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All smiles for the Easter Bunny's arrival at Dr. Crokes Academy at the weekend. See page 16.

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A Note from the EDITOR



With the days stretching into longer evenings and the glimpse of the odd blue sky, we have lots for you to enjoy in this week's Killarney Outlook magazine. The town will welcome over 12,000 people on Tuesday and Wednesday next as the Citizenship ceremonies take place in the Gleneagle Arena, the Irish Blood Transfusion Service are seeking donors and Gneeveguilla dancers are on top of the world!

The 2026 Streets of Killarney Road Race had record breaking numbers taking part, Lightening McQueen is on his way to Killarney and it's almost time to Wander Wild.

There was great excitement at Dr. Crokes Academy with the arrival of the Easter Bunny, Killarney Legion are holding a creative fundraiser for the U10 Girls trip to Croke Park and Killarney Outlet Centre has been given the go-ahead for a bowling alley.

Deenagh Lodge has opened its doors for the Summer season, Killarney Celtic enjoyed their trip to sunny Spain and a fundraising quiz is planned to raise funds for the Ian O'Connell Trust.

In sport, the Skip Buckley Mothers & Others Basketball tournament was a huge success, the U18.5 Girls have won the Munster Rugby League and Jimmy goes back in time to the 1060's.

Hope you all enjoy this week's Killarney Outlook

Aisling Crosbie



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Motorists Warned of Traffic Disruptions During Killarney Citizenship Ceremonies

Residents and visitors to Killarney are being advised to plan ahead as significant traffic delays are expected next week due to large-scale citizenship ceremonies taking place in the town.

The ceremonies, organised by the Department of Justice, will be held on Tuesday, April 14th and Wednesday, April 15th, 2026 at the Gleneagle Arena.

With over 12,000 people expected to attend across the two days, the events mark an important milestone for thousands beginning their new lives in Ireland. However, the large influx of visitors is set to place considerable pressure on local transport routes and parking facilities.

Traffic delays are anticipated to be most severe in areas surrounding the Gleneagle Arena and along Muckcross Road, particularly between 9:30am and 4:30pm on both days. Motorists are being urged to allow extra travel time and, where possible, avoid the area during peak hours.

Parking in and around the venue will be extremely limited, and attendees are encouraged to leave their cars at their accommodation and make use of alternative transport options. Free shuttle bus services will



Some of the attendees who received Irish Citizenship at a ceremony at Gleneagle Killarney in June 2025
Photo: Don MacMonagle

operate from key locations, including the train station and Scott's Street, beginning at 8:00am each morning.

Local residents are also being advised that routine journeys may take longer than usual, while accommodation providers have been asked to remind guests to use shuttle services or walk where feasible.

Despite the expected disruptions, the ceremonies represent a positive and significant occasion for the town, bringing economic benefits to local businesses, restaurants, and hospitality providers.

Authorities are asking for the public's cooperation to ensure the smooth running of the events and to minimise inconvenience over the two days.

Killarney Blood Donation Clinic Urgently Seeking Donors

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service is calling on the public to support an upcoming blood donation clinic in Killarney, as demand for blood supplies remains critically high across Ireland.

With approximately 3,000 blood donations needed every week to meet hospital requirements, new donors are more important than ever. Currently, only around 3% of the eligible population in Ireland gives blood, highlighting the urgent need for more people to step forward and help save lives.

Killarney residents are encouraged to attend the upcoming clinic at the The Heights Hotel on the following dates:

Monday 13th April: 3:50pm – 8:00pm

Tuesday 14th April: 3:50pm – 8:00pm

Wednesday 15th April: 2:30pm – 4:60pm & 6:50pm – 9:00pm

Thursday 16th April: 2:30pm – 4:60pm & 6:50pm – 9:00pm

Blood donation plays a vital role in patient care nationwide. Around 67% of all donated blood

is used in the treatment of cancer patients, while a further 27% supports surgeries and emergency situations such as accidents and trauma. Donations are also essential for newborn babies, patients with blood disorders, and those with immune deficiencies.

One of the biggest challenges facing the service is the short shelf life of certain blood components. Platelets, which are critical in the treatment of cancer and leukaemia patients, last just five to seven days-meaning a constant supply is needed.

The donation process is safe, simple, and takes approximately 20 minutes. Generally, donors must be aged between 18 and 65 and weigh at least 50kg, though regular donors may continue beyond this age with medical approval.

The IBTS also reassures the public that all donations are fully tested, and donor confidentiality is strictly maintained. However, individuals are reminded not to donate blood as a way of testing for infections.

By giving blood, donors are directly contributing to saving lives and supporting vital treatments across Irish hospitals. The IBTS is encouraging both regular and first-time donors in Killarney and surrounding areas to attend the upcoming clinic and make a difference.

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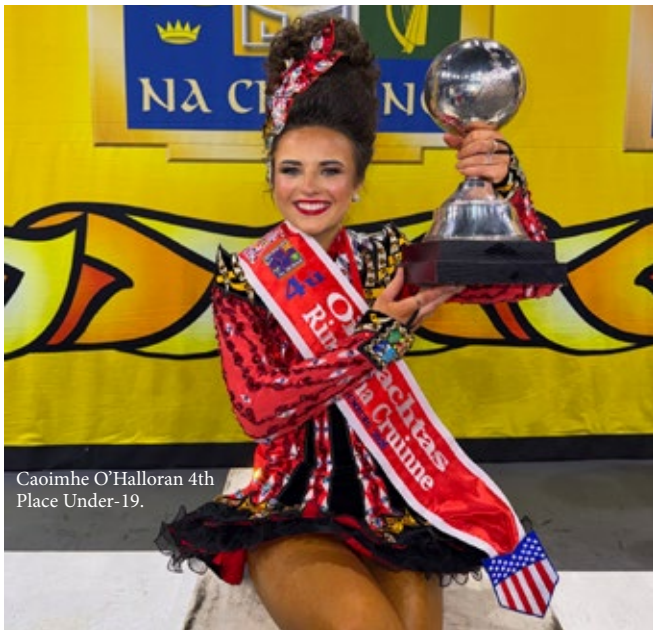
TOP OF THE WORLD... Gneeveguilla Dancers Make their Mark in Chicago



World
Champion
Under-13
Marcus
O'Sullivan.

Six dancers from the Áine Murphy Dance Academy which is based in Gneeveguilla recently competed in the World Irish Dance Championships which were held in Chicago and achieved amazing success. Marcus O'Sullivan from Milltown was crowned World Champion in the Under 13 Boys competition making it his 3rd win in a row. This win comes in addition to the All-Ireland title he won in Killarney earlier this year while he was also personally invited by Michael Flatley to be part of the opening of the 30th anniversary Lord of the Dance show so it's been a memorable couple of months. In addition to Marcus's success, Caoimhe O'Halloran from Killcummin, having missed last year's Championships due to injury made the podium in a fabulous Under

19 competition bringing another much sought after Globe back to the Kingdom while studying for her Leaving Certificate. 11 year old Isabelle O'Sullivan who hails from Rathmore just missed the podium finishing an incredible 6th place and winning a world medal in the Under 12 category. Her sister Grace and Kayla Fleming from Brosna both made the final recall in their respective categories while Grace O'Leary from Killarney had a personal best result at her very 1st World Championships. Over the last few months the dancers had a huge fundraising drive and they can't thank their local businesses, communities, families and friends enough for all the support and generosity. They were truly overwhelmed and really hope they did everyone proud.



Caoimhe O'Halloran 4th
Place Under-19.



Isabelle
O'Sullivan 6th
Place Under-12.



Marcus O'Sullivan with Michael
Flatley at Lord of the Dance.



Kayla Fleming.



Grace O'Sullivan, Grace O'Leary,
Marcus O'Sullivan.



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It's Almost Time to Wander Wild

With just over a week to go, anticipation is building for Wander Wild, taking place from 17-19 April in Killarney. Now in its fifth year, Ireland's leading outdoor and wellness festival transforms Killarney into the country's ultimate playground for adventure, wellbeing and connection. Across 26,000 acres of UNESCO Killarney National Park and the town, the festival hosts over 160 events celebrating nature, movement, and community.

Here's a selection of unmissable experiences to book:

WestWords: Poetry & Spoken Word

Award-winning author and mental health blogger Daragh Fleming will host an intimate gathering of poets and spoken word artists. Participants will share works inspired by the land, wildness, and nature, creating a unique evening where words connect thoughts, experiences, and people.

Killarney's Hidden Valley Hike: The Horses Glen

Local mountaineer Killian Buckley, known for climbing some of the world's toughest routes, leads a 12km hike with 800m elevation through one of Killarney's best-kept secrets. Along the way, he shares stories from his global expeditions, proving that the most stunning landscapes are sometimes off the beaten track.

Stand-Up Paddleboarding

Glide along the Lakes of Killarney on a paddleboard, taking in the Eagles Nest, Purple Mountain, and The MacGillycuddy's Reeks. This activity offers a unique perspective of the lakes, combining balance, serenity, and adventure.

Wildlings Family Events

Families can enjoy a range of activities, from folklore walks with children's author Barry Coleman, yoga for kids, and parent-child sound baths, to nature-themed LEGO workshops, Autism-friendly walks, and festival favorites such as Gruffalo hunts, family orienteering, and kids' balance bike workshops.

Trail Running Masterclass with Outsider.ie

Irish international trail runner Matt McConnell offers coaching on technique, trail confidence, training principles, and fueling strategies for



endurance. All attendees receive a free Altar Speed Dust bag.

Seanchóiche

An evening of storytelling where ordinary people share extraordinary experiences. This safe, supportive space is filled with empathy, laughter, and connection.

Plámásing

A new talk-show style evening hosted by Fionn Phelan, featuring singer Rua Rí, adventure creator Tadhg O'Brien, and Gaeilgeoir John Prendergast, celebrating creativity, curiosity, and culture through engaging conversation.

Sunrise & Sunset Kayak Tours

Explore the lakes on a three-hour guided kayak tour, visiting the Coppermines, Limestone Caves, and the ruins of a 7th-century monastery on Inisfallen Island. Multiple sessions run throughout the weekend.

Rave ar Róthar

Kick off the festival with a 5km group cycle through Killarney, led by a cycling DJ. Dress up, deck your bike in lights, and enjoy a pedal-powered party through the town. Free event – Cyclists must register as places are limited.

Social Summit with Tadhg O'Brien

Join a moderate-to-difficult 10km hike to North Mangerton Mountain (839m). Connect with fellow hikers and learn about Ireland's landscapes and the joys of being outdoors.

Killarney House Wellness Village

A dome tent wellness hub offers yoga, pilates, breathwork, meditation, sound baths, ecstatic dance, and new experiences such as ceremonial cacao, Five Element Flow, and inner child movement journeys.

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Hermitage Green – Live at St. Mary's Church

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Ellie Berry's Vandeleur-Lynam Round Screening

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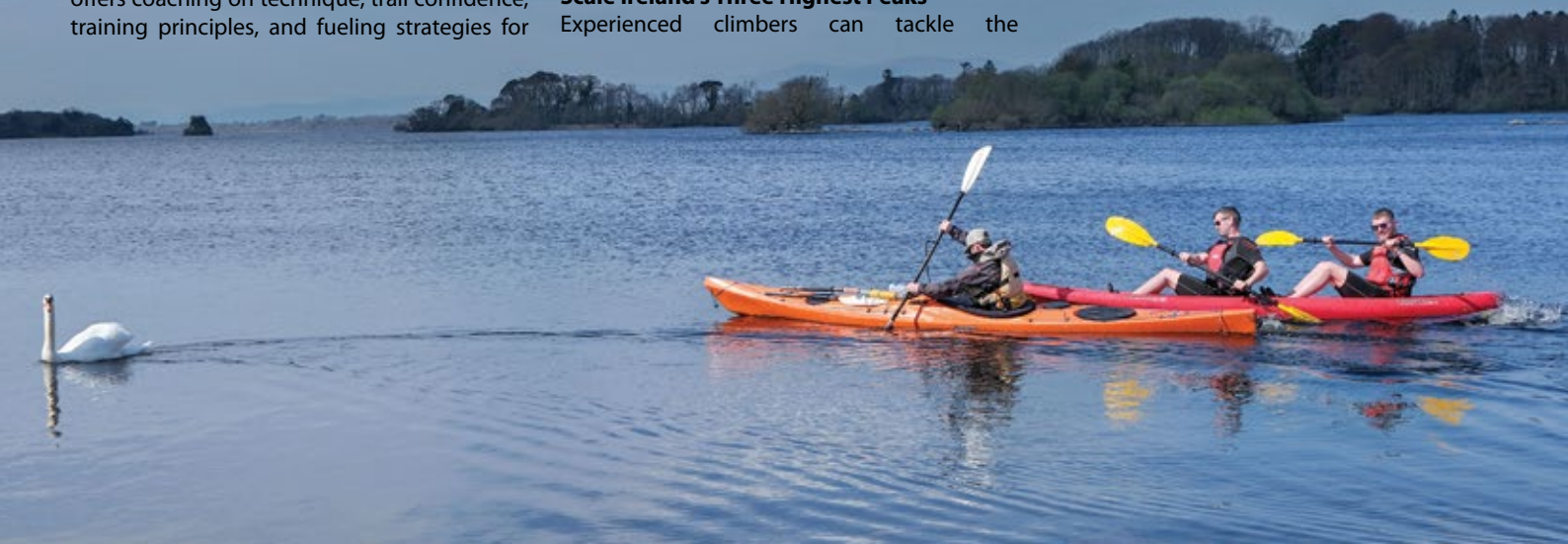
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Tickets range from €10 to €100, with many free events available. Some activities are already sold out, so early booking at wanderwildfestival.com is recommended. A sustainability bus will shuttle visitors to all off-site activities.

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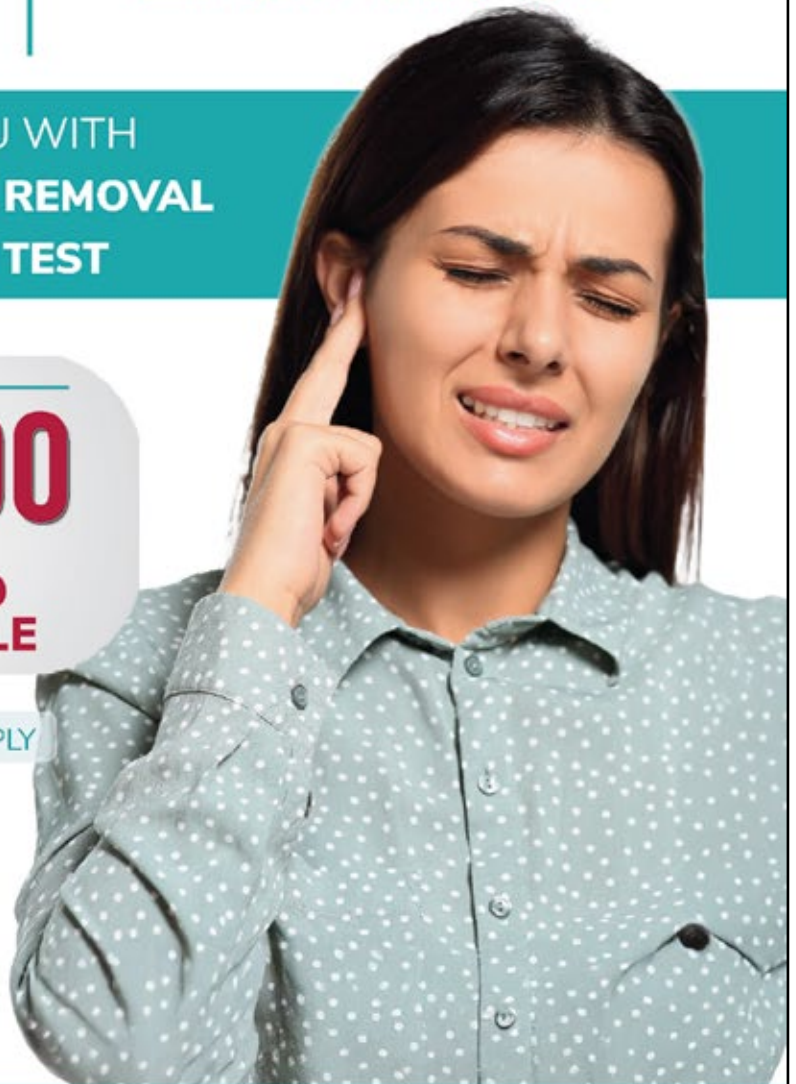
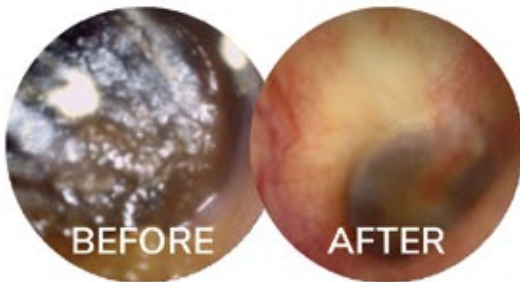
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2026 Streets of Killarney 5-Mile Road Race:

A Record-Breaking Celebration of Sport and Community

On Good Friday, April 3, 2026, the streets of Killarney were transformed into a vibrant arena of athleticism for the third annual Streets of Killarney 5-Mile Road Race. Hosted by the Killarney Valley Athletic Club (KVAC), the event cemented its place as a staple on the national running calendar, boasting record participation and sold-out tickets.

The race, now in its third consecutive year, continues to reach new heights of popularity. Demonstrating the overwhelming interest from the public, all available tickets were sold out a full month before race day. This growth highlights the event's success in creating a "fast and flat" course that attracts both elite athletes and amateur runners from across the country and beyond.

The competition was fierce, with top-tier athletes representing prestigious clubs:

Top Male Finishers:

- Oisín Murray (An Ríocht A.C.) – 24:03
- Jake O'Regan (St. John's A.C.) – 24:12
- Juan Peña (Raheny Shamrock A.C.) – 24:45

Top Female Finishers:

- Michelle Finn (Leevale A.C.) – 27:07
- Amy Pollman Daamen (An Ríocht A.C.) – 28:22
- Lily Riordan (Star of the Laune A.C.) – 28:26

Outstanding Ambassador Honoured A significant highlight of the evening was the participation of the official race ambassador, Canadian Paralympian Maddie Wilson-Walker. Maddie, a world-class double amputee who lives and trains in Killarney with KVAC, inspired participants by successfully completing the 5-mile course. Following the race, she was formally recognised by the Mayor of Killarney, Cllr Martin Grady, for her extraordinary resilience, determination, and contribution to the local sporting community.

Jeremiah Griffin, Chairperson of Killarney Valley AC, expressed his gratitude for the overwhelming support: "We are delighted that this event has grown year on year. The proceeds are vital to the sustainable development of our athletics facility, ensuring it remains a resource for both young and old in our community."

The event was blessed with exceptionally calm and mild running weather, providing the perfect backdrop for fast times and a great atmosphere; this timing proved particularly fortunate as the region was hit by a Status Yellow weather warning and a storm the very next day.

The organisers extend their sincere thanks to the headline sponsor, Reen's Life Pharmacy, as well as the silver sponsors: Activate Gym, Daly's Supervalu, Fexco, Gällivan's Property Partners, Killarney Credit Union, Luna Coffee + Wine, Pollys, and Tricel.



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Anne Lucey looks at the positive news happening in Killarney



OUTDOOR DINING AREAS - a uniform design needed

A number of pubs and restaurants county wide including at least one in Killarney have been asked to regularise their outdoor dining areas put up during Covid. In Dingle, Murphy's Pub received temporary permission to continue for two years after arguing the outdoor area was now an essential part of business. In fact, the county development plan brought in since Covid favours outdoor dining areas - but where the areas do not interfere with safety either pedestrian or vehicular. The situation is of interest especially in Killarney in Lower New Street where an eye-catching structure has been removed and then revamped. The shack structure in front

of the Black Sheep has been taken down and a compromise reached with the council - to allow umbrellas. Kevin Leahy of the Black Sheep says many customers were disappointed as the covered area was popular for people - especially in the wind. He reached a compromise but he was disappointed to have to remove the structure which people liked. It brought a bit of life to Lower New Street; business has been down since, Kevin said. Of course, not everyone liked it, and the council did receive complaints. There are other structures too which people have mixed views about. Perhaps the solution for the county council planners is not clamp down, while also trying to encourage outdoor dining, but come up with a smart uniform design for a sheltered



The shack structure in front of the Black Sheep has been taken down and a compromise reached with the council - to allow umbrellas.

outdoor space so the same outdoor dining design is seen all over Killarney?

DRIVE ON!

The mayor of Killarney is quite right in seeking an urgent solution to the parking problems in the town's biggest primary school - but the parking problems are in every school and every town. What is to be done about the increasing number of cars which between fuel and road tax is netting huge sums for the Exchequer? Car pooling is one solution. Public transport including trains and buses and trams of course is the real key to transport. We also need to be sensible where we build schools and such facilities. There is a good argument for locating all schools in one area out of town with buses and other transport links to keep cars at a minimum. Meanwhile a number of readers have been in contact wondering about Ukrainian registered vehicles not displaying tax or NCT discs. I have had to contact three agencies Department of Transport, Finance, The Garda - before finally receiving confirmation that the 1300 or so Ukrainian registered cars in the country do not need to pay or have motor tax. In fact an NCT for these vehicles is not necessary but may be taken up on a voluntary basis since last December. Imported cars are normally expected to be registered fairly promptly with Customs and annual road tax paid on vehicles. The NCT is necessary for all cars over 4 years. Normally. But there is an exemption for Ukrainian cars, is the bottom line - after being sent from Billy to Jack about it. This was understandable at the beginning. But in the broader context where there are no financial breaks for Irish motorists, it is getting up

people's noses. Using the public road means paying tax according to vehicle type and size. Many of these vehicles brought in from the Ukraine are high end; so the write off by the Exchequer is quite significant. Many of us were given fixed charged notices and some people were even hauled before courts for not having tax discs and NCTs during the pandemic - even when the testing stations were not operating and no NCT could be had! We got no break and we could only go 5 km anyway. Now, can I and all other motorists avail of a free voluntary inspection this year, especially given the hikes in fuel? Four plus years on from the invasion of the Ukraine favoured treatment for one group seems a bit Irish. The Department of Finance tells me it is being "kept under review". It would want to be because the danger is this whole nonsensical situation feeds into resentment and dare I say it fodder for extremists. Of course, they could also decide to treat everyone equally and have a general exemption for car tax and the NCT! For one year. No one would complain about that.



Ukrainian registered cars in the country do not need to pay or have motor tax.

SCAIRBHÍN NA HOOPOE?

Remember the hoopla last year about the orange feathered Hoopoe (pronounced Hoooh POE) with his/hers distinctive call? Well the weather this year is not for the birds, says leading ornithologist Ed Carty. He was one of the first to spot the exotic hoopla in 2025. The Tralee based Ed monitors birds all around the southwest and beyond said all the migrants are late arriving. The bright African hoopoes, the size of thrushes, began visiting the south coast in record numbers, from late March last year. They were driven by the Saharan wind - and beautiful weather. Ed recorded 36 hoopoes alone one day between Clonakilty and Caherdaniel. One hoopoe flew in and perched in the wheelhouse of a fishing boat off the Blasket hitching a ride to the coast. Often with birds it is the male who is more colourful. But this is not the case with the Hoopoe where each gender sports the crescent like an American Indian chief, Ed said. There was an outside chance at least some would remain to breed, he felt. Alas, Ed tells me this week, none remained. And so far none has landed. Wet, the cold NNW winds and the rain over the past few weeks and little in the way of warm southerly winds, means overall spring bird migration has been slow in Kerry, he said. Recent arrivals are a House Martin on Sleah Head. Several Sand Martin Swallows, Wheatears and Sandwich Terns have also been reported. We await the Mangerton Cuckoo but he doesn't arrive usually until around the 17th. Meanwhile, the Sahara dust expected towards the end of the week may bring the hoopoe - and the public in Kerry need to watch out for the short, not the long grass to see them. They will feed on golf courses and cut lawns. Perhaps we need an additional term for the wind from the Sahara if it brings the bird again this early April. Scairbhín na Hoopoe?



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Lightning McQueen Races Into Killarney for a Special Charity Event

Excitement is building in Killarney as everyone's favourite racing star, Lightning McQueen, is set to make a special appearance at Castlerosse Park Resort on April 20th.

The event is part of the nationwide Bringing Lightning McQueen To Life tour, which is travelling across Ireland with a life-size replica of the beloved character from Cars. Fans will also get the chance to see his loyal transport companion, Mack, making it a must-visit experience for families and film lovers alike.

Proudly hosting the Killarney stop, Castlerosse Park Resort will welcome visitors for a fun-filled day where attendees can meet Lightning McQueen, snap photos, and soak up the lively atmosphere.

The event will raise vital funds for a children's bereavement charity, helping support young people and families during difficult times.

Arrival times are yet to be confirmed, with organisers encouraging the public to stay tuned for updates. One thing is certain: it promises to be a memorable day where fun meets a meaningful cause.



NEW €250,000 FUND FOR PLACEMAKING PROJECTS IN KERRY

A new fund of €250,000 is being available by Kerry County Council to businesses and community and voluntary organisations in Kerry to support enhancement works in their areas. The Placemaking and Community Grant Scheme aims to improve the look, feel and experience of towns and villages across the county to the benefit of residents and visitors alike.

Eligible projects which encourage 'placemaking' or a sense of place, include biodiversity, culture, and heritage projects through the delivery of, for example, new sculptures, arts installations and amenity areas but projects are not restricted to these categories. Applications for the fund are now open on the Kerry County Council website and the deadline for applications is 15 May 2026.

Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr Michael Foley said: 'This is a really exciting new scheme which will appeal to many community groups or business across the community. It is designed to enhance areas through innovative proposals for new installations and amenities in our communities. I would urge applicants to liaise with their local Municipal District Office for guidance and advice and to avail of this really transformative funding.'

It is expected that eligible projects will range from €5,000 to €15,000. More information is available on kerrycoco.ie

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CALL FOR REPLACEMENT OF AMBULANCE

Cllr. Martin Grady has called for Killarney's second ambulance, which was taken away 13 years ago to be replaced.

"At the Killarney Municipal District meeting, I requested this would be replaced as we have an increasing population, as well as the high levels of footfall during summer months", Cllr. Grady told Killarney Outlook.



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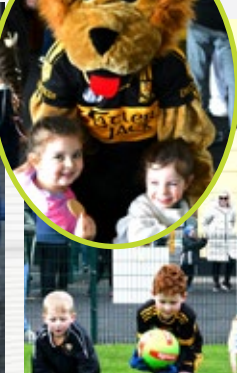
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Easter Bunny Treats At Dr. Crokes Academy



The Easter Bunny and Crokes' Cub stopped by the Dr. Crokes Academy on Saturday and saw how hard the Academy and Club players were training. They decided every player should be rewarded. So all players went home happy with an Easter Egg from the Easter Bunny and Crokes Cub.



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Talented Crafter Spreads Joy with Handmade Toys

Residents strolling along a small laneway just off High Street have been delighted by an unexpected collection of carefully crafted, handmade toys left outside a local home, free for anyone to take.

Accompanied by a handwritten note reading "Happy Easter!" and "The price is yours," the display invites passersby to simply drop a contribution through the home's letterbox or take a toy regardless. The note, says "If you don't have money with you, you can just take it for free."

The anonymous crafter, who appears to be learning and refining their skills, also shares the fact that each toy, they explain, takes between two to seven days to complete.

There is also a gentle request: visitors are asked not to ring the doorbell, as someone inside may be sleeping.

Locals have already begun to take notice, with some stopping to admire the craftsmanship and others quietly participating in the exchange system.

In a time when many transactions are digital and impersonal, this simple setup offers a refreshing reminder of trust, kindness, and community spirit.

Whether you leave a donation or simply take home a handmade treasure, one thing is clear - this small laneway initiative is making a big impact-one toy at a time.

Killarney Legion GAA

Hosts Creative Fundraiser for U10 Girls' Croke Park Trip

Killarney Legion GAA is putting a fun and imaginative twist on fundraising this April, as the club prepares to support its Under 10 girls on a special trip to Croke Park.

The club is inviting families and the wider community to take part in a "Car Boot Toy Shop Sale" on Saturday, April 11th, immediately after academy sessions. The unique event will see young players step into the role of shopkeepers for the day, transforming car boots into miniature toy shops.

The idea is simple... children can gather toys they've outgrown and give them a second life by selling them on the day. From board games and dolls to footballs and puzzles, each car boot will offer a treasure trove of pre-loved items for bargain hunters.

Not only does the event encourage recycling and creativity, but it also gives the academy kids a chance to learn valuable skills like teamwork,



communication, and handling money-all while contributing to a meaningful cause.

Funds raised will go directly toward supporting the U10 girls' trip to Croke Park, offering them an unforgettable experience at Ireland's most iconic sporting venues.

Organisers are hoping for a strong turnout and are encouraging families to start sorting through their toy boxes. Whether you're selling, buying, or simply coming along to soak up the atmosphere, the day promises to be a lively community event filled with fun, learning,

and plenty of hidden gems.

So if you've got toys gathering dust, now's the perfect time to turn them into treasure-and help make a dream trip a reality for the next generation of players.

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BOWLING ALLEY GETS GO-AHEAD at Killarney Outlet Centre

The Killarney Outlet Centre has received approval to transform six vacant retail units into an eight-lane bowling facility as part of a new entertainment hub. The development will include an interactive games area, with the space covering units 43 to 48, units that have remained vacant since the centre first opened in 1999.

This latest approval follows planning permission granted last year for a wider redevelopment of the outlet centre. Those plans included the creation of a new night-time bar and events space.

In addition, the owners received permission to redevelop units 63 to 68 for dining purposes, as well as to convert unit 69 into an events venue for Irish music, dancing, and craft fairs.



The plans also proposed upgrading the concourse area into a bar with seating. These proposals were approved subject to eight conditions. The development has been broadly welcomed, including by Mayor of Killarney, Martin Grady, who said the project would be "a great asset to the town."

Killorglin Student Raises Nearly €2,000 for Charity Through Brave Hair Donation

A young student from Killorglin is making a remarkable impact, having already raised almost €2,000 for charity ahead of a very special and personal challenge.

Ethan Williams, a 5th class pupil at Scoil Mhuire Primary School, has been growing his hair for many years and has never had it cut short. Now, he is preparing to part with his long hair for the first time.

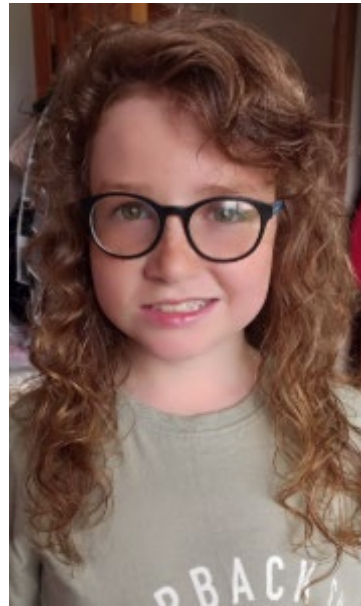
While the change marks a significant and slightly daunting moment for Ethan, he has chosen to take on the challenge in support of the Rapunzel Foundation, which provides real-hair wigs to children and young people who have lost their hair due to medical conditions such as cancer and alopecia.

Despite the nerves that come with such a big change, Ethan is determined to make a difference. For him, the cause is far greater than the haircut itself. But his efforts go even further. Every euro raised will go directly to Tír na nÓg Children's Foundation, founded by Louise Quill, a teacher at Ethan's school who previously taught him. The foundation supports vulnerable children and communities in Tanzania, providing care, education, and hope for a better future.

Louise Quill left a lasting impression on Ethan and his classmates during her time teaching at the school. Her stories about the orphanage she runs in Tanzania, the children she supports, and her vision for improving their lives have stayed with him ever since.

Inspired by her work, Ethan's fundraiser has become about more than just donating his hair-it is a powerful act of kindness, courage, and compassion. With nearly €2,000 already raised and support continuing to grow, Ethan's efforts are a testament to the difference one young person can make.

Members of the community are encouraged to support or share Ethan's fundraiser, by scanning the QR Code, as every contribution-no matter how small-can help change lives.



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Deenagh Lodge Re-opens Its Doors for Summer in Killarney National Park

The news that Deenagh Lodge has officially opened in Killarney National Park has been met with a great welcome.

Located inside the gate of the Demesne, the lodge is once again inviting walkers, families, and visitors to stop in, relax, and enjoy a selection of great coffee and delicious homemade treats. Known for its cosy atmosphere and friendly service, Deenagh Lodge has long been a favourite rest spot for those exploring the park.

What makes the reopening even more meaningful is the continued involvement of Down Syndrome Kerry, which runs the lodge. Every visit supports their work in promoting inclusion, building community, and creating real opportunities for people with Down syndrome across the region.

Staff at the lodge are delighted to be back and are eager to reconnect with both familiar faces and new visitors. The reopening marks not just



the return of a café, but the revival of a community hub that blends hospitality with purpose.

With summer now underway, Deenagh Lodge is ready to welcome all who pass through its doors, offering not just refreshments, but a place where every cup of coffee contributes to something bigger.

Great Squash on Good Friday

Gleneagle squash club held their penultimate finals night on Good Friday. The night started with Mary O Callaghan versus Orla O Leary. Orla lobbed serve was catching Mary out in the first and Orla went in to 1 nil lead. Mary adjusted her game and equalised. But Orla got back her mojo and won one for Team Domo.

Next up was Joanne McCarthy versus Amanda Brosnan. Joanne red hot fav was vying for a game for team Paul but Amanda did not go with the script and won out 3 0 giving team Domo a 2 0 lead with three to play.

Third up for Team Paul was John O Sullivan V Eamonn Bowler. Eamonn carrying a bit of knock battled to 1 a piece but John adjusted his game and won out 3 1.

Ray O Callaghan and John Cronin were now going head to head. Domo giving Ray a team talk to see if they can take it but to no avail. An intense game went 3 0 in John's favour.

Paul O'Brien now had it in his hands to win the night against Domo Rac. Paul had no intention of losing and showed a masterclass of squash against the up and coming Domo and claimed the night for his team.

A massive thanks to Torc Engineering Killarney for the fantastic prizes and continued support. Also, great appreciation to the we staff and club members of Gleneagle Leisure and Gleneagle Squash club.

Final competition for the season will be held this April.



At the presentation of prizes of the Gleneagle Squash Club monthly competition sponsored by Keith Cronin, Torc Precision Engineering were seated from left, Mary O'Callaghan, John Cronin, Ray O'Callaghan, Domagoj Rac and Paula McElligott. Back from left are Mike Crowley, Hannah and Joanne McCarthy, Maree Molan, Eabha Lynch, John O'Sullivan Connie Doyle and Eamonn Bowler. Picture: Eamonn Keogh

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Killarney Celtic Valencia Erasmus+ trip

a great success

On Easter Monday, 30 young people from Killarney and their group leaders & coaches returned from an amazing sun-soaked experience in Valencia, Spain where they peered up with students from the Marista's secondary school.

The mobility was about learning & development and the themes explored during the week with the project partners were Physical & Mental health, Sustainability, Urban Planning, Architecture, Public Realm as well as cultural exchanges. Digital skills, social skills and language skills were all developed.

On the first day with the host school, the two groups of young people made presentations about festivals in Killarney and Valencia, enjoyed local speciality Paella, and had some games and workshops. On Wednesday, there was an evening of football with the school and local teams, where great entertainment was provided during and after by a brilliant "Charanga" group.

On a trip to Tarragona, our players got to spend a few thrill-seeking hours in the Porta Ventura theme park – where the Shambhala roller coaster was a big hit!

On Good Friday our Spanish partners brought us to witness the Semana Santa Marinera parade – a typical Spanish Holy Week procession of pageantry and solemn passion.

Exploration of the cities urban amenities on Saturday saw a bike ride through the Turia park and on Easter Sunday the participants really enjoyed a top-flight basketball game at the newly built indoor arena.

Memories of València will live long in the memories of all who took part – but huge credit goes to local partner, the Maristas school, especially Fernando Torran. Huge work was done on the programme and local liaison by the family of Nando Dominguez, a Spanish student who spent a year in Killarney and the club is indebted to Gloria and Fernando for their help.

Irish and Spanish participants will have their learning recorded with Youthpass accreditation



The group pictured at Marista's secondary school.



On Easter Sunday the participants really enjoyed a top-flight basketball game at the newly built indoor arena.

and we are very grateful to the volunteer coaches and chaperones from the club who gave up a week to make it a safe and fun development experience for our kids.

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for Erasmus, Léargas, for the training and funding opportunities they provided to our club

On Wednesday, there was an evening of football with the school and local team



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This latest phase builds on the successful pilot in Cavan and Monaghan and follows the introduction of contactless payments in four other TFI Local Link areas across the country. The continued expansion reflects the strong passenger response and the NTA's commitment to delivering modern, user-friendly payment options for rural and regional public transport users.

Contactless payment is currently available for single journey fares. Daily and weekly fare products continue to be available via the Leap website and the TFI Leap Top Up App. TFI Leap cards, cash payments and Free Travel Cards

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The move is part of the NTA's ongoing programme to modernise public transport fare systems nationwide, with a particular focus on improving accessibility and enhancing the passenger experience in rural and regional communities.

Alan O'Connell, General Manager, TFI Local Link Kerry, added:

"The introduction of contactless payments is another welcome step forward for public transport in Kerry. It complements other major projects in the County, including the expansion of TFI Local Link services and the delivery of TFI Anseo in Killarney, which is proving to be another great initiative that gives local communities a stronger voice in shaping their transport options. By making it even easier for people to pay and travel, we are continuing to build a customer focused, reliable, and modern transport network for everyday journeys."

For more information on TFI Local Link services in Kerry, visit: <https://www.localinkkerry.ie/>



Proceeds of Pancake Morning Presented at St. Mary of the Angels

Members of Killarney Soroptimist Club made the short journey to St. Mary of the Angels this week to present a cheque for €3,000, the proceeds of their recent Pancake and Coffee Morning.

The funds were donated to St. John of God Services and will go towards supporting the facility's hydrotherapy pool and gym, which provide vital therapeutic benefits for service users.

Speaking at the presentation, Teresa Irwin, President of Soroptimist International Killarney, described the occasion as a special one. She noted how eight members of the club travelled to Beaufort to take part in the visit and presentation.

"It was a lovely occasion to visit St. Mary of the Angels and present the cheque towards such a worthy cause," she said, adding that the hydrotherapy pool and gym are an invaluable resource for patients.

Mrs. Irwin also expressed her appreciation to the management and staff for their continued support of the annual Pancake Morning, held each year at the The Avenue Hotel. She thanked the hotel for hosting the event and for providing afternoon tea for patients, staff and club members.

During the visit, attendees were given a tour of the hydrotherapy facilities, highlighting the positive impact such amenities have on those who use the service.

Organisers emphasised that every contribution to the Pancake Morning

helps support important initiatives such as this, as well as other charitable causes in the community.



Member of the Killarney Soroptimist Club pictured at St. Mary of the Angels this week.

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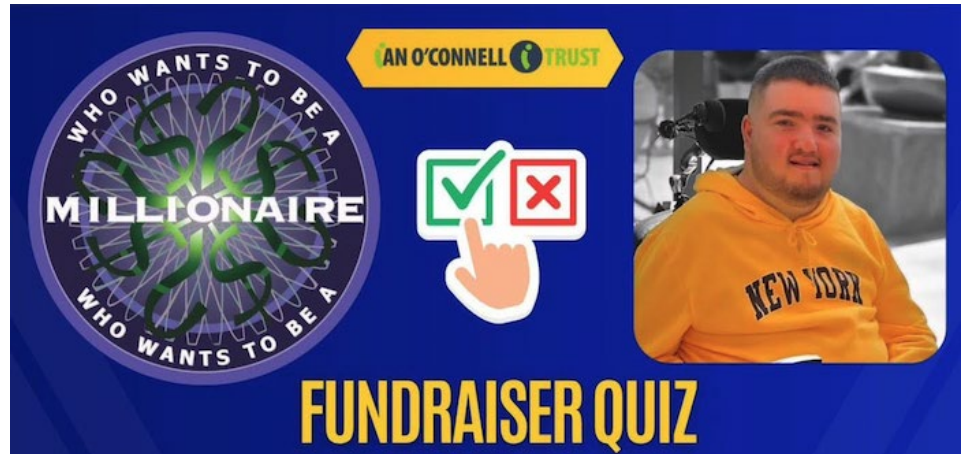
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Saturday 18th April, gathering at 1.50pm at the Schoolhouse in Muckross Traditional Farms. All welcome on the day. If you are not walking, also very welcome to come to the Bake sale for a home cooked treat and free refreshments in the Schoolhouse from 2pm.

WHO WANTS TO BE A MILLIONAIRE?

Ian O'Connell Trust Fundraiser Planned for the Plaza



A special fundraising quiz inspired by the popular TV show *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire* will take place at the Plaza Hotel, Killarney, on Friday, April 17th, 2026, from 8:00pm to 10:30pm. The event is being organised in support of spa club member Ian O'Connell and aims to raise vital funds for the Ian O'Connell Trust. Attendees can look forward to an entertaining evening of trivia, with full bar facilities available throughout the night.

Teams of four are invited to take part at a cost of €40 per team, making it an ideal opportunity for friends, family, and colleagues to come together, test their knowledge, and contribute to a meaningful cause.

Ian suffered serious injuries to his neck and spine following a fall from his bike while cycling with friends in the Muckross area of Killarney National Park. The fundraiser seeks to support his ongoing needs and recovery.

Organisers are issuing an open invitation to make the event a success. Early registration is advised and you can do so by calling 087-2746271

Strong participation in the national Primary School Survey as parents and school communities have their say

Minister for Education and Youth Hildegard Naughton has today welcomed the exceptionally high level of engagement in the national Primary School Survey, with over 200,000 households submitting validated responses, alongside strong participation from school staff and Boards of Management.

This significant response marks an important step in ensuring that parents and school communities are central to shaping the future direction of primary education.

The department is continuing its detailed analysis of the survey data and is preparing finalised school-specific results for each of the more than 3,200 primary schools that took part. Preliminary national findings indicate that:

Approximately 60% of parents in denominational schools wish to retain that ethos.

Approximately 73% of parents in the 276 single-sex primary schools favour a move to co-education.

Approximately 87% of parents in English-medium schools support maintaining English as the primary language of instruction.



While these figures provide a national overview, it is important to note that it is the preferences within each individual school community that will determine future direction. Demand for change, or continuity, will vary from school to school. A good response rate at individual school level will also be relevant in assessing the parental preferences.

In the coming weeks, detailed school-specific reports will be issued to each of the more than 3,200 participating primary schools. These reports will support patrons, Boards of Management, staff, and parents in considering next steps and their future direction.

There will be full transparency, with all school

specific reports to be published.

Schools will receive clear explanatory guidance to help them interpret their results and understand the steps available to them.

Any change of a school's ethos or status should be supported by the evidence base provided by the parental survey results. Schools will have time and space to reflect on what is best for their community.

The department will provide support to schools that choose to request inclusion in the first tranche of schools seeking to change their status.

In addition, the department will shortly begin consultations with key stakeholders to develop guidance on best practice arrangements for supporting pupils in denominational schools whose parents request that they do not attend religious instruction. This work aims to ensure that best practice is identified and shared with schools to help them to implement practical, inclusive arrangements.

The department will continue to update school communities, stakeholders and the public as the process moves into its next phase.

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Killarney Town Twinning officers recently welcomed Erasmus Programme participants from their associate twin town of Santeny, near Paris, in a visit that highlighted the strong and growing international ties between the communities.

Twinning officers Sean Counihan and secretary Sheila Dickson delivered an engaging presentation on Killarney, with particular emphasis on the town's historic crest, as well as its rich sporting and cultural heritage. The visiting students gained valuable insight into the traditions and identity of the area.

During their stay, the group enjoyed a wide range of local experiences. Highlights included a visit to Dr Crokes GAA Club, trips to Dingle, and exploring some of Killarney's stunning attractions, including Ross Castle, the Lakes of Killarney, and Muckross.

The visit is being hosted by KCYS, and plans are already in place for a return trip, with a Killarney group set to visit Santeny this October.

Killarney Town Twinning continues to maintain a busy schedule of international exchanges. Next month, Santeny will send a team of 14 runners to participate in the Killarney Half Marathon. In addition, teachers and students from Casperia, Killarney's twin town near Rome, will travel to the town for an exploratory visit at St Olivers School in Ballycasheen.

Strong educational links are also continuing with Germany, through the established partnership between St Brendan's College and schools in the twin town of Pleinfeld/Roth.

Killarney Town Twinning remains committed to fostering cultural exchange and building lasting relationships, continuing to reach out and engage with the people of Killarney and its international partners.

Killarney Town Twinning Strengthens International Links



The Rose Hotel Celebrates 10 Years of Four-Star Hospitality Excellence

The Rose Hotel proudly marks its 10th anniversary today, celebrating a decade of delivering exceptional four-star hospitality in the heart of Kerry. Since its launch in 2016, following a major refurbishment programme, the hotel has become a cornerstone of the local tourism and business community, renowned for its warm welcome, contemporary comfort and outstanding guest experiences.

This milestone year also coincides with a significant investment in the property, including the upgrade of 70 Classic Bedrooms completed in March 2026, further enhancing

guest comfort and the overall four-star experience.

To commemorate the anniversary, The Henggeler Family, owners of The Rose Hotel, are hosting a series of celebratory events. Highlights include a special Radio Kerry outside broadcast, featuring interviews with the Henggeler family, hotel management and long-serving team members, reflecting on the hotel's journey and success over the past decade.

A key moment of the celebrations is the announcement of the winners of The Rose

Hotel €10,000 National Schools Competition across Kerry. Ten schools have each been awarded €1,000 technology vouchers, supporting digital learning and innovation in classrooms throughout the county.

The anniversary also provides an opportunity to recognise the dedication of the hotel's team. Ten staff members are being honoured for over 10 years of service, acknowledging their loyalty, professionalism and contribution to the hotel's continued success.

Adding to the excitement, The Rose Hotel is celebrating international recognition through partnerships with two major US television programmes, Wheel of Fortune and The Price is Right. As an official accommodation partner, the hotel will welcome prize winners for luxurious seven-night stays, including breakfast. Selected winners will enjoy exclusive upgrades to Deluxe rooms, complete with spa treatments, dinner and wine, offering a true taste of Kerry hospitality on a global stage.

Speaking on the occasion, the Henggeler Family expressed their gratitude to guests, staff and the wider community:

"Reaching 10 years is a proud milestone for us. We are deeply thankful to our dedicated team, loyal guests and the Kerry community for their continued support. We look forward to many more years of welcoming guests to The Rose Hotel."

As it enters its second decade, The Rose Hotel remains committed to delivering exceptional service, memorable experiences and showcasing the very best of Kerry to guests from around the world.



Franz Henggeler and his Mum Eibhlín Henggeler of The Rose Hotel pictured with hotel General Manager Mark Sullivan as the Hotel Celebrates 10 Years of Four-Star Hospitality Excellence in Tralee. Photo By: Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD.



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Hundreds of Kerry Households in Their 60s and 70s Trapped in Silent Mortgage Crisis

Adult Children Increasingly Stepping In as Parents Face Retirement Under the Shadow of Long-Term Arrears

More than 15 years after the financial crash, a deeply personal and largely hidden crisis continues to unfold across Kerry, with those in or approaching retirement hardest hit.

An estimated 440 households in the county remain in mortgage arrears of over 12 months, many dating back to the period between 2008 and 2010. But behind these figures is a more troubling reality. A growing number of those affected are aged between 60 and 75, people who should be looking forward to retirement but are instead living with the constant fear of losing their homes.

In many cases, these arrears have persisted for well over a decade, sometimes for as long as 20 years. The financial pressure has become a permanent feature of daily life, carried quietly and often alone.

Increasingly, it is adult children who are stepping in to try to resolve these long-standing situations, often discovering for the first time the scale of the problem their parents are facing. Stephen Curtis, CEO of Irish Homes, said this is one of the most overlooked and emotionally difficult aspects of Ireland's long-running arrears crisis.

"There is a cohort of older

borrowers in Kerry who have been living with this burden for years, often in silence. Many are now at a stage in life where they can no longer work, yet they remain tied to mortgage debt that has long since become unsustainable."

"What makes this particularly difficult is that many people feel a deep sense of embarrassment or even shame about their situation. They may not have told friends, neighbours, or even close family members. But this is not something anyone should face alone".

"For adult sons and daughters, discovering that a parent has been in arrears for years, sometimes decades, can come as a real shock. What we are seeing more and more is families coming together to try to find a solution, often at a point when time and options are limited".

The emotional toll is significant. Years of uncertainty, fear of legal action, and the strain of unmanageable debt can weigh heavily, particularly for those nearing or in retirement with no realistic way of improving their financial position.

In Kerry, almost 260 mortgage accounts, the majority of them family homes, are either already in the legal process or at risk of



entering it.

While the situation can feel overwhelming, solutions do exist. The Mortgage to Rent scheme is a government-backed initiative designed specifically for people in long-term arrears who are at risk of losing their homes. Under the scheme, the property is purchased by an approved housing body or private provider, the unsustainable mortgage debt is cleared, and the household remains in the home as a tenant, paying a rent linked to their income.

Crucially, it allows people to stay in their homes and communities, removing the constant threat of repossession and replacing it with long-term security. In some cases, there is also the option to buy back the home in the future if circumstances improve.

Mr Curtis said that while the idea of giving up ownership can be difficult, it can also be life-

changing.

"For those in their 60s or 70s with no viable way to repay their mortgage, Mortgage to Rent can offer something incredibly important: certainty, dignity, and the ability to remain in their home". "No one should spend their retirement years living under this level of stress or fear. And no family should feel that this is something they have to hide".

Households in long-term arrears, and their families, are being urged to seek help and explore the supports available. Free and confidential advice is available through organisations such as the Money Advice and Budgeting Service (MABS), housing charities, and Personal Insolvency Practitioners.

The message is simple: however long this has been going on, it is not too late to act.

High-profile keynote speaker at lunch

The vastly experienced Liam Hession, a partner with BDO – one of the world's leading accountancy and advisory firms – will be the high-profile guest speaker at a Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce lunch to be held in the Panoramic Room at Killarney Racecourse on Wednesday next, April 15.

BDO works extensively with large hotel groups, tourism operators and hospitality businesses across Ireland, providing strategic financial management, audit, tax and advisory services. The company's deep involvement in the hospitality sector gives it a very unique perspective on market trends, operational challenges, sustainability planning and long-term investment strategy.



Liam is a managing partner with BDO, based in Limerick, with specific responsibility for the leisure, tourism and hospitality sector.

He has over 20 years of experience in the provision of audit and advisory services and has advised clients on various aspects of their businesses, from disposals and acquisitions, business valuations, dispute resolutions and succession issues..

The Killarney Racecourse Chamber lunch fee is just €15 and new members will be more than welcome on the day.

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SPA PARISH

By Leanne Cronin



Spa Senior Ladies Team who played against Annascaul/Castlegregory



Spa U14s player Cara Griffin playing in Goals for Kerry

WINS FOR SPA SENIORS AND MINOR LADIES

Spa Ladies enjoyed a successful weekend on the field, with both the senior and minor teams recording impressive victories to continue their strong league form. The senior side made it two wins from two with a dominant 5-15 to 2-3 win over Annascaul/Castlegregory, delivering an excellent all-round performance despite difficult windy conditions. Goals from Saoirse Kelly, Ava Brosnan, Liadh Tobin and Ciara O'Sullivan, along with a strong defensive display and impactful contributions from the bench, ensured a comfortable win, while Ciara Lawlor marked the occasion with her senior debut. Meanwhile, the minor ladies maintained their unbeaten run with a hard-fought 4-12 to 4-7 victory over Milltown/Castlemaine. In a closely contested encounter, Spa showed great resilience, particularly when reduced to 14 players for a period, before finishing strongly to secure their third win in a row. Overall, it was a positive and encouraging weekend for Spa Ladies, highlighting the strength and depth across both panels.

MIXED FORTUNES FOR MENS TEAMS

The Spa Mens seniors suffered a four-point defeat to neighbours Kilcummin GAA in challenging windy conditions on Saturday evening. The junior side recorded their first win of the season, producing a dominant display to overcome Kenmare Shamrocks C team on a scoreline of 6-15 to 0-2.

BOYS U14S & U16S BEGIN THEIR LEAGUE SEASONS

Spa's boys' underage teams are back up and running for the 2026 season, with both U14 and U16 sides making a strong start. The U14 A and B teams welcomed Ardfert GAA last week, with the A team recording an impressive 5-21 to 3-10 victory, while the B side were unlucky to come up just short in a tight contest, losing 5-2 to 4-6. Meanwhile, Spa's U16s got their campaign off to an excellent start with a well-earned win away to Kenmare Shamrocks on a scoreline of 3-7 to 1-10.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CARA GRIFFIN

Huge congratulations to Cara Griffin, who represents our U14 Girls, on her

fantastic achievement lining out in goals for Kerry in the Munster LGFA U14 Johnny Hayes B Final. A brilliant honour for Cara and a proud moment for everyone in Spa – well done!

WEEKEND FIXTURES

Senior Ladies - Donal Curtin County League Division 2, Ballymac v Spa, Sun 12th April, 12pm in Ballymac. Stay up to date on all fixtures via our website www.spagaa.com/fixtures and via the Games Tab on the ClubZap app

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY IN LISSIVIGEEN

Michael Gleeson has advised that County Clean-Up Day will take place this Saturday, April 11th. Team Lissivigeen will meet at the school at 11am, with bags and hi-vis vests provided on the day. All volunteers are very welcome to come along and lend a hand in helping to keep our beautiful area clean and tidy.

IAN O'CONNELL TRUST FUNDRAISER

Spa club member Ian O'Connell will be the focus of a special "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" style fundraiser quiz taking place on Friday, 17th April 2026 from 8:00-10:30pm in the Plaza Hotel Killarney. The event will raise funds for the Ian O'Connell Trust, with full bar facilities available on the night. Teams of four can register for €40, so gather your friends and test your knowledge for a great cause.

CLUB LOTTO

Spa Lotto 06/04/2026 Results. Numbers drawn: 2, 14, 16, 28. No jackpot winner. Lucky Dips €50 each: Conor Gleeson, Cian & Oran Lynch, William Herlihy, Niamh Maguire. Monthly Annual Ticket Holders Draw: Chris Kelliher.

Next week's draw will be on Monday 13 April for a jackpot of €4,800. Play online via www.spagaa.com/draws



Boys U14s A Team in their Season Opener against Ardfert



Boys U14s B Team in their Season Opener against Ardfert

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KILCUMMIN PARISH

Written by: Helen Moynihan

COUNTY CLEAN UP

The Kilcummin County Clean Up will take place on Saturday, 11th April. Red bags are now available in the Rural Development Office for volunteers who wish to clean around their area. Bags can be brought to the Rural Development Office or collection of bags can also be arranged, please contact 064 6643357 (Office Hours).

PARISH SAFEGUARDING AUDIT

The Diocesan Safeguarding Committee would like to thank all Parish Safeguarding Representatives, Priests and Parish Secretaries for taking the time to complete the annual Parish Safeguarding Audit. Results from the audit are included in the most recent Safeguarding Newsletter which is available on the diocesan website.

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Our senior team picked up two further Co League points away to Spa on Saturday last in very difficult conditions. Brendan Kealy, Damien O Leary, Dara O Callaghan, Keelan O Shea and Mikey Casey were to the fore while Paul O Shea was outstanding throughout. Team B. Kealy, Damien O Leary, Keelan O Shea, James Williams, Jack Fogarty, Dara O Callaghan, James Nagle, Kieran Murphy, Paul O Shea, (Capt), Colm Kelleher, Ian Devane, Philip O Leary, Mikey Casey, Gary O Leary, Kevin Gorman, subs used Matt Keane, Cian Lynch.

LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Monday 06th April for the Jackpot of €7,500. Numbers drawn were 08,19,22,23. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Sean McCarthy, Furies, Johnny & Phil Doolan, Jocelyn McAuliffe, Denny Donnelly. Our next draw will be on Monday 20th April for Jackpot of €7,750. Thank you for your continued support.

RATHMORE | GNEEVEGUILLA PARISH

By Michael O' Mahony

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Well done to our athletes that took part in The Streets of Killarney 5 mile. Category Prizes were taken by Mary O'Shea 2nd in F40, Séamus Murphy 1st in M55 and Caroline Murphy 2nd in F60

LOTTO

No winner of last weeks Lotto, Jackpot for this coming Friday April 10th,€11,000 + Bonus draw for €1000

RATHMORE

Huge congratulations to Aisling Fenton, (captain) Clodagh O Connor, Sinéad Hurley and Éabha Moynihan (missing from photo) who were part of the winning u14 Kerry team who beat Tipperary in the Munster B U14 Championship in Banteer last week

COACHING WORKSHOP

Rathmore GAA and LGFA will be hosting a Coaching Workshop on Friday the 17th of April in Rathbeg.

Are you currently coaching, thinking about getting involved, or just looking for a few new ideas? Join us for a relaxed and practical Coaching Workshop in the club! This session is designed to be friendly, informal, and hands-on — perfect for coaches of all experience levels.

What to expect: Practical tips to support player development. Ideas for making sessions fun, engaging and inclusive in a games based approach. A chance to share experiences and learn from each other.

Whether you're coaching underage teams, interested in getting involved in the future, or leading a squad, this workshop is all about supporting each other and building confidence.

Coaches on the night include Aidan O'Mahony, Derek Moynihan, Brendan O'Keefe and Shane Ryan who will be delivering coaching demonstrations in regards to warm-ups, support play and attacking play.

All welcome, so come along, get involved and pick up something new!

If you have any questions contact Pádraig 0872998292

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On March 25th everyone in the East Kerry region was shocked to hear of the passing of our former Chairman and Vice President Dermot Griffin. After a successful playing career with Spa, and his native Fossa, Dermot took on many role's with the club, including Secretary, PRO and Chairman. During this time he had a great involvement in the development of Fossa's now



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LISTRY PARISH

Written by: Colette Leslie

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U14

U14A: Tuesday, April 14th – away vs Currow at 7:00pm

U14B: Home v GGC time and date to be confirmed

U16

Thursday, April 16th – away vs firies at 7:00pm

U12

Sunday, April 12th – Away vs Castleisland Desmonds at 6:00pm

BEAUFORT PARISH

By Bridget Hartnett

LOTTO

The next Draw for a Jackpot of E10,600 on Sunday next, 12th April. Tickets available from usual sellers, local shops, bars and restaurants.

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RESULTS

Minor ladies beaten by Glenflesk. Duagh beat U14 boys on a scoreline 5-10 to 5-21.

U16 boys beat Gneeveguilla 2-16 to 4-6 and Milltown/Castlemaine beat U16 ladies.

Senior B had their 2nd win in Division 7B of County League in Beaufort by beating Na Gaeil B 2-11 to 0-11.

Senior A had their first win in Division 1 of County League in Beaufort by

beating Austin Stacks

0-19 to 1-15.

Senior ladies got a walk over from Rathmore on Sunday as they were unable to field a team.

WELL DONE to Laoise O’Keeffe and Clionagh Coffey who lined out for the victorious Kerry U16’s v Waterford in Legion Pitch on Saturday.

Also to Chloe Coffey who helped Kerry U14s to win the Munster B Final v Tipperary on Sunday in Banteer.

TRAINING

Welcome back to all our underage players from age 6 to 10 both boys and girls on Sundays at 10am. Any queries to Jason 087-1328718

Gaelic for Mothers and Others are back training on Monday nights from 8-9pm with Dads and lads on Tuesday nights from 8-9pm.

FOOTBALL CAMP

As part of our Healthy Club Initiative the Club will be hosting their annual very successful Football Camp from 6th-10th July. All enquiries Mary 096-0640065 or Tara 087-6032774. Open to ages 4 years to 14 years. Time from 10am to 2pm. Cost: 1 child €65, 2nd child €60, 3rd and subsequent €55.

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Activator Walking Programme Comes to Spa Community Walking Track!

Spa GAA is delighted to support an upcoming Activator Walking Pole Programme taking place at our Community Walking Track, in collaboration with Kerry Recreation & Sports Partnership.

This initiative has been facilitated locally with the support of our Health & Wellbeing Committee, helping to bring additional opportunities for activity and social connection into the community. The programme will be delivered by Ramona Keogh, a tutor with Kerry Recreation & Sports Partnership, who specialises in the Activator technique, designed to improve mobility, balance, strength and overall fitness in a safe and supportive environment.

Programme Details:

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Abby Doherty and Eva Spellman who celebrated their joint 18th Birthdays at the Racecourse last weekend

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“Skip” Jeremiah Buckley 3rd Annual Memorial Tournament a Roaring Success

The Buckley family would like to extend their sincere thanks to everyone who participated in the “Skip” Jeremiah Buckley Memorial Tournament, held on Easter Saturday.

A huge thank you goes to all those who helped ensure the day ran like clockwork—from those who provided fresh baking, sandwiches, tea and coffee, to those who organised spot prizes, first aid, officiating, refereeing, and all behind-the-scenes support. Special mention to Adam the DJ for keeping spirits high throughout the day.

Thank you also to the spectators who came out to cheer on the teams, and to the wider community for their continued support. A special word of appreciation goes to Niall “Botty” O’Callaghan for his role as MC, and for the excellent food provided at the Fáilte for the after-party.

Finally, well done to the fantastic Mothers & Others teams who showcased their skills on the day. From great teamwork to laughter and plenty of craic, the true spirit of the tournament was on full display.

Congratulations to Glenbeigh, winners of the Plate Competition, and to The Part-Timers, who took home the Cup.

Thank you all once again—we’re already looking forward to next year. But for now, it’s time for some well-earned rest and relaxation.



Glenbeigh, winners of the Plate Competition



The Part-Timers, who took home the Cup.



Top supporters, Leah McMahon, Ann O’Shea and Aine McMahon



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Free throw competition winner receives the trophy from Mrs. Buckley. Skip always said.... free throws always win games!



The St. Paul's Mothers & Others Team who organised the tournament.

All the teams who took part in the tournament



Citizenship Ceremonies

Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th April 2026

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- **Dates:** The next Irish Citizenship Ceremonies will take place on **Tuesday, 14th and Wednesday, 15th April 2026** at Gleneagle Killarney.
- **Attendees:** Over **12,000 people** are expected to attend across six ceremonies over the two days. Ceremony times are **11:00 | 13:00 | 15:00**. The duration of each Ceremony is approximately 30 minutes.
- **Traffic Delays:** Significant delays are anticipated, especially near the **Gleneagle Arena** and along **Muckross Road** between **09:30 – 16:30**.
- **Parking:** Parking at or near the venue will be **very limited**. Guests are encouraged to leave cars at their accommodation and use shuttle buses.
- **Shuttle Services:** Free shuttle buses will run from the **train station** and from **Scott's Street**, starting at **08:00**



Advice for Attendees and the Local Community

- ✓ **Allow extra travel time** if you are heading to or through Killarney on these dates.
- ✓ **Use shuttle buses or walk** where possible to avoid congestion.
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- ✓ **Accommodation providers** are being asked to advise Attendees to avoid driving to the venue.



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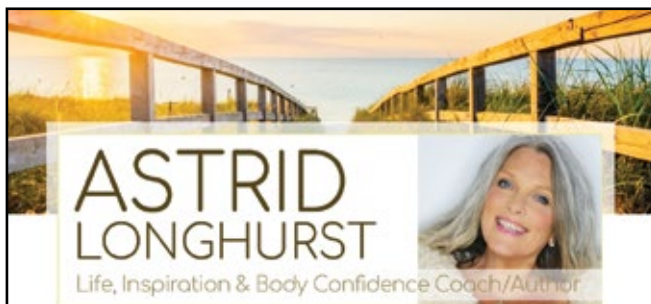
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Abby Doherty, who celebrated her 18th Birthday at The Racecourse at the weekend. Abby is pictured with her parents Francie and Aileen, her sister Ava and her brother Sean.

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Cahill Calls for Urgent Reform of “Unfair and Outdated” Inheritance Tax Rules for Childless People

Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry, Deputy Michael Cahill has called for reform of Ireland’s inheritance tax system, arguing that current rules tend to discriminate against those who wish to leave assets to extended family members such as nieces and nephews.

Cahill said the disparity between what parents can pass on to their children and what childless people can leave to their loved ones is currently very unfair. His comments come as new figures show the State collected a record €1.121 billion in inheritance and gift tax last year, with €20.23 million paid inheritance tax in Kerry alone in 2024.

Cahill has submitted several parliamentary questions asking the Minister for Finance to urgently address what he describes as “inheritance tax discrimination” against

childless citizens. He highlighted that a parent can pass €800,000 tax-free to two children, while a childless person can pass just €80,000 tax-free to two loved ones. He also pointed out that a niece or nephew inheriting a €400,000 home from a childless relative faces a tax bill of €118,800, while a child inheriting the same property from a parent pays nothing. Likewise, a lifelong friend, carer or neighbour inheriting a €400,000 home from a childless person must pay €125,400 in tax, while a child inheriting the same home pays zero.

Speaking on the proposal, Deputy Cahill said: “People should not be financially punished for the shape their family takes. Whether someone’s closest relationships are with children, nieces, nephews, friends or carers, the tax system should treat those bonds fairly.

Situations occur where nieces or nephews cannot afford to inherit what is left to them because of the tax.”

National inheritance tax receipts have more than doubled since 2020, rising from €468 million to €968 million. Gift tax revenue has also surged, increasing from €71 million to €146 million over the same period.

Cahill said the figures speak for themselves and that reform is long overdue.

“This is about fairness. The system as is penalises people simply because they do not have children. That cannot be justified in a modern, equal society. It is time to bring inheritance tax rules into line with today’s realities. I believe there should be a gradual decrease of indeed a phasing out of the inheritance tax.”

€4.2 million for Kerry under Fire Services Capital Programme

Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Kerry T.D Norma Foley has welcomed the announcement of €4.2 million for Killarney and Kenmare under the Fire Services Capital Programme 2026-2030.

The programme, developed by the National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management (NDFEM), sets out a comprehensive plan to modernise Ireland’s fire service fleet, infrastructure, training capability and communications systems to meet the evolving risks facing communities nationwide.

As part of the announcement Killarney will receive €1.2 million for the upgrade of the existing fire station whilst Kenmare will receive €3 million for a new fire station headquarters.

Welcoming the announcement Minister Foley said: “I welcome this announcement from my Cabinet colleague, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, James Browne T.D. Fire services are typically the last line of defence in protecting lives, homes and businesses from a myriad of hazards. This investment ensures they have the modern tools, facilities and systems required to meet that responsibility.”

Also welcoming the announcement Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry, Michael Cahill said “This is a very welcome and substantial investment for Killarney. The allocation of €1.2 million to upgrade the fire station headquarters will greatly enhance facilities for our firefighters and ensure they have the modern infrastructure needed to carry out their vital work safely and effectively,” he said.

The nationwide programme, the largest of its kind in the history of the State, will see major investment in fire stations, equipment, training, and communications systems over the next five years.

Deputy Cahill added, “Our fire service personnel are the backbone of emergency response in our communities. They put themselves on the line

every day to protect lives, homes and businesses. It is only right that they are supported with modern, fit-for-purpose facilities.”

“I particularly welcome the focus on upgrading infrastructure, as well as the wider investment in fleet, training and communications. This ensures that fire services in Kerry and across the country are equipped to deal with modern challenges, including extreme weather events, road traffic incidents and more complex emergency situations.”

“I want to commend the dedication of our local fire crews in Killarney and across Kerry. This investment is a recognition of their commitment and will support them in continuing to deliver an excellent service to the public,” he added.



Minister James Browne speaking in Offaly recently where he officially opened the new €4.4 million Fire Service Learning and Development Centre in Tullamore.



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Cahills Warmly Welcome Opening of Second Section of South Kerry Greenway



Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry, Michael Cahill, and Councillor Tommy Cahill of the Kenmare Municipal District have expressed their delight at the official opening of the second section of the South Kerry Greenway, running from Glenbeigh to Mountain Stage.

Deputy Cahill said he has been a strong and consistent advocate for the Greenway from the very beginning and has never wavered in his support for the project.

"This is a hugely significant day for South Kerry. The opening of this section of the Greenway is another major milestone in what is a transformative project for the entire region," he said.

"The South Kerry Greenway is a gamechanger and a lifeline for our communities. It is a powerful economic enabler that will support local businesses, create jobs and drive tourism right across South Kerry and the Iveragh peninsula."

Deputy Cahill added that the project is already being recognised at a national level for its scale and potential.

"It is being predicted as the single biggest tourism project ever undertaken in this country. Once fully open, it is expected to attract up to 500,000 visitors annually, double the numbers seen on the greenways in Mayo and Waterford. That speaks volumes about the opportunity this presents for Kerry."

Councillor Tommy Cahill stated, "Today is a very positive step, but it is vital that we now press ahead with the remaining sections of the route as quickly as possible," he said.

"I am urging Kerry County Council and Transport Infrastructure Ireland to continue progressing the project at pace. A key priority must be resolving all outstanding issues with landowners, including ensuring that those affected are fairly compensated in terms of accommodation works and compensation as quickly as possible," he added.

Councillor Cahill concluded, "Delivering the full Greenway will unlock its true potential and ensure that all communities along the route can benefit from this landmark development."

Serious Concerns Raised Over Delays to the Opening of Killarney Community Hospital

Cahill raises serious concerns over delays to opening of Killarney Community Hospital despite numerous requests for information on staffing arrangements that remain unanswered. Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry, Michael Cahill, has expressed deep concern following reports that the HSE has failed to engage with nursing representatives on staffing arrangements for the new Killarney Community Nursing Unit since May of last year.

"I have been contacted by a number of concerned constituents who, like myself, were hopeful that the next update on Killarney Community Nursing Unit would be that residents were finally moving into their new home. Instead, we are now faced with serious concerns around staffing and patient safety," he said.

The concerns follow claims by the INMO that there has been no meaningful engagement from the HSE on staffing requirements, and that it would be unsafe to transfer residents to the new unit without clarity on staffing levels. Deputy Cahill has formally raised the issue with the Minister for Health through several Parliamentary Questions in recent times, seeking urgent clarification as to why repeated representations on staffing arrangements have not been answered and whether the lack of engagement with nursing representatives is contributing to further delays.

"I am very disappointed that despite a number of requests during the past number



of months, I did not receive any information. It is completely unacceptable that questions regarding staffing for such a critical facility remain unanswered. I had specifically asked about the number that would be employed in the new facility, the number of additional jobs, the different categories, the number that would be transferring from the old Community Hospital to the new one, etc. Patient safety must be the absolute priority, and that requires proper workforce planning and engagement with frontline staff," said the Fianna Fáil Spokesperson for Older People.

"Delays in opening the new unit are having a knock-on effect across the system, including at University Hospital Kerry, where we continue to see significant pressures and high numbers of patients on trolleys. The timely opening of this

facility is essential to improving patient flow and ensuring older people receive the care they deserve in an appropriate setting."

"It is becoming increasingly difficult for residents and their families to endure these ongoing delays. They have been waiting a long time to move into a modern, fit-for-purpose facility, and they deserve certainty."

"I am calling on the HSE and the Minister for Health to urgently engage with nursing representatives, finalise safe staffing levels and provide a clear and realistic timeline for the opening of the Killarney Community Nursing Unit. I will continue to press this issue until we get the answers that patients, families and staff deserve," he concluded.

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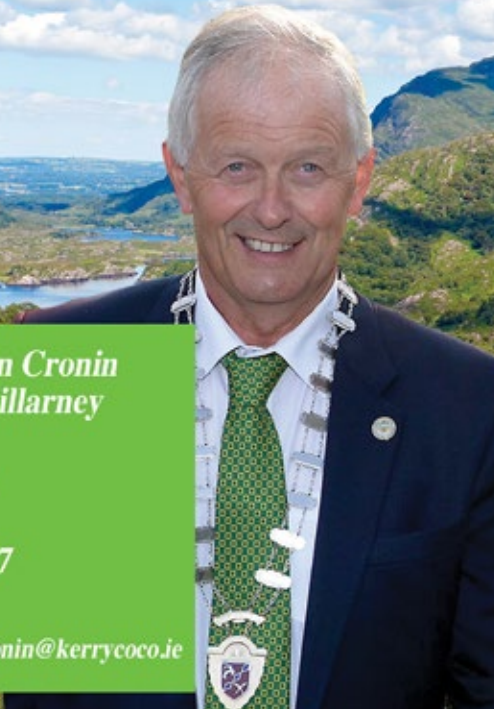
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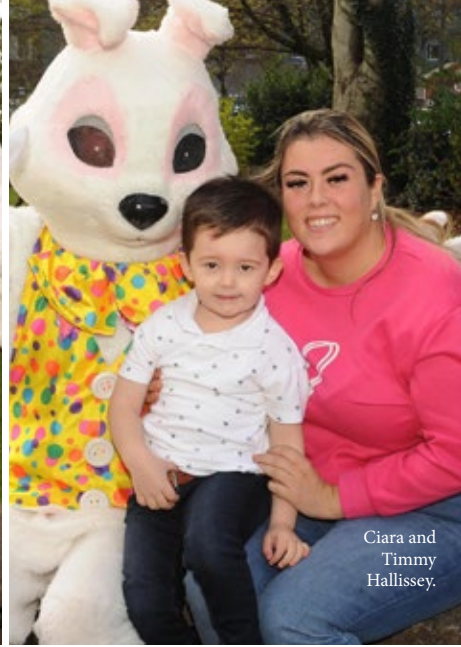
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Ciara and Timmy Hallissey.



Sophie Scannell with the Easter Bunny.



Anthony, Liam and Lil O'Sullivan.



Nicole, Shane, Willow and Fiadh Healy.



Maureen Malone and Caoimhe Malone Walker.



Mary Ellen, Noel, Rian and Oisín Moynihan, Killarney.

Easter Bunny Fun At Killarney Outlet Centre

Pictures: Eamonn Keogh



Angel and Kelsey McElligott, Listowel.



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Theresa O'Shea, Roisin and Alan Courmane, Killorglin.



Ellie, Emily and Abraham Dahssi.



Eabha Kate, Clodagh and Treasa O'Neill, Killarney.



Sinead, Aban, Fiachna and David Murphy, Glenflesk.



Marcus, Ryan, Laura and Dainis Kizjalo.



Ryan and Rhaea Sheehan, Rathmore, with the Easter Bunny.



Lorcan and Darragh Condon.



Ellie, Jaxson and Lee O'Sullivan, Rathmore.



Tommy, Rian and Aoife Walsh and Roseanne Murray.



Ciara Vaughan and Ben Casey.



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Carla, Darragh and Kieran Collins, Rathmore.



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Grace and Sophie Kelly.



Lorcan, Seidhlin and Tara McDonagh.



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The Easter Bunny enjoying The Killarney Outlet Centre Family Fun Day on Easter Sunday.

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Trócaire makes plea for return of Kerry donations as further cuts to global humanitarian aid threaten millions

The global humanitarian system is facing significant challenges. At a time when need has increased because of conflict and the effects of climate change, funding has been slashed. In 2025 the United States, historically the world's largest humanitarian donor, slashed contributions that accounted for 43% of global government humanitarian funding. Other countries who have recently announced cuts to their overseas aid budgets include the UK, Germany, Sweden, Belgium, France, Canada and the Netherlands.

A new study published in medical journal The Lancet estimates that by the end of the decade, up to 22.6 million people could die if the United States and other Western donors continue to slash foreign aid. Tens of millions more could be pushed into poverty, threatening decades

of progress in reducing poverty levels in the Global South.

Seán Farrell, CEO of Trócaire, says the cuts to humanitarian funding across the world are already having huge impacts in the countries where Trócaire works. "We are seeing catastrophic deficits in terms of what is needed. We are approaching three years since the start of the latest conflict in Sudan. Sudan today is the world's biggest humanitarian crisis with 25 million people in need of aid and 12 million having had to flee their homes. There is widespread acute malnutrition. The funds are just not there at the level that they need to be to support communities coping with this life-threatening situation."

"In Somalia, where Trócaire provides the only healthcare to a region the size of Ireland, our

midwives are being put in the devastating position of having to choose who gets treatment as there just aren't enough resources to cover the need. Our team in Lebanon has seen people having to face incredible challenges because of the current conflict there and they are working in the most difficult circumstances."

"The irony is that at the same time that these cuts are implemented by various countries and are impacting on people caught up in conflict, we are seeing a huge increase in military spending by those same countries. We need to call out this disgraceful state of affairs. Twice as much is being spent on prolonging the conflict in Sudan as is being spent on life-saving humanitarian aid there," Seán Farrell said.

"We are thankful that Ireland is one country that has maintained its level of overseas aid and the Irish Government has indicated that this commitment will continue. The funds we receive from Irish Aid are incredibly important. Moreover the people of Co. Kerry have been unflinching in their support of the world's most vulnerable communities and the difference this support has made, and continues to make, is humbling. Last year people in the county donated more than €248,000 during Lent and I am issuing a plea to people right across Kerry to return this year's Trócaire Box Appeal donations as quickly as possible so that we can ensure that communities on the brink can get the support they need at this precarious time. I would urge people to make their donation at www.trocaire.org or by calling 1800 408 408."



MEK MAKE THEIR MARK IN TRALEE

MEK Galaxy 2015 had an incredible day in Tralee, competing in two finals and coming away with both the Cup and Shield titles. The Orange Team kicked things off at 11:30am in Christy Leahy Park against Killarney Celtic. In a strong performance, they secured a 4-1 victory at full-time. Man of the Match went to Gearóid Curran, who also got on the scoresheet alongside Fionn Murphy and Fionn O'Sullivan. Later in the day, the Black Team faced LB Rovers in Tralee Dynamos Astro. After a hard-fought match that ended 2-2, extra time couldn't separate the sides, so it went to penalties. MEK Galaxy held their nerve to win 4-3 in a thrilling shootout. As one Kerry Schoolboys League representative said during the presentation, "they kept the best for last."

Both teams showed incredible determination, teamwork, and spirit throughout the day, and the coaches couldn't be prouder. A huge thank you to all the players for their dedication this season, and to the parents for their continued support, especially those early Saturday morning training sessions. All the hard work has truly paid off.

Both teams are coached by Donald O'Sullivan, Michael Maloney, Michael Doherty, Philip Lee, Adrian Lynch, and Jason Clifford. The team were missing Hugo Doherty the MEK black team but worked very hard to fill the void.



Another win for MEK who won in the final beating LB Rovers in Penalties after extra time had them level they went on to win.

A massive Congratulations to MEK on winning there final against Killarney Celtic 4-1!! A great performance by all the players today and a special mention to Gearoid on getting Player of the match!!



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ROSS GOLF CLUB (GENTS)

RESULTS

On April 4th and 5th we held a three man rumble competition.

The winners were :-

1st: Derek McAllister, Tim Ryan, Michael J O'Sullivan 79 Points

2nd: Steve Shine, Roger O'Sullivan, John O'Reilly 76 Points

3rd: Seamus McCarthy, Donie Broderick, John Ivory 75 Points

EASTER MONDAY MIXED SCRAMBLE

On Easter Monday we held our annual mixed scramble with a large turnout.

The winners were :-

1st: Daniel Ling, Bridget McGuire, Patrick Gallagher, Maureen Beecher Crowley.

2nd: Kevin O'Callaghan, Elaine Casey, Ger Scott, Anthony O'Mahony.

3rd: Daniel Cronin, Mike O'Leary, Mary Moynihan, John Ivory

FIXTURE

Ross Seniors On Thursday next and all Thursdays our Ross Seniors will commence their season.

All gents members over 60 yrs are invited to be ready to play golf at 12.45pm each Thursday.

SPRING LEAGUE

On April 11th and 12th we will hold the fourth round of the M D O'Shea Spring League with a single stableford competition, kindly sponsored by C & C Lifting Ltd.

DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT

EASTER EVENTS

thanks to everyone who played over this past Easter Weekend as on Sunday our Captain Gearoid Cronin teed off at his Drive-In signifying the start of the 2026 season in the main. Monday morning's Willie Parker Memorial meanwhile was a hard fought affair in difficult conditions but Denis Duggan managed to hang onto the Claret Jug by a single stroke from Alan O'Sullivan.

WILLIE PARKER MEMORIAL

Overall Nett: Denis Duggan 90, Overall Gross: Gearoid Cronin 102, Second Nett: Alan O'Sullivan 91, 18 Nett: Jason O'Connor 45 (B9) and 18 Gross: Michael Cronin 52

SUNDAY DRAWS

Three Player Team, Two Scores Count Each Hole- First Nett: Gearoid Cronin, Colm O'Dowd & Alan O'Sullivan 75 2/3, Gross: Gearoid Cronin, Ger Casey & Colm O'Dowd 98, Second Nett: Sean Ashe, John Murphy & Niall O'Loughlin 79 and Hole-In-One: Bobby Kelly (2nd Hole).

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

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

COUNTY MATCHPLAY

Please note entries for same must be submitted to County Board by next Monday April 13th as we ask all interested members to ensure they are paid up by the end of this weekend. Entry Form on Noticeboard.

MUNSTER SCOTCH FOURSOMES

Best Wishes to both Connie O'Sullivan and Eileen McCarthy who are taking part in the



Deerpark Pitch & Putt members look on as Captain Gearoid Cronin prepares to tee-off at his Captain's Drive-In on Easter Sunday morning last.



Ross Ladies Easter Scramble very kindly sponsored by Lir Café. Pictured front left to right Mary B O'Sullivan, Captain Elaine Casey, Margaret Hickey. Back left to right Betty O'Farrell, Emir Coffey, Kitty O'Grady, Mona Looney, Mary McGuire, Noreen O'Mahony, Helen Moylan, Aine Murphy, Therese O'Keeffe, Lourda Kelly, Jennifer Nash, Bridie Doyle, Maureen Beecher Crowley & Mary McGuire

Mixed event in Riverdale, Nenagh, Co Tipperary this weekend.

KERRY SPORTS STAR AWARDS

This Saturday night will see our Secretary Damien Fleming honoured at this revived event in the Rose Hotel in Tralee. Our congratulations to him on winning the Pitch & Putt award for a fourth time.

KILLARNEY GOLF CLUB

(LADIES)

18 HOLE SINGLE STABLEFORD COMPETITION PLAYED ON THE 4TH & 5TH APRIL ON KILLEN COURSE

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Winner: Edel Randles 36pts(23)

Runner Up: Eimear O'Sullivan 36pts (15)

Best Gross: Sarah O'Brien 29pts (04)

3rd: Jane Dwyer 33pts (20)

4th: Mary Kearney 32pts (13)

*Nearest the pin on the 3rd hole: Mege Dalton

WINNER OF 11 HOLE SINGLE STABLEFORD COMPETITION

Sheila Crowley 16pts (15)

BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB

RESULTS OF OUR PAIRS BETTER BALL COMPETITION HELD ON FRIDAY 3 APRIL – SPONSOR – THE KILLARNEY PLAZA HOTEL

Men's Pairs

1st: Mike Gleeson & Tom Gleeson (Beaufort GC) 46 points.

2nd: Larry Keane & David Kirby (Dooks GC) 43 points.

3rd: Tom Gleeson (SNR) & Justin McDermot (Ballybunion GC) 41 points

Ladies Pairs

1st: Patricia Goodwin & Joan Cantillon (Castlegregory GC) 38 points. 2nd: Mary Ciepierski & Tina Moriarty (Castlegregory GC) 34 points

MEN'S COMPETITION on Sunday 12 April – 18 Hole Stableford – White & Yellow Tees
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ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB

RESULTS

Saturday 4th April 2026 - Easter Scramble very kindly sponsored by Lir Cafe.

Thanks to Alan Oliver and Lir Café for their very generous sponsorship and continued support.

1st: Ailish Mulcahy, Mary B O'Sullivan & Margaret Hickey.

2nd: Therese O'Keeffe, Bridie Doyle & Bridget McGuire.

3rd: Betty O'Farrell, Mary McGuire & Helen Moylan

Well done to the winners and to all who participated.

COMPETITIONS

Saturday 11th April 2026, 9 & 18 - hole single Stableford competition. Enter via the BRS App Wednesday mornings

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Michael O'Connor who won silver in the M75 5K race walk and bronze in the 3K track walk at the Euro Masters championships in Poland. He also led his, Irish team to silver in the team competition.

KILLARNEY SWIMMING CLUB

The club attended the inaugural Ellen Cassidy Memorial Gala in UL at the weekend. This gala was in memory of Dolphin Swimmer Ellen who sadly passed away at the young age of 24 last June. The club were honoured to attend and be part of this gala in memory of Ellen.

Congratulations to swimmers Aoife Coffey Gold 400IM; Aoibhin Heinemann Silver 50 Free and Bronze 100 Free; Evan O'Donoghue Gold 200 Fly; Liam O'Mahony Gold 100 Breast; Sarah Quirke Silver 200 Fly and Bronze 50 Breast.

FOSSA ROWING CLUB

CONDOLENCES

The whole club would like to offer our deepest sympathies to the family and loved ones of Betty Coffey, who passed away last week. May she rest in peace.

Betty was a lifelong supporter of the club, a familiar and much-loved presence at every Killarney regatta. Her husband, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren are among the foundation and pillars of both this club and rowing in Killarney.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam.

OPEN DAY

We are holding a club open day at the Old Church in Fossa on Sunday the 19th of April next. Proceedings will kick off at 11am and all are very welcome to come along and find out more



Killarney Swimming Club members Maria Avila, Divo Lucic-Kovacevic, Madeline Lynch, Head Coach Sean Farndon, Raegan Browne, Aoife Coffey and Liam O'Mahony



Fossa Girls and Boys teams who competed in the U14 Volleyball Community Games Competitions recently. Both teams won Gold in their respective competitions and will go on to represent Kerry in the Munster stage of the Community Games in the coming weeks.

about our amazing club and the wonderful sport of rowing. Come along and have a try of the rowing machines and meet like minded people. All very welcome.

LAKESHORE CLEAN UP

In conjunction with this years Kerry County clean up, we are organising another Lake shore clean up on Saturday the 11th of April next, so please save the date. All very welcome.

FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB

RESULTS FOR THE 2ND APRIL

1st: Finola Spillane & Ger Foley
2nd: Conor Dwyer & Ger McSweeney
3rd: Tim & Mai Corcoran

Well done to all.

REMINDER

President Margaret's prize is starting next week, 16th April and the 23rd April. Immediately after the bridge on the 23rd April, there will be a lite lunch to celebrate another successful year.

AGM

Our AGM is on the 30th April at the Castlerosse Hotel at 10am sharp with bridge afterwards. Hope to see you all there.

KILLARNEY VALLEY AC

Congratulations to all who took part in our annual Streets of Killarney 5 Mile Road Race on Good Friday. 798 participants completed the course starting in Killarney House and completed two laps of the town in spring sunshine. The race was won by Oisín Murray of An Ríocht AC in 24.03 and Michelle Finn of Leevale AC was the first female finisher in 27.07 after she won the Streets of Kilkenny 5k just the day before. The club wishes to thank all those who volunteered and sponsored the race and helped out in any way towards making it another successful and safe event for participants and spectators. Many thanks also to local residents and businesses for their support and patience with necessary road closures during the event.

For anyone wishing to join the club you can email us at killarneyvalleyac@gmail.com.

RÁS TAILTEANN TO TAKE IN RATHMORE ON IT'S 71ST EDITION

The 71st edition of Rás Tailteann will take place from May 20th to May 24th, 2026.

The event will start in Portlaoise, Co Laois on Wednesday, May 20th, heading south-west to finish in the historic Limerick heritage town of Kilmallock. Stage two will see a transfer to Rathmore, Co Kerry, where a long and demanding day awaits, taking in Kenmare, West Cork, the famed Tunnel Road / Caha Pass, Glengarriff and Gougane Gap before finishing in the Rás stronghold of Banteer, Co Cork.

Another transfer brings the race to Mitchelstown, Co Cork for the start of stage three. A fast and technical stage will traverse into Wexford, finishing with an uphill drag into Enniscorthy, a town well known for producing dramatic Rás finishes. Stage four sees Rás Tailteann return to the Wicklow Mountains for the first time in eight years, starting in Carlow and finishing in Baltinglass. Riders will tackle the iconic Drumgoff / Shay Elliott Memorial and Wicklow Gap climbs on what promises to be one of the decisive days of the race.

The final stage will again start in Carlow, before crossing the plains of Carlow and Kildare, including the Category 3 Hill of Allen, and finishing in Dunboyne, Co Meath, where three laps of a testing finishing circuit will decide both the stage winner and the overall champion of Rás Tailteann 2026.

The 2026 edition of the race is again five stages and will cover 785 kilometres along the roads of Ireland, including 21 categorised climbs.

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KILLARNEY CELTIC

CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 14,19,22,27. No Jackpot winner. No Match 3 winner so Lucky Dip winners received €50. Next jackpot €8,600 on Monday April 13th. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through Clubzap.

U14 DIV 1

Killarney Celtic B 6-5 Tralee Dynamos

Jack Kissane 3, Eoin Murphy, Noah Murphy, OG Celtic B came out on top of this goal fest as both sides gave everything for the win.

U12 DIV 1

Killarney Athletic B 4-0 Killarney Celtic B

Celtic B went down to Athletic in difficult conditions last week.

Inter Kenmare 5-2 Killarney Celtic C

Cillian Murphy, Scott O'Sullivan

In a game played in miserable weather, Celtic C lost out to a physically stronger Kenmare.

U12 DIV 3

Killarney Celtic D 1-1 Dingle

Samir Cenaj

Celtic D almost grabbed a late winner but had to settle for a point against Dingle.

U11 SHIELD 1 FINAL

Killarney Celtic Hoops were defeated by MEK Cian O'Cleirigh

U10 CUP 1 FINAL

Killarney Celtic Green defeated Iveragh James Keane, Nathan Foley, Odhran O'Shea



Killarney Celtic U10 Green squad vs Iveragh

MASTERGEEHA

U13 BRID DEVANE PERPETUAL CUP QUARTER FINAL

Castleisland 2 V Mastergeeha 4

Gracie Maher (3) & Annie Mai O'Donoghue

A big game for our girls tonight, the U13 Brid Devane Perpetual Cup doubled with a back dated Premier League game saw us through to the semi-final of the Cup along with finishing second in the Premier League. Two goals from Gracie Maher in the first half had us in a very comfortable position heading into the break. However, Castleisland, a very strong side, came out fighting in the second half and drew level within 10 minutes. Thankfully, Annie Mai O'Donoghue restored our lead after finishing a great ball in from Aine Herlihy, settling things at a crucial stage of the game. Castleisland continued to put us under serious pressure, but Laura Breen, Olivia O'Connor and Clodagh

O'Sullivan worked tirelessly in defence to keep them at bay.

Our star striker, Gracie Maher, added her third goal of the game to seal the win, leaving the final score 4-2. Thanks to Castleisland for yet another very competitive and sporting match, who put us under immense pressure throughout the game. A big thanks also to Martin Courtney for officiating a fair and well-controlled game.

BARCELONA CUP PITCH & PUTT

A massive thank you to everyone who supported our fundraiser, from players to volunteers, sponsors and Deerpark Pitch & Putt for having the course in superb condition

There was a real sense of community spirit throughout the day, with plenty of great shots, great food and lots of craic enjoyed by all ages. A special thanks to Tango for the delicious pizzas on the day.

The U14 girls in Mastergeeha would like to sincerely thank everyone for their incredible support it truly means a lot,

SPONSOR APPRECIATION

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to all of our incredible sponsors who supported this year's Barcelona Cup Pitch & Putt fundraiser at Deerpark Pitch & Putt on Friday 3rd April

2026. Your generosity and support played a huge role in making the day such a success, it is truly appreciated. We are especially proud to be supported by so many great local businesses, along with individuals and families who generously sponsored teams, all of whom continue to get behind our club and community. Winners on the day can be viewed on our Facebook page.

Course Sponsor was Shane O'Riordan Construction

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Your support helped create a fantastic



Mastergeeha FC members pictured at the recent Pitch and Putt fundraiser



Ballyhar Dynamos FC U16s, 1st round victors away to Killorglin FC in the Tucker Kelly cup.

community event filled with great sport, great food and great community spirit, we are extremely grateful to each and every one of you. We would strongly encourage everyone to support these fantastic local businesses who support our club. Apologies if we have inadvertently missed anyone your support is equally appreciated

MASTERGEEHA LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on 3rd April 2026 for the Jackpot of €6200. Numbers drawn were 6, 8, 24, 25. Consolations Prizes of €50 each to the following, William Horgan Online, Mary Moynihan Ballinamanagh, Micheal & Brian Kelly Annual & Charlie Lenihan Rathanane. Our next draw will take place on Friday 10th April at the Village Inn for a Jackpot of €6,400.

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC AFC

GREYHOUND BAR QUARTER-FINAL

*St Brendans Park 0 - 2 Killarney Athletic
Terry Sparling x 1 Nathan Cronin x 1*

A solid performance from from our Senior A Team in Tralee puts us through to the Semi-Final.

MARY LYNE GIRLS U15 CUP

Killarney Athletic 4-0 Camp

Goal scorers Ella Crowley x 2, Ellie O Sullivan x 1, Kaitlin Horgan x 1

Killarney Athletic booked their place in the final with an impressive 4-0 victory over Camp Juniors in a hard-fought semi-final clash. The game got off to a perfect start for Killarney Athletic, with Ella Crowley opening the scoring just five minutes in, netting her first of the game. The early goal settled the team, and they continued to press, with Ellie O'Sullivan doubling the lead midway through the first half after a well-worked move. Camp Juniors proved to be a strong and determined opponent throughout, battling hard and showing great skill and resilience, but Killarney held firm at the back. In the second half, Killarney Athletic maintained their momentum. Kaitlin Horgan added a third goal to give her side greater control of the game. With just five minutes remaining, Ella Crowley struck again to secure her second goal of the match and seal a convincing victory. This was a brilliant Panel Performance with every girl giving there all Credit to Camp Juniors for a sporting and competitive game, and thanks also to Willie for officiating. Killarney Athletic now look ahead with excitement to the cup final in two weeks'

time

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC U12B VS KILLARNEY CELTIC U12B

Athletic 4 - Celtic 0

It was wet conditions on Easter Thursday, but that didn't stop our blues putting in outstanding performance, our best shift all year. Each and every Blue were superb, an untied team performance & the workrate was outstanding. Silky passing & determination were on total display this evening. MOTM - Billy Brosnan & Jack Looney Captain - Daniel Moloney Goals Colin Murphy x 1 Alex Doolan x 1 Alex Durbala x 1 Ross Griffin x 1 Thanks to Celtic for a sporting game & to the Referee.

BOYS U12 PREMIER

Killarney Athletic A 3 - 1 Castleisland A

Rian O Reilly x 1, John Hegarty x 1, Joe O Shea x 1

We welcomed Castleisland to Woodlawn for our last league game of the season. We started slowly and were careless in possession. Castleisland took the lead when their winger finished smartly. Rian O Reilly stuck the equaliser with a drilled finish from outside the box leaving the team's level at half time. We started the second half much better and showed more urgency and care with the ball. We took the lead when John Hegarty converted a penalty after a handball. Joe O Shea made it 3-1 finishing well after great work down the wing by Conor Scannel. Best on the day were Conor Scannel, Joe O Shea and MOTM John Hearty. We finished the league with 2 losses and only conceded 5 goals throughout the whole campaign. We've learned loads with every player developing and contributing to every game. We are looking forward to the cup semi final with silverware still up for grabs.

KERRY SCHOOLBOY/GIRL SOCCER

INTERNATIONAL

KERRY 16'S FINISH RUNNERS UP IN VALENCIA CUP

Kerry's U16 side produced a superb campaign at the Valencia Cup, finishing as runners-up after a series of impressive performances against top-class international opposition.

Their tournament began with a narrow 2-1 defeat to FFC Turbine Potsdam, where Saoirse Brosnan found the net. Despite the loss, it was a spirited display against one of Germany's most decorated clubs, and Kerry showed they could compete at the highest level.

They responded brilliantly with a commanding 5-1 win over Selectivo San Diego, with Eilidh Cregan in sensational form, scoring four goals, while Casey Shanahan also got on the scoresheet.

Kerry finished their group stage with a hard-earned 1-0 victory over BS Soccer Team Fasano, as Cregan struck again in difficult, high-temperature conditions, showcasing the squad's resilience and discipline.

In the semi-final, Kerry delivered another standout performance, defeating South Belfast 3-1. Eilidh Cregan continued her outstanding run with two goals, and Casey Shanahan added another in a confident team display.

The final saw Kerry face FFC Turbine Potsdam once more, but despite another determined effort in tough conditions, they fell to a 2-0 defeat.

While the tournament ended in the final, Kerry can take huge pride in their performances, finishing runners-up and demonstrating quality, character, and consistency throughout.

GIRLS

PARK AND MASTERGEEHA ADVANCE INTO SEMI-FINALS

There were standout individual performances in the U13 Girls Brid Devane Perpetual Cup quarter-finals, with goals flowing as teams booked their places in the last four.

St Brendan's Park delivered a clinical display to defeat Inter Kenmare A 6-2, with Caoimhe Field producing an outstanding performance by scoring all six goals to fire her side into the semi-finals.

In the other tie, Mastergeeha secured a strong 4-2 win over Castleisland. Gracie Maher continued her excellent form with a hat-trick, while Annie Mai O'Donoghue added the other. Aoife Reidy and Elana Holly scored for Castleisland.

KILLORGLIN AND CAMP REACH SHIELD SEMI-FINALS

There were impressive displays in the U13 Girls Brid Devane Perpetual Shield quarter-finals, with Killorglin and Camp both advancing after strong wins.

Killorglin were clinical in front of goal to defeat Killarney Athletic B 6-0. The goals were well spread, with Sienna Boyle and Sophie Moriarty both scoring twice, while Grace Mangan and Emilija Pikeryte also found the net in a commanding display.

In the other quarter final tie, Camp secured a 5-2 victory over Tralee Dynamos. Robyn Flynn



Killarney Athletic 15 Girls



Kerry U16 Girls

led the way with a hat-trick, supported by goals from Roisin Murray and Aoibhin Lyne. Dynamos responded through Kourtney Moroney and Rosa Gordillo.

PARK CLAIM STRONG WIN IN U14 GIRLS PREMIER

Park produced a solid performance to defeat Listowel Celtic 4-2 in the O'Sullivan's Bakery U14 Girls Premier Division.

Goals from Faith Breen, Saoirse Moynihan, Ciara Cronin, Sophie Piggott and Caoimhe Field saw Park take control of the contest with a well-balanced attacking display.

Listowel Celtic battled throughout and got on the scoresheet through Samantha Lyons and Amy Williams.

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC BOOK CUP FINAL PLACE

Killarney Athletic booked their place in the U15 Girls Mary Lyne Perpetual Cup Final with an impressive 4-0 victory over Camp.

Athletic were in control throughout and made their chances count, with Ella Crowley leading the way with a brace. Further goals from Ellie O'Sullivan and Kaitlin Horgan completed a strong performance.

PARK PROGRESS IN U16 LOL O'LEARY CUP

Park secured their place in the semi-final stage of the U16 Girls LOL O'Leary Cup with a 2-0 victory over Killarney Athletic.

Sofia Rybanska opened the scoring for Park, while a second goal came via an own goal to seal the win. They now play Inter Kenmare in the semi-finals.

BOYS

CASTLEISLAND SECURE DRAMATIC TREBLE SUCCESS

The first of the silverware outside of the league competitions headed the way of Castleisland, as they secured all three titles up for grabs on a dramatic day of action in Georgie O'Callaghan Park.

In the U12 John Murphy Bowl Final, Castleisland B claimed a 2-0 victory over Ballyhar B, with goals from Robbie Normoyle and Ronan Barrett securing the silverware.

Castleisland B recorded success in the U13 John-Joe Naughton Shield Final, edging a tight contest 1-0 against Castlemaine, with Mikey Brosnan scoring the decisive goal.

At U15 level, Castleisland first had to qualify for the semi-final and did that in style defeating Fenit

Castleisland U15 Boys



5-0. Goals came from Se O'Donnell, Yevhennii Momontov, Ryan O'Connor, Jack Hobbart, and Connie O'Connor as next up was the final.

The final delivered drama as Castleisland and Listowel Celtic played out a 1-1 draw after extra time. Se O'Donnell scored for Castleisland before they held their nerve to win 5-4 on penalties. Successful spot-kicks from Sean Kerin, Yevhennii Momontov, Daniel Collins, Kevin Brosnan, and Se O'Donnell sealed the victory and crowned Castleisland champions.

PARK POWER THROUGH IN U12 JOHN MURPHY CUP

St Brendan's Park A delivered a clinical performance in the U12 John Murphy Boy's Cup (Knock-out), securing an emphatic 8-2 victory over LB Rovers A.

Igor Jasiński led the scoring with a superb hat-trick, while Kaelan Dunne added two goals. Further strikes from Rory Kelliher, Iarlaith Clifford, and Kyle O'Sullivan capped off a comprehensive attacking display.

INTER KENMARE ADVANCE IN U12 JOHN MURPHY TROPHY

Inter Kenmare A secured their place in the next round of the U12 John Murphy Boy's Trophy (Quarter-Final) with a solid 3-0 victory over Mastergeeha B.

Adam Leonard was the standout performer, scoring twice, while Hristian Kapsarov added the third to seal safe passage to the semi-final stage.

BUSY ROUND ACROSS U12 BOYS LEAGUES

Alongside the Cup and Trophy, there was a full schedule of action across the EBS U12 Boys

divisions, with plenty of goals, strong wins and closely fought contests throughout the grades.

In the Premier Division, Listowel Celtic recorded a solid 2-0 win over Dingle, with goals from Jack McCarthy and Sean Hanrahan. Killarney Athletic also impressed with a 3-1 victory over Castleisland A, thanks to strikes from Rian O'Reilly, John Hegarty, and Joe O'Shea.

In Division 1, Killarney Athletic B secured a 4-0 win over Killarney Celtic B, with goals from Colin Murphy, Alex Doolan, Alex Durbala, and Ross Griffin. Inter Kenmare A defeated Killarney Celtic C 5-2, with Hristian Kapsarov (2), Adam Leonard, Cillian Keliher, and Robbie Hussey on target for the hosts, while Cillian Murphy and Scott O'Sullivan replied for Athletic. Park D defeated MEK A 1-0 through a strike from Nathan Leahy.

In Division 2, Tralee Dynamos A claimed a 3-1 win over LB Rovers B, Sean Keane on target for LB, while Park C and Mastergeeha C shared the points in a 2-2 draw.

In Division 3, Killarney Athletic D defeated MEK B 2-0, while Killarney Athletic C won 2-0 against Inter Kenmare B. Killarney Celtic D and Dingle B drew 1-1, and Mastergeeha D produced a dominant 6-0 win over LB Rovers C.

Castleisland C and Ballyhar B played out a 2-2 draw while Ballyheigue beat Tralee Dynamos C 6-0. Tralee Dynamos B completed the round with a 7-2 win over Iveragh B, with Lincoln Coffey scoring twice alongside goals from Joseph Sheridan, Cian O'Brien, Donnacha Brosnan,



Castleisland 12 Boys



Castleisland 13 Boys

Michael McCarthy and Conor O'Shea.

DINGLE EDGE THROUGH ON PENALTIES IN TOM HAYES CUP

Dingle progressed in the U14 Tom Hayes Boy's Cup (Knock-out) after a dramatic penalty shoot-out victory over Castleisland.

The sides could not be separated in normal time, finishing 1-1, with Conall Ó Sé scoring for Dingle and Leo Flynn Luna scoring for Castleisland.

With nothing between the teams after full-time, the tie went to penalties, where Dingle held their nerve to win 4-3, sealing their place in the next round after a closely contested encounter.

BALLYHAR ADVANCE IN TUCKER KELLY CUP

Ballyhar Dynamos A secured their place in the next round of the U16 Boy's Tucker Kelly Cup/Trophy with a 3-1 victory over Killorglin A.

Alex Finn led the way with a brace, while Ryan Quilter added the other to complete a strong attacking performance. Ben O'Shea scored for Killorglin, as they enter the Trophy knockout stage.

U13 GIRLS BRID DEVANE PERPETUAL CUP Q/F

Inter Kenmare A 2-6 Park A

Castleisland 2-4 Mastergeeha

U13 GIRLS BRID DEVANE PERPETUAL SHIELD Q/F

Killarney Athletic B 0-6 Killorglin

Camp 5-2 Tralee Dynamos

O'SULLIVAN'S BAKERY U14 GIRL'S PREMIER

Park 4-2 Listowel Celtic

U15 GIRLS MARY LYNE PERPETUAL CUP S/F

Killarney Athletic 4-0 Camp

MUCKROSS PARK HOTEL U15 GIRL'S DIVISION 1

Dingle 0-0 Tralee Dynamos

U16 GIRL'S LOL O'LEARY CUP

Park 2-0 Killarney Athletic

BOYS

U12 BOYS JOHN MURPHY BOWL FINAL

Castleisland B 2-0 Ballyhar B

U12 JOHN MURPHY BOY'S CUP KNOCK-OUT

Park A 8-2 LB Rovers A

U12 JOHN MURPHY BOY'S TROPHY Q/F

Mastergeeha B 0-3 Inter Kenmare A

EBS U12 BOY'S PREMIER

Listowel Celtic 2-0 Dingle

Killarney Athletic 3-1 Castleisland A

EBS U12 BOY'S DIVISION 1

Killarney Athletic B 4-0 Killarney Celtic B

Inter Kenmare A 5-2 Killarney Celtic C

MEK A 0-1 Park D

EBS U12 BOY'S DIVISION 2

Tralee Dynamos A 3-1 LB Rovers B

Park C 2-2 Mastergeeha C

EBS U12 BOY'S DIVISION 3

Killarney Athletic D 2-0 MEK B

Inter Kenmare B 0-2 Killarney Athletic C

Killarney Celtic D 1-1 Dingle B

Mastergeeha D 6-0 LB Rovers C

Castleisland C 2-2 Ballyhar B

Tralee Dynamos C 0-6 Ballyheigue

Tralee Dynamos B 7-2 Iveragh B

U13 BOYS JOHN-JOE NAUGHTON SHIELD FINAL

Castleisland B 1-0 Castlemaine

Castleisland scorer: Mikey Brosnan

U14 TOM HAYES BOY'S CUP KNOCK-OUT

Dingle 1-1 Castleisland AET

(Dingle won 4-3 on pens)

THE GOLDEN NUGGET U14 BOY'S PREMIER

Killarney Athletic A 4-1 Iveragh

Park A 8-2 Killorglin A

THE GOLDEN NUGGET U14 BOY'S DIVISION 1

Killarney Celtic B 6-4 Tralee Dynamos A

THE GOLDEN NUGGET U14 BOY'S DIVISION 3

Killorglin C 1-3 LB Rovers B

Iveragh B 3-0 Fenit B w/o

U15 BOYS HEALY FAMILY CUP FINAL

Castleisland A 1-1 Listowel Celtic A AET (Castleisland won 5-4 on pens)

U15 BOY'S HEALY FAMILY CUP S/F

Fenit A 0-5 Castleisland A

U16 BOY'S TUCKER KELLY CUP/TROPHY

Killorglin A 1-3 Ballyhar A

POWER TRAVEL U16 BOY'S PREMIER

Killarney Athletic A 4-0 Mastergeeha

POWER TRAVEL U16 BOY'S DIVISION 1

Listowel Celtic A 2-2 MEK A

POWER TRAVEL U16 BOY'S DIVISION 2

Iveragh A 3-0 Castleisland B w/o

Killarney Athletic B 2-3 Camp A

BOYS TEAM OF THE WEEK

1. Connie O'Connor (Castleisland U15)
2. Ryan Sugrue (Killarney Celtic U12)
4. Daire Cornally (Ballyhar Dynamos U16)
5. Teddy Leary (Inter Kenmare U12)
3. Nathan Barry (Listowel Celtic U12)
6. Stephen Enright (Camp Juniors U16)
8. Hunter Boyou (Iveragh United U14)
10. Constantin Preda (Killarney Athletic U16)
7. Sean Quill (Killarney Athletic U14)
9. Gerry McDonald (St Brendan's Park U14)
11. Wiktor Spyrka (MEK Galaxy U16)

GIRLS ROLL OF HONOUR:

1. Caoimhe Daly (Tralee Dynamos)
2. Olivia O'Connor (Mastergeeha)
4. Nora O'Connor (Camp Juniors)
5. Esme O'Sullivan (Killarney Athletic)
3. Saoirse O'Callaghan (Camp Juniors)
6. Aoife Reidy (Castleisland)
8. Fallon O'Shea (Inter Kenmare)
7. Emilija Pikeryte (Killorglin)
10. Gustia Krisiuleviciute (Listowel Celtic)
9. Caoimhe Field (St Brendan's Park)
11. Ellie O'Sullivan (Killarney Athletic)

SSE Airtricity Men's First Division

Cork City 4-2 Kerry FC

Kerry FC made the short trip to face Cork City FC at Turner's Cross Stadium but fell to a 4-2 defeat despite an impressive first-half display.

Kerry made a dream start, taking the lead inside two minutes when Cian Murphy converted from the penalty spot. The visitors continued brightly and doubled their advantage just before the break, with Ryan Kelliher producing a fine individual finish to make it 2-0 at half-time.

Cork City responded strongly after the interval, with Sean Maguire pulling one back in the 54th minute. Kerry came under sustained pressure, and the hosts drew level in the 81st minute when Maguire converted a penalty after Kerry were reduced to ten men.

The home side completed the turnaround late on, as Fiacre Kelleher headed Cork into the lead before Maguire sealed his hat-trick in stoppage time to wrap up a 4-2 victory.

Despite a strong opening half, Kerry were ultimately undone by Cork's second-half resurgence. They now

turn their attention to their upcoming fixture against UCD AFC before meeting Cork City again in cup action.

Kerry FC Team: Harry Halwax; Kilian Cantwell (C), Kieran Cooney, Ryan Kelliher (GOAL '45), Cian Murphy (PEN GOAL '2), Jonas Häkkinen, Vince Borden, Niall Brookwell, Ewan Lee, Arran Healy, Cian Bargary. Subs Used: Ryan Perez, Sean O'Connell, Eric Koufie.

Photo: Konrad Pytlowski



KILLARNEY LEGION

U16 LADIES

Legion U16 Ladies began their East Kerry Division 2 campaign with their first game of the season at home to Fossa on a wet and dreary night. The game was played 13-a-side, which created plenty of space and allowed for a free-flowing contest.

It took Legion some time to settle into the game, but once they found their rhythm, their confidence grew and they began to dominate possession. The girls worked well together, creating and converting their chances to secure the win.

Fossa battled to the final whistle and played the game in a great spirit. Thanks to referee Sean Courtney for officiating, and to Fossa for a very sporting contest.

SENIOR MEN DIV1

Legion 1-16 v Gneeveguilla 2-14

Our senior men div1 side got pipped in the final minute of this game, conceding a second penalty goal and a late second point to lose by the bare minimum.

SENIOR B DIV6

McCarthy Insurance Group Senior Football County League Division 6 - Round 3

Legion B 3-15 Crokes C 2-8

Legion hosted Dr Crokes in a Good Friday derby game played under lights in Direen.

Legion took control of the game early on with Darragh Murphy and Finan Blackwell raising green flags and a range of scorers from play including Luke Courtney, Eoin Murphy, Gavin Moriarty and Callum OGrady.

Cian McCann was the third keeper in 3 games but he was finding his mark well on kickouts with Jamie Alade frequently targeted as he returns to form with another 40 minutes of football under his belt.

Defence wasn't as intense as last week but John O Grady saw a welcome return to football.

While Crokes netted twice in the second half and scored a few nice long range points, Legion created plenty of chances with a nice Finan finish at the second attempt providing a crucial third goal.

Dan Carroll saw an excellent return in the second half and there was a Senior Debut for Darragh Moynihan who picked up Crokes mobile wing forward Erin Moloney for the final quarter.

Legion went down to 14 men when Mark Heffernan was Red-carded but it wasn't a dirty game and referee Jim OConnor didn't need to use the whistle too often.

Legion finished with a nine point cushion but have plenty to work on before their next game on the road to Ballylongford.

SENIOR LADIES

Our senior ladies made the short trip to Fossa this morning for R2 of the Donal Curtin Co League. What resulted was a high energy game which ebbed and flowed over the shortened 50 mins. After a tight 1st half, a goal separated the sides with fossa leading 1-03 to 0-3, the legion scores courtesy of the boot of Andrea Murphy. Our ladies brought a renewed vigour to the 2nd half working tirelessly and a well worked goal by Eve Coffey edged us in front only for the hosts to come back and score one of their own. The



The Dr Crokes GAA Club lotto jackpot largest ever prize of €20,300 was won by June Tierney, a Killarney native living in Dublin. Her sister Catherine Lynch accepted the cheque on her behalf from Dr Crokes President Jackie Looney. Also included are Moss Harmon and Vincent Casey (lotto coordinators) and Ross Brosnan (Treasurer). The lucky numbers drawn were 9, 10, 17 and 23. Picture: Eamonn Keogh

teams traded points and as we entered the last few minutes, an unfortunate mistimed tackle saw a legion player yellow carded resulting in us finishing the game with only 12 players. It looked like we might be sharing the points with a great Isabelle Corridan point but the hosts worked the ball back up the field to raise 1 more white flag before the final whistle. Congrats to fossa on a well earned win. Next up castle/annauscaul at home next sun

Final score Fossa 2-06 Legion 1-08

U14 BOYS

Our under 14 white team started their county league campaign against St Senans in Direen. Down a number of players and down on the scoreboard by 2-5 to no score after 20 minutes the team dug deep and picked off some scores back to go in at halftime down 2-7 to 2-2. A never say die attitude and a massive collective effort by everyone saw us transformed in the second half and put together some great passages of football and scores to run out winners on a score line of 5-10 to 3-8. Huge thank you to St Senans for once again providing a great spectacle of football despite the wet conditions and to the referee Tom Walsh for doing a great job.

U16BOYS

U16 East Kerry League Div 1A Rd 1

Killarney Legion 2-11 Kilcummin 1-14

Our U16 Boys Team had their first outing of the year in Div 1A of the East Kerry League in Derreen.

In a close game throughout Kilcummin led by 1-6 to 0-7 at half time. The teams continued to trade scores in the second half and in the end it finished level.

LOTTO

Lotto Numbers: 2, 7, 10, 20. Bonus 19. Lucky dips: Billy Doyle, Louis Nolan, Theresa O Neill. Next weeks jackpot €4000

ACADEMY FUNDRAISER FUN!

Got toys your kids have outgrown? Ready to turn them into treasure?

Join us for our "Car Boot Toy Shop Sale" on Saturday, April 11th (after academy) — where our academy kids become shopkeepers for the day! Each car boot transforms into a mini toy shop, selling pre-loved toys and raising funds for

our U10 girls' special trip to croke park

FIXTURES

Minors East region League Legion v Dr.Crokes Monday April 13th at 7pm in Direen

DR CROKES

FIXTURES

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

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

KATHLEEN'S GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS continues on Tuesdays from 11am in the clubhouse.

GENTLE YOGA For both Men and Women take place on Thursdays from 6:15pm-7pm. It is €40 for 4 weeks, valid for 5 weeks.

LOTTO took place on April 6th Numbers drawn were 3, 19, 20, 21. Jackpot of €5,000 was not WON. 15 patrons matched 3 numbers and receive €30 each. Jackpot for draw on April 13th will be €5,300. Play online by following the link below and follow instructions attached <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.

NOTES

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

FOSSA

LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 05/04/2026 for a jackpot of €7,500 were 3, 12, 14, 28. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Tim O'Brien, Amanda O'Brien, Margaret Sweeney, Eoin Talbot, Dave Devane.

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>

COUNTY LEAGUE

It was a local derby against Listry on Saturday evening in the county league, as would be expected it was a close, exciting encounter and both sides served up a fine game of football in spite of the wind and slippery underfoot conditions. Fossa had the better of the opening exchanges, Dan O'Keefe kicked a lovely point to open the scoring, Emmett O'Shea kicked a cracking two pointer and a Ted O'Gorman point left the home side ahead, five points to one after fifteen minutes. Listry lost influential midfielder, Ruari Murphy to injury early in the game but they fought their way back into the game with three unanswered points to leave the halftime score, Fossa 0-5, Listry 0-4.

Rian Colleran broke forward to kick a lovely point at the start of the second half which was quickly followed by an Emmett O'Shea two pointer. Cian O'Shea and Ted O'Gorman were winning good possession around the middle of the field at this stage, a quick break saw the hardworking, Harry Buckley attack at pace and his goal bound shot was finished to the net by Paddy Sheehan for what was to prove to be a crucial score in the overall context of the game. Again, Listry refused to lie down and fought their way back into contention with four unanswered points to leave just a goal between the sides with three minutes left on the clock. In a welter of excitement, Listry attacked looking for the equaliser but a brilliant reflex save by Shane O'Sullivan and a towering catch by the impressive Cian O'Shea in his own square kept them at bay and it finished, Fossa 1-8, Listry 0-8. It was a credit to both sides that they served up a great game in tough conditions, there is a break next week and Fossa are away to Na Gael in Tralee in two weeks time.

U-16 GIRLS

Our U16 girls kicked off the season with an away game on Thursday away to Legion in East Kerry Div 2 League, in typical Irish weather, wet and windy.

With numbers a problem for us we played 13 aside with no subs. For the first 10-15 min, the girls kept it tight with end to end football and plenty of passing. We couldn't really get going in the game as Legion proved to settle quicker and racked up a few goals before half time. The 2nd half also proved to be difficult for us with Legion coming out on top at the final whistle. The girls can only improve from this and we look forward to our next outing in two weeks time, at home to Rathmore.

Thanks to Killarney Legion for the game and well done to them on a great win on the night.

U-16 BOYS

Fossa U16s hosted Scartaglen/Cordal in their opening game of the East Kerry Division 1A campaign. The visitors made the brighter start, taking an early two-point lead before Luke Clancy struck the first of his three two-pointers to level the game.

Scart/Cordal responded with two more points, but Ross O'Gorman reduced the gap to one. A goal for the visitors followed, yet the Fossa boys responded well, hitting the next three scores through two points from Ross Cronin and another two-pointer from Luke Clancy to draw level once again. The visitors edged ahead again

with two quick points, but Fossa fought back with scores from Ross Cronin and Luke Rennie to tie the game.

Donnacha Vaughan was excellent in midfield, well supported by the hard-working Oisín Cryan and Luke Clancy. In defence, Charlie O'Meara and Shea Driver were playing great football, while up front Mateusz Golebicki, Ross Cronin and Ross O'Gorman caused plenty of problems for the visitors.

Luke Clancy then added his third point of the half to put Fossa ahead for the first time. Both teams traded goals, the Fossa one coming from Luke Rennie. Clancy rounded off the scoring before the break with a point to leave the half-time score Fossa 1-12, Scart/Cordal 2-6.

Fossa started the second half strongly, with points from Eoin Bennett, Luke Clancy and Ross Cronin extending their lead to six points midway through the half. However, Scart/Cordal battled back, reducing the deficit before a two-minute spell that produced a goal and two points to bring them level.

The game continued to ebb and flow with some excellent football on display from both teams. Kevin Breen and Cian Riordan played key roles in holding the defence together, while Goalkeeper Gerry Moroney made several important saves. Around the middle of the park, Fionn O'Donovan, Johnny Myers and Eoin Bennett worked tirelessly to keep Fossa on the front foot. As the game entered the closing stages, Scart/Cordal struck for two quick points to take a crucial two-point lead. Despite a determined push from the Fossa boys, they were unable to close the gap before the final whistle.

Many thanks to Brendan Brosnan for refereeing the game, and to the U14 players Sean Doyle, Ryan Lynch and Mark O'Connor who made valuable contributions on the night.

U14 BOYS COUNTY LEAGUE ROUND 1

Fossa 5-11, Glenbeigh/Glencar/Cromane 1-05.

On a balmy evening in Gortroe it was the home side that led from start to finish in this lively encounter. Livewire forward Ryan Lynch drew first blood with an expertly taken goal and this was quickly followed by a peach of a goal from Mark O'Connor. The visitors were slow to settle but eventually found their range with 3 well taken points. Fossa would finish the half on top with Eoin Murphy raising another green flag and midfielder Aaron O'Sullivan chipped in with two points from distance. At the short whistle Fossa led by 3-03 to 0-03.

The Mid Kerry outfit started the 2nd half strongly and scored a goal of their own, this however appeared to only ignite the Fossa lads once more as they went on to dominate the remainder of the contest. Finian Swarwick scored a wonder goal from wingback and Tristan Cryan also found the back of the net. Impressive Midfielder Aaron O'Sullivan kicked four more points from play to close out the game. It was a great start to the campaign which was built on a resolute defence, with Colm Kissane-O'Sullivan outstanding in goal and Billy Brosnan having the game of his life in the full back line. Next up is an away trip to Dingle on next Tuesday evening. Fossa scorers on the night were Aaron O'Sullivan 0-6, Eoin Murphy 1-2, Mark O'Connor 1-2, Ryan Lynch 1-1, Tristan Cryan 1-0, Finian Swarwick 1-0

Fossa B 1-9, Kilgarvan 0-11.

In this Co League Div 5 clash, Fossa came out on top by the slimmest of margins to cap off a great weekend for the club on the playing fields. Playing with the breeze in the first half, we went in at half time leading by 1-8 to 0-5 with the goal coming from the flying corner back, Peadar Kelliher. Rocco Sheehan kicked a great 2 pointer, Kevin McCarthy and Harry Kelly also kicked 2 points each, with 1 each from Cathal Breen and Sean Dineen. The second half was a massive battle, with our only point coming from a Rocco Sheehan free. However, thanks to a massive defensive effort, that 1 point was enough to record an impressive win. Lee was rock solid in goals while corner backs Francis Moran and Peadar Kelliher put in great performances. Mark Donnellan played a captains role around the middle, and Harry Kelly, David Butler and Cathal Breen were very impressive up front.

SENIOR LADIES

With several players unavailable, we lined out with the bare minimum 12 players and Sophie joined straight from her sick bed. There were knocks, bruises, and tired legs from the very start, but not a single player took a backward step, every one played their full part.

We started strong with Anna full of energy and endeavour on her return and with Naoise & Caoimhe winning most at the back we led at halftime, 1-03 to 0-3, helped by a couple of fine stops from Anne. This was always going to be a battle. Legion came hard in the second half and edged two points ahead, capitalising on their momentum and fresh legs. Yet, we could have let our heads drop but when it mattered most, our girls found more. In a game defined by effort and resilience Jodie typified this working up and down. In open play and under pressure, every score had to be earned.

Around the middle, kickouts were crucial highlighting how hard both teams worked to gain and retain possession. Legion claimed both throw-ins, but our relentless work rate and pressure led by Sara throughout told elsewhere turning them over plenty. And that pressure made the difference.

Every player contributed to a performance that was about far more than scores. Defensively, we stood tall. In attack, we kept pushing and Grainne D proving a handful and starting to find her way. In every contest, there was support, determination, and belief.

The scoreboard at the final whistle told its own story: Fossa 2-06, Killarney Legion 1-08. A one-point victory, hard earned and fully deserved.

The scorers reflected a true team effort:

Lucy led the way with 1-02, Ava added 1-01, while Emily, Seodhla, and Lily (free) each chipped in with 0-1.

In the end, this was more than just Round 2 of the County League. It was a fierce local rivalry, played with intensity and pride. In challenging circumstances, our small but mighty squad showed incredible character, defending together, battling for every ball, and lifting each other when it mattered most.

An epic result. A fantastic team performance. One to be remembered. Well done all.



JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY

takes a look at all things sport...

We're in that kind of breathing space between the National League and the Championship. The Senior County League hasn't really built up a head of steam. The hurlers are waiting for the Christy Ring. The Kerry Ladies survived in the National League, but it was definitely a struggle. We've lost some big hitters; big deal, we'll find more. I saw a nice few games in last year's County Championship, trust me, there is plenty of serious talent just starting to come through.

Kerry FC are finding the going tough, unfortunately. There's absolutely no disgrace in losing to Cork City, the only all-professional team in Division One and a team with proven Premiership strikers (one could question what on earth a team like that is doing down in Division One in the first place, but that's hardly my business). Losing from 2-0 up though..... well, ask Hemier Hallgrimmson about that. Not Kerry's first time losing from a winning position this year, which actually says to me that small adjustments could see rapid improvements. I would like to see more Kerry natives making the starting team; I still think Ronan Teahan is a real loss.

How about Munster rugby? Yeah, how about it. Tell you what, let's just move on from that one and wish them well.

I could write a bit about the English Premiership; for most of my lifetime it was probably the majority supported sport in this country. I don't think that's true anymore, the development of superclubs and PPV games has diluted it an awful lot. Can Arsenal finally get over the finish line? And would you begrudge them? Will Tottenham be relegated? And would you sympathize? I'm sorry now, but my answer to both questions is 'meh'.

I suppose we could fixate on the World Cup. Who is in, who is out. I've seen a good few posts on social media poking fun at Italy for not reaching the finals for the third time in a row. Really? Irish people are getting on this particular act? You know what country did qualify? Iran. But don't worry about their safety – after all, isn't Oompa Loompa man FIFA's first ever Peace Prize winner? And he's not going to be lookin for any sensationalist headlines by setting ICE (I think it's spelt with four letters in German) on soccer supporters. Not at all, our Donald hates headlines and only wishes there was time to deal with the Epstein Files.

No, let's go back to a safer, easier time.....except that I'm not sure that 50 years ago was really all that much safer or easier.

MODERN IRELAND EFFECTIVELY STARTED

IN THE 1960S

Tourism, industrial investment, free education, civil rights, television, challenges to a clerical hegemony that, while well-intentioned, had become a stranglehold....

By the 1970s, it was clear that there was a price to be paid. By 1976, the hottest year on record at that time, inflation was hovering around 15%. The constant barrage of petrol shocks in the Middle East, largely around US machinations (Britain was no longer a major international power by then) meant that petrol had risen sharply (from 75p to 90p per gallon) within a single year. Does that sound familiar? Here is nothing new under heaven....

Jimmy Carter was the new US President, after defeating incumbent Gerald Ford. Not that we were all that bothered, despite our strong affiliations with the US. The average weekly wage was £67.35. A pint of Guinness would cost you 38p, having risen almost 10p in a year. There was a 5p price hike in late March by the company. I'm sure that's a familiar story to the modern generation as well. Depending on the mode, a new car could set you back several thousand pounds. Given the prices, you'd think drink driving wasn't a problem. You'd think.

The Troubles were in full flow (this was the year of the Kingsmill Massacre) and were part, but only part, of the reason why crime rose 12%. Another big factor was the growing number of youth gangs, especially in Dublin. Some of them, not many as yet, were turning to a relatively new drug called heroin. The inner city would get a lot worse before it got any better. It's not like they had much chance of getting jobs, there were over 100,000 on the dole and a huge rise in unemployment claims in 1975 and 1976.

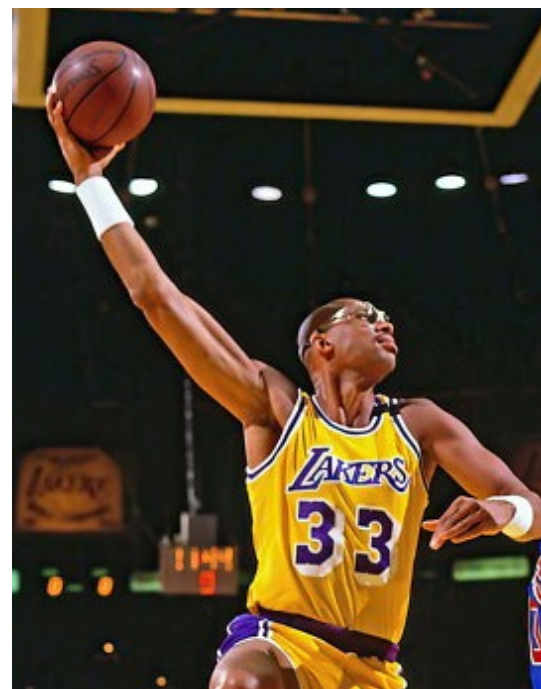
It was also a year that almost saw a Constitutional crisis. In July, Britain's Ambassador to Ireland, Christopher Ewart-Biggs, was assassinated by the IRA in Sandyford. The Coalition Government led by Liam Cosgrave introduced emergency powers in the wake of the event. President Cearbhal Ó Dálaigh, himself a highly respected former Supreme Court judge, decided to refer the Emergency Powers Bill to the Supreme Court to test its constitutionality. Minister for Defence Paddy Donegan, at what he believed to be a private event, referred to the President as a....well, 'thundering disgrace' is the often quoted phrase. He didn't say 'thundering', he used a more colloquial expression. Regardless, Ó Dálaigh felt that the insult to the office (not the man – he drew a strong distinction) rendered his position untenable and resigned. Dr. Patrick Hillery, who had staunchly held the Fianna Fáil line when Haughey and Blaney had tried to take over the party during the Arms Crisis was viewed as a safe pair of hands to take over. Given everything that was happening, we did not want a 'personality' as our President!

It wasn't a great year for movies. John Wayne appeared in his last movie 'The Shootist', it

definitely wasn't one of his better efforts. Much superior, much to everyone's amazement, was a little heralded boxing movie called 'Rocky'. It would win the Academy Award. Meanwhile a young director named George Lucas was starting to film some sort of weird space opera film. Lucas declined the usual fee in return for all the rights to merchandising and sequels. Ireland had most definitely stepped back from the Showband era. Music, in Ireland and everywhere else, was becoming a lot more diverse, punks, hippies, something called 'heavy metal'. This year saw the release of Queen's 'Bohemian Rhapsody', Abba's 'Dancing Queen' and 'Fernando', Thin Lizzy's 'The Boys are Back in Town', 'I Love to Love' by Tina Charles, and many more. Horslips famously performed a concert from the roof of the Bank of Ireland building in Baggott St. As a long time admirer of Horslips, that actually could well have been an accident; they were that sort of band. In Dublin, a bunch of schoolboys had gotten together to see what they could do. They initially called themselves 'Feedback' before switching to 'The Hype'. Which, in my opinion, is a much better band name than 'U2'. But hey, no-one asked me.

Among the books released this year are Richard Dawkins 'The Selfish Gene', Alex Haley's 'Roots', David Selzner's 'The Omen', Jmaes Herriot's 'All Things Bright and Beautiful' and Tom Robbins 'Even Cowgirls Get the Blues'.

Sport was always big business; in the 1970s it became huge. In the US Superbowl, only a decade old, the Pittsburgh Steelers beat the Dallas Cowboys. The Seattle Seahawks and Tampa Bay Buccaneers were founded this year.



Kareem Abdul Jabbar, centre with the LA Lakers



In tennis, a young Bjorn Borg won his first title



Nadia Comaneci was the first gymnast ever to achieve a perfect score of 10.

In basketball, the American Basketball Association was finally effectively bought out by the National Basketball Association (NBA). The all-conquering Boston Celtics beat the Phoenix Suns 4-2 in the finals. However, the spotlight was all on one man. Kareem Abdul Jabbar, centre with the LA Lakers, would win his fourth MVP title in five years. Was he as good as Wilt? No, but I believe that he came closer than anybody had or has since.

In tennis, a young Bjorn Borg won his first title, already looking uncannily like some kind of cyborg. Chris Evert, meanwhile, won both Wimbledon and US Open titles.

The greatest sporting feat of the year was unquestionably at the Summer Olympics in Montreal. Nadia Comaneci was just a tiny slip of a thing, just 14 years old. And she became the first gymnast ever to achieve a perfect score of 10. I would stand it beside Roger Bannister's Four Minute Mile as the sports moment of the century, not least because a perfect 10, like a four minute mile, wasn't considered humanly possible...until a human did it.

In rugby, Wales are the dominant team of the era and complete a Grand Slam to win the Five



Liverpool, under new manager Bob Paisley, won the First Division



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Nations. Ireland's sole win was over England on a 13-12 scoreline. Alan Old had given England a 9-0 half-time lead in Twickenham, but Tom Grace's second half try and nine points from Barry McGann saw Ireland just about snatch victory.

Liverpool, under new manager Bob Paisley, won the First Division by a point and also added the European Cup to their trophy cabinet. Phil Neal, Phil Thompson, and Ray Kennedy had slotted well into a side that included Ray Clemence, Emllyn Hughes, Kevin Keegan, Tommy Smith, Jimmy Case, Steve Heighway....Southampton caused a huge shock by beating Man United 1-0 in the FA Cup Final thanks to Bobby Stokes' goal.

Closer to home, St. Brendans Park won a third KDL title on the trot in the 1976/77 season. In the first six years of the league's existence, five titles had gone to Tralee, with Cahirsiveen the only exception.

It was heady times for gaelic football. A dashing young Cork team had been expected to dominate after winning in 1973, with Jimmy Barry Murphy representing a new generation of footballers who were embracing a modern

Ireland rather than honouring tradition rigidly. Cork had dominated underage in the late sixties and, much like Tyrone now, were expected to have a seamless flow of talent into senior ranks (that did happen in hurling).

Except that Dublin appointed Kevin Heffernan of Vincents, he mixed athletic young students and working class battlers with the likes of a rejuvenated Jimmy Keaveney. Suddenly, almost out of a desert, sprang a blue wave that has never truly abated. Gaelic football suddenly went from cultie-inspired to pure inner city proud Dublin, and the game would never again be the same. They in their turn had been expected to dominate...until Mick O'Dwyer somewhat ruthlessly culled the Kerry panel, relentlessly trained a team of bachelors, and caught everybody on the hop by beating Dublin.

That shouldn't have surprised the amount of people that it did. Kerry hadn't been winning All Irelands at underage, but they had been seriously knocking on that door. The likes of John O'Keeffe, Páidí Ó Sé, and Pat Spillane had already established themselves. The likes of Denis Ogie Moran, Mickey Ned O'Sullivan, Tim Kennelly, the Egan brothers of Sneem, Jimmy Deenihan were not exactly new names to anyone who followed gaelic football. But that blue wave...nationally, nobody could see past Dublin. Kerry were the All Ireland champions – actually, they won senior, U21, and minor in 1975, the only time that's ever been done in football. And still, in early 2026, there were plenty of questions hanging over them...

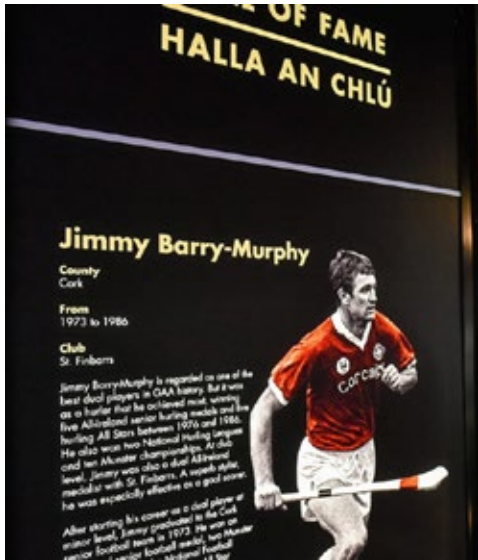
They weren't exactly convincing in the National League. They had opened with a 1-9 to 0-9 victory over Offaly, who still had a lot of the team from the early seventies. They followed up with a 2-11 to 0-9 loss to Dublin, and that was with a strong Kerry team. Was Dwyer being cute? Ah no, sometime's a thing is just a thing and Dublin were good.

They played Cork in November 1975. Kerry were experimenting a bit, looking for a midfield partner for Pat McCarthy. It finished in a draw, 1-9 to 2-6. 1-8 of Kerry's scores came from a half forward line of Brendan Lynch (0-2), Mikey Sheehy (1-5), and Mickey Ned O'Sullivan (0-1). It's one of those Kerry things, a lot of Kerry's greatest defenders like Páidí, Mickey Ned, Dwyer himself, Paddy Bawn, and many more played more in the forwards than the backs at club level. I believe Tadhg Morley's first ever game in defence was as full back for the Kerry minors; I am open to correction on that. Look at Tom O'Sullivan and Paul Murphy, equally comfortable in either half of the field.

Game four saw Kerry beat Roscommon with a bit to spare. 2-8 of Kerry's 3-11 came from the half forward line of Ger O'Driscoll, Mikey Sheehy (1-6) and Mickey Ned.

In early '76, Kerry seemed to be beginning to motor. They saw off Kildare at their ease in early February. Young Tommy Doyle from Annascaul made his debut as a sub; he'd be seen again. That win put them into a play-off against Cork for second place in Group A and an All Ireland semi-final.

It was not an impressive display. Cork 2-7, Kerry



Jimmy Barry Murphy representing a new generation of footballers who were embracing a modern Ireland

1-5. And Kerry couldn't have complained if the scoreline had been worse.

Not a bad league for Kerry. Except that Cork, Galway, Dublin, and Ulster champions Derry had all reached the semi-finals, with Dublin eventually triumphing. An omen?

Kerry travelled to Dan Fraher Field in Dungarvan for their opening game of the Munster Championship. Away back on his debut, Waterford had famously beaten Mick O'Dwyer and Kerry. Among all the recriminations in Kerry, I don't think a good Waterford side, who also beat Cork two years later, ever really got the credit they deserved. It wasn't going to happen again, though. Kerry won by 3-17 to 0-6. I'm a little bit surprised to note in Tim Slattery's stats that Seán Walsh was the only sub that Kerry brought on.

On to the Munster Final. Kerry had come out of nowhere and effectively blown Cork away in 1975 (exactly as Cork had done to Kerry in the preceding two years). The Rebels wanted revenge. Mick O'Dwyer used to torment them, albeit accidentally by always assuring them that they were the second best team in Ireland. Cork, without being arrogant, already knew



Dublin's Kevin Moran



that. And they didn't like it. Upstarts Kerry were going back in their box.

Cork had opened a brand new stadium that they named Páirc uí Caoimh on June 6th. Bishop Con Lucey had performed the blessing, with the likes of GAA Uachtarán Con Murphy and County Chairman Donal O'Sullivan in attendance. By the time the first game came around, there was huge interest. The fact that it was Kerry doubled the excitement. Huge crowds, a lot of them on the sidelines. At one stage Pat Spillane wandered into the square for a '45. A supporter whacked him with their umbrella and said "Don't come in here again!". They were up for this one. And they had Kerry on the ropes. No question. Cork were the better team and should have finished Kerry off, with Kevin Kehilly outstanding. Somehow Kerry managed to hang on for a 0-10 apiece draw.

Then came the replay. There have been some real crackers between Cork and Kerry down through the years – 1962 and 1983 are both worth a mention – but this one remains one of the most famous. Or, more correctly, infamous. Once again Cork were the better side. In fact, after 51 minutes, they were ahead by seven points, and deservedly so. Jimmy Barry Murphy's goal (a miskicked kick-out), Colman O'Rourke, Seán Murphy...Denny Long and Dave McCarthy in midfield....Cork were caught on the hop in '75. Had failed to land a knockout blow a few weeks early. But this time they had Kerry on the rack and they were squeezing.

Kerry brought on Seán Walsh. A lifeline. Scored 1-3 in the last quarter. Gap down to four points. Except that the 'goal'...well, Cork's Brian Murphy had caught the ball on the goal-line. Were his feet over the goal-line? Just barely. Was the ball? In my opinion, not a chance. And I say that as a Kerryman. No way. Not just because Brian Murphy would end up winning minor, U21, and senior All Irelands in both codes. RTE had only one camera angle and it doesn't look over to me. For that matter, commentator Mick Dunne (Eileen's Dad and founder of the All Stars) sounds nonplussed. But the goal was given. Cork responded perfectly, tearing down the field. High ball in and Declan Barron rose high to

fist home. It looked fine – referee John Moloney consulted with his umpires and awarded a squareball. Free out.

That one may well have actually been a correct decision; it's hard to be sure at this remove. Either way, John Moloney is a far braver man than I am.

Kerry had all the momentum now. Three rapid points. A fourth fisted over by Pat Spillane and the sides were level. In fact, Mikey Sheehy kicked what might have been a winner, but the referee blew the final whistle before it sailed between the posts. No score. 3-13 to 2-16.

It didn't matter. Cork had given their all and two big decisions had gone against them. They just hadn't the legs to withstand Kerry, especially Pat McCarthy, in extra-time. Kerry 3-20, Cork 2-19. I wouldn't mention that game too much in Cork lads. In fact, I wouldn't be saying too much about it in Kerry. I firmly believe that we got away with one. One of those 'sliding doors' moments. Who knows what that Cork team could have one on to achieve?

Derry had a great team at that time and gave Kerry a tough test early on in the All Ireland semi-final. Given the Troubles, just fielding a team was a fair achievement. The likes of Tom McGuinness had come out of the Bogside to win a Hogan Cup with St. Colombs in 1965 (trained by Kerryman Seán Moynihan) before winning an All Ireland U21 in 1968. They had beaten Cavan in arguably the greatest Ulster Final of them all, 0-22 to 1-16. In fact, Derry led Kerry by 0-9 to 0-8 in the semi-final, but Kerry roused themselves and struck for five second half goals, three of them by the elusive Mikey Sheehy. 5-14 to 1-11. Kerry don't do sentiment. Kerry carried a few injuries onto the field for the final against Dublin. They kept the same team. Dublin, on the other hand, had gone back to the well, bringing in a new and pacy half back line. Pat O'Neill and Tommy Drumm were well known players, but who was this rangy young lad at centre back? Don't mind Kerry - half of Dublin hadn't heard of this guy.

K. Moran? Where did he come out of?

I don't know, but as a Kerryman I'd have been fine with leaving him there. Within minutes he cut through everybody and hammered a shot just barely wide. On the quarter hour John McCarthy goaled for Dublin. Five minutes later Paudie O'Mahony came off injured. Charlie Nelligan got his first taste of Croke Park in a baptism of fire. 1-5 to 0-5 at half-time, not too bad – but only one team really in the game. They were killing us for pace. Jimmy Keaveney nailed a penalty at the start of the second half. Kerry, thanks to John Egan, stayed clinging onto Dublin's coat-tails, but Brian Mullins added another goal. 3-8 to 0-10. One apiece now between Heffernan and Dwyer.

U21

Charlie Nelligan, Paidí Ó Sé, Ogie Moran, Pat Spillane, Tommy Doyle, and Vincent 'Shin' O'Connor were still eligible for U21. The likes of Mick Spillane, Johnny Mulvihill, Gneeveguilla's John Murphy, and Cahirsiveen midfielder Jack O'Shea were considered promising players. They got enough of it against Tipperary in the

Munster semi-final. 1-13 to 0-9. John Murphy with the goal, Tommy Doyle with 0-7, Pat Spillane with 0-3.

Sean Walsh was back for the Munster Final. Jacko went in to full forward. Neilly O'Donovan from Gneeveguilla, foremost of a set of tough brothers from a rising Gneeveguilla team, started wing forward. The most impressive performer, though, was Barry Walsh from Ballylongford. He finished with 2-6 out of Kerry's 2-16. Cork could only muster 1-6 themselves in a surprisingly flat Munster Final.

Walsh kept up his scoring exploits against Mayo in a game that Kerry arguably should have put to bed earlier. The Ballylongford man scored 1-7 as Kerry triumphed by 1-12 to 2-7.

All Ireland Final. Kerry against Kildare, evoking memories of Gaelic football's first great rivalry. There would be no repeat of those famous draws in the 1903 All Ireland Championship, though. To be honest, Kerry never really looked threatened, winning out on a 0-14 to 1-3 scoreline.

Kerry: Charlie Nelligan, Mick Colgan, Páidí O'Se, Ger Leahy, Mick Spillane, Denis Ogie Moran, Vincent O'Connor, Sean Walsh, Jack O'Shea, Neilly O'Donovan, Pat Spillane, Gerard Murphy, Barry Walsh, Gerry O'Sullivan, Pat Foley

MINOR

Bit of an unusual one here. Kerry actually played New York in their opening game in the Austin Stack Park. I'm not sure how or why and I'm on a print deadline. I have a strong feeling that Senator Dan Kiely, who was big in New York GAA circles at the time, was involved. Look, I'll get back to ye if I find something interesting. Unfortunately, New York weren't really able for Kerry, who won by 4-18 to 1-3. John L. McElligott had 2-8 and Cono O'Connor had 1-6 for Kerry.

The Munster Final was a different kettle of fish in Páirc uí Caoimh. Stacks man McEligott had 1-2 for Kerry but Cork were deserving of a 0-10 to 1-5 victory.

Kerry Minor Panel: John Cahill, Gabriel Casey, Tom Lynch, Michael Maguire, John L. McElligott, Con O'Connor, Dan O'Connor, Tadhg O'Connor, Diarmuid O'Donoghue, Seán O'Leary, Tom O'Shea, Noel O'Sullivan, Tomas Sayers, Robert Bunyan, John Dowd, John Keane, Johnny O'Donoghue, Joe O'Driscoll, Mick O'Neill, Peadar O'Sullivan,

LADIES

The Kerry Ladies were definitely gathering pace in a sport that was just five years old. Kerry beat Cork comprehensively by 5-10 to 2-1. Mary Geaney kicked 1-6 and was easily the best player on view (mind you, I think you could say that about any game she ever played in any code, given who we are talking about!). Waterford in Fossa were no real challenge for Kerry either.

Tipperary in the Munster Final was the big one. Tipperary were a very serious outfit. Kerry led by 2-1 to 0-0 at half-time but Tipp scored the



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opening three points of the game. For that matter, Sue Curtin was forced into a number of great saves. Kerry were four points up and hanging on when Mary Geaney gathered the ball in her own half and surged forward before smashing an incredible goal to complete her hat-trick. Kerry's first Munster title.

Cavan in the semi-final. Bernie Donoghue and Nora Donoghue both out injured. Well known country singer Kathy Durcan was superb for Cavan but Kerry triumphed on a 3-9 to 3-3 scoreline.

Offaly in the Final. The King's County were on top early on but Kerry cornerback Noreen Thompson was simply magnificent. Gradually Kerry got the upper hand. Mary Geaney finished with 3-2 as Kerry triumphed on a 4-6 to 1-5 scoreline.

Kerry: Sue Curtin, Noreen Thompson, Bernie Donoghue, Sue Moloney, Margaret Lawlor, Marie Murphy, Annette O'Connor, Dell McLoughlin, Nora Donoghue, Kathleen Brosnan, Mary Geaney (capt), Mai Lombard, Eileen Donoghue, Margaret Doherty, Helen Slattery. Subs: Jackie Moriarty, Ann O'Connell, Amelia Collins, Mary Ferris, Eileen O'Connor, Matilda McDonagh

This was the first year of the Ladies U16 Championship. Kerry played Cork in the Munster Final. Nora Foley (Hallissey) played in goal. Eileen Lawlor (Dardis) played wing forward. Kerry brought on a young sub named Mary Jo Curran (Coffey). They beat Cork but ended up losing to Mayo in the All Ireland Final. No matter; those particular names would be seen again.

County Football Championship

Round One: Dingle saw off neighbours Castlegregory (a seriously strong club at the time with the likes of the Ferriter brothers).

Eoghan Ruadhs just about prevailed over Spa by a point. South Kerry beat Laune Rangers by 1-9 to 2-4, a great effort by the Killorglin men. Goalkeeper Joe Crolwey, Frank Russell, and Timmy Doyle stood out for them, while Jack O'Shea, John Egan, and Mike O'Connor did well for South Kerry. West Kerry had five points to spare over John Mitchels. Rahillys got a real battle against Waterville before winning by 2-8 to 1-8. Desmonds were a formidable outfit in their own right but their 6-7 to 3-10 win over East Kerry was probably a bit of a surprise.

Round Two: Tight games. Eoghan Ruadhs beat Dingle by a goal. Rahillys did likewise against Desmonds. West Kerry hung on for a draw against South Kerry but were fairly beaten in the replay.

Quarter-Finals: Shannon Rangers beat Mid Kerry. Stacks, the reigning champions, comfortably triumphed over Eoghan Ruadhs. Kenmare and Feale Rangers initially had to be abandoned, but a more sporting replay saw Kenmare win by 0-10 to 0-7. South Kerry were also taken to a replay by Kerins O'Rahillys before winning by 2-10 to 2-6. Might have been a small bit of history there – we'll let the sleeping dogs lie and say no more about the 1958 County Final.

Semi-Finals: Austin Stacks had too much firepower for Shnnon Rangers and won by 3-13 to 1-6. Kenmare had it tougher against South Kerry but won by 1-15 to 1-11.

Final: Austin Stacks v Kenmare. Jackie Power goaled straight from the throw-in. Four minutes in, Denny Long (he had recently transferred from Millstreet) was lucky enough to stay on after fouling Flor O'Sullivan. It sparked recriminations; Timmy Sheehan was felled from behind soon after. Referee Weeshie Fogarty did well to restore order but in truth, play never reached the expected heights. Kenmare had a fantastic full forward line of Paudie Finnegan, Pat Spillane, and PJ McIntyre but just couldn't feed them enough. Stacks were missing Ger O'Keeffe but had his brother Tony and cousin John, Garry Scollard, Paul Lucey, Ger Power, Mikey Sheehy, Billy Curtin, Noel Power, Teddy Brick.....Kenmare gave it everything, but Stacks prevailed on a 1-14 to 0-7 scoreline. In fact, they would later go on to win the Senior Club All Ireland.

Ballyduff, featuring the likes of John O'Carroll, Eamonn O'Sullivan, PJ Houlihan, John O'Grady, John Bunyan, Michael Hennessy, and Liam Boyle, triumphed by 2-8 to 2-6 over a St. Brendans side that included Joe Wallace, Tim and Liam Hussey, John Mike McCarthy, Billy McCarthy, and Maurice Fitzgerald in a cracking final. It was Michael Hennessy's 10th Senior County Championship medal.

U18.5 Girls Win Munster Rugby League

The KILK (an amalgamation of players from Killarney, Iveragh, Listowel and Killorglin clubs) was formed just over two years ago with the aim of reviving girls' rugby in the Kingdom of Kerry, at a time when participation numbers were declining. Despite the challenges, there was always a strong belief that success was possible. That belief was fully realised on Sunday last in Virgin Media Park in Cork, as KILK claimed the Munster Cup Winners title in emphatic fashion against reigning champions Clonakilty.

The two sides had already met twice earlier in the season, once in the League's Conference group and once in the League final, sharing one win apiece, which made this Cup Final a decisive encounter. Unfortunately, Clonakilty were only able to field 13 players on the day due to various circumstances, and in the spirit

of sportsmanship, KILK adapted their lineup and game plan accordingly.

This unplanned adjustment however did little to slow KILK's momentum. The team in green and gold delivered a dominant and skilful performance, running in an impressive number of tries in offence and especially in defence keeping Clonakilty to a single score. The girls' attacking flair, teamwork, and determination were evident throughout the whole game.

KILK managed and controlled the game well and gave up nothing in defence, giving all players who had travelled minutes on the pitch, allowing them to dominate and finish the game out 38-7.

In a remarkably short period, these players have developed into a formidable side and their journey this season is a testament to dedication, resilience, and self-belief. Girls'

rugby in Kerry has been reignited, and the Kingdom's champions have firmly reclaimed their place at the top.

Thanks to the Clonakilty players and management for the challenges throughout the season, to the officials on the day and to Munster Rugby. Thanks to all the great travelling support who have been with us on the journey and those present to celebrate with their girls and the management. Thanks to O'Callaghan Coaches for the travel to and from Cork and a big, special mention and thanks to all the staff at The Old Killarney Inn for hosting us and feeding us at such short notice when we returned home!

Congratulations to Danielle Naughton on being named player of the match





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The Gospel message of Jesus is the good news of how God's Love allows us to be saved, forgiven, healed, protected, and made whole. But there is a responsibility on each believer to work out our Salvation (Philippians 2:12-13). What does this mean? I can talk the talk, but to see results in this life – I better walk the walk. Sadly, many accept God's Grace with joy, but don't modify behaviour. The Word prophesies that in the last days "people will be lovers of self [narcissistic, self-focused], lovers of money [impelled by greed], boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, and profane. They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good, traitorous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness, but denying its power. Turn away from such as these!" (2 Timothy 3:1-4). God's Word in this prophecy is quite specific and shockingly, He's talking about believers, not unbelievers. Many folks have gotten hurt in life and walked away from faith, because they have seen people who believed or preached transformation through Christ live in a quite different manner than what they professed.

"Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new creation, the old life is gone, a new life has begun (2 Corinthians 5:17). Yes, in believing and confessing that Jesus is the Son of God, that He gave His life to pay for our sins so that we can be forgiven and accepted by God, brought into His family, loved, and washed in the Blood of Christ – one is saved (Romans 10:9). But then begins transformation! Leaving behind the old life and old ways; living in obedience to Jesus, reflecting His Power in the transformed life (Ephesians 4:22-24). Shunning bitterness, unforgiveness, anger, and hypocrisy in favour of God's Love, Truth, and Mercy. Unfortunately, some don't make that connection, thus taking the Blood of Christ for granted and damaging others in their path. We have been washed – now our lives need to reflect that Righteousness - not just in word, but in action (James 1:19-22). It comes through fellowshiping with, and following Jesus, not controlled by the world - but by the Spirit of God.

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*We cannot bring the old days back,
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*The family chain is broken now,
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With the Sacred Heart of Jesus,
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*Along the road to yesterday,
That leads us straight to you,
Are memories of happy days,
Together we once knew.*

*A silent grief that's in our hearts,
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Dan's second anniversary Mass will be
celebrated on Sunday, the 12th of April at
11.30am, in Our Lady of Lourdes Church,
Kilcummin.

18TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
**JAMES (CHRISTY)
O'CONNOR**



KNOCKROUR WEST,
SCARTAGLEN

WHO DIED ON
12TH APRIL 2008

*Rest In Peace
Though absent you are always near,
Still loved, still missed, still very dear,
So while you sleep
and your voice is still,
Your spirit lives on an always will.*

From your loving wife Betty, sons,
daughters and their families and
grandchildren.

5TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
**PATRICK
FLEMING**



16 SCRAHAN COURT,
ROSS ROAD, KILLARNEY
WHO PASSED AWAY ON
16TH APRIL 2021.

Remembering you Patrick...

*I look at the rivers and imagine
you fishing or playing golf.
That wonderful tenor voice singing and
no doubt entertaining a
heavenly choir now.
Those ninety wonderful years.
You are so loved missed and thought about
in every waking day.
The reminders what you meant to all of us.
Up there with our beautiful Rita.
In between up and down days
We carry you always in our heart.
Your legacy lives on in all of us.
Patrick the husband,
Patrick the dad,
Patrick the great granddad.
The friend, The friendly butcher.
Where you had made so many friends.
Where we can always remember you.
Smiling down with pride beside your
loving daughter Rita.*

*This poem is for you...
Our Patrick, Our Rita...
Loved, loved
Forgotten...Never...*

(Paula)

Always remembered by your wife,
Philomena, and son, Karl.

NOVENA TO ST. JUDE

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus
be adored, glorified, loved and
preserved throughout the world now
and forever.

Oh Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us.
St. Jude worker of miracles, pray for
us.

Helper of the hopeless, pray for us.
Say this prayer nine times a day, by
the eighth day the prayer will be
answered.

It has never been known to fail.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
& 1ST ANNIVERSARY**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
SEAN MOLONEY



BALLAGH, BEAUFORT,
KILLARNEY
WHO DIED ON THE
14TH OF APRIL, 2025.

Happy 70th Birthday Sean.

On the first anniversary of Sean's passing,
we, his loving family, wish to express
our sincere gratitude to everyone who
supported us during our sad loss.

We would like to thank all who attended
the funeral at our home, the funeral Mass,
and the Months Mind, as well as those who
travelled to be with us and those who sent
Mass cards and made phone calls. Your
kindness and support meant more to us
than words can express.

We would like to thank Mary and Gerard
Flynn of Flynn's Funeral Home, Eleanor
Johnson, The Reeks, Dr Críostóir Ó
Súilleabháin, the staff of the Mercy Hospital,
and Dr Margaret Clifford and the Palliative
Care team at UHK, Tralee.

We would also like to thank Sean Coffey of
Kate Kearney's Cottage for all you have done
for us.

We would like to sincerely thank everyone
who kindly provided food and refreshments
during the days around the funeral.

We would also like to thank Sean's
neighbours who stood out in support as he
was brought home, those who helped with
traffic management and parking, and the
Beaufort Gun Club for the final salute.

We would like to thank PJ Galvin and the
staff of Galvin's Bar. We also wish to thank
our families who supported us in the days
leading up to the funeral and throughout.

We would like to thank Father Fergal Ryan
and Father Derek for the beautiful Mass, and
Michael Coffey for the music in the church.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone
individually, please accept this as an
expression of our heartfelt gratitude. The
Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered
for your intentions.

Forever missed and never forgotten by his
loving wife Kathleen; daughter Catriona and
her husband Jamie; son John and his wife
Maureen; and his cherished grandchildren
Aoibheann, Caoimhe, Katelyn, Jack, Grace,
Laoise, Maisie, and Shonagh.

First Anniversary Mass for Sean will take
place on Saturday, 11th April, at 7:30pm
in Beaufort Church.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
& 1ST ANNIVERSARY**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
TIMMY PIGOTT



COCKHILL, KILCUMMIN,
KILLARNEY
WHO DIED ON THE
15TH APRIL 2025.

As we lovingly remember Timmy on his first
anniversary, his wife Peg, daughters Maura
and Margaret, sons in law Ulick and Tim,
grandchildren Brian, Grace, Dylan and Evelyn
and extended family wish to acknowledge and
thank our relatives, neighbours and friends
who supported us through those first days and
continue to support us through the past year.
Your gentle sympathy and practical kindness
will always be remembered.

We truly appreciate the effort taken by all those
who called to the house, attended the funeral
home and Liturgy of the Word, sent Mass cards,
kind messages, phone calls, prayers and online
condolences. Our deepest thanks to Fr Vitalis
Barasa and Deacon Thady O'Connor for the
beautiful celebration of the Liturgy of the Word
for Timmy and to the Sacristan Siobhan who
prepared the church with care.

Thanks to Denis and Helen who provided the
beautiful singing and music and to Timmy's
family and friends who participated in the
Liturgy of the Word. To O'Shea's Undertakers,
staff and grave diggers, thank you for your
professionalism, dignity and guidance. Thanks
to Bridie who led us in the Rosary and his
brother Michael who accompanied him in the
hearse on his final journeys, this gesture of
love and respect has touched us deeply. We
would also like to extend our sincere thanks
to Castleisland Day Centre and Kilcummin
Community Care for the many wonderful days
Timmy spent with them and a special thanks
to Kilcummin Community Care for providing a
guard of honour after the Liturgy of the Word.

Our deepest thanks to Dr Pat Daly, Dr Fidelma
Harrington, and all the staff at Brooklands
Medical Practice, Castleisland, who treated
Timmy with great compassion, patience
and respect over the years. We would also
like to thank the staff of Aherns Pharmacy
in Farranfore, and the Public Health Nurses,
for their care and support. We will always be
grateful to the Palliative Care Unit at University
Hospital Kerry for the wonderful kindness and
dignity with which they cared for Timmy in his
final days.

A sincere thank you to Marie, Eileen, Margaret,
Helen and Caroline, his devoted home helps,
who cared for him so well over the years. Their
visits were never just about care – they brought
friendship, laughter and great fun into his days.
As it would be impossible to thank everyone
individually, please accept this as an expression
of our sincere gratitude. The holy sacrament of
the mass has been offered for your intentions.

Timmy's first anniversary Mass
will be celebrated in his home on
Saturday, 11th April 2026 at 4pm.

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