely cracking semi-final. Clare in the final? Not so much.

I'm not disrespecting Clare – they gave us many a hard battle in their day – but this wasn't one of them. Worse, we all kind of knew it. I made the point last week that very few of these players were even born on that famous day back in 1992; the shine of that famous Banner victory is well tarnished by now. Kerry have won the last five Munster Football Finals, and eleven of the last twelve – we got caught by a very late Cork goal in 2020 on a day where we left far too much after us.

The day didn't exactly start off in a promising fashion. Twenty euro to watch the Division One champions play a team that were a bit unlucky not to get out of Division Three? Beautiful weather, which helps, but chaotic traffic – fair play to the gardaí, who had the roundabouts in particular manned from early in the day, they were needed. No parking – look, keeping space in the Dalton's Avenue car park, just beside the Weeshie Fogarty roundabout, for people with disabilities should always be standard.

Don't even think about blaming the rally. It's a hugely popular sport in its own right, both nationally and locally, and it's a big economic boost for the town, well-organised and well-run.

In the end, the football attracted 13, 181, around 90% of the Kerry supporters. Football games are far more exciting than they have been in the past year or two, thanks to the new rules, but there is still far too crowded a schedule and too many of those games are relatively meaningless. Supposing that we had lost? Big deal. Back in 1992 it was knockout. Now I wouldn't even call it a bump in the road. I suppose I have to talk some little bit about the game. Don't ask me much about the second half; frankly I was paying very little attention by then. What did we learn? That Kerry are better at football than Clare? Good for you, Einstein. The Irish Examiner threw up a scary statistic. More people attended the Kerry v Cork replay in 2015 than attended the entire Munster Football Championship last year. It's not just a Munster problem. The biggest result so far this year in



KERRY CAPTAIN GAVIN WHITE CELEBRATES THE COUNTY'S WIN OVER CLARE ON SUNDAY.

Photo: Lucy Shalimova - Fitzgerald Stadium PR

terms of impact wasn't Kerry beating Mayo in the League Final – frankly, I still believe that the Ulster counties in particular were playing a bit of ducks and drakes (I'd have done the exact same with the Ulster Championship looming). It was Meath eating Dublin in Leinster. Now check how many people actually attended that game. See what I'm saying? And maybe I'm wrong, especially given the nature of the groups, but I still think Dublin will last longer than Meath in the hunt for Sam Maguire. Ah look, that's a philosophical conversation for another day. Kerry could only beat what was in front of them.

Seán O'Shea got the ball rolling with a two pointer straight from the throw-in. Clare had a couple of wides – difficult enough chances. Kerry were exerting great pressure on Clare possession and kicking it long and accurately – very pretty, but I suspect that it will be an awful lot harder to do against the likes of Galway or Armagh. One such ball found David Clifford, a clever dummy solo to fox Cillian Brennan, an extra step to glide past a flailing goalkeeper, and he rolled it gently to the net. Colm Cooper's famous adage about passing it to the net came to mind. 1-2 to 0-0, and Kerry had the start that Clare so desperately needed.

Daniel Walsh fisted over to put the Banner on the scoreboard. Back came Kerry, a lovely fluid move ended with a very impressive Micheál Burns denied by a great save by Eamon Tubridy, only for David Clifford to volley it home at the

back post for his second goal. It's one of those goals that looked simple and actually takes brilliant instincts and coordination, a super finish. Seán O'Shea deftly robbed the keeper to fire over – in fairness, a Clare defender did well to get back on the line to prevent an open goal. A good turnover by Kerry saw Tony Brosnan find Paul Geaney with another super kick-pass. 2-4 to 0-1.

The match programme was very well put together publication. I know, because I was reading it by then. This game was already over and we all knew it.

Good work by Ikem Agwero saw Aaron Griffin split the posts but Barry Dan O'Sullivan curled over from a very tight angle in reply. Shane Murphy was shouldered over the endline as he gathered a high ball, with Mark McNerney converting the '45, and Keelan Sexton added another, but Seán O'Shea responded with a two pointer free.

Clare lost Emmet McMahon to a black card. I watched the Sunday Game on RTE player when I got home (yup, glutton for punishment) and I don't know why people were trying to make a fuss. He clearly caught the Kerryman's leg, black card all day.

Brian McNamara pointed for Clare, but Micheál Burns coolly dispatched a third Kerry goal. Lovely handpass by Dylan Geaney to set him up. The fact is that we had been swarming Clare when it was fifteen on fifteen, let alone with an extra man.



Marc O'Shea with the ball during the Kerry V Clare game.
Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans



David Clifford kicks it over the bar. Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans

David Clifford exchanged passes with O'Shea before unleashing a thunderbolt that crashed back off the underside of the crossbar.

Goal number four wasn't far away. Paul Geaney could have gone for it himself but generously played it across for Barry Dan O'Sullivan to dive and fist home. 4-7 to 0-5.

A lifeline for Clare. Penalty for a foul on Keelan Sexton. Again, there was no real argument. Sexton stepped up to it himself and fired it fast and hard....over the crossbar. It felt like an accurate summation of Clare's day.

Paul Geaney fired over his second point of the day and Seán O'Shea won and converted a free. Mark McNerney pointed for Clare but Seán O'Shea kicked the last score of the first half. Kerry 4-10 Clare 0-7.

There was absolutely no half-time buzz. No real spark of life at all. There were a few Clare supporters standing near me. Lovely people, but sure, what could I or anyone else really say? Dylan Geaney pointed straight from the how-in. Brian McNamara pointed for Clare and two two pointer frees by Emmet McMahon (Kerry got caught with just two players forward for the first one – that's a cheap score to concede and could be enormously costly later on) gave Clare some little bit of hope.

David Clifford and Seán O'Shea kicked frees and David added a point from play after great work by Micheál Burns. David ended up getting the man of the match award, but Micheál must have been in that conversation. Emmet McMahon made it 4-13 to 0-13.

Kerry didn't have the same intensity as in the first half. Arrah, that's no criticism; nobody else did either, and I include myself.

McMahon pointed again, but David Clifford replied with a two pointer. Micheál Burns found Dylan Geaney for another score, with Manus Doherty replying. Mark McNerney (2, 1f – the free coming off a Kerry kick-out that was just inches too short) and Paul Geaney (free won by Killian Spillane) exchanged scores. David Clifford and Paul Geaney pointed to take their individual tallied to 2-5 and 0-4.

Mark McNerney kicked another brace (1f). Tadhg Morley had a great goal effort cleared off the line. At the other end, Ikem Agwero made a superb burst but blazed an ambitious goal effort left and wide.

Emmet McMahon kicked a fine two pointer

and added one last free for Clare before the referee Noel Mooney sounded the final whistle. What did Kerry learn? Basically, nothing. Sure, we looked very good in that first half, but we were on top in all sectors, destroying Clare on turnovers (especially on their kick-outs). We could have racked up a landslide score if we had wanted, but it wasn't needed. We got playing minutes into a few legs – the likes of Barry Dan O'Sullivan, Micheál Burns, and Tony Brosnan emerged with serious credit in the bank. But.... meh. A good training session would have been better all round in terms of preparation for the hard games to come. One of the few talking points afterwards was the question of whether Kerry would be going into the knock-out stages undercooked. A tough group stage will sap an awful lot of energy, but a weak one dulls the edge too much. Most people seem to agree that Kerry weren't primed against Armagh last year.

I disagree. We lost to the eventual champions, after leaving good goal chances behind us and coughing up an unlucky one. Absolutely we ran out of legs late on, but that's not the same as being undercooked. The Kerry/Clare game didn't do anything to progress either side, but I doubt if it did any harm either. I genuinely believe that Armagh aren't being given the respect that they deserve by most pundits.

I'm old enough to remember Clare's Noel Walsh arguing to break up the seeding system which saw Kerry invariably meet Cork in the Munster Football Final back in 1991. Both Kerry and Cork resisted it, but eventually the motion was passed. I was actually strongly in favour of it – theoretically bad for Kerry and Cork's prospects, but unquestionably good for the game in general. A year later Noel was a selector with John Maughan as Clare beat Kerry, and beat us well on the day to win only their second ever Munster Football Championship.

As I say, I was against the seeding system, just as I have always argued that GAA grants should not be funnelled proportionately to the more successful counties. But after watching that thrilling semi-final against Cork compared to last Sunday's woeful mismatch – I'm not trying to be mean to Clare, but that game was basically over after ten minutes – I'd be a lot more inclined to go with a seeding system. I'm not convinced anymore of the merits of

provincial systems. Munster hurling is great but it is preposterously drawn out, and Munster football is practically dead. Less games and more consequential ones please.

Kerry: Shane Murphy, Dylan Casey, Jason Foley, Tom O'Sullivan, Brian Ó Beaglaoich, Mike Breen, Gavin White, Joe O'Connor, Barry Dan O'Sullivan (1-1), Tony Brosnan, Seán O'Shea (0-8, 1tpf, 1tp, 3f), Micheál Burns (1-0), David Clifford (2-5, 1tp, 1f), Paul Geaney (0-4, 1f), Dylan Geaney (0-2). Subs: Tadhg Morley (for Jason Foley, 27-33 bs), Ruairi Murphy (for Tony Brosnan, 52 mins), Killian Spillane (for Seán O'Shea, 52 mins), Tadhg Morley (for Mike Breen, 54 mins), Mark O'Shea (for Barry Dan O'Sullivan, 55 mins), Keith Evans (for Micheál Burns, 59 mins), Evan Looney (for Brian Ó Beaglaoich, 64- 74, bs)

Clare: Eamon Tubridy, Manus Doherty (0-1), Ronan Lanigan, Cillian Brennan, Alan Sweeney, Cillian Rouine, Ikem Ugweuru, Brian McNamara (0-2), Daniel Walsh (0-1), Aaron Griffin (0-1), Emmet McMahon (0-8, 2tpf, 3f), Dermot Coughlan, Mark McNerney (0-6, 2f, 1'45), Keelan Sexton (0-2, 0-1 pen), Eoin Cleary. Subs: Conor Meaney (for Alan Sweeney, 54 mins) Shane Griffin (for Daniel Walsh, 54 mins), Evan Cahill (for Keelan Sexton, 58 mins), Rory McMahon (for Cillian Rouine, 62 mins).

Referee: Noel Mooney (Cavan)

KERRY LADIES SURVIVE LATE DEISE SCARE LADIES MUNSTER CHAMPIONSHIP

KERRY 2-9 WATERFORD 1-11

Reigning TG4 All-Ireland champions Kerry qualified for the Munster final after a hard-earned win in Dungarvan when they were pushed all the way by Waterford.

The champions led 1-05 to 0-05 at the break, Rachel Dwyer's 13th minute goal proving to be the difference between the sides at the interval. The goal was a well worked team movement into the harbour end of the ground which saw Danielle O'Leary find Dwyer and she made no mistake in finishing past Katelyn Gardner in the



Action from the Kerry V Clare game. Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans

Waterford goal.

Kerry struck for a second goal on 39 minutes, Siofra O'Shea flicking the ball to the net after she was picked out by Danielle O'Leary.

The visitors added to their lead after the restart with scores from Dwyer and the impressive Aoife Dillane, but Waterford were not giving up as they followed up with points from Kellyann Hogan, Chloe Fennell and Áine O'Neill by the 46th minute.

Lauren McGregor struck for a goal for Waterford following the restart following O'Neill's score to leave just one point between the sides.

Hogan made it a one-point game on the hour mark when she put over from play and that lead was suddenly two points when O'Leary pointed at the other end.

Waterford did not give up and five minutes into stoppage time they won a free which was brought into a more favourable position, but Hogan saw her effort rise over the crossbar as the All-Ireland Champions drew players back to line the goal.

Tough battle, but credit to Waterford; they always seem to give us a battle. The big thing is the return of Emma Costello (nee Sherwood) into the fold and the return of team captain Cáit Lynch to action. With Kayleigh Cronin in Australia, they will be needed.

It had already been a good week for Kerry, with eight players selected on the National League Division One Team of the Year. Mary Ellen Bolger, Eilís Lynch, Kayleigh Cronin, Aishling O'Connell, Anna Galvin, Niamh Carmody, Danielle O'Leary, and Siofra O'Shea made the cut. Personally I find that these things tend to be weighted too heavily in favour of the eventual winners (8 players out of 15 in an eight team competition?) but I have no arguments against any of these players. The other players are Maeve Ferguson (Armagh), Leah McCaffrey (Dublin), Lauren McConville (Armagh), Emma Murray (Waterford), Kellyann Hogan (Waterford), Balíthín Mackin (Armagh), and Niamh Reel (Armagh).

Kerry: Mary Ellen Bolger; Faye O'Donoghue, Deirdre Kearney, Eilís Lynch, Aishling O'Connell, Emma Costello, Aoife Dillane (0-2), Mary

O'Connell, Anna Galvin, Caoimhe Evans, Niamh Ní Chonchúir, Niamh Carmody, Danielle O'Leary (0-3), Rachel Dwyer (1-2), Siofra O'Shea (1-2, 2f). Subs: Cáit Lynch (for Aoife Dillane, 40 mins), Jadyn Lucey (for Niamh Carmody, 43 mins), Leah Boyle (for Caoimhe Evans, 55 mins), Katie Brosnan (for Rachel Dwyer, 58 mins), Roisín Rahilly (for Faye O'Donoghue, 64 mins),

Waterford: Katelyn Gardiner, Maeve Ryan, Rebecca Casey, Cora Murray, Karen McGrath, Hannah Power, Áine O'Neill (0-1), Áine Power, Eve Power, Chloe Fennell (0-2), Kellyann Hogan (0-6, 6f), Lia Ní Harta, Katie Murray, Clare Walsh (0-1), Lauren McGregor (1-1). Subs: Ellen Bolger (for Maeve Ryan, 24 mins), Lucy O'Shea (for Clare Walsh, 43 mins),

Referee: Conor McCarthy (Cork).

HOW TO SKORT AN ISSUE

I'm not going on any big rant here, though I'm certainly tempted. It's not often that you get Irish people in unison on any one topic – minding mice at a crossroads is the usual expression – but the idea that camogie players must wear skorts in this day and age is preposterous. It's archaic.

The GPA surveyed 650 inter-county players, 70% of whom felt that skorts weren't comfortable, and 83% of whom felt that they should have a choice between skorts and shorts. I haven't done any formal survey, but I can tell you heart in hand from talking to club players that they feel the same way.

Last year Britain's delegates brought a motion to allow the choice to National Congress. Meath had a similar motion but deferred it to Britain. I'm very glad to say that Kerry were firmly in support of this motion. That's representing your membership.

The top table were opposed, although they never actually came out and explained the issue. One gets the sense – and I may be wronging decent volunteers who commit a lot of time to the game, it's important to remember

that and no-one be throwing any stones from the ditch – but I get the impression that that appalling word 'unladylike' would feature at some point. Remember that Victorian adage about "ladies don't perspire, they glow"? Yeah, the fool that came out with that never watched a game of camogie in his life.

Kilkenny and Dublin lined out in shorts last weekend, but the referee refused to allow the game to go ahead. I don't blame the referee; it would be chaos if a referee in any code just started choosing which rules to implement (which, by the way, is why I privately write off any pundit who ever says that a free is 'soft' or that the referee should apply 'common sense'. It's either a free or it isn't). But well done to both teams, because it highlights an issue that deserves highlighting.

Back around the early fifties basketball began to grow popular in urban settings in Ireland, including Killarney. The boys had ferocious battles in the Parish Hall. The girls wanted to take part and set up a team – the likes of Weeshie Fogarty, to his credit, was hugely supportive and trained that team. It led to a debate about what they would wear. Skirts would be too revealing. Shorts....dear God, sure men might see a girls' legs and that wouldn't be good for the heart at all. So they had to wear trousers.

That was the early fifties. As in, over seventy years ago. Ladies basketball has moved on. It's about time camogie did as well.

The Camogie Association have stated that they are obliged to implement the democratic decision of Congress and that the matter can't be raised again until 2027. Good luck with that. Because with the public response amid the efforts to draw the various strands of hurling, football ladies and mens', and camogie together (look, I've always supported the idea, but clubs are privately worried about sharing limited facilities), you are fighting a war that's already lost.

KERRY COMFORTABLE AGAINST WASTEFUL CORK MUNSTER MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP

KERRY 2-18 CORK 2-8

You never really know what you are going to get in the first outing for the minors. I actually think that the round robin system to give weaker teams (don't give me any of your 'so-called' rubbish, the numbers are stark) a decent run of games and having Kerry meet Cork with a very clear back door works. Remember when the Munster Championship is effectively all over if they met in a semi-final? That was it, year over. I still remember that great game between the two in 2015, we just scraped over the line by a single point. It was by far the toughest game we had all year.

That was all or nothing, and this obviously wasn't. I, and I would say most supporters on both sides, expected Kerry to win comfortably but when I looked through that Cork team, I knew a few of those names. And that's a warning sign. I'd always have known the U18s from the schools and the development squads. Personally, just to note one more time, I still loathe the age changes to U20 and U17. Adds nothing to nothing and takes it out of synch with other competitions.

This was actually a great game. Both sides will have learnt an awful lot and both sides – yes, us as well, needed those lessons.

Cork, frankly, were much the better team in the first half. They were sharper in midfield, while Kerry's eagerness to get that dangerous full forward line into play saw them drop numerous efforts into Cork's sweeping system. Persevered with that far too long, in my opinion. Meanwhile, Cork left far too many good chances behind them. Borh Wayne Quillinan and Keith Ricken have work to do, but that will suit both fine.

Cork won early possession and probed for an opening. It took a while but a sudden bust by Seán O'Sullivan carried him clear and it took a really superb save by Ruairi Kennedy to deny him. You Rory Twohig came out of goal to take the '45, but it curled away. Cork's main free-taker, unfortunately (I make no bones about saying that we need a hard road, not an easy one) had an off day, although he was rock-solid in his primary duties.

Cork were well on top and Kerry weren't holding them long, with Doah Flynn slicing through and scoring an absolute peach of a goal. Ben Kelliher replied with a free but good work by Eoghan Aherne saw Ben Corkery Delaney reply in kind. Paddy Murphy clipped over another to make it 1-2 to 0-1, a fair reflection of play.

In the twentieth minute Gearóid White fired over a fantastic two pointer. I don't like singling out any U17 as one to watch for the future, but with this guy, I have to say it is too tempting. Pure silk.

He struck again. Fellow Tralee CBS player Nick Lacey curled over a beauty and John Curtin, industrious all day, finished off a well-worked move. Remarkably, Kerry ahead by 0-6 to 1-2. After scoring one free in twenty minutes. They had reeled off five in just four.

Back came Cork, Ben Corkery Delaney with a badly needed two pointer. Kerry were playing it that bit cuter now, with White running the show, but Cork mustered a great response. Paddy Murphy picked off a nice point and Joe Miskella, not long off the bench, added another. Cork back in front, 1-6 to 0-6. Kerry finished the half stronger though, with White slotting a two pointer free and Kevin Griffin closing out the first half scoring.

Half-time Kerry 0-9 Cork 1-6. Overall, we didn't really deserve to be on level terms at that stage. Unfortunately – and I genuinely mean unfortunately, Cork basically failed to emerge for the third quarter. They were on the field in body, but maybe not in spirit. Maybe it's just that Kerry were so much more assured and soaring in confidence, but it looked like a malaise or at least a lack of belief was sapping the strength from Cork.

Kerry were on the attack straight away. Rory Twohig – as I say, his free-taking was a little off but his goalkeeper skills are questionable – twice had to knock away dangerous balls and twice Kevin Griffin punished it with well-taken '45s (a weapon Cork need to get into their armoury). Twohig had another unfortunate miss. At the other end Ben Kelliher had three chances and was clinical with every single one. In the 43rd minute Ben latched onto a long effort from Tadhg O'Connell and the Crokes' man did what he was doing for the Sem all year. Gearóid White almost had another one, his rocket just tipped over the crossbar by Twohig. 1-15 to 1-6. Realistically, Kerry were unlikely to lose it from here.

Cork's subs were beginning to make an impact, though, especially a very impressive Tom Whooley, who opened his account with a point soon after coming on. He struck for a goal after Ruairi Kennedy stopped Donagh Flynn's initial effort. Whooley nearly had another. Suddenly there was a bit of renewed life in the game.

It didn't last long. Ben Kelliher scored another free. Tadhg O'Connell was on the end of another mesmerising Gearóid White run to fist to the net and White added a free. Cathal McCarthy had one last point for Cork, but it was all academic by then really. Pádraig Ó Máinnín fisted over at the end; he could have gone for goal if Kerry needed one. Most impressively, Kerry kicked their first wide in injury time.

It looked, and sounds, like a comfortable win. I'm not convinced. I know we will get better with a game under our belts, but we'd want to as well, and small adjustments (a free-taker and a bit more confidence in taking points rather than always trying to get in close) would make a big difference to Cork.

Kerry play Clare next week and Cork face Tipperary. I'd be very surprised if it's not the same two sides meeting again later on.

Kerry: Ruairi Kennedy, Ronan Sheridan, Eoghan Joy, Tadhg Ó Slatara, Danny Murphy, David Sargent, Marcus Clifford, Maidhc Ó Sé, John Curtin (0-1), Mark O'Carroll, Gearóid White (0-7, 1tp, 1tpf, 1f), Kevin Griffin (0-3, 2'45), Nick Lacey (0-1), Ben Kelliher (1-5, 5f), Tadhg O'Connell (1-0). Subs: Pádraig Ó Máinnín 0-1 (for Nick Lacey, 48 mins), James Kissane (for Maidhc Ó Sé, 54 mins), Liam O'Brien (for Kevin Griffin, 54 mins), David McCarthy (for Ronan Sheridan, 54 mins), Alex Tuohy (for Tadhg O'Connell (59), Tadhg O'Sullivan (for John Curtin, bs, 66 mins).

Cork: Rory Twohig, Ben Coffey, Aaron Keane, Matthew Kiernan, Jerry O'Leary, Cathal McCarthy (0-1), Brian Cronin, Samuel Kelliher Leavy, Ronan Hayes, Niall O'Callaghan, Donagh Flynn (1-0), Seán O'Sullivan, Paddy Murphy (0-2), Ben Corkery Delaney (0-3, 1tp, 1f), Eoghan Aherne. Subs: Joe Miskella 0-1 (for Seán O'Sullivan, 25 mins), Eamonn Ger O'Sullivan (for Eoghan Aherne, 38 mins), Tom Whooley 1-1 (for Paddy Murphy, 38 mins), Eoin Looney (for Samuel Kelliher Leavy, 48 mins), Jack Hanrahan (for Jerry O'Leary, 55 mins).

Referee: Timmy McGrath (Limerick)



Kerry FC are the talk of the League of Ireland this week, having secured the services of the much-coveted Colin Healy as manager.

COLIN HEALY JOINS KERRY FC

It was a good week for Kerry FC. They beat UCD 1-0 away to go above Athlone in the league table. Tim-Oliver Heimar was unquestionably the star of the show, making three fantastic saves in the first half alone, including a 42nd minute penalty. Early in the second half Kerry got a penalty of their own after Daniel Okwute was fouled, with Seán McGrath firing to the net. The UCD keeper did get a good hand to it, but the shot had too much power. UCD did hit the crossbar midway through the half. They got another penalty in the 82nd minute. In fairness, I don't think any Kerry supporter could realistically have argued that they didn't deserve a draw – but Heimar had other ideas, once again making a brilliant save and ensuring a precious win for the visitors. Kerry FC welcome Treaty United this coming weekend.

Conor McCarthy won't be at the helm for that one. Kerry FC are the talk of the League of Ireland this week, having secured the services of the much-coveted Colin Healy as manager. The former Galsgow Celtic, Sunderland, and Republic of Ireland player, a Ballincollig native, had a successful three years at the helm of Cork City FC before joining Eileen Gleeson's management team with the Irish Ladies. That tenure didn't end well, thanks to what looks like complete mismanagement by David Courell and the departed and much-mourned Marc Canham (if they took you on a tour of a brewery, you'd soon end up with a glass of mineral water). Healy eventually, having tried other approaches, had to go public on how he had missed out on the Cobh Ramblers' job because of assurances by the FAI that turned out to be false.

Healy is one of the most experienced and respected managers in the League of Ireland, and getting him is a very big coup for the club. I also like the fact that Conor is staying on; this guy gave his heart and soul to the cause and has plenty to contribute. All round, a good way to conduct your business.

KILLARNEY LEGION

U10 BOYS

The U10 boys welcomed Laune Rangers to a sunny Direen last Wednesday evening. Twenty eight Legion lads put on a great display of skill and teamwork. Big thank you to the older Juveniles James Murphy and Mark Looney for helping out with the officiating.

U12 BOYS

A BIG THANKS TO EAMON MAGUIRE OF Greentech Sportsturf and Liam O Toole of DOSA Consulting Engineers for sponsoring two brand new sets of jerseys for our U12 teams. That is a great gesture by both Liam and Eamonn and no doubt the boys will be looking forward to wearing their new gear.

U14 BOYS

The A team travelled back to Keel on Tuesday evening for another round of the County League on what was a day borrowed from July. At halftime, Keel led by four points 3-7 to 2-6. It wasn't the brightest of starts from the boys, who took a little time to find their rhythm and were nine points down at one stage but once they settled into the game, they found their rhythm. It was a much improved second half showing and the game eventually finished a draw, 4-14 to 5-11. With no subs and only the bare 15 players, they outworked and outscored their opponents in the second half, hitting 2-8 and refusing to back down. This was more than just a draw—it was a performance full of heart, a fantastic display. With a full panel going forward and two more games next week we can look forward to more exciting football.

The B team travelled to Killorglin to take on a Laune Rangers team the same evening. With our older team also in action Laune Rangers had strong numeric advantage but this did not deter our boys who started brightly kicking some excellent points and playing some lovely football. But two goals in quick succession from the hosts gave them the advantage at half time. The second half Laune Rangers began to capitalise from their size advantage and added some good scores. Our lads did not give up and stuck to their guns and continued with some excellent score taking and good interplay. The final score was Laune Rangers 4-8 Killarney Legion 0-13.

Our lads were excellent throughout and never gave up. The majority of these lads have another few years at this age grade and the experience gained from playing competitive games will stand to them in the future.

U16 BOYS

U16 East Kerry League Div 2 Semi Final

Killarney Legion B 5-16 Gneeveguilla A 2-9

Our U16B team qualified for a Division 2 final by defeating Gneeveguilla in the semi-final in Direen on Thursday evening. Playing with the wind in the first half, the boys worked some great team scores and led at the interval by 2-9 to 0-6.

Gneeveguilla started the second half strongly and reduced the gap. A few timely goals saw us reestablish the lead and run out good winners in the end. Well done to all 19 boys who all contributed well to the win. Thanks to Gneeveguilla for a good game and to Brendan Brosnan for excellent officiating.

Our U16A team qualified for the Division 1 East Kerry League Final after a chaotic 13 a side game in Direen on Sunday morning. The boys played some excellent football throughout the first half but left numerous gilt edged goal chances behind them. Cordal were more efficient with their chances, and at half time, we led 3-12 to 4-4. With the aid of the wind, Cordal dominated the opening 15 minutes of the second half and scored 2-3 without reply to lead by four. The introduction of a few subs in the last 15 mins gradually wrestled back control of the game, and the boys eventually prevailed by 4 points. Thanks to Cordal for a fine game and to Evan Horan for excellent officiating. The boys will meet either Kilcummin or Furies in the final at a date yet to be decided. Final score Killarney Legion 7-17 Cordal 7-13.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS GAME

Sunday was a big day in Fitzgerald Stadium for Mia Cox, Regan O Shea, and Fionn Culloty, as they all played in the Primary Schools game which took place at half time in the Munster Football Final between Kerry and Clare. A nice moment for young Fionn to line out on a pitch where his grandfather Johnny often graced.

ST BRENDANS COLLEGE

Congratulations to Club members Callum Cox and Kieran Moloney on winning the Junior A All Ireland Schools Bsktball Final with St Brendan's College in the National Basketball Arena on Thursday afternoon. Not forgetting Daniel Fennelly who was unable to line out due to injury. It was the Sems first All Ireland title since 2006. Well done lads!!!

LOTTO

Results Monday April 28th. Numbers were 1, 2, 6, 10. Bonus 21. No Jackpot Winner. Match 3s / Lucky Dips: 1. Eric Whelan 2. Geraldine Breen 3. Esther Brosnan.

DR. CROKES

LOTTO took place May 5th. Numbers drawn were 1, 17, 22, 25. Jackpot of €6,200 was NOT WON. 6 patrons matched 3 numbers and receive €70 each. Jackpot for draw on May 12th will be €6,500. Play online by following the link below and follow instructions attached https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=734#Anchor (https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=734#Anchor) **KATHLEEN'S GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS** will continue for the next two Tuesdays from 11am in the clubhouse before finishing up for the summer.

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BINGO

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Dr. Crokes members Gavin, Shane, Tony, Micheal, Mark, Evan who were part of the Kerry Senior Football Team who won the Munster Championship on Sunday. The players are pictured with Harry O'Neill and Patrick O'Sullivan.

Mary's Parish Hall. Doors will open at 7pm with the first game commencing at 8pm.

CONGRATULATIONS to Gavin, Shane, Tony, Micheal, Mark, Evan, Charlie, Patrick, Harry and the Kerry Senior Football team on winning the Munster Championship.

NOTES

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

FOSSA GAA

LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 27/04/2025 for a jackpot of €10,050 were 1, 11, 15, 21. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Carmel Martin, Bridie Collins, Anna Thompson, Ailish Hallissey, Sandra Daly. Tickets are available from our sellers and can also be bought online with the following link <https://fossagaa.clubforce.com/products/lotto/fossa-gaa-club-lotto>

CREDIT UNION DONAL CURTIN CUP RD 6 V FIRIES

Furies travelled to Fossa to play our Senior Ladies and this game was played at 13 aside. As ever this allowed lots of space for both sides to exploit and requires massive work rate from all. Fossa worked hard from the start to keep it tight and after an even enough 1st half Fossa were 2-08 v 0-05 up at half time.

Furies tightened things up immediately after half time with a quick goal and added another later on but Fossa also created and converted some excellent scores to finish the game 3-17 v 2-07.

In a game where all of our players got important game time, the outstanding performance on the night was Grainne Kelleher, who stepped between the posts for the 1st time and was assured in all she did. Well done to all on another good performance playing some nice football at times. Our next game is away to Spa.



Dr Crokes Captain Nathan Cronin receives trophy from East Kerry Board Officer Mike Piggott. Photo Matt O'Neill.



Minor League Div 3B Final won by Currow. Currow Captain Tadhg Óg Cronin been presented with Div 3B Trophy By East Kerry officer Johnny Brosnan

COMMUNITY GAMES

Well done to Fossa U10 boys Community Games Gaelic Football team who reached the semi-final stage and were beaten by 2 points by Kenmare - who went on to win the final. Great team performance and fantastic achievement.

WELL DONE

Congrats to David Clifford and his Kerry team mates on retaining the Munster Championship on Sunday. David gave yet again another incredible performance to ensure Kerry's smooth passage to the qualifiers.

Well done to the Kerry minors who had a great win over Cork in the Munster Championship on Monday evening and in particular, Fionn Doyle, Dylan O'Meara and Adrian Sheehan (selector) who are all involved with the team.

Well done to The Sem 2nd year basketball team who won the A, All Ireland School Basketball Final in Dublin. Huge congratulations to Fossa club members Luke Rennie, Ross O'Gorman, Luke Clancy, Kevin Breen and Fionn O'Donovan - all in Fossa GAA proud of your accomplishments.

EAST KERRY

EAST KERRY MINOR LEAGUE

Division 2 Final

Glenflesk 1-19 Listry 2-21

Division 3A Final

Firies 4-14 Beaufort 0-13

Division 3B Final

Currow 3-14 Gneevegulla 2-13

EAST KERRY U 16 LEAGUE

SPA 8.16 v Listry 3.13

SEMI FINAL RESULT - U16D1

Killarney Legion 7-17 Cordal 7-13

U16 EAST REGION LEAGUE - DIVISION 2 RESULT

Legion B 5.16 v Gneevegulla 2.09

U16 EAST REGION LEAGUE - DIVISION 3A

Firies B 6.12 v Currow 3.13

ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations to the Kerry Senior team on

their win in Munster Final.

ALL IRELAND U20'S

Good luck to the Kerry U20's in Saturday's All Ireland Final against Tyrone.

EAST KERRY MINOR LEAGUE DIVISION 1 FINAL

Rathmore 1-09 Dr Crokes 1-15.

Helped by a pair of 2 pointer's from goalkeeper Kacper Robak, who also made a superb penalty save, Dr Croke's drove on to a deserved win in the East Kerry Minor League Division 1 Final against Rathmore, whose slow start to the match eventually proved their undoing.

Points from Cian Mulcahy and Eanna Hennigan gave the visitor's a brilliant start to the game, as they moved the ball with pace into their forward line. Another strong run from Mulcahy ended with a point from Liam Hennigan. Rathmore's first score didn't arrive till the 10th minute, with a free from Cillian Moynihan. Robak then struck over 2 back to back 2 point free's, plus a 45. When back in goal, he got his leg's to David Darmody's hard hit penalty. Rathmore managed to get a point from after from Moynihan second's after, and their first point from play came from Darmody just before half time. Too many ball's short had cost them some vital scores in the first half, and they went in 4 behind at the break.

Rathmore started the second half on top, putting pressure on Croke's kick out's, and point's from Darmody and Sean McAuliffe brought them back to within 2 point's. Then when McAuliffe's high ball landed back off the crossbar, a leg block occurred that saw Rathmore get a second penalty. Darmody again stepped up, this time blasting past Robak to put Rathmore ahead for the first time. Stephen O Sullivan then saw his shot bounce off the post and wide. Croke's finally won a second half kick out, and another run from Mulcahy created a point for corner forward Hennigan. Center forward Hennigan then added his second point soon after. Only a brilliant save from Matthew Kennedy than denied Eanna Hennigan a goal. Darmody then got a much needed point for Rathmore, but they were struggling to break down Croke's defense. A poor kick out from Rathmore then ended their chances with Liam Hennigan calmly finding the net to lead his side to a deserved win. After a sluggish first half, the game burst into life after the restart. Rathmore firing everything at Croke's in the early stages. After surviving the onslaught, they ended they game strong with Robak and both Hennigan's proving pivotal in the win.



Dr. Crokes Minors who won the East Kerry Minor League Division 1 Final V Rathmore

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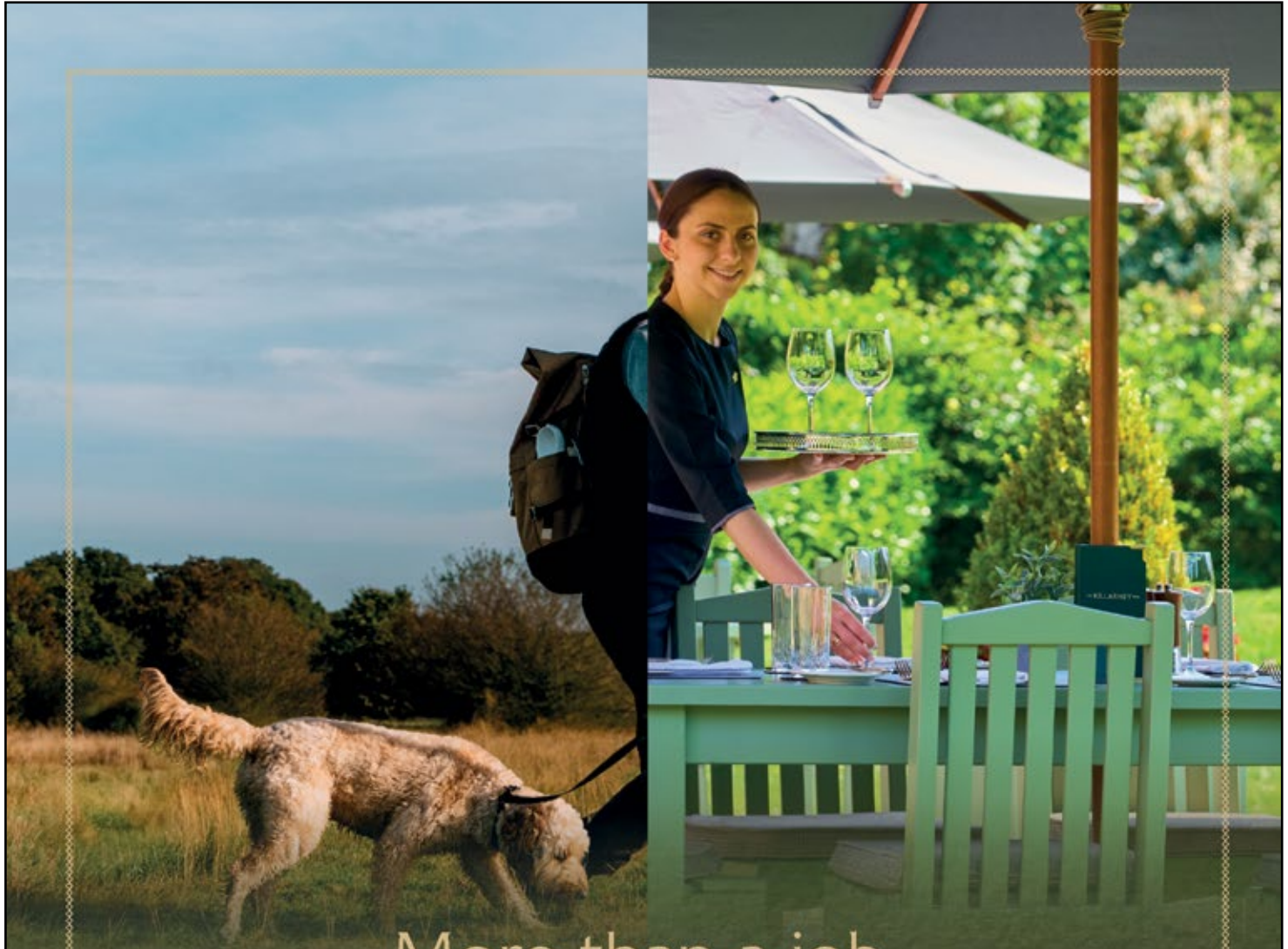
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AN tACHT UM PLEANÁIL AGUS FORBAIRT 2000 (ARNA LEASÚ)
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED)
NA RIALACHÁIN UM PLEANÁIL AGUS FORBAIRT 2001 (ARNA LEASÚ)
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (AS AMENDED)

COMHAIRLIÚCHÁN PHOIBLÍ / PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Public Realm Improvements at Kenmare Place & Main Street Killarney	
Public Notice in Compliance with Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) as set down in Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).	
Pursuant to the requirements of the above, Notice is hereby given that Kerry County Council proposes to carry out the development, particulars of which are set out hereunder.	
Suíomh/Baile fearainn nó seoladh poist don bhforbairt atá molta Location/Townland or Postal Address of the Proposed Development	
Location:	Kenmare Place & Main Street Killarney
Townland(s):	Killarney & Demesne
Sonraí faoin Obair atá molta Nature and extent of the Proposed Works	
Kerry County Council proposes to carry out Public Realm Improvements at Kenmare Place & Main Street, Killarney, Co. Kerry as follows: The proposed project elements are:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The conversion of the public road at Main Street to a one-way 3.7 m wide single lane road with improved footpaths, public realm and landscaping from the junction of the N71 at Kenmare Place to Plunkett Street junction. • The scheme includes for revisions to bus set down/loading bays, raised uncontrolled crossing and revised location of accessible parking. • Associated landscaping and drainage work. 	
Kerry County Council as the Competent Authority has concluded that the proposed project, individually, and in combination with other plans and projects, is not one which requires an Appropriate Assessment (AA) or an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and is not likely to have significant effects on the environment.	
Pursuant to Article 120(3)(b) a member of the public, may at any time before the expiration of 4 weeks beginning on the date of the publication of this notice, seek an EIA screening determination from An Bord Pleanála as to whether the proposed development would have significant effects on the environment.	

Plans and Particulars of the proposed works are available for inspection or purchase, on payment of a specified fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making such a copy, during normal office hours from **Wednesday, 07th May 2025 to Thursday, 05th June 2025** at the following locations;

- Kerry County Council, Capital Development Unit Offices, Unit 20/21, The Reeks, Killarney, Co. Kerry V93C3WH
- Kerry County Council, Killarney Municipal District Office, Town Hall, Killarney, Co. Kerry V93KH5V
- Kerry County Council, Roads and Transportation Department, Room 115, County Buildings, Rathass, Tralee, Co. Kerry V92H7VT
- Kerry County Council Website www.kerrycoco.ie

An advisor will be available to explain the plans – please contact the Capital Development Unit on (064) 6626112 or cdusouth@kerrycoco.ie

Submissions and Observations with respect to the proposed development DEALING WITH PROPER PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT in which the development would be situated, may be made in writing and clearly marked

Part 8 – Public Realm Improvements at Kenmare Place & Main Street Killarney

To: Administrative Officer, Capital Development Unit, Kerry County Council, Unit 20/21 The Reeks, Killarney, Co. Kerry V93C3WH

Or

Email to: cdusouth@kerrycoco.ie

Or

Through the Kerry County Council consultation portal, <https://consult.kerrycoco.ie/en/browse> which can also be accessed directly through the Council website www.kerrycoco.ie, using the + make a submission link.

- And must be received by 4.00 pm on Friday, 20th June 2025.

Please note that this is a readvertisement of a previous public notice published in respect of a similar proposed development at this location for which public notice was originally published on the 9th October 2024. NB submissions/observations previously made in respect of the original notice will require to be re-submitted in order to be taken into consideration as part of the consultation process required in accordance with this public notice.

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Liam Quinlan
Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs



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Redevelopment of the Áras Phádraig
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<p>Suíomh/Baile fearainn nó seoladh poist don bhforbairt atá molta Location/Townland or Postal Address of the Proposed Development</p> <p>Location: Lewis Road, Killarney Townland(s): Moyeightragh</p>
<p>Sonraí faoin Obair atá molta Nature and extent of the Proposed Works</p> <p>The development will consist of permission to demolish the existing Áras Phádraig building and associated site works. Permission to construct a three-storey Theatre and Community building with a screened rooftop plantroom, a six-storey Primary Care Centre with a setback plant room at roof level, a Public Plaza, an ancillary ESB sub-station, generator and bin store building, a revised vehicular entrance to Lewis Road carpark and all associated site works.</p>
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KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL STOPPING HOUSE BUILDING IN KERRY

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

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

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

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

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



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



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

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



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

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GUESS WHO IS TURNING 50

ON THE 14TH MAY, 2025?



A Word of Victory

"You have taken account of my wanderings (all my sorrows and periods of trial and distress). You have collected and stored all my tears in Your bottle. You have recorded each one in Your book" (Psalm 56:8)

Welcome back dear student, continuing on how God meets our needs. Grief, tragedy, and loss are hard to bear. When we hear of someone else's loss we pray for comfort, and console those we know and love - 'we weep with those who weep' (Romans 12:15). Some blame God for their pain or feel like He has abandoned them in their time of need. This is a huge lie from the enemy - a great warfare tactic: convincing people that God who loves them, is actually against them - all the while the real enemy secretly operates behind the scenes. No friend, it is Satan who steals, kills, and destroys - not God (John 10:10). His access point is sin - it's a landing strip for destruction (Romans 6:23). We must repent of sin and live for Righteousness - it's the free gift of right-standing with God that Jesus gives to His followers (1 Peter 2:24; Romans 5:1-11). The tricks of the enemy deceive many who believe his lies and fall into his snares. "Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Stand firm against him and be strong in your faith" (2 Peter 5:8 NLT). Jesus paid the price for our sins to redeem us back from the kingdom of darkness. When we get to know God through His Word we arm ourselves with faith and knowledge and begin walking in His authority and power to overcome our adversary (Luke 10:19). We understand that we will be reunited with our loved ones again one day - but until then, we release them into God's care (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

Our lead Scripture shows that nothing escapes God's notice - your tears are carefully documented by Him for He loves you deeply. Hope for healing and restoration comes through staying strong in your faith - trusting in His goodness. It's a difficult path, but the Lord Jesus understands the distress, for He endured so much to deliver you and comfort you: "...a Man of sorrows and pain, acquainted with deep grief" (Isaiah 53:3). Despair is an isolated place, but Jesus has been through it already, and if you call upon Him He will wrap His arms around you and carry you and bring you out in victory. Others may not understand the depth of your anguish, but Jesus does (Hebrews 4:15-16). You have Someone to talk to Who sees all your tears dear one (Genesis 16:13). God promises to comfort you - it's why He sent His Holy Spirit to live inside of everyone who believes in Jesus. "And I will ask the Father, and He will give you the Comforter (the Counsellor, the Advocate) Who will never leave you" (John 14:16; Psalm 147:3).

Finally, it's not always someone passing away that's the source of heartbreak. Traumatic life events can trigger past buried anguish - 'the straw that broke the camels' back'. People grieve for many reasons - perhaps a lost childhood; lost loves or friendships; or heartache for a family member's lost future hopes and dreams as a result of a limiting diagnosis. "...Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning" (Psalm 30:5). Remember, your bottles of tears are lined up on God's shelf friend! Seeking Him more will bring you comfort, and joy will come again - it may be different to how you imagined, but don't give in to the trap of lifelong grieving - you must break all association with that demon of grief and instead trust God's healing Love and Freedom.

Bible Study and Prayer every Sunday @ 11am and Thursday @ 7.30pm at Word of Victory Christian Fellowship Killarney V93V6X4

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: For those in our parish who are celebrating a significant anniversary this year, e.g. 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th or 60th, you are invited to renew your marriage vows at the 6.15 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday May 31st. Please spread the word also to those who were married in our parish and are now living elsewhere. You might kindly contact the Parish Office with the details of our Anniversary before the 23rd of May.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Church of the Resurrection 5pm - 9pm Tuesdays
St Mary's Cathedral Wed 11.00am - 5.45pm Wednesdays
Church of the Holy Spirit Muckross 4pm - 6pm Thursdays
Franciscan Friary 2pm - 7pm Fridays Holy Hour Sundays @ 6pm

LOG ON LEARNING: Learn how to use your phone or laptop at your own pace, class from 11.15 - 1.15pm May 7th - May 14th in St Mary's College, Contact 064 331021 to sign up. Teas and Coffees provided

ALONE the national organisation that enables older people to age at home, are looking for Telephone Support & Befriending and Visitation Support & Befriending Volunteers to support older people in the community. If you or an Older Person you know, need support please call 0818 222 024, seven days a week 8 am to 8 pm or see ALONE.ie/ Volunteer for more information."

SECOND COLLECTION: Next Weekend the 10th/11th May Education of the Clergy. Thank you for your support.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS commenced this Weekend in our parish. Congratulations to the boys and girls of Lissivigeen NS & Tiernabou NS who received their first Holy Communion this weekend. We pray every blessing on all receiving Jesus into their lives in a special way over these weeks..

Presentation Monastery NS 10.00am 10th May St Mary's Cathedral
Holy Cross Mercy Ns 12noon 10th May St Mary's Cathedral
St Oliver's NS 10.30am 17th May Church of the Resurrection
Loughquittane NS 10.30am 17th May Church of the Holy Spirit, Muckross
Loreto Scoil Bhríde NS 10.30am 24th May Church of the Holy Spirit, Muckross
Gaelscoil Faithleann NS May 24th 10.30am, Church of the Resurrection

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THE QUEEN OF THE MAY

*Bring flowers of the fairest, Bring Blossoms the fairest
From garden and woodland, And hillside and Dale;
Our full hearts are swelling, Our Glad voices telling
The praise of the lovelies, Flowers of the vale!
O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May, O Mary!
we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May
Their Lady they name thee, Their mistress proclaim thee
Oh, grant that thy children on earth be as true
As long as the bowers are radiant with flowers
As long as the azure shall keep bright blue
O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today Queen of the
Angels, Queen of the May,
O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.*

11TH & 5TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
**KATHLEEN &
DAN T O'SULLIVAN**



KATHLEEN, WHO DIED ON
10TH MAY 2014 & HER
HUSBAND DAN T. WHO DIED
ON 29TH MARCH 2020. RIP.
LATE OF BOULICULLANE,
FARRANFORE, KILLARNEY.

*Our parents kept a garden,
A garden of the heart.
They planted all the great things,
that gave our lives its start.*

*We are our parents garden,
We are their legacy.
We hope today they feel the love
reflected from all their family.*

Sadly missed and never forgotten
by your loving family.

Anniversary Mass Sat. 17th May at
7.30pm in St. Gertrude's Church. Firies.

4TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**MICHAEL
O'CONNOR**



LATE OF FAUGHCULLIA,
MUCKROSS & ST BRENDAN'S
PLACE, KILLARNEY.

*Sometimes in my life there are losses
that can never be replaced,
Losing you has been the hardest thing I've
ever had to live with.*

*I wasn't ready to say goodbye,
I wasn't ready to let you leave.*

*I would give anything for just one more day,
Just one more second.*

*But I've learned to trust in unconditional love,
Because the profound thing about death is
that love never dies.*

*Some bonds cannot be broken,
Because even though you're not physically
here, Your heart is - it lives on within me.
I carry your heart inside mine,
I carry it on days when beauty unfolds in the
most unexpected places.*

*I carry it on days when I find courage to heal
and to grow. I carry it with me always.*

*Someday we will meet again,
And we will no longer be separated by time
or space.*

*But until that day, I'll find comfort in
knowing that you are still with me.
Your heart safely tucked inside mine.
Some hearts just belong together and
nothing will ever change.*

*I loved you then, I love you now, always did,
always will.*

*Forever in my mind, forever in my heart,
I will carry you.*

Always remembered by your
loving wife, Bella. Daughter's Liz, Jen
and son-in-law Mike.

Anniversary Mass on the 11th of May
at 12pm in St Mary's Cathedral, Killarney.

1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN EVER LOVING MEMORY OF

**ANNE O'SHEA
(NEE FALVEY)**



LATE OF 62 ST BRENDAN'S
TERRACE, KILLARNEY, CO KERRY
WHO PASSED AWAY ON,
13TH MAY, 2024.

*The ones we love don't go away
They walk beside us everyday
Unseen, unheard but always near
Still loved, still missed, still very dear.*
Loved and remembered by your son Connie,
daughter in law Mary, grandson Ian
& Dayna, xxx

*Close to my heart you will always stay
Loved and remembered everyday.*

*Rest In Peace, Mam.
Love always, your son, Finbarr, x*

*Always in my thoughts Mam
Your loving son, Pa, x*

*You were always there
When we needed you
No task too great or small
With a loving heart and helpful hands
For us you did it all.*

So deeply missed and forever
in our hearts Mam.
Your ever loving daughter, Elaine,
son in law David and grandson Daniel.

"Nana, we will love you
forever!" xxx

*'As we look upon your picture
Sweet memories we recall
Of a face so full of sunshine
And a smile for one and all.*
Always remembered and sadly missed,
your loving son, Darren & Jackie xx

*In God's care you rest above
In our hearts you rest with love
Never more than a thought away
Loved and remembered everyday.*
Always in our thoughts, your loving
daughter Karen and Brendan xx

*A garden of beautiful memories, sprayed
with a million tears. Those we love don't go
away, they walk beside us every day, unseen,
unheard but always near, still loved,
still missed and very dear. In our hearts
you are always there, the gates of
memory will never close.*

Our beloved and adored, Mam and Nana.
Forever remembered, forever missed,
your son Colm, daughter in law, Karen and
grand-daughters, Lucy and Darcie xxxx

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & 1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN EVER LOVING MEMORY OF

**ANNE O'SHEA
(NEE FALVEY)**



LATE OF 62 ST BRENDAN'S
TERRACE, KILLARNEY, CO KERRY
WHO PASSED AWAY ON,
13TH MAY, 2024.

As we lovingly remember our beautiful and
precious Mam and Nana, on this her first
Anniversary, we her children, Connie, Finbarr,
Patrick, Elaine, Darren, Karen & Colm, son in
law, David, daughters in law, Mary & Karen M,
Darren's partner Jackie, Karen's partner Brendan,
grandchildren, Danielle, Ian, Lucy, Darcie & Daniel,
wish to express our deepest gratitude to everyone
who sympathised with us and supported us,
on the heart-breaking loss of our deeply loved
Mam, Nana, Mother-In-Law, Niece, Friend and
Neighbour.

Our deep appreciation to all those who came to
Mam's aid on that awful December night when
Mam took ill; the staff of Killarney Heights, the
First Responders, Paramedics, the Doctors in A&E
in UHK and the nurses who took care of Mam in
the immediate aftermath.

Special thanks to all those who travelled
long distances to be with us. We also wish to
acknowledge and thank those who sent Mass
Cards, Enrolments, letters of sympathy, online
condolences, for all the text messages and phone
calls and floral tributes. Thank you to all who
attended the beautiful Rosary, Removal, Funeral
Mass and Burial. To everyone who brought food to
the house, your thoughtfulness and kindness was
greatly appreciated.

Thank you to, O'Shea's Funeral Directors, Michael
and Mary and Michael O'Shea Jnr and Gerard
Fitzgerald, for their respectful guidance and
professionalism. Nothing was too much trouble.
Sincere & heartfelt thanks to, Fr Sean Jones, Fr
Jim Lenihan, Fr Paddy O'Donoghue and Fr Tom
Looney, who concelebrated Mam's funeral Mass.
Thank you to, the Sacristan, Tadhg Fleming, also
to Paud O'Donoghue and Mary O'Callaghan, for
the beautiful music at the funeral Mass. Fr Sean,
for everything you did for our dear Mam and for
us as a family, we will be eternally grateful to
you. Special word of thanks to Stanley Wade, a
lifelong family friend, for the lovely singing at
the graveside. We hold so many people dear to
our hearts and send heartfelt thanks for their
unwavering support especially our wonderful
friends, neighbours and colleagues. As it would be
impossible to thank everyone individually, please
accept this acknowledgement as a token of our
profound appreciation.

*'A light from our household has gone, A voice we
loved is still, A place is vacant in our home, That
never can be filled.'*

Mam, you're with Dad and Damian now.
We will love and miss you forever. Until we meet
again.....xxx

Mam's 1st Anniversary Mass is on Tuesday,
13th May in St Mary's Cathedral at 6.15pm.

16TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**VINCENT
FOLLIN**



LATE OF 61 PARK DRIVE,
KILLARNEY
WHO PASSED AWAY
ON 13TH MAY 2009.

Fondly remembered by
his daughters Carmel and Susan,
sister Maureen, relatives and friends.

PRAYER TO SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES

Most humble Saint Martin whose burning charity embraces all, but especially
those who are sick, afflicted or in need, we turn to thee for help in our present
difficulties and we implore thee to obtain for us from God health of soul and
body, and in particular the favour we now ask.....

May we, by imitating thy charity and humility, find quiet and contentment
all our days, and cheerful submission to God's holy will in all the trials and
difficulties of life.

St Martin Pray For Us
Amen.

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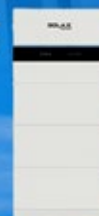
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