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A Note from the EDITOR



In this week's Killarney Outlook we meet a remarkable little girl who has defied the odds and is at the heart of her family.

In other news, the granting of planning for the Torc to Dinis walkway has been welcomed by campaigners for the project, Killarney food business Sorella Berries has won gold at Blas na hEireann and it's time for a cuppa in aid of the Kerry Hospice Foundation.

Due to unprecedented demand, a full day conference dedicated to the Annals of Inisfallen will be streamed live, St. Brendan's Class of 1976 gathered for a 50 year reunion and Dr. Crokes Cruisers enjoyed a day on the lakes.

Kerry Disability Sports Club are looking for new members, Gleneagle Leisure Club are holding a fundraising challenge day in memory of Sarah Egan and in aid of the Kerry Hospice Foundation and Jason Smyth was in town inspiring a packed Killarney audience.

The Killarney Mountain Meitheal, Autumn/Winter season is underway at the Abbey Wood, students celebrated Junior Cert results and "Oh Yes It Is" Cinderella the Panto is coming to the Racecourse for 12 shows over 4 weekends.

In sport, Killarney Valley AC enjoyed huge cross country success, basketball season is back on the court and the Ireland Darts Team has made history with a Kilcummin man playing a key role.

Hope you all enjoy this week's Killarney Outlook!

Aisling Crosbie



Watching the new world go by....
Tracy Griffin captured this fabulous photo on the new South Kerry Greenway!



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Torc to Dinis Walkway Gets Green Light

Killarney Municipal District councillor John O'Donoghue has welcomed the granting of planning permission for the proposed lakeside walkway and cycleway from Torc to Dinis.

Cllr O'Donoghue said the project had been one of his priorities since he joined Kerry County Council in 2021, having inherited the issue from his predecessor, Michael Gleeson, who was the first to pursue the proposal. He said he had repeatedly raised the project at Council meetings and was delighted to finally see positive news, describing the decision as one that would be transformative for the area.

The new path will run along the lakeside, providing scenic views of Killarney National Park and Lough Leane and is expected to become a popular amenity for both locals and visitors.

Cllr O'Donoghue also acknowledged the co-operation between Kerry County Council and the National Parks and Wildlife Service in progressing the project.

Once the statutory waiting period has passed, the project can move to the design and tender stages, with construction to follow.

Cllr O'Donoghue said he looked forward to seeing the project get underway and to using the new walkway himself.

Killarney Chamber of Tourism & Commerce has also welcomed the granting of planning permission for the proposed project connecting Dinis and Torc, which will address a highly dangerous stretch of road for pedestrians and cyclists.

Chamber President Johnny McGuire said the decision was very welcome and represented an important step forward in addressing the long-standing safety concerns along this section of the N71.

He commended the National Parks and Wildlife Service for their foresight in proposing a solution to the issue, while also improving access to one of Killarney National Park's most scenic areas.

He also congratulated Mayor John O'Donoghue for continuing the efforts of his uncle, Councillor Michael Gleeson, in progressing the project.

Mr McGuire said the Chamber fully supports the development and looks forward to seeing it progress, providing a safer and more accessible route for locals and visitors alike.



Cathaoirleach of Killarney Municipal District John O'Donoghue pictured at Dinis Car Park at the site of the planned new Dinis to Torc walkway.

Kerry Hospice Coffee Morning to raise funds for palliative care extension



Pictured at the launch are Dermot O'Reilly, Angela Curran, Pat McGrath, Chef Erik and Cathal Walshe.

The Killarney Branch of the Kerry Hospice Foundation and Palliative Care will hold its annual Coffee Morning at the Royal Townhouse on Thursday, October 15.

The event will run from 10am to 12 noon, with Chef Erik and a number of local home bakers providing a tempting selection of goodies for those attending.

There will also be a raffle with a selection of fabulous prizes, with everyone welcome to come along, enjoy a morning of coffee, cake and conversation, and support the important work of Kerry Hospice.

All funds raised will go towards the ongoing extension of the Palliative Care Unit at University Hospital Kerry (UHK). The second phase of the major development got underway this week, with the overall project estimated to cost €6.5 million.

The Killarney branch is encouraging people to mark the date in their diaries and support what promises to be another successful fundraising morning.

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Killarney's Sorella Berries Wins Gold at Blas na hÉireann



Terrie Murphy Sorella Berries

A Killarney home-based business has received national recognition after winning Gold at this year's prestigious Blas na hÉireann Irish Food Awards.

Sorella Berries, founded by Terrie Murphy, began as a small business from home, specialising in luxury chocolate-covered strawberries and personalised treats for celebrations and events.

What started on a small scale has grown considerably over the years, with Terrie now working from a purpose-built studio at her home and creating orders for customers throughout Kerry and beyond. Sorella Berries also supplies a number of local hotels and events, including weddings.

The business has enjoyed further success this year, with Terrie winning the Food Generation/Manufacturer category at the

Connect Kerry Women in Business Awards.

She then entered her chocolate-covered strawberries in the Blas na hÉireann awards and was thrilled to make it through as a finalist.

However, she never expected to take home the top prize.

Terrie said hearing Sorella Berries announced as the Gold winner in Dingle was a huge surprise and a very proud moment.

For the Killarney entrepreneur, the national recognition is particularly meaningful as a small local business.

She said it means so much to have something she creates locally recognised at national level, particularly at such a prestigious Irish food awards event.



Terrie receives her Blas na hÉireann Gold award.

Deerpark Retail Park Listed for €15.4 Million

Deerpark Retail Park in Killarney has been put up for sale with a guide price of €15.4 million, excluding VAT.

International property firm Cushman & Wakefield is handling the sale on behalf of Investcorp, a global investment management company headquartered in Bahrain.

Developed around 20 years ago, the retail park extends to approximately 112,835 square feet and comprises 13 fully occupied units. Its tenants include a mix of well-known national and international retailers, including Marks & Spencer, Boots, DID Electrical, Maxi Zoo and Mountain Warehouse.

The property generates annual rental income of more than €1.326 million, according to Cushman & Wakefield, which is marketing the investment to potential buyers.

The selling agent has highlighted the park's established rental income, potential for future rent increases and opportunities to generate additional revenue as key attractions for investors.



JESSICA DONATES 12 INCHES OF HAIR TO HELP SICK CHILDREN



Scan the QR Code to support Jessica's fundraiser.

Ten-year-old Jessica Cronin from Upper Lissivigeen is preparing to make a very special donation on Friday, October 9, when she will have 12 inches of her hair cut for the Little Princess Trust.

Jessica's generous gesture will help provide a real-hair wig for a young person who has lost their hair as a result of illness and treatment.

As well as donating her hair, Jessica is also raising funds through her iDonate page, with all money raised going to LauraLynn Children's Hospice.

Her family said they are extremely proud of Jessica for her kindness and generosity and for choosing to help other children in such a meaningful way.

Jessica's fundraising is a wonderful example of how a simple act of kindness can make a lasting difference to the lives of others.



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Five Reasons to Come to Kerry International Film Festival

With just one week to go, here are five reasons to make time for the Kerry International Film Festival, running October 15th–18th across Killarney.



1. GO FOR THE LAUGHS

If you're looking for something that will make you laugh, the Comedy Shorts are a very good place to start.

Showing at Cinema Killarney at 1pm on Saturday, October 17th, this collection of eight short films is packed with sharp, chaotic and seriously funny stories about friendship, rivalry, awkward encounters, bad decisions and the sheer absurdity of everyday life.

There are bitter farmer feuds, disastrous dinner parties, botched hit jobs and some very unusual approaches to grief. It's a brilliant mix of Irish comedy, eccentric characters and stories that take a turn just when you think you know where they're going.

2. SEE A FILM FROM A FILMMAKER THAT YOU MIGHT BE HEARING A LOT MORE ABOUT

One of the great things about a film festival is

getting to discover filmmakers early in their careers, before everyone else starts talking about them.

This year, keep an eye out for Peter Young, director of *Our House*, screening at Cinema Killarney at 6.45pm on Saturday, October 17th. The film was recently awarded the Bingham Ray New Talent Award at the Galway Film Fleadh 2026, making this a great opportunity to see the work of an exciting new voice on the big screen.

3. SOMETHING SPOOKY FOR THE SEASON

With Halloween just around the corner, it would hardly be the Kerry Film Festival without something a little darker.

As part of their collaboration with Samhain Chiarraí, they're heading into St Mary's Church of the Sloes at 9pm on Saturday, October 17th for a special programme of spooky shorts.

It's a suitably atmospheric setting for a night of unsettling stories, strange goings-on and films designed to get you in the mood for the season. If you like your cinema with a little bit of a chill, this one is definitely worth staying out for.

4. TAKE A TRIP TO THE CZECH REPUBLIC WITHOUT LEAVING KILLARNEY

You don't have to know anything about Czech cinema to enjoy KIFF's Czech Film in Focus.

They've brought together three very different films, from the wonderfully chaotic comedy of *The Fireman's Ball*, to the thought-provoking documentary *Limits of Europe*, and the coming-of-age story *Summer School, 2001*.

Sometimes the best festival experience is choosing a film you know very little about and discovering something completely unexpected.

5. SOMETHING THAT COULD ONLY HAPPEN AT KERRY INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

From 100 Years of Kerry on Film to a relaxed family screening of *Song of the Sea*, storytelling with Ray O'Sullivan, DJ sets with Aidan O'Leary and the presentation of this year's Maureen O'Hara Award to Teresa McGrane, there's plenty happening beyond the cinema screen.

So, with one week to go, pick something that catches the eye, bring a friend and head along. There's a chance to discover a new filmmaker, see something completely unexpected, or simply enjoy a great night out.

The Kerry International Film Festival runs from October 15th-18th, with events taking place across Killarney.

For more information and to book tickets, visit kerryfilmfestival.com

Listry Man Publishes First Children's Book

Listry man Peter Ahern has published his first children's book, *This Spider Needs a Home*, inspired by his love of reading, poetry and bedtime stories with his two sons.

Peter said that reading books to his boys over the years made him think that writing a book was something he could do himself. Having always enjoyed poetry, he eventually decided to put his ideas into a children's story.

This Spider Needs a Home centres on autumn and hibernation, exploring what happens to animals as the colder winter months approach. While many animals have somewhere to go, one little spider is left without a home.

The story aims to help children see spiders in a different way and challenge the idea that they are something to be afraid of. With colourful, friendly illustrations and a fun, easy-to-read story, the book is designed as an enjoyable bedtime read for children coming into the winter months.

For Peter, the book is the realisation of an idea he had thought about for years and combines his love of storytelling and poetry with his experience of reading bedtime stories to his own children.

This Spider Needs a Home is available to be purchased on Amazon.



Peter Ahern reads his new book to his sons Harrison on the Left and Bradley on the Right





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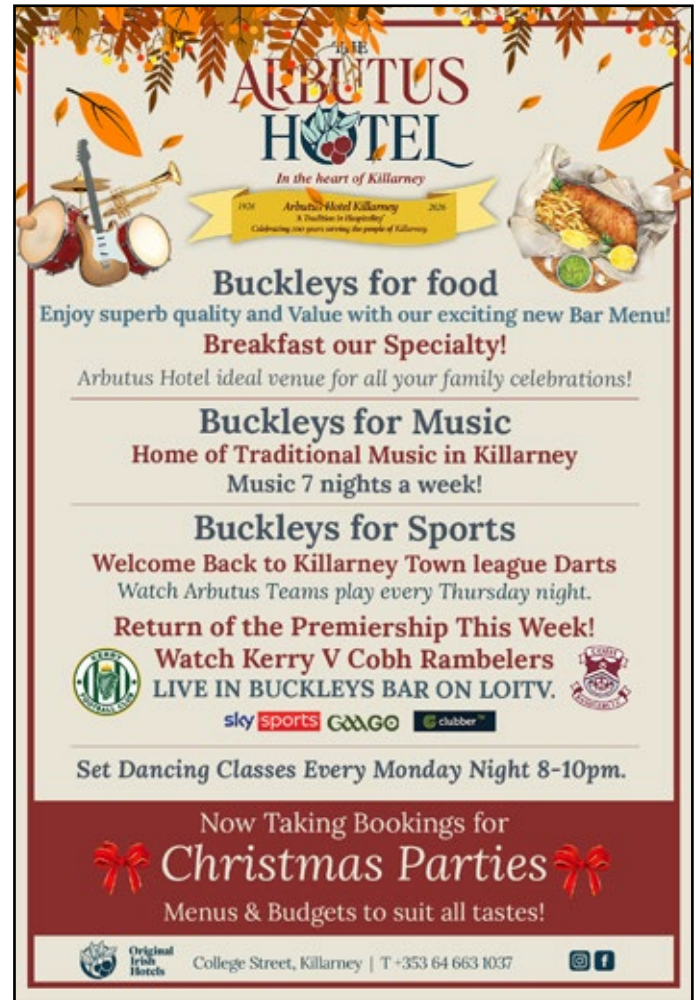
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'Recording the Past'

One of the most important surviving records of medieval Ireland

Our treasured scholarly past is finally catching up with us - The Annals of Inisfallen manuscript returned to Ireland last month to enormous public interest and appreciation. The exhibition 'Recording the Past' is currently on public display, until 1 November 2026, at The Glucksman Gallery, University College Cork (UCC).

To mark this historic exhibition, a full day conference dedicated to the island treasure, the Annals of Inisfallen, will be held in Killarney House, on Saturday 10th October, 9.00 am - 5.00 pm,

The annals were previously on display at Muckross House in 1983, so this is the 2nd time this highly treasured medieval record visits Ireland. The Annals of Inisfallen are a single bound manuscript consisting of 57 vellum leaves, primarily written by monks at the island monastery of Inisfallen on the Lakes of Killarney. It documents over 1,000 years of Irish history (focusing heavily on Munster) in a mix of Latin and Irish. The document is on loan from Oxford University's Bodleian Library, where it has been preserved for more than 250 years.

Innisfallen Island on Lough Lein, Killarney National Park, is home to the ruins of Innisfallen Monastery, an important seat of learning in Europe, founded in 631 by St. Faithleann and dedicated to St Fionán. Maelsuthain O'Cearbhail, an important political and academic figure in Ireland, was educated by the monks and is credited with bringing the Annals of Innisfallen to the Island. Today visitors travel by boat from Ross Castle to visit this peaceful island.

Minister of State for Nature, Heritage and Biodiversity, Christopher O'Sullivan TD, said:

"The Annals of Inisfallen are among the most important surviving records of medieval Ireland, offering a remarkable window into over a thousand years of our history, scholarship and cultural heritage. The story of Inisfallen is deeply woven into the history of Killarney National Park. This event provides a valuable opportunity to explore the legacy of this extraordinary manuscript within the landscape that inspired its creation."

In welcoming the return to Killarney, Niall Ó Donnchú, Director of NPWS & the National Monuments Service (NMS) said:

"The Annals of Inisfallen are among Ireland's most significant historical records. We have been proud to provide funding through NPWS and our NMS to support the displaying of the Annals in the UCC exhibition. Our involvement reflects our custodianship of Inisfallen Island and our shared commitment to safeguarding



its exceptional natural, archaeological and cultural heritage. This conference today and the exhibition provide a wonderful opportunity to connect people with an extraordinary chapter of Ireland's natural and cultural heritage. Through them we can explore not only the remarkable manuscript itself but the enduring relationship between humanity and nature that it represents."

Speaking ahead of the conference, Éamonn Meskill, Divisional Manager, NPWS remarked:

"The Annals of Inisfallen are such an important record of our cultural heritage, almost a thousand years old, written during a time on Inisfallen monastery, situated on Lough Lein, meaning the 'lake of learning' - the largest of the islands in the heart of Killarney National Park. The Island was an important seat of learning and centre of ecclesiastical providence during the golden era of monasticism and enlightenment. Inisfallen Island was truly the islands of Saints and Scholars, where today, boat trips to the island are very popular. It is such a privilege to have the Annals on display in the Glucksman Gallery in UCC. This conference in Killarney House is a chance to celebrate our historical and cultural past."

Cathaoirleach of the Killarney Municipal District, Cllr John O'Donoghue said:

"I am really pleased that we are holding this important conference in Killarney which is synonymous with the Annals of Inisfallen. It provides an opportunity to hear from a range

of experts on the importance of the Annals and their place in collective history and heritage."

Finbarr Kennelly, Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, who has been involved with the visit and correspondence with the Bodleian Library regarding The Annals of Inisfallen exhibition said:

"It's great to have the Annals of Inisfallen home again. Written by the monks of Inisfallen nearly a thousand years ago, they're a reminder of Killarney's long history as a centre of learning. They're well worth a visit to UCC before 1 November."

The conference, entitled 'Recording the Past': Annals of Inisfallen and the making of Irish History Exhibition, will be opened by NPWS Regional Manager, Pat Dawson, and will include a welcoming address by Cathaoirleach Killarney Municipal District, Cllr. John O'Donoghue, and Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce Vice President, Carol Dempsey. Speakers include: Nessa O'Connor: 'Archaeological finds at Inisfallen: some tales of discovery from an island monastery and its landscape', Pádraig Ó Macháin (UCC), 'Telling tales in the Annals of Inisfallen', John Gillis: 'Making the medieval Irish book'. Other speakers include: Edel Breathnach, Mike Webb, Máire Ní Mhaonaigh, Timothy O'Neill, Ken Ó Donnchú, Nollaig Ó Muraile and Paul McCotter.

The conference is free, but space is limited, so booking is essential. Booking, on Eventbrite only, will open on Friday 9th October at 9.30am.

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MEN'S MENTAL HEALTH DAY



The regional health forum south west is valuable in that it brings two counties, one of which has a city, together. A motion by chairman Councillor Peter Horgan dovetailed with that from Killarney's Councillor Marie Moloney. Peter sought a Public Relations campaign on men's mental health to coincide with International Mental Health Day. I am beginning to think even local authorities

should be made up of two not one county. Referring to tragedies in his own area, Peter said the HSE must try "to grasp the nettle" of men's mental health, especially young men. Teen talk in Little Island in Cork had been a fantastic success, the forum was told and should be repeated around the region. Councillor Deirdre Ferris said Canada's strategy of ensuring all public servants from bus drivers to clerical officers had training in suicide prevention should be adopted.

Marie Moloney sought funding on mental health in Kerry where she said suicide is very prevalent at the moment. It is Marie's second time raising the issue of suicide and she has to be commended for her bravery in raising what few public representatives want to talk about. Despite its shocking prevalence in this part of the world.

The funding in mental health services had increased by 12 million since 2024 and now over 52 million Euro was being spent in Kerry including general adult and child and adolescent, and intellectual disability she was



Cllr.
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in Kerry

told. However funding for suicide prevention in Kerry had actually decreased. Just 74,500 Euro a year now was being spent in Kerry on suicide prevention - down by 10,000. This was disappointing and needed to be addressed, Marie urged.

Meanwhile, Men's Mental health day is November 19th. The international day tries to undo the damage of unrealistic expectations and the stereotype where men are always meant to be strong and successful. And that women are the talkers.

FROM GORT-DROM-A-KIERY TO DRUMCREE

A very different and divided history has intruded between Gortdromakiery / sometimes spelt Gortdromacree and Drumcree. One is a cliff ridge near Lough Guitane / Loughquittane (Loch Coiteáin) and the other is a ridge near the River Bann in Armagh. "Drom" is a ridge or a back hill and "crí" or "críoch" a border or boundary. The same place names, more or less, from either end of the island of Ireland. Both have been anglicised - meaninglessly. I was reminded of when my son was six or seven or so and came home all excited off his little school bus one afternoon many years ago. "Mom, I have been to gort drom a chree - he said proudly, returned from his world travels. Pronouncing it as it probably was always meant to be. Perhaps not Kerry at all, but "crí" - boundary, I recall thinking. What brings me to this? The stand off in the North which is dragging us backwards over the ledge. The Good Friday Agreement gave us all hope. The poet Moya Cannon was staying in our house and we raised a glass - her mother was from Armagh - before she walked across the bog to the

philosopher John Moriarty "to stare into the abyss", as she joked. But the 30 years was just a pause. And now again it is the abyss, the cliff edge. The August fleadh in Belfast has been played out by the angry voices and tribalism of Garvaghy. Both sides.

Do we really want a united Ireland is not the question anymore. It is how can we even consider it? Taoiseach Micheal Martin and others are going around the world to the UN and the White House shouting down Israel over Palestine. Mary Lou, leader of the opposition walks down Garvaghy with her fist up whipping up her tribe.

The Irish soccer team refused to shake the hands of the Israeli team and bowed disrespectfully at the Israeli anthem. Full of their own virtue.

They seem like disparate events, but they are actually quite similar. Constructed on míbhéas, the opposite to meas.

The best suggestion I heard was from a listener on Radio Kerry: Let both the Orange and the Green march down the Garvaghy. Together. The Israeli press called us hypocrites this week. I am inclined to agree.

CLIMATE CHANGE

The deer may be roaring as they have done for 5,000 years. But there is no doubt there is climate change at the foot of Mangerton. Not only are the tomatoes in the tunnel the best they have ever been, huge beef tomatoes - but the outdoor grapes, yes the outdoor grapes, have filled. The vine is about 25 years old. It has never produced before and was hiding around a magnolia tree. Then there are olives in pots. Outdoors. I can't believe my eyes. I think I am in France. Meanwhile in that troubled country, the grapes have been picked 15 days earlier than usual.

The focus has been on the forest fires in the south west. But the heat has brought real damage all over and is only beginning to be seen. The water courses have not recovered because there has been no rain. All summer. Then if you drive near forests near Limoges - more and more of France is now forested - the trees are brown before autumn. Hedges are dead. A curious trend is emerging - pines and leylandias have succumbed more than the oaks and the chestnuts. And the younger trees have been the most vulnerable. Normally, as we know even from Covid, the young withstand things. Plus in the case

of trees, the small needle leaves of the pines and cedars protect the tree from losing water. That old word transpiration I learned in biology. Hard to know what's going on but it seems the older, deeper rooted trees have survived better and will have a better outcome.

Then there is the grass - burnt dry white by the sun and in some areas in the Centre region there isn't a green margin where normally the green margins are full of wildflowers and grasses. It is a desertification.



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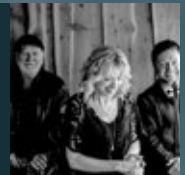
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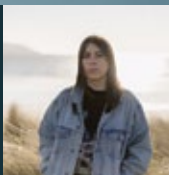
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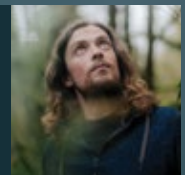
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Budget 2027:

WHAT IT MEANS FOR KERRY FAMILIES

Kerry households will see a range of changes under Budget 2027, with measures announced to put more money into the pockets of workers, pensioners and families while also providing support with childcare, energy and housing costs.

For workers, the standard-rate income tax band is increasing from €44,000 to €46,500, while personal, employee and earned-income tax credits are increasing by €125 to €2,125. The changes mean a single person earning €50,000 could be around €750 better off over the year.

Pensioners and people receiving social welfare payments will receive an increase of €10 a week. A new annual €500 cost-of-disability payment is also being introduced. Families will benefit from changes to

childcare supports, with childcare costs being capped at €550 a month. The National Childcare Scheme subsidy is also increasing, potentially saving families around €1,000 a year per child attending full-time childcare.

First-time buyers will see the Help-to-Buy maximum increase by €5,000 to €35,000, while the Rent Tax Credit is increasing to €1,200 per person.

There is also support for households facing energy costs, with more than €650 million being allocated to home energy upgrades. Measures include support for solar panels, batteries and a boiler-scrappage scheme, while cuts to petrol and diesel excise duty are being extended.

Students will see the student contribution fee reduced by €150, while farmers, hauliers and

transport operators will receive continued support through fuel measures.

For rural communities, a new €15 million scheme will support rural pubs.

The national minimum wage is also increasing by 79 cent to €14.94 an hour, with changes to USC aimed at ensuring minimum-wage workers do not face a higher rate of USC as a result.

Overall, Budget 2027 focuses on easing some of the pressure on household finances, with Kerry families set to benefit from a combination of tax changes, increased social welfare payments and targeted supports for childcare, housing and energy.

KEY POINTS OF BUDGET 2027

INCOME TAX

The standard-rate band is being increased, with the 40% income-tax threshold rising from €44,000 to €46,500.

Personal, employee and earned-income tax credits are increasing by €125 to €2,125. A single person earning €50,000 is expected to gain about €750 a year, while a couple with a combined income of €100,000 could gain about €1,500.

SOCIAL WELFARE AND PENSIONS

The State Pension and core social welfare payments increase by €10 a week. A €500 annual cost-of-disability payment is being introduced, payable as a lump sum in January 2027. Other changes are being made to supports for carers and people living alone.

MINIMUM WAGE

The national minimum wage is increasing by 79 cent to €14.94 an hour.

The USC threshold is also being adjusted so minimum-wage workers do not pay more than the 2% USC rate on their earnings.

ENERGY AND FUEL

Cuts to petrol and diesel excise duty are being extended into the spring. Carbon tax on home heating oil and gas is being reduced. There is more than €650 million for home energy upgrades, including solar PV, battery grants and a boiler-scrappage scheme. Further energy supports are being provided for households and certain sectors.

CHILDCARE

Childcare costs are being reduced, with the Government agreeing to cap childcare costs at €550 a month. The income threshold for accessing supports is being increased.

A family with a child attending a full-time crèche could save around €1,000 a year per child through the increased National Childcare Scheme subsidy.

HOUSING

The Help-to-Buy maximum increases by €5,000 to €35,000 for eligible first-time buyers. The Rent Tax Credit is expected to increase from €1,000 to €1,200 per person. Inheritance-tax thresholds are being increased, including the parent-to-child threshold to €420,000.



Minister for Finance Simon Harris (right) and Minister for Public Expenditure Jack Chambers delivered an €8.5 billion budget this week.

STUDENTS

The Student Contribution Fee is being cut by €150.

FARMERS AND TRANSPORT

Additional support is being provided through an extension of the fuel-support scheme for farmers, hauliers and transport operators.

RURAL PUBS

A new €15 million scheme is being introduced to support rural pubs, including a tax rebate relating to draught beer kegs.

INVESTMENT

The Government is introducing a new personal savings/investment scheme intended to make it easier for households to invest in stocks and shares in a tax-efficient way.



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Arizona Colleen Visits Killarney on Irish Sister Cities Tour

The current Arizona Colleen, Molly Ruley, visited Killarney this week as part of a two-week trip to Ireland, visiting Arizona's sister cities across the country.

Killarney was the first stop on Molly's itinerary, with the visit organised through the Killarney Town Twinning Association and the sister-city relationship between Killarney and Scottsdale, Arizona.

During her visit, Molly met members of the Killarney Town Twinning Association and Mayor of Killarney, Cllr John O'Donoghue. She also met Michael O'Donoghue of the O'Donoghue Ring Collection, who first visited Scottsdale in 2020 as part of a group of golfers who quickly became unofficial ambassadors for the Killarney-Scottsdale sister-city relationship.

Molly completed her BS in Electrical Engineering in May and is an active member of the Society of Women Engineers. She has also been involved in Irish dancing from the age of six, competing at national and international level.

Her passion for Irish dance continued during her visit to Killarney, where she attended the Gaelic Roots Show and had the opportunity to meet the dancers after the performance. A group from Arizona also attended the show and expressed interest in visiting the Irish centre in Phoenix when they return to the United States.

The Arizona Colleen programme began in 1983 as a heritage pageant and is open to women of Irish ancestry. It helps connect the Irish community in Phoenix and Arizona with the wider Irish diaspora around the world.

The Killarney Town Twinning Association thanked Molly for her visit, as well as Ciara Archer from the Colleen programme for organising the trip and helping strengthen the links between Killarney and Arizona.



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Spellbinding Murmuration Photographs by James Crombie Headed the Killarney National Parks Autumn Talks Series

The 38th annual Autumn Talks Series, presented by Killarney National Park in Killarney House Auditorium begun last night, Thursday, 8th October, with multi-award winning Photographer James Crombie, best known for his mesmerising images of the starling murmurations reaching millions of people, documented at Lough Ennell,

Mullingar, County Westmeath as the guest speaker. James was named PPI AIB Irish Press Photographer of the Year in 2021, 2022, and 2025, he works as a staff photographer with Inpho Sports Photography in Dublin. The popular Autumn Talks continues weekly for 6 weeks at Killarney House Auditorium at 8.00pm. The talks series is free, seating is

limited, it will also be live-streamed via the Killarney National Park Facebook page @ killarneynationalpark

The lineup for Thursday October 15th is 'The importance of Native Honey Bees and other Pollinators and current threats to their Survival' With Guest Speaker: Prof. Grace McCormack, UCG.





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Kerry Airport CEO Adrian Neilan Addresses Killarney Chamber Luncheon

Killarney Chamber of Tourism & Commerce welcomed members and guests to a well-attended Chamber Luncheon at the Killarney Heights Hotel, where Kerry Airport CEO Adrian Neilan spoke about the airport's important role in supporting connectivity, business and tourism across the region.

Mr Neilan highlighted the importance of strong connectivity to Kerry, noting that road, rail and air links are essential for businesses, residents and visitors alike. He outlined Kerry Airport's strategy, which focuses on safety and security, commercial and financial strength, customer experience, people and the delivery of its plans, alongside route development, private aviation and sustainability.

He explained that passenger numbers alone do not determine whether a route is successful, with load factor – the percentage of seats filled on an aircraft – being a key consideration for airlines. In July, some Kerry routes operated at a 99% load factor, with another at 94%, providing a strong basis for ongoing discussions with airlines. The airport currently has six confirmed airline meetings as part of its route development work. Kerry Airport handled 440,000 passengers in 2025, its busiest year on record, with strong performance across its routes. Mr Neilan noted the airport's importance to business, education, healthcare, family travel and tourism, while highlighting the importance of the Kerry–Dublin link and European connectivity.

He emphasised that attracting new routes is a shared effort, with airlines looking for both a strong destination and a clear commercial case. This depends on collaboration between the airport, hotels, attractions, transport providers, businesses and the wider community. Strong connectivity is an important part of supporting Killarney and the wider region as a great place to live, work and belong, helping local businesses to grow while strengthening the area as a destination for visitors and residents.

Mr Neilan also highlighted the career opportunities available to young people across aviation and tourism. Also addressing the luncheon was Cllr Niall Kelleher, Chairperson of Christmas in Killarney, who spoke about the launch of this year's festival and its new branding. He called on the people and businesses of Killarney to get behind the festival and support it.

Killarney Chamber of Tourism & Commerce thanked Mr Neilan and Cllr Kelleher for joining the luncheon and sharing their insights, and expressed its appreciation to all members and guests who attended.



Collette Andre O'Riordan (The Heights Hotel Killarney Managing Director), Tomas Griffin (AIB Bank), Johnny McGuire (Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce President), guest speaker Adrian Neilan (Kerry Airport CEO) and Lorraine Crimmins (Crimmins Hotels) at the Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce members luncheon in The Heights Hotel Killarney. Pictures: Eamonn Keogh



Niall O'Shea, Johnny McGuire (Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce President), guest speaker Adrian Neilan (Kerry Airport CEO) and Kate O'Shea (Kate O'Shea Solutions).



Roisin Kivlehan (ETC), Elma Culloty (Killarney Credit Union), Sarah Treacy (OCKT) and Karena McCarthy (Killarney Credit Union).



Susan Goodwillie (West End House School of Arts), Johnny McGuire (Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce President) and Deirdre Geraghty (Art Jam Studio).



Paul Sherry (Killarney Outlet Centre and Killarney Chamber Retail Committee Chairman), Rachel Murphy (The Heights Hotel), Johnny McGuire (Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce President), Sean McDermott (General Manager at The Heights Hotel Killarney) and Collette Andre O'Riordan (The Heights Hotel Killarney Managing Director) at the Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce members luncheon in The Heights Hotel Killarney.



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St Brendan's College Class of 1976 Celebrates 50-Year Reunion



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There was a great sense of nostalgia and friendship as the St Brendan's College Class of 1976 gathered in Killarney to mark 50 years since sitting their Leaving Certificate.

The reunion took place on Saturday, October 3, with classmates enjoying a busy day of activities and reminiscing about their school days in an era of Spotlight magazine, The Hops, Radio Luxembourg and The Bay City Rollers.

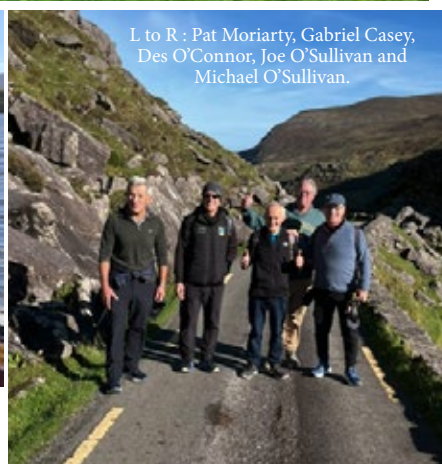
A group of former classmates began the celebrations with a walk through the Gap of Dunloe, making their way to Lord Brandon's Cottage before enjoying a spectacular boat journey across the lakes, arriving back at the slipway at Ross Castle.

The celebrations continued with a tree-planting ceremony at St Brendan's College at 4pm, followed by a short prayer service remembering deceased classmates. Family and friends were also welcomed to attend.

The day concluded with a reunion dinner at The Brehon Hotel, providing a wonderful opportunity for old school friends to catch up, share memories and celebrate 50 years since their school days.



Ahoy there...Front; Bobby Buckley- LtoR: Pat Moriarty, Donal Buckley, Joe O'Sullivan, Tadhg O'Connor, Gabriel Casey, Michael O'Sullivan and Maurice Sheehy.



L to R : Pat Moriarty, Gabriel Casey, Des O'Connor, Joe O'Sullivan and Michael O'Sullivan.



This Special Remembrance Tree for the deceased members of the Class of 1976 was planted in St Brendan's College Grounds on Saturday Evening 3rd October.



Fr. Tom Looney prays for the 23 deceased members from the Class of 1976 who have passed away.







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The untimely death of much-loved Killarney man Kevin Looney has left a profound sense of sadness among his family, friends and the many communities he touched.

Kevin passed away on October 6, surrounded by the love of his family. He was the beloved husband of Katie Murphy, the love of his life, whom he married to the great happiness of both their families only last May.

Originally from Killarney, Kevin became a much-loved figure in Tralee, where his colourful, carefree and vibrant personality caught the eye and brought a smile to so many faces. He had a kind heart and always saw the good in people. Kevin was a man of many talents and was a valued member of the Kerry Stars Special Olympics Club for many years. He represented the club on numerous occasions in both basketball and soccer and was a talented athlete, capable of running 5K in an impressive 18 minutes and 18 seconds.

He was also the club's head designer, creating fabulous soccer and basketball gear, combining his creativity with his great love of sport.

Everyone at Kerry Stars Special Olympics Sports Club were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Kevin Looney. Kevin was involved with our club for many years and was a familiar and valued member of our Special Olympics community. During his time with the club he participated in numerous sports, athletics, soccer, basketball and swimming and shared many memorable moments with fellow

athletes, volunteers and coaches.

Our thoughts and heartfelt condolences are with his wife Katie, family, friends and all who knew him, at this difficult time.

He will be remembered by many within our club community and may he rest in peace.

Kevin's sporting talents extended to the football pitch, where he was involved with Killarney Celtic FC as a coach with the club's Football For All programme. His contribution to the players, fellow coaches and the wider Celtic community will be remembered with great affection.

He was also a much-loved presence in the arts and entertainment scene. Kevin recently joined the St John's Mill Theatre Company for its Culture Night performance in Killarney, taking part in the Nelken Line as it danced its way along Main Street.

Dressed in what was described as one of the finest suits ever seen, Kevin gave the performance his all. When they reached the end of Main Street, he simply said: "That was fun, let's go again." And they did.

It was a moment that captured Kevin's personality – full of life, enthusiasm, fun and an eagerness to make the most of every opportunity.

His loss has been deeply felt by all who knew him, from his sporting teammates and fellow coaches to his friends, neighbours and the many people who encountered his warmth and wonderful personality.

Killarney Celtic FC has extended its heartfelt condolences to Kevin's family, saying his contribution to Football For All would be remembered by his fellow coaches, players and the Celtic community.

Kevin is sadly missed by his heartbroken wife Katie, his mother Carmel, sisters Selina, Carmel-Ann and Frankie, brothers Darren and Tommy-Dan, granddad Dan McCarthy, adored nephews Sean, Noah and Theo, parents-in-law Mary and Tim Murphy, sister-in-law Lucy, brothers-in-law Niall and Kyle, as well as his extended family, relatives, neighbours and many friends.

A life so colourful and full of love has been taken far too soon.

Kevin's funeral cortège will arrive at St Mary's Cathedral, Killarney, at 10am, this morning, Friday morning, October 9, for Requiem Mass at 10.30am. Burial will take place afterwards at Aghadoe Lawn Cemetery.

The family has asked mourners to please wear their brightest colours for Kevin, reflecting the vibrant personality and zest for life that he brought to those around him.

The Requiem Mass will be livestreamed online through the St Mary's Cathedral service.

Family flowers only, with donations, if desired, to Epilepsy Ireland.



Kevin will be remembered for his love of colour and his vibrant personality



As those who loved him say: "May he shine as bright in Heaven as he did on Earth." Rest in peace, Kevin.



Kevin married the love of his life Katie Murphy in May of this year.



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The GDS Index in its 11th year, is a longstanding benchmark with a published methodology and an independent assessment process, with Kerry involved from the beginning. This year, 81 destinations participated, and overall the index has recorded its highest average performance since benchmarking began in 2016. Here in Kerry we have increased our score from 82.80 points out of 100 last year to 84.24/100 this year.

Kerry's application, co-led by Becky Cornforth during her time at Kerry Convention Bureau, Grainne Kelliher, Chair of Kerry Tourism Industry Federation's Sustainability Sub-Committee, was supported greatly by Cathy Fisher and Noreen O'Mahony of Kerry County Council.

Fearghal Reidy, Chief Executive of Kerry County Council stated: "I am delighted that Kerry is consistently first in the Republic of Ireland in the Global Destination Sustainability Index. Tourists want to know that, while they are in Kerry, they are part of a community that cherishes our key asset - our rich environment. Thank you to the team at the Kerry Convention Bureau, Kerry County Council and the businesses and communities that make this possible."

Attaining excellent in this space, along with being part of this global index of destinations has created a momentum that is felt within the county. Kerry's success is once again due to the great work being done around sustainability by businesses in all corners of Kerry, the volunteerism and commitment within businesses and the collaboration between public and private sectors.

Breffni Ingerton, Chair of Kerry Convention



Bureau congratulated the result for Co. Kerry: "Achieving such a high score in the Global Destination Sustainability Index is a tremendous endorsement of the commitment, collaboration and ambition demonstrated across Kerry's tourism and business events sector. This recognition reinforces our position as a destination that is not only world-class and industry-leading, but genuinely committed to sustainable growth, continuous improvement, and excellence."

Progress is assessed across four pillars: Environmental, Social, Supplier and Destination Management, and is experienced across the county as a catalyst for change. www.discoverkerry.com as the home of the unified Visit, Work and Live place brand for Kerry continues to be a superb platform where we in Kerry tell our sustainability stories, share community events with visitors and locals alike, as well as showcasing events where everyone

can get involved from beach clean ups to Heritage Week.

Pat O'Leary, Chair of Kerry Tourism Industry Federation commended the county-wide effort, stating: "This incremental improvement year on year is testament to the commitment of all stakeholders in the county in achieving our sustainability goals. We must continue to build on our progress in the GDS table over the past eleven years, evaluate the feedback from our performance this year and address those areas where our peers appear to excel. The learnings in respect of regenerative and sustainability practices in destinations across Europe and globally will inform our strategic focus and extend community and industry commitment through investment and innovative practices. The goal is to make Kerry the benchmark for destination sustainability internationally."

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Presentation Castleisland Strengthens Digital Citizenship Through Webwise Engagement



Marguerite and Sophia.

Presentation Castleisland continues to demonstrate its commitment to promoting safe, responsible, and positive online behaviour through its ongoing engagement with the Webwise programme. Webwise, Ireland's national internet safety awareness initiative, empowers young people with the knowledge and skills needed to navigate the online world confidently and responsibly.

Through this engagement, students have participated in a range of Webwise activities designed to encourage digital literacy, online safety awareness, and respectful online communication. These initiatives support students in becoming informed digital citizens while helping them recognise the opportunities and challenges that come with an increasingly connected world.

The school is particularly proud to announce that Sophia Fleming and Marguerite Herlihy have been selected as Webwise Youth Panelists for 2026/27. This prestigious role will see both students contributing their voices and experiences to national discussions on online safety, digital wellbeing, and the evolving digital landscape facing young people today.

"Sophia and Marguerite will represent both their school and their peers, providing valuable insights that will help shape future Webwise initiatives," said Annette Leen the schools Leader of Digital Learning.

"Their selection is a testament to their leadership, enthusiasm, and commitment to promoting positive online engagement," she continued.

Presentation Castleisland congratulates Sophia and Marguerite and looks forward to supporting their important work with Webwise during the coming year.

Crokes Cruisers enjoy special day on the Lakes of Killarney

Members of Dr Crokes GAA Club aged 70 and over enjoyed a special day out on the Lakes of Killarney on Monday, October 5, as part of the club's Crokes Cruisers initiative.

Dr Crokes is a Gold Award winner in the GAA Healthy Club sector and continues to maintain its status through innovative projects such as Crokes Cruisers, which recognises and celebrates the lifetime contribution of older club members.

The initiative reflects the club motto, 'Once a Croke, always a Croke', acknowledging the many loyal members who continue to play an important role in club life, often behind the scenes, while much of the focus is placed on hurling and football.

Among those taking part was 90-year-old Dan

Kelleher, the eldest member of the group.

The Crokes party travelled on two boats for a two-hour cruise around the Lakes of Killarney. The AN CATHAL boat, operated by Killarney brothers Tony and Mike Fleming, proved particularly important for the group as it is the only fully accessibility-designed traditional open boat on the lakes.

Purpose-built to safely accommodate wheelchair users and people with mobility difficulties while retaining the classic Killarney lakeboat style, the boat allows club members who might otherwise be unable to take part to enjoy the beauty of the lakes.

In brilliant sunshine, the group stopped at Innisfallen Island, where historian Fr Tom Looney brought the island's rich history to life

through song and storytelling. He explained the importance of Innisfallen as the site of one of Ireland's earliest centres of learning and the work of the monks who compiled the Annals of Inisfallen, chronicling Irish history from the fifth century. The earliest surviving manuscript dates from 1450.

The visit was particularly timely, with a symposium on the Annals of Inisfallen due to take place at Killarney House on Saturday, October 10.

Following the cruise, the Crokes Cruisers gathered for coffee, cakes and plenty of craic at Ross Castle Garden Café, with refreshments sponsored by Derric McMahon and Harry Clifton of the award-winning café.

Mike Neeson, Moss Harmon, Noreen O'Connor, Rachel Foley, Boatman Mike Fleming, Canon Tom Looney, Niall Keogh, Eamonn Fitzgerald boarding AN CATHAL



Dr Crokes Patron Eddie O'Sullivan pictured with his daughter-in-law Frances on the tour



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Sean Chairde Enjoy East Coast Holiday

Members of nine Kerry ARA groups and friends recently enjoyed Sean Chairde's second holiday of 2026, taking in the sights and attractions of Ireland's East Coast.

A highlight of the trip was a guided tour of the Delta Sensory Gardens in Carlow, where the group enjoyed the beautiful gardens and surroundings.

The holiday also provided plenty of opportunities for friendship and celebration, with Sean Chairde Vice Chair David Dumper joining Sheila and Donal O'Connor in celebrating their memorable birthdays during the trip.



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The group enjoying their East Coast holiday.



The Delta Sensory Gardens in Carlow.

Kerry Disability Sports Club Seeks New Members

Local disability sports club, Kingdom Wheelblasters has launched a recruitment campaign for new members aged 5+ years and is calling on parents of young people with physical disabilities to get into wheelchair and para sports this winter.

Kingdom Wheelblasters and IWA-Sport hope to recruit new members to kick off the new season. They are a multi-sports club for young people with physical disabilities from across the county. The club offers a range of sports with a primary focus on Wheelchair Basketball. The club meets weekly, Tuesday for Wheelchair Basketball 6-7pm MTU Tralee, Kerry Sports Academy. Kingdom Wheelblasters can be contacted through local volunteer Laura 087 920 6421 for more details or www.iwa.ie/sport Kingdom Wheelblasters is one of 19 clubs for people with physical disabilities across Ireland, who are affiliated with IWA-Sport. The club is open for new members aged 5+ with members continuing through to adult teams.

"We know that sports help children's self-esteem, emotional functioning, strength, mobility and physical health," says Paul Ryan, IWA-Sport's National Operations Manager. "Sport is also important to help prevent health



issues like diabetes and high blood pressure. We know sport and games are an important part of every child's development and children with disabilities are no different."

"IWA-Sports clubs work across Ireland linking in with local HSE services and sports partnerships to support children with disabilities and their families to get involved locally with sport. We know the benefits for young children are

tremendous, and they have loads of fun too. We hope to encourage more parents of children with disabilities in Kerry to get in touch with Kingdom Wheelblasters and get involved," says Paul Ryan, IWA-Sport.

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Gleneagle Leisure to Honour the Memory of Sarah with Fundraising Challenge Day

Gleneagle Leisure is coming together to remember much-loved colleague and friend Sarah, who sadly passed away in May following a

of the vital support it provides to patients and families throughout the county.

The event will offer a range of challenges to suit all abilities, including a one-mile swim, a 5km walk or run, a 5km row and a squash challenge. Organisers hope colleagues, members, friends and the wider community will come together to take part, support those completing the challenges or make a donation.

The day will celebrate Sarah's memory and reflect the energy, kindness and strong community spirit she brought to those around her, while raising much-needed funds for Kerry Hospice.

Everyone is encouraged to get involved and help make the event a fitting tribute to Sarah.

brave battle with the rare cancer Ewing sarcoma.

The event will take place on Saturday November 21st at the Gleneagle Leisure Centre from 10am to 2pm.

Organisers are hoping that people will donate €20 all of which will go to the Kerry Hospice Foundation.

A special fundraising challenge day is being organised in recognition

Jason Smyth Inspires Killarney Audience

Killarney Chamber of Tourism & Commerce's special evening with Paralympic athlete Jason Smyth proved a great success, attracting a strong audience to hear from one of Ireland's most inspirational high-performance athletes.

Proudly sponsored by AIB, the event brought together people from the local business, sporting and wider community.

Jason shared his experiences of performance, mindset, resilience, ambition and achieving your full potential, offering valuable insights that resonated with those attending.

The evening also highlighted the importance of determination and a positive mindset, with Jason's personal journey providing plenty of inspiration for the audience.

The Chamber thanked everyone who attended and AIB for their support in making the special evening possible.



World renowned Paralympian and 100 mtrs record holder Jason Smyth with Tomas Griffin Manager AIB Killarney, past pupil Michael O'Brien, Bridget Lucey Acting Principal and Mark Donnellan Student Officer AIB Killarney at the World Day Sight Day talk and interview to 2nd year students at St Brendan's College Killarney on Wednesday. PHOTO BY MICHELLE COOPER GALVIN

ST. BRENDAN'S STUDENTS CELEBRATE JUNIOR CERT RESULTS

Oisín Doyle receiving his Junior Certificate results with Annette O'Neill and Karen Bruton at St Brendan's College Killarney on Wednesday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



St Brendan's College students who received their Junior Certificate results at St Brendan's College Killarney on Wednesday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

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CINDERELLA AT KILLARNEY RACECOURSE PROMISES A FESTIVE LOCAL TWIST ON POPULAR FAIRYTALE



This Christmas, follow a sprinkle of fairy dust to Killarney Racecourse, where the world's favourite fairytale is getting a magical Kerry makeover! Running this November and December over four weekends, The Kerry Panto at Killarney Racecourse will host its debut family show, Cinderella - a heartwarming holiday adventure packed with local humour, sparkling transformations, and festive magic for all ages.

Directed by Lily MacMonagle of The MACademy Performing Arts and choreographed by Katrina Galvin of Sparrow Dance Academy, the production brings together a stellar cast of local talent to launch a brand-new holiday tradition for the town. Deep within Ross Castle, Cinderella dreams of a life beyond endless chores and the demands of her wicked

stepmother, Malaria. With outrageous stepsisters Lottie and Dottie causing chaos, even the kindest girl in Killarney could use a little help. Luckily, her loyal best friend Tickle is never far away, usually with a terrible joke, a cheeky grin, and absolutely no idea what trouble he's about to get himself into! When Prince Harold announces a royal ball at Muckross House, Cinderella dares to dream that her moment has finally arrived. But getting there will take more than a beautiful dress.

Enter Molls: a fairy godmother from beyond the Gap of Dunloe, with a wand, a mission, and plenty of Kerry attitude! From the enchanted woods of Killarney National Park to a ballroom fit for a princess, audiences can expect soaring songs, dazzling dance numbers, and side-splitting laughter. With plenty of chances to cheer the

heroes, boo the baddie: and shout "She's behind you!", Cinderella celebrates friendship, kindness, and the magic of believing in yourself.

Tickets go on sale today, Friday, October 9th, at 9am priced reasonably at €17 for a child ticket, €20 for an adult ticket, and €66 for a family of four. Speaking about their debut Panto - Karl McCay, General Manager of Killarney Racecourse, commented, "We are thrilled to announce our first-ever Christmas Show at Killarney Racecourse. Killarney already sets the standard for festive celebrations with its magical parades, Santa's grotto, Christmas markets, and Killarney on Ice. We are delighted to build on this tradition with our debut production of Cinderella. Directed by Lily MacMonagle and featuring a wonderfully

talented local cast, we can't wait to welcome you to this exciting new holiday experience."

Director, Lily MacMonagle, added, "We are so delighted to bring the first professional panto to Killarney for families to enjoy this Christmas. The team and cast involved are incredible, and we cannot wait to sprinkle Christmas panto magic all over Killarney and Kerry this year. The laughs are like no other - it's made for your child and your granny, with a joke and a dance for everyone. On a personal note, it's fantastic to offer a pre-Christmas show where families can come together and really get into the festive spirit."

Early booking is strongly advised as tickets are expected to sell fast.

For tickets and more information on visit: www.killarneyracecourse.ie/cinderella/ and for full Christmas in Killarney program of Christmas events in Killarney visit www.christmasinkillarney.com

KILLARNEY MOUNTAIN MEITHEAL BEGINS AUTUMN/WINTER WORK IN ABBEY WOOD



Bishop Ray Browne pictured with Killarney Meitheal volunteers.

Killarney Mountain Meitheal got its autumn/winter season underway with a strong turnout of volunteers who returned to Abbey Wood to continue their ongoing conservation work.

The group was joined by both familiar volunteers and new members as they set about clearing mature rhododendron from the woodland. Despite very wet and muddy conditions underfoot, the team made significant progress in opening up

areas of native woodland and tackling dense growth that had previously been difficult to access.

The work formed part of the Meitheal's ongoing efforts to restore and protect areas of Killarney National Park. Volunteers have been working to remove invasive rhododendron, helping to create space for native woodland to regenerate and improving the natural environment.

The group also received a special visit

during the morning tea break from Bishop Ray Browne, who is a trustee of Muckross House. He took the opportunity to meet with the volunteers, see the work being carried out and hear about the Meitheal's restoration efforts across the National Park.

Work in Abbey Wood was due to continue during the coming sessions, with volunteers returning to areas containing dense pockets of mature rhododendron which had previously been inaccessible because of flooding.

The Meitheal continues to welcome new volunteers, with even a few hours of work making a visible difference to the woodland. Sessions take place on Sunday and Tuesday mornings from 9am to 12.30pm, with a tea break at 11am.

Volunteers meet at Abbey Cross, at the junction of the Muckross Road and Church Road/Killeggy Lower. Sturdy boots or wellies and suitable outdoor clothing are recommended, while all necessary safety equipment, tools and training are provided.

As work locations change as the restoration programme progresses, those interested in joining can contact Killarney Mountain Meitheal by email to receive weekly updates, directions and information on upcoming work sessions.

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Little Nova's remarkable journey of hope and new beginnings

When little Nova O'Riordan was born, her first cry was one of the most beautiful sounds her parents, Cody and James, had ever heard. After months of uncertainty, frightening diagnoses and being repeatedly told that their baby might not survive, Nova arrived in the world screaming, breathing on her own and ready to prove everyone wrong.

Now 18 weeks old, the little girl from Killarney is thriving, and her name, Nova, meaning new beginnings, could not be more fitting.

Cody's pregnancy had initially been much like her first pregnancy with Ronnie, who had just turned three. There had been no sickness and everything seemed to be progressing normally.

But at the 12-week scan, things began to change.

An internal scan and further examinations showed fluid at the back of the baby's neck. Cody was asked to return for further scans, and doctors explained that the findings could indicate Down syndrome, dwarfism or a skeletal condition.

Further scans showed that the baby's arms and legs appeared short, with the bones angled differently, while her chest was smaller than expected.

Cody and James, both young and fit and healthy, suddenly found themselves facing a future they could never have imagined.

They were offered an amniocentesis, which carried a risk of miscarriage, but decided it was not something they wanted to do at that stage.

"If it is dwarfism, it's not the end of the world," was the attitude they tried to hold on to.

The couple were supported throughout by Dr. Clare O'Loughlin and Senior midwife Fidelma, who became an important source of reassurance as the pregnancy became increasingly complicated. As the weeks passed, Cody and James were referred to specialists in Dublin. Samantha Doyle, a genetics specialist, wanted to meet them after reviewing the



scans and became concerned that the baby could have a lethal form of skeletal dysplasia.

At 18 weeks, they travelled to Dublin for an MRI.

Afterwards, they were brought into a boardroom where a team of specialists explained what they believed they were seeing.

Based on the scans, they suspected a condition called Thanatophoric dysplasia, a severe skeletal disorder which, they were told, could mean their baby might only live for a few hours or perhaps a day.

The family were faced with incredibly difficult conversations, including whether they should consider ending the pregnancy.

But Cody and James were determined to continue.

Cody remembers being told to think about their little boy Ronnie and what life might be like for their family.

But they had already made their decision.

They would let nature take its course.

Specialised blood tests were carried out, with James also providing blood. If those tests came back negative, the samples would be sent to England for further testing.

At 22 weeks, they were still being told that their baby was unlikely to survive.

During this incredibly difficult period, Cody's grandfather passed away. She had been his carer and neighbour, and her family wanted



Cody, James,
Ronnie and Nova.

him to be buried in a family grave. Cody and James decided to buy one together, so that if their baby did not survive, she could be laid to rest with her granda.

Then came another twist.

During her grandfather's wake, Cody received a message from the genetics team saying they wanted to speak with her.

The day after his burial, they had a video call.

The results showed that the baby did not have Thanatophoric dysplasia.

It was a huge relief, but there was still no explanation for what was happening and doctors continued to believe that the condition could be lethal.

Further testing was arranged, including an amniocentesis and highly advanced genetic sequencing.

At 26 weeks, there were still no answers.

Doctors were also concerned about the size of the baby's lungs and wanted to establish whether she would have enough lung capacity to survive after birth.

Cody travelled to Dublin for another MRI.

Meanwhile, the possibility of termination continued to be raised.

But Cody was clear about what she wanted.

She did not want to terminate the pregnancy. She asked doctors to put the matter before their panel and let them decide based on all the evidence.

The panel could not agree.

Then came another piece of encouraging news.

The lung volume results showed that the baby had approximately 65 per cent lung volume. For a condition to be considered lethal because of lung development, the figure would generally be much lower.

For Cody and James, it was a huge moment.

Their baby was going to live.

"I don't care what it is. Baby will live," was their determination.

At 30 weeks, another phone call came.

The exome sequencing results were back – testing that was described as the last available option in the world.

This time, the doctors had a diagnosis.

It was an extremely rare condition called KIF5B-related kyphomelic dysplasia, a condition that was not inherited from either Cody or James. At the time, there were believed to be just four other known cases in the world.

The condition had only been identifiable through testing for around a decade.

Doctors explained that some children with the condition could develop osteoporosis, require feeding or breathing support and experience developmental delays. Cody and James were asked if they were prepared to care for a child with potentially significant needs. Their answer was yes. At this stage, the couple were told that the baby was a little girl.

They had never wanted to terminate their baby, although they had agreed that if doctors believed she had no quality of life, they would have to consider every option.

The news was overwhelming. Cody remembers crying in the car and asking her grandfather for a sign.

Then, she saw something that she took as a message.

A man pulled his car in beside her and took out a tiny baby in a car seat wearing a pink dress.

Then she received a WhatsApp message from her mother showing her a new tattoo. It carried the words: What if it does? And then Cody saw two magpies. Three little signs.

For Cody, it was enough.

She and James decided they would continue with the pregnancy.

The following day, Dr Clare O'Loughlin called from Cork.

Cody explained that there were only four known cases of the condition and that she could not base the decision about her daughter's future on those four cases.

All of the baby's organs were presenting normally. Her brain was normal. Cody could not

accept that her daughter should automatically be assumed to have the worst possible outcome.

Dr. O'Loughlin supported her decision.

She told Cody that if she wanted to continue with the pregnancy, they would support her.

It was exactly what Cody needed to hear.

She was even told that one of the four known children with the condition had gone on to college. From that point, the remainder of the pregnancy became much happier.

Cody and James began looking forward to meeting their baby girl.

They had their names chosen and the pink clothes ready after finally discovering that the baby was a girl – despite Cody having thought throughout the pregnancy that she was carrying a boy.

Then, at 32 weeks, another unexpected hurdle arrived.

Cody was working as an art teacher at the Art House and went for a walk in Muckross with Ronnie and her cousin. She fell and heard three loud cracks.

She had broken her leg.

Ronnie was two at the time.

Cody contacted Nurse Fidelma, who told her to go straight to the maternity unit in Cork.

She had broken three bones and needed surgery the following morning. She was given an epidural, nerve blocks and placed in a boot.

James's mother moved in to help, while Cody's sisters Naomi and Jade helped care for Ronnie.

It was yet another challenge in an already extraordinary pregnancy.

But throughout it all, Cody says their rule was simple: they could have two days to be miserable – and then they had to pick themselves back up.

At 33 weeks, another scan showed that Nova was breech, with the cord wrapped around her shoulders.

A Caesarean section was booked for 37 weeks.

And then came the day they had waited for.

The C-section went smoothly.

Nova arrived weighing just

4.5lb and immediately began screaming.

There was no breathing machine. She was placed beside her parents and was breathing on her own.

The cord had been wrapped around her neck three times, but she was here.

For Cody and James, it was the best day ever.

Nova initially struggled to maintain her temperature and was brought to the neonatal intensive care unit. She also needed some help with her blood sugars.

After a week, she was back on the normal ward and doing everything she needed to do herself.

A nurse carried out a sleep study and discovered that Nova needed a very low level of oxygen because her ribs are so tiny.

After three weeks in hospital, she finally went home, just before her due date.

Cody was especially eager to get home to Ronnie, who had been wonderfully cared for by the family during those difficult weeks.

Since then, life with two children has been a completely different experience, but the family have settled into their new routine brilliantly.

Nova is, in so many ways, just like any other newborn.

She feeds, sleeps, smiles and is

growing.

The only real difference is that she needs oxygen, with one machine at home and a portable one for when the family are out and about. At 18 weeks old, Nova is thriving. Her parents know there may be challenges ahead and that they cannot predict exactly what the future holds.

But after everything they have been through, they are taking each day as it comes.

For Cody and James, Nova's story is one of hope, determination and never giving up on their little girl.

They were told repeatedly that their baby might not survive.

Instead, she arrived fighting, surrounded by love, and has continued to surprise everyone.

And perhaps the most fitting part of all is her name.

Nova – meaning new beginnings. For one little girl from Killarney, it is a name that has already become her story.

In the weeks after Nova was born, Cody decided to start an instagram page about Nova's story. She now has almost 15,000 followers from all over the world.

You can follow Nova's story on Cody's instagram page [codygrowingwithnova](#)



Superb Junior Cycle exam results in Kerry were welcomed with joy unconfined on Wednesday

RECEPTION

Tuesday's budget may have received a mixed reception but the 2026 Junior Cycle exam results, which were issued on Wednesday by the State Examinations Commission (SEC) to schools around the country, were welcomed with joy unconfined. Junior Cycle exam results in Kerry are superb and match last year's very high achievement when the top grade bands were expanded. 73,879 candidates nationwide, including 2,178 from Kerry, sat the Junior Cycle exam in 2026 roughly in line with the 73,336, including 2,193 from Kerry, who sat the exam in 2025.

AWARDED

A significantly high number of students were awarded one of the top three grades, Distinction, Higher Merit and Merit again this year after changes were made last year to the Junior Cycle grade bands. Distinction is now awarded for 85% plus where as it was from 90% plus in previous years. 55,683 (8.6%) of all grades were awarded Distinction. A phenomenal 196,564 (30.2%) of all grades were awarded Higher Merit and an equally impressive 225,658 (34.7%) of all grades were awarded Merit. That means that a whopping 73.5% of all grades awarded were in the top three grade bands. Only 26.5% of grades fell into the lower three bands, Achieved, Partially Achieved and Not Graded.

DESCRIPTORS

Six grade descriptors - Distinction, Higher Merit, Merit, Achieved, Partially Achieved, Not Graded - are used in the Junior Cycle, but the grade bands were adjusted last year resulting in far more top grades being awarded. There is the same number of grade bands as before but the top four grades are now evenly distributed in bands of fifteen percentage points. Distinction is now 85% or over, Higher Merit is 70% but less than 85%, Merit is 55% but less than 70%, Achieved is 40% but less than 55%, Partially Achieved is 20% but less than 40% and Not Graded is less than 20%.

SUBJECTS

Since 2022 all subjects are examined under the new Junior Cycle grade descriptors. English, Irish and Mathematics are examined at both higher and ordinary levels while all other subjects are examined at common level. Irish is examined at two strands with T1 aimed at

native speakers and T2 aimed at non-native speakers.

EARLY

Well done to the SEC for getting the results out early again this year. The fact that 636,000 (98%) of the 651,123 results issued to candidates at the 2026 Junior Cycle are in subjects which were either fully or partially marked using the SEC's online marking system was a huge factor in getting the results out in timely fashion.. It's wonderful that students are once again getting state exam experience at the end of the three-year junior cycle.

SUITABLE

The old Junior Certificate exam and its predecessor, the Intermediate Cert, fulfilled their purpose back in the day, but the reformed Junior Cycle programme is far more suitable for the current student body. The icing on the cake for candidates is the early publication of the 2026 state exam results for the convenience of Leaving Cert and Junior Cycle students.

REPORTING

The reporting process at Junior Cycle culminates in the awarding of the Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement (JCPA) to students. The JCPA replaces the Junior Cert and consequently the SEC no longer issues these certificates. The JCPA confirms the level of achievement in learning, under five descriptors - exceptional, above expectations, in line with expectations, yet to meet expectations and not reported, across all areas of learning including Classroom-Based Assessments (CBA), Short Courses, Priority Learning Units and other areas of learning, as well as the SEC exam results.

OVERSHADOWED

The Junior Cycle exam is often overshadowed by the more public Leaving Cert exam but it's a very important exam in its own right. It's a prestigious exam of the SEC and it's the first opportunity for second level students to engage with a public exam of this nature. With very few students now leaving school after this exam, the Junior Cycle is a significant safeguard against early drop out of at-risk students and a major force in the reduction of inequality in Irish education.

PASSPORT

Junior Cycle is primarily a passport to Senior Cycle education, which is a further two years - three years if the optional Transition Year

is included. During the final two years of Senior Cycle, students take the traditional Leaving Certificate (LC), the Leaving Certificate Vocational Program (LCVP), the Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA) or the Senior Cycle Level 1 and Level 2 Learning Programmes.

FINALISE

Most schools will now give those moving on to 5th year a few days to finalize their subject grouping for Senior Cycle. Consider your Leaving Cert subject choice very carefully. Start thinking about your college course options and the related careers because this time next year it will be your turn to apply for college!

CELEBRATE

Congratulations to all candidates, who received Junior Cycle exam results. Be proud of your achievement and deservedly celebrate your success!

CHECKLIST

- 73,879 candidates, including 2,178 from Kerry received Junior Cycle exam results
- Junior Cycle exam results in Kerry were superb
- Six grade descriptors are used - Distinction, Higher Merit, Merit, Achieved, Partially Achieved, Not Graded
- English, Irish and Mathematics were examined at both higher and ordinary levels
- All other subjects were examined at common level
- Junior Cycle students are awarded the Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement (JCPA)
- The JCPA confirms the level of achievement in learning, under five descriptors - exceptional, above expectations, in line with expectations, yet to meet expectations and not reported
- Junior Cycle is a passport to Senior Cycle education
- Congratulations to all candidates, who received Junior Cycle exam results on Wednesday

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KILCUMMIN PARISH

Written by: Helen Moynihan

JINGLE AND MINGLE CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Rehearsals for the Kilcummin Christmas Jingle & Mingle Children's Choir will begin on Wednesday, 14th October from 7 to 8pm in the Parish Office (beside the church). All national school children are very welcome to take part. The choir will perform at the Jingle & Mingle Christmas event on Sunday, 13th December in Kilcummin N.S. Sports Hall. A wonderful way to share some festive cheer and community spirit.

SCÓR NA BPÁISTÍ

Scór na bPáistí will be commencing shortly for anyone from 3rd to 6th Class interested in the following; Figure dancing, Solo Singing, Music Group, Solo Music, Ballad Group, Novelty Act, Quiz and Set Dancing. For more information please contact Maria O'Leary on 087 4619954 by

Thursday 15th October.

KILCUMMIN GAA LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Monday 05th October 2026 for the Jackpot of €10,750. Numbers drawn were 08,15,22,29. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Sean Kelly Ballydesmond, Nora Riordan, Flor O Sullivan, John Canavan. Our next draw will be on Monday 19th October for Jackpot of €11,000. Thank you for your continued support.

KILCUMMIN LOOKING GOOD

Kilcummin Looking Good will be holding a church gate collection on the weekend of the 10th and 11th October. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

BEAUFORT PARISH

By Bridget Hartnett

LOTTO

Next Draw will be held on Sunday 11th October for a Jackpot of €5,800. Tickets available from usual sellers, local shops, bars and restaurants. It can also be done online <https://beaufortgaa.clubforce.com/products/lotto/beaufort-gaa-club> It's quick and easy, with options for Quick Pick, buying for a friend and more. Your support is greatly appreciated.

WELL DONE to our Seniors who beat Glenbeigh/Glencar in The O'Sullivan Cup 1st Round in Glenbeigh on Sunday.

JUNIOR TEAM

Our Junior team, sponsored by Heather Restaurant ended their season with a disappointing defeat to an Ghaeltacht in the Barrett shield. With only 15 players it was always going to be a struggle against a strong an Ghaeltacht team. Credit to the players they gave everything they had. An overall summary of the year was it was reasonably successful, we fielded a team in every game of the county league, won the Mid Kerry Junior League and if it hadn't been for a few injuries we would probably have been more competitive in the Barrett cup in which we were defending champions. Thanks to the management team of Cormac o Shea, Fergus Kelly and Brendan Breen for the time put in all year.

U14 BOYS

Our u14 boys played host to strong Laune Rangers B team in the Mid Kerry Shield final. Played in wintry conditions, Beaufort, aided by the breeze in the first half, put in their best performance of the season to go in at halftime with a comfortable lead. Beaufort controlled the second half whilst still keeping the scoreboard ticking to run out winners on a score line of 5.14 to 1.5. A special mention to the captain Jack Casey who led from the back all game to drive the team onto victory. A big thanks to the coaches Michéal Foley, Ger Healy, Fergul Spillane, Dave Tarrant and Dan Doonan for the work they put into the team all year. Thanks to

Kelliher's Lawnmowers for their sponsorship of the team...

U8 GIRLS

The u8 girls finished off their season on Sunday with a blitz in Fossa. They played against Fossa and Dr Crokes. The girls have made great improvements this year and are a credit to their coaches Cathal Cronin, Martin Mulready, Maura O Connor and Sarah Breen. After the games had finished they made their way up to Carrauntoohil Coffee Hut where Cathal, the owner kindly sponsored hot chocolates and treats for the girls. Thanks Cathal and thanks to the coaches for the time and effort they have put in all year...

BIG THANKS AND BEST OF LUCK to Peter Keane of Keanes Supervalu for his very generous donation towards the Gaelic for Mothers & Others highly anticipated trip to New York this weekend.

Best of luck to the players and management as they represent our Club. They will play 4 games in Rocklands GAA club grounds NYC USA next Saturday, bus leaves from the clubrooms Thursday morning at 7 am, all support welcome.

KERRY LGFA

On behalf of Kerry LGFA I would like to sincerely thank you for allowing us the use of your club grounds and facilities for our Bon Secours Intermediate Football final.

Your club provided an excellent venue, and the hospitality and support shown by your members on the day was greatly appreciated. The pitch, facilities, and organisation were top class and contributed greatly to a successful occasion for our players and supporters. We are very grateful for your generosity and community spirit. Please pass on our sincere thanks to your committee, volunteers, and all involved.

Kind regards, Nora Fealey, Chairperson Kerry LGFA

LISTRY PARISH

Written by: Colette Leslie

LOTTO

Oct. 4th 2026. Jackpot €3,750. Numbers Drawn: 03, 07, 14, 18. No Winner. €100 Jerry O Connor, Cloyne, Co Cork. €50 Niall Kennedy, Ballymalis. €50 Christina Scully, Lissavane. €25 Philippa Keating, Kilrossanty, Waterford. €25 Cathal O Shea, Lissavane. Jackpot next weekend 11/10/26 €3,900

SENIORS

Listry seniors play Currow away next Sunday October 11th at 12 noon in O Sullivan Cup Quarter final.

MKL

Congratulations from everyone in Listry to the MKL Senior team on their victory on Sunday. A fantastic achievement and well deserved.



Listry academy finished off their season tonight with the traditional end of year party in Allman Park. A sincere thank you to Faha Court for providing hot food for the kids.

Rambling House at Heritage Centre, Scartaglen, Monday October 12th at 8pm

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RATHMORE | GNEEVEGUILLA PARISH

By Michael O'Mahony

2K EVERY DAY FOR BREAST CANCER JOANNE BUCKLEY

This October, I'm taking on a challenge to walk 2K every day throughout the month to raise money for breast cancer charity. I'm doing this because breast cancer has affected so many people and families, I want to help raise awareness, show my support for those affected and fund for future research. If you'd like to support my challenge, any donation, big or small, would mean so much to me. Click the link to donate: <https://fundraising.breastcancerireland.com/fundraiser/JB82413033>

GNEEVEGUILLA ATHLETES

Well done to all our athletes that competed in the Kerry Athletics county cross-country championships in Brosna last Sunday.

Throwing & jump training this coming Sunday October 11th in both Glash and Gneeveguilla at 11am. This is a great opportunity for anyone thinking of taking up the sport for the coming season. Why not come and give it a go. Shot Putt, Javelin, Weight for distance and Hammer. All ages and abilities are welcome. There is a place for everyone on this team!

No winner of last weeks Lotto, Jackpot for this coming Friday October 9th, €16,200 + Bonus draw for €1000

RAMBLING HOUSE at Heritage Centre Scartaglen, Monday October 12th at 8pm. Refreshments served, all are welcome.

GARVEY'S SUPERVALU COUNTY SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP RD 1

Full Time: Rathmore: 2-14(20) St Kieran's: 0-19(19)

Share the Bucket

Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group reminds you that Share the Bucket takes place weekly. The draw is every Friday evening in Teach Fáilte @8 pm and can be viewed live on our Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook Page. This week's jackpot was €209 and the winner was Lisa Fleming. 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.

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GARVEY'S SUPERVALU SPONSORED COUNTY SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP DOUBLE HEADER

Rathmore play Kenmare Shamrocks this Sunday at Fitzgerald Stadium at 1-30pm. East Kerry play Spa Killarney at 3-30pm.

SYMPATHIES to the family & extended family & friends of Sr. Melissa McCarthy of Presentation Convent, Castle St., Tralee, Castleisland and Sexton St., Limerick and formerly of Gullane, Gneeveguilla who was laid to rest in Gneeveguilla on Wednesday 23rd September. May Sr Mellisa rest in peace

RATHMORE PARISH SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Sunday October 18th 11.30a.m in St Joseph's Church Rathmore.

You might kindly contact the Parish Office with the details of your Wedding

Anniversary. You can also notify us by phoning the Parish Office 064 7761669 or email rathmore@dioceseofkerry.ie Alternatively, hand it into any one of the churches after Masses. Please mark your envelope Wedding Anniversary Mass. Unfortunately for some couples their husband/wife have passed away, but you too are not forgotten, please submit the name of your loved one and we will bring forward a candle in their memory during this celebration Wedding Anniversary Mass.

CONGRATULATIONS to Daniel Herlihy Inches Rathmore who competed in the world Skills Ireland Competition and came first in the apprentice awards for heating and plumbing. Wishing Daniel all the best and every success for the future. And Also Congratulations to Darragh o sullivan Maughatoorig Gneeveguilla won in world skills Ireland in the RDS dublin rennily.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MILLSTREET PIP BAND

Who celebrates their 75th Anniversary Saturday last 3rd October at 7.00p.m. in Millstreet after Mass Millstreet Pipe Band 75th Anniversary Parade A Massed Band comprising of Millstreet Pipe Band & a number of other Pipe Bands took part in parade together from the West End to Millstreet Town Square where they play a number of tunes to celebrate their 75th Anniversary. Celebrated continued in Bush Bar after the parade where entertainment was been provided by Comhaltas & The Kelts Band

RATHMORE & DISTRICT CREDIT UNION NEED YOUR VOTE!

Have your say in the All Ireland CU Awards 2026 Members' Choice Award. Vote for RATHMORE & DISTRICT CREDIT UNION here: <https://vote.cuawards.ie/>

Voting is still open for the CU Member's Choice Award and we are one of 28 Credit Unions shortlisted this year. Thanks to everyone who has voted so far. Thank you to all our members and communities for your continued support. Every vote counts, and we are proud to represent the people and communities we serve.

RATHMORE DISTRICT CREDIT UNION

We are delighted and incredibly proud to announce that Neily Mahony has been nominated for a national Credit Union Lifetime Achievement Award at the All-Ireland CU Awards 2026, taking place in October.

For 48 years, Neily has given more than 24,000 hours of voluntary service to Rathmore & District Credit Union and the wider community.

From our early beginnings in a rented office to the Credit Union we are today, Neily has played an important role in our growth and development. His commitment to volunteerism, community involvement and the Credit Union movement has helped strengthen the connection between our Credit Union, our members and the communities we serve.

His contribution extends far beyond his years of service on the Board. Through his dedication, knowledge and enthusiasm, Neily has supported generations of volunteers, staff and members and helped keep the values and heritage of the Credit Union movement at the heart of our community. We are very proud to see Neily's remarkable contribution recognised at this year's CU Awards and look forward to celebrating with him in the coming weeks. 48 years of service to Rathmore & District Credit Union and our community. Thank you, Neily.

NOTES

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

Joanne Joy from Killorglin and James Hurley of Helena's XL Castlemaine launching the Pumpkins for Purpose fundraiser for Recovery Haven. The pumpkins were grown in the Joy farm in Killorglin and your pumpkins are available for any size donation to Recovery Haven in Helena's XL Shop in Castlemaine.

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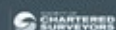
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U8 Boys at the top of Torc Mountain on their team day out



Spa U6s enjoy a trip to Kennedy's Pet Farm

SPA PARISH

SPA DRAW EAST KERRY AFTER MEMORABLE DINGLE WIN

Spa have been drawn against East Kerry in the quarter-final of the Garvey's SuperValu Senior Football Championship following a memorable 1-17 to 1-11 victory over reigning All-Ireland champions Dingle on Saturday evening. Spa produced an excellent all-round performance in Austin Stacks Park, showing patience and composure in attack while working tirelessly throughout the field. Captain Evan Cronin and Cian Murphy led the scoring with 11 points between them, while Murphy also found the net in the second half following excellent work from Liam Kearney and Liam Spillane. Spa defended resolutely during the closing stages as Dingle pushed to get back into the game before two late points from Dara Moynihan helped secure a six-point victory. The result sees Spa advance to the last eight, where they will now face East Kerry at Fitzgerald Stadium on Sunday, 3:30pm.

SPA U8 BOYS TAKE ON TORC MOUNTAIN

Spa U8 boys enjoyed a different end-of-season team activity when they took on Torc Mountain on a beautiful Saturday afternoon. The group began the adventure with ice cream from Muckcross Creamery before tackling the climb, with the boys a credit to themselves in the way they behaved and embraced the challenge. A big thank you to all the coaches for their efforts throughout the season, including taking on the difficult task of keeping up with the boys on the mountain. As an added surprise, each of the boys was also presented with a brand-new mouthguard, which will be particularly important as they progress through the age groups and continue their development with Spa. Well done to everyone involved in a great end-of-season activity and another example of the benefits of team sport and the strong sense of community within Spa.

FUN-FILLED WEEKEND FOR SPA'S YOUNGEST PLAYERS

It was a fun-filled weekend for Spa's youngest players, with both the ABC's (U5s) and U6s enjoying some time away from their usual training environment. The ABC's swapped the training field for the sports hall for a morning of bouncy castles, face painting, ice cream and games, while

the U6s enjoyed a few hours at Kennedy's Pet Farm, making the most of the facilities and activities on offer. With the season drawing to a close, it was a great opportunity for both groups to enjoy some time together and reward the children for their fantastic efforts throughout the year. A big thank you to all the coaches and volunteers for their continued support, as well as the Club 7s Committee for their contribution to the activities.

SPA MOTHERS & OTHERS ENJOY CASTLEISLAND BLITZ

Recently, our Spa Mothers & Others ladies made the trip to Castleisland for their annual blitz, enjoying a great day of football, friendship and meeting new faces. It was the first time Spa had played against the Castleisland hosts, while the ladies also welcomed a team from Wicklow for some games against different opposition. A big thank you to Castleisland for hosting the blitz and to all the teams who took part. It was another enjoyable outing for the Spa ladies, who pulled on the blue, gold and pink and enjoyed another day together on the football field.

OTHER CLUB NEWS

The Spa GAA Academy will finish up for the season on Saturday, 10th October, with plenty more club activities to look forward to in the coming weeks. The annual Halloween Party takes place on 23rd October, followed by the Coiste na nÓg Race Night on 7th November. Club captain Evan Cronin is also running a Halloween Camp from 28th to 30th October. Places can be booked by contacting Evan on 087 149 6951. Our Junior Men's team begin their East Kerry Championship O'Sullivan Cup this weekend as they travel to Glenflesk in the Quarter Finals. Check out our website and socials for match details.

CLUB LOTTO

Spa Lotto 28/09/2026 Results. Numbers drawn: 3, 7, 14, 19. No jackpot winner. Lucky Dips €50 each: Eileen Moloney, Mary Cronin, Marie O'Donoghue, Mary Devane, Eamon Ryan.

Next week's draw will be on Monday 12 October for a jackpot of €12,600. Play online via www.spagaa.com/draws



Spa Mothers & Others at their recent blitz in Castleisland



Spa ABCs enjoying Ice Cream at their fun activity morning



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**By Dermot Cronin
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Killarney Valley AC enjoyed a highly successful day at the second day of the Kerry Athletics Cross Country Championships in Brosna, hosted by An Ríocht AC.

KVAC was represented by an impressive 88 athletes across the juvenile, intermediate and masters races, with a host of strong individual and team performances.

County team titles were secured by the U9 girls, U9 boys, U11 boys and intermediate men, while the U11 girls finished runners-up in their team event.

There were numerous individual successes. Kaylee Lynch and Cillian Culloty won the U9 girls' and boys' races respectively, while Lauren O'Sullivan claimed the U11 girls' title. James Doody (U13), Fionn Culloty (U15), Conor Duffin (U17) and Kirsten Kenny (U17) also took county titles. Other podium finishers included Aoife McSwiney, Dylan Aherne, Béibhinn O'Donnell, Daniel Quill, Mati Wos, Charlie J. Kelliher and Muireann Breen. In the intermediate races, Grace O'Meara and Marie Claire Healy finished second and third respectively in the women's event, while Brendan Joy was third in the men's race. Alongside Conor Crowley, Jevhren Kurbanov and Naoise Daly, Brendan helped KVAC secure the intermediate men's county team title.

There was further success in the masters, with Fiona Dooley taking bronze in the O40 women's race and Margaret O'Connor winning the O50 category.

Credit goes to all 88 athletes who represented Killarney Valley AC, as well as the coaches, parents and supporters whose encouragement contributed to another memorable day for the club.

The performances in Brosna highlighted the determination, resilience and team spirit that continue to be hallmarks of KVAC.

On Sunday 11th October the Cross Country competition continues with Juvenile Relays and Senior events in Banna hosted by St Brendan's Athletic club.

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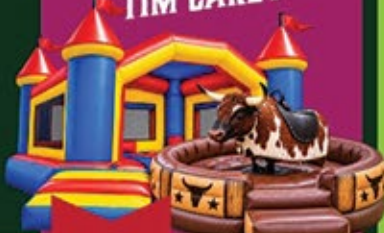
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- Make time for rest and things you enjoy
- Stay connected with friends, family and your community
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These age-related changes occur within the proteins in the lens, making the lens harder and less elastic over time. With less elasticity, this means the eye has a harder time focusing up close and we may have to hold material further away to see it clearly.

What is the treatment for presbyopia?

Presbyopia is a natural part of ageing and there is no cure for it. The solution is generally to wear glasses for reading

Contact lenses are also available for presbyopia if you

do not want to wear glasses.

Are there exercises I can do to stop needing reading glasses? Will I make my eyes worse by wearing glasses?

No. As presbyopia is caused by the lens stiffening, and not the muscles weakening. Wearing glasses will not make your eyes worse and there are no exercises that can help this. However, you may notice that when you take your glasses off, things appear to be worse without them than before you had them. This is simply because you are noticing how clear and comfortable vision should be. Before you had the glasses, you were unaware how blurry your vision really was because it changed slowly over the years.

Presbyopia will get worse as you age until you reach your late fifties, when you will have no natural focusing ability left. Unfortunately there is nothing you can do to stop it.

For any vision changes it is important to have a sight test to determine the cause.

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Ailbhe Moynihan (The Ringmaster), Noirin Healy, (Pip The Pixie), Sophie Hussey, (Hagatha The Witch) and Eimear Barron, (Patch The Scarecrow) pictured at the opening of the annual Killarney Pumpkin Farm at the weekend featuring witches, worlocks, pixies, clowns and storytellers.
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Eimear Barron, (Patch The Scarecrow) pictured at the opening of the annual Killarney Pumpkin Farm at the weekend featuring witches, worlocks, pixies,



Storyteller Ray O'Sullivan, Ailbhe Moynihan (The Ringmaster), Noirin Healy, (Pip The Pixie), Sophie Hussey, (Hagatha The Witch) and Eimear Barron, (Patch The Scarecrow).



Storyteller Ray O'Sullivan.



Amelie Hussey from Headford, Killarney pictured at the opening of the annual Killarney Pumpkin Farm at the weekend featuring witches, worlocks, pixies, clowns and storytellers.



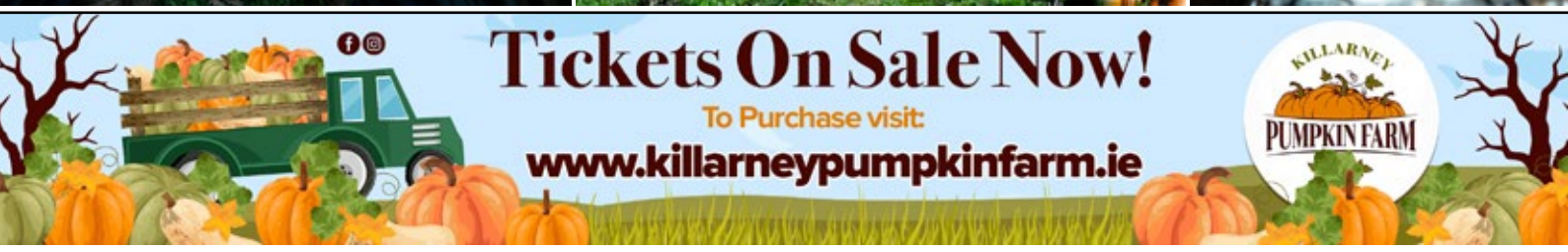
Eilish, Aiden and Abigale O'Connell from Ballinskelligs, County Kerry.



A young boy picks his pumpkin from the field at the opening of the annual Killarney Pumpkin Farm.



Sophie Hussey, (Hagatha The Witch) gazing into her Crystal Ball.





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New 96-bed block is part of the solution to pressure on UHK Emergency Department

Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry Michael Cahill has said the new 96-bed block at University Hospital Kerry will be an important part of tackling ongoing pressure on the hospital's Emergency Department following confirmation that the ED is experiencing "very high attendances".

Deputy Cahill has been consistently pushing for the delivery of the new 96-bed block at UHK, arguing that increased inpatient capacity is an important part of addressing overcrowding and patient flow pressures in the hospital.

The latest response from University Hospital Kerry confirms that the hospital is currently experiencing very high attendances at the Emergency Department. Staffing levels are being monitored daily, with redeployment, agency staff and overtime being used where required.

The hospital has also confirmed that patients aged over 75 are being prioritised with its Geriatric Emergency Medicine team working to ensure timely specialist assessment and that patients requiring admission are prioritised for beds.

UHK reports that 93.8% of patients aged over 75 are currently being admitted or discharged within 24 hours.

Deputy Cahill said: "I have been consistently



pushing for the new 96-bed block at University Hospital Kerry because increased hospital capacity is a key part of the solution to the pressure we are seeing in the Emergency Department. The latest response from UHK confirms what we already know - the hospital is experiencing very high attendances and staff are working under significant pressure."

"Our nurses, doctors and wider healthcare staff are doing an excellent job in very challenging circumstances, but we need to make sure they

have the capacity and resources required to deal with demand. The new 96-bed block will be an important part of the solution. Increasing inpatient capacity will help improve patient flow through the hospital and, importantly, help alleviate pressure on the Emergency Department."

"This is not the only measure required, but it is a very significant part of tackling the problem. I welcome the measures currently being taken to prioritise older patients, including the work of the Geriatric Emergency Medicine team but we cannot rely solely on redeployment, agency staff and overtime to deal with sustained demand."

Deputy Cahill concluded, "We need to continue investing in UHK, we need to deliver the 96-bed block, and we need to ensure that the hospital has the staffing and resources required to make full use of that additional capacity. I will continue to push the Minister and the HSE on this because patients in Kerry deserve timely access to care while our hardworking hospital staff deserve the capacity and support they need to do their jobs."

Danny Healy-Rae, TD Raises SUSI Grant Rules for Students Working at Weekends

Deputy Danny Healy-Rae has again raised concerns over the SUSI grant rules, calling for part-time weekend earnings to be included in the current income disregard for students.

He has raised the issue with the Minister for Further and Higher Education on several occasions, including in the Dáil on May 12 and again this week through a Parliamentary Question.

Deputy Healy-Rae said it was unfair that students could have income earned during term-time taken into account when assessing their eligibility for a SUSI grant, while earnings



from work during term holidays can qualify for the Holiday Earnings disregard.

For the 2026/27 academic year, SUSI allows a maximum deduction of €8,830 for eligible

income earned during the Easter, summer and Christmas holidays.

Deputy Healy-Rae said the current rules could result in some students failing to qualify for financial support and could also discourage students from taking weekend jobs while attending college, due to concerns that their earnings could affect their grant entitlement.

He is calling on the Department to reconsider the rules and include income earned from part-time weekend work within the €8,830 disregard.

Killarney Community College transition year students Belle O Connor, Alana Collins and Sofia Browne travelled to Dublin this week to take part in TG4's show, Slé Anois go Cúramach. The girls command of the Irish language made them stand out and worthy presenters. The girls will be on our screens later in the year.



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KILLARNEY RFC CLUB

SENIOR MEN MAKE IT TWO FROM TWO

Killarney RFC Senior Men continued their strong start to Munster Junior League Division 2 with a 29-15 away victory over Carrick-on-Suir RFC on Sunday.

Killarney crossed for four tries through Alex O'Leary, Stephen Dalton, Jack Donoghue and Colin McCarthy. Arthur Gabbett kicked two conversions, while Donnchadh Grealy added a conversion and a penalty.

U14 BOYS SECURE HOME WIN

The U14 Boys recorded an excellent 17-5 West Munster League victory over Rugbaí Chorca Dhuibhne RFC at Aghadoe on Sunday. It was a strong team performance and another encouraging step in their league campaign.

U14 GIRLS WIN FIRST OUTING

The KICK U14 Girls enjoyed a fantastic 28-7 win away to Old Crescent in their first game of the season, a preseason friendly at Takumi Park. With plenty of new caps involved, it was a very positive start for the combined Killarney, Iveragh, Castleisland and Killorglin side.

The girls begin their league campaign against Clonakilty at Ballymalis next weekend, with kick-off at 1pm.

YOUTH RESULTS

The U18.5 Boys were beaten 27-12 by Kanturk RFC at Aghadoe on Saturday, while the U16 Boys lost 55-7 away to Castleisland-Listowel at Cragreens. Both squads will take valuable lessons from the weekend as their seasons continue.

MINI RUGBY

Mini rugby continues every Saturday morning at Aghadoe from 9:45am to 11:00am. Boys and girls from U6 to U12 are welcome, and new players can come along to enjoy a fun introduction to rugby.

SENIOR WOMEN'S RUGBY

Senior Women's rugby continues at Aghadoe every Friday from 7:30pm to 9:00pm. New players, returning players and complete beginners are all welcome.

MEMBERSHIP

The club membership deadline has now passed. All players should ensure that registration and payment for the 2026/27 season are complete. The club's No Pay, No Play policy applies.

WORKMEN'S ROWING CLUB

ONGOING TRAINING

Regular training sessions continue as scheduled



The KICK U14 Girls opened their season with an excellent 28-7 preseason victory over Old Crescent at Takumi Park.

throughout the week. Consistency, commitment and teamwork remain the foundation of success. Keep showing up, keep pushing forward and keep supporting one another. Every session counts.

THANKS

Workmen's Rowing Club would like to thank the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht and Kerry County Council for financial assistance under the Local Enhancement Programme 2026 in respect of Engine for safety boat.

FOSSA ROWING CLUB

CLUB SOCIAL

Our club social has been set for Saturday the 17th of October at Kate Kearney's. We will have a drinks reception followed by a 3-course meal with music and a DJ until close. This promises to be a brilliant night. A fully ticketed event, so tickets must be bought in advance, and the closing date for purchasing tickets is the 10th of October. There will be no tickets available at the door, so get your tickets now! Check out Clubzap for tickets or call Laura on 083-8055095 for more.

WINTER TRAINING BACK

Our winter training has kicked off in earnest for our underage crews who are absolutely thrilled to be back rowing after the break. Wishing every single rower and coach all the best for the winter season ahead.

KILLARNEY COUGARS BC

COUGARS READY FOR ANOTHER BIG SEASON

The Cougars has kicked off the new season

with plenty of momentum, launching a new club app while also celebrating a number of outstanding achievements within the club.

The official season launch took place at the Presentation Gym on Thursday last, October 1st, where the club unveiled its new Killarney Cougars BC App, now available through the Google Play Store and Apple App Store.

The new app will give the club's growing membership easy access to fixtures, training schedules, club news and other important information.

With Cougars teams currently using four venues Presentation Gym, St Brendan's Seminary Gym, Kilcummin and St Mary's Parish Hall the app will also be a valuable tool for coaches and club officials in managing the increasingly busy club calendar.

DARA EARNS U16 INTERNATIONAL CALL UP

There was plenty to celebrate at the launch, with U16 player Dara O'Sullivan recognised for his latest selection to the Ireland U16 team.

Dara's latest international honour continues his impressive progression, having previously represented Ireland at U14 level.

The club also paid tribute to three people who have made a significant contribution to Cougars basketball over many years.

Team manager Eileen Sugrue was recognised for more than a decade of service to the club, particularly with the boys' teams. The Boys U18 team were presented with their winners U18 medals County League medals for the 25/26 season.

Coach Tony O'Sullivan has enjoyed considerable success with Cougars teams, guiding them to consecutive All-Ireland Club Championships and consecutive All-Ireland League campaigns, as well as two Kerry U18 Cup & League titles in recent seasons.

Coach and Development Officer Kelly Ahern has also given more than 10 years to the club. Kelly has represented Ireland at three FIBA European Championships and has served as Basketball Ireland Academy Coach for the South West region.

VIKINGS TAKE U16 HONOURS

The Cougars hosted an Invitational U16 Division 1 Boys Tournament at the Presentation Gym, with the action getting underway at 9am and continuing throughout the day.

Waterford Vikings emerged as tournament





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Killarney Cougars U16 Boys at the Invitational Tournament on Saturday at the Presentation Gym



Killarney Cougars U16 Boys at the Invitational Tournament on Saturday at the Presentation Gym

winners after a thrilling overtime victory over Ballincollig in the final.

The Cork side looked to be heading for victory, but the unbeaten Vikings held their nerve to come through in what was arguably the game of the day.

The Cougars themselves suffered a tough opening-game defeat to Ballincollig. Having built a 10-point lead, the home side saw their advantage disappear before Ballincollig snatched victory on the buzzer.

It was a tough loss for the Cougars and effectively ended their hopes of reaching the final, but the tournament provided valuable game time ahead of their All-Ireland campaign.

GIRLS OFF TO WINNING START

The U16 girls also got valuable pre-season action under their belts when they travelled to Tralee on Sunday to take on St Brendan's.

The Cougars settled quickly, with Madison Angland and Jessica Leane among those finding the basket early on.

Strong defence was the platform for the Cougars' performance, forcing turnovers and allowing them to attack in transition.

Aimee Shine, Mia Cox, Mia McMahon and Ada O'Leary all contributed with scores as Cougars got their pre-season campaign off to a winning start.

ALL-IRELAND LEAGUE SCHEDULE

The Cougars U16 boys will now turn their attention to the All-Ireland National League, with their campaign due to get underway on

November 14th/15th and continuing through to February.

KERRY AREA BASKETBALL BOARD

The KABB is expected to issue the new season's fixtures this coming week.

The KABB has also scheduled an EGM for October 15th, when a new Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Executive Secretary will be appointed.

BUSY SCHEDULE AT COUGARS

There is already plenty of activity across the club, with training taking place throughout the week from U6 to U18.

Monday: Boys U14, U16 & U18

Tuesday: Academy Girls & Boys U6 & U8; Girls U10 & U12; Boys U10

Wednesday: Boys U12, U14, U16 & U18

Thursday: Girls U14, U16 & U18

Friday: Boys U16 & U18

Saturday: Development sessions

The full training schedule, fixtures, club information and membership details are available on the new App Killarney Cougars BC. With another busy season now underway, the Cougars are looking forward to another year of development, competition and success across all age groups.

FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB

RESULTS for the 01st October

N/S

1st: Phyllis O'Regan & Pauline Lyne

2nd: Marie Moloney & Joan Lenihan

3rd: Ger Foley & Linda O'Connor

E/W

1st: Tim & Mai Corcoran

2nd: Karen O'Keeffe & Imelda Healy

3rd: Ann Wrenn & Breda Counihan

Well done everyone.

BRIDGE CONTINUES every Thursday morning at 10am at The Castlerosse Hotel.

KILLARNEY BRIDGE CLUB

RESULTS MONDAY 5TH OCTOBER

North/South

1st: Phyllis O'Regan and Joan Culloty

2nd: Maureen Culloty and Ger McSweeney

3rd: Therese McCarthy and John O'Shea

4th: Ciaran Broadberry and Michael McHugh

East/West

1st: Imelda Healy and Maura Horan

2nd: Margaret Cahill and John Beecher

3rd: Helen McCarthy and Joan Moore

4th: Margaret O'Sullivan and Anne Wrenn

Congratulations to all the winners and also to our members Eileen Brosnan and Hugh O'Connell who took home a prize from Fermoy Bridge Gala held at the weekend. Well done to you both.

It was great to see so many new members in attendance on Monday night.

BRIDGE CONTINUES on Mondays at the Monastery School, New Road at 7pm

All are very welcome.



David Kenny Farranfore Maine Valley AC winner of the Co Intermediate Cross Championships in Brosna on Sunday.



Farranfore Maine Valley AC bronze medal winners at the Co Masters Cross Country Championships held in Brosna on Sunday. Conor O'Hare, Dermot Dineen, Brendan Lynch, Kevin Lynch.

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SAT 19TH & SUN 20TH SEPTEMBER, MONTHLY MEDAL, SINGLES STROKEPLAY -

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Mahony's Point (Blue Tees)

Winner: Eoin O'Carroll (17) 63

2nd: Eoin O'Donoghue (7) 66

Best Gross: Simon Gallivan 69

Cat 1

1st: Brian Horgan (4) 67

2nd: Niall O'Mara (7) 69

3rd: Ronan Creedon (3) 69

Cat 2

1st: Sam Leech (9) 68

2nd: Michael Barry (10) 69

3rd: Timothy G Healy (11) 70

Cat 3

1st: Joe Collins (13) 67

2nd: Michael J Quirke (15) 68

3rd: Kevin Carroll (14) 69

Cat 4

1st: Danny Healy (18) 68

2nd: Denis Murphy (19) 70

3rd: Tadhg Moynihan (23) 70

SAT 26TH & SUN 27TH SEPTEMBER, VPAR -

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Winner: Gerry Moroney (13) 4up

2nd: Daniel Glavin (9) 4up

Best Gross: Derry McCarthy

Cat 1

1st: Declan Kelly (10) 2up

2nd: Niall McCarthy (5) Tied

3rd: Ronan Twiss (3) Tied

Cat 2

1st: Colm Cooper (11) 2up

2nd: Patrick Howard (14) 1up

3rd: Niall Thompson (13) 1up

Cat 3

1st: Keith Cummins (15) 3up

2nd: Ivan Tangney (18) 2up

3rd: Edmund Meyer Schwickerath (19) 2up

Cat 4

1st: John Moynihan (24) 2up

2nd: Dermot Kelly (42) Tied

3rd: John Crehan (20) Tied

SAT 3RD & SUN 4TH OCTOBER, SINGLES

STABLEFORD

Mahony's Point

Winner: Crohan Fitzgerald (8) 41pts

2nd: Daniel Glavin (6) 39pts

Best Gross: Peter McEnery 73

Cat 1

1st: Peter O'Brien (7) 39pts

2nd: Michael Howard (6) 39pts

3rd: Denis Kiely (7) 38pts

Cat 2

1st: John Doyle (13) 39pts

2nd: Harry O'Neill (9) 38pts

3rd: Colm O'Shea (11) 38pts

Cat 3

1st: Timmy O'Donoghue (13) 38pts

2nd: John Downey (13) 38pts

3rd: John O'Brien (17) 38pts

Cat 4

1st: Darren Brosnan (20) 38pts

2nd: Michael Coleman (22) 37pts

3rd: Gerard Quinlan (18) 36pts



The St Brendans College 1 team of Fionn McMonagle (centre), Lucas Uchtyl (left) and Fionn O'Callaghan (right) that won September's Munster Secondary Schools event pictured with Pitch & Putt Ireland Vice President Anthony Malone at the presentation of prizes for the event at the National Finals in Lakeside, Templemore last Thursday.



Winners of Ross Ladies Golf Club Scramble very kindly sponsored by Kitty O'Grady & Bridget McGuire
L to R: Mona Looney, Helen Moylan, Mary Moynihan, Sponsor Kitty O'Grady, Sheila O'Mahony Sponsor Bridget McGuire & Lady Captain Elaine Casey

KILLARNEY GOLF CLUB - LADIES BRANCH

LIEBHERR CUP HELD ON SATURDAY & SUNDAY 3D & 4TH OCTOBER, 18 HOLE STABLEFORD COMPETITION HELD ON KILLEEN COURSE

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Winner: Joanne Creedon 38pts(09)

Runner Up: Anne Moynihan 37pts (02)

3rd: Edel Randles 35pts (22)

4th: Sinead Galvin 35pts (22)

5th: Leila Moloney 34pts (17)

6th: Mary Chute 34pts (21)

Winner of the 11 Hole Stableford Competition:

Maud Malone 17pts (25)

CASTLEROSSE LADIES GOLF CLUB

1ST OCT STABLEFORD COMPETITION

1st Place - Gina O'Shea

2nd Place - Barbara O'Shea

3rd Place - Mary O'Reilly

4th Place - Kay Malone

UPCOMING EVENTS

We will hold a Memorial Day 9 Hole Scramble in memory of members who have sadly passed away to be held on the 10th October, start at

14:45 all members welcome to participate.

COURSE DEVELOPMENT

We welcome the opening of the new green on the 5th hole which is an excellent test of our golf skills, please also note that there is a temporary tee box on the 3rd Hole whilst works takes place on the new layout.

SOCIAL GOLF

Social golf every Wednesday at 10.30am. Book on BRS.

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BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB - MEN'S

RESULTS OF OUR MEN'S 18 HOLE STABLEFORD COMPETITION PLAYED ON SAT 3 & SUN 4 OCTOBER, CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

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Yellow tees

1st: John McCarthy 43 points (20)

2nd: Mark O'Connor 40 points (12) Last nine holes

3rd: Dave Lynch 40 points (16) Last six holes



2nd Prize Winners of Ross Ladies Golf Club Scramble very kindly sponsored by Kitty O'Grady & Bridget McGuire
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3rd Prize Winners of Ross Ladies Golf Club Scramble very kindly sponsored by Kitty O'Grady & Bridget McGuire
L to R: Bridie Doyle, Kaye Cremin, Sponsor Kitty O'Grady, Margaret Hickey & Sponsor Bridget McGuire

4th: Jim Crowley 40 points (19) Last nine holes
5th: Michael Kelliher 40 points (17)
6th: Austin Rooney 38 points (14) Last nine holes
Prizes will be available for collection from Fri 4 Dec
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ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB RESULTS 3RD OCTOBER 2026 FROM 9-HOLE SCRAMBLE

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Mary Moynihan, Mona Looney, Sheila O'Mahony & Helen Moylan (26 8/9)

Miriam Hickey, Kitty O'Grady & Karina Mulchinock (30 3/7)

Kaye Cremin, Bridie Doyle & Margaret Hickey (30 3/7)

Thanks again to our sponsors. A lovely day was had by all.

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DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB

CLUB MATCHPLAY

All done now for our 2026 Club Matchplay (sponsored by Murphy's Bar). Our thanks to all those who took part over the last two months as we had two rather different deciders last Saturday. Our Championship decider was all about the brilliance of Nathan Cronin's pitching as he defeated Denis Duggan 8&7 in our Championship decider which can be seen in the live stream available on the Club's Facebook Page. Nathan makes up for last year's runners-up finish rather like his dad did between the 2016 and 2017 deciders a decade ago as a father and

son double is rather unique for this competition. The Plate Final was where the real drama was on the day however as James Foley and Declan Kelly battled to and fro until the last hole with James sinking a long range birdie putt to win 1 up on last. James has won the Championship and Plate now in both events as one thing that is also confirmed with our Club Matchplay conclusion is that Denis Duggan is our 2026 Club Player of the Year award winner with his run to the Championship decider. He can't be caught now by anyone ahead of the final event for POTY, the Christmas Hamper on Sunday October 18th. Congratulations to Denis on this consolation from Saturday's events. We look forward to presenting Nathan, James and Denis along with the other prizewinners from this event at our end of year gathering in Murphy's itself in December. Date TBC.

NATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS EVENT

While St Brendans College's four-year reign as National Secondary Schools champions came to an end last Thursday in Lakeside with a fourth place finish overall, the two Fionn's and Lucas were both presented with the Willie Parker Memorial Cup for the Munster Secondary Schools win in St Stephens the previous week. Fionn McMonagle was presented with the Best Individual score for the Munster also as the second St Brendans team (Team 3) finished 12th overall on the day. Our thanks to St Brendans once again for facilitating

our members taking part in this event again as we once more thank Killarney CC and ISK for entering teams as well this year.

SUNDAY DRAWS

Two Ball Betterball- First Nett: Ger Casey & Gerard O'Brien 37½, Gross: Denis Duggan & James Foley 48 (B9) and Second Nett: Denis Duggan & Dan Kiely 38.

NATIONAL SCOTCH FOURSOMES

Our Best Wishes to club members who are taking part in both the Mixed and Non-Mixed events in Tralee this weekend as we also wish Tralee well with their hosting of the event.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER

This event will take place on the weekend of October 18th. Further information to follow next week.



Pictured at the launch of the St Pats East Kerry Pat Delaney Memorial Golf Classic are Back Row Pat O'Brien, Gavin Gardiner, Denis Russell, Tom Houlihan & Carl Lyons. Middle Row Mark Murphy CEO, Killarney Credit Union, Bridget Delaney and Pat Delany Jnr. Front Row Ella Marie & Daniel Lyons. The event proudly sponsored by Killarney Credit Union will take place on the 17th of October 2026 at Ross Golf Club.

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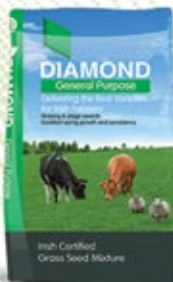
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**Utility Trust St Pauls Lakers 82
Templeogue 92**

Report by Enda Walshe

Often described as the moving quarter, the third period in this opening round of the Dominos Men's Division 1 League would prove to be the Lakers undoing as they were outgunned by double scores by a physically stronger Templeogue side. The opening half had been an even encounter with only seven between the sides at half time, 49-42 but the Metropolitans opened up a game-defining lead with Jack Wright playing the central role. Ten of his seventeen points came in this quarter, including two threes with Elijah Wilson repeating the dose and the 29-14 quarter scoreline really opened the gates for a Templeogue win.

But credit to Luke O Heas side they showed tremendous spirit in the final quarter, pushing hard and they soon narrowed that 78-56 lead down to an 88-80 deficit. But both the clock and Templeogues ability to play out the game saw them carry the spoils on a 92-82 scoreline. There would be plenty for Coach O Hea to cling onto with Valters Mazburrs netting 20 points and point guard Jack Watkins hitting 26 points, collecting 10 rebounds and dishing out 7 assists. Jack O Sullivan could be very happy with his night's work while Rui Sariava demonstrated great grit. Evan Boyle and Cillian O'Leary showed some promise while Mark Sheehan brought his usual industry. There will be plenty to work on ahead of the visit of the Titans on Saturday night. The Lakers had the better of the opening quarter with Sariava effective in the paint and Jack O Sullivan showcasing his dunking ability. Jack Watkins and Mark Sheehan with a three, made it a 14-6 but a growing pattern of this quarter was the ability of Templeogue, and particularly Romonn Nelson to hit on the fast break. Evan Boyle hit to break that pattern temporarily but Emilian Grudov, back on familiar territory, Jack Wright and Elijah Wilson helped pull their side back into the game. Fittingly Nelson had the last word in the quarter, hitting a three to put Templeogue 24-23 to the good.

Jack O'Sullivan went blow for blow with Jake Mullins but Nelson nipped in again to complete a three point play. Watkins, Sheehan and Valters Mazburrs all combined to give the Lakers the initiative but Templeogue hit a purple patch, prompted by a Grudov three. Aaron Doherty, Jack Finn, Nelson and Wilson helped to open a 47-38 lead the two Jacks, Watkins and O Sullivan, helped to arrest the slide, the Lakers in touch at 49-42. The third quarter threatened to be a blow with Nelson, Mullins, Grudov and Wilson



Utility Trust St. Paul's Senior Men's Team

unable to do anything wrong and despite the efforts of Sheehan and Watkins, a 71-48 lead was now the reality, with Jack Wright being the main villain. The Lakers did try to clear their heads with Mazburss, Watkins and O Sullivan finishing the quarter with something to cling onto, albeit, 78-56 in arrears.

Basketball is all about momentum and bit by bit, it eventually started to turn. Mazburss hit an early three and with the Lakers adopting an aggressive press, Templeogue were reduced to free throw efforts from Grudov. All the while Sariava, Watkins and Mazburss started to ignite and with 1.44 to go the gap was down to eight, 88-80. With the worm having turned another basket may well have truly rattled the Templeogue cages, but two efforts for threes rimmed out before Watkins made it 88-82. Jack Finn came up with a huge moment for the Dubliners to put the game beyond doubt and it was left to Grudov to apply the icing on a 92-82 win.

Utility Trust St Pauls Lakers: Jack Watkins 26, Valters Mazburss 20, Jack O Sullivan 17, Rui Sariava 8, Mark Sheehan 7, Evan Boyle 5, Cillian O Leary, Adam Whitty, Darragh O Callaghan.

Templeogue: Romonn Nelson 25, Jack Wright 17, Emilian Grudov, 16, Elijah Wilson 15, Jake Mullins 9.

This Saturday night the Presentation Gym will play host to the Titans with a 7.30pm tip off. The Titans went all the way to the League final last season, their first campaign under head coach Erin Bracken. They lost out narrowly last weekend when a strong fourth quarter push from Portlaoise Panthers pipped them at the post. They are backboned by the Gbinigie brothers Declan and Nathan, local talents Joseph Coughlan and Victor Tashev as well as American point guard Zachary Sawyer.

Dominos Womens Super League

Saturday, October 3rd 5pm

Oblate Hall Inchicore

Killester 70

Utility Trust St Pauls 74

Report by Enda Walshe

As starts go, it couldn't get any more difficult than this. Away to a Killester side, National Cup winners and only denied a three in a row in the league by Trinity Meteors. To head to the Oblate Hall in Inchicore minus the GAA tied Lorraine Scanlon and Siofra O Shea only added to the task. But what transpired was a magnificent performance by James Fleming's side, who fought tooth and nail for every possession and used the ball brilliantly when in control. This was typified by local duo Leah McMahon and Rheanne Kelly, who both plundered ten points but who defended with a resilience that had to be admired.

They were not alone as Angelina Robles put in forty minutes of skill and industry and Spaniard Paula Reus grabbed points and rebounds of equal importance. The returning Maisie Burnham was also highly influential but she ran into foul trouble which limited her input, especially in the last quarter. The game would also see Louise Scannell, Mairead McKenna and Emma Buckley make their competitive debuts and they all put their shoulders to the wheel when needed most. With three home games in a row and the expected return of Scanlon and O Shea, this win is magnified by its significance. Robles opened her St Pauls account with a three but she enjoyed a great battle with her opposite number Kennedy Townsend. Townsend did a lot of the heavy lifting for her side early on but Rheanne Kelly, showing no signs of her one year absence, struck for a three. Burnham was getting joy inside, leading her to the charity stripe which helped St Pauls

into a 10-7 lead. Leilana Turner and Townsend struck back but Paula Reus was battling hard under the boards for St Pauls which cut out any second chance points for Killester. Up the other end she combined with Burnham to edge their side 17-16 ahead at the end of the first.

Maeve O Seaghdha was instrumental for Killester early in the second quarter but not before Robles glided in for a couple of baskets. Leah McMahon struck from distance but O Seaghdha and Townsend kept their side in the game. Irish International Michelle Clarke then hit two signature threes and it took the intervention of McMahon with four fast points to prevent the home side building up a bigger lead. That was the cue for Robles and Reus to take up the scoring baton and their late flourish meant they only trailed by two at half time, 36-34.

Rheanne Kelly, Robles and Burnham gave their side some early third quarter momentum which was needed as Townsend inspired a Killester purple patch. It also coincided with Burnham and McMahon hitting foul trouble

but the latter and Robles netted to keep their noses in front, 48-45 with 3.08 to go in the third quarter. Some strong defence from St Pauls kept Killester at bay and with the clock winding down, they held a 50-45 advantage. But Turner hit again from three point land, which left the scoring at 50-48, turning into the home straight. Reus doubled the advantage early in the fourth but Kennedy and compatriot Isabellah Middleton, who was curtailed up to now, got their side ahead. Middleton was now on fire and it took a courageous three from Reus to halt the Killester momentum. Robles drives to the basket were reaping benefits and when Reus, Kelly and Burnham all netted it was St Pauls who were now 68-63 to the good. But Turner and Kennedy squared it up again with just under three minutes to go. Robles nipped in again as St Paul's defensive intensity went up a peg, and the San Diego native hit what was essentially the match winning three. A pair of Kennedy free throws set up a nervy finish, especially with Burnham now off the floor, but the defence held firm and defiant to run out 74-

70 winners.

Utility Trust St Pauls: Angelina Robles 26, Maisie Burham and Paula Reus 14 each, Leah McMahon and Rheanne Kelly 10 each, Emma Buckley, Louise Scannell, Mairead McKenna, Seodhna O Donoghue

Killester: Kennedy Townsend 32, Leilana Turner 11, Isabellah Middleton 10, Maeve O Seaghdha 7, Michelle Clarke 6.

The reigning Super League Champions Trinity Meteors visit the Presentation Gym this Saturday October 10th at 4pm. They come to Killarney on the back of a hard earned win over Glanmire on the opening weekend. They were thankful for the contributions of Aisling Moran and Hazel Finn in that win while Morgan Lenehan, with 8 assists, was the conductor of the orchestra. Zayn Urbaniak Dornstauder was also influential in the Glanmire win as St Pauls are expected to welcome back Irish International Lorraine Scanlon and Siofra O'Shea.

Gaisce Awards for Castleisland Community College Students

Students from Castleisland Community College received the Gaisce Bronze and Silver Award medals. The Gaisce Bronze Award is the introductory level of Ireland's National Youth Award, designed for young people aged 14 to 25 who want to challenge themselves, develop skills, and support their communities. The Silver Award is the intermediate tier of the award programme.

To achieve the Bronze Award the students undertook four main challenge areas: Personal Skill: commit 1 hour per week for 13 weeks to learning something new. Community Involvement: commit 1 hour per week for 13 weeks to voluntary community. Physical Recreation: commit 1 hour per week for 13 weeks to a physical activity or sport (e.g. athletics, swimming or dance). The "Major" Choice: pick one of the three areas above to focus on for an additional 13 weeks. The Silver Award is achieved by completing a further 26 weeks in one of the challenge areas. Ciarán Mc Carthy, Rory Leahy and Meghan Aherne were awarded silver with Jack Foley, Hannah Sheehan, Lauren O Mahony and Ava O Riordan receiving bronze.

Elaine Murphy (History and Geography teacher), who co-ordinates the programme, encourages the students to begin the Gaisce



Pictured from left; Hannah Sheehan, Meghan Aherne, Ciarán Mc Carthy, Lauren O'Mahony, Jack Foley, Ava O'Riordan, Rory Leahy, Elaine Murphy.

programme in Transition Year. She stated, 'It is a fantastic opportunity to participate in the Gaisce programme. There is significant personal development as it boosts self-confidence, develops life skills, improves physical well-

being and fosters lasting friendships. It also promotes civic engagement, builds leadership skills and enhances CVs.'

Fossa Two Mile Comhaltas

Junior Set Dancing returns on Wednesday 14th October from 7-8pm at the Fossa Community Centre. Cost for term €50 includes membership to Fossa Two Mile CCÉ. Ages 7+ Returning members and beginners are very welcome. Congratulations to our teacher Aisling who won an All Ireland Dancing title in Belfast

Adult Set Dancing returns every Tuesday night beginning on the 6th October. 8.15 for beginners and 9.00 to 10pm for advanced @ Fossa Community Centre with Catherine Joy.

Need more information on any of the above contact Tim 087 241 3116 or Eileen 087 628 4053



KILLARNEY CELTIC

CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 1,4,7,13. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €25. Next jackpot €13,800 on Monday October 12th. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through Clubzap.

COACHES WANTED FOR THE UPCOMING 2026/27 SEASON

Positions available across all age groups from Academy to Senior Teams. If interested please contact Mike Lyne 086 083 6356.

MEMBERSHIP FOR THE 2026/27 SEASON IS NOW OPEN

Membership payment can be made online at killarneyceltic.ie/membership-signup

NATIONAL LEAGUE GROUP 3

CK Utd 3-1 Killarney Celtic

Matt Keane

Celtic suffered defeat on the road in Carlow last weekend. Celtic were behind early on when a free kick from Dean Denieffe-Kelly was headed home by Mamadou Doumbia. Ck were 2 up when Mark Imiren set up Emmett Nugent to head home. Celtic got themselves back into the game before halftime when Matt Keane found the net. Celtic were still in the game entering the last quarter but were reduced to 10 men. The hosts took advantage to seal the win. A cross from the left was finished to the net by Fay Adeogun to take the points for CK.

FAI YOUTHS ROUND 2

Killarney Celtic 2-0 Dromore Utd

Dara Horan, Stephen Shine

Killarney Celtic qualified for the next round of the FAI Youth Cup after 2nd half goals secured the win.

U16 DIV

Killarney Celtic B 0-5 Fenit B

U14 DIV 1

LB Rovers 5-2 Killarney Celtic B

Maksym Opala, Finn Cronin.

Celtic B battled hard against a strong LB side.

U14 DIV 2

Killarney Celtic C 0-5 Killarney Athletic

U12 DIV 2

Killarney Celtic B 8-0 MEK

Aaron O'Callaghan 2, Frankie Favier 2, Samir Cenaj, Cayden Koeller, 2 og

Celtic B were on top throughout this game with MEK. Good approach play got its reward with some fine goals.

U12 DIV 3

Camp Juniors 7-3 Killarney Celtic C

Mason Tangney, Johnny Yang, Cian O Cleirigh

U11 DIV 2

Killarney Celtic B 3-5 QPR A

Edison Boyle O'Sullivan, Mason Tangney, Luke Sheahan

WELL DONE to Edison Boyle O'Sullivan U11 who made the KSBGL Team of the Week.

MASTERGEEHA

U12 GIRL'S NATIONAL CUP ROUND 1

BLACKHILL FC 3 V MASTERGEEHA FC 2 PENS

Goal Scorer: Ellie Lynch O'Doherty

Unfortunately, our National Cup came to an end away to Blackhill FC in agonising fashion as we lost 3-2 on penalties. Both sides could



Killarney Celtic U8 and Killarney Athletic U8



Mastergeeha U14 Boys

not be separated after an enthralling contest with Mastergeeha twice coming from behind through Ellie Lynch O'Doherty to set up an exciting extra time. No breakthrough could be found so we headed to dreaded penalties. The penalties went all the way to sudden death with Blackhill securing the win 3-2.

We are immensely proud of the girls and the performance they put in over the 80+ minutes. The whole squad gave it their all - special mention to Kate Mc Carthy who was outstanding in goals and saved 4 penalties.

U14 GIRL'S NATIONAL CUP ROUND 1

Mastergeeha Fc v Charleville AFC w/o

BOYS FIXTURES

U12 BOY'S PREMIER

Listowel Celtic 0 v Mastergeeha 5

U12 BOY'S DIVISION 2

Castleisland B 4 v Mastergeeha B 2

U12 BOY'S DIVISION 3

Inter Kenmare B 4 v Mastergeeha C 5

U14 BOY'S DIVISION 1

Mastergeeha 3 v Killarney Athletic D 1 2/10

Well done to our u14 boys who made it two wins from two in Kilbrean Park on Friday evening. Goals from Matthew O'Riordan (2) & Callum O'Connor were the decisive scores against a good Athletic team. This was a very good overall team performance but man of the match goes to Callum O'Connor.

U14 BOY'S DIVISION 2 (SOUTH)

Mastergeeha B 0 v Castlemaine 5

U15 BOY'S DIVISION 3

Mastergeeha B 0 v Killarney Athletic C 6 27/9

U16 BOY'S PREMIER

Mastergeeha A 3 v Killarney Athletic A 1

Our U16 Premier division and division 2 sides both welcomed squads from Killarney Athletic

to Kilbrean Park. First up it was the premier division clash. Athletic started much brighter and were rewarded with a leading goal, but just coming up to half time a well worked corner saw a Darragh O'Donoghue goal bound header with a finishing touch from James Sheehan pull it back and the sides were level at the break. A much improved Mastergeeha saw them pull ahead in the second half with two goals from captain David Fleming. The first a beautiful strike from outside the box. Mastergeeha held on for their first points of the season with a final score of 3-1.

U16 BOY'S DIVISION 2

Mastergeeha B 3 v Killarney Athletic B 1

Our Division 2 game saw a goal for Mastergeeha in the first minute. A goal bound effort from Luke O'Sullivan just making it out of the clutches of a very unlucky athletic keeper and over the line. Luke quickly added another with some wonderful attacking play and a fantastic finish. Athletic had most of the play for the rest of the half but could not find the net. The second half again saw Athletic have opportunities and they managed to pull one back but Mastergeeha also upped their game and Nathan Herlihy finished exquisitely to make it 3-1. That was how it finished as Mastergeeha managed the game well to ensure the win. Well done to all the lads.

TEAM OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to both Adam Warren & Kate McCarthy who made this weeks Kerry Schoolboys & Girls League team of the week.

MASTERGEEHA LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on 2nd October 2026 for the Jackpot of €11,400. Numbers drawn were 7,9,24,27. Consolations Prizes of €50 each to the following Jessica O'Neill Mastergeeha,

Sally Mills, Anna Marie O Leary Cockhill, Helen Devane Annual Ticket .Our next draw will take place on Friday 9th October 2026 at the Village Inn for a Jackpot of €11,600.

MEK

U14 BOYS DIV 1

MEK A 6 - 1 Milltown

Captain: Fintan O'Neill

POTM: Jack Lynch

Scorers: Gavin 2, Finian 1, Tadhg 1, Dave 2

Fantastic performance from the lads last night against a strong Milltown side, with MEK securing a brilliant 6-1 win

Relentless attacking pressure, a rock-solid defence and huge contributions from every player made it a great team effort.

WORKSHOP

10 MEK coaches, including 5 TY students, attended an FAI Football For All workshop with Chris McElligott in preparation for the launch of the MEK Galaxy Football For All programme, offering football opportunities for children with additional needs.

DIV 2 SOUTH BOYS U14

MEK B 5 - 5 Killorglin B

Matthew Hobbins 1, Conor Lucey 3, Evan Ryan 1

POTM - Matthew Hobbins

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC

SENIOR A

Killarney Athletic senior A side recorded an impressive 6-2 victory over Classic FC at Ferndale. Terry Sparling hit a hat-trick, with Donie Kelleher, Evan Doona and Aaron Burke also on the scoresheet.

SENIOR B

Athletic B made it two wins from three in the Kerry District League Division 2 with a 3-1 victory over Ballyhar Dynamos. Kian McCann opened the scoring, with Jack Curtis adding two, including a free-kick finish from a Gary Sugrue delivery.

YOUTHS NATIONAL CUP

Athletic's youths exited the National Cup after a 4-1 defeat away to Newcastle West. Leo Allen scored for Athletic in a game where the squad was severely depleted through injury and illness. The team now turns its attention to the Munster competition.

KERRY AND LEAGUE OF IRELAND ROUND-UP

Jayden Hurley was part of the Kerry FC Under 20 side which drew 1-1 with Treaty United. Eric Corcoran and Leni Rujevcian featured for Kerry Under 15s against Wexford, with Corcoran scoring Kerry's opening goal. Owen Benson played for Home Farm DCU in their National League victory over Lucan United.

UNDER 16 GIRLS

Athletic's Under 16 girls made a winning start to their National Cup campaign with a 3-0 victory over Tralee Dynamos. Roisin O'Sullivan scored twice, with Kaitlin Horgan also on target.

UNDER 16 BOYS

Athletic's Under 16 Premier side were beaten 3-1 by Mastergeeha. Robert Murphy scored Athletic's goal and was named Player of the Match.

UNDER 14 DIVISION 1

Athletic's Under 14 Division 1 side were beaten 3-1 by Mastergeeha in a competitive encounter. Sean O'Connor scored Athletic's goal, with Fionn Herlihy making several excellent saves.

UNDER 14 DIVISION 2

Athletic's Under 14s recorded an impressive 5-0 victory over Killarney Celtic. Sean Doolan scored four goals, with Nathan Horgan also on target.

UNDER 14 BOYS

Athletic's Under 14 B side produced an excellent comeback to defeat Park 8-3 in Tralee. Jakub Slowakiewicz scored four, with Donncha Slattery, Oran Barrett, Daniel Cremin and Oisín O'Sullivan also finding the net.

UNDER 12 A

Athletic's Under 12 A team recorded a superb 4-1 victory over title rivals Dynamos. Hugo, Carlos, Ollie and Dylan were the scorers in an excellent team performance.

UNDER 12 B

The Under 12 B team were defeated by Park despite a strong second-half effort. Denis Doolan scored Athletic's goal, while the boys also hit the woodwork three times.

UNDER 12 C

Athletic's C team were beaten 4-0 by LB Rovers B. Despite the result, the boys created chances and continued to work hard throughout.

UNDER 12 GIRLS

Athletic's Under 12 girls made a winning start

to their National Cup campaign with a 3-1 victory over Lough Derg. Fiadh Driver scored twice and Erin Mac Sweeney added the third.

UNDER 11 DIVISION 1

Athletic's Under 11 Yellow team defeated Kenmare A 3-1 in a cracking contest in Woodlawn. Nikola Mileusnic, Jack Morris and Diego O'Leary were on target.

UNDER 8'S

Athletic's Under 8 boys enjoyed their first blitz of the season at Killarney Celtic, with the young players showing plenty of enthusiasm and ability while, most importantly, enjoying their football.

CLUB CONDOLENCES

Killarney Athletic extends its sincere condolences to Lorraine Fleming and family following the death of her husband, Jer. The club sends its thoughts and sympathies to all the family and friends at this difficult time.

KERRY SCHOOLBOY/GIRL SOCCER

NATIONAL

KERRY SIDES BATTLE THROUGH U12 GIRLS NATIONAL CUP OPENERS

There were wins for St Brendan's Park, Killarney Athletic, Tralee Dynamos, Killorglin and Castleisland in an eventful opening round of the U12 Girls National Cup, while two ties required extra time.

St Brendan's Park secured their place in the next round with a hard-fought 2-1 victory away to Cappamore Celtic FC. Evie Griffin and Kate Byrne supplied the goals for Park. Killarney Athletic AFC also advanced following an impressive 3-1 win over Lough Derg. Fiadh Driver struck twice, while Erin Mac Sweeney added Athletic's third.

Tralee Dynamos produced a strong performance to defeat Iveragh 4-1. Lila Yoxall scored twice, with Abi Donovan and Roisin Murphy also getting on the scoresheet. Killorglin AFC enjoyed a convincing 4-0 victory over Ballingarry, inspired by a hat-trick from Orlaith O'Sullivan. Jessica Fitzgerald completed the scoring.

A solitary goal from Emma Reidy proved enough for Castleisland AFC, who edged MEK Galaxy 1-0 to book their place in the next round.



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u13 squad, Kerry Schoolgirl League Div. 1 league winners away to MEK FC



Ballyhar Dynamos FC youth squad, home winners v Castlegregory FC on Saturday last in Division 1 of the Kerry District League.



Killarney Celtic U12B Boys



Killarney Athletic U12 Girls

There was a penalty shootout heartbreak for Mastergeeha. Ellie Lynch O'Doherty scored twice as they drew 2-2 with Blackhill FC after extra time, before Blackhill prevailed 3-2 on penalties.

Inter Kenmare were also involved in a dramatic encounter, eventually losing 4-3 after extra time to Caherconlish AFC. Ruby Walsh, Neelabelle Ryan and Margaret Foley were on target for Inter. Elsewhere, LB Rovers bowed out following a 5-0 defeat to Caherdavin Celtic FC.

PARK AND KILLORGLIN IMPRESS IN U14 GIRLS NATIONAL CUP

There was a strong showing from several Kerry sides in Round 1 of the U14 Girls National Cup, with St Brendan's Park and Killorglin recording impressive victories, while Killarney Athletic, Castleisland, Mastergeeha and Inter Kenmare also progressed.

St Brendan's Park booked their place in the next round with a 3-1 victory over Listowel Celtic. Caoimhe Field was the star of the show, scoring all three Park goals to complete a superb hat-trick. Katelyn Joy found the net for Listowel Celtic.

Killorglin AFC produced an emphatic performance on the road as they defeated Shelbourne 5-0. Sienna Boyle and Chloe O'Sullivan both struck twice, with Grace Mangan adding the fifth to complete an excellent National Cup victory. Goals from Lilly Noonan Murphy, Anna O'Sullivan and Fallon O'Shea saw Inter Kenmare record a 3-1 win away to Ennis Town.

Three other Kerry clubs progressed without taking to the field. Killarney Athletic AFC were awarded a 3-0 walkover against Knigh United, while Castleisland advanced with a 3-0 walkover against Knockainey AFC. Mastergeeha also received a 3-0 walkover against Charleville AFC. There was disappointment for Tralee Dynamos, who were edged 1-0 by Blackhill FC in a tight contest. MEK Galaxy also bowed out of the competition following a high-scoring encounter with Broadford United, who came away with a 9-3 victory.

CAMP HIT SIX AS KERRY SIDES BATTLE IN U16 GIRLS NATIONAL CUP

There were wins for Camp Juniors, Mastergeeha and Killarney Athletic in Round 1 of the U16 Girls National Cup, while Killarney Celtic's meeting with Rathkeale AFC was abandoned due to injury.

Camp Juniors came through a remarkable ten-goal contest against Moneygall FC, eventually emerging 6-4 winners. Orlaith Flynn led the way with a superb hat-trick, while Hollie O'Driscoll, Andrea Fitzgerald and Aoibhinn Lyne also found the net as Camp booked their place in the next round.

Mastergeeha produced an impressive performance on the road, recording a 3-0 victory over St. Itas. Anna Lenihan struck twice, with Chloe Sullivan adding the third. Killarney Athletic also advanced with a 3-0 victory over Tralee Dynamos. Roisin O'Sullivan scored twice, while Kaitlin Horgan completed the scoring for Athletic.

There was disappointment for Killorglin, who

were beaten 5-1 by Newmarket Celtic. Éadaoin Clifford scored Killorglin's goal. Inter Kenmare exited the competition after Caherdavin Celtic were awarded a 3-0 walkover.

BOYS

GOALS GALORE ACROSS THE U11 BOYS DIVISIONS

Goals flowed throughout the latest round of U11 Boys league action, with high-scoring draws and thrilling contests featuring across the Premier and Divisions 1, 2 and 3.

In the Premier, Tralee Dynamos A secured a 4-2 victory over Camp A, with Mattie Quill, Shay Brosnan, Mark Ladjuscenkov and Braydon O'Connor all finding the net. Mastergeeha A and Listowel Celtic A played out an entertaining 5-5 draw, while Park A earned a narrow 1-0 victory away to Iveragh A.

In Division 1, Fenit B and Castlemaine shared the points in a 3-3 draw. Killarney Athletic B defeated Inter Kenmare A 3-1, thanks to goals from Nikola Mileusnic, Jack Morris and Diego O'Leary, with Tom Nolan replying for Inter.

Park B recorded a 4-2 win over Mastergeeha B, while Killorglin A defeated MEK B 4-2. Fiachra O'Sullivan struck twice for Killorglin, with Adam Russell and Jamie Costello adding the other goals. Inter Kenmare A were also 3-1 winners over MEK A, as Ross Curran scored twice and Jack O'Sullivan added the third.

In Division 2, Milltown came out on top in a remarkable 8-5 victory over Killorglin B. Fionan Foley scored a hat-trick and Paddy Barton struck twice for Killorglin. Castleisland C won another goal-filled encounter, defeating Mastergeeha B



Killarney Athletic U16 Girls who defeated Tralee Dynamos in the National Cup



Killarney Athletic U12 Girls who defeated Lough Derg in the National Cup



Castleisland U12 National Cup team



Castlemaine U11 Boys

7-4.

Tralee Dynamos B earned a 5-2 win over Camp B, with Michael O'Neill scoring twice alongside goals from Dylan Quirke, Alan Mahar and George Poff. QPR A also collected the points with a 5-3 victory over Killarney Celtic B, whose goals came from Mason Tangney, Edison Boyle O'Sullivan and Luke Sheehan.

In Division 3 North, Listowel Celtic C defeated LB Rovers C 9-3, while Tralee Dynamos C and Fenit C drew 3-3. Gabriel Sulshvill scored twice and Felidhlim Griffin added Dynamos' third. Park D were involved in another thriller as they overcame Listowel Celtic C 7-5.

Finally, Division 3 South produced an extraordinary 7-7 draw between Inter Kenmare B and QPR B. Rostic Kondrashenko scored five times for Inter, with Georgi Kasparov and Max Chamula also getting on the scoresheet.

U12 BOYS LEAGUE ACTION CONTINUES

There was a huge haul of goals across the latest U12 Boys fixtures, with Killorglin, Mastergeeha and Killarney Athletic picking up Premier victories and several high-scoring encounters throughout Divisions 1, 2 and 3.

In the Premier, Killorglin produced an emphatic 7-1 victory over Fenit. Zach Griffin hit a hat-trick, with Muiris O'Muircheartaigh, Harvey Higgins, Adam Ahern and Alex Fitzgerald also scoring.

Killarney Athletic defeated Tralee Dynamos 4-1, with Aaron Costello getting the Dynamos goal, while Mastergeeha were impressive 5-0 winners away to Listowel Celtic. Adam Buckley and Gavin Howard both struck twice, with Micheal O'Riordan adding the fifth.

In Division 1, MEK A came out on top in an 11 goal thriller against Inter Kenmare A, winning 7-4, while Iveragh defeated Ballyhar 5-2. Dingle A edged Tralee Dynamos B 3-2, with Harry O'Connor scoring twice and Finn MacGearailt adding the other. Tadgh Heaphy and Cian O'Brien replied for Dynamos.

In Division 2, a Will Doherty hat-trick and a goal from Dylan Clifford helped Castleisland B to a 4-2 win over Mastergeeha B. Camp A hit double figures in a 10-4 victory over Ballyheigue, led by five goals from Dara Casey. Oisín Barry and Sean Ó Curraín scored twice each, with Conor



Killarney Athletic U12 Boys who played against Park at the weekend

O'Dwyer also on target.

Killarney Celtic B defeated MEK B 6-0, with Frankie Favier and Aaron O'Callaghan both scoring twice alongside Samir Cenaj and Cayden Koeller. Milltown were awarded a 3-0 walkover against Ferry Rangers, while Park C recorded a 7-1 victory over Killarney Athletic B. In Division 3, Park D edged Fenit B 2-1, with Sonny Walsh scoring for Fenit. Camp B defeated Killarney Celtic C 7-3, as Logan Shannon and Kyle O'Connor both scored twice, with Cathal Hutch, Sean Dowd and Kimmy Sabatucci also on target. Celtic's goals came from Mason Tangney, Johnny Yang and Cian O'Clérigh.

Listowel Celtic B beat Killorglin B 5-2, with Cian McCarthy firing a hat-trick and Adam McCarthy and Leonard Batczak adding the others. Jack Cahillane and Zack Scully replied for Killorglin. Mastergeeha C edged a nine-goal thriller against Inter Kenmare B, winning 5-4. Sean Cronin struck a hat-trick, with Thomas O'Keeffe and Jack O'Leary also finding the net.

Tralee Dynamos C recorded a 5-2 victory over Dingle B, through goals from Alan O'Regan, Matthew Holden, Nathan Many, Henry Udeojri and Tapiwan Dube. Mark Moriarty and Fiach Doherty replied for Dingle. Finally, LB Rovers B earned a 4-0 victory over Killarney Athletic C,

with Ryan McCarthy scoring twice and Ewan Dee and Ollie Dee completing the scoring.

BOYS TEAM OF THE WEEK

1. Adam Warren (Mastergeeha U16)
2. Daithi Ryan (Listowel Celtic U12)
4. Evan Griffin (Tralee Dynamos U16)
5. Anthony Doherty (LB Rovers U16)
3. Iarlaith Clifford (St Brendan's Park U14)
6. Edison Boyle O'Sullivan (Killarney Celtic U11)
8. Aiden Diggin (Fenit Samphires U12)
10. Sean Doolan (Killarney Athletic U14)
7. Charlie Enright (Killorglin U14)
9. Rostic Kondrashenko (Inter Kenmare U11)
11. Will Doherty (Castleisland U12)

GIRLS ROLL OF HONOUR

1. Kate McCarthy (Mastergeeha)
2. Megan Pierce (Castlemaine United)
4. Abbie Walsh (Castleisland)
5. Lauren Smith (Iveragh United)
3. Laura O'Mahony (MEK Galaxy)
6. Kaitlin Horgan (Killarney Athletic)
8. Fallon O'Shea (Inter Kenmare)
7. Roisin Murphy (Tralee Dynamos)
10. Orlaith O'Sullivan (Killorglin)
9. Caoimhe Field (St Brendan's Park)
11. Orlaith Flynn (Camp Juniors)



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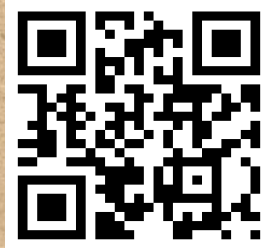


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LEGION

MEMBERS MEETING

A meeting will take place on Thursday 15th October at 7.30pm in the Clubhouse.

Anyone wishing to raise a matter, issue or query for discussion is asked to forward it to the Club Secretary at secretary.legion.kerry@gaa.ie in advance. All members are encouraged to attend.

U16 BOYS

Killarney Legion 2-17 Dr Crokes 1-11

Our U16 Boys travelled to Dr Crokes Park for the delayed East Kerry League Final against our great local rivals Dr Crokes. The team worked very hard through the first half to establish a lead of 1-8 to 0-4 at half time.

The teams traded scores throughout the second half and the boys did enough through the half to keep their noses ahead at the end.

And so ends a good East Kerry League campaign for the team, with good wins against Fossa and Kilgarvan, a draw against Kilcummin and a narrow loss to Scartaglin.

Thanks to Dr Crokes for a great sporting game and to Padraig O'Sullivan for excellent officiating. Captain Sean Lyne accepted the trophy on behalf of the team, a great achievement by Sean after working so hard to get back after a year out injured

LOTTO

Lotto Numbers: 1, 7, 11, 18. Bonus 13. Match 3s lucky dips: Deirdre Foran, Liz & Damien Keane, Catherine Doyle

CONDOLENCES

Sympathies to the Casey and Redpath families from everyone at the club on the death of Ciss Casey (nee Redpath) last week.

The club also sends its condolences to the Duggan family on the recent passing of Tadhg. May they rest in peace

FOSSA GAA

LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 04/10/2026 for a jackpot of €11,400 were 1, 2, 21, 23. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Denise Myers, Kerry Crean, Eileen Mullen Scarteen Killarney, Tina Myers, Sinead O'Shea Castlemaine.

Tickets are available from our sellers and can also be bought online with the following link <https://fossagaa.clubforce.com/products/lotto/fossa-gaa-club-lotto>

SENIOR LADIES

While the result didn't go our way in the Bon Secours-sponsored Premier Junior County Championship Final against Ballymacelligott, our Senior Ladies can be immensely proud of the performance they produced.

Facing highly rated opposition, they showed tremendous character, determination and resilience throughout. From the first whistle to the last, they battled for every ball, supported one another and never stopped believing.

The game was always within reach. We were early leaders and never more than a couple of scores behind and, even when reduced to 14 players with the game in the balance, the girls dug deep, showed real courage and continued to fight for every ball. They gave themselves every chance right to the final whistle and never

allowed the contest to get away from them. There were some excellent passages of play, great teamwork and outstanding individual efforts, but above all, it was the spirit of the group that stood out. Their determination, resilience and refusal to give up epitomised everything that is good about the team.

Defeat is never easy, but this team accepted the result with positivity and maturity, recognising how far they have come and all they have achieved together this season.

A huge thank you to the players, supporters and everyone who helped make this journey possible. Heads held high. Plenty learned, many memories made, and no doubt there are brighter days ahead for this talented group. We are proud of every one of you.

DR. CROKES

SENIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Dr. Crokes 1:20 South Kerry 0:12

After a closely fought first half, we showed quality and composure after the break to pull away and secure an important championship win. South Kerry opened the scoring inside the first minute, but we soon settled into the game with Micheál Burns, Brian Looney, Tony Brosnan and Cian McMahon all contributing to the scoreboard. We led by four points after ten minutes, but South Kerry responded strongly and levelled the game at 0-6 apiece midway through the half. The sides continued to trade scores, with David Shaw adding a valuable two-pointer before half-time. We went into the interval with a narrow 0-11 to 0-10 advantage. We took control however in the second half. A Cian McMahon two-pointer extended the lead early in the half before we began to take control around the middle of the field. Our defence worked hard to limit South Kerry's opportunities. Tony Brosnan seemed to cause problems for the South Kerry defence, while Alex Hennigan made an immediate impact from the bench with two well-taken scores. Tony Brosnan put the finishing touch on an excellent team display with a late goal.

HEALTHY CLUB organised and sponsored a memorable event for our senior club members on Monday last. 24 members went on a 2-hour tour of the Lakes of Killarney in two boats and finished with refreshments in Ross Castle Café. Thanks to Tim and Mike for providing AN Cathal, the new boat specially adapted with facilities for passengers with mobility challenges. This enabled members who would not otherwise be able to enjoy the Lakes.

GREEN CLUB

Dr Crokes Green Club got a great Dig-Out from

the young Academy members on Saturday last, helping to plant daffodils.

Congratulations to Dr Crokes Green Club for featuring prominently in a new book by National Biodiversity Ireland. Only 3 sports clubs in all sports throughout Ireland are included in this prestigious publication.

LOTTO took place on October 5th. Numbers drawn were 6, 9, 15, 22. Jackpot of €5,900 was NOT WON. 8 patrons matched 3 and received €50 each. Jackpot for draw on October 12th will be €6,200. Play online by following the link below <https://member.clubspot.app/club/dr-crokes-gaa/fundraisers>

BINGO

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

KATHLEEN'S GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS resume on Monday October 5th at 11am in the clubhouse. All welcome.

FR. PADDY'S CARDS returns on Wednesday October 7th at 8pm in the clubhouse. Bring €5 and a playing partner. Everyone welcome.

GENTLE YOGA for men and women continues on Thursday's from 6:15pm-7pm. €40 for 5 weeks.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Anne 'Bomber' O'Shea.

CONDOLENCES to Lorraine Fleming and family on the passing of her husband Jer Carey. To Vince Casey and the Casey family on the passing of Vince's uncle Anthony in Longford. To Karl, Keith and the McMahon Family on the recent passing of their aunt Peg and to Burns family on the passing of Mickey Joe's sister Maura in Glengarriff. May they rest in peace.

NOTES

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

EAST KERRY

ROUND 1: 2026 O'SULLIVAN CUP

Legion 2-13 Gneeveguilla 0-22

Dr Crokes 2-09 Furies 1-10

Quarter Finals

Rathmore V Dr Crokes, Gneeveguilla V Kilcummin, Currow V Listry, Glenflesk V Spa Sunday 11th October 12 noon

U16 EAST KERRY CHAMPIONSHIP

Fossa 2-11 Listry 3-20

Furies 3-07 Scartaglin 1-12

Kilgarvan 6-08 Glenflesk 3-15

Dr Crokes 1-02 Kilcummin 1-22

Division 1 Final

Kilcummin V Furies, Sunday Oct 11 11.00am

Venue to be confirmed.



Dr Crokes Mothers & Others have just returned from London after attending the first blitz hosted by Tara Ladies GFC in Watford, London.

IRELAND DARTS TEAM MAKE HISTORY with Europe Cup Gold



Ireland's men's darts team has made history by winning its first-ever Europe Cup Gold medal, with Kilcummin's Dale McCarthy playing a key role in the historic success.

The four-man Irish team consisted of captain Gerard McGlynn (Donegal), Dale McCarthy (Kilcummin, Kerry), Damien Grimes (Louth) and Raymond Mulvey (Leitrim), managed by Listowel's Chris Curran.

Ireland got off to a strong start in the team group stages, defeating Lithuania 9-3 before losing 9-4 to Germany. They bounced back in impressive fashion against Gibraltar, winning 9-1 to finish second in their group and progress to the last 16.

In the Europe Cup Doubles, Dale McCarthy partnered Damien Grimes and reached the last 16. The pair defeated a Maltese duo 4-3 in the last 64 and a Netherlands pairing 4-3 in the last 32, averaging 89.92. They narrowly missed out against Wales in the last 16, losing 4-3 in a deciding leg, despite a 170 checkout from Dale and a 112 checkout from Damien. Ireland then faced reigning World Cup champions Wales in the men's team knockout stages and produced a 9-7 victory. In the quarter-final, they faced reigning Europe Cup champions Sweden and staged a remarkable comeback.

Trailing 7-2 in a race to nine, Ireland fought back to lead 8-7 before Sweden levelled the match at 8-8. A deciding one-leg play-off was required, with managers selecting one player each to represent their teams. Dale McCarthy was chosen for Ireland and held his nerve to defeat Sweden's Andreas Harrysson, who had reached the last 16 of the PDC World Championship earlier this year, sending Ireland into the semi-final.

In the singles competition, Irish captain Ger McGlynn and Ray Mulvey both reached the quarter-finals, where they each lost 4-3 in a deciding leg.

The Irish ladies also enjoyed a superb tournament, defeating Scotland in their quarter-final to reach the semi-finals. The results meant that, for the first time, all members of both Irish teams were guaranteed European medals.

On Saturday, the Ireland men defeated the Netherlands 9-6 in the semi-final to set up a final against England. The Irish ladies also reached their final after a 9-6 semi-final victory over Finland, also setting up a showdown with England.

The ladies' final went all the way to 8-8 before England won the deciding leg, leaving Ireland with a Silver Europe Cup medal. The Irish ladies also finished third in the overall



Ireland Mens Team back
L-R Gerard McGlynn,
Dale McCarthy, Damien
Grimes, Front L-R Chris
Curran, Ray Mulvey.



Dale
McCarthy.



Dale McCarthy & Manager Chris Curran.

player performance, securing both Silver and Bronze medals.

The men's final proved to be another memorable encounter. England took the opening leg, but Ireland responded by winning the next seven legs to move 7-1 ahead in the race to nine. England claimed the ninth leg, but Ireland held their composure to win the next two and seal a historic 9-2 victory.

It was Ireland's first-ever Europe Cup Gold medal since the tournament began in 1978.

The Irish men also received Gold for the

overall European performers, meaning each member of the team collected two European Gold medals.

For Kerry, the success was particularly significant, with Dale McCarthy playing a crucial role throughout the campaign and Chris Curran, from Listowel, guiding the team as manager.

The achievement marks a landmark moment for Irish darts and a tournament to remember for the Irish players and management team.



JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY

takes a look at all things sport...



KILLARNEY BOXER TO CAPTAIN IRELAND

Despite his young age, Killarney boxer Pa Casey will be a familiar name to any Irish follower of the pugilistic art. A multiple All Ireland winner and International Cup champion, Pa has a phenomenal record of 55 wins without defeat, including 25 stoppages. He is the reigning European U15 champion, having won the title last year at 14 years of age and also being named Best Male Boxer at the tournament in Montenegro. Pa was formerly with Sliabh Luachra BC but now boxes out of the family's Casey Boxing Gym - So far this year he has won the Munster and national U15 titles, the Hull Boxing Tournament, and, most impressively, won gold at the Four Nations Championship in Ireland's first time entering after a long absence. His selection on the 25 strong Irish team for the European Championships was only a formality, and Pa has been further honoured by being named captain of his country. Pa will box at 50kg in the tournament, which takes place in Trabzon, Türkiye from October 16th to 27th.

GARVEY'S SENIOR

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

East Kerry 1-12 Mid Kerry 1-11

I definitely fancied Mid Kerry to come out of this one on top. East Kerry, in my possibly harsh opinion, almost sleepwalked through that defeat to South Kerry. I've heard it said that they weren't overly bothered about a non-knockout game (going by the attendance, nor were a lot of other people) but it looked like a team that had gone stale to me. Mid Kerry, meanwhile, got out of jail a little bit when North Kerry left the door ajar late on, but they looked younger and hungrier than East Kerry to me.

It turns out, obviously, that I was wrong, but not by much. I think East Kerry rode their luck here, had a few decisions go in their favour, and in the end, Mid Kerry simply left too many good chances behind them.

Eoin Clifford was outstanding once again. With his form all year – and his displays in last year's club championship – if I could only recommend one name to Jack O'Connor, it would be this Clifford. There was another Clifford who was outstanding, scoring 1-6 of East Kerry's 1-12, but I think Jack already knows about David. That said, David played a bit deeper than usual, as much playmaker as threat – when he did make a first half burst, it yielded a crucial goal. I thought Gearóid Evans marked him as well as anyone could have, Liam Evans was impressive as well, while Mike Breen has become a great leader on the field. Mid Kerry ruled the first quarter, while East Kerry, with Paul O'Shea, Luke Crowley, and David stepping up, had things back level by the break, 1-5 apiece. But Mid Kerry had already left a lot behind them. They did the same in the second half; they kicked thirteen wides and got twelve scores. Even then, East Kerry were lucky to get a breach and have a player with the confidence to opt for the two pointer to win it in the dying minutes. It may sound harsh, but I kind of feel that the better football side lost this game.

Long term I still expect Mid Kerry to be

a dominant force in the coming years – I genuinely thought they would go a lot further this year. How good are East Kerry? The team that steps out on grass doesn't seem to live up to their reputations on paper. Can they step up? Because they really need to if they want to go much further. That said, they have easily the best forward in the game, and that means that they always have a puncher's chance. It'll be interesting.

Spa 1-17 Dingle 1-11

Wow. I was definitely not expecting this, I don't think too many people were. Not because Spa have been playing well – I thought they put up great battles in the group of death in the Senior Club Championship. But Dingle came into this game as the reigning All Ireland champions. I had Dingle to retain the Bishop Moynihan – I believed that coming third in their group would actually suit them perfectly. No risk of relegation, but no energy-sapping extra games either. A six week break for the likes of Barry Dan and Tom O'Sullivan and a chance to get Mark O'Connor back in harness. I also wondered if Spa would throw the handle with the hatchet, with that relegation game against Templehoe hanging over them (a situation that isn't fair on any club, really).

Instead, Spa threw everything at Dingle, handle, hatchet, kitchen sink, right from the off. And Dingle looked shell shocked. Spa played a high press right from the start and Dingle really struggled under their own kick-out. Spa set their stall out early, Cian Murphy with a powerful run, David Spillane with a clever ball across the square to Evan Cronin, who took his point – it could very well have been a goal. Dara Moynihan wasn't far away with a two point free – Moynihan was an absolute colossus here. Spa's half forward line of Cian Murphy, Evan Cronin, and Dara Moynihan was the rock that Dingle foundered on, notching 1-13 between them. That said, early knocks to Billy O'Connor and Niall Geaney (I thought Niall and Tom Leo O'Sullivan were excellent for Dingle) did them



Action from the East Kerry V Mid Kerry game. Photo Seamus Healy



Action from the East Kerry V Mid Kerry game. Photo Seamus Healy

no favours. Niall Geaney had done just enough to pressure Dara Moynihan's finish so that his rocket whizzed just outside the butt of the post. Liam Kearney lorded midfield with great assistance from Shane Cronin. In defence, Dan O'Donoghue reigned supreme, with Michael Foley and Eoin Fitzgerald also excelling. Quite simply, Spa looked faster, hungrier and a lot sharper than their counterparts.

That said, they couldn't really pull away from Dingle on the scoreboard, especially after Dylan and Conor Geaney combined to tee up Cathal Bambury for a fisted goal. Mind you, twin wing terrors Cian Murphy and Dara Moynihan replied with two pointers to give Spa a thoroughly deserved 0-12 to 1-5 half-time lead.

Dylan Geaney was Dingle's best forward and had two quick points on the board. Mikey Geaney brought ferocious energy off the bench and added a point and suddenly there was just one in it. Back came Spa, Evan Cronin and Michael Foley working the scoreboard. Paul Geaney kicked a great two pointer. Sub Liam Spillane kicked one of the points of the day for Spa. Dingle were running their bench to good effect and doing a lot better in winning breaking ball. Spa resolutely refused to buckle, though. With ten minutes left to go, Liam Kearney made a superb run to split Dingle open and Cian Murphy coolly rolled the ball under Gavin Curran for a goal. Spa could clearly sense a sensational victory here and finished stronger. Dingle were fantastic champions and ended their reign in the right manner, their graciousness in defeat was something worthy of acknowledgement.

Can Spa repeat this performance? Because if they can, the County Championship might well be about to get a lot more interesting.

Dr. Crokes 1-20 South Kerry 0-12

Have a look at the County Championship records since the arrival of the millenium and you will note the amount of fantastic games between these two teams. However, while Dr. Crokes might not quite be the force that they were (won't they love me saying that!), South Kerry has been hit brutally by rural emigration and are a pale shadow of themselves. Just look at the number of clubs amalgamated at underage. Even worse, count the enrollments in the primary schools – it is genuinely frightening.

They did well to beat East Kerry last weekend, Donagh Shine and Alex Coffey impressing, but respectfully I attribute that as much to a lacklustre East Kerry as South Kerry excellence. Dr. Crokes got a number of tough games in the Senior Club Championship but still reached the final; I never really expected them to be caught here.

Micheál Burns, Brian Looney (2) and Tony Brosnan (tpf) had them ahead by 0-5 to 0-1. Full credit to South Kerry. Emmett Daly, Mark Sugrue, and a trademark orange flag from goalkeeper Austin Murphy had them right back in it and the first half became a brilliant contest. David Shaw's two pointer nudged Crokes two in front. Graham and Donagh Shine O'Sullivan, the county men, replied before Gavin White fisted over after a great run to give Dr. Crokes a



All eyes on the game at the East Kerry V Mid Kerry game. Photo Seamus Healy

one point lead at the break.

Cian O'Donoghue kicked a very good equaliser to start the second half but Dr. Crokes put on the afterburners at that point. Cian McMahon with a two pointer, Micheál Burns, Tony Brosnan, Alex Hennigan, David Shaw...the scores kept coming and South Kerry just couldn't stay with the club side. It took a great save by Austin Murphy to deny livewire McMahon a goal. Emmett Daly pulled a point back with a free but the writing was already writ large upon the wall. Tony Brosnan with 0-4, 1tp, and Alex Hennigan pulled clear. Shane Murphy denied Ben O'Donoghue with a good save – South Kerry had plenty of defiance, just not enough of the ball. Tony Brosnan wrapped up a great individual display and a comfortable victory by slotting a goal late on to clinch matters.

Rathmore 2-14 St.Kierans 0-19

A tight one to call. Rathmore are the reigning club champions for a reason, but St. Kierans have been going really well at underage and club level. I rate them similarly to Mid Kerry as a side that tends to be easily underestimated. In fact, I believe that being composed from three separate districts, making collective training even more difficult than for most divisional teams, has been a traditional factor in holding them back. They have players as good as anyone, and quite a lot of them.

Seán O'Connell is one of them and opened the scoring with a superb two pointer, but Rathmore were quick out of the blocks, Cian Dineen (3, 1tp), Andrew Moynihan, and Darragh Nagle had them leading by 0-5 to 0-2. Back came St. Kierans, Adam O'Donoghue hitting a great two pointer. Paul Murphy, as always the conductor for Rathmore, teed up Darragh Nagle, who slipped inside before feeding Mark Ryan for a fisted goal. Brendan O'Keefe and Fionn Murphy added points, while Mark Ryan was denied a second goal by a good save from Seán Óg Ó Ciardubháin. Just before half-time, James Darmody set up Darragh Nagle and this time Ó Ciardubháin had no chance. Rathmore led by 3-7 to 0-5 at the break and were looking very comfortable.

Just ten minutes later they were looking a lot less comfortable, because St. Kierans looked a rejuvenated side on the restart.

Adam O'Donoghue (3), Philip O'Connor, Killian Dennehy, and Adam Barry (tpf) had them right back in it. Cathal Ryan interrupted the momentum with a fine score but the outstanding O'Donoghue replied with another orange flag. Adam Barry from a free levelled matters and St. Kierans were now the side in apparent control after a number of substitutions had a good impact. Rathmore have been in situations like this before, though, and responded accordingly. Alan Dineen and Ciarán Collins nudged them in front again, only for Seán O'Connell to boom over yet another long range monster to square things again.

Cathal Brosnan put St. Kierans ahead for the first time since the start of the game but Ciarán Collins replied. Just three minutes left on the clock now plus injury time. Cathal McElligott put St. Kierans back in front but Paul Murphy, as calm and collected as ever, replied instantly. Killian Dennehy appeared to have scored a deserved winner but again Rathmore held their nerve for John Moynihan to level things again. With extra time looking inevitable, up stepped Mark Reen to finally clinch a winner and put the club side through. St. Kierans can feel unlucky; they played magnificent football but just left too many scoring chances behind them. It appears to be a bit of a theme of this County Championship so far. I would certainly say that there are worse teams going further in this year's County Championship. Last year saw Dingle make a historic breakthrough. Could Rathmore be making one of their own? Maybe; they are definitely contenders, and this testing battle won't hurt them going forward.

Kenmare Shamrocks 4-18 West Kerry 1-12

Kenmare looked superb in the County League, but bowed out fairly tamely from the Senior Club Championship. That said, I felt that Seán O'Shea was one of a number of Kerry players who looked fairly worn at that stage. The talisman was at his brilliant best here, notching 1-6 and leading his team all through.

Maurice O'Connell's early goal and Killian Falvey helped West Kerry into a 1-2 to 0-1 lead. I like West Kerry – it always seemed like a safe bet to rule out the chances of a Corca

Dhuibhne side without either Dingle or An Ghaeltacht. In fairness, when it comes to Annascaul, Castlegregory, and Lios Póil, they lack absolutely nothing in heart. Kenmare have plenty of that too, though, and a sharper cutting edge. A lovely pass by Kevin O'Sullivan to Paul O'Connor, and the veteran coolly fired home a goal. Straight from the kick-out, Kenmare were back again, Seán O'Shea with a little dummy before rolling home. Just minutes later, Donal Down O'Sullivan was on hand to flick home Jimmy Lehan's pass. That, for all extents and purposes, was that. Seán O'Shea and Donal Down helped Kenmare into a 3-7 to 1-3 half-time lead. Despite West Kerry's best efforts, the second half had an air of inevitability even before Jack Tagney notched a fourth goal for the club side. They ran out easy winners and they looked very sharp in doing so. They will be underdogs for the latter stages, but they will be underdogs with teeth.

North Kerry 2-16 Na Gaeil 0-11

Club sides have had the better of the exchanges with the divisional teams for the most part in recent County Championships, including this one, but North Kerry were a definite exception and were on top in this one all through. Cormac Dillon (3), Ruairi O'Connell, and Pa Walsh gave them a 0-5 to 0-2 lead. They lost Jerh. Brosnan to injury – I was hugely impressed with Con's grandson last weekend. Conversely, I thought Cormac Dillon very much off the boil last week; this week the Duagh man was in razor-sharp form. Na Gaeil's two points had both come from frees. Scores from play have been a bit of a traditional problem for the Tralee side. I thought they had overcome that last year, but that old over-reliance on Diarmuid O'Connor seemed to be the case here. He kicked a brilliant twopointer to fire up his side, but Darragh Lynch pointed in reply. North Kerry lost Cillian Trant to injury, but Rob Stack and Joe Joe Grimes maintained that grip on midfield. Na Gaeil were feeling the losses of Jack Barry and Oisín Maunsell keenly; faster ball into their forwards could have brought Na Gaeil into contention. As it was, they did in fact take a 0-7 to 0-6 lead at the break, but it was obvious that North Kerry had played the better football. In the second half the divisional outfit continued to do so and also put it on the scoreboard. Cormac Dillon's perfectly judged pass allowed Eddie Healy in for a goal and the Kerry panellist added another at the start of the fourth quarter. That put six points between the sides and North Kerry were able to pis on from there.

Austin Stacks 5-17

Milltown/Castlemaire 1-10

Even with both sides at full strength, the Rockies would probably have been favourites, given their underage record. But with David Roche out and Pa Wren going off injured for Milltown/Castlemaire and Ben Murphy back from Australia for Stacks, the scales were already heavily tilted. The opening quarter was a reasonable contest, Stacks leading but not pulling away, Ben Murphy hitting a point when



Action from the Southern Gaels v Castleisland Desmonds game at the weekend. Photo: Konrad Pytlowski

a goal looked easier early on and Dylan Casey also off with a great goal chance. However, Paddy Lane was already doing damage and he had 1-6 out of Austin Stacks' 1-12 by half-time. Milltown/Casey had just 0-5 on board, Éanna O'Connor with three frees and Brendan Casey with a brace from play. Brendan Casey did score a fine penalty in the 38th minute, but Jack Murphy replied with a goal just three minutes later. Much of the attention might have been on the younger brother, and Ben did pick off an excellent four points, but Jack was at least as effective in Stacks' engine room. Just three minutes after his goal, Joe O'Connor burst through for one of his own. The result was always inevitable from there, with Cian Purcell adding to more green flags, one from a penalty.

An Ghaeltacht 1-14 Templenoe 0-15

The pair had already met in a relegation semi-final, with An Ghaeltacht leading all through and prevailing by four points. An Ghaeltacht had made a fast start on that occasion, but this game was very much a slow burner. Killian Spillane and Brian Ó Beaglaóich traded points in an extremely slow first quarter where both sides pretty much nullified each other. Things brightened up slightly thanks to scores from Dara Ó Beaglaóich and Diarmuid Ó Sé for An Ghaeltacht (who were down a lot of key players) and the Spillane brothers for Templenoe, but it was 0-4 apiece at half-time and to be truthful, you wouldn't have wanted the job of compiling a highlights reel.

Both sides came back out in determined fashion, though. Dara Ó Beaglaóich and Killian Spillane swapped points. Aodhna Ó Beaglaóich was only denied a goal by a great Mark Looney save. Aidan Crowley's long range free raised an orange flag to put Templenoe in front. Cian Mac Gearailt replied with a free but Killian and John Spillane nudged Templenoe two in front – a big lead in such a tight game. Entering the last minute of normal time, Templenoe were slow handing a ball back and referee Gerry Kelliher rightly brought the ball forward. A big one for Cian Mac Gearailt, but he nervelessly nailed it to force extra-time.

At half-time Templenoe led by a single point, 0-13 to 0-12. Both sides were showing wear and tear now, with An Ghaeltacht losing both

Cathal Ó Beaglaóich and Franz Sauerland. Templenoe looked slightly the better team now in a real ding dong struggle, and it looked as though Gavin Crowley's superb score would be enough to snatch victory. Brian Ó Beaglaóich had other ideas. He tapped a quick solo and go free and took off – and I do mean took off, he wasn't going to be caught – before laying off to Cian Mac Gearailt for a cool finish and the game's only goal to clinch a last minute victory. Tough on Templenoe, who must now await Spa's elimination to play that relegation final – and if Spa should happen to reach a County Final, then Templenoe's fate is already sealed through no fault of their own.

Fixtures

North Kerry v An Ghaeltacht, Austin Stack Park, Saturday, 5.00pm
Dr. Crokes v Austin Stacks, Austin Stack Park, Saturday, 7.15pm
Rathmore v Kenmare Shamrocks, Fitzgerald Stadium, Sunday, 1.30pm
Spa v East Kerry, Fitzgerald Stadium, Sunday, 3.30pm

BON SECOURS KERRY LGFA COUNTY FINALS

SENIOR

Southern Gaels v

Castleisland Desmonds

It was always likely to be Southern Gaels facing Castleisland Desmonds. Without disrespecting last year's finalists Na Gaeil, this has been the dominant pairing of the decade. Southern Gaels have been the best side around at plundering goals, and it was that trait that came to the fore again to see them win their fifth Kerry crown in eight seasons.

It didn't take them long to get underway. Leah Griffin was denied at one end by Southern Gaels custodian Aoife Looney, with the ball being worked down the field for Rachel Dwyer to set up Siofra O'Shea for her first goal – even then, you had a fair idea that it wouldn't be the Kerry captain's last!

Leah Griffin and Julia Curtin replied with points,

but the lively Dwyer added two points. Jess Gill was at the heart of every Southern Gaels move and she fed Siofra for her second goal after ten minutes. Siofra added a point a minute later to put seven points between the teams. To their credit, Castleisland Desmonds quickly and impressively started reeling them in. Julia Curtin, who had already been unlucky to blast a goal chance off the post just before Siofra's second goal, kicked four confident frees on the trot as Desmonds applied pressure and trimmed the gap back down to a goal. It wasn't all one way traffic though, with Caoimhe O'Mahony making a great save to deny Cliona Murphy a goal. Jess Gill finally popped over a Southern Gaels score and just before the break, Siofra O'Shea started and finished a move to clinch her hat-trick. 3-4 to 0-6 at half-time. Southern Gaels almost added another goal through Rachel Dwyer on the resumption, but the effort was saved and Desmonds began to claw their way back into the game. The excellent Leah Griffin pointed and then set up Andrea Murphy for a goal. Julia Curtin added a point and just like that, there was only two between the sides again. However, once again Southern Gaels revved up the engines. Aoife Dwyer set up Jess Gill for a goal at the three quarter mark and the youngest of the sisters, Aideen Dwyer, raised another green flag with a sublime finish. Desmonds kept plugging away, Julia Curtin's accuracy to the fore, but a brace from the eldest sister, Rachel, wrapped up a convincing Southern Gaels' victory.

INTERMEDIATE

MKL Gaels 1-12 Cromane 1-4

Much like Ballymac in the Junior the day before, last Sunday was MKL Gaels third attempt at winning the Kerry Intermediate Final after losing out in the previous two years. Just like Ballymac, their story had a happy ending on this occasion, but not before being asked hard questions by a determined Cromane outfit in their first year at the grade.

The first of those questions arrived very early on, Cromane's Roisín Griffin being fouled for a penalty. She took the shot herself, but couldn't get enough power into it and Zeta Ashe made a good save.

Instead it was MKL Gaels who opened the scoring. Tirna Murphy slotted, Erin Evans pointed from play and added a free, and Erica McGlynn notched a two pointer free. MKL Gaels were five points in front with less than ten minutes played.

Cromane needed to respond and did so in fine style, Mary Kate Smith making a fantastic run right through the heart of the defence before laying off to Eimear Burke for a brilliant goal! Game on!

In actual fact, Cromane were giving a great account of themselves in general play and contesting everything.

Mary Kate Smith was outstanding, and another great run by her ended in a free converted by Eimear Burke. Just a single point between the sides now, and yet another run by Smith and conversion by Burke wiped out the deficit completely, 0-5 to 1-2.

It was MKL Gaels who finished the half stronger,

though. A superb catch and run by Ellen Kelliher saw Niamh Broderick's rocket crash back off the crossbar. Sarah Fitzgerald kicked a point to nudge them back in front. Erin Evans had a goal chance of her own, albeit from a tight angle, and Edel Murphy saved. Niamh Broderick made another superb run and fired at goal, but again Murphy was alert to the danger. MKL Gaels weren't actually getting much reward on the scoreboard for the amount of attacking play, but after Niamh Broderick's effort came back off the post, the ball was recycled back out to Erica McGlynn for the last score of the first half. MKL Gaels started the second half well too, but had a couple of wides and it was Roisín Griffin who won and converted a Cromane free. However, that seemed to be the catalyst that Caoimhe Evans needed. The All Ireland winner was suddenly on fire and seized the game by the scruff of the neck, powering through for three superb scores on the trot. A foul on namesake Clodagh saw Erin Evans add another free and MKL Gaels were now 0-11 to 1-3 ahead. Roisín Griffin, a dynamo all day, won and fired over another free but MKL Gaels were in control now. Erin Evans added another free and late on was on hand to fire home an injury time goal to clinch it after more good work from Clodagh Evans.

JUNIOR

Ballymac v Fossa

Ballymac had been knocking at the door of this title for a long time, losing the last two finals in the closing minutes. Last Saturday in glorious sunshine in a packed Johnny Culloty Park in Dirreen, they were finally able to lift the coveted trophy at long last – even if they had to survive a few scares by a tenacious and talented Fossa side along the way!

Ballymac's Roisín Rahilly won a scorable free in the opening minutes, confidently tapped over by Cora Savage. However, Melissa Buckley replied with a Fossa beauty from play and Anna Clifford soon added another after great team play.

Ballymac had the ball in the net, but the handpass had been untouched and the goal was correctly disallowed. There was equal excitement at the other end, where Fossa had a great goal chance themselves but Kelsey Cummin's clever kickpass slipped out of the impressive Tara O'Sullivan's grasp. Cora Savage brought Ballymac back to level terms after Kate Collins was fouled but Ava O'Neill replied in

kind after good work by Ciara Quirke and Kelsey Cummins made it 0-4 to 0-2 in Fossa's favour.

Then came the defining moment of the game. Ballymac had been getting the better of the possession stakes but too many of their attacks were breaking down around the half forward line. This was another case where Fossa effected a turnover and were coming out. However, on this occasion Kerry minor Jamie Lee O'Connor had other ideas, brilliantly stealing the ball and surging past surprised defenders before launching a pinpoint rocket to rattle the net. A stunning goal.

Lily O'Shaughnessy pulled a point back after more excellent play from Kelsey Cummins but a great pass from Rachel Creedon opened the gap for Kate Collins to fire home goal number two. Just before half-time, Ava O'Neill won and converted a free. Ballymac led by 2-2 to 0-6 at the break.

Lily O'Shaughnessy opened the second half scoring for Fossa. However, Ballymac looked much more direct and coordinated now up front. Kate Collins fed Rachel Creedon for a fine score. They were only denied a goal by a great double save by Fossa netminder Anne O'Shaughnessy. From the '45, Rachel Creedon won a free converted by Cora Savage and, after a good effort came back off the post, Savage was on hand again to pop the recycled ball over the Fossa bar.

Two more Ava O'Neill frees reduced the gap back down to two.

Once again, though, Ballymac had that little bit extra. Roisín Rahilly went on a mesmerising run, seemingly slicing at will through hapless defenders. She was about to pull the trigger when she was unceremoniously upended by Anna O'Reilly at the cost of a yellow card. It was only a brief interruption anyway to proceedings, as Sarah Scanlon stepped up and struck a superb penalty. 3-5 to 0-9 now.

Quick reactions by Scanlon saw her feed Cora Savage for another point. Lily O'Shaughnessy replied and Melissa Buckley wasn't far away from goal with a brilliant long range effort that skimmed just outside the post.

Cora Savage slotted another free and there were six points between the teams. Ava O'Neill kicked another two frees and Anna Clifford had a powerfully struck free taken off the crowded goal-line, Ballymac they held their nerve brilliantly during a long injury time before finally being confirmed as Kerry's Premier Junior champions.

MKL Gaels who won the Kerry Intermediate Final on Sunday



SPSL Student Eoin Cashman Awarded Prestigious Naughton Scholarship!

Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luacha, Rathmore, Co. Kerry is celebrating the outstanding achievement of Leaving Cert 2026 student Eoin Cashman, who has been awarded a prestigious Naughton Scholarship, valued at €24,000 towards his studies in STEM. Eoin's exceptional academic ability, dedication and commitment have earned him this remarkable recognition. A truly talented scholar, Eoin continues to make the school community extremely proud. SPSL extends its warmest congratulations to Eoin on this fantastic achievement and wishes him every success in his future studies and career.

Eoin's STEM journey has included outstanding success at SciFest 2025, where he worked alongside fellow students Alex Thompson and Kamil Zoltek on an innovative project exploring planetary environments through the analysis of ballistic dust motion.

Their project, titled "Quantitative Analysis of Physical Environmental Characteristics through the Observation of the Ballistic Motion of Lofted Dust Particles," investigated whether the movement of dust particles could be used to determine physical properties such as acceleration due to gravity and atmospheric density.

Using video analysis software, the students examined footage from NASA's Apollo 16 mission, analysing the dust cloud created



Deputy Principal Shane Guerin, Eoin Cashman, Kevin McCarthy and Principal Mairéad Lucey. Photographs were taken by Seamus Healy.

by the Lunar Roving Vehicle on the surface of the Moon. They also examined Earth-based footage for comparison. Their analysis produced a calculated lunar gravitational acceleration within 5.85% of the accepted value, while their model for atmospheric density on Earth was within 6.7% of the reported value.

The project demonstrated an innovative, low-cost approach to using optical data to investigate the physical characteristics of planetary and lunar environments. Their success continued at SciFest Kerry 2025, where the team were named overall runner-up from 140 projects, earning the opportunity to represent Kerry at the All-Ireland SciFest National Finals in Dublin.

At the National Finals, the students achieved the remarkable distinction of becoming overall national runners-up, with their success earning them the opportunity to represent Ireland

at an international science and engineering event in Phoenix, Arizona.

Eoin has also achieved significant recognition as a 5th year student in the Central Statistics Office (CSO) National Statistics Competition. His project, "Orbital Eccentricity and its Effect on Stability," earned him an Order of Merit in the Senior Category. The competition challenged students to identify a real-world problem and use statistics to analyse and interpret their findings through written and graphical presentation. Eoin was invited to receive his award at a ceremony in Croke Park.

Eoin also performed exceptionally in the Leaving Certificate 2026 achieving an incredible 7 straight H1's including outstanding H1 results in Higher Level Maths, Physics and Chemistry. A phenomenal achievement that truly reflects his passion for STEM. These achievements have culminated in perhaps Eoin's most

significant recognition to date: his selection as a recipient of the Naughton Scholarship 2026. The prestigious scholarship recognises students demonstrating outstanding academic ability, interest and potential in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Eoin will receive €24,000 towards his third-level studies in engineering, science or technology at an Irish university.

The Naughton Scholarship recognises not only academic excellence but also a student's motivation, commitment, potential and determination to succeed in their chosen STEM field. Eoin's remarkable record of achievement demonstrates his genuine passion for STEM, his ability to apply scientific and mathematical thinking to complex problems, and his commitment to innovation and research.

Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luacha is immensely proud of Eoin's achievements and the recognition he has brought to our school. His success is a testament to his talent, hard work and dedication and the Science department in SPSL. Eoin is a wonderful ambassador for SPSL as well as for STEM.

Congratulations to Eoin on this truly outstanding series of achievements, and we wish him every success as he continues his STEM journey.

KERRY APPLICATIONS FOR TEXACO 'SUPPORT FOR SPORT' FUNDING INVITED

Sports clubs from Co. Kerry and beyond are invited to apply for the sixth Texaco Support for Sport initiative in which a fund of €130,000 will be divided equally in €5,000 amounts and distributed to successful applicants in each of the twenty-six counties.

To date more than €600,000 has been distributed to over 125 sports clubs across Ireland, of which €5,000 each went to five successful Co. Kerry clubs: Inter Kenmare FC (2021), Castlegregory Golf & Fishing Club (2022), St. Brendan's Park Football Club, Tralee (2023), Mastergeeha Football Club (2024) and Killarney Valley AC (2025).

Open to all sports clubs irrespective of sporting discipline, size, membership, age, cultural appeal or gender (including clubs that may have been unsuccessful in their application previously), the initiative is one that 'recognises and supports the valuable contribution that sports clubs make to communities and throughout Irish society'.

Following lines similar to that which proved successful over the past four years, clubs wishing to apply should first register their interest on www.TexacoSupportforSport.com, followed, before closing date, by a completed application that should include details of their sporting

activity, the importance of the club in their local community, the purpose for which the funding is sought, and the use to which the funds will be put.

A sole qualifying requirement is that clubs must be properly constituted and hold a valid GS Exemption Number (Games and Sports Exemption Number) that features on the list published by the Office of the Revenue Commissioners on 2nd July 2026.

Closing date for applications is 21st January 2027 with adjudication taking place thereafter.



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shares his thoughts on Budget 2027

Speaking in Dail Eireann on Tuesday night, the Kerry TD said: I am glad to have an opportunity to mention some of the things in the budget that concern me. The Minister said we will have a €6.7 billion surplus. This could have helped a lot of people a good bit more. I welcome the good and I condemn the bad. I welcome the increase in the tax cap from €44,000 to €46,500. While it is welcome, I do not believe it is enough. It has been pointed out to me several times that a couple with two children on a medium wage and a medium income would be better off not working as they would qualify for a social house and perhaps buy it out afterwards. They cannot even get on the list because the threshold is €38,000. We all know that incomes have gone up that bit so many more people are being denied getting on the housing list. It is very unfair that this cohort of people is not being rewarded because these people are working.

There is nothing for the green diesel. I have been raising this since we came back with regard to the construction sector. It has been left out completely.

The Taoiseach, Deputy Micheál Martin, promised us in May that construction would be included. The Tánaiste, Deputy Simon Harris, reiterated that the day after. The Minister, Deputy Martin Heydon, said it would be included but that it was not his area. The Minister, Deputy Darragh O'Brien, told me they were working on it. I raised it here again three weeks ago. It has not been included today and I am very concerned about that. The Government is priding itself on building houses, but it is not looking after the people actually involved in the construction industry. It has been mentioned that the VAT on materials should be reduced. It should, of course, because the cost of everything has gone stone mad. Going back to the operators of big machines, small machines and every kind of machine you could



think of, including cranes, dumpers, rollers, diggers and everything else, their machines are guzzling green diesel. Its price was a constant 94 cent a litre in the year from 2025 up to the end of January 2026. Today, it is €1.76 a litre. That is what it is costing.

I welcome the €15 million for rural pubs, because many of them will not be able to keep their doors open.

I condemn the rise of €1 in the price of a packet of cigarettes. That is going to hurt old people and people who are addicted. It is not nice, because they are just depending on their fags. It will send young fellas off buying other things like vapes and different things, and we do not know what is inside of them.

I welcome the €500 payment for people with disabilities. It is excellent and I know it will mean something that will be a good help.

The increase of €5 per week in the fuel allowance is not much at all for people. You would hardly get 3 litres of diesel for it.

I welcome the increase in the school capitation grant, but I do not think it is enough because many principals are paying out of their own pockets to keep things going in their schools.

Turning to the Student Universal Support Ireland, SUSI, grant, I think it was an ideal opportunity to do something about youngsters not being allowed to work at weekends. I was promised that if they kept it under approximately €8,000 in the year, they could work weekends. I am now being told

that it is not going to be considered at all. That clause is denying people that opportunity, but it is saving the Department €12 million. It is very hurtful that the Government is stopping youngsters from working, because they take pride in being able to earn a few bob to help their parents and themselves.

I see where it is proposed to give €1.6 billion extra to the Department of Defence. The Government had no bother in the world in giving €2 billion to Ukraine to keep the war going, but it is making much ado about giving €1.6 billion to the Defence Forces here.

One thing I should have mentioned in relation to green diesel and the construction workers is that they were tied into contracts at the start of this year and they have to honour those contracts. As I said already, they are losing their shirts on some jobs. Quarries were mentioned as well, and the people supplying those kinds of materials. They got nothing either.

Moving to the living alone allowance and the pension, an extra €3 for a person living alone on a pension is not much because they have to pay the same outgoings as a couple. The €3 will not make much of a difference to those people. I welcome the reduction in the cost of childcare. The trouble is that we are losing childcare workers because of the conditions and the reduced pay that they have to work under. That will have to be looked at. If we do not have the childcare workers, we will not have a childcare system.

On the €1.7 billion extra being given to the HSE, I always worry about the extra money that the HSE gets every year because I feel we are not getting value for money. It always worries me when someone who is sick has to leave their own home and a warm bed, maybe, and spend 24 hours, 48 hours or, in some cases, 72 hours on a trolley in Tralee when there are no beds there for them to go into. This is after they have come out of their own warm beds.

Call for review of worsening traffic congestion in Killarney

Killarney councillor Cllr Martin Grady is calling for a review of traffic management in Killarney following a number of concerns raised by constituents about severe delays on the Muckcross Road during the morning rush hour.

Cllr Grady said residents living along the Muckcross Road, around Woodlawn and further out towards Muckcross have contacted him about worsening congestion, with some motorists now facing delays of more than half an hour getting from the Flesk Bridge or Woodlawn Cross into Killarney town.

"This level of congestion is simply not acceptable," said Cllr Grady. "I have been contacted by constituents who are experiencing significant delays every morning, with parents trying to get their children to school and people trying to commute into work being caught in traffic for prolonged periods."

"I am calling for a review of the traffic situation along

the Muckcross Road, including the operation and sequencing of the traffic lights and whether there are any other obstructions or traffic management issues contributing to the delays.

"But this issue goes beyond the Muckcross Road. Killarney as a whole is experiencing increasing levels of traffic congestion across the town. The people of Killarney have been suffering with traffic for far too long, and the situation is getting worse."

"Our population is growing and traffic volumes are increasing year on year. We need to look at the bigger picture and develop a proper traffic management plan for Killarney."

"We need to identify where the problems are, examine how traffic is being managed across the town and put measures in place to improve traffic flow. The current situation has gone beyond what is acceptable for residents, commuters and visitors to Killarney."

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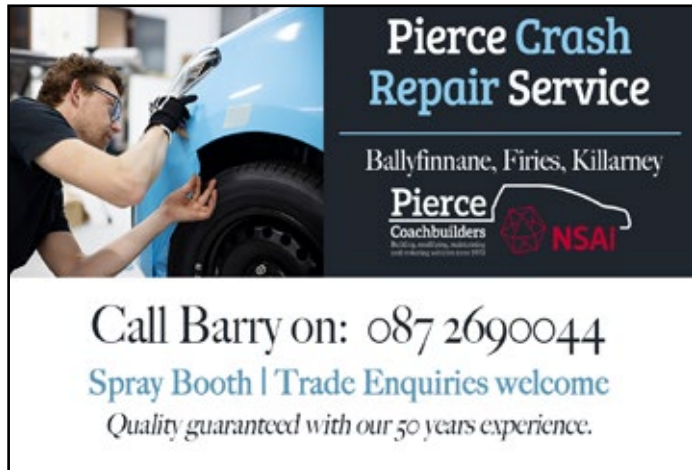
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The bare rooted planting season lasts from November until March. The reason for this is that the trees and hedging are dormant at this time of year, so you can't really do any damage when you are lifting or planting. When planting bare rooted, as a general rule, plant about three plants per meter, roses can also be purchased and planted bare rooted as can fruit trees and fruit bushes. The main thing when planting bare rooted trees and hedging is that when you purchase them and if you are not going to plant them straight away, you will have to heel them into the ground. By this I mean you will have to dig a hole, place the plant in and cover the roots with earth to stop them drying out.

When hedging plants, roses and fruit bushes, they will usually come in bundles and will be tied together, so you don't have to separate them, just put the whole bundle in the ground.

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Colourful Streetscapes Mural Project Launched in Killarney

A colourful collection of murals celebrating Killarney through the eyes of young artists was launched at College Square, yesterday, Thursday, October 8.

Streetscapes was a collaboration between Kerry Local Creative Youth Partnership and the Architecture Kerry Festival 2026, with the open-air launch accompanied by performances from Killarney Youth Drumming Band THUMP!

The murals, created by children from Killarney, reimagined the town's streets and landmarks through themes of freedom, play and imagination.

Supported by the Creative Ireland Programme, the artwork was displayed on the gable wall of Reens Life Pharmacy in College Square and is due to remain in place until March 2027.

The project was part of the Architecture Kerry Festival and was funded by Creative Ireland and the Department of Education and Youth through Kerry ETB and Kerry County Council.



Where's the I in Ireland?



Kerry artist Felix Power invited people in Killarney to explore questions of identity, belonging and Irishness at a free event at the ANAM Centre on Saturday, October 10 at 2.30pm.

Where's the I in Ireland? is an ongoing art project based around 21 questions about what it means to feel like yourself and to feel Irish. Participants were invited to record their thoughts anonymously on cards, with the responses forming part of a growing collection of different perspectives on Irish identity.

The Killarney event combined discussion, humour and audience participation, while a pop-up exhibition of responses gathered from previous events was also on display.

The project has involved groups in Dublin, Cork and Kerry and aims to explore the many different ways people experience identity and belonging. Participants did not have to speak publicly or share their stories aloud.

The event was supported by Creative Ireland and Kerry County Council Arts Office.

Pictured are 6th Year students from St. Brigid's Presentation Secondary School who enjoyed a fantastic four-day trip to London last week! A brilliant opportunity to explore the city, visit some of its famous sights and make wonderful memories together during their final year at St. Brigid's.





A Word of Victory

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for instruction, for conviction, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, fully equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

Welcome back dear student, training and upskilling in the workplace is a fact of life nowadays. Whether it's health and safety, or understanding new products and technology, education is important to keep up to date. Really, in all parts of life we are learners every day. In parenting, in being a good friend, learning new apps - even in observing life and people there's something new to discover daily - if we are teachable! Some view learning with dread or disdain - maybe due to negative childhood experiences. Paul wrote 'when I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child. But when I grew up, I put the ways of childhood behind me - I put away childish things' (1 Corinthians 13:11). Sometimes, it's not that one doesn't want to learn and be trained - it is that certain things trigger old negative thought patterns and reactions which restrict our capacity to move forward. Folks can get stuck or stunted in a negative or hopeless mindset due to past trauma, which clouds their perspective on everything. It's a huge part of our ministry - helping people to accept the past, then to forgive and release the toxic emotions that have poisoned or paralysed, by realising 'hey, I'm not a helpless victim anymore'. It's a 'lightbulb' moment. Toxic emotional danger or pain doesn't have to dictate who I am now, or, where the Lord can take me.

The greatest hurdle to overcome the past is understanding that one doesn't have to live as a victim forever. God calls us overcomers (1 John 4:4; 1 John 5:4; Romans 8:37). Jesus said "I have overcome the world"... so that we can have Peace that passes all understanding, which guards our hearts and minds when we trust Him and release our need for vindication (John 16:33; Philippians 4:7). The past can never repay what was stolen or lost. But we have today, and the future to build! There is great freedom to be gained friend. Holding onto pain, grudges, bitterness, and trauma is detrimental to health and wellbeing. Torment is a horrible place to live in. So is isolation, regret, and restrictive mindsets. There is so much joy and wonder in the world around us, in relationship with the One Who made it all. He made you too! God calls you His masterpiece (Ephesians 2:10). Psalm 139 tells of how you were knit together in your mother's womb. Woven and embroidered into the magnificent creation that you are - fearfully and wonderfully made by the God Who loves you.

Usually, to learn new methods in the workplace, there's a course to attend either in-house, or in another setting. One hopes they will provide lunch - or at least tea and a biscuit while they unveil their vision to upskill you! God's Kingdom requires training too. But instead of a one-time snack, we get to eat our daily Heavenly Bread: Jesus, the Living Word of God (John 6:35). As we study the Scriptures, our minds are renewed, and we are healed in our thoughts and expectations. We drink Living Water from the Fountain of Life (Psalm 36:7-9). His Water washes us, eliminating stagnant, stinking water - replacing it with the Water of Life - Jesus. Thus, we become vessels of honour, containing the Precious Glory of God's Presence, enabling us to bring a fresh stream of Living Water to those in our sphere of influence. Personal experience is the greatest teacher. Jesus promised 'out of your belly shall flow rivers of Living Water' (John 7:37). He has provided all we need to succeed.

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

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 Franciscan Friary 2pm - 7pm Fridays Holy Hour
 Sundays @ 6pm

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2027

For your planning: Please note that bookings for 1st Anniversary Masses only will be taken at the Parish Office on Tuesday Oct 27th and all other Mass Intentions can be arranged from Wednesday Oct 28th onwards. Call into Parish Office only on those days. No bookings will be taken over the phone that week.

ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE SERVICE UHK

for parents and their families who have lost a baby through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, fetal anomaly, stillbirth or neonatal birth, in the Chapel of Christ in the University Hospital Kerry healer on Sunday 11th of Oct at 2.30pm.

SILVER CIRCLE DRAW

It is that time of the year again when we are asking for help in promoting the Silver Circle Draw. The Silver Circle is our only fundraiser during the year, and we will begin this Thursday 8th Oct with the first draw, and every Thursday thereafter for 10 weeks concluding on Thursday 10th of December. Supporting local businesses and shops in Kerry is more important than ever and thank you to all our sponsors to date. Tickets are available from the Parish Office, the Sacristies, from promoters and ticket sellers

KILLARNEY NATIONAL PARK AUTUMN TALK

SERIES: on Thurs 15th of Oct at 8pm at Killarney House & Gardens, on "Starling Murmuration's", Speaker; James Crombie Multi Award Winning Photographer. Admission Free, limited seating, livestreaming service via facebook page.- @killarneynationalpark

THE KINGDOM CHOIR:

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YOUTH MINISTRY IN THE DIOCESE OF KERRY:

The Diocesan Springs of Hope Newsletter is now available to view. The Newsletter provides a colourful and interesting look at some of the exciting things happening within the Diocese of Kerry in the area of Youth Ministry and the people involved. So, grab a cuppa and have a read! You can either access this QR Code or go directly to www.dioceseofkerry.ie and find it under Youth Ministry.

NOVENA TO SAINT THÉRÈSE

O Little Thérèse of the Child Jesus, please pick for me a rose from the heavenly gardens and send it to me as a message of love.

O Little Flower of Jesus, ask God to grant the favors. I now place with confidence in your hands (mention your special prayer request here)

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

M.B.

THE MIRACLE PRAYER

Dear Heart of Jesus in the past I have asked many favours. This time I ask you this special one, (mention favour). Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it within your own broken heart where your Father sees it.

Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favour not mine.

Amen.

Say this prayer for three days.

Publication of prayer and favour will be granted.

M.B.

NOVENA TO ST. JUDE

Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the Church honors and invokes you universally, as the patron of difficult cases, of things almost despaired of, Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Intercede with God for me that He bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, particularly (Mention your request here...)

And that I may praise God with you and all the saints forever. I promise, O Blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor granted me by God and to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you.

Amen

THANKSGIVING

Thank you St. Anthony, St. Teresa, St. Padre Pio, St. Philomena, St. Jude, St. Rita, The Holy Spirit, guardian Angel, Blessed Virgin Mary and dear Jesus for favours received. I will continue praying to you always in thanksgiving.

Amen

M.B.

5TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF A BELOVED FATHER AND GRANDAD

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WHOSE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OCCURS ON THE 11TH OF OCTOBER.

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Always loved and remembered by Felicity, Patrick, Max and Sofia.

6TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

LINDA LUCEY EVISTON



FROM DROMKERRY, KILLARNEY WHO PASSED AWAY ON THE 10TH OF OCTOBER 2020.

The most beautiful woman, inside and out. Our greatest treasure was your love, strength, grace and kindness.

With everlasting love from Patrick, Erik and Alannah.

Anniversary Mass for Linda will be in St. Mary's Cathedral on Saturday, 10th October at 6.15pm.

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6TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR BEAUTIFUL SISTER

LINDA LUCEY EVISTON



WHOSE 6TH ANNIVERSARY OCCURS ON 10TH OCTOBER 2026

*They say there is a reason
They say time will heal
Neither time or reason
Will change the way we feel*

*Gone are the days we used to share
But in our hearts you are always there
The gates of memories will never close
We miss you more than anyone knows*

*Love and miss you every day Linda
Till we meet again
Always and forever*

**Your loving sisters
Karen, Sandra, Deirdre, Áine and Families**

Anniversary Mass for Linda will take place on Saturday 10th October @ 6.15pm in St. Mary's Cathedral

NOVENA TO ST. CLAIRE

Ask St. Claire for three favours, one business, two impossible and say nine Hail Mary's for nine days with lighted candle. Pray whether you believe or not. Publish on ninth day.

Powerful novena.

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised, adored, glorified and loved today and every day throughout the whole world forever. Amen

Say six times daily for nine days. Your request will be granted no matter how difficult it may seem. Favour publication must be promised.

M.B.

6TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR BEAUTIFUL FRIEND

LINDA LUCEY EVISTON



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