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# A Note from the **E** DITOR



As we bask in glorious sunshine, take some time out to browse this week's Killarney Outlook.

The Killarney Looking Good competition has a brand new trophy courtesy of the Men's Shed, thousands cycled the annual Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle, raised much needed funds and Killarney is preparing to say farewell to Fr. Kieran and Fr. Vitalis as they move on to new parishes.

The Pilgrimage to Muckross Abbey took place for the annual mass, the new active travel schemes in Killarney were officially opened and Anne Lucey takes a look at rural planning guidelines.

Killarney Valley Classic & Vintage welcomed a large crowd to their vintage car show, a local cyclist is planning to take on the coast of Ireland and Puck Fair 2026 will be launched this weekend.

The 7-A-Side finals have taken place at Killarney Athletic, golfer Joey Sheehan is celebrating 6 in a row at the Dr. Crokes Golf Classic and tributes have been paid to the late John Beasley.

As we look forward to the All Ireland Senior Football Semi Final between Kerry and Dublin this weekend, the team at Killarney Outlook wish the players and management every success on Sunday!

Ciarraí Abú!

*Aisling Crosbie*

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*A blustery Lough Leane looking South towards Shehy Mountain with Muckross in the mist captured by Diarmaid Griffin*

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# New Killarney Looking Good Trophy Honours Legacy of John O'Mahony



The remarkable contribution of the late John O'Mahony to the Killarney Looking Good Competition was remembered this week as a striking new perpetual trophy was unveiled at Killarney Town Hall.

Journalist, John O'Mahony, from KillarneyToday.com was widely credited with single-handedly reviving the long-running competition, securing major sponsorship from MD O'Shea & Sons and helping restore it as one of Killarney's most important community initiatives. His passion for civic pride and his determination to encourage residents and businesses to take pride in their surroundings helped breathe new life into the competition. With the initiative now firmly re-established, the Killarney Looking Good Committee decided the time was right to commission a new trophy that reflects its renewed energy and growing appeal.

The design and construction of the trophy was entrusted to the Killarney Men's Shed, whose members combined their creativity and exceptional craftsmanship to produce a unique piece that will be presented to the overall winner each year. The finished trophy was formally presented to members of the Looking Good Committee at Killarney Town Hall on Tuesday in the presence of Cathaoirleach Michael Gleeson and the new Mayor of Killarney, Cllr John O'Donoghue.

Judging in this year's competition is now underway, with nomination forms available from Killarney Town Hall and Bricin Shop and Restaurant on High Street. Members of the public are encouraged to nominate outstanding gardens, businesses and housing estates.

This year's Killarney Looking Good Competition will feature awards across 26 categories, recognising excellence in both the business and residential communities. Winners will be honoured at a gala prize-giving ceremony at the close of the tourist season. Business awards will recognise the best large



Cathaoirleach Michael Gleeson and the new Mayor of Killarney, Cllr John O'Donoghue pictured with craftsman from the Killarney Men's Shed, Billy Gleeson

and small commercial premises, newly painted buildings, signage, retail outlets, hotels, public houses, restaurants, cafés, guesthouses, public buildings and the most improved premises. Residential awards will include best large and small housing estates, private residence, roadside garden, floral display and friendly planting initiative.

Additional awards will recognise achievements in green hospitality, corporate social responsibility, restoration projects, schools and biodiversity, while several highly commended awards will also be presented. The coveted overall winner of the Killarney Looking Good Competition will be announced on the night. The competition will once again pay tribute to two individuals whose commitment helped

make Killarney one of Ireland's best-kept towns. The Yvonne Quill Memorial Award will honour the Volunteer of the Year for outstanding dedication to keeping Killarney looking its best, while the Fr Michael Murphy Memorial Pride of Place Award will commemorate the much-loved "Fr Tidy" and his lifelong commitment to enhancing the town.

Organised by Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce in partnership with Killarney Municipal District Council, the competition continues to celebrate community pride while ensuring the legacy of John O'Mahony lives on through an initiative he worked tirelessly to revive.

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# Loved Ones Remembered

## as Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle Raises Thousands for Kerry Hospice

Thousands Take to the Roads as Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle Delivers Another Outstanding Success

Thousands of cyclists descended on Kerry for another hugely successful Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle, with the annual event once again combining sporting achievement with an extraordinary display of generosity and community spirit.

Regarded as one of Ireland's premier charity cycling events, the 170-kilometre route around the spectacular Ring of Kerry attracted participants from across the country, all united by a common goal of raising much-needed funds for charities while taking on one of Ireland's most iconic cycling challenges.

Year after year, the event continues to make a lasting difference to charities throughout Kerry, with participants fundraising for causes that have touched their own lives and the lives of their families, friends and communities. Beyond the kilometres covered, the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle has become a celebration of resilience, friendship and compassion, with every cyclist having their own personal reason for taking part.

Among those proudly representing Kerry Hospice this year were the team from Salon B in Killarney. Brenda O'Brien, Deirdre Leahy and Siobhan Hanrahan took on the demanding challenge together, determined to raise funds for an organisation that has provided comfort and support to so many families across the county.

What began as a modest fundraising goal quickly surpassed all expectations. The trio had initially hoped to raise €250 but, thanks to the incredible generosity of customers, family members, friends and the wider community, they finished their campaign with an outstanding total of €2,600.

Their fundraising efforts reflected the enormous goodwill that exists for Kerry Hospice, an organisation whose work continues to touch families throughout the county during some of life's most difficult



Deirdre Leahy Brenda O'Brien, and Siobhan Hanrahan took on the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle together



Cycling for Gene.... from Left: Jerry Day, Dermot Cronin, Aisling Cronin, Sean Cronin, Patrick Cronin and Norrita Cronin

moments.

Speaking before the event, Deirdre Leahy explained why choosing Kerry Hospice was such an easy decision.

"The reason we picked Kerry Hospice is because it is very close to our hearts, especially for me, as my late dad spent the last week of his life there. It is such a wonderful place and they make everyone feel so comfortable and special, and the nurses are angels," she said.

She added that supporting the charity was something the entire Salon B team felt passionate about. "It's so important to support such a wonderful cause. I don't think there is anyone who hasn't been touched by the work they do. We all work together in Salon B and wanted to do something meaningful together."

In the weeks leading up to the cycle, the team collected donations at their salon in Deerpark Retail Park, where customers and supporters generously

contributed to their fundraising campaign. The response

exceeded all expectations and demonstrated once again the remarkable generosity of the Killarney community whenever local charities are involved.

While completing the Ring of Kerry is a significant physical achievement, participants

frequently say that the atmosphere created by volunteers, supporters and local communities lining the route is what makes the event truly special. From the early morning start to the finish line celebrations, cyclists are encouraged every step of the way by thousands of people who come together to ensure the day is both memorable and rewarding.

Over the years, the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle has grown into far more than a sporting event. It has become a cornerstone of Kerry's fundraising calendar, generating substantial financial support for charities while bringing together



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people of all ages and abilities. Many cyclists return year after year, inspired by personal experiences and motivated by the opportunity to give something back.

For Kerry Hospice, the funds raised through events such as the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle play an invaluable role in helping the organisation continue its compassionate work supporting patients and families across the county. Every euro raised contributes towards ensuring that specialist palliative care and support services remain available to those who need them most.

This year's Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle once again showcased the very best of Kerry. It highlighted the determination of thousands of cyclists, the dedication of volunteers who helped the event run so smoothly, and the remarkable generosity of communities who continue to support charitable causes with such enthusiasm.

For the team from Salon B, crossing the finish line represented far more than completing 170 kilometres. It marked the culmination of weeks of fundraising, community support and hard work, all in aid of a charity that continues to make an immeasurable difference to families throughout Kerry.

Their outstanding fundraising total of €2,600 stands as a testament to the generosity of their customers and supporters and serves as another example of the incredible community spirit that has made the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle one of the country's most successful and respected charity events.



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For hundreds of children and young people with additional needs, Easter means far more than a holiday, it marks the opportunity of a lifetime thanks to the dedication of the volunteers behind Rise & Shine.

The volunteer-led charity brings approximately 400 children and young people with additional needs on a week-long pilgrimage to Lourdes each Easter, creating an experience that is both life-changing and unforgettable for those who take part.

Supported by a team of committed volunteers, from Killarney, the annual trip offers pilgrims the chance to enjoy friendship, fun, independence and spiritual enrichment in a safe and caring environment. For many participants, it is their first opportunity to travel abroad or experience a holiday alongside friends, creating cherished memories that last a lifetime.

The success of the pilgrimage is made possible through the tireless



efforts of volunteers who generously give their time to care for and support the young pilgrims throughout the week. Their dedication ensures that every child can enjoy the experience with dignity, confidence and joy. As well as providing an unforgettable holiday, Rise & Shine offers families valuable respite, knowing their loved ones are being cared for by an experienced and compassionate team. Over the years, the charity has transformed the lives of thousands of young people, fostering confidence, independence and lifelong friendships while creating a strong sense of community

among volunteers, pilgrims and families alike.

Through the generosity of supporters and fundraisers, Rise & Shine continues its mission of ensuring that every child and young person has the opportunity to experience the magic of Lourdes, proving that kindness, compassion and community spirit can make an extraordinary difference in the lives of others.

## *Killarney Prepares to Say Goodbye to two much loved Priests*

The July sunshine and buzz in Killarney town is dimmed a little this week as we prepare to say goodbye to two of our priests - Fr. Kieran O' Brien the cathedral administrator and Fr. Vitalis. Fr. Kieran has been assigned as parish priest to Rathmore parish and Fr. Vitalis to Ballymacelligott.

Fr. Kieran has been at the centre of Killarney life for over 20 years. Having been ordained in the St. Mary's Cathedral in 1993, he was appointed curate and served here for six years. Fourteen years ago he returned and has been at the helm of our parish since that time.

Fr. Kieran's smiling face, gentle demeanour and quick wit have made him a firm favourite amongst the parishioners. When the news of his change of location filtered through over the last few weeks, messages have flooded in to express gratitude to Fr. Kieran for all he has done, and sorrow that his time has come to leave us. What is undoubtedly Killarney's loss is definitely Rathmore's huge gain.

Fr. Kieran has served as school chaplain to 4 of the local schools, he has led numerous families through times of grief and sorrow, he has connected with the youth of the area in a special way, he has administered copious sacraments, he has even been a bingo caller at the parish bingo every Thursday night.

However, most of all, through his homilies and Masses he found a way to connect with the



congregations in the most human way. He always made a huge impact with his words, delivered in his unassuming, humble way. So, as a parish we want to say thank you - thank you for his service to us all, thank him for his friendship and for being a counsellor and guide to so many. On Saturday night in the cathedral, a special Mass of thanks giving will be offered for Fr. Kieran and his ministry will be celebrated in a special way. The parish are particularly honoured that members of the family of the Tralee man will be in attendance. All are welcome!



Fr. Vitalis has spent two years in Killarney parish. The Kenyan native has been in Ireland for the last four years and we are delighted to have him amongst us for the last two years. He has been such a kind, gentle presence and has made many friends. A Mass will be celebrated in thanksgiving at 11am in the Church of the Resurrection on Sunday morning the 12th at 11am.

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Joe Begley with the most Reverend Raymond Browne, Bishop of Kerry, Fr. Kieran O'Brien, outgoing Adm, Killarney Parish, Fr. Vitalis Barasa, Fr Tom Looney, assisted by Sacristan Tadhghe Fleming, the choir of St. Mary's Cathedral, and four novices from the Franciscan Friday, Br. Franz, Br. Eric, Br.

Samuel and Br. Baptise. The abbey grounds were in pristine condition and preparation for the mass carried out by Tim Daly, Kathleen Murphy, Paudie Lynch with their dedicated team and Shonagh Gray from National Parks and Wildlife Services, Killarney National Park.

In the grounds of Muckross Abbey, Killarney National Park, at the annual Muckross Abbey pilgrimage and Mass. The annual outdoor mass is a cherished local tradition that honours the history of the 15th-century Franciscan friary and for families to remember their loved ones buried in the abbey's graveyard.

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Br. Franz, Br. Eric, Br. Samuel and Br. Baptise from the Franciscan Friary, Killarney, visiting the cloisters of Muckross Abbey in Killarney National Park.



Conservation Ranger National Parks and Wildlife Service Shonagh Gray, opening the main gates to Muckross Abbey.



Pat Doherty, in the grounds of Muckross Abbey, Killarney National Park.



Paula Gleeson, Choir Director, with members of St. Mary's Cathedral Choir.



Tim Daly and his Son Tim, hard working Abbey graves committee at Muckross Abbey.



Maureen Chevans and her Sister Patricia Chevans in the grounds of Muckross Abbey.



Fr Joe Begley, blesses the grounds of Muckross Abbey, Killarney National Park, at the annual Muckross Abbey pilgrimage and Mass.



The annual outdoor Mass is a cherished local tradition that honours the history of the 15th-century Franciscan friary.



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



**TWO IRELANDS: COUNTRY VERSUS TOWN**

Could the rural planning guidelines be seen as an attempt to favour native Irish in housing? And not just Irish natives, but Irish natives with land or at least with relatives with land - regardless how distant. Except no one is saying. Now just two weeks back, at a council meeting where a breakdown of nationalities in social housing in Killarney town was sought, there were accusations of borderline racism. Such requests were "inflammatory" and no one nationality - particularly not local Irish - should have precedence in the new Ireland was the gist of the objections at and online after the meeting.

And no statistics were given by the officials either, by the way. Roll on a week and what have we: A leg up the housing ladder from official Ireland for anyone with an address in the old sod. In the countryside. A social and an economic need is what it's called. And no one is shouting. Not the left. Not the right. Not the online guardians against racism.

Are we talking double standards here? One law for the countryside, the cradle of DeValera's Ireland. And another law for the towns?

Let's look at what is being proposed for rural Kerry.

First of all if you are in Gaeltacht and speak Irish you will get brownie points if you want to put up a single rural dwelling. You already get brownie points if you are looking for social housing in the Gaeltacht.

But if you are from Killarney and speak the other of the State's official languages, Hiberno-English, and want to live in your own town near other Hiberno-English speakers, there is no bonus point. Clear double standards, in other words.

Sinn Fein who are the watchdogs for "inflammatory language" welcome the guidelines. They are "for people building homes on family land, family farms or on sites within rural communities in which they grew up."

To build in rural Ireland you must be "of" rural Ireland and will have lived in the area with 10 years - which disenfranchises a lot of immigrant



groups. But how far can these guidelines go, legally? In 1998 the Supreme Court struck down the Blasket Island Act. This was the late Charles J Haughey's attempt to restrict ownership to blood relatives. In Belgium in 2013 a locals only rule, restricting planning for houses to those with connections to the local community was struck down by Europe. Pardon the pun, but I can't see this latest Irish locals only attempt getting too far off the ground.

**WHERE IS ANSEO, IS STILL THE QUESTION**

Some interesting information was unveiled last week on the TFI Anseo services.

First of all the three-bus TFI Anseo is now used by 2,000 people a week and climbing. 100 cars a day are being left in the driveways as Councillor Niall Kelleher put it.

The top drop-off locations along the 10.6km route are Deerpark Retail, High Street, Aldi, New Street and Lidl. The top pick-up locations are Ballyspillane, Cronins Wood, Ardshanavooley and Bruach na hAbhainn.

"TFI Anseo" is not a town bus, but a suburban bus, and very much a pilot project Local Link manager Alan O'Connell stressed.

The 6.30 am to 11 pm daily service involving three small buses, had been used by 78,357 passengers so far and it was hoped it would be renewed in August for another year. The buses are being ordered for regular commuting to and from work, social events, shopping as well as medical appointments and going to school. Just under half would have taken the car if they did not have the service, a sample survey found.

But it has "weaknesses" and one of those is efficiency. There are no designated stops, not even designated locations in the housing estates. And a person who sees it stopping and wants to hop on board cannot do so.

The women councillors Marie Moloney and Maura Healy-Rae asked when a bus stops to pick up someone, can it pick up someone else? No, and that was a weakness, Alan said. But it was up to the National Transport Authority to authorise regular stops.

Maura Healy-Rae pushed for giving a place to "Anseo". Maura honed in on what we all observe: the buses were going around with only two and three people on them.

"A pick up location without having a prior booking would make it more effective," Maura said.

**THE BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER GWEESTIN - DEAD IN THE WATER**

Alongside the Pier for Cromane, there is the Listry Bridge. The campaign for a pier for Cromane began before the foundation of the State. There is still no pier. The campaign for a proper bridge over the Gweestin River a tributary of the Laune has been waged by Councillor Brendan Cronin with close to thirty years. There is still no bridge.

A few years back there was an outcry by Listowel councillors over the Dale Road. The Dale Road has been built.

Brendan gave a most eloquent and at times highly entertaining address at the recent meeting of Killarney MD.

Listry Bridge is the only location along the whole R563 where two cars cannot pass each other. It is used by tour-

ists, tour buses and fish trucks bringing catch from Dingle to Europe.

Tourists with no English could not read the plethora of half hidden signage and there was no Stop sign.

Aggression, abuse, delays and safety issues were now part of daily life as people raced each other to gain the first foothold on the rickety bridge barely standing, the meeting of Killarney Municipal District heard.

This was no typical bridge - it was straight and people from one side could accelerate to get command before those coming from the opposite side.

Cars became wedged regularly.

It will now cost an estimated seven million euro to replace it, and these days, money for roads was prioritised where housing projects could be delivered. That is the current Government policy, Paul Neary director of services, said.

The recommendation was to erect electronic signage.

"You would think we were going over the Shannon. We are talking about the Gweestin River!" Brendan said.

"It's dead, dead in the water. I honestly believe the only hope we have is that it may collapse," Brendan said, slamming what he saw as a lack of determination for the Killarney area bridge compared with other areas.





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# Minister Opens New Active Travel Schemes in Killarney

Transport Minister Darragh O'Brien TD visited Kerry this week to officially open a number of transport and infrastructure projects, including new Active Travel Schemes in Killarney. The minister, accompanied by Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr Mikey Sheehy, unveiled the completed works on Park Road and Rock Road, where new shared and segregated walking and cycling facilities have been developed. The schemes provide safer, healthier and more sustainable travel options for both residents and visitors and were funded by the National Transport Authority. During his visit, Minister O'Brien said the Government is committed to investing in transport infrastructure that improves connectivity and makes everyday travel safer. He noted that almost €50 million has been allocated this year to transport projects across the region.

The minister's visit also included the official opening of the latest sections of the South Kerry Greenway in Glenbeigh, the first phase of the Tralee Northern Relief Road at Listellick, and Safe Routes to School projects in Tralee and Killorglin.

Cllr Mikey Sheehy said the projects demonstrate the strong partnership between Kerry County Council and the Department of Transport in delivering improved transport infrastructure, safer roads and enhanced amenities for communities throughout the county.

Photos issued on behalf of Kerry County Council



Darragh O'Brien, Minister for Transport and Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment and Mikey Sheehy, Mayor of Kerry, left and John O'Donoghue Mayor of Killarney pictured at the official opening of Rock Road Active Travel Scheme in Killarney on Monday. Also included are Minister Norma Foley, Michael Cahill, TD, Cllr. Marie Moloney, Cllr. Niall Kelleher, Cllt Niall Botty O'Callaghan, Cllr. Tommy Cahill, Tm Ryan, Fergal Reidy, Kerry County Manager, Johnny McGuire, Killarney Chamber and guests. Photo: Don MacMonagle



Darragh O'Brien, Minister for Transport and Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment pictured at the official opening of the Park Road Active Travel Scheme in Killarney on Monday. Included in the photo are, Fergal Reidy, Kerry County Manager, Ronan Kiernan, Sorensen, Mayor of Kerry Mikey Sheehy, Deputy Michael Healy-Rae, Cllr. Niall Botty O'Callaghan, Michael Cahill, TD, Minister Noirma Foley, Michael O'Leary, Sorensen and John O'Donoghue, Mayor of Killarney and council officials. Photo: Don MacMonagle



Young cyclists Doireann Gleeson and Siun O'Connell, from Killarney getting ready to cycle the newly opened Rock Road Active Travel Scheme in Killarney on Monday which was performed by Darragh O'Brien, Minister for Transport and Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment. Photo: Don MacMonagle



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# Cancer Trials Ireland and the Beatrice Pembroke Walsh Foundation join forces to improve access and research for sarcoma patients



Brian Corcoran,  
Jack O'Shea,  
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Joe Dean.



Beatrice's family Patrick  
Christopher, David and  
Clodagh Walsh.

Cancer Trials Ireland and the Beatrice Pembroke Walsh Foundation have announced a new partnership that will drive research into sarcoma in Ireland.

The Beatrice Pembroke Walsh Foundation was established by Cordal native David Walsh, current Kerry Person of the Year, to fund research and create awareness of Leiomyosarcoma (LMS), an extremely rare and aggressive cancer which affects just 6 in 1 Million people, mainly women. David's beloved wife, Beatrice Pembroke Walsh lost her life to LMS at just 53 years of age in October, 2022. Beatrice was the cherished only daughter of Helen and the late Tom Pembroke of Killarney Road, Castleisland.

Many will remember Beatrice helping in Tom's drapery shop on main street in her youth. A

bright vivacious woman who ran a successful graphic design company called Creative Design for many years, Beatrice and David lived in Carlow where they raised three children, Clodagh, Patrick and Christopher. It was her dying wish that the Foundation be established to help others.

The partnership was announced at the second annual Beatrice Pembroke Walsh golf classic held recently in the K Club, which raised over €300,000 for the Foundation. 120 golfers from across the country took part in event at the K Club including rugby legends Mick Galwey, Sean O'Brien and Bernard Jackman, football's Niall Quinn and GAA superstars including Henry Shefflin, Darragh Ó Sé, Richie Donnelly, Jack O'Shea, Barney Rock, Seamus Darby, Kieran McGeeney, Colm O'Rourke and many more. Over



The late Beatrice Pembroke Walsh.

300 people attended the Gala dinner, where RTÉ's Jacqui Hurley was MC. Conor's Sketches provided the entertainment but the highlight of the night was a recording of Beatrice singing "Caledonia", backed by the amazing Loric Chamber Choir.

The partnership with Cancer Trials Ireland will support the development of a national sarcoma registry and biobank, helping to collect clinical information and biological samples in a structured way to inform future research and clinical trials in leiomyosarcoma, a rare and aggressive cancer. The initiative has been developed in collaboration with St Vincent's University Hospital's Sarcoma Network Ireland. Funding has also been provided to establish specialist sarcoma outreach clinics in Midlands Regional Hospitals in Tullamore and Portlaoise. These clinics will provide planned follow-up care closer to home for up to 100 people with sarcoma, while maintaining strong links to the national sarcoma service in Dublin.

"When Beatrice was ill, I was fortunate to be able to take time away from work to bring her to appointments in Dublin. I know that is not the reality for many families. Travel adds stress at an already difficult time and can be a real barrier to care," said David Walsh, Beatrice's widower and chairperson of the Foundation. These outreach clinics in the Midlands will make a very real difference for sarcoma patients. They will allow people to be monitored closer to home, reducing the burden of travel and helping patients stay connected to specialist care. At the same time, we are investing in research that will improve understanding of leiomyosarcoma and help build better treatment options in the future. That was always at the heart of what Beatrice wanted to achieve."

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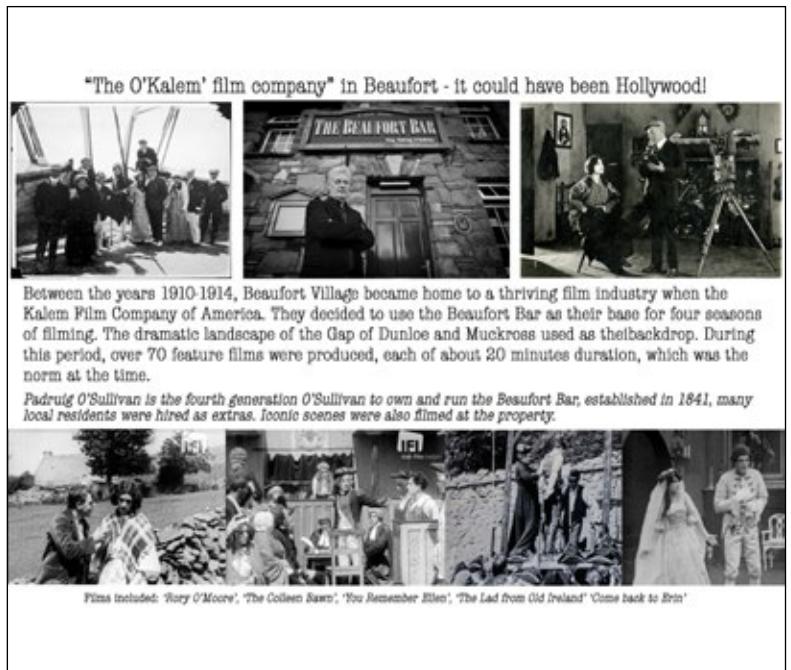
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# Killarney House Celebrates the Remarkable Legacy of the 'O'Kalems'

Killarney House provided the perfect setting for a fascinating evening celebrating Ireland's enduring contribution to American culture as part of the Summer in Killarney programme marking 250 years of Ireland's influence in the United States. The event, titled "Blazing the Trail: The O'Kalems in Ireland," explored the remarkable legacy of the New York-based Kalem Film Company, whose pioneering work established Killarney as one of the world's earliest international film locations. Using Beaufort Village as their headquarters, the filmmakers became affectionately known by locals as the "O'Kalems". Between 1910 and 1914, they broke new ground in transatlantic filmmaking, bringing cast, crew

and equipment from America to capture the spectacular scenery of Killarney and Kerry for audiences across the Atlantic. Their productions, led by pioneering filmmakers Gene Gauntier and Sidney Olcott, helped establish Ireland's reputation as an international filming destination decades before the modern era of screen tourism. The evening offered an engaging insight into the company's remarkable achievements and the lasting impact the Kalem Film Company has had on Killarney's cultural and cinematic heritage, leaving the audience with a renewed appreciation for a story that continues to captivate both locals and visitors alike.



Killarney House hosted a fascinating evening in conjunction with 'Summer in Killarney' - celebrating 250 years of Ireland's contribution to American culture. From left, Padruig O'Sullivan, NPWS and Beaufort Bar, Francesca and Maurice O'Connell, Lake View House. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



From left, Claire Frawley, Events manager Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, Patrick O'Sullivan-Greene, Author and playwright, Tony Tracy Lecturer, NUIG, Padruig O'Sullivan, NPWS and Beaufort Bar.



John Spillane, who will perform Poc ar Buile

## Legendary Singer to perform at LAUNCH OF PUCK FAIR 2026

The launch of Puck Fair 2026 will take place this Saturday, at 8pm, at 10 Bridge Street, Killorglin. The launch event begins the official countdown to the legendary festival, which takes place each year on the 10th, 11th and 12th of August.

Puck Fair is Ireland's oldest Gathering Festival, tracing its roots back to the Pagan festival of Lughnasa, with records of the festival dating back to at least 1613! Each year the festival brings tens of thousands of visitors to the town of Killorglin, with record crowds expected again this year.

Details of the festival's musical and entertainment line-up will be revealed on the night, and incoming queen, Scarlett Moriarty, will be crowned and officially begin her reign!

This year's launch will also include special guest John Spillane, who will perform Poc ar Buile as a special tribute to the late Seán Ó Sé, a man whose rendition of the song became synonymous with Puck Fair, and who was a dear friend of the festival over many years.



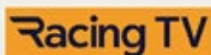
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# KILLARNEY VALLEY CLASSIC AND VINTAGE CLUB

## *Enjoys Successful Vintage Show at Killarney Racecourse*

The Killarney Valley Classic and Vintage Club welcomed a large crowd to its annual Classic and Vintage Car Show at Killarney Racecourse on a glorious sunny Sunday, with visitors enjoying a fantastic display of classic vehicles and family entertainment throughout the day. The club expressed its sincere thanks to everyone who brought along their pride and joy for display. From beautifully restored classic cars and jeeps to vintage trucks, tractors, rally cars and even an aircraft, there was something to interest enthusiasts of all ages.

A special word of appreciation was extended to the club's hardworking members whose dedication and countless volunteer hours ensured another successful event.

One of the standout attractions was the presence of the Irish Guide Dogs, one of the beneficiaries of this year's show. Visitors had the opportunity to meet Paddy Lawlor with Umi, a 10-month-old Labrador puppy currently in training to become a guide dog, proving a popular attraction throughout the day.

There was also an impressive display of the latest vehicles from the club's valued sponsors, Reens Rathmore Car Sales, giving visitors the chance to compare modern motoring with the classics on display.

Among the prize winners on the day were Anne O'Neill from Mallow, who received an award for her beautifully presented 1968 Fiat 500, and Jimmy Kelly from Beaufort, whose meticulously restored 1967 Riley Elf also earned well-deserved recognition.

Adding a unique element to the event was Eddie Cronin's AMF Chevrone 2-32 aircraft. Built during the 1980s, with only 41 ever produced worldwide, the rare aeroplane attracted plenty of attention and was a highlight for many visitors.

The Killarney Valley Classic and Vintage Club continues to welcome new members and meets every Thursday evening at its workshop on Upper Lewis Road, where members work together on a variety of classic car and tractor restoration projects. New members are always welcome and, as club sponsor John Reen likes to say, "Don't pass the road – call in."

The club thanked everyone who attended, exhibited vehicles, supported the event and helped make another memorable day for classic vehicle enthusiasts in Killarney.



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# Muckross Rowing Club pay tribute to John Beazley

This weekend, Muckross Rowing Club mourns the loss of one of the true greats of our club and indeed the wider rowing community in Killarney. Having fought a most courageous battle over recent years, Thursday brought the heartbreaking news of the passing of John Beazley, a lifelong club member who has been at the core of Muckross RC, its development and success over the course of five decades. John's passion, boundless energy and commitment to the sport and his club were evident to all those who knew him. Countless members of the club over many years will no doubt recall their own special memories of John – whether as a fellow rower, coach, cox, supporter or committee member.

From his lifetime home in Carriglea House overlooking the lake, John was born to family ties with Muckross and rowing. John would proudly continue the tradition of the Beazley name that had featured throughout Killarney Regatta programmes in the generations before. Growing up with a view of the Cow and Rough Islands to the majestic mountain backdrop of Tomies, Shehy and the Purple beyond – a younger John could scarcely have imagined the thousands of miles that he would go on to cover to and fro across the lake in a rowing and coaching involvement with Muckross that would span over 40 years.

John's rowing involvement with Muckross began in the early 1980s as an enthusiastic youngster, at a time of a much smaller club and before the advent of outrigger boats in Killarney. The singular Muckross boathouse of the time was largely occupied by fishing boats racked over a mud floor with the Elizabeth Rose Killarney Six emerging only for an annual summer campaign. It was also a time when Muckross was at a low ebb in its rowing fortunes, as Flesk Valley and Workmen dominated the Killarney Regatta and younger Muckross rowers dreamed of recapturing the rare Senior Sixes win of 1973. Under the tutelage of John Lyne, John's first race at Killarney Regatta was the Juvenile Sixes of 1981, a race won on the line by the Workmen.

From the excitement of this Juvenile race, a spark was well and truly lit. In the following years, John was central to a growing energy and optimism in Muckross that elusive Killarney Regatta medals were in reach. John's familiar cycle to the boathouse would become more regular and in 1985 – the breakthrough would come with John forming part of a winning Junior Four crew alongside Anthony O'Leary, Ulick Daly, Danny Lyne and cox John Lyne. It was the first win in a Mens race for Muckross in eight years and a first Junior Four title in 24 years – but the ambition of John for his crew and his club would not be



stopped at the Junior grade.

The late 1980s brought renewed energy to the club and John was prominent in the club's moves to row and compete beyond the Killarney lakes. John was central to the club's first involvement in coastal rowing with gig boats and the novelty of outrigger rowing giving a taste of what was possible for a growing club. All the while, John was helping to raise training standards in the club – with John's own garage becoming the location for Muckross gym training, a space only vacated by pushing the family car outside. This commitment would see John go on to win the Junior Sixes in 1988 and the Junior Four in 1989. In 1990, another long gap of 24 years was bridged for Muckross with a win in the Senior Fours, with John joined by Anthony O'Leary, Jerry Murphy and Sean Coffey.

The early 1990s saw the temperature of battle rise at O'Mahoney's Point, with Muckross and Fossa increasingly challenging the dominance of Workmen at Senior level. In a dramatic regatta of 1993, John's early win in the Junior Six gave confidence to hopes that Senior success was within reach. In the Senior Six, John raced in the bow seat of the Muckross crew alongside Sean Coffey, Seanie McCarthy, John Cronin, Maurice Coffey and Brendan O'Neill. The spark of 1981 now a fire in the heart of John and his fellow crew who were determined to close the 20-year gap to the club's last Senior Six win. Coached and coxed by the legendary Seamus Guiney, the crew went on to beat the challenging Fossa crew. The 1993 success was capped with a win for John in the Senior Four and Muckross claiming the Points Cup and title of most successful club. A new dawn for the club that won several races on the day.

Through the 1990s, John was instrumental in the move by Muckross into Olympic style rowing or 'sliding' as it became known in Killarney – a

transformational step for the club. The club's first sliding boats, which included a single scull and a pair, were purchased with money from John's own pocket. Race wins in Castletownbere would see prize money invested in additional equipment for the club with dividends soon following as Muckross enjoyed success in the then National Sprint Championships at Fermoy. Another major achievement for John at the time was a successful four year period from 1996 to 1999, where John won four Senior Six titles in a row at Killarney Regatta, part of the record equalling 7-in-a-row run that extended for Muckross to 2002.

During the 2000s, John remained an ever reliable constant at the Muckross shore, supporting crews in coaching year round and continuing his active support for Killarney Regatta. John served as a club delegate on the Killarney Regatta committee and his long experience, depth of knowledge and keen sense of local rowing rivalry earned John his place as a respected commentator and judge on regatta day. John loved the regatta tradition and was immersed in all aspects as a rower, cox, coach and official. He possessed an encyclopaedic knowledge of local rowing history and often was the man with the answer for questions on regatta rules or race results of old.

In the years that followed, it was with immense pride that John introduced his adored daughters Eimear, Liadh, Sorcha and Roisin to the sport and over the years, the girls would continue the proud family tradition with memories made and medals won at regattas in Killarney, Cork, Limerick and around the country. John helped to coach several groups through the junior ranks of the club and enjoyed many successful years as a Veteran rower at Killarney Regatta.



Throughout his long rowing and coaching career, John gave generously and freely of his time to support all aspects of Muckross Rowing Club and its organisation, from rowing and coaching, to serving on the club's committee and travelling to countless regattas and Head of the River events. When the club ventured into 'offshore' or coastal scull rowing, John was again to the fore of the club's endeavours and became the most skilled of our coxes in the newest branch of the sport to be embraced

by the club. While his health allowed, John retained his committed involvement with the club in coaching and coxing crews. In 2023, John secured the rare feat of coxing the winning Senior Sixes and Fours at Killarney Regatta as a decorated rower in the same events previously. From humble rowing beginnings in a small club as an ambitious teenager, John was central to the club's transformation into a thriving rowing club with year round opportunities for young and old alike, with club fortunes scaling from

local level through to national and international level. John was at the beating heart of our club and it is difficult to imagine a future without his presence at the lakeshore. We are indebted to John for his dedication, energy and commitment to Muckross RC throughout his lifetime. We will greatly miss John – the rower, the coach, the cox, the committee member, the friend – a true legend of the club and Killarney rowing.

On behalf of our Club Chairperson Sharon Cooper, our committee, coaches and all members of Muckross Rowing Club, we extend our deepest sympathies to John's family at this most difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with Eileen, Eimear, Liadh, Sorcha and Róisín and the extended Beazley and Burke families. At this time, we also remember John's late sister Nuala and parents Michael and Marie.

We will forever remember John at the Muckross shore and will carry his spirit with us, wherever we may row. John was truly one-of-a-kind and we will fondly remember the special memories shared over so many years. Ní bheidh a leithéid ann arís.

*Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam uasal.*

## The Show Goes On...

# Killarney Credit Union Continue Supporting The St. Brendan's Concert

Mr Joe Lyne and Mr Brendan Lynch of Killarney Credit Union (right) presented sponsorship to Liam O Connor and Sean Coffey in support of the annual St Brendan's Chapel Concert. The event, which recently celebrated its 12th year is headlined by Liam but showcases the extraordinary musical and choral talents and abilities of the Sem students.

With head of Music Niamh O'Connell and Liam coordinating the whole event and a staff team of Niamh Sexton Orna O Shea and Saoirse O Connor working to bring the boys to an exceptional standard, the event is a highlight of the school calendar and attended by a loyal following.

Past guests on recent years have included former President Mary Robinson, Shay Given and Patick Bergen, Marty Morrissey & Brian Cody and the late Christy Dignam. The school is very grateful to Killarney CU for their on-going support to the project at St Brendan's College Killarney on Friday.



Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

# Killarney Alzheimer Café Continues to Offer Support and Friendship

The Killarney Alzheimer Café continues to provide a warm and welcoming space for people living with dementia, their families, carers and healthcare professionals to come together for support, information and companionship.

The café, which is open to everyone, meets on the third Wednesday of every month in the Coill na Darach Community Room, Killarney.

This month's gathering will take place on Wednesday, July 15, from 11am to 1pm, and will feature a talk by Mairead Egan of Family Carers Ireland. Organisers say the café offers a relaxed



and informal environment where people affected by dementia or cognitive impairment can meet others facing similar experiences, enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and access practical advice and

information in a friendly setting.

The monthly meetings also provide an opportunity for carers and family members to connect with others, share experiences and learn more about the supports available to them.

Anyone interested in attending is welcome, with no referral required.

For further information, contact Lynda Phillips on 087 3556508 or email lynda.phillips@alzheimer.ie. More information is also available from the Alzheimer Society of Ireland at www.alzheimer.ie.

# Local Cyclist Takes on 3,166km Coast of Ireland Challenge to Support St. Francis Special School

Rambling House at the Heritage Centre Scartaglen Monday 13th July at 8pm Refreshments served, all are welcome.



A remarkable fundraising adventure is underway as Listry native John O'Donoghue prepares to cycle the entire coastline of Ireland in support of St. Francis Special School, Beaufort.

Setting off on July 30, John will tackle an incredible 3,166-kilometre journey, travelling around the country's coastline to raise vital funds for the school, which provides specialist education and care for children with special educational needs.

The ambitious challenge will see John pass through major coastal locations including Cork, Limerick, Dublin, and Belfast, testing both his endurance and determination over the course of the expedition.

Every euro raised will go directly to St. Francis Special School, helping the school continue to provide a warm, inclusive and supportive learning environment for its pupils. The campaign aims to strengthen the school's ability to deliver essential educational resources and opportunities for children with additional needs.

Speaking through the campaign, organisers

describe the challenge as an opportunity for the wider community to rally behind both John and the school, with every donation making a meaningful difference.

Supporters can follow John's progress throughout the journey on Instagram via @kerryjohncycles, where regular updates from the road will be shared.

The fundraiser is already attracting strong local support, with the community encouraged to donate, share the campaign, and cheer John on as he embarks on one of Ireland's most demanding cycling challenges.

Those wishing to contribute can do so by scanning the QR code on the campaign poster or by donating through the school's fundraising channels.

John's inspiring journey is expected to shine a spotlight not only on the beauty of Ireland's coastline but also on the invaluable work carried out every day by St. Francis Special School in Beaufort.

## Cooper City Commissioner Strengthens Twinning Links with Killarney

The long-standing friendship between Killarney and Cooper City, Florida, took another important step forward when Cooper City Commissioner Lisa Mallozzi visited Killarney Town Hall on Friday, July 3, where she signed the official Visitors' Book.

Cooper City, located near Fort Lauderdale in the U.S. state of Florida, recently reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening ties with Killarney following a vote at Cooper City Hall. The initiative was proposed by Sean Counihan, Chairman of the Killarney Town Twinning Association, and Sheila Dickson, the Association's Secretary. During her visit, Commissioner Mallozzi met with Mayor John O'Donoghue and Matthew Farrell, Administrator of the Killarney Municipal District. The meeting provided an opportunity to exchange views on local government and discuss how municipal administration operates in both communities, while exploring new opportunities for cooperation.

A key outcome of the visit is Commissioner Mallozzi's commitment to establishing a Killarney Committee on her return to Cooper City. The committee will work to promote stronger links between the two communities through student exchanges, cultural programmes, and wider citizen engagement.



Commissioner Lisa Mallozzi visited Killarney Town Hall on Friday, July 3, where she signed the official Visitors' Book.

The Killarney Town Twinning Association believes the establishment of the new committee will further strengthen the relationship between the two towns, creating lasting opportunities for educational, cultural and community exchanges for many years to come.

Chairman Sean Counihan said the Association looks forward to building on the momentum created by the visit and welcomes the prospect of closer cooperation between Killarney and Cooper City as the partnership continues to flourish.

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# TEAMS CELEBRATE THE FINALS OF THE 7-A-SIDE

Killarney Credit Union Killarney Athletic 7 A Side Tournament Premier Cup members of the winners Mac is Back team and members of the Jack C's Ultra team celebrate after winning the Premier and Reserve Cups at the Killarney Credit Union Killarney Athletic 7 A Side Tournament in Killarney Athletic FC Grounds, Woodlawn, Killarney on Thursday.

*Photos: Michelle Cooper Galvin*



And so the 50th year of the Killarney Athletic AFC 7 a side came to its conclusion last Thursday night in the club grounds in Woodlawn.

The first game up was played in dazzling sunshine between Des FC and red hot favourites Jack Cs Ultras and it was well justified tag as the Ultras ran out easy winners on a 4. 0 score line . Well done to Des FC who were the surprise packed of the reserve tournament.

After that game and before the 0 35 final a minutes silence was observed for all those we have lost since last year's 7 a side .

The 0 35 final this year was played with special significance as it was the first year of the Jamie Doolan Cup-and as if was written in the stars Leanes Tool Hire ran out 2- 0 winners over a dogged Impact Boys. As faith would have it the cup was presented to the winning captain Shane Doolan by his father Eddie. The third piece of the jigsaw came in the shape of the Premier final where Macisback were 2 -1 winners over The Aghadoe Show. A hard fought encounter saw Macisback take the lead only to be pegged back midway through the second half only to take again in with a comedy of errors goal who sealed game for Macisback. Oran Daly came close for Aghadoe late in the game but again the stars aligned for Macisback to take the premier cup in this the 50th year of the seven a side. A commemorate medal was presented to all finalists specially designed by Tom Tobin -Kerry Medals and Trophies for the occasion. Club Chairman Donie Murphy thanked the sponsors Killarney Credit Union for all their support for many years, Michelle Cooper Galvin for photography and the officials and all who helped in any way over the tournament.



Killarney Credit Union Killarney Athletic 7 A Side Reserve Cup finalists Des FC Brian O'Connor, Gary Wynne, Cillian O'Connor, Stephen Walsh Noah O'Connor, Paddy Foley, Cormac Walsh, Jimmy Kelleher, Bobby Gallivan, with Claudie Buckley and Noreen O'Sullivan Killarney Credit Union, Don O'Donoghue, Donie Murphy Chairman and Collette Casey Killarney Athletic FC at Killarney Athletic FC Grounds, Woodlawn, Killarney on Thursday. Missing from photo team member Cathal Kelly.



Killarney Credit Union Killarney Athletic 7 A Side Tournament Reserve Cup winners Jack C's Ultra Aaron O'Sullivan, Colin O'Callaghan, Kian McCarthy, Conor Horgan, Hugh Walsh, Adam O'Sullivan, Dylan O'Sullivan, Josh Vermiglio, Daniel Carroll, Tadgh Doolan and Ian Prendergast with Claudie Buckley and Noreen O'Sullivan Killarney Credit Union main Sponsors of the tournament , Dave and Sharon MacIndoe, Donie Murphy Chairman and Collette Casey Tournament Director and Don O'Donoghue Killarney Athletic FC at Killarney Athletic FC Grounds, Woodlawn, Killarney on Thursday.

**50 down 50 more to go!**



Killarney Credit Union Killarney Athletic 7 A Side Tournament Premier Cup winners Mac is Back team Luke Daly, Kailim O'Sullivan, Lee Downing, Liam Spillane, Shay O'Meara, Steve McCarthy, Eoghan Crowley, Dylan O'Callaghan, Dara O'Shea, James Kelly and Gavin Moriarty with Louise MacIndoe, Claudie Biuckley and Noreen O'Sullivan Killarney Credit Union Main sponsors of the Tournament, Donie Murphy Chairman, Colette Casey Tournament Director and Don O'Donoghue Killarney Athletic FC at Killarney Athletic FC Grounds, Woodlawn, Killarney on Thursday.



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Killarney Credit Union Killarney Athletic 7 A Side Tournament Over 35's Cup finalists Impact Boys Noel Moynihan, Dave Fleming, Daniel Long, Sean O'Donoghue, Stephen Hayes, Kieran Fleming, Mike Foley, Derek Srofa, Mike Maker, with Claudie Biuckley and Noreen O'Sullivan Killarney Credit Union main sponsors of the Tournament, Don O'Donoghue, Donie Murphy Chairman Killarney Athletic FC at Killarney Athletic FC Grounds, Woodlawn, Killarney on Thursday. Missing team member Mike Murphy.



Killarney Credit Union Killarney Athletic 7 A Side Tournament Over 35's Cup winners Leanes Tool Hire Aaron Quill, Paudie O'Connor, David Looney, Thomas Slattery, Galen Carroll, Danny Leane, Shane Doolan, Shane Bunyan, Mark Griffin, Eoghan Lawlor, Donie Kelleher, with Claudie Biuckley and Noreen O'Sullivan Killarney Credit Union Main sponsors of the Tournament, Don O'Donoghue, Donie Murphy Chairman and Colette Casey Killarney Athletic FC at Killarney Athletic FC Grounds, Woodlawn, Killarney on Thursday.

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Every dish is carefully prepared using the finest seasonal produce, while attentive service reflects the renowned hospitality synonymous with Killarney Royal Townhouse. Whether hosting a milestone celebration, entertaining clients, or bringing family and friends together, The Pantry offers a unique setting where every occasion feels truly special.

The Pantry recently celebrated its official launch with an exclusive Opening Showcase, welcoming guests to experience its inviting atmosphere, seasonal menu, and signature hospitality. The event provided a first look at the beautifully appointed space and showcased the personalised dining experience that awaits future guests.

Speaking about the launch, Pat McGrath, General Manager of Killarney Royal Townhouse, said:

"The Pantry is more than just a private dining



space; it's a place where people can slow down, connect, and create lasting memories. We wanted to create an atmosphere where conversations flow, laughter echoes, and every guest feels genuinely welcomed. Whether celebrating a special occasion, hosting a business lunch, or gathering with family and friends, The Pantry offers an intimate setting paired with exceptional food and warm hospitality. We look forward to welcoming both our local community and visitors to experience everything The Pantry has to offer."

Perfect for family occasions, birthdays, anniversaries, corporate lunches, private celebrations, and life's special moments, The Pantry provides an elegant and welcoming setting where every gathering is thoughtfully

curated and every guest feels at home.

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## About Killarney Royal Townhouse

Located in the heart of Killarney, Killarney Royal Townhouse combines timeless elegance with renowned Irish hospitality, offering guests beautifully appointed accommodation and exceptional dining experiences in an intimate and welcoming setting. The introduction of The Pantry further reflects the Townhouse's commitment to creating memorable experiences through outstanding food, impeccable service, and genuine hospitality.



Renowned tenor Gavan Ring, pictured with members of the Killarney Chamber of Tourism & Commerce



Renowned tenor Gavan Ring

## Killarney Celebrates Legendary Tenor John McCormack in Spectacular Summer Festival Recital

A very special musical recital took place in the beautiful St Mary's Church of Ireland, Killarney on Friday, 3 July 2026 celebrating John McCormack, one of Ireland's greatest musical legends.

Renowned tenor Gavan Ring, returning to his home county to lead the evening's performance, was joined on stage by two of Ireland's most outstanding musicians, Gary Beecher on piano and Kenneth Rice on violin.

During the warm and uplifting evening, the trio delivered a masterfully curated programme of beloved songs, operatic favourites, and transatlantic melodies that once captured hearts on both sides of the ocean.

Gavan Ring brought the audience on a musical exploration of McCormack's extraordinary journey from Ireland to international stardom, tracking his enduring influence on Irish-American identity.

A highlight of the evening's repertoire was a dedicated tribute to the legendary partnership between John McCormack and violin virtuoso Fritz Kreisler—whose unforgettable performances captivated millions across America.

The concert forms part of the new Summer in Killarney Festival, which includes a specially curated series of cultural events marking 250 years of Ireland's remarkable contribution to American culture.

Summer in Killarney Festival is presented by the Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, kindly supported by NPWS and Heineken 0.0., with financial assistance kindly provided by Kerry County Council through the Community Support Fund 2026 and Fáilte Ireland's Festival and Participative Events programme.

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# SIX IN A ROW

## for Golfer Joey

Accomplished golfer Joey Sheehan scooped the Dr Crokes GAA Club Golf Society Captain's Prize for the sixth time following the outing at The Killeen Course at Killarney Golf Club on Friday. Society Captain Niall Botty O'Callaghan and his mother Eileen O'Callaghan hosted the prizegiving function in The Failte Hotel where Joey was presented with a magnificent painting of the fourth hole at Killeen by local artist and Dr Crokes member Paul Downey.

Joey Sheehan won his first Dr Crokes Captain's prize back in 1997 which was the start of his historic four in a row. He collected his fifth Captain's prize in 2006 before adding his sixth with the 2026 prize last Friday. He has also won two Dr Crokes Presidents prizes and numerous other outings with the society over the years as well as winning the Eddie Barry Memorial Cup three times as player of the year.

The prize giving function in The Failte featured speeches from society officer Brendan Keogh, Captain Niall Botty O'Callaghan and overall winner Joey Sheehan. During the course of the speeches a number of recently deceased local people were remembered as well as others from recent years who have been associated with the Dr Crokes Golf Society. Among those fondly remembered were Brian O'Regan, John O'Mahony, Ewan MacIndoe, Gerry Collins, Paudie O'Callaghan, Malachy Walsh and Seani McCarthy.

The Dr Crokes Captains Prize was once again sponsored by Mike Buckley (Kerry Coaches) and the full list of winners are Joey Sheehan (overall winner) John Lynch (Second), Finian Moran (third), Liam Hartnett (4th), Sean Brosnan (5th), Maurice O'Donoghue (6th), John O'Leary (7th), Paudie Sheahan (8th), Colm Galvin (9th), Eamonn Fitzgerald (10th).



At the Dr Crokes GAA Club Golf Society Captain's Prize function in The Failte Hotel following the event at The Killeen Course at Killarney Golf Club on Friday sponsored by Kerry Coaches were seated from left, Matt O'Neill (President), Niall Botty O'Callaghan (Captain), Eileen O'Callaghan, Joey Sheehan (overall winner) and Mike Buckley (Kerry Coaches). Back row from left are John Lynch (Second), John O'Leary, Sean Brosnan, Timmy O'Donoghue, Paudie Sheahan, Finian Moran (third), Eamonn Fitzgerald, Liam Hartnett, Harry O'Neill, Maurice O'Donoghue and Bryan O'Donoghue.

Picture: Eamonn Keogh



At the Dr Crokes GAA Club Golf Society Captain's Prize function in The Failte Hotel following the event at The Killeen Course at Killarney Golf Club on Friday sponsored by Kerry Coaches were from left, Niall Botty O'Callaghan (Captain), Eileen O'Callaghan, Joey Sheehan (overall winner) and Mike Buckley (Kerry Coaches).

Picture: Eamonn Keogh

## Killarney Valley AC Athletes achieve international selection

Beibhinn O'Donoghue and Lauren McEvoy have been selected to represent Ireland. Killarney valley ac speedsters will compete in the FISEC games in Budapest Hungary which are being held between the 13th and 19th of July.

Beibhinn O'Donoghue is a long sprint and hurdler races that incorporate 400m and 400m hurdles.

Lauren is a sprinter and hurdler incorporating 100m and 100m hurdles. Their repertoire of events also involves relay running and are exceptional athletes with bright futures ahead of them both. With county, provincial and national medals already achieved these names are ones to keep an eye over the coming years in their development. Both athletes also have taken part in the AAI national track and field league together with teammates Sarah Leahy and Keelie O'Connor for Killarney valley ac which currently is in third place on the table with one more round to go in August.

Incidentally, the club team that finishes in first place represents Ireland at the European club team championships. This demonstrates the level at which both Beibhinn and Lauren are at with both girls still in their teenage years.





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# Pedalling With A Purpose...

Anto Cronin, Killarney, who once again completed the cycle on his penny farthing bicycle and raised funds for the Kerry Hospice Foundation. Photo: Seamus Long

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Bee hunters in Tralee's Town Park at the Bee Festival.  
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Buzzing...

# Wild Bee Festival Takes Place in Tralee

The fourth Kerry Wild Bee Festival took place at Tralee Bay Wetlands over the weekend, bringing together environmental groups, community organisations and members of the public to celebrate the vital role of pollinators. This year's festival focused on 'Developing Community Resilience with the Help of Our Pollinators', with Transition Kerry hosting interactive discussions alongside Ballybunion Nature Group, Castlegregory Tidy Towns and Tralee Tidy Towns. Festival events included planting fruit trees for pollinators along the Tralee-Fenit Greenway with the Friends of the Tralee to Fenit Greenway Community Group, as well as an ecological corridor walk led by Save the Green, highlighting the importance of Tralee's green spaces and wetlands for wild bees.



## Kerry International Film Festival Collaborates on 'Sound, Stitch & Vision' at Anam Centre

Kerry International Film Festival (KIFF) is delighted to collaborate with filmmaker Charlie O'Brien on *Sound, Stitch & Vision: A Conversation on Film, Costume & Sound*, a special evening of screening and discussion taking place on Thursday 16th July at the Anam Centre, Killarney.

The evening will open with a screening of O'Brien's short film *The Killarney Echo* (10 min), previously shown at the Kerry International Film Festival in 2021. This will be followed by "Sound, Stitch & Vision," a conversation on the craft of filmmaking, costume and sound with costume supervisor Ciara O'Connor, veteran sound engineer Tony O'Flaherty, and Charlie O'Brien himself.

Ciara O'Connor has worked in costume on major international productions including *Bucking Fastard*, directed by Werner Herzog. Tony O'Flaherty, a stalwart of the Munster music scene, has worked across many guises and genres, from traditional Irish music to grunge, collaborating with artists including Mark Lanegan.

The conversation will explore the difference between working on major international productions and the indie scene, where music and recording is heading, and a look back at the group's three-way collaboration on *Macalla Chill Airne*.

**Details**  
**Date:** Thursday 16th July  
**Doors:** 7:30pm  
**Venue:** Anam Centre, Killarney  
**Tickets:** [charlieobrien.net/anam-echoes-film-series](http://charlieobrien.net/anam-echoes-film-series)

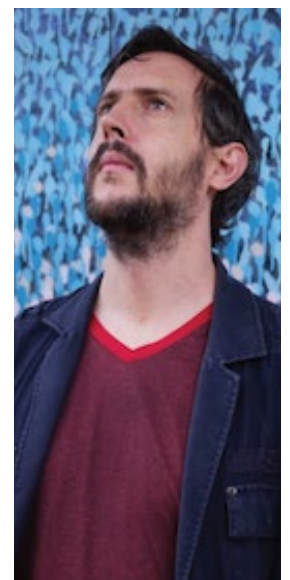
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# Bog Oak Exhibition Celebrates Kerry's Ancient Landscape and Lost Way of Life

A remarkable retrospective exhibition celebrating the beauty, history and heritage of Kerry's boglands will open at Killorglin Library on Saturday, July 11, at 12 noon.

'Cnoc an Oileáin', by Milltown native Pat O'Sullivan, brings together a selection of the artist's acclaimed Bog Oak sculptures created over a period of more than 20 years, up to 2001. The exhibition features works crafted from three native timbers – Bog Oak, Yew and Pine – collectively known by the artist as 'Bogdeal'. The ancient woods were recovered from local bogs in Ballyvirrane, Callinafercy, Scrahan, Ballintleave and Oolagh, west of Killorglin, each carrying a story that stretches back thousands of years.

According to the artist, these preserved timbers are silent witnesses to a landscape shaped at the end of the last Ice Age some 10,000 years ago. As the ice retreated, forests of birch, hazel and oak gradually emerged before being overtaken by peat-forming vegetation that created the raised

and blanket bogs synonymous with the Kerry landscape today.

However, 'Cnoc an Oileáin' is more than an exhibition of sculptural works. It is a tribute to a disappearing rural tradition and to the generations whose lives revolved around the bog.

The exhibition recalls the work of the sleansman, the brincher, the footer and the stooker, people whose skill and labour brought turf from the bog to heat homes, cook family meals and sustain communities through long winter evenings. Their tools, the slean and the pike, once essential to everyday life, now lie forgotten in old sheds and lofts, perhaps destined one day for museum collections chronicling a vanished way of life.

Pat O'Sullivan acknowledges that his lifelong fascination with Ireland's bog heritage places him in distinguished company. Writers and artists including Seamus Heaney, with his celebrated Bog Poems and The Tollund Man, painters Paul

Henry and Jack B. Yeats, and Kerry poet Sigerson Clifford, whose Ballads of a Bogman celebrated rural life, all found inspiration in the unique landscape of the Irish bog.

For generations across Iveragh and beyond, turf was the fuel that kept body and soul together, providing warmth, nourishment and the setting for stories shared around the fireside. As the old Irish proverb reminds us, "Is maith an t-ancuire an t-inteán" – the hearth is a good anchor.

**The exhibition also features one of O'Sullivan's own evocative reflections on bogland:**

*"Sleanfulls of pitchblack, yielding loaves / wrenched from the bowels of boglore... hallowed ground under sleansteel approaching terra firma of an ancient aeon."*

'Cnoc an Oileáin' promises to be both an artistic and cultural journey, inviting visitors to reflect on the ancient origins of Kerry's landscape and the enduring legacy of the people who made their living from its bogs.



## Sneem Gears Up for Five-Day Summer Festival

Sneem is preparing to welcome thousands of visitors as the annual Sneem Summer Festival returns from July 15 to 19, promising five days of music, family entertainment, culture, food and outdoor activities.

The festival programme offers something for all ages, with live music, wellness events, traditional crafts, children's activities, markets and sporting events taking place throughout the picturesque Ring of Kerry village.

Among the highlights are performances by electro-trad band All Folk'd Up, comedian Áine Gallagher's bilingual show For the Love of Milseáin, the popular Summer Market, Kingdom Pride Drag Brunch, the Traditional Craft and Trade Show featuring TikTok craftsman Eoin Reardon, and the return of the colourful Fancy Dress Parade and Colour Run.

Families can enjoy crab fishing, LEGO workshops, cookie decorating, storytelling, nature crafts, football, orienteering and sensory-friendly activities, while adults can take part in guided walks, yoga, pilates, HIIT sessions, whiskey and cider tastings, and even axe throwing.

Festival chairperson Shane Larkin said organisers are looking forward to welcoming visitors back for another memorable event.

"There's something for everyone – whether you're here for the music,



the food, the storytelling or simply to enjoy the fantastic atmosphere," he said.

Festival secretary Florian Scheibein said the festival is the highlight of the summer in Sneem and a wonderful opportunity to showcase the village and its strong community spirit.

The festival will also feature the popular Sneem Bake Off, Mini Street Feast, poetry and history events, astronomy workshops, folk art demonstrations and performances in the village's Little Church.

Organisers say the festival celebrates everything that makes Sneem one of Kerry's most welcoming communities and are inviting both locals and visitors to enjoy five days of entertainment in one of Ireland's most scenic locations.

A full programme of events is available at [www.sneemfestivals.ie](http://www.sneemfestivals.ie).

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# Sun, style, and top-class racing this July Festival

Killarney Racecourse is getting ready to welcome back thousands of racing fans and festival-goers for one of the undisputed highlights of the Irish racing calendar: the Killarney races July Festival. Running over days from Monday, 13th July to Friday, 17th July, this year's festival promises a brilliant, sunny weather forecast to perfectly complement a week of world-class sport, live music, and vibrant entertainment. The festival kicks off with three thrilling days of Flat racing from Monday through Wednesday, before transitioning to the high-octane excitement of National Hunt racing on Thursday and Friday.

The excitement builds on Thursday evening, July 16th, with the highly anticipated return of digital creator, racing TV presenter, and fan-favorite host Frankie Foster. Armed with his famous orange microphone, Frankie will be out in the crowd capturing the unmatched Killarney atmosphere, chatting with racegoers, and hunting for top tips. Thursday's action-packed lineup also features RaceDay TV live on the track, music on the lawn from Karen Dolan, and

a buzzing after-party with The Rising.

Glamour takes center stage on Friday, July 17th, for the prestigious Lee Strand Best Dressed Day. Killarney Races is will welcome a powerhouse celebrity judging panel this year, featuring lifestyle and fashion creator Niamh de Brún-Reid and her husband, legendary Kilkenny hurler and multiple All-Ireland winner TJ Reid. Racegoers are encouraged to bring their finest outfits as the judges search for standout style. Friday's entertainment will be rounded out by Shane Kennedy performing live on the lawn, followed by a lively festival after-party with The Blow Ins.

Essential Racegoer Information

To ensure a smooth and enjoyable experience, attendees are advised to plan their arrival around the daily racing schedules. On Monday, Flat racing begins at 5:00 PM, followed by starts at 4:35 PM on Tuesday and 4:55 PM on Wednesday. The National Hunt cards kick off at 4:30 PM on Thursday and at the earlier time of 1:32 PM on Friday. Gates will open two hours prior to the first race each day, allowing guests

ample time to soak up the unique setting. Live music will entertain the crowds on the lawn between races every single day, followed by a vibrant two-hour after-party directly after the final race.

Convenient transport options are in place, including a dedicated shuttle bus running from The Avenue Hotel directly to Killarney Racecourse, starting one hour before racing each afternoon. For those choosing to drive, stewards located on Ross Road will direct traffic to the nearest available parking. Early arrival is strongly advised as the racecourse grounds and surrounding areas will be very busy.

Premium Hospitality and Tickets

Tickets are selling fast, with Thursday and Friday's premium Panoramic Experience hospitality packages already completely sold out. Racegoers looking to elevate their festival experience can still secure the last remaining luxury dining packages for the start of the week. Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday currently have limited availability for this premier experience, which pairs high-end dining with stunning views of the

home straight, winning post, and the MacGillycuddy Reeks.

While cash and card payments will be accepted at the gate, the racecourse strongly advise purchasing general admission tickets online in advance to ensure smooth, fast-track entry.



## Minister Norma Foley welcomes

## 'Sailing into Wellness' programme to Fenit for Summer 2026

The Minister for Children, Disability and Equality, Norma Foley TD has welcomed 'Sailing into Wellness', an innovative therapeutic programme supporting children and young people with disabilities through sailing-based activities, to Fenit in County Kerry.



Pictured at the 'Sailing Into Wellness' at Fenit Harbour in County Kerry were Minister for Children, Disability and Equality Norma Foley, TD with from left, Tymoteusz Piegza, Tessa Kingston, instructor, Carol Mannix, HSE and Jessica Keohane.

Photo: Don MacMonagle

The Sailing into Wellness initiative provides a nature-based, inclusive sailing experience designed to enhance emotional wellbeing, confidence, and social participation among participants. Delivered in a safe marine environment, the programme complements the work of Children's Disability Network Teams (CDNTs).

Speaking at the launch, Minister for Children, Disability and Equality, Norma Foley said:

"This is a fun opportunity for children with additional needs to take part in a summer sailing programme. There are so many skills to learn in terms of teamwork, knowledge of pulling ropes and steering the boat, all while enjoying the sensory experience of being on the water. Funding for this initiative is provided by my department through the HSE South West. I particularly want to thank the HSE for their work and innovation and all involved in the Sailing into Wellness team for delivering this programme. We look forward to these opportunities for summer respite camps growing and growing across the country."

The programme, running sessions in Fenit this summer, offers tailored sailing experiences for children and young people. Participants take part in small group sessions, supported by trained instructors and caregivers, allowing them to build confidence on the water while engaging at a pace suited to their individual needs.

HSE South West works in partnership with Sailing into Wellness to provide an accessible and supportive environment, ensuring that participants benefit from a structured yet flexible programme that prioritises wellbeing, inclusion, and safety.



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KILCUMMIN PARISH

Written by: Helen Moynihan

**BOG WALKS**

Details of these walks which are rich in a variety of flora & fauna, are in the "Kilcummin Walks" brochures (free of charge) which are available at the Rural Development Office and the Post Office. Why not pick one up and it may inspire you to discover this beautiful amenity which is enjoyed by many already. Please be mindful of keeping this a clean, safe and friendly place to enjoy by bringing your rubbish home, keeping your dog(s) on a lead when you come in contact with fellow walkers or wildlife and respecting the local landowners' property.

**KILCUMMIN GAA**

**MCCARTHY INSURANCE CO LEAGUE DIV 1; Rathmore 2-16 Kilcummin 1-20**

Our senior team travelled to Rathmore on Sunday knowing that nothing other than a victory was necessary to have any chance of maintaining their Div 1 status and they did not disappoint with a sterling performance. Playing with the elements in the first half we kicked some good scores to lead at half time 0-13 to 0-6, however it was in the second half when they were faced with a Rathmore revival they showed their resolve and resilience to eke out a one point victory. Well done to players and management for achieving their goal as we look forward to the Intermediate club championship in a few weeks' time.

**CO LEAGUE DIV 6**

Played in Kilcummin on Friday evening our lads played very well for periods but despite being level at half time we lost out on a score line 1-21 to 0-12.

**KEANE'S SUPERVALU COUNTY LEAGUE – ROUND 2; Kilcummin 4-9 | Na Gaeil 0-11**

Kilcummin secured an impressive victory over Na Gaeil last Monday evening

in Round 2 of the Keane's SuperValu County League, with a dominant second-half performance proving the difference. Playing against a strong breeze in the opening half, the home side showed great resilience to stay in contention. Excellent scores from Darragh Keane, Eamon O'Donoghue, and Brian McGuire ensured Kilcummin remained within touching distance of a strong Na Gaeil outfit. At the break, Na Gaeil led narrowly on a scoreline of 0-6 to 0-5.

Kilcummin came out firing in the second half and quickly took control of the game. Joe O'Connor and Rory O'Connor were in outstanding form, each netting two goals to swing momentum firmly in Kilcummin's favour. Further points from Conor O'Leary helped to extend the lead and ultimately seal a well-deserved win for the home side.

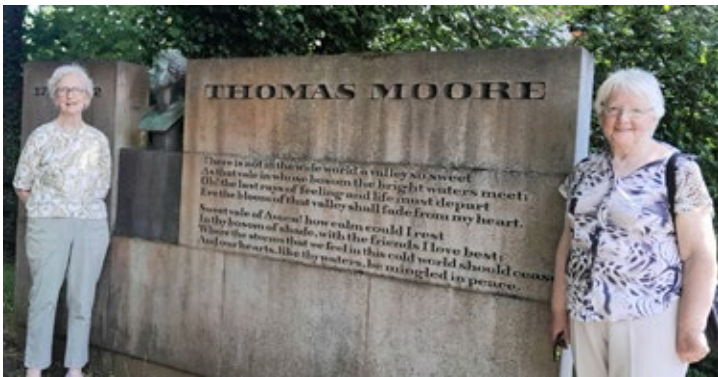
Kilcummin will look to carry this momentum forward as they face Ballyduff away next Monday evening.

**SENIOR LADIES DIVISION 3**

On Monday evening Kilcummin's senior ladies took to their home pitch in the semi-final of the Division 3 Donal Curtin shield against Brosna/Knocknagoshel. It was a very good and entertaining game but the teamwork and general movement of the Kilcummin side proved to be too strong for the visitors. Kilcummin came away with a score of 4-17 to Brosna/Knocknagoshel's 2 - 8. This was a very good win that sees Kilcummin through to the Final of the Division 3 Donal Curtin Shield. Well done to the players and mentors.

**LOTTO**

There was no winner of our lotto on Monday 29th June for the Jackpot of €9,000. Numbers drawn were 02,18,19,22. Consolation prizes of €50 Mike Moloney, Teresa Murphy, Debbie Doolan, Denis Harrington. Our next draw will be on Monday 13th July for Jackpot of €9,250 Thank you for your continued support.



Sean Chairde Kerry, on tour, left, Chairperson Catherine Kavanagh on right Secretary Margaret Sweeney.



Senior Ladies Donal Curtin Shield.



Sean Chairde Kerry, on tour. The group visited Glendalough, Kilkenny Castle, Johnstown Castle Wexford and Carlow.

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**GNEEVGUILLA ATHLETES**

Huge Congratulations and well done to Meghan Sheahan on finishing 6th in the All Ireland's U20 Hammer, with still a few more years in this grade. Date for the diary: Sunday September 6th, Middle distance Juv Races for Boys and Girls at Gneeveguilla GAA grounds. (Postcode P51W9KF) Registration from 11am , races start at 12noon . U5 100m, U7 200m, U9 & U10 500m, U11 & U12 700m, U13 & U14 1,200m .

New this year Relay races, U10 4 x 250m, U12 2x250m & 2x500. U14 2x250m & 2x500m.

Plaques for 1st 2nd & 3rd in all races. All participants will receive a certificate. Contact Sheila 086 8136523, Cheryl 087 641 3613, Ger 083 0503340.

**LOTTO**

No winner of last weeks Lotto, Jackpot for this coming Friday July 10th, €13,600 + Bonus draw for €1000

**RAMBLING HOUSE** at the Heritage Centre Scartaglen Monday 13th July at 8pm. Refreshments served, all are welcome

**CULLEN AND DISTRICT SPECIAL NEEDS**

*Annual Vintage Afternoon – supported by Discover Duhallow Day of the Region 2026*

The much loved Vintage Afternoon will celebrate it 25th annual event on Sunday July 19th 2026 in Cullen GAA grounds. Following a break last year, this milestone event promises to be a memorable day with wonderful displays of magnificently restored machinery-tractors, cars, motor cycles etc, along with a travelling forge and blacksmith display. There will be plenty for all the family to enjoy including many side shows; Children's Games and Sports, face painting, magician and balloons, Lucky Dip and live music with Peter Lane. We also have a wonderful raffle with prizes including an Arsenal jersey signed by Gabriel Jesus & a Chelsea jersey signed by John Terry.

Now firmly established as a key date in the North Cork calendar, the Vintage Afternoon brings together people from across Duhallow, Sliabh Luachra and beyond. It is a day where friendships are renewed, new connections

are formed and the community spirit is truly on display.

This fundraising event is both enjoyable and vital to the financial stability of the Special Needs Association, raising much needed funds to support centres and maintain services for Special Needs, where our local friends are cared for and educated.

On the final night of our Annual Sponsored weigh in, we invited representatives from six centres and we made a financial presentation to them on behalf of our association. They stated they would not be in a position to deliver the range and quality of services they provide without the goodwill and generosity of local communities and voluntary organisations. This financial support makes a significant difference to the help and care they are able to offer.

To ensure the continued success of this event, we kindly ask for your support by attending the above event.

We are indebted to the many people who have given generously of their time, their talents and their resources over the years to help us in our fundraising efforts and events.

**SHARE THE BUCKET** Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group reminds you that Share the Bucket takes place weekly. The draw is every Friday evening in Teach Fáilte @ 8pm and can be viewed live on our Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook Page. This week's winner is Anne O' Donoghue, €202

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

**SYMPATHIES** to the Hickey family Adrian, Damien, Alan and Caitriona (Keller) & families on the death of their father Pat Hickey, Knocknaloman his sister Eileen Kelly & extended family. Pats funeral took place in Rathmore on Friday 3rd July. May Pat rest in peace

**FR PAT'S O'DONNELL FAREWELL MASS** in on Rathmore Church on Friday July 10th 7pm. Fr Pat O'Donnell will also celebrate the Masses in Shrone, Knocknagree, Gneeveguilla and Rathmore on the weekend of the 11th and 12th of July

**WELCOME TO FR KIERAN**

We extend a warm welcome to Fr Kieran O' Brien who will be taking over from Fr Pat O'Donnell on July the 15th

**NOTES**

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



Supporters in the stand before the LGFA TG4 All-Ireland Senior Championship quarter-final match between Kerry and Meath at Austin Stack Park in Tralee, Kerry. Photo by Michael P Ryan

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**GLENFLESK PARISH**

*Written by: Sean Daly*

**COUNTY LEAGUE DIVISION 1**

**Kerins O'Rahillys 1-15 Glenflesk 1-25**

Glenflesk ended their 2026 County League Division 1 campaign with a superb away win over Kerins O'Rahillys on a sweltering day in Tralee. After early frees from Tommy Bowler and Darragh Roche, the second a two-pointer, Glenflesk raced into an early three-point lead. The home side responded well, with Darragh O'Connor leading the charge to bring the sides level after 15 minutes at 0-05 apiece. Glenflesk then grabbed the first goal of the day, with Sean Doherty, carrying on his superb form from Friday evening, supplying the finish. O'Connor again replied with a couple of quality scores, the first a fine two-pointer from play, followed quickly by a well-taken goal. By half-time, Glenflesk had drawn level again, with Mark Kelliher firing over from a 45, leaving the sides level at the break on 1-09 each. With Rahillys needing a win to secure Division 1 safety, a fast start to the second half would have been expected. Sadly for them, it was Glenflesk who took control. A two-pointer from Tommy Bowler was followed by scores from Luke Crowley (2) and Callum Cronin. Further two-pointers from Bowler and Crowley followed, leaving Glenflesk with a nine-point lead with 15 minutes remaining, while the home side struggled for possession and chances to find a way back into the game. Unlike some previous outings, there was no letting up from Glenflesk. Killian O'Sullivan added another two-pointer, their fourth of the game, followed by scores from Sean Doherty and Daniel O'Brien. The impressive O'Connor added another two-pointer, but Rahillys' fate was sealed and they will play Division 2 football in 2027. It was a great end to the County League campaign for Glenflesk, with a 3rd place finish a deserved reward for the side's efforts. Scoring 224 points across 11 games highlighted their attacking intent, while conceding almost 200 was probably a little higher than they would have liked. Nevertheless, the squad heads into the Intermediate Championship in confident mood after this impressive victory.

**COUNTY LEAGUE DIVISION 6**

**Glenflesk 3-15 Killarney Legion 4-12**

Late drama in Glenflesk this evening as two late goals by Killarney Legion denied Glenflesk the County League Division 6 title, leaving them with an anxious wait to see if the draw will be enough to finish in first place. Early on, it looked as if Glenflesk would claim a convincing victory, as quick movement of the ball set up brilliant early goals from Callum Cronin and

Liam O'Brien. With Sean Doherty in outstanding form, they continued to build on their advantage as the half progressed. Legion got a lifeline when they were awarded a penalty for a push. Thomas Moriarty found the net, and when they grabbed a second goal before half-time, the deficit was down to just four points. Doherty started the second half in the same way he had the first, with another fine point. Cronin then provided a superbly weighted pass to Michael Mullane, who found the net with ease. Legion stayed in the game with frees from Fianan Blackwell, but they were still trailing by six as injury time approached. After being awarded a free for overcarrying, they worked the ball well up the field before pacey wing-back Luke Courtney found the net. Even though Glenflesk won the resulting kick-out, another overcarry gave Legion another free. Blackwell took a quick free to Jamie Alade, who passed to Dan Carroll, whose low blast found the corner of the net. Almost unbelievably, the sides were level. Referee Tom Walsh's whistle then blew, and both sides had to settle for a draw. With Ballylongford beating Tuosist on Saturday, it meant Ballylongford claimed the Division 6 title and Glenflesk had to settle for second place. However, promotion would have been the main aim at the start of the year so the team can be very content with their League performance.

**QUIZ NIGHT**

The Glenflesk U12 boys, who have been selected to take part in the Croke Park Blitz at the end of July, are holding a Quiz Night Fundraiser on Thursday the 16th of July, in 'The Kerry Way'. Registration will take place from 7:30pm, with the quiz starting at 8pm. Entry is €40 per table of 4, and there will also be a raffle with some great prizes on the night. It promises to be a great evening and all support would be greatly appreciated as the team prepares for this exciting opportunity to represent our club in Croke Park.



**LISTRY PARISH**

*Written by: Colette Leslie*

**LOTTO**

June 28st 2026. Jackpot €3,450. Numbers Drawn: 7, 21, 22, 27. No Winner. €100 Andrew O Sullivan. €50 Derek Lyttle, Faha. €50 Breda Nugent, Shrone. €25 Aoife Donogue, Ballytrasna. €25 Caoimhe & Róisín C/o Nan. Jackpot next weekend 12t July 2026 €3,600

**SENIORS**

Congratulations to the Listry senior team who have been promoted to Division 2 going up as champions.

**MINORS**

The Listry minor team play Northern Gaels at home on Monday 13th July

at 7pm.

**U16**

Listry U16 team play Ballymacelliigott Thursday 16th July away at 7pm in RD 5 of the County league .

**U14**

Listry commence the East Kerry U14 League on Tuesday July 14th

A team Away to Currow Tuesday July 14th at 7:30

B team away to Dr Crokes Friday July 17th at 7:30

**BEAUFORT PARISH**

*By Bridget Hartnett*

**RESULTS**

Beaufort 1.15 Laune Rangers 0.17 in Mid Kerry Junior league.

Dr Crokes 1.17 Beaufort 3.16 in senior Co League

**LOTTO**

There was no winner of jackpot of €4,400 on Sunday, 5th July. Numbers 5, 6, 7, 22. Consolation prizes: €80 Simon and Patricia O'Sullivan, Gearha, €50 Seán Coffey, Brookhill, Aisling O'Sullivan, Gearha, John Cronin, Caragh Lake. The jackpot will be €4,600 on Sunday, 17th July.

Tickets are available from usual sellers, shops, public houses and online on www.clubforce.com. Thank you to everybody who support the lotto.

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Beaufort G.A.A. Club membership is still open. For information on Club and Gym membership, please contact Patie on 087 2515311.

**CLOTHES COLLECTION**

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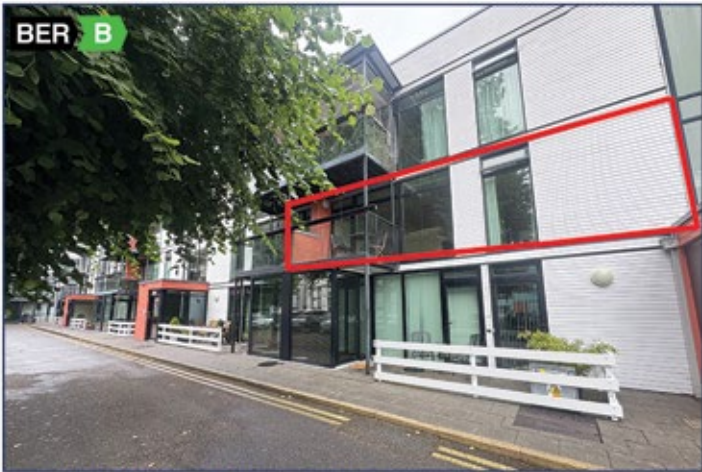
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SPA PARISH

By Leanne Cronin



Spa Senior Ladies Team who played against Glenflesk Monday evening



Spa U14 Girls in Matches against Beaufort and Glenflesk

**SPA HOST IMPORTANT CARDIAC SCREENING INITIATIVE**

Spa GAA was proud to host the Dillon Quirke Foundation National Cardiac Screening Programme, with 47 of our young members availing of this fantastic and potentially life-saving service. Sudden Adult Death Syndrome (SADS) tragically claims the lives of almost two young people every week in Ireland, and cardiac screening can help identify underlying heart conditions before symptoms appear. Well done to all of our young members who took part, taking an important step in looking after their health and wellbeing. A sincere thank you to the medical team from Advanced Medical Services for their professionalism and care throughout the day, to our dedicated Spa volunteers who ensured everything ran smoothly, and to the Spa GAA Health & Wellbeing Committee for organising such an important initiative for our club.

**WINNING WEEKEND FOR SENIOR MEN**

It was a successful weekend for both of Spa's men's teams as they rounded off their league campaigns on a high. On Friday night, the Junior Men travelled to Currow and produced an excellent display to record a 5-11 to 0-16 victory, a result that secured top spot in the McCarthy Insurance Group County League Division 7B. On Sunday, the Senior Men entered their final Division 1 league game knowing relegation was still a possibility in a tightly contested table. They responded with a composed and determined performance, defeating Gneeveguilla by 0-17 to 1-7 in the Killarney sunshine. The victory secured the club's Division 1 status for 2027 and saw Spa finish an impressive fourth place in the final league standings.

**SPA SENIOR LADIES REACH LEAGUE CUP FINAL**

Spa Senior Ladies booked their place in the Donal Curtin Division 2 League Cup Final with a hard-fought 1-8 to 0-9 victory over Glenflesk on Monday evening. In a closely contested semi-final, a late goal from Ava Brosnan proved decisive as Spa held on to secure a two-point win. The victory sets up a final against Laune Rangers on Monday, 13th July at 7.30pm in Spa, with home advantage earned thanks to Spa's higher league finish. All support for the team on the night would be greatly appreciated.

**U12 GIRLS ENJOY MEMORABLE KERRY OUTING**

Our U12 girls enjoyed a fantastic day out at Austin Stack Park on Saturday evening as they cheered on the Kerry Ladies in their All-Ireland Senior Championship quarter-final victory over Meath. With the sun shining and a great atmosphere throughout, the girls were treated to an excellent game showcasing the skill and determination of both teams. The highlight

of the evening came after the final whistle when they had the opportunity to go onto the pitch and meet the Kerry players, rounding off a memorable experience for everyone involved.

**GIRLS U14S SUCCESSFUL CHALLENGE OUTING**

Spa Girls U14s produced two excellent performances in an 11-a-side challenge outing in Beaufort last week, taking on the hosts and Glenflesk. They opened the evening with a convincing 4-4 to 0-9 victory over Beaufort before showing great determination in their second game against Glenflesk. Trailing by four points with just five minutes remaining, Spa battled back brilliantly, with a last-minute goal securing a dramatic 2-7 to 1-9 win. Well done to all the players who travelled, with excellent numbers allowing plenty of opportunities for substitutions throughout an enjoyable and successful evening.

**U16 BOYS OFF THE MARK IN COUNTY LEAGUE**

Spa's Boys U16s recorded their first victory of the County League with an impressive 4-14 to 1-6 win over Duagh on home soil last week. After falling behind to an early score, Spa responded superbly to take control of the contest and led 2-5 to 1-5 at half-time. A dominant second-half display saw the hosts concede just a single point while producing some excellent attacking football to pull away for a comprehensive victory.

**SPA MOTHERS & OTHERS ENJOY SPORTING TRIP TO BOHERBUE**

Spa Mothers & Others travelled to Boherbue on Friday evening to take on Araglen Desmonds Bui in a fantastic sporting encounter. With two Spa teams taking to the field, everyone enjoyed plenty of game time and plenty of touches on the ball, making it an enjoyable evening for all involved. The match was played in a wonderful spirit, with fun, teamwork and friendship at the heart of the occasion. To round off a memorable evening, the players were treated to pizza and chips after the game, a well-deserved reward following a great contest. Spa would like to thank Araglen Desmonds Bui for their warm hospitality and look forward to welcoming them to Spa in a few weeks' time for the return fixture.

**CLUB LOTTO**

Spa Lotto 06/07/2026 Results. Numbers drawn: 1, 3, 8, 27. No jackpot winner. Lucky Dips €50 each: Bird Horgan, Catherine Fitzpatrick, Mike Stam O'Donoghue, Paul O'Mahony, Horans PVC. Monthly Annual Ticket Holders Draw: Barry Duggan

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Spa U12 Girl's Outing to Cheer on Kerry Ladies



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By Dermot Cronin  
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*To discuss the above or any other matter Dermot Cronin QFA can be contacted at 0646622775 or [info@dermotcronin.ie](mailto:info@dermotcronin.ie)*

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# Children from across Ireland gather at CUH for access to ground-breaking allergy treatment

HSE South West hosted a ground-breaking paediatric allergy treatment initiative at Cork University Hospital (CUH) on Saturday, 4 July.

Around 40 children and young people from across Ireland attended the Seahorse Day Unit for Oral Immunotherapy (OIT), a treatment that helps children with food allergies build tolerance to foods that can trigger serious allergic reactions.

Young patients from Cork, Dublin, Waterford, Kerry, Limerick, Clare, Kildare, Portlaoise, Roscommon, Wexford and Galway were seen and treated at CUH. To celebrate the nationwide spirit of the day, families were invited to colour in their county flags while they waited.

CUH is at the forefront of allergy treatment with its Oral Immunotherapy (OIT) programme, which began in May 2025. To date, the programme had seen 560 patients, with more than 60% successfully transitioned into active OIT treatment – in other words, more than 60% of children tested are now working through a programme which builds their tolerance to their allergens and significantly reduces the risk of severe allergic reactions.

Saturday's event highlights CUH's role as a vital hub for specialised allergy care, and will assist the CUH allergy service maintaining a short waiting list for starting OIT treatment for suitable patients.

Marie Watson, Paediatric Strategic Development Manager, said:

"Food allergies can have a big impact on everyday life and initiatives like this give families hope and support. We are proud to welcome children from all over Ireland to CUH and to see so many healthcare professionals, students and volunteers working together to make a positive difference. Having children celebrate their county colours adds to the fun and reminds us that this is truly a national effort."

The event will be led by Professor Juan Trujillo and the CUH Paediatric Allergy Team in partnership with University College Cork (UCC). The initiative will also involve 10 UCC students, four Non-Consultant Hospital Doctors (NCHDs), two consultant doctors and a GP with a special interest in allergy.

Oral Immunotherapy (OIT) is a carefully supervised treatment that gradually introduces very small amounts of an allergen to help increase a patient's tolerance over time. The treatment has the potential to transform the lives of children and families living with food allergies, reducing the constant fear of a serious reaction during day-to-day life.

Professor Juan Trujillo, Consultant Paediatrician and Paediatric Allergy Specialist at Cork University Hospital and University College Cork, said:



Pictured are twins Dillon and Michael Dhardwar with mum Adeline and dad Sukhpreet. Children from across Ireland gathered at CUH for access to ground-breaking allergy treatment. HSE South West hosted a ground-breaking paediatric allergy treatment initiative at Cork University Hospital (CUH) on Saturday, 4 July. *Picture: Brian Loughheed*



Pictured is Lily Healy from Limerick with her dad Darren and Dr. Alice O'Neill. Children from across Ireland gathered at CUH for access to ground-breaking allergy treatment. HSE South West hosted a ground-breaking paediatric allergy treatment initiative at Cork University Hospital (CUH) on Saturday, 4 July. *Picture: Brian Loughheed*

"Since May 2025, CUH has been at the forefront of clinical excellence through the delivery of its Oral Immunotherapy (OIT) programme. This initiative represents a significant step forward in our national healthcare landscape, as the hospital continues to expand its capacity and refine pathways for patients living with food allergies. The success and necessity of this programme are reflected in its broad regional reach. Currently, more than 50% of patients attending their initial consultation to consider

OIT travel are from outside of County Cork. This clearly demonstrates a strong supra-county demand and highlights CUH's role as a vital hub for specialised allergy care in the region. Some patients have been seen in our OIT programme with more than 60% successfully transitioned into active OIT treatment. This conversion rate is a testament to the rigorous assessment process, ensuring that treatment is both clinically appropriate and aligned with the preferences of the families involved."

He added: "In 2026 we decided to use CUH paediatric department day ward facilities on Saturday to do mass volume of OIT initiation in a safe environment. This is our second "OIT initiation blitz" with approximately 40 patients seen in one day. This kind of planned use of Saturday procedures aligns with the idea of useful use of infrastructure of CUH paediatric department allowing families to come outside their work hours. People from Waterford Galway Roscommon Portlaoise and Dublin are attending. This also allows the CUH paediatric allergy service to maintain a short waiting list for OIT initiations. These developments underscore our unwavering commitment to decentralising specialist care and ensuring that innovative treatments like OIT are accessible to more children across Ireland. The leadership shown by the CUH paediatric allergy service remains a cornerstone of our strategy to modernise and enhance allergy services nationwide."

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In the normal eye there are three different types of cones. Some cones are best at capturing long wavelength (red) light. Others catch medium wavelength (green) light, while other cones respond best to short wavelength (blue) light. The signals from these cones are sent to the brain where they are perceived as colour. People with CVD are born with one or more cone types absent or different. Most people with CVD are red/green deficient, which means they mix up all colours with some red or green in them. For example, a red/green CVD person will confuse blue and purple because they can't 'see' the red element in purple. This is more severe in some forms of CVD than in others.

### Who is affected by colour vision deficiency?

Colour vision may be affected by some eye diseases, but

the most common cause of CVD is genetic. The gene for this is transmitted on the X chromosome (from your mother) and so it mainly affects men and boys, with around 8% of males and 0.5% of females having CVD. There are around 3 million people in the UK with some kind of CVD.

### What are the symptoms of colour blindness?

If someone has CVD they may have difficulties distinguishing between different types of food – for example mistaking chocolate sauce for ketchup. It may also be very hard to get a child with CVD to try green vegetables as they will look unappetising. Older children may confuse the red and green lights on their games console.

If you have any concerns about your child's vision, a sight test is recommended.

### How do you treat colour vision deficiency?

There is currently no cure for genetic CVD. Your optometrist may suggest using colour filters on your glasses, or coloured contact lenses. People with illnesses that have led to CVD, may find that their vision returns to normal when their illness has been treated.

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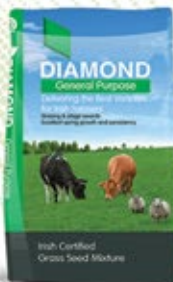
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Here is what he had to say:

"I am glad to get the opportunity to talk about post offices. First of all, I thank the Minister of State, Deputy Charlie McConalogue, and the Government for giving them financial assistance this year because they do need it. Like every other Member, I appreciate our post office network. I am sad to think that so many post offices have closed around us over the years.

I remember the previous postmasters in Kilgarvan, Denis P. O'Sullivan and his brother John O'Sullivan. Before them were Bridie and James Cronin. She used to send her brother out with the telegrams. My uncles told me a story - all of them are long passed - that they met him one day going up the road with a telegram. He asked them if he had much further to go. They asked him where he was going and he told them to mind their own business and tell him how far he had to go. That is how trusted, secretive and dependable the people who work for the post office are. They retain the confidence of the people and that is why. At the present time in Kilgarvan, we have a great operator. He has been there for many years now and he is a most reliable person, Pádraig Sweeney, and we are proud to have him running and operating the post office in Kilgarvan.

We have lost post offices, like I said, in Clonkeen, Gneevgullia, Headfort, Blackwater Bridge and different places. Invariably, they were at the centre of each locality. If the post office is not there, a place loses its identity. We are in trouble now with so many shops closing in rural areas. In many rural villages, there is nothing left but the post office. We hope that we will retain the post offices because as has been said here, the post office, the school and the GAA club are so vital for retaining the identity of parishes throughout the length and breadth of rural Ireland. We hope we will retain the post offices in Kilgarvan, Kenmare and Glenflesk. They are the nearest ones to me at the present time and we appreciate the great work they do.

The Government, however, should advise people on social welfare payments more to

draw their payments through the post office rather than going to the bank. Over the years, we have had enough done for the banks. Payments should always be directed to the post office because it is on each transaction the post office gets paid and to ensure business is kept in them, we should do as much transactions as we can in the post offices. People should not be sent elsewhere to bigger towns because there are no longer banks in villages and it is very important for people to meet. Social interaction is so important with people. People are becoming very lonely in rural places because they do not meet as much as they used to at the creamery, the shop or the pub. In tougher times, we had post offices everywhere and a Garda station. We do not have a Garda station in Kilgarvan now. Many parishes do not. We had a doctor's surgery in every parish and a social welfare office. There were several small schools in a parish but in the late fifties, they directed the smaller schools to close and sent them to a central school. That was a very sad thing and it hurts me at times when I see people in areas passing their own small, local school and going into a bigger school in town. We must try to retain what we have and what we had. The school in the locality is very important to retain the identity of that locality.

Then there are the pubs and shops, as we all know. In Kilgarvan at one time, we had 26 shops. Now we have just two. That is replicated throughout many parishes in Kerry. Even Gneevgullia does not have a shop. The last place to close was the post office and the shop that went along with the post office. It is so important to subsidise post offices or give them an opportunity to remain open. To remain open, they must be profitable for the owners because there are a lot of costs and overheads. There are so many different things. The one thing that is hitting every kind of an outlet at the present time is rates and commercial rates. It is sad to think that there are shops closing all over County Kerry, including in Killarney at the present time. It has been told to me that the cost of commercial rates has gone up since the rates review. The cost of paying the rates has gone way up. It is hurting and causing businesses to close. The Government



must recognise this and we, the Members, must highlight it and bring it forward to the Government here because maybe it is not known as much as we elected Members know about it as we are on the road every day and know what the problems are. We must look at the rates and how they are applied and charged for many businesses. Many businesses are now afraid to open their doors because they will be liable for a rates bill from that minute onwards. I again thank the Minister of State for recognising the post offices and ensuring they keep going for the present time. Like I said to him, we must ensure more business is directed through the post office to ensure its viability. We appreciate the parcel service it has at the present time. It is second to none. There is stuff coming out of vans every day coming to our door and it is the same right through the parish, including on Saturday. It is a great service and each and every one of us must do our utmost, and it is incumbent on us, to ensure we deal with the post offices, especially for that great service as well. It means so much in a rural community where people are out on a limb and where it is so far away to go to the bigger towns. When you talk about going to the city of Cork, it is a day's work to go to and come from there, if you were to do business that far away. I thank the Minister of State for this great effort".

Minister for Climate, Environment and Energy and Minister for Transport Darragh O'Brien, T.D., and Minister Norma Foley, T.D., officially opened the third section of the South Kerry Greenway, (Bealaí Glasa na Ríochta) at the Glenbeigh Trailhead. The trail at Behy Bridge, now extends 6.2 km past Curra Wood, over the old Curra Railway bridge, and continues past the Mountain Stage boardwalk to Griffin's Cottage. Connecting cyclists and walkers, this route offers features like a 100-metre elevated boardwalk and views of the Atlantic. Kerry County Council is delivering this 32km project, which traces the historic former railway line.  
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<b>1st Wednesday</b> 8.00 PM 8.30 PM 8.45 PM 9.00 PM 9.30 PM 10.00 PM	<b>Killarney Area</b> Torc Hotel, Lissivigeen The Village Inn, Kilcummin The Club, Kilcummin Old Killarney Inn, Aghadoo The Golden Nugget, Fossa The Faha Court, Faha	<b>3rd Friday</b> 7.30 PM 8.15 PM 9.00 PM 9:30 PM 10.00 PM	<b>Castleisland Area</b> River Island Hotel, Castleisland The Crown Hotel, Castleisland Hughes Bar, Cordal Lyon's Bar, Scartaglen Flemings Bar. Scartaglen
<b>1st Thursday</b> 8.30 PM 9.00 PM 9:30 PM 10:00 PM	<b>Glenflesk &amp; Barraduff</b> The Kerry Way, Glenflesk Spillane's Headford Murphy's Bar, Barraduff Corner Bar, Barraduff	<b>4th Thursday</b> 7:00 PM 7.30 PM 8:15 PM 8.30 PM 8.45 PM 9.15 PM 10.00 PM	<b>Killorglin Area</b> Golden Nugget, Fossa Galvin's Bar, Beaufort O'Grady's Bar, Killorglin Francie Sheahan's Bar, Killorglin Clifford's Tavern, Killorglin The Plough, Milltown Griffins Bar, Castlemaine
<b>1st Friday</b> 8.45 PM 9.00 PM 9:30 PM 10:00 PM	<b>Kenmare, Tuosist &amp; Lauragh</b> Roughty Bar, Kenmare O'Connors Bar, Kenmare Sailors Bar, Killaha West Helen's Bar Kilmacalogue	<b>4th Friday</b> 8.30 PM 9.30 PM 10.30 PM	<b>Kenmare &amp; Sneem Area</b> The Roughty Bar, Kenmare Riney's Bar, Sneem Blackwater Tavern
<b>3rd Monday</b> 8.30 PM 9.00 PM 9:30 PM	<b>Knocknagoshel &amp; Brosna</b> O'Connor's Bar, Knocknagoshel Walsh's Bar, Knocknagoshel Kate Pat's Bar, Brosna	<b>Last Monday</b> 8:00 PM 8:30 PM 9:00 PM 10.00 PM 10:15 PM	<b>Farranfore Area</b> Ulick's Bar, Farranfore James Daly's Bar, Farranfore Cunniffe's Bar, Currow Butlers Bar, Furies John Hendersons, Furies

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# Cahill Calls for Expedited Resolution on Advanced Nurse Practitioners' Pay Concerns

Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry and member of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Health, Michael Cahill TD, has called for the ongoing process surrounding nursing pay structures to be expedited following a response he received from the Minister for Health regarding the status of the pay review for Advanced Nurse Practitioners (ANPs).

Deputy Cahill had sought an update from the Minister on the status of the pay review for ANPs and asked for clarification on the decision-making process surrounding the proposed separation of pay scales between clinical and managerial nursing grades.

The Minister confirmed that the current engagement process relates solely to Recommendations 42 and 43 of the Expert Review Body on Nursing and Midwifery, which concern Director and Assistant Director of Nursing and Midwifery grades.

Commenting on the response, Deputy Cahill said:

"Advanced Nurse Practitioners are among the most highly qualified healthcare professionals

in our health service. They play an essential role in delivering frontline patient care, reducing waiting times, improving access to services and supporting multidisciplinary teams across our hospitals and community settings."

"Many ANPs have contacted me expressing understandable concern that changes to senior nursing pay structures could have unintended consequences for their own career pathways and remuneration. They deserve certainty and reassurance that their specialist clinical expertise will continue to be properly recognised and rewarded."

Deputy Cahill said the Minister's response confirms that the current negotiations are confined to Director and Assistant Director Nursing grades and that any extension to other grades, including ANPs, would have to be considered through the Local Bargaining process under the current Public Sector Agreement.

"While I welcome the clarification provided by the Minister, there remains a strong case for ensuring that Advanced Nurse Practitioners

are not disadvantaged as wider reforms to nursing grades progress. These professionals undertake advanced clinical responsibilities, hold postgraduate qualifications and provide an invaluable service to patients every day," he added.

"It is important that any future pay arrangements continue to recognise the significant expertise, leadership and autonomous clinical decision-making that ANPs bring to our health service. Maintaining attractive career pathways for Advanced Nurse Practitioners is also essential if we are to recruit and retain these highly skilled professionals."

Deputy Cahill concluded, "I am calling on all parties to expedite this process. ANPs have waited long enough for clarity and prolonged uncertainty is not in the interests of staff, patients or the wider health service. I will continue to engage with the Minister, the Department of Health and representative organisations to ensure that a fair and timely outcome is achieved."

## Welcome for Additional Irish Rail Services for Kerry Supporters

Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry, Michael Cahill, has welcomed Iarnród Éireann's announcement that four additional train services will operate to and from Dublin's Heuston Station for the All-Ireland Senior Football Championship semi-final between Kerry and Dublin.

Deputy Cahill had been in contact with Iarnród Éireann in recent days to highlight the need for extra rail capacity, given the huge demand from Kerry supporters travelling to Croke Park.

Welcoming the announcement, Deputy Cahill said:

"I am delighted that Iarnród Éireann has responded by providing additional train services for Kerry supporters travelling to the All-Ireland semi-final."

"I had been in contact with Iarnród Éireann to stress the need for extra capacity and I am pleased they have acted to meet the exceptional demand. I will continue to work with them in relation to getting additional services as there is unprecedented demand on the ticket front for this mouthwatering clash," Cahill stated.

"Iarnród Éireann have arranged four extra trains to and from Heuston Station in Dublin for the All-Ireland Semi-Final on Sunday, 12 July. The two additional trains to Dublin will leave Tralee 6:40 and 7:10 on the morning of the match. While two extra trains will depart from Heuston Station for Kerry at 7:20 and 8:10 that evening," he added. Concluding, the Kerry TD said "I want to thank Iarnród Éireann for their engagement and would encourage supporters to book as early as possible.. I also wish Jack O'Connor, the players and management team every success as they bid to reach another All-Ireland Final."



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Minister for Climate, Environment and Energy and Minister for Transport Darragh O'Brien, T.D., joined by Cathaoirleach Kerry Council, Cllr. Mikey Sheehy, Minister Norma Foley, T.D., Chief Executive Kerry County Council, Fearghal Reidy, KCC Engineer, Sean O'Sullivan, Fáilte Ireland, Danielle Favier, Deputy Micheal Healy-Rae, T.D., Deputy Michael Cahill, T.D., Director of Services, Kerry County Council, Bridget Fitzgerald, Councillors of Kerry County Council, Cllr Norma Moriarty, Cllr Tommy Cahill, Cathaoirleach Kenmare Municipal District Cllr, Teddy O'Sullivan-Casey, CEO SKDP, Noel Spillane, Sculpture artist, Billy Leen, at the official opening of the third section of the South Kerry Greenway, (Bealaí Glasa na Ríochta) at the Glenbeigh Trailhead. The trail at Behy Bridge, now extends 6.2 km past Curra Wood, over the old Curra Railway bridge, and continues past the Mountain Stage boardwalk to Griffin's Cottage. Connecting cyclists and walkers, this route offers features like a 100-metre elevated boardwalk and views of the Atlantic. Kerry County Council is delivering this 32km project, which traces the historic former railway line.



Governor of the Central Bank of Ireland Gabriel Makhlouf and Tánaiste and Minister for Finance Simon Harris TD pictured at the launch of a new €2 commemorative coin to mark the beginning of the Irish Presidency of the Council of the European Union. The Central Bank will mint 500,000 of the special €2 coin and it will be issued into general circulation from tomorrow (Tuesday 7 July). People all over Ireland, and indeed Europe, will find the coin in their hands and pockets in the coming weeks.

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## KILLARNEY SWIMMING CLUB

The Club attended the Munster Swim Festival on Sunday at UL with 26 Killarney swimmers competing. This was an exciting end of season gala for swimmers across many of the squads. Swimmers excelled, competing against 18 other Munster Clubs, taking home 18 medals, countless PBs and as always an excellent day out with friends and rivals. Overall an exciting day for the club, with Killarney swimmers delivering a strong performance, demonstrating noticeable improvement and competitive spirit.

Results: Juan Avila 1st 50 Breast and 1st 100 IM. Aideen Casey 1st 50 Back, 2nd 100 breast, 3rd 50 fly. Lily Larkin, 1st 100 breast. Kyrylo Lutchenko 3rd 100 breast. Madeline Lynch 3rd 100 back. Matthew Myles 2nd 100 IM, 2nd 100 breast, 3rd 100 Free. James O'Connor 2nd 100 Free. May O'Mahony 1st 100 IM, 1st 100 Breast, 2nd 100 back, 2nd 50 Fly. Natalia Spodymek, 2nd 100 back, 2nd 50 Fly.

The club would also like to congratulate swimmers who represented Kerry and their community games areas at the Community Games National Swimming Finals at the weekend in Kilkenny. Reece O'Donoghue took the National Backstroke Champion Title with a gold medal in the U12. Samuel O'Neill claimed the silver medal coming 2nd in the U16 Breaststroke. The U16 relay team of Samuel O'Neill, Evan O'Donoghue Daniel Cremin and Torin Lyne claimed the silver medal. Daniel 5th place in U14 50 Breast. Evan 7th place in the U16 50 Free. The U13 boys relay team of Reece, Adam Tomlinson, Colin Murphy and Oisín O'Donoghue Sheehan placed 7th overall. Robbie Fennelly had an excellent swim in the U14 50 Fly. Juan Avila swam a very strong U12 50 Free and Kate Kissane had a superb U16 50 Fly swim.

## SPA MUCKROSS MAKE A CLEAN SWEEP AT NATIONAL SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Spa Muckross had 8 athletes representing Kerry at the Cairn Community Games National Swimming Finals in Kilkenny at the weekend.

Reece O'Donoghue claimed the National Backstroke Champion Title with a gold medal in the 50metre back.

Samuel O'Neill took home the silver medal with an excellent race in the 50 Breaststroke.

The U16 Boys Relay of Samuel O'Neill, Torin Lyne, Daniel Cremin and Evan O'Donoghue had a fantastic swim and a strong finish claiming the silver medal in the Medley Relay. The U13 Boys Relay of Adam Tomlinson, Colin Murphy, Oisín O'Donoghue Sheehan and Reece O'Donoghue finished 7th place with a very strong 100 Free Relay swim. Daniel Cremin made the final with an excellent swim and finished 5th in the U14 Breaststroke. Evan O'Donoghue finished 7th in a fast 50 Free with a very strong swim. We are very proud of these athletes representing Kerry on a National Level.



Killarney Swimming Club members Natalia Spodymek, Maria Avila, Matthew Myles, Aoibhin Creedon, May Nina and Evanne O'Mahony, Madeline Lynch, Lily Larkin, Raegan Browne, Coach Ella Cremin, Finian Swarbrick and Juan Avila.



Gerry McGuinness, President of Cairn Community Games, Torin Lyne, Evan O'Donoghue, Samuel O'Neill, and Daniel Cremin receiving their silver medal for the U16 Medley Relay.



Reece O'Donoghue, representing Kerry, receiving his Gold National Medal with competitors from Clare, Leitrim and Westmeath, and Gerry McGuinness, President of Cairn Community Games.



O'Donoghue brothers both receiving National Medals at the community Games Swimming Finals (Reece gold and Evan silver).



Reece O'Donoghue, Oisín O'Donoghue Sheehan, Adam Tomlinson, and Colin Murphy proudly representing Kerry in the U13 relay at National finals.

## KVAC ATHLETES SELECTED TO REPRESENT IRELAND AT FISEC GAMES

Two talented athletes from KVAC have earned the honour of representing Ireland at the upcoming FISEC Games in Budapest, Hungary, which take place from 13th to 19th July.

Lauren McEvoy has been selected to compete in the short sprints and hurdles, while Bèbhinn O'Donoghue will represent Ireland in the long sprints and hurdles.

Their selection is recognition of the dedication, commitment and hard work both athletes have shown throughout the season and marks another significant milestone in their athletic careers.

Everyone at KVAC is very proud of Lauren and Bèbhinn wish them, their families and the entire Irish FISEC team the very best of luck in Budapest.

**KVAC JUMPS ATHLETES BAG 2 SILVER MEDALS IN NATIONAL U23 CHAMPIONSHIPS IN TULLAMORE**

Dara Looney claimed a second National U23

Long Jump silver medal in last Sunday's National U23 Championships held in Tullamore while the versatile Eoin O'Reilly added a silver Pole Vault medal to add to his 440m hurdles medal from last year. Congratulations to them both.

If you are interested in joining the club please email [killarneyvalleyac@gmail.com](mailto:killarneyvalleyac@gmail.com)

## KILLARNEY PICKLEBALL CLUB

There were 2 great days of Pickleball at the Killarney Open last weekend. Held in the Coral Leisure Centre on 4 courts specially laid out for the weekend to allow extra space for tournament play. There were entries from near and far such as Multyfarnham, Newport, Galway, Cork and of course Tralee. In the beginner's section (-3.2) there were many entries from Killarney taking part in their 1st tournament, some only having taken up the sport a few months ago! Killarney members featured in many of the finals but were unfortunate not to pick up any Gold medals. The event would not have taken place without all the great help from the volunteers on both



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2026 Open Pedro Freitas Silver plus Michael Crawley and TJ Beadnell bronze.



2026 Open Kathy Crowley Michael Lyne Silver plus Max and Stephanie Regosa bronze.

days and the great work done by the organiser Marco Regosa. Special thanks goes to the Leisure Centre staff in allowing the event to take place. Club nights are 8 to 10pm Tuesdays and Thursdays, plus a beginner's session 7 to 8pm Thursday.

**RESULTS**

**Mens +3.2:**

Silver - Pedro Freitas & Tony Duggan (Tralee)  
Bronze - Michael Crawley & TJ Beadnell

**Mens -3.2:**

Bronze - Naveen Puppala & Hrihsikesh Shinde

**Womens OPEN:**

Silver - Stephanie Regosa & Hanne Winther

**Mixed -3.2:**

Bronze - Naveen Puppala & Caroline Lemass

**Mixed 50+ OPEN:**

Silver - Michael Lyne & Kathy Crowley

Bronze - Stephanie Regosa & Max Regosa

**FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB**

**RESULTS FOR 25TH JUNE**

N/S

1st: Horst Rosler & Marie O'Sullivan Kenmare

2nd: Phyllis O' Regan & Pauline Lyne

E/W

1st: Karen O' Keffe & Imelda Healy

2nd: Tim & Mai Corcoran

**RESULTS FOR 02ND JULY**

N/S

1st: Ursula Daly & Ciaran Broadbery

2nd: Phyllis O' Regan & Pauline Lyne

E/W

1st: Mary Gleeson & Evelyn O' Leary

2nd: Marie O'Sullivan & Peggy Barrett

Well done to everyone.

**SUMMER BRIDGE**

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**BRIDGE CLUB**

**RESULTS FOR MONDAY**

**6TH JULY**

North/South

1st: Ger McSweeney and Maureen Culloty

2nd: Marie Moloney and Anne Looney

3rd: Ciaran Broadberry and Michael McHugh

East/West

1st: Mary O'Connor and Doreen Brosnan

2nd: Eithne Coffey and Hazel O'Connell



Michael Mackey from Clonmel, my son Cathal Mackey (Killarney) and my self Tony Mackey (Killarney) who completed ROK 2026 please. Photo taken at 6am in Knocknahoe before 180km cycle. There are 58 years between my father and Cathal.

3rd: Therese McCarthy and John O'Shea  
Congratulations to all the winners.

**SUMMER BRIDGE** continues Mondays at the Monastery School, New Road at 7pm. All are Welcome

**Two silver medals at the U/23 all Ireland track and field**

Killarney valley ac athletes Dara Looney and Eoin O'Reilly both hit the podium again at the National U/23 track and field championships held in Tullamore last weekend.

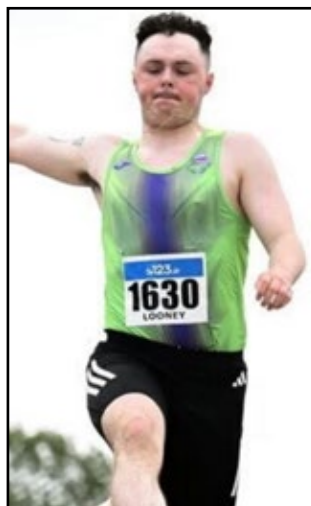
Both athletes claimed silver medals in top class competition in the heat of Tullamore perfect conditions for track and field.

Dara Looney is fast gaining a reputation for his long jumping exploits and competitive as he chases the 7m mark. Dara has medalled at provincial level over successive years at senior level and now at national level is his success being repeated.

Eoin O'Reilly the multi eventer last year medalled in the 400m hurdles and this year his commitment to the pole vault has paid off with a national silver.

Killarney valley ac's installation of pole vault equipment has gained the club a first-class reputation at the discipline.

All eyes now are on the upcoming national senior championships in the Morton stadium over the coming weeks.



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 Runner Up and Winner of The Ellen Lady Tucker Cup: Corinna Griffin (4) 73  
 Best Gross: Kelly O'Donoghue  
 3rd: Bridie Fitzgerald (21) 73  
 4th: Ann O'Keeffe (26) 74 Last 9 Holes  
 5th: Mairead Martin (2) 74  
 6th: Noreen O'Callaghan (19) 75 Last 9 Holes  
 7th: Sinead O'Shea (16) 75 Last 9 Holes  
 8th: Susan Tong (16) 75 Last 9 Holes  
 9th: Kathleen O'Keeffe (20) 75 Last 6 Holes  
 10th: Eimear O'Donnell (10) 75 Last 6 Holes  
 Front 9: Anita O'Sullivan Net Score of 30  
 Back 9: Miriam Murphy Woods Net Score of 37  
 Winner of Putting Competition: Carmel O'Brien 28 Putts  
 Nearest the Pin on 10th: Mairead Martin - 1ft 3 inches  
 Longest Drive on the 11th: Aine Martin  
 Past Captains Prize Winner: Sheila Crowley (27) 77  
 Committee Prize Winner: Patricia Walsh (28) 77  
 Captain's Guest Prize Winner: Colleen Coffey 28 points (21)  
 Winner of the 11 Hole Stableford Competition: Anne Wrenn 23 Points (21)

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### MIXED SCRAMBLE 30TH JUNE, RESULTS

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 2nd: Micheal O'Leary, Nuala Ward, Siobhan Creedon (36) net 25.2

### SOCIAL GOLF

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### MIXED SCRAMBLES

Mixed scrambles will be every Tuesday at 6pm, book on BRS, Visitors welcome

### PLAY IN PINK

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## DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT MUNSTER STROKEPLAY QUALIFIERS

Well done to all from the club who qualified last Sunday from Castleisland for the Finals of this event which we are hosting on the weekend of July 19th. Along with Eileen McCarthy and Jean O'Shea who are entered in the Ladies events they are as follows- Damien Fleming, John McGrath,



Captain Annette McNeice presenting first prize in her Caprain's Prize Day to Ladies winner Carmel Fitzgerald who received the Castletrough Cup and (left) Russell Fleming Men's winner at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

Jason O'Brien and Conor McCarthy (Senior Mens), Connie O'Sullivan, Michael Cronin, James Fleming, Gearoid Cronin, Dan Broderick, Declan Kelly, Ger Casey and Daniel Kelly (Intermediate Mens), Denis Duggan, Paddy Murphy, Robbie Harnett, Jason Reen, Bobby Kelly, James Foley and Dave Spillane (Junior Mens).

### COUNTY U16 STROKEPLAY

Congratulations to Aodhan O'Halloran on his win in the Boys event last Saturday in Listowel as both Fionn O'Callaghan and Fionn McMonagle were second and third in the U16 section. Aodhan, Fionn McMonagle and Daniel Quinlan have qualified to represent the Kerry 'Gold' team in the Munster Inter-County event in Fermoy at the event of this month while Fionn O'Callaghan will captain the Kerry 'Green' team. Well done to all four on securing their places on the Kerry teams.

### FLESK RESTAURANT SUMMER SERIES

Wednesday July 1st- Winners: Hugh O'Sullivan, Dan Kiely, Lucas Uchtyl & Noel Clifford 32¼, Runners-Up: Niall O'Loughlin, Adam Twomey, Killian Healy & Fionn O'Callaghan 32¾ and Third: Fionn Culloty, Tadhg Lawlor, Donnacha Slattery & Luke Bowler 33½. A reminder these competitions are now off until Wednesday July 22nd as part of our Munster Strokeplay preparations.



Captain Annette McNeice presenting first prize in her Caprain's Prize Day to Men's Club winner Russell Fleming with Ryan Brosnan Casey 2nd, Captain Tomas Kelliher (second row from left) Donal Considine Best Gross, John O'Shea 4th, Alan McDermott Div 1 winner, Eugene O'Sullivan Div. 1 2nd (Back from left) Joe Geaney Div 4 winner and Sean O'Connor Div 4 2nd at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Captain Annette McNeice presenting first prize in her Caprain's Prize Day to winner Carmel Fitzgerald who received the Castletrough Cup with (from left) Carmel O'Brien winner Addie McSweeney Putting Trophy, Corrina Griffin 2nd, Kelly O'Donoghue Best Gross. (Second row from left) Bridie Fitzgerald 3rd, Noreen O'Callaghan 6th, Sinead O'Shea 7th, Kathleen O'Keefe 9th, Eimear O'Donnell 10th. (Back from left) Miriam Murphy Woods back nine, Anne Wrenn 11 Hole Competition, Patricia Walsh Committee prize, Sheila Crowley Past Captain's prize and Colleen Coffey guest prize at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

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We are now down to the final of this competition as the pair of Gearoid Cronin & Denis Duggan will take on Alan O'Sullivan & Conor O'Riordan in the decider at a later date and time TBC.

## IRISH OPEN

Our Best Wishes to those in the club heading to event in Portmarnock this weekend, the decision of our Club Secretary and former three-time winner of the event to enter has certainly created some interest!

## COURSE CLOSED

As previously stated we are closed to general play now until Monday July 20th due to our preparation for the hosting of the Munster Strokeplay Championships.

## RICKY KELLY

This year's event will take place on the August Bank Holiday Weekend. Further details in the weeks ahead.

## BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB - MEN'S

### RESULTS OF OUR MEN'S 18 HOLE STABLEFORD COMPETITION HELD ON SAT 4 & SUN 5 JULY

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### White tees

- 1st: Alan Smith, 44 points (11) Last nine holes
- 2nd: Kevin Mitchell, 44 points (22)
- 3rd: Dan O'Connor, 42 points (15) Last six holes

### Yellow tees

- 1st: Domhnall De Bara 44 points (22)
- 2nd: Tony McCarthy 39 points (26)

### MEN'S COMPETITION ON SATURDAY 11/ SUNDAY 12 JULY

Bill McDonald – Strokeplay – White tees only and Golfer of the Year (R4)  
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## ROSS GOLF CLUB - GENTS

### ON JULY 4TH AND 5TH WE HELD A CLUB SPONSORED STABLEFORD COMPETITION.

#### The winners were:-

- 1st: Barry O Grady 40 (10)
- 2nd: D J Hayes 38 (14)

#### Division 1

- 1st: Ryan Scott, 35 (10)
- 2nd: Aidan O'Connor 35 (10)

#### Division 2

- 1st: Peter Wickham 37 (11)
- 2nd: Ger Flynn 36 (13)

#### Division 3

- 1st: John O Driscoll 35 (21)

2nd: Larry Daly 34 (19)

### ON THURSDAY JULY 2ND OUR SENIORS HELD THEIR WEEKLY 10 HOLE COMPETITION.

#### The winners were

- 1st: Dermot O'Connor (8) 20pts
- 2nd: Ambrose O'Donovan (8) 19 pts
- 3rd: Donie Broderick (7) 19pts
- 4th: Ned Buckley (11) 19 pts

### CALLAWAY SUMMER OPEN SERIES (TUESDAY OPEN DAYS) JUNE 30TH RESULT

- 1st: Cormac O'Donoghue, Ross GC, 22 pts
- 2nd: Luke Looney, Ross GC, 21 pts

### ON FRIDAY JULY 3RD WE HELD OUR FRIDAY EVENING MIXED SCRAMBLE

#### The winners were:-

- 1st: Daniel Shine, Suzie Conway, M J Casey, John Fleming
- 2nd: Virjinius Jonaitis, Renaldas Bendikas, Noreen O'Mahony, Martin O'Connor
- 3rd: John Cuskelly, Helen Moylan, Anthony O'Mahony, Elaine Casey,
- 4th: Eileen Fleming, Gottorm Baadsvik, Olivia Baadsvik, Tom Shields
- 5th: John Ivory, Vivienne Buckley, Sean Hickey, Maurice Coffey.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Guttorm Baadsvik on his recent hole in one on the 15th.



Captain Annette McNeice presenting her Captain's Prize Junior girls Scramble prizes to winners Lauren Kiely, Laura Lenihan and Lily Moynihan on her Captrain's Prize Day in Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Captain Annette McNeice presenting her 9 Hole girls Captain's prize to Orlaith O'Sullivan 2nd and overall winner Addison Mulcahy at her Captrain's Prize Day in Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Captain Annette McNeice presenting her 18 Hole Captain's girls prize to overall winner Annable Casey at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Captain Annette McNeice with her friends Colleen Coffey, Eileen Coffey, Breda Coffey, Rosanne Fogarty and Louise Caulfield on her Captain's Prize Day in Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

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Colin Finlay Director of Golf Killarney Golf and Fishing Club making a special presentation to Captain Annette McNeice to mark her Captain's Prize Day in Killarney Golf and Fishing Club, Killarney on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Captain Annette McNeice with her niece Andrea Hickey on her Captain's Prize Day in Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

## KILLARNEY GOLF & FISHING CLUB - MEN'S RESULTS FROM ANNETTE'S CAPTAIN'S PRIZE TO THE MEN, MAHONY'S POINT - BLUE TEES - 4TH/5TH JULY

1st: Russell Fleming (8) 65  
 2nd: Ryan Brosnan Casey (38) 66  
 Best Gross: Donal Considine 71  
 3rd: Shane Ryan (13) 66  
 4th: John O'Shea (14) 66  
 5th: Maurice E O'Donoghue (13) 67

### Division 1

1st: Alan McDermott (7) 68  
 2nd: Eugene O'Sullivan (3) 69  
 3rd: Frank Shaw (5) 69

### Division 2

1st: Michael Barry (13) 68  
 2nd: David Harnett (13) 69  
 3rd :David O'Donoghue (10) 69

### Division 3

1st: Paul O'Keeffe (15) 68  
 2nd: Donal Begley (15) 69  
 3rd: Gary Kerrisk (17) 69

### Division 4

1st: Joseph Geaney (19) 68  
 2nd: Shaun O'Connor (19) 70  
 3rd: Matt McAuliffe (23) 70



Captain Annette McNeice presented the prizes in her Captain's Prize Day to winners left to right Ben Cronin, John Canty, Cormac Sweeney (tall), Cian Lenihan, Tadgh Horgan, Noah O' Sullivan. on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

## KERRY PITCH & PUTT COUNTY U16 STROKEPLAY

Last Saturday's event in Listowel saw a new winner of the Boys event as Deerpark's Aodhan O'Halloran shot a winning score of four under par, three ahead of Joey Blake from Tralee who won the U13 section with his score of one under. The U16 section was won by Diarmuid Lyons from the host club with 112 on countback from Deerpark's Fionn O'Callaghan as another Deerpark player in Fionn McMonagle was third on 117.

In the U13 section Ryan Deady of Listowel was second behind Joey Blake on 114 while Sean Stacks from the hosts was third on 120. The Girls section meanwhile saw Shona Griffin from the hosts retain her title from Mary Walsh with Sarah Walsh (both Listowel) in third. Well done to all our prizewinners as the event also served as the final trial for our Munster U16 Inter-County teams for the event in Fermoy



Prizewinners from the Kerry Pitch & Putt U16 Strokeplay Championships in Listowel last Saturday pictured L to R as follows: Sean Stack (Listowel, U13 Boys Third Place), Fionn O'Callaghan (Deerpark, U16 Boys Runner-Up), Fionn MacMonagle (Deerpark, U16 Boys Third Place), Aodhan O'Halloran (Deerpark, Boys Overall Winner), Shona Griffin (Listowel, Girls Winner), Joey Blake (Tralee, U13 Boys Winner), Ryan Deady (Listowel, U13 Boys Third Place), Diarmuid Lyons (Listowel, Boys U16 Winner), Mary Walsh (Listowel, Girls Runner-Up) and Sarah Walsh (Listowel, Girls Third Place).

at the end of the month. The Kerry Gold team will be made up of Deerpark members Aodhan O'Halloran (captain), Fionn Mac Monagle and Daniel Quinlan along with Tralee's Joey Blake as the Green team will be captained by Deerpark's Fionn O'Callaghan along with Listowel trio Sean Stack, Sean Keane and Ryan Deady. Our thanks to our U16 officers Tom O'Connor and Monty Galvin for their work over the last two weeks with the team trials. Elsewhere one event which unfortunately slipped through two stools for mention last week was the Bob Casey Memorial Inter-Club Strokeplay which concluded on June 23rd last and saw Tralee 'Yellow' reclaim the title for the club ahead of Listowel in second and Deerpark

'Green' in third. Individual honours went to Michael Conway (Tralee, Senior Mens), Ajay Barrett (Listowel, Intermediate Mens), James Foley (Deerpark, Junior Mens) and Eileen McCarthy (Deerpark, Ladies) as we thank all who took part in June this year. This weekend sees the Irish Open in Pitch & Putt take place in Portmarnock in Dublin with Kerry entries in both the Adult and U16 events. Of the Kerry entries the most noteworthy is that of Deerpark's Damien Fleming who is taking part in the event for the first time since the last of his three successes in the competition in Seapoint in Louth back in 2018. We wish all the Kerry players taking part the very best of luck this weekend.

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# Bon Secours Hospital Tralee Sponsors The Academy of Dance on Journey to the Dance World Cup

Bon Secours Hospital Tralee (BSHT) is delighted to announce its sponsorship of The Academy of Dance, supporting its talented dancers as they prepare to represent Ireland in the World Finals of the prestigious Dance World Cup, the largest all genre dance competition in the world for children and young adults.

The Academy of Dance has earned an outstanding reputation for excellence, with a number of its students selected to represent Ireland in the Acro Dance and Classical Ballet categories at this year's Dance World Cup. Their qualification is the result of years of dedication, discipline and commitment, and they will proudly represent both their country and the Kerry community on the international stage.

Hilary Fitzgerald, Business Development Manager, Bon Secours Hospital Tralee, said:

"We in Bon Secours Hospital Tralee are delighted to support The Academy of Dance by sponsoring the team gear for these exceptional young dancers as they prepare to represent Ireland at the Dance World Cup. We are incredibly proud of the talented young people who represent our community on the international stage, and we are honoured to play a small part in



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their journey. Supporting local talent and encouraging young people to achieve their ambitions is something we are passionate about, and we wish every dancer the very best of luck as they compete. We have no doubt they will represent Ireland, Kerry and The Academy of Dance with pride, professionalism and excellence." Clarissa Michaux, Director and Principal Teacher of The Academy of Dance, welcomed the sponsorship and said:

"We are incredibly proud to acknowledge the generous support of Bon Secours Hospital

Tralee, whose sponsorship has made a meaningful difference to our dancers and their families as they prepare to represent Ireland at the Dance World Cup next week. This sponsorship has helped ease the financial burden of competing on the world stage, allowing our dancers to focus on what they do best. As teachers, we could not be prouder of every dancer selected to wear the Irish colours. Their dedication, discipline, resilience and countless hours of training have earned them the honour of representing both their country and our local community at one

of the world's most prestigious dance competitions.

Our dancers will compete in both the Acro Dance and Classical Ballet categories, and we know they will represent Ireland with passion, professionalism and pride.

We are deeply grateful to Bon Secours Hospital Tralee for believing in our dancers and investing in the future of young talent. Their generosity reflects a genuine commitment to supporting community achievement and inspiring young people to pursue excellence.

This partnership is a wonderful example of what can be achieved when local organisations come together to support the ambitions of young people. Our dancers travel with immense pride, knowing they have the encouragement and backing of their families, teachers, sponsors and the wider Kerry community.

The sponsorship reflects Bon Secours Hospital Tralee's ongoing commitment to supporting local sporting, cultural and community initiatives throughout Kerry. By investing in young people pursuing excellence, the hospital continues to play an active role in promoting health, wellbeing and achievement across the county."

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### BEST WISHES

The club congratulates Killarney Celtic FC on their successful application to join tier three of the FAI Senior National League & wish them success on their Journey.

### SYMPATHY

The club offers its condolences to the O'Connor Family, Ballyhar on their recent family Bereavement. May Sheila rest in peace.

## MASTERGEEHA

### CONGRATULATIONS

A huge congratulations to Ronan O'Leary on representing Kerry ETP at the Tempo World Cup, where he lined out against some of the world's top academy sides, including the renowned Benfica.

Competing at such a high level is a fantastic achievement and a testament to Ronan's hard work, dedication, and talent. Everyone is incredibly proud of your success—keep striving, keep improving, and the very best of luck on what promises to be a bright future.

### MASTERGEEHA LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on 3rd July 2026 for the Jackpot of €8,800. Numbers drawn were 7, 11, 13, 15. Consolation Prizes of €50 each to the following Colm Lenihan C/o J Lenihan, John Callaghan Online, Patsy Casey Annual & Louise Dwyer. Our next draw will take place on Friday 10th July 2026 at the Village Inn for a Jackpot of €9,000.



Killarney Celtic captain accepts the KDL Padraig Harnett Memorial Cup after being crowned WU17 Final Champions



Ronan O'Leary pictured here with the Kerry ETP Team at the Tempo World Cup recently



Killarney Celtic U17 Girls who recently won the Padraig Harnett Memorial Cup

## KILLARNEY CELTIC

### CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 4, 6, 17, 24. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €40. Next jackpot €11,200 on Monday July 13th. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through Clubzap.

### BOOKING FOR THE KILLARNEY CELTIC SUMMER CAMPS ARE NOW OPEN

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### KDL WOMENS PREMIER FINAL

#### Killarney Celtic 0-1 Listowel Celtic

Killarney battled hard all the way to the final whistle but on the day Listowel edged ahead to claim the title.



Killarney Athletic players Daniel O'Donoghue and Rian O'Reilly who were part of the Kerry ETP u12 panel who competed at the Tempo world Cup over the weekend in UL against some excellent opposition including the likes of Benfica and Juventus.

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# DISAPPOINTMENT FOR KERRY FC IN LIMERICK

## Treaty United 2-1 Kerry FC

By David Moriarty

Kerry FC were back on the road on Friday evening for the first of two away weekends in a row as they made their final ever trip to The Markets Field to take on Treaty United.

Kerry FC came into the game on a brilliant run of form, winning three on the bounce and a record of seven games unbeaten in Mounthawk Park as they look to take that home form on the road. If results went their way on the evening, they could have finished the night in the playoff places, so to say that this Munster Derby was big is somewhat of an understatement.

For Treaty United, they sat bottom of the First Division heading into the fixture. They hadn't won a game at home or away for that matter since the fifteenth of May against Finn Harps. As they welcomed Kerry FC to Markets Field for the last time, they hoped to go out with a bang against their Munster rivals.

A lot was riding on the fixture, so the travelling Mounthawk faithful hoped they were going to get a bang for their buck in Limerick City.

### FIRST HALF

Kerry FC began brightly after kick-off at the Markets Field and settled into the contest well, enjoying encouraging spells of possession during the opening exchanges.

The first disciplinary action of the evening arrived in the fifth minute when Samuel Aladesanusi was shown a yellow card. Despite that early caution, Kerry continued to play positively and looked composed in possession.

Cian Murphy registered Kerry's first effort on target in the seventh minute when he tested Jack Brady, although the Treaty goalkeeper was able to gather comfortably. The Kingdom continued to see plenty of the ball and looked settled in their approach. Kerry had made an encouraging start from a possession standpoint, but Colin Healy's side had yet to create a clear opening.

Kerry came close to breaking the deadlock in the twenty-sixth minute. Cian Brosnan struck a powerful effort from distance that forced Brady into action, with the goalkeeper pushing the ball away for a corner. The resulting set piece failed to produce a further opportunity.

Treaty's Mark Murphy entered the referee's notebook in the thirty-fifth minute before the game produced its defining first-half moment just a minute later.

Daniel Okwute burst into the penalty area and was brought down, leaving the referee with no hesitation in awarding a penalty to Kerry FC. Darren Nwankwo was shown a yellow card for the challenge as Kerry were presented with a huge opportunity to take the lead.

Cian Murphy stepped forward confidently in the thirty-eighth minute and made no mistake from the spot. The forward coolly sent his penalty straight down the centre of the goal to put Kerry in front and spark celebrations among the travelling support.



Daniel Okwute was awarded a penalty for Kerry FC. (File Photo)

Kerry continued to battle strongly in the closing stages of the half, although Daniel Okwute received a yellow card in the forty-first minute.

The visitors protected their advantage well during the remaining moments of the half and headed into the dressing room deservedly leading by a goal to nil.

### SECOND HALF

The second half brought a dramatic shift in momentum almost immediately.

Just two minutes after the restart, Kerry goalkeeper Matthew Connor was shown a red card in the forty-seventh minute, leaving the visitors to play the remainder of the game with ten men. The dismissal altered the shape and flow of the contest and handed Treaty United a significant advantage. Harvey Mangan was introduced in place of Ryan Perez shortly afterwards as Kerry looked to reorganise following the setback.

As expected, Treaty began to apply increasing pressure as they searched for a route back into the match. In the fifty-fourth minute, Kerry found themselves under sustained pressure, but they defended resolutely and continued to protect their lead through committed defending and strong organisation.

Further changes followed in the fifty-seventh minute, with Luke Palmer and Cian Bargary replacing Daniel Okwute and Cian Brosnan.

Despite their numerical disadvantage, Kerry almost doubled their lead in the sixtieth minute through a superb move. Sean O'Connell delivered a free kick towards the back post where Ewan Lee headed the ball back across the six-yard area into the path of Cian Murphy. Murphy's close-range header looked destined for the net, but Jack Brady produced an outstanding save to deny him. That moment proved significant.

Treaty United eventually found an equaliser in the sixty-seventh minute when substitute Jason

Oyenuga found the net to bring the hosts level.

The game became increasingly physical as tensions rose, with both Cian Murphy and Robbie Lynch receiving yellow cards in the sixty-ninth minute. Treaty continued to push for a winner and nearly found one in the seventy-eighth minute when Robbie Lynch headed over from close range.

The pressure eventually told in the eighty-fifth minute as Lynch made amends by finding the decisive goal for Treaty United, turning the game around for the home side.

Kerry introduced Matthew Britton and Colin Healy in the closing stages, replacing Samuel Aladesanusi and Vince Borden, as they searched for a late response.

Five additional minutes were played at the end of normal time, while Cian Bargary received a yellow card in stoppage time.

Kerry continued to fight until the final whistle, but despite a determined effort in difficult circumstances, they were unable to find an equaliser as Treaty United claimed all three points in Limerick.

Kerry FC must now put this knock behind them quickly as they have a huge playoff battle up ahead in Ferrycarrig Park next Friday as they travel to Wexford FC.

Treaty United Team: Jack Brady (C); Steven Healy, Cian Curtis, Mark Byrne, Eric Yoro, Darren Nwankwo, Fionn Doherty, Robbie Lynch (GOAL '85), Kyle Foley, Mark Murphy, Ronan Manning.

Subs Used: Jason Oyenuga (GOAL '67), Ben Lynch, Roy Lawlor, Ben Feeney, Colm Whelan.

Kerry FC Team: Matthew Connor (RED CARD '48); Sean O'Connell, Cian Murphy (GOAL '38), Daniel Okwute, Jonas Häkkinen, Cian Brosnan, Samuel Aladesanusi, Ryan Perez, Vince Borden, Niall Brookwell (C), Ewan Lee.

Subs Used: Harvey Mangan, Colin Healy, Cian Bargary, Matthew Britton, Luke Palmer.

## TG4 ALL-IRELAND QUARTER-FINAL

## KERRY LADIES CLAIM COMPREHENSIVE WIN

## Kerry 2-14 Meath 0-8

By Dan Kearney

Munster champions Kerry firmly put Meath to the sword in the TG4 All-Ireland quarter-final when they came away with a comprehensive 12 point win at a sunny but windy Austin Stack Park Tralee.

Kerry were magnificent throughout the game and their captain Siofra O'Shea hit 1-6 on a day that the home side totally controlled proceedings from start to finish.

Meath did start the brighter were first off the mark through Ciara Smyth, a late addition to the Meath line up, in the first minute.

Kerry's reply was instant through Niamh Carmody and Niamh Ní Chonchúir and then in the eighth minute O'Shea struck for a superb goal after she took on the Meath defence and rounded Robyn Murray to finish to an empty net.

To their credit, Meath replied with two Emma Duggan frees and a lovely score on the run from midfielder Niamh Gallogly.

Aishling O'Connell, a constant presence in the Kerry half back line, punched over and Danielle O'Leary added her first, but Meath's best forward Duggan got one back for her side in the 18th minute.

Then came goal number 2 for the home side. Ní Chonchúir was influential in the build up, and her pass across the goal was punched to the back of the net by Mary O'Connell.

O'Shea added to her tally when Meath breached the three-up rule before hand-passing over a minute later. Duggan did raise another white flag just before half time, but it was Kerry that took a 2-6 to 0-6 lead in at half time.

Kerry continued to probe at the Meath defence in the second half and popped over early scores from O'Shea and a Caoimhe Evans punch over before O'Shea pointed a free following a Meath breach.

Both sides introduced some fresh legs off the bench, and Meath struck over two on the trot from Duggan and Rachel Casserly.

Kerry weren't finished though, and controlling the tempo of the game, further scores followed from Carmody, O'Connell, Erica McGlynn and O'Shea frees to put the game totally out of Meath's reach.

It's the end of their season for Wayne Freeman's Meath, whilst Mark Bourke's Kerry can now look forward to an All-Ireland semi final where they will play the winners of Dublin and Cork on July 18th.

Scorers:-Kerry: S O'Shea 1-6 (4f), M O'Connell 1-0, A O'Connell 0-2, N Carmody 0-2, E McGlynn 0-1, C Evans 0-1, D O'Leary 0-1, N Ní Chonchúir 0-1.

Meath: E Duggan 0-5 (2f), R Casserly 0-1, N Gallogly 0-1, C Smyth 0-1.

Meadhbh Byrne of Meath in action against Eilís Lynch of Kerry during the LGFA TG4 All-Ireland Senior Championship quarter-final match between Kerry and Meath at Austin Stack Park in Tralee, Kerry.

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Kerry supporters, from left, Sadhbh Clifford, Grace Clifford, and Chloe Hanafin celebrate after the LGFA TG4 All-Ireland Senior Championship quarter-final match between Kerry and Meath at Austin Stack Park in Tralee, Kerry.

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KERRY: M.E. Bolger; R Rahilly, D Kearney, E Lynch; A O'Connell, E Costello, A Dillane; A Galvin, M O'Connell; N Carmody, N Ní Chonchúir, C Evans; J Lucey, D O'Leary, S O'Shea. Subs: M Mulvihill for Rahilly (45), L McMahon for Lucey (45), E McGlynn for Ní Chonchúir (50), K Brosnan for Dillane (56), E Ní Laighin for Evans (56).

MEATH: R Murray; A Farrell, Á Sheridan, A Gaffney; O Sheehy, O Gore, K Birmingham; S Murphy, N Gallogly; L Woods, E Duggan, M Thynne; M Byrne, O Finnegan, C Smyth Subs: R Casserly for Finnegan (36), A Reilly for Murphy (45), O Smith for Byrne (45), C Lawlor for Gore (51), A Sherlock for Woods (51).

Referee: Barry Redmond (Wexford).

## FIXTURES

**TG4 All-Ireland Senior Championship Semi-Final - Armagh v Galway**

Glennon Brothers Pearse Park, Longford 3.15pm (result on the day) Live on TG4  
TG4 All-Ireland Senior Championship Semi-Final - Armagh v Galway - Universe

**TG4 All-Ireland Senior Championship Semi-Final - Dublin v Kerry**

FBD Semple Stadium, Thurles, Tipperary 5.15pm (result on the day)  
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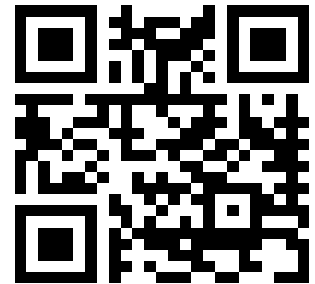


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The numbers drawn on 05/07/2026 for a jackpot of €9,450 were 20, 22, 23, 27. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; John O'Neill, Natasha O'Sullivan, Theresa Kelly, Karen Anderson, Cillian Naughton. Tickets are available 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 DIV 5**

Our Senior B team secured their Div 5 status for next year with a draw at sun drenched Blennerville on Saturday evening. After a poor enough first half, Fossa came to life in the second half with a much better performance. A brace of goals from Cathal Breen and a goal from Jack Clifford got them back into contention and with some experienced players on the pitch, they held on to secure a vital point and avoid the spectre of relegation. It finished St Pat's, Blennerville 3-16, Fossa B 4-13.

**SENIOR LADIES**

Fossa Senior Ladies travelled to Annascaul / Castlegregory for Rd 9 of the Donal Curtin Cup. A gripping, wind-swept contest saw both sides battle for control, with conditions shaping every early phase. Playing into the breeze, Fossa worked tirelessly for scores and edged ahead 1-3 to 0-5 at the break, their early goal proving decisive.

With the wind at their backs, Fossa came out with real intent. Territory was gained quickly, attacks became direct, and early ball into the inside line caused immediate problems. The pressure told, three second-half goals landed in quick bursts, breaking the game open and swinging momentum firmly.

Fossa's shooting sharpened, picking high-percentage chances, while the opposition now into the wind were forced into rushed, speculative efforts. A strong press choked their exits, turnovers were punished, and a compact defence forced low-quality shots throughout. While it wasn't pretty it was controlled and Fossa closed it out comfortably with 7 different scorers for a 4-9 to 0-6 win.

**LEGION**

**LOTTO**

Numbers 5,16,17, 20 . bonus 12. No winner. Match 3 / lucky dip: Fiona Ni Chonchubhair, Tara Flemming, 60 willow brook, Declan O Rlordan c/o Connie O Shea.

**MINOR BOYS**

**Minor county league. Division 1B Round 2 Legion 2-18 Churchill 1-06**

Our minor boys welcomed Churchill to Johnny Culloty park for round 2 of there county league campaign.

On a warm evening for football both defences were well on top in the first half.

We lead 0-6 to 0-5 at 1/2 time.

We took control early in the second half and worked some great scores especially our first goal which was the result of very unselfish play. We out scored the visitors 1-06 to 0-01 in that third quarter.

The fourth quarter continued the same way and



Bon Secours Hospital Tralee encourages staff to actively engage with their local community through its Training & Development Programme, which supports community initiatives through staff volunteering and participation.

As Official Health Partners of Kerry FC and Kerry Camogie, Sean McGrath and Finn Barrett (Kerry FC players), along with Ciarán Meagher (Commercial Manager, Kerry Football Club), and Rachel McCarthy and Niamh Leen (Kerry Camogie), presented cheques to staff from Bon Secours Hospital Tralee on behalf of the programme.

The initiative reflects the hospital's strong commitment to community engagement and wellbeing, with staff giving their time to support a wide range of local organisations and causes across Kerry. A total of €5,900 was donated through the programme, reinforcing its continued support for grassroots development and community wellbeing.

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we ran out comfortable winners.

Thanks to Churchill who never gave up and battled right till the end.

We are at home next week against Austin Stacks. A win there will get into a county league semi final.

Thanks to Churchill for the game and to Evan Horan for refing.

**U16 BOYS**

**U16 Div 1A County League Rd 2**

**Killarney Legion 7-15 Austin Stacks 1-9**

Our U16 Boys teams travelled to Connolly Park to face Austin Stacks in their second game of the County League. The boys started the game strongly and built an early lead through the first 20 mins. Stacks came back into the game in the last 10 mins of the first half and at half time we led 2-10 to 0-6.

Again a very strong start to the second half by the boys saw us build on the lead and in the end ran out good winners.

Thanks to Stacks for a good sporting contest. Round 3 against GGC is next Thurs evening

**SUMMER CAMP**

The summer camp is back again this year commencing Tuesday 4th August until Friday 7th August 10am to 1pm for boys and girls aged 4-13 . You can register at [Legiongaa.com](http://Legiongaa.com)

**U12 BOYS**

Our U12 boys were back in action in the East Kerry Division 1 League.

We welcomed our neighbours Crokes for two excellent and highly competitive games. With a few players unavailable, our younger team played an 8-a-side match and showed great determination and effort throughout.

A big thank you to John Keane and James Murphy for refereeing the games, and to the

players and management of Crokes for two sporting and enjoyable contests.

Well done to all the boys for their commitment, skill and teamwork on the evening.

**SENIOR LADIES**

Our senior ladies finished their co league group games with a home win against Abbeydorney in a wet Johnny Culloty park. Playing with the wind in the first half it took a while to get to grips with the game. A yellow card resulted in a numerical advantage for the visitors for 10 mins but we led at HT 1-06 to 0-06, the goal scored by Laura Healy. We started the 2nd half strong with a Kate McCarthy goal and further well worked points. Another goal from Laura Healy put daylight between the teams but the visitors kept in the game with some good points. A 2nd legion yellow with 9 mins left ment we'd finish the game with 14 and the visitors pushed hard with some

Good points but couldn't breach the legion back line for a goal. Final score Legion 3-10 Abbeydorney 0-14

**EAST KERRY**

**U14 COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP**

Mid Kerry 4-08 Eoghan Riadh 0-08

**SHIELD SEMI FINAL**

East Kerry 4-19 Kenmare 2-07

**U 14 EAST KERRY LEAGUE**

Tuesday July 14th 7.30 pm

**Division 1**

Firies V Legion  
Kilcummin V Rathmore

**Division 2**

Currow V Listry  
Kenmare/Kilgarvan V Dr Crokes

**Division 3**

Fossa V Na Fianna  
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**ALL IRELAND SEMI FINAL**

Best of luck to the Kerry team in Sunday's All Ireland Semi final.

**DR. CROKES**

**SFL DIV 1**

**Dr. Crokes 1:17 Beaufort 3:16**

We finished their County League campaign with a defeat to Beaufort at home on Saturday. An early Beaufort goal put the visitors on the front foot and, despite points from Neil O'Carroll, Cian McMahon, David Shaw and Ben Kelliher, Beaufort led 2:08 to 0:05 at the break following a second goal just before half-time. We produced a much-improved second-half display, with Cian McMahon raising an early two-pointer before David Shaw, Ben Kelliher and Brian Looney all added superb two-point scores. McMahon also found the net and converted two frees as we battled back, but Beaufort responded with key scores throughout the half to hold their advantage. Despite the improved second-half performance, we were unable to close the gap as Beaufort ran out winners on a scoreline of 3-16 to 1-17.

**COUNTY INTERMEDIATE HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Dr. Crokes 3:14 Lady's Walk 1:12**

We opened our Intermediate Championship campaign in impressive fashion on home soil Wednesday evening, overcoming Lady's Walk by eight points after a commanding display built on clinical finishing and a strong defensive foundation. With Round 1 awarded following Lixnaw's concession, this was our first outing of the championship, and the return of James Murphy from injury, together with Tom Doyle following his Christy Ring Championship commitments, provided a timely boost. An evenly contested opening quarter saw Mark



Killarney Legion GAA players Conor Moynihan, Marco Mosca, Jayden Hurley and Cian Hegarty, who proudly represented Kerry South against Kerry North at Dr Crokes Club grounds

Heffernan keep the scoreboard moving from placed balls, while Brian O'Connor and Tom Doyle also chipped in as we edged ahead. The turning point came midway through the half when Kevin Landers finished expertly to the net after a lightning counter-attack, initiated by a quick Mark Heffernan free and an incisive first-time delivery from Brian O'Connor. Daithi Kenny produced an important defensive clearance when Lady's Walk threatened, before the O'Connor brothers, Kieran and Brian, combined brilliantly for Brian to fire a second goal. Dominant in the breaking ball and carrying pace through the middle third, we stretched our advantage to lead 2:10 to 0:07 at the interval. Lady's Walk responded well after the restart and enjoyed their best spell with three unanswered points but we quickly regained control. Brian O'Connor struck for his second goal of the evening after reacting quickest to another dangerous delivery from Mark Heffernan, effectively ending the visitors' hopes of a comeback. Lady's Walk did raise a green flag with a superbly worked team move late on, but we remained composed as Heffernan added further frees and Tom Doyle rounded off an influential return with another fine point from play. A deserved victory with impressive performances all round including

substitutions who quickly adapted to the pace of the game on introduction.

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

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

**LOTTO** took place on July 6th Numbers drawn were 7, 12, 21, 28. Jackpot of €5,000 was NOT WON. 17 patrons matched 3 and received €25 each. Jackpot for draw on July 13th will be €5,300. Play online by following the link below <https://member.clubspot.app/club/dr-crokess-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.

**BEST OF LUCK** to Shane, Mark, Gavin, Evan, Tony, Micheal, Charlie and the Kerry team in the All-Ireland Semi Final.

**NOTES**

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



Joey Sheehan on his way to win Niall "Botty" O'Callaghan's Captain's Prize - and his sixth Captain's Prize win.



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## Emma Costello and Dylan Geaney named the PwC GAA/GPA Players of the Month

**K**erry's Emma Costello and Galway's Niamh McPeake are the June winners of the PwC GPA Women's Player of the Month awards for Ladies Football and Camogie. Kerry's Dylan Geaney and Limerick's Nickie Quaid are named the PwC GAA/GPA Footballer and Hurler of the Month.

PwC is proud to recognise excellence in Gaelic Games through their sponsorship of the Player of the Month awards as well as the PwC All-Stars and the PwC camogie All-Stars.

The June awards celebrate the country's stand out performers through Provincial Championship Finals, 2026 All-Ireland Championship rounds and Quarter finals.

Kerry's Emma Costello gave a heroic display of defending against Kildare, and popped up at the other end of the field to score a point, helping the Kingdom ladies to an All-Ireland quarter final against rivals Meath. Niamh McPeake led the charge for Galway this month as they bounced back from a defeat to Cork with two wins. Two impressive goals in a comfortable win over Tipperary helped the reigning All-Ireland champions book a direct spot in the All-Ireland semi-finals.

Seventeen points in 3 victories for Kerry ace forward Dylan Geaney during the month of June, encompassing a man of the match performance in his last outing versus Tyrone, has earned him a well-deserved player of the month award. Nickie Quaid produced an unforgettable performance in this year's Munster Final, with the veteran keeper making two remarkable saves against Cork to help Limerick claim victory.

## 4 TEARMANN LODGE RESIDENTS AND STAFF RAISE €1,200 FOR KERRY HOSPICE

The generosity and community spirit of residents and staff at Tearmann Lodge in Rathmore was once again on display as they presented a cheque for €1,200 to the Killarney Branch of Kerry Hospice Foundation following a successful fundraising event earlier this year.

The fundraiser, which took place in late March, with a bingo evening and raffle organised by the dedicated team at the Kerry Parents & Friends Association-run facility. It marked the second year that Tearmann Lodge has raised funds for Kerry Hospice, following the success of a similar event in 2024.

Residents enthusiastically joined in the evening's activities, making the event an enjoyable and inclusive occasion for everyone involved. The fundraiser was facilitated by Tearmann Lodge Manager Gillian Kenny, while the main organisation was undertaken by Irene O'Donoghue, who was assisted by staff member Karen McCarthy and her colleagues. The evening proved to be a tremendous success, with the impressive total of €1,200 raised in support of the vital services provided by Kerry Hospice Foundation.

Tearmann Lodge provides accommodation for nine permanent residents and also has a dedicated respite bedroom, offering valuable short-term support when required. Speaking following the cheque presentation, Irene O'Donoghue said the cause held special meaning for many connected with the Lodge.

"Kerry Hospice is close to the hearts of many of our residents and staff, whose loved ones have benefited from the wonderful services provided by the charity. We are delighted to be in a position to give something back in return," she said.

Accepting the donation on behalf of the Killarney Branch of Kerry Hospice Foundation, Pat Doolan thanked everyone involved for their outstanding support.

"This was another lovely gesture by all concerned and I want to thank them for their generosity. I spent some pleasant time over a cup of tea with residents and staff members


in the comfortable surroundings at Tearmann Lodge on the day of the cheque presentation. It was a lovely occasion, made even more special when resident Esther Kelleher entertained us with a beautiful song," he said.

Those present at the cheque presentation celebrated another successful fundraising effort for a charity that continues to provide invaluable care and support to families throughout Kerry.

Residents Tracey Neville, Niamh Lyons Breslin, Timmy Cotter and Marion Kelly were unable to attend the photograph on the day.




Front L/R: Esther Kelleher, Mary Beasley, Pat Doolan [K/Hospice], Virginia Brosnan, Josephine Ryan, Christopher O'Connor, Michelle Ryan. Back L/R: Sheila O'Keefe [Staff], Irene O'Donoghue [Staff], Sinead Cronin [Staff].



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takes a look at all things sport...

## POTENTIAL ALL STARS

Alright, calm down. This is just a speculative opinion piece. You are perfectly entitled to a different opinion. We are both going to be wrong, anyway. Let's face it, the All Ireland winners will have at least five and the losers four. The semi-finalists have to get a minimum of one each. In other words, the actual All Stars are basically selected based on the last fortnight of the championship. Anything you did before that doesn't really count.

Do you know how they are actually selected? A panel of sports journalists, respected by their peers (i.e. Not me - I will say that it genuinely isn't any bunch of 'yes men', either; I'm talking really respected) are asked at the start of the National League (note; not the Championship) to keep a watching brief on the players they see. They aren't given any particular criteria; it's their own choice. At the end of the year, they submit their nominations independently, from which the 45 nominees are selected (three in each traditional position).

And yes, they do quietly discuss who their colleagues believe deserves a nomination. How do you think I know about this? Like I say, it's actually fair and there does tend to be agreement on the nominees most years. Put it this way, any time I have heard a complaint that "so-and so didn't even get a nomination!" it's always, always been a complainant from that player's county.

After the All Ireland Final, the inter-county players (technically, the members of the GPA) vote on those 45 to select the best player in each position, i.e. the All Star team.

This is where it can get a bit strange. You'll get a midfielder nominated at wing back because his contribution can't be overlooked - even if he never played wing back in his life. The players also vote on the Footballer (or Hurler) of the Year. It's still believed by many that Lee Keegan won the 2016 award despite Dublin's absolute dominance because the Dublin vote was essentially 'split' between players like Brian Fenton and Ciarán Kilkenny. That's perfectly plausible, but I will say that I saw Keegan play for eventual All Ireland Intermediate winners Kenmare Shamrocks in January 2017, and he was genuinely phenomenal as they won it with the last kickin extra-time.

One problem with the journalists reviewing the games is that the longer a team progresses in the championship, the more their names are going to crop up. That's not necessarily fair, but it's an inherent bias, not a deliberate one. It might be a bit better this year, given that every team has at least three games in the championship.

Regardless, if I were commissioned to select an All Star Football team for 2026, and I was being paid enough to actually do it honestly (never guaranteed with me, I'm afraid) this is who I would be picking. And look, I could play to the



Goalkeeper - Shane Murphy, Kerry

gallery and nominate a team of Kerry men, but I'm not going to do that.

### Goalkeeper - Shane Murphy, Kerry

Yea, all that said, I'm still going to start off by selecting a Kerry man. Shane has been superb for Kerry after starting for the injured Shane Ryan. The saves have been brilliant, but the kickouts have been even better, and that is more crucial than ever nowadays. Rory Beggan was having a great year for Monaghan as well, but missing that game against Louth costs him - and I believe it definitely cost his team on the day. Roscommon's Conor Carroll deserves a nomination as well, but I give the nod to the Kerry man.

### Right Corner Back - Finbarr Roarty, Donegal

The best man-marker in the country. Didn't quite reach the heights of last year but did very little wrong either. I'd say the same for Seán Rafferty of Meath. Roarty just about gets it for me, but I'll admit that's a tentative call.

### Full Back - Jason Foley, Kerry

Just chalk it down and move on, lads. And that's not Kerry bias talking. Roscommon's Brian Stack deserves honorable mention, but it's Jason.

### Left Corner Back - Matthew Whittaker, Westmeath

Yeah, okay, that one is a little bit of a stretch, because I'm bringing him back from wing back. But he was key to Westmeath winning Leinster for only the second time ever.

### Right Wing Back - Enda Hession, Mayo

Mayo have a tradition of hard-driving defenders (Keegan, Higgins, Flanagan, Kenneth Mortimer) and Hession fits that mould perfectly. Always a good player, this year he has taken his game to a whole new level. Dublin's Charlie McMorrow played very well early on when a lot of his team weren't shining, but I respectfully felt that his influence waned a little bit in the latter stages.

### Centre Back - Dara McDonnell, Louth



Full Back - Jason Foley, Kerry

If you had said to me at the start of the year that Dara McDonnell would be in All Star conversations, I would have innocently asked "Who or what is a Dara McDonnell?". Well, he's not just a lock for an All Star, and I mean an absolute lock, I really think he is a contender for Footballer of the Year.

### Ronan Wallace (Westmeath)

After a decade of trying, he became just the second Westmeath man to lift the Delaney Cup as captain and he was also man of the match in the Leinster Final. Look, I think Craig Lennon of Louth has to be in the conversation and, while Gavin White has been hampered by injury this season, he has been phenomenal when he has been on the pitch. Right now I'd be picking Wallace, but that book isn't closed.

### Conn Kilpatrick (Tyrone) Mark O'Shea (Kerry)

Kilpatrick has been absolutely fantastic for Tyrone. People have suggested to me that he is back to his 2020 form - I disagree, he has far surpassed it (in my opinion, David Moran was robbed that year). Mark O'Shea has been Kerry's main target for kick-outs and won an awful lot of the opposition's as well. Doesn't score a lot, doesn't do anything flashy.....doesn't need to. Just does his job, and does it so well he has quietly become a key player for Kerry. That said, it's razor thin between himself and John Maher of Galway; Maher had a great year as well, and that's without reopening old wounds in regard to a denied blatant penalty. I think Colm O'Callaghan deserves a mention. I know he missed that famous victory over Donegal, but Cork are back dining at the top table and he is a big part of the reason why. I also credit Dublin's Paddy Small, he has been outstanding this year and mostly while playing as a third midfielder. I know, that one could come back to bite me very short!

### Right Half Forward - Rob Finnerty, Galway

He was Galway's best player this year for me. Dublin's Niall Scully was another Metropole who really shone, but Finnerty gets my nod.



Left Corner Forward - David Clifford, Kerry

**Centre Forward – Steven Sherlock, Cork**

He didn't have a great Munster Final, but he was Cork's main threat by far in every other game. Lot of good attacking footballers, but to really be a top team you need a Sheehy, a Cooper, a Clifford, a Brogan, a Canavan....you need a killer on the scoreboard, and this guy is one of the best long distance snipers in the game.

**Left Half Forward – Enda Smith, Roscommon**

Very tight call. Just about gets it ahead of Roscommon's Darragh Heneghan (who was actually born in Galway). Both had superb years and were huge scoring threats. Here's the thing, though. It's been a year of inside forwards – the days of individual brilliance being suffocated by that hideous blanket appear thankfully to be over. And with so many of them, I can see an inside forward actually being positioned out in the half forward line.

**Left Corner Forward - David Clifford, Kerry**

Seriously, you want to debate this one? Move



Right Full Forward – Kobe McDonald, Mayo

on and retain your dignity. Look, it's a bit tough on Mayo's Ryan O'Donoghue. I actually didn't think that Oisín Conaty or Conor Tubritt hit the heights they are capable of this year – that's no disrespect, they set a really high bar for themselves. But some-one had a 'reserved' sign on this particular All Star position from a long way back, and with very good reason.

**Full Forward – Con O'Callaghan, Dublin**

Missed a lot through injury, but it only highlighted his influence. Dublin without Con were a pale shadow of themselves and exited Leinster tamely. Then Con came back and they are in an All Ireland semi-final. It's not a coincidence. Even with limited game time overall, he still gets the nod from me. Darren McCurry was awesome on the pitch, but it was in cameo roles – I have no idea what that was about.

**Right Full Forward – Kobe McDonald, Mayo**

I really thought he was being hyped way too

much. But ducks take longer to learn how to swim than Kobe took to star at senior football. A genuine phenomenon, and the GAA has had less of those than you think – David, definitely, Jason Sherlock, Jimmy Doyle of Tipperary. I don't remember the emergence of the likes of Laois' 'Boy Wonder' Tommy Murphy or Eddie Keher of Kilkenny or Kerry schoolboy Paul Russell. I think you could make a reasonable argument for Donegal's Michael Murphy, Galway's Joe Canning, Tipperary's Declan Browne, our own Páidí Ó Sé. Kobe absolutely belongs in that company.

It would mean Dylan Geaney losing out, and Dylan has been incredible this year. But if I had to pick between Kobe and Dylan, I would be picking Kobe; that's the harsh reality. I do suspect that one of those could be named at number twelve. Brandon Kelly of Monaghan could get a nomination; respectfully, that's all it would amount to. The bar is set very high.

**KERRY LADIES INTO LAST FOUR**

**All Ireland Quarter-Final: Kerry 2-14 Meath 0-8**

They've both been knocking around the top tier for a while now, having both come out of Division Two in successive years and going on to claim All Ireland titles. Last year Meath put us to the sword. After a comparatively lacklustre National League campaign by Kerry, you'd have had to be brave to make a definite prediction either way here.

Unless you had watched Kerry since the start of the championship. They just look like a different animal. That little bit faster, more purposeful.



Supporters watch on during the LGFA TG4 All-Ireland Senior Championship quarter-final match between Kerry and Meath at Austin Stack Park in Tralee, Kerry. Photo by Michael P Ryan/Sportsfile

The new rules give a bit more latitude in terms of attacking the ball and Kerry seem to relish that – I know I do.

That extra bit of sharpness showed straightaway. Ciara Smyth opened the scoring for the Royals, but Niamh Carmody replied instantly and by the fourth minute Kerry were in front through Niamh Ní Chonchúir. Two minutes later Siofra O'Shea accelerated into space before rounding the hapless keeper and firing home our first goal.

Meath responded well, slowing the tempo a bit and poking enough gaps for Emma Duggan to pick off two frees. Niamh Gallogly kicked a brilliant point on the run and the game was right back in the melting pot, 1-2 to 0-4.

Aishling O'Connell, a dynamo as always, fisted over to double Kerry's lead and Danielle O'Leary added another. Emma Duggan replied but Kerry were growing in assurance now – Carmody in particular was unmarkable. Kerry swept forward and Niamh Ní Chonchúir sent the ball across the square for Mary O'Connell to fist home. The pressure was showing on Meath, and a three up breach handed Siofra O'Shea an easy free to stretch the lead. Emma Duggan did close out the first half with a point from play – to be fair, Duggan was unquestionably a candidate for bean laoch an chluiche herself – but it was Kerry who carried an unflattering 2-6 to 0-6 lead into the dressing room at half-time. Siofra O'Shea opened the second half scoring. Caoimhe Evans fisted over another before Siofra added a free. It's a bit of a curious thing; I have very rarely seen a comeback or a lead being overturned in clashes between these two teams and it was looking more unlikely by the minute that I'd see it today either.

Emma Duggan and Rachel Casserly did trim the gap a bit but Kerry pushed on in the final stretch with scores from O'Shea Aishling O'Connell, Erica McGlynn, and Niamh Carmody. A statement win in a sense for Kerry, and most definitely a very impressive one in front of a home crowd. The journey only gets harder, though; they will face Dublin in the AllIreland semi-final.

Kerry: Mary Ellen Bolger, Roisín Rahilly, Deirdre Kearney, Eilís Lynch, Aishling O'Connell (0-2), Emma Costello, Aoife Dillane, Anna Galvin, Mary O'Connell (1-0), Niamh Carmody (0-2), Niamh Ní Chonchúir (0-1), Caoimhe Evans (0-1), Jadyne Lucey, Danielle O'Leary (0-1), Siofra O'Shea (1-6, 4f). Subs: Mikaela Mulvihill (for Roisín Rahilly, 45 mins), Leah McMahan (for Jadyne Lucey, 45 mins), Erica McGlynn 0-1 (for Niamh Ní Chonchúir, 50 mins), Katie Brosnan (for Aoife Dillane, 56 mins), Éabha Ní Laighin (for Caoimhe Evans, 56 mins).

Meath: Robyn Murray, Aoife Farrell, Áine Sheridan, Amy Gaffney, Orlaith Sheehy, Olivia Gore, Katie Bermingham, Sineád Murphy, Niamh Gallogly (0-1), Lauren Woods, Emma Duggan (0-5, 2f), Megan Thynne, Meadhbh Byrne, Orla Finnegan, Ciara Smyth (0-1). Subs: Rachel Casserly 0-1 (for Orla Finnegan, 36 mins), A Reilly (for Sineád Murphy, 45 mins), Orla Smith (for Meadhbh Byrne, 45 mins), Ciara Lawlor (for Olivia Gore, 51 mins), Ali Sherlock (for Lauren Woods, 51 mins).

Referee: Barry Redmond (Wexford).



ACTION FROM THE KERRY V MEATH ALL IRELAND QUARTER FINAL - PHOTOS: KONRAD PYTLOWSKI



## COUNTY LEAGUE

The Senior All Ireland is the flagship of the Kerry GAA fleet. The County Championship is the local jewel in the crown. But for me, the heart and soul of Kerry football is in the County League. It has definitely been devalued in the last decade as the push to expand the lucrative and headline-garnering inter-county scene has ensured that County players are basically excluded from their club's league campaign. The antithesis of the actual GAA ethos, if it can still be said to have one.

As for U20 players being held from practically all county league games? Yes, I know that we won the All Ireland, and that's supposed to be copper all bets. I don't care; it's ridiculous and the County Board should be able to take a firmer stand. Playing football is not going to impede lads learning to play football.

I have a personal theory about the county league. Players are as fit and committed in Division Five as Division One as far as I can see (below that, you are respectfully talking mostly about B teams and I would neither expect nor

look for the same standard). The difference, as far as I can see, is score execution. In Division One, teams are converting maybe 70% of their scoring chances, and you can basically drop 10% for each division going down. You also, aside from the main free-taker, tend to have a bigger spread of scorers in the higher divisions. If you look at the lower divisions, a lot of teams tend to have one main shooter and the other forwards look to them to give the ball to at least as often as they will go for their own score.

It's just a theory based on observation; I can offer no proof either way.

Another thing you can see is population density. South Kerry teams are struggling; that's the plain truth of it. There isn't a lot of employment and a lot of teams are depleted by seasonal migration or worse. Rural teams are struggling. Look at West Kerry. Dingle and An Ghaeltacht tend to struggle in the county league and then prove very dangerous in championship. Why? Because they usually have good players back in harness that weren't available over the summer months; they were abroad working.

It's just a reality that the GAA, and Ireland in general, has to deal with.

You'll notice I'm not even mentioning that a lot of the real drama occurs away from the pitches. Smoky, dimly lit rooms. People talking furtively in whispers. Draws conjured up out of nowhere. I promise, I once saw a player in the dying minutes race in, round the keeper...and somehow, with difficulty, manage to kick it wide. If he had scored it, there could have been a riot.....

Actually, there are less deals done than people think. There are deals done, definitely, absolutely no denying that. But the change to three up and three down has actually curtailed that a bit.

**DIVISION ONE**

Kenmare Shamrocks are very much deserved champions. They also played in a County U21 semi-final this week (I'm writing this before that game) and their B team won promotion out of Division Five. The schoolunder Seán O'Shea and Ronan Buckley, have done really well in recent years. I'll be keeping a weather eye out on Kenmare.

The main drama was around relegation. I was at a match myself where either team could have been relegated; neither was. But it was matters elsewhere – Kemare v Dingle and Kilcummin v Rathmore that was the focus of most attention. With good reason, too, both were absolutely nailbiter games. In the end, it's Kerins O'Rahillys and Rathmore (again, two teams that were missing some seriously talented players) that join Beaufort in taking the drop.

**DIVISION TWO**

Ah, lads, I have never seen anything like it. Going into the last round, you had a grand total of three points separating second from top and second from bottom. There was a colossal bunch of teams who could have been either promoted or relegated depending on their final result.

Laune Rangers took the drop last year, and they make an instant return to the top tier. That much was already guaranteed, but as for who joins them? That was all to play for. In the end Templenoe's win over Ballymac and Glenbeigh/ Glencar's win over Keel sees them promoted with John Mitchels desperately unlucky to lose out on scoring difference in the games against them.

That game against Glenbeigh/Glencar consigned Keel to Division Three along with St. Marys. Milltown/Castlemaine and An Ghaeltacht finished level on points, but An Ghaeltacht survive based on the head to head and it's Milltown/Castlemaine who take the drop.

**DIVISION THREE**

Listry were already sure of a deserved promotion and a strong win over relegated Tarbert means they are champions with a bit to spare. Churchill's win over Duagh sees them take the second spot, while Na Gaeil could afford to lose to Castlegregory and still take third and promotion.



ACTION FROM THE KERRY V MEATH ALL IRELAND QUARTER FINAL - PHOTOS: KONRAD PYTLOWSKI



At the other end.....look, bear with me. Tarbert are definitely down. Ardfert have to play Annascaul and St. Senans have to play Fossa. If either or both lose, it's straightforward, Ardfert and St. Senans go down. If Ardfert win and Senans lose, Ardfert survive and Castlegregory join St. Senans in the drop. If St. Senans win and Ardfert don't, then both go down because St. Senans would lose out to Castlegregory on the head to head.

I honestly just suggest that ye take my word for it. Myself and another man nearly had conniptions trying to work out the permutations. It'd melt your head.

**DIVISION FOUR**

Relatively straightforward (thank the stars!). Beale go up as champions and Reenard are only behind them on scoring difference. Brosna were always favourites for that third promotion spot and duly obliged.

At the other end Dr Crokes B paid the price

for a club with so many inter-county players and an injury list and took the drop. The drama revolved around who would be joining them and as it happens, it was Waterville and Cromane who lost out and took the plunge.

**DIVISION FIVE**

Again, fairly straightforward. Knocknagoshel and Lios Póil had promotion wrapped up quite a while back and Kenmare Shamrocks B looked quite likely to be joining them and did so.

At the other end Valentia Young islanders have unfortunately struggled for numbers and drop down to Division Six. Ballyduff – and I'm not sure people appreciate how many inter-county hurlers they provide across the grades – are also relegated. The last spot was something of a lottery. Kilgarvan looked in real trouble but mustered up everything they have and survived, leaving an unlucky Laune Rangers B to take the fall instead.

# NATIONAL SUCCESS for Killarney Gymnasts at Community Games Finals

Killarney gymnasts enjoyed outstanding success at the Cairn Community Games National Gymnastics Finals, held in Kilkenny on Sunday, July 5, where they proudly represented Kerry against competitors from across Ireland.

Emma Quirke and Daniel Smith delivered exceptional performances to claim National Championship titles, winning gold medals in the girls' and boys' Under-15 competitions respectively.

Grace O'Donoghue continued her excellent season by securing a bronze medal with a third-place finish in the highly competitive girls' Under-11 event.

Jack Griffin also impressed in the boys' Under-9 competition, finishing just outside the medal positions after another strong display. Jack had previously won a silver medal at the Kerry Community Games County Finals.

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## A Word of Victory


*"The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Then Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening'" (1 Samuel 3:10).*


Welcome back dear student, we thank God for the sunshine. The Word of God says that all of creation sings God's praises (Psalm 19; Psalm 148). The prophet Samuel started to hear from God at a very young age. God speaks to all of us – in our hearts by an unction of His Spirit; through the Scriptures; perhaps by a dream or a song, and He speaks through creation (2 Timothy 3:16; Job 33:15-18; Romans 1:20). It is important to learn to recognise the voice of God for we are the sheep of His pasture (Psalm 100:3). The Lord Jesus said ... "My sheep hear My voice and they follow Me" (John 10:27). Interestingly, Jesus noted His people follow His voice and not the voice of the stranger. So many voices are speaking nowadays that we can get confused and overstimulated. We must discern the motive and the spirit behind them. When Samuel heard God call his name he thought first it was the priest he served in the temple. Here is a beautiful fact – God knows our names! It's personal to Him. When we meet someone for the first time we must tell them our names, but God already knows us. Just like a proud parent who keeps their baby's milestones in scrapbooks or memory boxes, God has every one of yours and mine recorded (Revelation 20:12; Psalm 56:8; Luke 10:20). He even has our tears stored in a bottle! That indicates the level of attention God has for us doesn't it? Our names are engraved on His hands; He has each of our hairs numbered (some numbers are bigger than others Haha!). But seriously friend, you are a VIP to the Lord God. He gave the gift of His Son for me and you (John 3:16).

God speaks to us in dreams too. Maybe you've had dreams in the past that you didn't understand. I love hearing the significant dreams people have. Often something that seems obscure or scary in a dream is actually God speaking in parables. He longs for us to seek Him for Revelation and Truth (Jeremiah 33:3). Very often the Lord will confront issues we have been battling gently through our dreams, giving us opportunity to draw closer to Him and overcome these struggles in the place of rest in His Presence. It is the Holy Spirit Who delivers God's secrets and reveals His love to us (1 Corinthians 2:9-16). The Holy Spirit is the Person of God Who comes to reside in us when we receive God's forgiveness through believing in Jesus. The sacrifice the Lord Jesus gave was His Body, His Blood, and His Righteousness in exchange for our sins, brokenness, and the curse of death. So, when we invite Jesus into our lives as Lord – surrendering to Him by repenting and turning from sin; obeying His Word by living for God - we become filled with His Holy Spirit of Truth (John 15:13). Now that our sins are forgiven and washed by the Blood of the Lamb, we can approach God in the Name of Jesus and have sweet fellowship with Him. It is the Holy Spirit – God's Presence, Who facilitates that communication. "Christ in you, the Hope of Glory" (Colossians 1:27). The Glory of God is His manifest Presence we experience as we get to know Him. We are spirit beings – made in the image and likeness of God – and we engage with Him through Holy Spirit. The enemy creates counterfeits of everything that Jesus does – divination, witchcraft, and the occult are works of darkness, not of God. Seek The Spirit of Truth for yourself.

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### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

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Wednesday  
Church of the Holy Spirit Muckross 4pm–6pm  
Thursdays  
Franciscan Friary 2pm –7pm Fridays Holy Hour  
Sundays @ 6pm

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK;** Coach leaving St. Mary's Cathedral at 7.00am on Saturday the 22nd of August , cost is €25 pp, Places limited. Please Contact Sheila at the Parish Office to register with payment in person to secure the booking

**MENS GROUP:** The legion of Mary has started a new MENS GROUP on Wednesdays. We meet at 7.30 p.m. in St. Bridget's Chapel at the Church of the Resurrection in Park Road. We look forward to welcoming many men to Come and Journey on this new adventure. Info 087 9048659

**STREET ROSARY ON MAIN STREET KILLARNEY;** on Monday 13th July at 3 p.m. to coincide with the apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima in 1917. We will recite the Rosary and pray for peace. All Welcome.

### AFTERNOON OF PRAISE, WORSHIP AND PRAYER FOR HEALING

THE NEW SPRINGTIME COMMUNITY are holding an afternoon of Praise, Worship and Prayer for Healing, in the Parish Centre on the grounds of the Church of the Resurrection, Park Road, Killarney V93 VK77 on Saturday 11th July 2.00pm-4.00pm. Speakers: New Springtime Community members, Janice Carrig and Pastor Rose Blackwell.

**KERRY LIFE AND FAMILY HAVE ORGANISED A RALLY FOR LIFE** in Tralee for the 11th of July at the Immaculate Conception Church Rathass at 2.30pm and proceeding to the square Tralee, guest speakers. All Welcome

**AGHADOE CEMETERY MASS** Tuesday 28th of July @ 7.30pm



**NEW CEMETERY MASS:** Monday 3rd of August at 7pm.

**BINGO** at St. Mary's Parish Hall, will be held on Thursdays @ 8.30pm. All Welcome.

**CLERICAL CHANGES:** As announced last week by Bishop Ray Browne there will be two changes to our parish team. Fr Kieran O'Brien who has been with us for the last 14 years has been appointed to become Parish Priest of Rathmore, Fr Vitalis Barasa who has been with us for the last 2 years has been appointed to become Parish Priest of Ballymacelligott.

The Parish would like to thank Fr Kieran and Fr Vitalis for their ministry and profound witness to Christ in our midst over the last number of years. We wish them every blessing, strength, and happiness as their journey in serving the Lord in the Vineyard embarking on a new venture. We would also like to welcome Fr Pat O'Donnell and Fr Sean Murphy who will be joining Fr Joe as the incoming parish team. These changes come into effect the 15th of July.

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**WHO PASSED AWAY ON  
17TH JULY 2025.**

**PRAYER TO  
PADRE PIO**

O Jesus, full of grace and charity, victim  
for sinners, so impelled by Your love  
for us that You willed to die on the  
Cross, I humbly beseech You to glorify  
in heaven and on earth Your servant,  
Padre Pio, who generously participated  
in Your sufferings, who loved You so  
much and labored so faithfully for the  
glory of Your Heavenly Father and for  
the good of souls. With confidence I  
ask You to grant me, through Saint  
Padre Pio's intercession, these special  
requests... (Mention here).

As we lovingly remember Séamus on his  
1st anniversary, we his family, his wife  
Mary, his children, grandchildren and  
great grandchildren, wish to express sincere  
gratitude and appreciation for the many  
mass cards and expressions of sympathy  
received and the kindness and support  
shown to us following our sad loss.

Sincere gratitude to Fr Kieran O'Brien and  
fellow priests for celebrating such a  
beautiful and meaningful Requiem Mass.  
Thanks also to Deacon Thady O'Connor and  
Sacristan Thadghie Fleming.

A sincere thank you to all who attended  
Séamus' funeral services especially those  
who travelled long distances as well as our  
extended family, neighbours, and friends.  
Heartfelt thanks to all who formed guards of  
honour. To the musicians who surrounded us  
with lovely music and those who joined us  
on the webcam and on the internet.

We are deeply grateful to Rockmount Day  
Centre, the staff at Kenmare Hospital and  
the staff of our Lady of Lourdes Nursing  
Home, Kilcummin, University Hospital Kerry  
and the dedicated doctors and nurses who  
cared for Séamus throughout his illness  
especially Doctor Donal Coffey.

Thanks also to O'Shea's Funeral Directors for  
their help, guidance and professionalism.

As it would not be possible to thank  
everybody individually, please accept this  
acknowledgement as an expression of our  
deep appreciation.

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

**NOVENA TO  
ST. CLAIRE**

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

Powerful novena.

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

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

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**NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF  
MOUNT CARMEL**

Oh Most beautiful flower of Mount  
Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of  
Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of  
God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my  
necessity.

O Star of the Sea, help me and show me  
here you are my mother.

Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of  
Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech  
Thee from the bottom of my heart to  
secure me in my necessity (make your  
request)

There are none can withstand your power.

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray  
for us who have recourse to thee  
(repeat three times)

Holy Mary, I place this cause in  
your hands (repeat three times)

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**NOVENA TO THE  
SACRED HEART**

Dear Heart of Jesus in the past I have  
asked for many favours. This time I ask  
you this special one, (mention favour).

Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it  
within your heart where your Father  
sees it. Then in his merciful eyes it will  
become your favour not mine.

Amen. Say this prayer three times  
for three days and your favour will be  
granted.

Also, thanks to God, St Jude, Padre Pio,  
St. Anthony and Carlos Actis.

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*Death leaves a heartache, no one can heal,  
Love leaves a memory, no one can steal.*

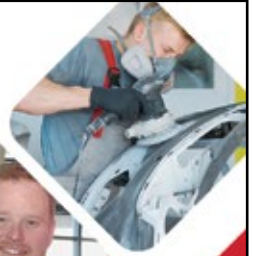
*Rest in peace Séamus.*

**First Anniversary Mass for Séamus will  
be celebrated on Friday 17th July at  
6.15pm in St Mary's Cathedral.**

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