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Margaret Curtin, recipient of the Yvonne Quill Memorial Volunteer of the Year Award with John and Sandra Quill, Kerry footballer Gavin White and Kathleen Foley. Back from left are Cormac Foley, Michael Gleeson (Killarney Looking Good Chairperson), Margaret Pigott, Martin Grady (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council) Juliette Kelly, Matthew Farrell (Killarney Municipal District Officer) and Johnny McGuire at The Killarney Looking Good Awards in The Great Southern Hotel. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



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A Note from the EDITOR



Welcome to this week's Killarney Outlook!

We've got a packed issue for you, full of local news, sport, photos, and of course some fantastic offers from our loyal advertisers.

The Killarney Looking Good Awards took centre stage this week, and we have the full list of winners along with photographs from the much-anticipated event.

Elsewhere, Killarney's Killeen House Hotel is named 3 star hotel of the year 2025 in the Georgina Campbell Food and Hospitality Awards and we've got plenty of updates from our local politicians.

In Picture Perfect, one of our regular contributors, Rafal Taracha, shares a stunning image of our beautiful lakes. Our gardening column explores how to divide herbaceous perennials, while the B-Well fitness team brings you simple exercises you can work into your daily routine.

In Education, local schools share news of what their pupils are up to on their educational journey

Anne Lucey keeps us up to speed with the hottest talking points in Killarney, while in Sport, Jimmy covers the action at local, national, and international levels. We also bring you the latest results and fixtures from soccer and plenty of updates from our local clubs.

As always, we hope you enjoy this week's Killarney Outlook!



Aisling Crosbie



*Reflections....
A stunning image of the
Lakes of Killarney by
Rafal Tarracha.*



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THE HIGHLIGHT OF KILLARNEY NATIONAL PARK NATURE CALENDAR

Samhain: Autumn Gathering 2025

The annual rutting season is underway, the Irish Red Stags are bellowing while the Sika are whistling. Autumn is a glorious time in Killarney National Park - the changing colours, those primal bellows and early morning fog.

This year's 'Samhain' Autumn Gathering Free events take place from Friday 17th October until Sunday 19th October 2025. The Autumn programme of events is presented by the Conservation Rangers and Killarney National Park Education Centre, National Parks and Wildlife Service, (NPWS).

Killarney National Park encompasses more than 10,000 hectares of diverse woodland habitats including ancient oak and yew woodlands - the most extensive covering of native forest in the country and of international importance as well as the famous Lakes of Killarney and the monastic 6th century ruins on Innisfallen Island.

The renowned Native Irish Red Deer are a firm favourite with photographers who travel from all parts of Ireland to capture the activity of the rutting season, and witness the largest and only native deer species with a continuous presence in Ireland since neolithic times.

The distinctive bellowing and fierce rutting behaviour is something that has fascinated Killarney for time immemorial. The rich colours of Autumn, the morning light and shadows of evening light make the park so spectacular at

this time of year.

The very popular Morning Deer Walks with Conservation Ranger Padruig O'Sullivan are planned for Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th October. The meeting point for these is Deenagh Cottage just inside the front gate of the Demesne at 7.00 am. Padruig's informative walks are always very engaging - no booking required.

Keep in touch: Facebook and Instagram @ KillarneyNationalPark: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/cc/samhain-autumn-gathering-4688683>

Autumn Gathering 2025 Samhain FREE Programme of Events

Friday October 17th @ 7.30pm: Booking through Eventbrite: Killarney House Auditorium 7.30pm: 'The Chough: an insight into the life of a rare bird'

An insight into the life of a rare bird with new nesting habits #nestflix by Clare Heardman NPWS Ecologist in the Conservation Measures Unit.

Saturday October 18th: Autumn Deer Walk 7.00am: No booking required:

Autumn Deer Watch: Padruig O'Sullivan, Conservation Ranger. Meet at Knockreer Gates (Opposite St Mary's Cathedral) - observing native Irish Red Deer, Flora and Fauna during the Autumn Season.

Please wear suitable clothing and a head torch.

***Early morning self guided photographic opportunities within Killarney Demesne - observing and photographing the annual rutting season from a safe distance on designated paths.

Saturday October 18th @ 7.30pm: Booking through Eventbrite: Killarney Auditorium 7.30pm: 'Toads in Trouble'

Protecting Ireland's endangered Natterjack Toads by Brid Calhoun, NPWS Conservation Ranger


Sunday 19th October 7.00 am: Autumn Deer Walk: No booking required

National Park and Wildlife Service (NPWS) with Conservation Rangers Padruig O'Sullivan. Meeting at Deenagh Cottage - walking tour observing native Irish Red Deer, Flora and Fauna during the Autumn Season, Please wear suitable clothing and head torch.

***Early morning self guided photographic opportunities within Killarney Demesne - observing and photographing the annual rutting season from a safe distance on designated paths.

Sunday Evening 19th October: 6.00pm:

Nocturnal Ramble. Booking through Eventbrite. This event will include walking through woodlands in the dark, so torches and strong shoes or boots will be necessary. Booking online closer to the event.



Let the battle begin...The annual rutting season is underway, the Irish Red Stags are bellowing while the Sika are whistling. Autumn is a glorious time in Killarney National Park - the changing colours, those primal bellows and early morning fog.

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KILLEEN HOUSE HOTEL, KILLARNEY, CO KERRY

Originally an early nineteenth-century rectory, the delightful Killeen House is quietly located just ten minutes from Killarney town centre. Known for three decades as the Rosney family's "charming little hotel", it began a new chapter in 2024 under the ownership of Kerry hotelier Patrick Eviston and, following sensitive refurbishment, the spirit of the old house has been retained while adding modern comforts. Guests are welcomed with warmth from the moment of arrival - an open fire in the traditional drawing room sets the tone for a stay that feels genuinely homely, while the renovated lobby, bar and restaurant happily combine antique and modern furnishings. Bedrooms vary in size, as is the way in old buildings, but are thoughtfully furnished, with plenty of appealing touches – from a welcoming note with chocolates to a sensor night light in the bathroom, details that show real care. Equally popular with business and leisure guests, especially golfers, the repeat business rate is high and the hotel's Rozzers Restaurant is one of the reasons for that. Residents and local diners alike enjoy its well-paced dinners, extensive wine list and welcoming bar – and a good breakfast is served here too. With its intimate scale, friendly hospitality and appealing food, Killeen House offers a distinctive 3-star experience that brings guests back time and again.

GEORGINA CAMPBELL 'SMALL STAY' AWARDS 2025

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Alannah Eviston pictured with her colleagues at Killeen House Hotel after winning the Georgina Campbell Best Three Star Hotel in Ireland

raised standards even further, with upgraded bathrooms and new superior rooms adding to the sense of quality and care.

Guests can relax in one of two inviting sitting rooms with open fires, or in the conservatory overlooking the harbour, where breakfast is served. A previous winner of our Irish Breakfast Award, Greenmount's morning offering is a highlight: homemade preserves and breads, fresh fruits, cheeses and a superb hot menu, all underpinned by the irresistible aroma of home baking.

With its stunning setting, long-established family warmth, exceptional comfort and outstanding food, Greenmount House is special.

GEORGINA CAMPBELL FINE DINING AWARDS 2025

FINE DINING HOTEL RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR

LANDLINE, PARK HOTEL KENMARE, CO KERRY

Former owner, Francis "At Your Service" Brennan, re-opened this famous old railway hotel in 1985 and made it a benchmark for exceptional standards of service and sumptuous comfort – a tradition proudly upheld by current owners Bryan and Tara Meehan, who took over the historic property in 2023 and promptly gave it a fresh new look by replacing the traditional paintings with an ever-growing collection

of striking modern artwork. New General Manager Grace O'Connor leads the team with warmth and professionalism, and a special point is made of welcoming local residents who are encouraged, for example, to join the hotel's regular Art Tours. And it remains a highly regarded dining destination, with the fine dining Landline Restaurant, in particular, a favourite for special occasions locally as well as for residents. This elegant dining room is at its best in daylight, when the views are simply lovely. Located within the hotel's Sean Scully Room, the restaurant is named after Landline Edge (2017) by the Dublin-born artist Sean Scully and this 'painting of the meeting of land and sea' sets the tone for a food philosophy based on connection to place. With the view of Kenmare Bay and the Caha Mountains "our source and continual inspiration", seasonal, local and fresh is the mantra for Chef James O'Sullivan's menus. Provenance is king, with a map of suppliers' locations on the table for reference and the cooking style is pleasingly respectful of ingredients – prepared and presented with finesse, yet without overworking dishes and allowing the fresh natural flavours to be relished. Together with caring service, that makes for a deeply satisfying dining experience – and the delicious breakfasts served in Landline Restaurant are also outstanding.



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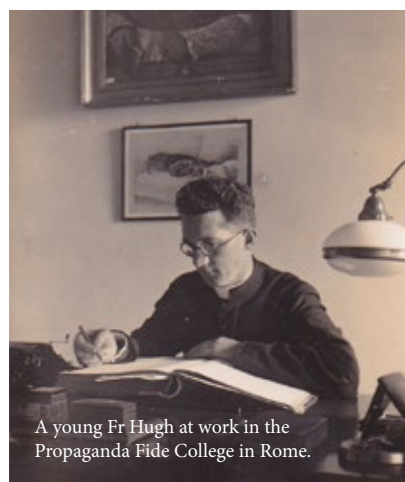
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HUGH O'FLAHERTY CENTENARY

Remaining Events To Year End



A young Fr Hugh at work in the Propaganda Fide College in Rome.

Following a successful Group Tour to Rome in March and an O'Flaherty's Town Trail Walk in Killarney in August, the 1925-2025 Hugh O'Flaherty Centenary Commemorations will conclude over the next three months with three very different events. Also, wreaths will be laid at the Memorial on Mission Road to mark the Anniversary of his death (October 30th) and the Centenary of his Ordination (December 20th).

An Post/Irish History Podcast – Killarney Oct 15th: Supporting the launch of the Hugh O'Flaherty Commemorative Stamp (later in the month), An Post has commissioned the Irish History Podcast to record a special podcast on the Monsignor's story. Fin Dwyer, the host of the Irish History Podcast has always been passionate about Ireland's past. In 2010, after working in archaeology for years he launched the Irish History Podcast. Over the last 15 years the show has become one of Ireland's longest running shows with a global audience. When completed, the Podcast will include contributions from a well-known author on the Monsignor, a member of the Monsignor's family and from the Memorial Society.



The O'Flaherty Family – sometime after his 1925 Ordination. (Left to Right- Fr Hugh, his sister Brid, his parents Margaret & James, and brothers Neil & Jim).

The local recording event will take place in Killarney on Wednesday October 15th in Killarney House at 7.30.pm.

Admission is free but it is a ticket event with limited capacity. Anyone interested in attending should email oflahertysociety2008@gmail.com – on or before Sunday Oct 12th – giving their name and indicating the number of tickets required. Refreshments will be served.

An Post Commemorative Stamp:

To mark the Centenary of the Monsignor's Ordination (December 1925), An Post will issue a Commemorative Stamp on October 23rd. It will be a "W" Stamp for Worldwide mailing, in keeping with the global reach of the Monsignor's story. It will be available in selected Post Offices for at least 3 months from the date of issue. Some Offices may

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Exhibition – Killarney Library Dec 15th 2025 to Jan 17th 2026:

The O'Flaherty Memorial Society and Killarney Library will host a month-long exhibition on the life story of Hugh O'Flaherty. It is hoped that schools at all levels will use this opportunity to familiarise students with this incredible story. (More details of times etc., will follow nearer the date).



Abina O'Sullivan (Rathmore & District CU Chairperson), Brendan Jenkins (ILCU President), Fergus McAuliffe (CEO of Rathmore & District CU) and David Malone (CEO of the ILCU) at the unveiling of a commemorative plaque to Nora Herlihy, one of the key founders of the credit Union movement.



St Brendan's College, winner of Best Secondary School Award at The Killarney Looking Good Awards in The Great Southern Hotel on Wednesday night. Included are Kerry football captain Gavin White, Martin Grady (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council), Michael Gleeson (Killarney Looking Good Chairperson), Juliette Kelly and Matthew Farrell (Killarney Municipal District Officer). Picture: Eamonn Keogh



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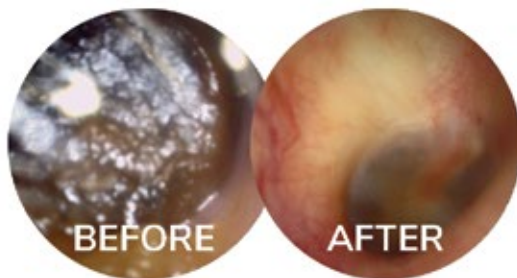


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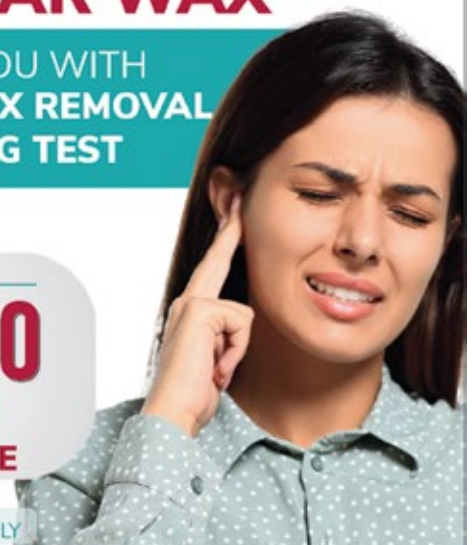
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Members of the Killarney Branch of the Kerry Hospice Foundation pictured with guests at the Fundraising Coffee Morning at the Killarney Royal Hotel Townhouse

KERRY HOSPICE MORNING at Killarney Royal Townhouse

The Kerry Hospice Coffee Morning at the Killarney Royal Townhouse was a heartwarming success, bringing the local community together in support of a vital cause. Thanks to the generosity of all who attended, an impressive €5,480 was raised to benefit Kerry Hospice. Every contribution will help strengthen the charity's essential services.

"We are truly thankful to everyone who joined us and supported this special event. It was a joy to share the morning with our community, and every donation will make a real difference," said Claire Scally, one of the Directors of the Scally Hotel Collection.

The funds raised will directly support Kerry Hospice in providing compassionate care to patients and families across the region.

AWESOME AUTUMN ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AT KERRY LIBRARY!

As the nights get shorter, we are excited to embrace autumn in Kerry Library with exciting activities for readers across the county!

Children's Book Festival

October is our favourite month in Kerry libraries as we welcome authors, storytellers, illustrators, and artists. This October, Kerry Library is celebrating the adventurers, sport and creativity. Many of our events this year have inspired by authors and illustrators who have used their creativity to conjure up new and exciting worlds for young readers. We have many exciting events on offer for both schools and families – from creative writing workshops to meeting your favourite Irish authors there is something for everyone. In 2025 we will have visits from Emma Cullinane, Peter Donnelly, Tatyana Feeney, Claire Glynn, Shane Hegarty, Emma Larkin, Felicia Thomas, and Michael Smith.

Space Week

Kerry Library is delighted to welcome NASA Astronaut Dan Tani as he shares his experiences from living onboard the international Space Station (ISS) and Dr. Niall Smith, an astronomer and space scientist about the future prospects of living in space for an audience of local schools.

My Little Library Book Bag initiative

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Anne Lucey
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THE COURTHOUSE AND THE PRETTY POLLY - STILL ONLY GETTING TO THE STARTING BLOCKS



Tralee courthouse

Michael Cahill has raised the courthouses for Tralee and for Killorglin at the Oireachtas Committee. That is since our column last week raised the issue.

Angela Denning, the CEO of the Courts Service told him with regard to the proposed new Courthouse in Tralee, "the work involved in the pre-planning process will start shortly".

"The sooner this process is commenced, the sooner the building will be delivered to the people of Tralee and Kerry and I have requested that the necessary funding be provided in the Budget, he said.

He has also looked for an update on the Killorglin Courthouse - rightly recalling how the multi-million euro public/private partnership between Kerry County Council and FEXCO at library place was to have included a courthouse. He is going to pursue this, he says. Meanwhile, back at the ranch, the council tells me it is in talks with the Kerry ETB in relation to the third level college on the council site in the

former Pretty Polly stocking factory.

Kerry County Council are working with Kerry ETB on finalising transfer of the site,"the council spokesman Alan Cantwell said.

Again everything is preliminary in Killarney and is taking far far too long. The terrible surface on the Muckross Road is a case in point. Years since we began highlighting it.

Our four Government TDs and our councilors in Killarney need to get seriously stuck into both projects.

THE KILLARNEY COFFEE CUP PROJECT - A FLAT WHITE?

Killarney's coffee shop project has floundered, we learned from the Irish Times last weekend. Most of the original members have thrown in the towel we were told - even though most of us could see the giant billboards posters still surround the town.

The coffee project got huge national publicity. The national audience seemed to be the target from the off.

But lack of national support in the form of a government levy on single use takeaway cups scuttled the effort, organisers said.

Three years ago, Killian Treacy of Luna who was spokesman said the project was hoping for "a mindset change".

So that people would take their coffee cup with them when they left the house, along with their keys and wallet and there would be a national roll out.

It is very difficult these days to get Government backing for projects that start outside the capital, Dublin. Second city Cork has no real influence, and is a poor shadow of what it was 30 years ago, and that is with a Taoiseach.

Albeit that the slick launch in July at Killarney House, was handled by leading Dublin based PR firm Dury.

Even locally, I am not so sure how "ground up" the coffee project was. Had there been real "grounded" support, you would think the 20 cent national levy would be irrelevant.

For myself, an enthusiastic coffee drinker, I never really knew which coffee house was in and which one was out. So one St Patrick's Day I and three others paid what I felt was too much for dull heavy textured plastic cups which I haven't used since.

Johnny McGuire co-president of Chamber of Tourism and Commerce said Killarney is "joined at the hip to the National Park" and that is why the Chamber got behind it.

He is right. Killarney led the Irish Green movement in the 1980s - a different era when Dublin listened. Because of the park. I know I was part of it.

There is a broad acceptance now, finally, in 2025, of environmental matters.

So is it not high time for all the heavy weight coffee project backers - Chamber, Failte Ireland, the NPWS, and Kerry County Council to get behind more than throw away coffee cups?

Such as badly needed waste water treatment upgrades in the Ross Road plant so the poisoning of our lake stops. An article I wrote for the Kerryman in 1983 after one of the autumn first talks in Muckross House exposed the gross inadequacy of the plant which was dumping sewage into the lake with only the barest filtering. The plant is again way behind and is overtaken with climate change stormwater.

Chamber needs to push for the catering and hospitality college so we can have a circular tourist industry here in training and retaining workers.

We can pick up the coffee cups. The other matters are more pressing in acting local and thinking globally.

THE PRESIDENTIAL DEBACLE

Killarney's Coffee cup project won't be the only posters taken down this week. The choice of a former football manager with no political experience by the Fianna Fail leadership was a perfect example of top down rather than ground up approach. Last week we correctly forecast it was already "all the president's women" - a two horse race.

One question raised with me by a legal person: did Gavin really need to resign? If the banks had taken over his finances, as they did in the case of most people caught in the economic crash, the former manager and defence force man would have had little say in what was coming into his accounts and what was going back to the bank.

A more politically astute candidate could have thrown the controversy back on the harsh way the banks dealt with people like himself. But he might only have done so had he paid the 3,000 debt back to his tenant. Irony of ironies though: Taoiseach Martin probably grabbed onto the successful Dublin man like a life raft in order not to have to run Bertie Ahern whose copy was stained in the same economic crash.

In contrast, the more political Catherine Connolly did not resign over her very serious lack of judgment in daily signing into Leinster House, a woman convicted - and jailed - in relation to firearms offences in the Special Criminal Court, of all places.

Catherine's employee came from deep in a place opposed to the peace process. A much more serious issue in many people's views. But Connolly stuck to her guns.

People can be rehabilitated, she said.

I too believe in redemption. The question is do you have to be an extreme socialist republican Irish speaker convicted of an arms offence to be favoured for redemption by Connolly and her political party backers? I am amazed at the Social Democrats brushing this aside. Labour and the Greens are clearly uncomfortable.

There is also controversy touching on the international. She will also need to convince the middle ground she will be enthusiastic, not just tight and thin lipped when she greets President Trump. We don't sell much whiskey or viagra to the Russians!

Ladylike Heather Humphreys the Fine Gael candidate has kept out of the firing line - so far. But she will need to take on the Mother Ireland / Peig mantle to put it up to the Galway woman. Maybe even exchange the pearls for the plain Galway shawl!



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Killarney Park is Really Looking Good

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The Killarney Park Hotel has been declared the overall winner in this year's Killarney Looking Good competition.

The five-star establishment, which completed a major refurbishment programme earlier this year, hugely impressed the adjudicators who were very taken with the stylish new feature entrance and driveway, top class planting programme and the spectacular display of flowers, shrubs and window boxes. It was very much a case of going back to the future as the Killarney Park, owned and run by the Treacy family, was also the winner of the prestigious overall award in the Killarney

Looking Good competition back in 1992.

The winner of the 2025 Fr Michael Murphy Memorial Pride of Place Award is the Killarney Asylum Seekers Initiative while the Yvonne Quill Memorial Volunteer of the Year Award winner is Margaret Curtin.

The awards were presented by Kerry GAA captain and All-Ireland final man-of-the-match Gavin White at a packed prizegiving ceremony in the Killarney Great Southern.

The best large commercial premises award went to Killarney Racecourse and the best small commercial premises is Sheahan's Pharmacy.

The best public house is Charlie Foley's, best restaurant is 40 Main and best retail is Walsh Bros Shoes.

In the residential categories, the best private residence is Tomies View, Ross Road, best large estate is Countess Grove and best small estate is Coolgreane Park.

The Killarney Looking Good competition is organised by Killarney Municipal District Council and Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce and sponsored by MD O'Shea's & Sons and O'Mahony Media.

Its purpose is to encourage businesses, residents, community groups, schools, workplaces and all others to join in the effort to present the town at its best through the use of flowers, hanging baskets, colour schemes.



Marcus Treacy, Killarney Park Hotel, overall winner, with Martin Grady (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council), Kerry footballer Gavin White, Michael Gleeson (Killarney Looking Good Chairperson) and Matthew Farrell (Killarney Municipal District Officer) at The Killarney Looking Good Awards in The Great Southern Hotel



St Oliver's National School, winner of the Best Primary School Award at The Killarney Looking Good Awards in The Great Southern Hotel on Wednesday night. Included are Isaac Coleman, Laelle Colaoc, Ava Sheehan, Natalia Jaskullska, Alex Doolan and Ben O'Connor with Kerry football captain Gavin White, Martin Grady (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council), Juliette Kelly, Colm O'Suilleabhain (Principal), Michael Gleeson (Killarney Looking Good Chairperson), Sheila Casey and Matthew Farrell (Killarney Municipal District Officer).

KILLARNEY LOOKING GOOD

CATEGORY WINNERS 2025

Best Large Commercial Premises Award: Killarney Racecourse
Best Small Commercial Premises Award: Sheahan's Pharmacy
Best Newly Painted Premises Award: The Fairview
Best Public House Award: Charlie Foley's
Best Hotel Award: Killarney Park Hotel
Best Restaurant Award: 40 Main
Best Café Award: Good Boy Coffee
Best Retail Award: Walsh Bros Shoes
Green Hospitality Award: Randles Hotel
Corporate Social Responsibility Award:

Great Southern Killarney
Restoration Award: Montessori House of Children
Best Signage Award: Scott's Hotel
Best Guesthouse Award: Kingfisher Lodge
Best Private Residence Award: Tomies View, Demesne, Ross Road
Best Large Estate Award: Countess Grove
Best Small Estate Award: Coolgreane Park
Best Roadside Garden Award: 3 Torc Terrace
Best Floral Display Award: Cillcearn House
Best Landscaping Award: Killarney Municipal District Staff
Best Primary School Award: St Oliver's NS
Best Secondary School Award: St Brendan's College

Most Improved Premises Award: The Optical Suite
Biodiversity Award: Dr Crokes GAA Club
Best Public Building Award: Killarney House and Gardens
Best Friendly Planting Award: Cronin family, Ballydowney
Highly Commended Awards: Ballyspillane Estate
 10 Park Road, 10 Rock Road, Three Oaks, Ballycasheen
 Celtic Dream, 6 Muckcross Road, 1 Muckcross View
Fr Michael Murphy Memorial Pride of Place Award: KASI
Yvonne Quill Memorial Volunteer of the Year Award: Margaret Curtin



Killarney Asylum Seekers Initiative, winner of the Fr Michael Murphy Memorial Pride of Place Award. Included are Ninfa Robson, Marilyn Counihan, Sheila Casey, Mary Fitzgerald, Martin Grady (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council), Michael Gleeson (and Matthew Farrell).



Anne O'Leary, receiving Best Restaurant Award for 40 Main from Kerry footballer Gavin White with Martin Grady (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council), Michael Gleeson Juliette Kelly and Matthew Farrell



Cait Cronin, Cronin family, Ballydowney, Best Friendly Planting Award, with Martin Grady (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council) Kerry footballer Gavin White, Michael Gleeson and Juliette Kelly.



Diarmuid O'Sullivan, The Optical Suite, winner of Most Improved Premises Award with Martin Grady (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council), Michael Gleeson (Killarney Looking Good Chairperson), Kerry footballer Gavin White and Matthew Farrell (Killarney Municipal District Officer)



John, Siobhan and Sarah Randles, Park Drive, Highly Commended Award with Martin Grady (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council) Kerry footballer Gavin White and Michael Gleeson.



Roisin and Nathan Murphy and Antoinette Moloney, Torc Terrace, winner of Best Roadside Garden Award with Martin Grady (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council), Kerry footballer Gavin White, Michael Gleeson and Matthew Farrell.



Donal and Ann Carroll, Kingfisher Lodge, Best Guesthouse Award, with Martin Grady (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council), Kerry footballer Gavin White and Michael Gleeson.



Michael Doyle and Rachel Kavanagh, Killarney House and Gardens, Best Public Building Award, with Kathleen Murphy, Kerry footballer Gavin White, Martin Grady (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council) and Michael Gleeson.



Mike Daly, Celtic Dream, Muckcross Road Highly Commended Award, with Martin Grady (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council), Gavin White, Michael Gleeson and Matthew Farrell.



Carol Dempsey and Roisin Buckley, Montessori House of Children, Restoration Award winner, with Martin Grady (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council), Kerry footballer Gavin White, Michael Gleeson (Killarney Looking Good Chairperson), and Matthew Farrell.

Killarney Looking Good Awards



Eileen and Colm Foley, Charlie Foley's, Best Public House Award, with Martin Grady (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council), Kerry footballer Gavin White, Kathleen Foley and Michael Gleeson (Killarney Looking Good Chairperson) at The Killarney Looking Good Awards in The Great Southern Hotel.
Pictures: Eamonn Keogh



Eamonn Fitzgerald and Niall Keogh, Dr Crokes GAA Club, Biodiversity Award, with Martin Grady (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council), Kerry footballer Gavin White, Michael Gleeson (Killarney Looking Good Chairperson) and Matthew Farrell (Killarney Municipal District Officer).



Maurice and Muiris O'Donoghue, Scott's Hotel, Best Signage Award, with Martin Grady (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council), Kerry footballer Gavin White and Michael Gleeson.



Josephine and Corry O'Flaherty and Kathleen Carey, Coolgrean Park, Best Small Estate Award with Martin Grady (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council), Kerry footballer Gavin White and Michael Gleeson.



Louise and Pat Griffin, Muckcross View, Highly Commended Award, with Martin Grady (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council), Kerry footballer Gavin White and Michael Gleeson.



William and Liam Sheahan, Sheahan's Pharmacy, Best Small Commercial Premises Award, with Martin Grady (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council), Kerry footballer Gavin White, Michael Gleeson (Killarney Looking Good Chairperson) and Matthew Farrell.



Dieter and Patricia Gogsch, Tomies View, Demesne, Ross Road, Best Private Residence Award, with Martin Grady (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council), Kerry footballer Gavin White, Michael Gleeson (Killarney Looking Good Chairperson) and Matthew Farrell.



Seamus McCarthy, Tadhg Kelly and Karl McCay, Killarney Racecourse, Best Large Commercial Premises Award, with Martin Grady (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council), Kerry footballer Gavin White and Michael Gleeson.



Dion and Shelley O'Neill, The Fairview, Best Newly Painted Premises Award, with Martin Grady (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council), Kerry footballer Gavin White, Michael Gleeson (Killarney Looking Good Chairperson) and Matthew Farrell.



Josephine and Alan Coleman, Rock Road, Highly Commended Award, with Martin Grady (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council), Kerry footballer Gavin White, Michael Gleeson (Killarney Looking Good Chairperson) and Matthew Farrell.



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O'Donoghue Ring Collection Crosses the Finish Line on a Successful Summer of Wellness

O'Donoghue Ring Collection team members celebrate crossing the finish line at the 5km Fun Run.

Employees from the O'Donoghue Ring Collection celebrated the finale of a seven-week summer wellness programme by participating in a 5km Fun Run, with families also invited to join an optional 2km walk.

Building on the success of last year's event, the O'Donoghue Ring Collection rolled out an expanded seven-week 2025 programme designed to support and inspire team members' well-being.

The initiative featured a variety of activities designed to nourish the mind, body, and soul, from in-house fitness classes including mat pilates and circuit training to an engaging book club with lively discussions, as well as a competitive steps challenge.

A new highlight this year was the launch of the running and walking club, created and led by team members themselves. Chefs from across the Collection also shared their expertise through a healthy recipe's initiative, promoting wholesome meal planning and mindful eating. Participants also benefited from expert training plans, nutrition and sleep-hygiene guidance, and tailored recovery routines.

After completing the Fun Run, team members came together at Café du Parc to celebrate their efforts with a well-earned spread of light bites and refreshing spritzes crafted by the O'Donoghue Ring Collection's mixology team. Muckross Creamery added a sweet touch with scoops of artisan ice cream, all set to the

backdrop of cool autumn beats.

Speaking about the initiative, Gemma Ring, Managing Director of the O'Donoghue Ring Collection, said: "Working in hospitality can be as challenging as it is rewarding, especially across the fast-paced environments of our Collection. The well-being of our teams is always our top priority. We thoroughly enjoyed this year's wellness programme and event, and we hope everyone carries the benefits of the past seven weeks into the winter months."

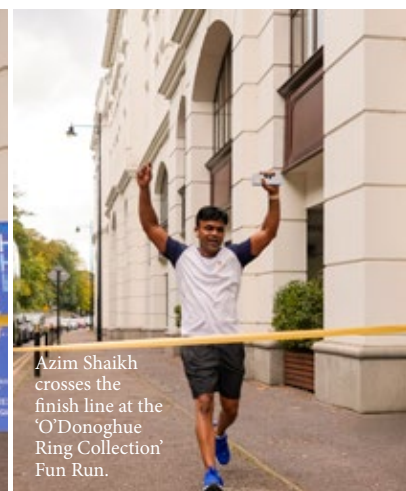
For further information about the O'Donoghue Ring Collection and careers within its portfolio of hotels, bars, and restaurants, visit www.odrcollection.com.



Leah Barrenechea Colaco and her children at the 'O'Donoghue Ring Collection Fun Run'.



Team members of the 'O'Donoghue Ring Collection' finish the 5km Fun Run.



Azim Shaikh crosses the finish line at the 'O'Donoghue Ring Collection' Fun Run.



Team members of the 'O'Donoghue Ring Collection' enjoying refreshments.



Katie Moffat and Roisin Kerr.



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Local Schools Launch “Agree to Agree” Pilot to Support Families with Children’s Digital Lives



Teachers attending last weeks meeting in Rathmore, Front left; Jerry Goulding, Miriam Madigan, Eugene Kelliher, Jenny Goulding, Eleanor O'Connell, Dr. Maureen Griffin, Paul Horan, Grace Fitzgerald, Aine Rohan Anthony O'Donoghue. Back row, Corrina Favier, Aoife Geurin, Tim Gleeson, Michelle Murphy, Eileen Herlihy, Joan Mullane, Ann Kelleher, Anne Marie Shanahan O'Donovan, Diarmuid Coakley, Michael Cahill T.D., Tim Howard.

Seven local schools have joined forces to launch an innovative project called Agree to Agree, a community-wide effort to help families navigate the challenges of children and technology.

This Pilot was funded by the Department of Education and Skills under the then Minister of Education and Skills - Norma Foley TD. Schools were invited to participate through Tralee Education Support Centre Director, Terry O'Sullivan.

The initiative encourages parents of primary school pupils to make a voluntary pledge around healthy technology use at home. For younger pupils, this includes keeping children smartphone-free, following age-appropriate guidelines for games and apps, and staying off social media during primary school years. Schools arrived at these goals after collaboration between pupils, staff and parents.

For older pupils who may already own phones

/ devices, the project suggests practical steps such as reducing screen time, keeping phones out of bedrooms, avoiding age-inappropriate apps, and learning about digital citizenship and online safety.

The programme also offers parents support through talks, webinars, and resources on topics like parental controls and fostering positive online habits.

Dr. Maureen Griffin, speaking at the launch, explained:

“This isn't about one big internet talk, but about the million little conversations that help children build healthy habits online.”

The schools aim to support families in making decisions that feel right for them, while creating a positive culture across our schools.

A powerful example of this came from teacher Dennis Griffin, who encouraged his pupils to leave group chats that excluded others—demonstrating how small, thoughtful actions can prevent bullying and build inclusion.

Ms Catherine Mangan (Oide) also informed all present of some of the supports available to schools and families through the Oide website. In the coming weeks, children will bring home information packs and families will have the chance to sign the voluntary agreement. Two parent webinars are already scheduled: Thursday, October 23rd, and Thursday, February 26th. The schools involved hope this initiative will become part of the community's fabric, helping families establish healthy digital practices together and reducing the pressure on both children and parents.

The schools involved are

Ballydesmond NS
Holy Family NS Rathmore
Kiskeam NS
Knocknagree NS
Meentogues NS
Raheen NS
Shrone NS

Patricia O'Hare, left, Archivist Muckross House Research Library, with Katie Connick, Assistant Archivist, Nano Eagle Centre, Co Cork and Rosarie Lordon, Head Archivist, Nano Eagle Centre, Co Cork, Clara Harte and Aoife O'Sullivan, Muckross House Research Library, on a visit to Muckross Library to share ideas and discuss new methods of archiving.

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Friday 17th October

Beaufort Film Night is delighted to announce that it will return on Friday 17th October at Cullina National School, Beaufort.

Beaufort Film Night will be showing the French drama-comedy *The Marching Band*.

Thibaut is a successful conductor, recently diagnosed with leukaemia. The search for a bone marrow donor leads to the revelation that he was adopted as a child and that he has brother, cafeteria worker Jimmy. They meet and discover a shared passion for music, and soon form a strong bond via an unexpected collaboration with Jimmy's workplace band...

The Marching Band (French title: "En Fanfare") will screen at Cullina National School (Eircode V93 RC81) on Friday 17th October at 8.30pm. The full admission price is €7. There is no card payment facility. The

admission fee will go towards covering the motion picture licence fee. The Marching Band has a 12A rating, and is in French with English subtitles.

Beaufort Film Night is a non-profit community organisation founded by local film enthusiasts whose aim is to screen cultural English language and international language films, fostering an interest in and appreciation of these category of films, films that normally don't get a general release screening in Kerry. Films screened at Beaufort Film Night are carefully curated in order to appeal to a general audience. Beaufort Film Night is supported by Kerry County Council Arts Office and is working in conjunction with Access Cinema, the Arts Council funded organisation which assists film clubs and film nights in Ireland with their screenings.

Beaufort Film Night would like to thank Cullina National School for providing the venue for this cultural and entertainment opportunity. Further information can be viewed on Beaufort Film Night's Facebook page (@BeaufortFilmNight).



REVIEWS FOR THE MARCHING BAND

"A good-natured heart warmer with some syrup, but also two watchable and robust lead performances." - Peter Bradshaw, *The Guardian*

Even the most austere observer would be hard-pushed not to shed a tear or two." - Richard Mowe, *Eye for Film*

A lovely warm bath of a film" - Mark Worgan, *The Upcoming*



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COMMERCIAL MOTOR DRIVER NUMBERS REQUIRED FROM OCTOBER 1ST

JOHN HEALY FROM HEALY INSURANCE ON WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT COMMERCIAL MOTOR DRIVER NUMBERS

Many drivers will be aware of the legalisation brought forward last March where all driver numbers must be provided to insurers before cover can be confirmed. The next piece of this data exercise commenced on October 1st and requires driver number to be provided for all commercial vehicles including agricultural vehicles, motor traders and fleet owners.

This data forms part of the Road Traffic Acts 2023 and will assist Gardaí at the roadside and

ultimately reduce uninsured driving in the state.

The data will be collected by insurers and brokers and will be validated and verified before cover can be confirmed. The data will be transferred to the Irish Motor Insurance Database (IMID)

This is an important development from a road safety perspective as the key aim of the IMID database is to remove uninsured drivers from Irish roads. An Garda Síochána have access to the Irish Motor Insurance Database through

their Mobility Devices, and can currently detect drivers operating without insurance on Irish roads.

It is important to note that fleet owners and motor traders will also need to upload driver numbers on the National Fleet Database (NFD) at www.nfd.mtpl.ie

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SAMHAIN CHIARRAÍ - A KERRY HALLOWEEN

A CELEBRATION THE COUNTY'S ANCIENT TRADITIONS AND CULTURAL SPIRIT FROM 16th OCTOBER TO 9th NOVEMBER 2025

Kerry is set to ignite with fire, folklore, and festivity this autumn as Samhain Chiarraí – A Kerry Halloween runs from 16th October to the 9th of November 2025, celebrating the county's ancient traditions and cultural spirit.

Following Kerry's selection as one of the destinations for Fáilte Ireland's 'Home of Halloween' Pilot Scheme, the initiative forms part of the national, Home of Halloween Strategy to establish Ireland as the authentic global home of Halloween. Samhain Chiarraí promises a celebration, rooted in Ireland's authentic Samhain heritage drawing inspiration from the Cailleach, the wise and wild Goddess of Winter—who emerges each year to mark the end of the harvest and the turning of the Celtic year.

The festival programme includes county-wide events including three new Samhain experiences in Tralee, Killarney & Listowel. These family events will tell the story of the Cailleach Chiarraí and will take the form of Street Processions, Awakening Spectacles, Fireworks, Céilis, Willow Workshops and Treasure Hunts.

Kerry County Council is delighted to support a host of associated community festivals and events across the County including Féile Eile, Killorglin, Halloween Howl, Kenmare & the Sneem Storytelling Festival, these are a few of the many community events taking place between Oct 16th & 9th to mark Halloween in Kerry, visit www.discoverkerry.com/SamhainChiarraí for the full programme.

Samhain Chiarraí intends to transform towns and villages into immersive landscapes of fire,



Samhain Chiarraí runs across the county from 16th October to the 9th of November 2025, celebrating the county's ancient traditions and cultural spirit. Pictured at the launch in the County Museum are Declan Murphy, Projects Officer, Wild Atlantic Way, Fáilte Ireland and Cllr Michael Foley, Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council. Visit discoverkerry.com/samhain-chiarraí for the full programme of events. Photo: Pauline Dennigan

light, and story, connecting visitors and locals with Kerry's dúchas – its heritage, belonging, and sense of place through a variety of workshops, street spectacles, light projections and rituals.

Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr. Mike Foley said, "Samhain Chiarraí is about much more than celebrating our past — it's about bringing families, schools, and communities together to create new memories and experiences. Taking place over the mid-term break, the festival will give children and families the chance to enjoy unique events in towns and villages right across Kerry. From

spectacular parades to community gatherings, Samhain Chiarraí will highlight the county's rich traditions while introducing new and engaging experiences for both residents and visitors. This festival is a chance for Kerry to come together, celebrate our shared heritage, and showcase the warmth and creativity of our communities." Samhain Chiarraí will deliver a cultural and tourism experience that is uniquely Kerry – weaving together the ancient and the modern, the local and the international. The festival runs from the 16th October to 9th November inclusive.



The HR Suite hosted its Kerry HR Forum today at the Ballygarry Estate Hotel and Spa in Tralee. The event brought together business leaders and HR professionals to plan priorities for 2026, with discussions covering strategic challenges in volatile times, managing multi-generational work. Pictured were: David Scott, Pdraig McGuillcuddy, Colm Power, Caroline Reidy and Steven Stack.

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Soul Talks Live

Welcomes New West End House Creative Director Susan Goodwillie to Killarney

The next instalment of Soul Talks Live will take place on Friday, October 10th at 7.30pm at the Anam Arts and Cultural Centre, Killarney, featuring a live interview with the newly appointed Creative Director of West End House School of Arts, Susan Goodwillie.

Goodwillie brings a wealth of experience to the conversation. A graduate of Carnegie Mellon University (BFA in Musical Theatre) and Hunter College (Masters in Social Work), her career has spanned the worlds of performance, directing, arts leadership, and community engagement. Her achievements include:

Performing on Off-Broadway stages and appearing on television in Medium and ER. Co-founding SPACE on Ryder Farm, an acclaimed residency program for artists and changemakers. Leading theatre companies dedicated to amplifying underrepresented voices.

Serving as company manager for Michael Keegan Dolan's internationally acclaimed Irish dance company, Teac Damsa.

Now stepping into her new role at West End House School of Arts, Goodwillie brings both international experience and a passion for fostering creativity.

Presented by Life Coach Grace Foley, Soul Talks Live offers audiences the chance to hear inspiring life journeys in an intimate, engaging format. This event promises to be a memorable evening of storytelling, reflection, and creative insight.

Event Details:

Soul Talks Live with Susan Goodwillie
Friday, October 10th, 7.30pm
Anam Arts and Cultural Centre, Killarney
Tickets are €5 and will be available at the door



HORAN'S HEALTHSTORES

announce details of their 6th Health & Wellness Expo this October

HORAN'S HEALTHSTORES are delighted to announce they will be holding their 6th Health & Wellness Expo this October 18th and 19th in Tralee at The Rose Hotel, Dan Spring Road, Tralee, Co Kerry.

Horans Health stores have 20 stores across Kerry, Cork, Tipperary, Limerick, Sligo, Dublin, Kildare. Having opened 3 stores last year in Dingle, Cobh and Newbridge. Store number 20 came 2 months with the opening of their newest store in The Square Tallaght Shopping centre. Horans currently produce their own complimentary seasonal magazine and have a resident 'Natural Wellness slot' on RTE Today show. As the largest independent health store group in Ireland they have the ability to bring along exclusive brands as well as exceptional special offers and expert advice

Over 50 Health & Lifestyle Exhibitors will be in attendance offering expert

advice and product samples. World renowned expert nutritionist Patrick Holford and Dr. Marilyn Glenville of Glenville Nutrition Clinics in both Ireland and The UK will be in attendance during the weekend. We have added Irish medical herbalist and founder of Irish Botanica David Foley to the exciting lineup this year, discussing functional mushrooms, David is trained in both Western and Chinese herbal medicine.

A variety of complimentary health screening including mini health checks, Alzheimer's Markers Testing, BMI, skin care consultations and Iron Testing will be available throughout the weekend. Holistic treatments such as therapeutic massage, reflexology and much more will be available for attendees during the weekend.

Tickets available at your local Horan's Health store €10.00. Tickets are valid for both days.

Executive Head Chef Jupp Osterloh retires

after nearly 31 years at The Dunloe Hotel & Gardens

The Dunloe Hotel & Gardens has bid farewell to its long-standing Executive Head Chef, Jupp Osterloh, who has retired after nearly 31 years of extraordinary service.

Widely regarded as the heart of the hotel's kitchen, Jupp has been instrumental in helping define the culinary experience at The Dunloe Hotel & Gardens, earning a reputation for excellence and inspiring countless team members along the way.

To mark the occasion, colleagues gathered at The Grill Restaurant last Wednesday to celebrate his remarkable career, paying tribute not only to his talent and creativity but also to his mentorship.

"Jupp's passion and dedication have shaped our hotel's culinary

identity and touched the lives of everyone who has had the pleasure to work with him," said Michael Brennan, Managing Director of Killarney Hotels Collection. "We are profoundly grateful for his contribution over more than three decades and wish him every success and happiness in retirement."



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BNI Kerry Chapter

has announced a changeover in its leadership team

The BNI Kerry Chapter has announced a changeover in its leadership team as it looks ahead to another successful year of business networking and growth.

The Chapter extends its heartfelt thanks to outgoing President Anne Hannan, Vice President Sean Kavanagh and Secretary Treasurer Mairéad O'Sullivan for their outstanding dedication and leadership throughout the 2024/25 term. Their efforts

have contributed greatly to the continued success and strength of the BNI Kerry Chapter. As outgoing President Anne Hannan passes the baton, she reflects on her time in leadership: "Leading our BNI Chapter this year has been an incredibly rewarding experience. I've seen first-hand the power of genuine collaboration and support among our members. My heartfelt thanks to everyone for making this such a strong, positive community. I know the

incoming leadership team will continue to make it thrive."

Stepping into leadership for the coming year are President Mary B. Teahan, Vice President Tony Dunne and Secretary Treasurer Linda Enright. The chapter extends a warm welcome to the new team and wishes them every success as they guide BNI Kerry Chapter into 2026.

Incoming President Mary B. Teahan is eager to continue building on the chapter's strong foundation, sharing this simple but powerful message: "Our weekly BNI meeting is the meeting for working on our business — not in it. That sums it up perfectly."

The BNI Kerry Chapter proudly celebrated 25 years in 2024, marking a quarter-century of helping local businesses grow through trusted referrals and strong professional connections. Since its establishment in 1999, it has facilitated a remarkable volume of business passed between members, supporting entrepreneurship and collaboration throughout the region.

If you're looking to grow your business, build genuine relationships, and receive quality referrals, then the BNI Kerry Chapter is the place to do it. For more information visit www.bnikerry.ie.



The Social Action Group Rathmore Celebrates

50 Years of Care and Community

One of Kerry's most dynamic community-based organisations, the Social Action Group Rathmore (SAG), is set to mark a remarkable milestone later this month as it celebrates 50 years of service to the people of East Kerry.

Founded in 1975, the SAG has grown from modest beginnings into a cornerstone of the community, with a mission centred on the care and welfare of older people. The organisation will launch its 50th Anniversary celebrations with a special evening at Killarney Racecourse on Saturday, October 25th, followed by a commemorative Mass in St. Joseph's Church, Rathmore, on Sunday, October 26th at 11.30am. The celebrations will continue throughout the year, culminating in the launch of a book documenting the foundation and achievements of the group.

What began as a student-led initiative in a history class at St. Mary's Secondary School, under the guidance of former principal and Kerry Person of the Year Jerh



Celebrating community spirit at St. Joseph's Day Care Centre, Rathmore, with Jerh O'Donoghue, Mary Buckley, and some of the team.

O'Donoghue, has developed into a vibrant organisation that has transformed local life. Over the decades, the SAG has developed 35 homes for older adults, established St. Joseph's Day Care Centre, and created valuable facilities for young people in Rathmore. The group also delivers a range of essential services. "These include meals-on-wheels, laundry services, and transport to St. Joseph's Day Care Centre, where older people enjoy meals,

nursing care, social activities, and companionship five days a week. Some people live in isolated areas, and this service ensures they remain part of a thriving community in Rathmore," said Noreen Fleming, CEO.

The involvement of young people has been at the heart of SAG's work from the outset, with generations of teenagers contributing to fundraising efforts, maintaining homes, and building friendships with older members of the

community. The organisation's impact has been recognised nationally, with numerous awards and milestones, including the official opening of St. Joseph's Day Care Centre by former President of Ireland Mary McAleese in 2002.

"The celebrations in October will be an opportunity to honour the dedication of so many wonderful and caring people over the past 50 years," said Donal O'Keeffe, Chairperson. "It's also a chance for those living outside Kerry to reconnect, reminisce, and celebrate the legacy they helped to build – ensuring older people are remembered, cared for with dignity, and supported to live full lives."

Tickets for the 50th Anniversary Celebration Night at Killarney Racecourse on October 25th are priced at €15 and are available from Teach Iosagáin or St. Joseph's Day Care Centre. For enquiries, please call 064 77 61000.

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Get ready for Winter by vaccinating – HSE South West Winter Vaccine Campaign launched



Pictured at the HSE staff winter vaccination clinic at Killarney Community Hospital this week when details of the Winter 2025 Vaccine Campaign was launch were on left, Nurse Joni Hartnett, Vaccinator, HSE South West and Nurse Ann Carolan, Vaccinator, HSE South West. Photo: Don MacMonagle

HSE South West's has launched a Winter 2025 vaccination campaign, with the rollout of both the flu and Covid-19 vaccines.

The campaign encourages all those eligible to take up their vaccines as soon as possible, protecting themselves from illness. Vaccination is safe, effective and your best defence against seasonal illnesses. It protects not just you, but also your family, and the wider community.

HSE South West experts reminded the public that getting vaccinated now rather than waiting until later in the winter can help you avoid the need for isolating and missing out on social and seasonal get-togethers.

Those recommended to get both flu and Covid-19 vaccines in autumn/winter 2025 are: those aged 60 years and older anyone aged 6 months and older with an underlying medical condition In addition, all healthcare workers, all children aged 2-17 years and all pregnant women are recommended to get the flu vaccine.

Dr Anne Sheahan, HSE South West Regional Director for Population and Public Health said: "Don't let yourself or your family be side-lined by Flu or COVID-19 this winter. If the vaccine

Pictured at the HSE staff winter vaccination clinic at Killarney Community Hospital this week when details of the Winter 2025 Vaccine Campaign was launch were back from left, Nurse Joni Hartnett, Vaccinator, HSE South West, Louise Carlton, Assistant Director of Nursing, Health Protection, Dept of Public Health, HSE South West, Denise McShane, General Manager in Public Health, HSE South West, Kathleen O'Mahony, General Manager, Health and Wellbeing, HSE South West, Sinead Horgan, Director of Nursing, Vaccination service, Acute Hospitals, HSE South West and Nurse Ann Carolan, Vaccinator, HSE South West. Seated from left, Corrina Broderick, Clinical Lead, Immunisation services, HSE South West, Dr. Anne Sheahan, Regional Director of Public Health, HSE South West, Gabrielle O' Keffe, Head of Service, Health and Wellbeing, HSE South West, Marie Buick, Staff Officer, Vaccination Centre, HSE Kerry. Photo: Don MacMonagle

is available to you, I strongly encourage you to get the vaccines as soon as possible. Each winter season, our immunity to viruses drop, so it's important to top up your flu vaccine now and get your COVID-19 booster when it is due. People can get very ill from both flu and COVID-19 and end up in hospital. No-one wants to end up in hospital, so protect yourself and others around you by getting your vaccinations." Gabrielle O'Keeffe, Head of Service for Health and Wellbeing, and Strategy said:

"Flu and Covid-19 will circulate again throughout this winter. It is very important that all those who are in recommended groups get their free flu and COVID-19 vaccines. For more information, please speak to your GP or Pharmacist or visit hse.ie."

Last winter, almost 6,500 people were hospitalised with flu while more than 2,000 people were hospitalised with COVID-19.

Both the flu and COVID-19 vaccines are available from participating GPs and pharmacies and are safe to be given at the same time. In addition, HSE South West vaccination teams will provide vaccines for people living in residential care facilities and housebound patients. Healthcare worker vaccination clinics will take place in many HSE South West workplaces across Cork and Kerry.

To see which vaccines are recommended for you, visit hse.ie/flu or hse.ie/covid19vaccine, call HSELive on 1800 700 700, or speak to a participating GP or pharmacy.



Rambling House

at Heritage Centre Scartaglen

Monday 13th October at 8pm

Refreshments served, all are welcome.

Fossa Two Mile CCÉ

A huge thank you to all those who came and supported our Set Dancing Reunion night. We hope you enjoyed the event and look forward to seeing you at our Set Dancing Classes with Catherine Joy which have returned on Tuesday nights at Fossa Community Centre. 8.30 for beginners and 9pm for improvers and advanced.

Junior Set Dancing Classes have also returned on Wednesdays from 5.30-6.30. suitable for all ages from 7 years both boys and girls. Last year these classes were very well attended and we hope to build on this in the coming year.

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Community Gathers in Ballydesmond to Honour Credit Union Pioneer Nora Herlihy



Brendan Jenkins (ILCU President) and Abina O'Sullivan (Rathmore & District CU Chairperson).

A large crowd gathered in Ballydesmond Village on Sunday to celebrate the life and legacy of Nora Herlihy, one of the key founders of the credit union movement in Ireland, with the unveiling of a commemorative plaque at her birthplace.

The ceremony was attended by members of Nora's family, local community members, and Credit Union representatives and leaders from across the country, including Brendan Jenkins, President of the Irish League of Credit Unions (ILCU), David Malone, CEO of the ILCU, and Pat Sheehan, Director of the ILCU. Following the unveiling, guests gathered in Ballydesmond Community Centre for refreshments, reflections on Nora's enduring impact, and an evening of local traditional music.

The day also included visits to the Nora Herlihy Memorial Centre and to Ballydesmond Church graveyard, where a wreath was laid at Nora's grave in her memory.

Nora Herlihy, a teacher by profession, devoted her life to tackling poverty and promoting financial inclusion. Her work in the 1950s and 1960s laid the foundation for what has become one of Ireland's most trusted and community-driven financial movements.

Abina O'Sullivan, Chairperson of Rathmore & District Credit Union, commented:



Family and relations of Nora Herlihy with Credit Union personnel including Board and Staff members of Rathmore & District CU.



The Board of Directors of Rathmore & District CU making a presentation to Brendan Jenkins (ILCU President).

'We're extremely honoured to be here today to recognise Nora's birthplace, remember her great achievements and the legacy that she has left us, 115 years after her birth'

Fergus McAuliffe, CEO of Rathmore & District Credit Union, concluded: *"Nora Herlihy transformed communities through courage,*

leadership, and vision. We are proud to celebrate her legacy here in Ballydesmond and to reaffirm our commitment to carrying forward her mission for generations to come."

The event marked an important milestone in honouring the heritage of the Credit Union movement and its deep roots in Irish communities.

Coffee Morning in Memory of beloved Kevin



A coffee morning in memory of Kevin O'Shea will take place on Saturday, 18th October in the Aghadoe Heights Hotel from 11am-1pm.

All proceeds will go to Kerry Hospice Foundation, Kerry Cancer Support Group and Recovery Haven.

If you are unable to make it on the day, the iDonate link is <https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/OSheaFamily> or the QR code can be scanned above.

We would very much appreciate any donation, big or small to these wonderful charities that are very close to our hearts, and who offered comfort and care when it was needed most. We'd be so grateful for any support.

A special mention to all the wonderful local businesses and hotels that have so generously sponsored spot prizes, all to be won on the day. In loving memory of our beloved Dad and Husband, Kevin O'Shea.

From Siobhan, Keven, Orla & Darragh O'Shea.

Kevin's Coffee Morning

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Garda Youth Award for Castleisland Community College Students

The Lee Strand Garda Youth Awards ceremony took place on Friday, 27th September in the Rose Hotel, Tralee. Abigail Horan, Sharon Fitzmaurice, Rachel Horgan and Siobhán Mahony with guidance from their mentor Elaine Murphy received a merit award in the Safety Category. The Sun Smarties project involved the school becoming the first ever Sun Smart School in Ireland and they also ran an awareness campaign about the prevention of skin cancer. The school became a pilot school for the HSE, who wish to promote their Sun Safe Programme nationally.

Skin cancer is the most common cancer in Ireland, with over 13,000 new cases diagnosed every year. This number is expected to double by 2040. Schools in the UK and Australia can register to become Sun Smart schools where the health authorities support schools in creating sun safe environments and promote sun protection behaviours. The four students worked with the HSE to introduce this into Irish schools. The team designed a four-step programme for schools to follow to become a



Elaine Murphy (Teacher & Mentor), Sharon Fitzmaurice, Abigail Horan, Siobhán Mahony and Rachel Horgan.

sun safe school. 'The students won the overall Gold Award in the Young Social Innovators 2024 for this project and they continued last year in progressing it further with the HSC. The

four girls showed great teamwork and initiative,' concluded Ms Murphy.

6 IMRO National Radio Awards for Radio Kerry

Radio Kerry has won three gold awards, two silver and one bronze at this year's IMRO National Radio Awards which were held in Kilkenny last Friday night. The annual awards celebrate excellence in radio.

Deirdre Walsh's was awarded Gold in the Interactive Speech Programme category for 'The Curious Case of the Dog and the Street Light'. JJ O Shea Gold award was for Specialist Music Broadcaster while Yuliia Riabova received the top accolade in the Gay Byrne Newcomer of the Year category.

Silver Awards went to Niamh Daly, presenter of New Moves, in the Irish Music Programme or Initiative and to Radio Kerry in the Local Station of the Year. Finally in the Short Feature category it was a bronze award for Elaine Kinsella's 'Heritage Hunters' which is in association with Kerry County Museum.

Congratulating the winners, Fiona Stack, Radio Kerry's General Manager, also paid tribute to all the Radio Kerry nominees. It is always an



Deirdre Walsh, Talkabout - The Curious Case of The Dog and the Street Light, Radio Kerry, Winners of Interactive Speech Programme at the IMRO Radio Awards 2025 held at the Lyrath Estate Hotel on Friday 3rd October 2025. Photo by Andres Poveda.



JJ O Shea, Radio Kerry, Winners of Specialist Music Broadcaster of the Year at the IMRO Radio Awards 2025 held at the Lyrath Estate Hotel on Friday 3rd October 2025. Photo by Andres Poveda.

honour to be recognized amongst our peers. Radio Kerry is very proud to have represented the people of Kerry for the last 35 years. We are hugely grateful for the support of the Radio Kerry Board of Directors, listeners and

advertisers who make everything we do possible. Radio Kerry has been nominated 148 times and has won 83 IMRO National Radio Awards in the past 18 years.

Philip and Vivienne Brady, Betty and Don Rohan, Countess Grove, Best Large Estate Award, with Martin Grady (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council), Kerry footballer Gavin White and Michael Gleeson (Killarney Looking Good Chairperson) at The Killarney Looking Good Awards in The Great Southern Hotel on Wednesday night.

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Kerry Older People's Council Information Day 2025



Over 100 older residents from across County Kerry attended the Annual General Meeting and Information Day of the Older People's Council Kerry in the Rose Hotel, Tralee on 3rd October 2025.

The Chair of the Kerry Older People's Council, Catherine Lenihan, welcomed the Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council Cllr. Michael Foley and Age Friendly Ambassador for County Kerry, Francis Brennan to the event. A warm welcome was extended to all older individuals, community groups and networks in attendance from across the county.

The aim of the Older People's Council AGM and Information Day was to promote the Age Friendly Kerry Programme and attract new members to the Older People's Council.

Catherine Lenihan, Kerry Older People's Council Executive Chair, gave an update on the role of the Older People's Council Executive. Davina Griffin, Age Friendly Programme Manager updated attendees on the activities of the Kerry Older People's Council Executive and the Age Friendly programme over the last year along with plans moving forward, including the development of a new Age Friendly Kerry Strategy. Dara McGuigan, Age Friendly Ireland Regional Manager for the West, provided an overview of the Age Friendly Ireland. Francis Brennan, Age Friendly Ambassador for County Kerry, partook in a Fireside Chat and Questions and Answers session from the audience.

Catherine Lenihan, Chair of the Executive Committee of the Older People's Council, called for all residents of County Kerry aged 55 and over to input to the development of the new Age Friendly Kerry Strategy during the public consultations being held in early 2026.

Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council,



Over 100 older residents from across County Kerry attended the Annual General Meeting and Information Day of the Older People's Council Kerry in the Rose Hotel, Tralee on 3rd October 2025.

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Francie Brennan, Age Friendly Ambassador for County Kerry talks to Alan Cantwell who was MC on the day.

Cllr. Michael Foley said: "The Older People's Council is vital in ensuring that the voices, lived experiences and wisdom of our older citizens is heard. I am proud to support this Information Day, which celebrates active ageing, community involvement and the ongoing contributions of older people to our county. Part of plans going forward is the development of a new Age Friendly Strategy for Kerry. Insights of older people across Kerry will be sought to shape priorities within the strategy and how we continue to build Kerry as an Age Friendly County."

Age Friendly Ambassador for County Kerry,

Francis Brennan said, "I am proud to attend the Older People's Council AGM and Information Day. Older people are a source of lived experiences which can enrich our county and shape the priorities of the county strategy. As Age Friendly Ambassador, I continue to support the work of the Age Friendly Kerry programme in helping Kerry grow as an Age Friendly County."

Dara McGuigan, Age Friendly Ireland Regional Programme Manager for the West, said: "I am delighted to attend the Kerry Older People's Council AGM and Information Day. Age Friendly Ireland will continue to work with the Age Friendly Kerry programme to make sure the voice of older people is heard, which is essential in shaping the next Age Friendly Kerry strategy."

Residents of County Kerry aged 55 and over who would like to learn more about getting involved in the Older People's Council can contact the Kerry Age Friendly Programme Manager, Davina Griffin, by email: agefriendly@kerrycoco.ie



L-R: Jessie O'Keefe, Mairéad Allman and Alana Kelliher.

Presentation Secondary School Castleisland recycling scheme for cans and bottles for UNICEF

The students and staff of Presentation Secondary School have started returning bottle and cans to a newly installed collection bin on the school grounds. Jessie O'Keefe, a Transition Year Student explained that 'when you return bottles and cans through our Deposit Return Scheme, you can choose to donate the refund to UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Education Fund.)

Right now, Gaza is facing a severe humanitarian crisis. Thousands of children have lost their lives and many more are suffering from hunger, disease and lack of clean water due to ongoing conflict and famine conditions.

Funds donated to UNICEF will provide life-saving food, clean water, medical care and

shelter for children and families struggling to survive.

'We wanted to do something to acknowledge the crisis in Gaza and we thought this initiative was an ideal opportunity to raise funds for this very worthy cause', said Mairead Allman. Small bottles or cans up to 500ml are worth 15 cent each and 25 cent can be collected for large bottles or cans over 500ml.

'By raising awareness of the situation in Gaza, we hope to show that our community cares about those suffering around the world. Together, through small actions and shared compassion, we can make a difference in challenging times', said student, Alana Kelliher.





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KILCUMMIN PARISH

Written by: Helen Moynihan

KILCUMMIN LOOKING GOOD CHRISTMAS EVENT

Kilcummin Looking Good/"Jingle & Mingle" will be holding a church gate collection on the weekend of the 11th 12th October. The funds raised will go towards this event on 14th December. Any and all support would be sincerely appreciated.

KILCUMMIN CCÉ AGM

The Annual General Meeting of Kilcummin Comhaltas Branch will take place on Wednesday 15th October in the Parish Office at 8pm. All members are invited to attend.

STATIONS MASS FOR THE MASTERGEEHA Area will take place on Monday 13th October in Mastergeeha Club House at 7.30pm. Townlands include Knockancore, Toremore, Clydine, Glounnacopple, Glounonea, Lacca, Mastergeeha & Reenalougha.

UPCOMING DATES FOR STATIONS MASS

Upcoming Dates for Stations Mass: Coolick School Area on Thursday, 16th October @7.30pm; Parish Church Centre on Thursday 23rd October @7.30pm

TRACTOR RUN

Tractor run will take place on Sunday 26th October. Tractors, trucks, motorcycles, vintage & modified cars. Registration from 11.00am, leaving "The Village Inn Bar" at 1pm. Live Music in bar 3.00 – 9.00pm. All proceeds go to Kerry Cancer Support Group. Please contact Dale 087 4592884 for further information.

POSITIVE AGEING EXERCISE CLASS

Positive Ageing Exercise Class continues every Tuesday in Kilcummin Recreational Hall from 10.30am to 11.30am. For more information please contact Mary Coleman 087 9757951.

JUNIOR SET DANCING

Junior Set Dancing continues every Friday in Kilcummin Recreational hall from 7 to 8pm for beginners and intermediates and 8 to 9pm for advanced. These classes give an opportunity for children to learn how to set dance and waltz while having fun. The classes are open to children from within and outside Kilcummin parish. Further information contact Mary on 087 9620135.

KILCUMMIN GAA NOTES BY DONAL BARRY

EAST KERRY

Five of our Senior team played pivotal roles for East Kerry in the Garvey's Supervalu Senior county championship on Saturday in their 3-23 to 1-10 win over Templenoe. There were starts for Daragh O'Callaghan, Paul O Shea and Philip O Leary while Matt Keane and Sean O Leary were both introduced on the 40th minute. Paul O'Shea capped a fine performance scoring 1-3 while Philip O'Leary and Matt Keane both scored a point in a very one side performance. East Kerry will now play Rathmore in the Quarter Final next Saturday 11th October with a 2pm throw in at Fitzgerald Stadium.

JUNIORS

There was no joy for our juniors in the McElligott Shield Final on Sunday afternoon when they were defeated 3-12 to 0-14 by Killarney Legion at Fossa.

UNDER 14S

Hard luck to our Under 14 boys who just finished up short to Scartaglen on Sunday in the East Kerry Under 14 Division 1 final. In the end, Scart ran out 3-14 to 4-9 winners after an entertaining affair in which both sides gave it their all throughout. Despite opening the scoring through a fine Darragh Fleming score it was Scart that took the early initiative as they went 1-3 to 0-1 ahead after 15 minutes. A Max Moynihan point halted the flow of scores before Conor Gallivan added a fine point free. Back-to-back goals by Moynihan ensured the bare minimum at the break 2-5 to 2-4 with Scart leading the way. Moynihan levelled up matters on the restart before Conor Gallivan put Kilcummin ahead. Dan Barry saved off the line as the winners were held at bay before they found the next three scores as they began to kick on. A third Moynihan goal kept Kilcummin in touch 2-11 to 3-7. On the 50th minute Scart struck for a third goal, but another Moynihan goal pegged them back to 3-14 to 4-8 heading into the final moments of this enthralling contest and despite a late free Kilcummin were unable to gain parity ahead of the full-time whistle. Well done to all the players and management for efforts throughout the season.

CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL

Congratulations to Kilcummin N.S who qualified from their group stages

of Cumann na mBunscol into the County knock out stages. In fact it was an all-out Kilcummin final as Kilcummin NS overcame the challenge of Coolick NS. Well done to their coach Mr. Michael Murphy and all the players and we wish them the best in the next round.

UNDER 16'S

Our under 16's open their East Kerry Championship campaign on Sunday when they travel to Dr. Crokes (Time to be decided)

AGM

The clubs AGM has been set for November 28th at the Club at 8pm.

ACADEMY ENDS

Kilcummin wrapped up their football season this weekend and a massive thanks to all the parents who came out to support all the kids. Special guests Zac Cronin and Dara O' Callaghan made the weekend extra memorable by presenting medals to every player.

NATIONAL CLUB DRAW

The National Club Draw is back for 2026. Running a Club comes at a cost so we are asking all Club Supporters and Members to consider purchasing a ticket which can be done by logging onto your Foireann.ie account. Tickets are €15 and all proceeds go to Kilcummin GAA Club.

There are numerous prizes on offer including cash, holiday vouchers and football and hurling packages for 2026.

LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Monday 6th October for the Jackpot of €4,250. Numbers drawn were 01,03,12,19. Consolation prizes of €50 went Mike Casey Dunrine, Noreen Scanlon, (online), Mike Cronin c/o James Foley, Annmarie Daly, Our Lady of Lourdes. Our next draw will be on Monday 20th October for Jackpot of €4,500.

QUIZ NIGHT

Our Mothers and Others are holding a fun Halloween Quiz night in the Klub Bar on Friday October 24th at 8pm. The evening promises to be a fun and community-focused event, and most importantly, all proceeds will be shared equally between Temple Street Children's University Hospital and the Kilcummin Mothers & Others Football Team.

EMERGENCY FIRST AID

As part of the Healthy Club Initiative, Kilcummin GAA are holding an Emergency First Aid course on Thursday the 23rd of October from 7-9pm in the clubhouse. This is a certified course covering - heart attack, cardiac arrest, CPR, AED use and choking. The cost is €10 which goes back into the Kilcummin Defibrillator Support Group. It is open to all members of the community over the age of 18. This is a practical course so places are limited. Booking is essential. To book your place send a what's app message to Niamh on 087-9801105.

MASTERGEEHA FC

LOTTO

There was no winner on Friday 3rd October 2025 of the Jackpot €11,200. Numbers drawn were 10, 12, 14, 16. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Valarie McGillicuddy, Tiernaboul; Charlie Lenihan, Rathanane; Daniel McCarthy, Leamaguilla; Karen Smith, online. The next draw will be on Friday 10th October for Jackpot of €11,400.



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BEAUFORT PARISH

By Bridget Hartnett

RAMBLING HOUSE

Beaufort Pioneers will host a Rambling House in The local Community Centre shortly. Details later

BEAUFORT FILM NIGHT

Beaufort Film Night will hold a film night on Friday 17th October at 8.30pm at Cullina National School, Beaufort. The feature film on the night is The Marching Band, a French drama-comedy (with English subtitles). Cert 12A. Admission €7 cash (No card payment available).

BARRETT CUP WINNERS

Beaufort beat Kerins O'Rahillys in the Final of Barrett Cup on Sunday. They last won it in 2008 and where Padraig Hallissey was the only player to start both Finals.

The Tralee side began well with some 2 pointers playing with the breeze, but a well finished move finished to the net by the hard working, energetic player Rory Breen kept Beaufort in the team at halftime. Score was Beaufort 1-2 Kerins O'Rahillys 0-11 at the break.

Beaufort settled well in the 2nd half and with some great defensive work and quick breaks led to 2 great goals. Brilliant goal by top-scorer Niall Carey and a cool finish by Darragh Dennnehy kept Beaufort ahead. The lead was cut after Kerins O'Rahillys had a penalty goal but a great save from Jason Foley ensured they kept their lead to the end. The Cup was presented to Beaufort's 'adopted son' South Kerry man Alan Devane by the Barrett Family. Alan gave a good speech and he thanked the management

of Cormac O'Shea, Brendan Breen and Fergus Kelly.

BEAUFORT LOTTO

Next Draw for a Lotto Jackpot of €8000 will be held on Sunday next 12th October. Tickets available from usual sellers, bars and shops, Lotto can also be done on line on beaufortgaa.com

UNDER 14 GIRLS

Hard luck to our under 14 girls Team who lost out narrowly to Scartaglin/ Cordal in a cracking contest played in Cordal on Thursday evening in the East Kerry League.

U14 BOYS

U14 boys played Glenbeigh /Glencar/Cromane in the Mid-Kerry Championship on Monday. Final score: Beaufort 5.18 to GGC 3-8.

U16S

Our U16s travelled to Laune Rangers on Friday evening. Final score: Laune Rangers 8-15 to Beaufort 1-5.

EAST KERRY V TEMPLENOE SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

History was made in Pete Coghlan Park Saturday in the East Kerry v Templenoe Senior Championship game. It was the first game to be held operating Scoreboard, Full Timer and Hooter. The Controller was Ronan Curran. Big Thanks to Ronan and well done to him.

WELL DONE to Mid Kerry on their win over Dr. Crokes on Saturday evening. They now play Spa in the Quarterfinals. Time and date to be confirmed.

SPA PARISH

By Leanne Cronin

SENIOR MEN

Spa will play Mid Kerry in the Garveys SuperValu County Championship Quarter Final. This game will be played in Austin Stack Park on Sunday 12th October at 1:30pm

LISSIVIGEEN COMMUNITY ALERT

The Lissivigeen Community Alert committee would like to thank Kerry County Council for financial assistance under the Community Support Fund 2025 in respect of the annual bus trip. This year the senior residents of the community enjoyed a trip to Dingle.

SPA LOTTO 6/10/2025 RESULTS

Numbers drawn: 1, 6, 24, 27. One winner; Congratulations to Karen McAuliffe, Tiernaboul, Killarney. Monthly Annual Ticket Holders Draw; Michael O'Connell, Whitebridge. Next week's draw will be Monday 13 October for a jackpot of €3,000

NOTES

Any items for our notes please contact Leanne 085-7762411

LISTRY PARISH

Written by: Colette Leslie

LOTTO

Jackpot €12,400. Numbers Drawn: 04, 16, 25, 26. €100 Mary Buckley (online). €50 Ann & Steven O' Brien Mary Looney (online). €25 Keva Buckley, Ballyhar. €25 Tim Mc Carthy, Ballytrasna. Jackpot next week Sunday 12/10/2025 €12,550

SENIOR B

Cong to the senior B team who won the Cahill Cup v Ballymac on a scoreline of 3-16 to 1-11. Congratulations to all players and management.

U9S

Our U9s will bring their season to a close this Saturday 11th October when they travel to Rathmore to take part in the Munster GAA Blitz. Best of luck

to all involved.

U10S

On Wednesday evening, our U10s welcomed Milltown to Listry for their final game of the season. Well done to all the players and coaches on a fantastic and very active year of football.

U16S

On Sunday October 12th, our U16s begin their East Kerry Championship campaign with a Round 1 clash away to Rathmore. Throw-in is at 11am. Best of luck to the team and mentors.



Club representatives, sponsors, officers and children showing off their club colours at the launch of the O'Donoghue Cup and the O'Sullivan Cup this week. Photo: Seamus Healy

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RATHMORE | GNEEVEGUILLA PARISH

By Michael O' Mahony

NORAH HICKEY ALBUM LAUNCH

Norah Hickey from Knocknaloman near Rathmore will be launching her debut Album "JUST FOR YOU" at the Heights Hotel, Killarney on Friday 24th of October. This fantastic 15-track Album includes all her singles to date mixed with some new recordings. It is being released on CD and USB and will be available to buy on the night. The album will also be available for purchase from various retail outlets and direct from Norah herself. These Retail Outlets will be listed on Norah's Facebook in due course.

The launch night show will run from 9pm to midnight and all are welcome. 3 hours of great entertainment and dancing for only €10.00 admission. Norah's guest performers will include Eddie Lee, Paudie McAuliffe, Seamus Healy, The Diamond Sisters and Eileen O'Connor. MC for the night is renowned songwriter Niall O'Brien who is a brother of Hot Country TV's Hugh O'Brien.

Norah is available for Bar entertainment, Social Dancing and Special Occasions and hopes to meet those of you who cannot attend the Launch at some venue alone way

EVENT: Norah Hickey's Album Launch. DATE: Friday October 24th 2025. VENUE: Heights Hotel, Killarney. TIME: 9pm until 12 (Midnight) 3 Hours of entertainment and dancing. ADMISSION: €10.00; All Welcome. GUEST ARTISTES: 1: Eddie Lee 2: Paudie McAuliffe 3: Seamus Healy 4: The Diamond Sisters 5: Eileen O'Connor

SHARE THE BUCKET

Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group reminds you that Share the Bucket takes place weekly. The draw is every Friday evening in Teach Fáilte @8.30 pm and can be viewed live on our Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook Page. This week's jackpot was €203 and the winner was Donie keane. Tickets cost €2 each or 3 for €5. They are available at Teach Fáilte and can be bought online at <https://tinyurl.com/y2ade5om> or in local businesses where you see the Green Share the bucket.

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

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

LOTTO

Rathmore GAA JACKPOT WINNER €4,600. Congratulations to Michael McDevitt, Gortacurrin, Headford.

SYMPATHIES To Dan Joe, Sean & Con Casey & families on the death of their sister Nora Mary Rahily. St Lukes Cork. Nora Mary was laid to rest on Monday 29th September in Gurrabraha, Cork. May Nora Mary rest in peace and may all who mourn her loss be comforted.

Rathmore GAA Club wish to extend they sincere and heartfelt sympathy & everyone to Denis McCrohan on the death of his mother Mae. May her gentle soul rest in peace.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON DANCING

Community Hall, Milltown Killarney V93ET62. Sun 12th Oct Sun 19th Oct Sun 26th Oct Jer Healy & the Singing Jarvey, Noreen Ashe Band, C&M Sound Michael Twomey & Michael Horgan. Sun 2nd Nov Michael Collins Band. Dancing 3.00pm – 5.00pm. Admission €10. Free draw with Door Ticket. Contact John Joe Herlihy 087 9735113

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Best of luck to Rathmore v East Kerry in Garveys County championship Qualifier Final at Fitzgerald stadium at 2pm. this Saturday October 11th Double header With Austin Stack play Kenmare shamrocks at 4pm with extra time & winner on day

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NOTES

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

GLENFLESK PARISH

Written by: Sean Daly

COUNTY CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the Glenflesk Senior Ladies team and management on a fantastic victory over Kerins O'Rahillys, with a final score of 3-11 to 1-10, in the Bons Secours Junior B County Championship Final played in Fossa last Saturday. It was an outstanding performance from this talented young team. A huge thank you to everyone who came out to support the team in such great numbers on the day.

LOTTO

There was no winner of the Glenflesk Lotto which took place on 30/9/25. Jackpot €3,600 The numbers drawn were: 17, 20, 23, 29. Consolation Prizes of €50: Shane O'Riordan, Knockeengowan, Headford, Ciarán Loughnane, Clonkeen, Maria Buckley, Clonkeen, Tim Teahan, c/o Irish Rail. Next draw will take place in Glenflesk Hall on the 13/10/25. Jackpot will be €3,800. Thank you to all who support our Lotto, to our sellers and to Diarmuid Lynch Plumbing and Heating Ltd for sponsoring the tickets.



County Junior B Champions Glenflesk who defeated Kerins O'Rahilly's last Saturday in Fossa. Photo Seamus Healy.



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By Dermot Cronin,
Financial Advisor



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Men in Ireland Dying Too Young from Preventable Causes, New Report Warns

Men in Ireland are dying prematurely and experiencing poor health outcomes, according to a major new report from Movember. The Real Face of Men's Health study reveals that two in five male deaths occur before the age of 75 and that men are 40% more likely than women to die prematurely across all of the country's five leading causes of death.

The report highlights significant health inequalities, showing that men in the most deprived areas are 150% more likely to die before 75 compared to those in wealthier areas. It also estimates that preventable illnesses such as coronary heart disease, stroke, chronic lung disease, lung cancer and suicide cost Ireland more than €1 billion in 2023, with €716 million of that deemed avoidable.

Mental health emerges as a critical concern, with men accounting for nearly four out of five suicides. Almost all GPs surveyed reported treating men with suicidal behaviour in the past year, yet only a small minority felt very confident in addressing such cases. Stigma, social pressures, and fears about career impact were cited as barriers preventing men from seeking support.

The study also reveals the wider impact of poor men's health on families and carers. Six in ten carers reported declines in their own mental health, while many experienced frequent worry and anxiety as a result of caregiving responsibilities.

Public concern is strong, with three-quarters of Irish adults expressing worry about men's health, particularly around suicide, loneliness and mental wellbeing. Many believe younger men are struggling to find purpose in society, while fathers report feeling unsupported in their roles.

The report, produced with the Men's Health Forum in Ireland and South-East Technological University, urges Government to accelerate the roll-out of the National Men's Health Action Plan with an initial €10 million investment. Movember Country Manager Sarah Ouellette described the findings as a wake-up call, stressing that men's health is not only about men but about families and communities.

Health Minister Jennifer Carroll MacNeill said the findings would help build on progress made since Ireland became the first country to adopt a National Men's Health Policy in



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2009. Musician Cian Ducrot and former boxing champion Barry McGuigan, both Movember ambassadors, endorsed the report, calling for urgent action to address the barriers stopping men from seeking care.

The report is being described as the most comprehensive examination of men's health ever published in Ireland and a crucial tool in shaping future policy.

7 Reasons to Try Sober October for Your Mental Health

SOBER October

Turn2Me, a national mental health charity, is encouraging people across Ireland to consider taking part in Sober October this year. The charity highlighted seven mental health benefits of taking a break from alcohol and called on people to use the month as an opportunity to prioritise their wellbeing.

"Alcohol is often normalised in Irish culture, but it can have a significantly detrimental impact on our mental health," Fiona O'Malley, CEO of Turn2Me, said, "Even small amounts can disrupt sleep, increase anxiety, and lower mood. Sober October is a chance to step back, reflect on our relationship with alcohol, and feel the benefits of clear-headed living. At Turn2Me, we see how lifestyle choices like reducing alcohol can positively affect mental wellbeing. It's about giving your mind and body the chance to reset."

Turn2Me's seven mental health reasons to try Sober October:

Better sleep: Alcohol interferes with the quality of rest, leaving people groggy and anxious. Without it, sleep patterns often improve.

Reduced anxiety: Alcohol can initially numb feelings, but it often rebounds as heightened anxiety the next day. Skipping it can stabilise mood.

Improved focus: Clarity of mind, concentration, and memory improve

when alcohol is removed from daily life.

No next-day 'Fear': When you cut out alcohol, you don't need to worry about what you said or did, or stress about spending money you didn't intend to.

More energy: Without the depressive effects of alcohol, energy levels rise, supporting better mental resilience.

Healthier coping strategies: Taking a break encourages people to replace alcohol with more positive outlets like exercise, reading, or time in nature.

Social connection: By choosing sober activities, people can strengthen relationships built on meaningful connection rather than drinking. Turn2Me stressed that Sober October is not about judgement, but about awareness and balance.

"Even one alcohol-free month can show people how much lighter, calmer, and more focused they feel. It can be a catalyst for longer-term changes," O'Malley added.

Turn2Me provides free mental health support services to adults across Ireland, including up to six counselling sessions, support groups on anxiety, depression, grief or relationship issues, a 'Thought Catcher' online mood diary, and helpful articles, on Turn2Me.ie

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Cultivating a positive self-image isn't about ignoring imperfections—it's about accepting yourself as a whole and focusing on your strengths.

Coaching Tip: Start a "Self-Truth Journal"

Each day, write down one thing you appreciate about yourself—something true, not inflated. It could be, "I handled a tough conversation with patience," or "I like how I smiled at a stranger today." Over time, this habit shifts your focus from internal criticism to self-recognition. The goal isn't perfection, but progress.

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Yoga: Gentle yoga routines can be done daily to improve flexibility, balance, and mental well-being.

Bodyweight Exercises: Light bodyweight movements like squats, lunges, push-ups, and planks can be performed daily if they are not too intense, focusing on proper form.

Breathing Exercises: Deep breathing or diaphragmatic breathing can be done every day to reduce stress and improve lung capacity.

The important thing is to listen to your body. If you feel pain or excessive fatigue, allow time for rest.

Vary your routines to prevent overuse injuries and incorporate rest days after more intense workouts.

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SCREEN TIME

Most parents worry about how much time children are spending on digital devices. Here are the facts

WHAT IS BLUE LIGHT?

Sunlight contains red, orange, yellow, green and blue light rays. Combined, this spectrum of coloured light rays creates what we call 'white light' or sunlight.

Depending on where they fall on the spectrum, light rays have long wavelengths (with less energy) or short wavelengths (with more energy).

Blue light is a high-energy visible light and has shorter wavelengths. It is known as blue light because it is on the violet-blue band of the spectrum.

Blue light is naturally present in sunlight but is also something we can see from screens such as TVs, computers, smartphones and tablets.

Can blue light damage my child's eyes?

There is currently no scientific evidence that blue light causes damage to the eyes. However, there is evidence to suggest that carrying out near tasks, involving looking at something close-up, such as using mobile devices, screen time and reading a book, can increase eye strain for those who do this for long periods of time.

What is digital eye strain?

Digital eye strain happens when a lot of time is spent using near vision, for example, reading on screen or playing online games.

One of the main symptoms is temporary blurred vision but other signs such as sore and tired eyes, dry eye and headaches are also associated with digital eye strain.

Can blue light affect my child's sleep pattern?

Using screens close to bedtime may contribute to poorer sleep, which may mean your child's

concentration levels are lower during the day. This may be because blue light is linked to the suppression of the hormone melatonin which makes us feel sleepy. However, there is a range of other factors linked to disrupted sleep.

Can blue light filtered lenses help?

Some people report that lens coatings that filter blue light make their eyes feel more comfortable or are helpful before bed.

IS THERE A LINK BETWEEN SCREEN TIME AND SHORT-SIGHTEDNESS?

Short-sightedness, or myopia, is increasing throughout the world. Family history, ethnic background, environment (living indoors, in cities) and carrying out near tasks, such as screen use, have all been linked to the development of myopia. However, there is no clear evidence to suggest that screen time alone is the direct cause. But, there is good evidence to suggest that children who spend more time outdoors are at lower risk of developing short-sightedness.

TIPS FOR KEEPING YOUR CHILD'S EYES HEALTHY

Get them outdoors – regular play and exercise can help prevent or reduce the development of myopia (short-sightedness). Studies show two hours of outdoor activity a day is ideal

Use night settings - using night settings, if your device has them, may help children sleep by reducing the amount of blue light given off by the screen during night-time hours

Make sure digital devices are turned off at least an hour before bedtime

Book your child in for a sight test at least every two years, from the age of three.



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COMFORT FOR CHEMO KERRY

A new standalone Oncology Unit for University Hospital Kerry (UHK) is vital for all cancer patients and their families in Kerry and Fianna Fáil TD, Michael Cahill has raised it with the Taoiseach Micheál Martin, the Minister for Health, Jennifer Carroll MacNeill, TD and the CEO of the Health Service Executive, Bernard Gloster.

"I impressed upon them the urgent requirement of a stand-alone Oncology/Haematology Unit on the grounds of University Hospital Kerry to include a Chemotherapy Day Unit, an outpatient. Department, and an aseptic compounding unit, all designed to provide Kerry patients with the dignity, privacy, and comfort they deserve during one of the most challenging periods of their lives. The Comfort for Chemo Kerry

committee have already raised over €1.5m in funds and a site has been designated for the purpose, within the UHK campus" stated Deputy Cahill.

"This project is extremely important for Kerry and I am anxious that it proceeds as soon as possible. Delays only mean an escalation in costs for an already costly undertaking. This vital project would lessen the need for some Kerry patients to travel to hospitals in Cork for Cancer treatments, some in multiple trips. I will continue to put pressure on for the early delivery of this Unit on behalf of all patients and their families in Kerry" added Michael Cahill TD who is also a member of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Health.

Minister Foley welcomes extension of Free Travel companion pass which will benefit over 19,000 people in Kerry

Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Kerry T.D Norma Foley has welcomed the extension of the Free Travel companion pass which will benefit over 19,000 people in Kerry.

From 29th September, those over 70 with a valid free travel companion Public Services Card can have another person, aged 16 or older, travel with them for free on all public and certain private transport services operated under the Free Travel scheme. This includes bus, rail, Local Link and the Luas, along with some services operated by private bus and ferry transport operators.

This measure is expected to benefit up to 525,000 Free Travel recipients aged 70 and over at a cost of €4.1m this year nationwide.

This includes over 19,000 people aged 70 and over in Kerry who now will be able to bring a free travel companion with them.

Minister Foley said: "I am delighted to welcome this significant expansion of the Free Travel Scheme, announced by Minister Dara Calleary and Minister Darragh O'Brien.

"The announcement means that everybody with a valid Free Travel Companion Public Services Card in Kerry will be able to bring another person with them on their journey on all public and certain private transport services participating in the Free Travel Scheme.

"This is expected to benefit over 19,000 people in Kerry aged 70 and over - giving older people freedom of choice and greater

independence and security when travelling.

The Free Travel Scheme is currently available to everyone aged 66 or over, and to certain people who are under 66 in receipt of qualifying payments, or who meet the medical conditions for Blind Pension, and are legally living permanently in the State.

If you qualify for Free Travel and you are married, in a civil partnership or cohabiting, your partner may currently travel with you for free if you meet certain criteria.

If you are under 70 and cannot travel alone for medical reasons, you may apply for Free Travel for a companion. This allows a person aged 16 or over to travel with you for free.

This new measure allows those over 70 with a valid free travel companion Public Services Card to have another person, aged 16 or older, travel with them for free.

The Free Travel Scheme allows for free travel on public transport provided by the State. This includes bus, rail, Local Link and the Luas. Free travel is also available on some services operated by private bus and ferry transport operators. There are currently over 1.1 million people eligible for a free travel pass. This figure increases to over 1.9 million when companion and spousal passes are included.

For more information on the Free Travel Scheme visit www.Gov.ie/FreeTravel.

Michael Cahill TD Welcomes Major Investment in Kerry Mental Health Services

Kerry to Benefit from New €1.3m Crisis Resolution Service – 10 New Mental Health Staff to Be Appointed

Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry, Michael Cahill, has warmly welcomed the announcement by Minister of State for Mental Health and Older People, Mary Butler TD, of a new Crisis Resolution Service for Kerry, as part of the 2026 mental health budget.

The service, which will receive €1.3 million in recurring annual funding, will include the recruitment of 10 new whole-time-equivalent mental health professionals locally. This development marks a significant step forward in providing responsive, community-based mental health supports for people in crisis across the county.

"This is a transformative development for mental health services in Kerry," said Deputy Cahill. "I want to commend my colleague, Minister Mary Butler, for her strong commitment

to ensuring that communities like ours are not left behind when it comes to accessing timely, compassionate mental health care."

The new Crisis Resolution Service will include two key components:

1. Crisis Resolution Teams

Multidisciplinary community-based teams providing rapid assessment and intensive short-term support (up to six weeks) for individuals in acute mental health crisis.

Services will be delivered in a flexible way, including at home, in community settings, or virtually. Teams will operate extended hours, seven days a week, ensuring help is available when it's most needed.

2. Solace Cafés

These non-clinical, out-of-hours spaces will offer a welcoming and supportive environment in the style of a café.

Open in the evenings and weekends, the cafés will offer peer support, psychosocial

interventions, and recovery planning.

Staff will also assist in signposting individuals to other mental health and well-being services locally.

Deputy Cahill added, "This is about meeting people where they are and offering them the right support, at the right time, in the right place. Whether it's through a Crisis Team responding at home or the warm, supportive atmosphere of a Solace Café, this investment puts Kerry at the heart of a modern, person-centred approach to mental health care."

The new service for Kerry follows the successful rollout of similar models in other regions, including a recently opened centre in Sligo.

"This funding is recurring, it's not a once-off. That means long-term, sustainable investment in mental health infrastructure for our county. It will make a real difference in people's lives," Deputy Cahill concluded.



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Bridge Bar, Rathmore
Dennehy's Bar, Rathmore
Richie McAuliffe's, Gneeveguilla

3rd Friday

7.30 PM
8.00 PM
8.15 PM
9.00 PM
9.30 PM

Castleisland Area

River Island Hotel, Castleisland
The Kingdom Bar, Castleisland
The Crown Hotel, Castleisland
Hughes Bar, Cordal
Lyon's Bar, Scartaglen

1st Wednesday

8.00 PM
8.30 PM
9.00 PM
9.30 PM

Killarney Area

Torc Hotel, Lissivigeen
The Village Inn, Kilcummin
Old Killarney Inn, Aghadoe
The Golden Nugget, Fossa

4th Thursday

7:00 PM
7.30 PM
8.15 PM
8.45 PM

Killorglin Area

Golden Nugget, Fossa
Galvin's Bar, Beaufort
O'Grady's Bar, Killorglin
Larkin's Bar, Milltown
Griffins Bar, Castlemaine
Anvil Bar, Boolteens

1st Thursday

8.30 PM
9.00 PM
9.30 PM
10:00 PM

Glenflesk & Barraduff

The Kerry Way, Glenflesk
Spillane's Headford
Murphy's Bar, Barraduff
Sweeney's Bar, Barraduff

4th Friday

8.30 PM
9.30 PM
10.00 PM
10.45 PM

Kenmare & Sneem Area

The Roughty bar, Kenmare
Riney's Bar, Sneem
Blackwater Tavern
O'Connor's Bar Kenmare

1st Friday

9.30 PM
10:00 PM
10:30 PM

Tuosist & Lauragh

Sailors Bar, Killaha West
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Last Monday

8:00 PM
8:30 PM
9:00 PM
10:00 PM

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3rd Monday

8.30 PM
9.00 PM
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Minister Healy-Rae invites landowners to attend “Let’s Talk Trees” events in October and November 2025

Minister of State for Forestry, Farm Safety and Horticulture, Michael Healy-Rae TD, has today announced that he will host four free forestry information events in collaboration with the Teagasc Forestry Development Department in October and November 2025.

Each event is run over an evening and opens with two short presentations, followed by a conversation between Minister Healy-Rae and a farmer discussing their forestry journey. Attendees will also get an opportunity to talk to professional Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine Forestry Inspectors and Teagasc Forestry Advisors on a one-to-one basis about their interest in forestry. These events are FREE and open to all.

Minister Healy-Rae said: “I would urge all landowners who are interested in planting trees to attend these events, which will show how forestry can complement farming, diversify farm income, and provide long term financial support. These sessions will give farmers a clear picture of the



grants, premiums and supports available and demonstrate how planting trees can be a part of a balanced, resilient farm business.”

These events will provide information on what grants and premiums are available to landowners to plant trees and how these payments interact with other agricultural payments. They will also help to address potential barriers to planting trees. Note all payments and earnings are income tax free.

Minister Healy-Rae continued: “I would also like to emphasise that there is a forest type to suit every type of land, and a scheme designed for every piece of ground. From agroforestry systems that combine grazing and trees, to native woodlands and productive timber crops, the programme offers real opportunities for landowners to match their land type with the most suitable scheme. Each option provides a secure annual premium and long-term financial return, ensuring that forestry can support farm families in managing their businesses with confidence”.



Minister Foley announces 10 per cent increase in minimum pay rates for early years educators in Kerry this month

Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Kerry TD Norma Foley has announced that a 10 per cent increase in minimum pay rates for early years educators in Kerry will come into effect this month.

The new Employment Regulation Order for Early Years Educators and School-Age Practitioners will commence on 13th October 2025. It will provide for increases in new minimum hourly rates of pay as follows:

- Early Years Educators and School Age Childcare (SAC) Practitioners – from €13.65 currently to €15.00 per hour;
- Early Years Lead Educators (Room Leaders) and School Age Childcare (SAC) Coordinators – from €14.70 currently to €16.00 per hour;
- Early Years Graduate Lead Educators (Room Leaders) and Graduate School Age Childcare (SAC) Coordinators – from €16.28

currently to €17.50 per hour;

- Deputy/Assistant Manager – from €16.49 currently to €18.00 per hour;

- Centre Manager -from € 17.33 currently to €19.00 per hour;

- Graduate Centre Manager from €18.11 currently to €20.25 per hour.

The Employment Regulation Orders apply to approximately 35,000 staff in the Early Years and School-Age Childcare sector. While around one third of staff are already being paid above the current minimum rates of pay, it is estimated that 67% (23,000 approximately) of those working in the sector will see their wages increase as a result of the new minimum pay rates.

An additional €45 million in ring-fenced Core Funding will be provided to support early learning and care services in meeting the increased cost of minimum pay rates in the sector.

This will bring total Core Funding for services to over €390 million in

the 2025/26 programme year.

Minister Foley said: ‘I warmly welcome the adoption of these Employment Regulation Orders, which represents a much-needed improvement in pay and conditions for early years educators and school-age childcare practitioners in Kerry and right around the country.

The Department of Children has ringfenced €45 million in Core Funding for early learning and care services to make these Employment Regulation Orders a reality. I welcome the fact that this funding will be used solely for improved pay for early years educators and school-age childcare practitioners, who are a hugely significant resource in the delivery of excellence in the early learning and care sector.”

“I would like to acknowledge the independent nature of the Labour Court and Joint Labour Committee process and the hard work of its members in negotiating the pay and conditions for the early

learning and childcare sector. I look forward to seeing further positive negotiations from this process in the future.”

Alan Dillon T.D., Minister of State for Employment, Small Business and Retail has confirmed he intends to sign the new Employment Order for Early Years Educators and School-Age Practitioners, as required under law.

In the 2025/2026 programme year, a new pay element of the grant calculation, the Staff Funding Additional Contribution, will be introduced to centre-based Partner Services to facilitate the distribution of the €45 million in ringfenced funding. This new element of Core Funding will support Partner Services to meet the costs of increasing rates of pay as a result of the new Employment Regulation Orders. The rate at which the Staff Funding Additional Contribution is to be paid was agreed upon during the Joint Labour Committee’s negotiation phase.

Danny Healy Rae on Budget 2026


I welcome the capitation grant for schools, extra funds for sheep farmers and €85 million for TB and the VAT reduction relating to apartments and the hospitality sector.

I am very disappointed that the means test for Carers allowance was not removed completely as this should not be treated as a social welfare payment, carers are working hard day and night caring for their loved ones. I am disappointed that there is nothing for the working class people, they continue to go out to work early in the morning and work nights, and continue to pay all the costs, their taxes, high fuel costs – increased again in this budget - to get to work and get nothing in return

from the Government, it is not fair – they don’t qualify for a medical card or benefit in any way The working people are getting disheartened and may feel they would be better off not working as they have little left at the end of the week. I am also disappointed in the way some of the carbon tax is spent in the name of active travel, the road into Killarney being narrowed and the footpaths are now wider than the road and carriageway. I welcome the funding of €27.4 billion for health but it must be spent carefully and ensure more respite is put in place for those caring for loved ones at home and reduce the lengthy hospital waiting lists.

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MUCKROSS ROWING CLUB

ST. MICHAEL'S HOR

Our new rowing season 2025/26 is now well and truly up and running. Strom Amy did little to deter our eager crews and coaches who made the most of the land based sessions last weekend, ahead of our first competitive outing. This Saturday, October 11th, the club will be represented by 43 crews at the St. Michael's Head Of the River at O'Briensbridge. The 3km time trial kicks off at 9am and timing concludes at 3.30pm. Best of luck to all our crews!

ANNIVERSARY MASS

The fifth anniversary mass in memory of the last Seamus Guiney, former Club President, will be held this Saturday, October 11th in St. Mary's Cathedral at 6.15pm.

EVENTS

Castleconnell HOR, Saturday, October 25th, Castleconnell. Skibbereen HOR, Saturday, November 15th, River Ilen. Provincial Indoor Rowing Championships, Saturday, November 22nd, UL Arena. Muckross HOR, Saturday, December 6th, National Rowing Centre, Farran, Cork.

COACHING INTRODUCTION

For those interested in coaching, the club will be hosting a Rowing Ireland Level 0 Beginner Coaching course on Saturday, November 2nd at the Muckross Community Centre. We encourage all club members aged 16 or over or parents interested in helping out with coaching to participate. If you are interested or have any queries, please email to muckcrossrowingclub@gmail.com.

KERRY FILM FESTIVAL

Our congratulations to Ben Cussen, who is bringing the unique local tradition of Killarney Six rowing to the big screen as part of the Kerry International Film Festival taking place next week. Ben's short film 'Catch, Drive, Finish. Keeping Traditions Alive' will feature among the 'Shorts - Kerry Connection' screening of 10 short films at Cinema Killarney on Sunday, October 19th from 3.15-5.30pm. Tickets can be purchased online at kerryfilmfestival.com



Killarney Valley AC County Cross Country Champions

KILLARNEY VALLEY AC

The County Juvenile Relays and Novice Cross Country Championships were held in Killarney last Sunday.

KVAC have retained the Kerry Juvenile Cross Country Championship Title with the final day of action featuring the exciting 4x500m relays. Points from today added to the huge totals already built over the past two weekends sealed the crown for our juveniles. KVAC - 161 points, Iveragh AC - 102 points and Tralee Harriers - 97 points. Thanks to all the athletes for competing and to the parents for bringing them. A special thanks to Coaches Karen, Miriam and Daire who helped with the kids over the 3 weekends.

Brendan Joy stormed to victory over the 6km course to lift the Freddie Murphy Memorial Cup while Conor Crowley ran superbly to claim 2nd in the Novice race.

Best of luck to all competing in the Munster Novice, U20 and Juvenile Even Age Cross Country competition held in Tipperary on Sunday 12th October.

Please email the club on killarneyvalleyac@gmail.com if you would like to join the club.

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

FOSSA ROWING CLUB

CLUB NIGHT A HUGE SUCCESS

Last Saturday night we held our end of season club night and awards at the Old Killarney Inn in

Aghadoe. A huge turnout on the night, with club members and rower young and old, ensured the night was a huge success and the craic was mighty.

Our chairman Steve Blennerhasset got proceedings underway thanking everyone for their hard work and dedication all season before handing the microphone to former Olympic rower Paul Griffin. Paul gave a fantastic speech about his own rowing career, how he started out with Fossa and represented Ireland and his words were truly inspiring for our underage crews who absorbed every word.

Then Paul presented certificates to all our underage crews along with coach Conor Coffey before the underage group themselves, with Adam Murphy on the microphone, made presentations of hoodies to their hard working coaches as a thank you for all the dedication across the season.

The parish league winners were presented with their trophies and cup before the ladies section made presentations to their crews. All in all a truly fun night, with wonderful music by Colcannon and a huge thanks to Kevin and all the crew at the Old Killarney Inn for looking after everyone. Thanks also to all who worked hard to organise the night.

Finally thanks to everyone who came out on the night, it was wonderful to finish off the season with such a great night of celebration.



Fossa Rowing Club members enjoying the Club social last Saturday night.



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Fossa Rowing Club members enjoying the Club social last Saturday night.



KILLARNEY RFC CLUB

ONCE IN A LIFETIME DRAW WINNERS

Our big "Once in a Lifetime Draw" took place last weekend, and we'd like to thank everyone who supported this vital fundraiser. Congratulations to our winners:

1st Prize: Danny Gagnon (Kenmare)

2nd Prize: Siobhan O'Carroll (Killarney)

3rd Prize: Tina Lynch (Killarney)

Your support is greatly appreciated and directly contributes to the continued growth of rugby in Killarney.

SENIOR MEN'S LEAGUE CAMPAIGN

Our Senior Men kicked off their league campaign on Sunday with a fantastic 29-10 victory over Galbally/Mitchelstown RFC. The lads put in a powerful display, combining sharp attacking rugby with a rock-solid defence, to claim the win.

IT WAS ANOTHER BUSY WEEKEND FOR OUR YOUTH AND UNDERAGE SIDES

U16 girls

Killarney /Iveragh Castleisland /Killorglin (KICK) had their first friendly game of the season in Castleisland in a friendly with Old Crescent /UL Boh /Nenagh. The girls played a great match, with both teams learning a lot. A big thank you

to everyone who travelled, all the supporters - great start to the season.

U18.5 boys

The U18.5 boys turned on the style with a 34-7 win over Killorglin RFC at Aghadoe—great rugby on display and a huge credit to the team's hard work.

U16 boys

In a real nail-biter, our U16 boys shared the spoils with Killorglin RFC. The clash ended 24-24 in front of the home crowd in Aghadoe.

MONSTER TABLE QUIZ - SAVE THE DATE!

We're excited to announce our Monster Table Quiz will take place soon - a fantastic night of fun, brain-teasing questions, and spot prizes galore! This promises to be a great social event for the whole club and community.

Venue: Killarney Avenue Hotel

Date: 19th November 2025

Time: 7:30 pm

Table of 4: €40 (€20 for Juveniles)

Get your team together and join us for what will be a brilliant evening in support of Killarney RFC.

THANK YOU

As always, a big thank you to our players, coaches, parents, volunteers, and supporters

- your energy and commitment keep rugby thriving in Killarney.

FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB

RESULTS FOR 2ND OCTOBER

N/S

1st: Ger McSweeney & Conor Dwyer

2nd: Ger Foley & Finola Spillane

E/W

1st: Joan Moore & Eileen Murphy

2nd: Tim & Mai Corcoran

Congratulations, well done.

Bridge continues every Thursday morning at 10am at The Castlerosse Hotel.

KILLARNEY PICKLEBALL

Killarney Pickleball held their 1st Tuesday morning session this week at Killarney Leisure Centre. It was well attended with both young and old players, most of them new to the sport. 4 courts were occupied the whole time.



Members of Killarney Pickleball enjoying their Tuesday morning session this week

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SPORTS DIRECT MEN'S FAI CUP SEMI FINAL

Kerry FC defeat to Shamrock Rovers in Tallaght Stadium

Shamrock Rovers 6-1 Kerry FC

By David Moriarty and
photographs by Peter Minogue.

History beckoned for Kerry FC as they headed for a defining night in Tallaght, taking on Shamrock Rovers for a place in the FAI Cup final. Excitement swept through the county, as the anticipation was electric, as supporters dreamt of another famous chapter in this extraordinary story.

This Cup adventure has been pure drama from start to finish. A stunning late free-kick against Athlone saved their campaign, followed by a convincing victory over Cobh to claim Munster bragging rights. Then came the unforgettable comeback against Sligo, a night of disbelief and celebration that cemented Kerry's reputation as the team that simply refuses to surrender.

Now, the newcomers meet Ireland's most dominant side with everything to gain. Shamrock Rovers stood as towering favourites, chasing another double, but Kerry's determination and unity have carried them beyond expectation. The stage was set for a battle of belief, courage, and maybe, just maybe, another miracle.

FIRST HALF

Under the lights of Tallaght Stadium, the story of Irish football's newest dreamers continued. Only three years into their existence, Kerry FC arrived in Dublin not as tourists, but as equals, proud semi-finalists in the FAI Cup, facing a Shamrock Rovers side steeped in history and silverware. From the moment they stepped onto the pitch, the travelling Kerry faithful made themselves heard. Decked in green and white, their drums, chants, and flags created an atmosphere that felt more like Tralee than Tallaght. It was passionate, loud, and full of belief, the sound of a county united behind its team. As the game kicked off, Kerry immediately showed composure beyond their years. Rovers saw most of the ball in the opening minutes, but the visitors were brave and purposeful in possession. Captain Ronan Teahan marshalled the midfield with confidence, while Joe Adams and Daniel Okwute linked up smartly on the counter. In the fourteenth minute, Kerry carved out their first real chance when Okwute's low-driven cross almost found Robbie Cleary at the near post, only for goalkeeper Edward McGinty to smother the danger.

It was a reminder that Kerry was not content to sit deep and absorb pressure. They were here to play football, their football, built on energy, movement, and confidence. The away crowd responded with a roar, their songs echoing through the stands as the team pressed high and battled for every ball.

But against a side of Shamrock Rovers' pedigree, opportunities are punished swiftly. In the seventeenth minute, Graham Burke, a man with years of top-flight experience, found space inside the box and struck low beyond Darragh Foley. Five minutes later, Burke struck again to make it 2-0, finishing off a well-worked move that showed the difference in clinical edge between the two sides.

Despite the setback, Kerry refused to retreat. Colin Healy's men continued to play out from the back, with Oran Crowe and Christopher McQueen distributing calmly under pressure. In midfield, Aladesanusi, who replaced Carl Mujaguzi in the twenty-ninth minute, added bite and energy, breaking up play and helping Kerry gain territory.



The Kerry FC Starting XI on a historic night.



Kerry's goalscorer Joe Adams slots home from the penalty spot.

The half grew more physical as tempers flared, with Joe Adams and Burke both shown yellow cards after Burke went in for unnecessary antics due to a fantastic tackle from Kerry's number ten. Burke was very lucky to stay on the pitch as he shoved Adams' head into the ground. But this was a sign not of frustration, but of fight, Kerry were determined to stand their ground. The travelling supporters, although frustrated, loved it, raising their voices again to back their heroes in yellow.

Rovers pushed for a third before the break, with Dylan Watts firing over before Michael Noonan finally made it 3-0 in stoppage time. It was a cruel blow just before the interval, but as the whistle went, the Kerry players walked off to an emphatic ovation from their supporters. The away end had not stopped singing for a single minute.

At half-time, despite the scoreline, the sense of pride among the Kerry contingent was unmistakable. They were living a dream that, not long ago, would have seemed impossible, an FAI Cup semi-final under the lights of Tallaght Stadium.

SECOND HALF

The second half began with Rovers again on the front foot, and they added a fourth through a Watts penalty five minutes in. Yet, in typical Kerry fashion, the Kingdom responded instantly. Just two minutes later, Daniel Okwute, tireless all evening, was fouled in the box, and referee Paul McLaughlin pointed to the spot. The noise from the away section rose in anticipation as Joe Adams stepped forward. With nerves of steel, he sent McGinty the wrong way to make it 4-1. The Kerry supporters erupted, scarves

waving, drums pounding, voices carrying across Tallaght. It was a moment of pure joy, a reminder of how far this young club had come in such a short time.

That goal seemed to energise both players and fans. Suddenly Kerry were pressing higher, moving the ball with swagger, and chasing every second ball. The belief from the stands seeped onto the pitch, a symbiotic energy between players and supporters that lifted the entire side.

Healy introduced fresh legs on the hour mark, bringing on Cian Brosnan and Arran Healy for Cleary and Adams. Both immediately injected enthusiasm and urgency, chasing every lost cause and showing the kind of fearless attitude that has defined Kerry's rise.

Rovers, to their credit, showed their quality once more through Noonan's second of the night in the sixty-seventh minute, but the spirit of the visitors never faded. Foley made key saves, McQueen threw himself into blocks, and Okwute continued to torment Rovers' backline with his pace and directness. The Kerry supporters, undeterred by the scoreline, turned the away end into a carnival of pride, their chants and a version of the Poznan lifting spirits that could be felt back home in the Kingdom.

As the match entered its final quarter, Kerry kept pushing. Sean McGrath replaced Okwute in the seventy-seventh minute and immediately pressed high, while Arran Healy picked up a yellow card for a strong challenge that drew applause from the travelling fans, the kind of wholehearted commitment they had come to expect from their team.



Over 1200 Kerry fans in Tallaght.



Kerry players thank the travelling support at full time.

Even as Rovers threatened again, with Watts heading narrowly wide, Kerry continued to show their development. Their structure held firm, their communication was sharp, and their transitions were executed with intent. Every tackle was cheered, every clearance applauded, and every forward pass greeted with chants of encouragement. In the final moments, Rovers substitute Cian Barrett, formerly on loan to Kerry FC on two separate occasions, added a sixth goal, but by then, the story had already been written. When the final whistle blew, the Kerry players walked over to their supporters, hands clapping, and heads high. The away section erupted once more, their voices filled not with sorrow, but with pride. Many had travelled the length of the country, and they made sure every player knew how much this meant.

While the result will read 6-1, the night belonged to Kerry FC's people, the players, the staff, and above all, the fans. From the moment they arrived, the Kerry contingent brought colour, noise, and passion rarely seen from such a young club. They sang through every minute, outvoicing the home crowd even in defeat, and celebrated every positive touch, every tackle, every defiant moment. The energy they generated seemed to fuel the team, especially after Adams' penalty, a goal that turned the away end into a sea of waving flags and chanting supporters. The bond between the players and fans was clear; when the final whistle blew, many players stood in front of the crowd for minutes, clapping and acknowledging the journey they had shared. It was more than just football; it was the spirit of a

county discovering itself on the national stage.

Shamrock Rovers Team: 1. Edward McGinty, 2. Joshua Honohan, 3. Adam Matthews, 4. Roberto Lopes (C), 6. Daniel Cleary, 7. Dylan Watts (PEN GOAL '50), 10. Graham Burke (GOAL '17, '22), 14. Daniel Mandroiu, 17. Matthew Healy, 27. Cory O'Sullivan, 31. Michael Noonan (GOAL '45, '67). **Subs:** Lee Steacy, Sean Kavanagh, Darragh Nugent, Gary O'Neill, Trevor Clarke, Rory Gaffney, Cian Barrett (GOAL '90), Connor Malley, John McGovern. **Kerry FC Team:** 40. Darragh Foley, 3. Sean O'Connell, 4. Oran Crowe, 5. Christopher McQueen, 6. Carl Mujaguzi, 8. Ronan Teahan (C), 10. Joe Adams (GOAL PEN '56), 11. Daniel Okwute, 14. Robert Cleary, 23. Finn Barrett, 28. Niall Brookwell.

An Garda Síochána Kerry, Kerry County Council, and Age Friendly Kerry Launch Initiative to Promote Respect for Older Drivers

Reports to gardaí from older drivers about the behaviour they are experiencing from other drivers has increased recently where some older drivers are reporting uncomfortable or aggressive behaviour by others which can put them at risk and under pressure. In a new appeal to call on drivers to share the road with older drivers, both respectfully and responsibly, An Garda Síochána, Kerry County Council and Age Friendly Kerry have launched a joint campaign to raise awareness around the needs of older drivers and the onus on motorists to drive safely. At the heart of the campaign is a simple but powerful message: 'Please Respect Older Drivers', featured on newly designed car stickers being distributed as part of the initiative. The official launch took place at the Kerry Age Friendly – Older People's Council Information Day, held at the Rose Hotel in Tralee on the 3rd of October. The event gathered members of the community, stakeholders, and service providers dedicated to improving the lives of older people in Kerry. Garda Patricia Fitzpatrick, from Tralee Community Policing, highlighted the importance of the initiative: "We developed this campaign in direct response to feedback we received from the community. Many

older drivers expressed concerns about how they are being treated on the road. This sticker is a reminder to all road users to show patience and respect." The initiative reflects Kerry's ongoing commitment to create an inclusive, age-friendly county and aligns with broader efforts and objectives to ensure the safety and well-being of all road users. Kerry County Council's Age Friendly Programme Manager, Davina Griffin, said: "This sticker is a fantastic concept. The launch of this initiative is very timely aligning with Positive Ageing Week and the Kerry Older People's Council Information Day 2025. The Age Friendly Kerry programme is proud to support this initiative." Chair of the Kerry Older People's Council, Catherine Lenihan, said: "Driving a vehicle represents freedom and independence and helps older people to feel more confident and in control of their lives. It maintains independence for older people and allows for social interactions within their community. The Kerry Older People's Council is delighted to endorse and be involved with this initiative." Kerry County Council's Road Safety Officer, Declan Keogh, said: "This is a great initiative from the Community Policing Unit of Kerry Gardaí, and one which Kerry County Council



Pictured at the launch in Tralee were back L-R: Dara McGuigan, Age Friendly Ireland, Davina Griffin Kerry Age Friendly manager, Garda Aidan O'Mahoney, Catherine Lenihan, Chair of Older Peoples Council, Garda Gary Carroll, Trisha Fitzpatrick and Declan Keogh KCC Road Safety Officer. Front Francie Brennan Age Friendly Ambassador for County Kerry and Garda Super David Callaghan. Photo: Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD

are delighted to support and be involved in. Collaboration between key road safety stakeholders is crucial in keeping the public informed about road safety and for road users themselves to play their part in keeping themselves and others safe on the road. This is an excellent idea." The 'Respect Older Drivers' car stickers initiative was launched in the lead-up to Irish Road Safety Week which takes place from 6th to 12th October. Mr. Keogh added: "This initiative is very timely and while every driver is entitled to use the road in a safe and courteous

manner, we are appealing to all drivers of all ages, to have respect for others on the road, and in this case, have respect for older drivers." Car Stickers will be available to pick up from Tralee Garda Station and Community Events. **For more information on the campaign or to request a bumper sticker, please contact:** Tralee Community Policing Tel: 066-7102300 or email: KY.Community.Tralee@garda.ie or Kerry County Council Road Safety Officer Declan Keogh 087-7658838 or email: Declan.keogh@kerry.coco.ie

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC AFC

60TH CELEBRATION DINNER

Gleneagle Hotel Ballroom Friday 14th November 2025 Tickets available for €60.00 from Brian James Main Street/The Blackthorn High Street/Denis O'Neill Plunkett Street

MUNSTER JUNIOR CUP SENIOR A RESULT

Tralee Dynamos 4 - 2 Killarney Athletic

Nathan Cronin x 1 Brian O'Shea x 1

U17 PREMIER RESULT

Killarney Athletic 2 - 2 Tralee Dynamos

Darragh O'Donoghue x 1 Leo Allen x 1

Our U17's got their season off the mark when we welcomed Tralee Dynamos to Woodlawn on Saturday afternoon. A pretty even first half playing against a strong wind saw us go in 0-1 down at half time after Dynamos scored late in the first half. The second half saw us come out fast and a super move was coolly finished by Darragh O'Donoghue. We took the lead soon after when the excellent Adam Moynihan broke down the left and Leo finished from close range. We looked to have taken the points only to concede in the 90th minute and things could have been worse only for a super save from keeper Dylan McAuliffe to keep it at 2-2. FT 2-2

U15 PREMIER RESULT

Castleisland 3 - 3 Killarney Athletic

Sean Quill x 2 Gerry Moroney x 1

BOYS U13 DIVISION 1 RESULT

LB Rovers A 2 - 3 Killarney Athletic B

Daniel Cremin x 1 Oisín O'Sullivan x 2

The boys headed to Ballyduff Saturday evening for a late kick at 5pm. When they arrived they quickly realised this was going to be a tough one the wind was howling. Athletic got a bit of luck and won the toss and decided to play with the extremely strong wind in the first half. After about 10 mins Daniel Cremin put us one nil up with a fantastic free kick in to the top right hand corner of the net. The boys really worked hard and got a deserved second from Oisín O'Sullivan to go in to the break two goals to the good. We started the second half the stronger of the two teams and after about 5 mins Oisín got his second to give us a three nil lead. LB started to use the wind to their advantage and got one back and with 10 mins to go they got their second. They boys showed great strength of character with some luck thrown in to hold out for a great win. They really put everything in to this game and it was great to see them get

their well deserved rewards. We like to thank LB for a fantastic game played in a great manner. Also we would like to thank the Ref.

U16 GIRLS NATIONAL CUP RESULT

Charleville AFC 2 - 3 Killarney Athletic

Lillian Slattery x 1 Ella Murphy x 2

The girls made the long journey for the first round National cup tie. The Athletic girls started very well and had some very good chances. Our first goal came midway through the first half Lillian Slattery with a great finish inside the box. Charleville started to get a foothold in to the game and got an equaliser and then took the lead from a deflected shot that looped in. The girls came out with determination and worked so hard with Ella Murphy getting the equaliser. And five minutes later she got the winner. The girls saw out the game they fought for everything and they deserved this win because of the fantastic team ethic this group have all the girls done the club proud today We like to thank Charleville for a great game that was played in a fantastic spirit. And the ref for a great game.

MEK CLUB

RESULTS

U12 Girls: MEK Galaxy 3 – Camp Juniors 2

U14 Girls: LB Rovers 5 – MEK Galaxy 0

U16 Girls: Listowel Celtic 0 – MEK Galaxy 6

FIXTURES FOR SATURDAY 11TH OCT.

U13 Girls Premier: MEK Galaxy A v Listowel Celtic

U13 Girls Div. 1: MEK Galaxy B v Fenit Samphire's

U15 Girls Premier: St. Brendan's Park v MEK Galaxy @ 10.45am

U12 Boys Pre-Season: MEK Galaxy A v Iveragh

Utd A

U12 Boys Pre-Season: LB Rovers C v MEK Galaxy

B @ 11.30am

U16 Boys Div. 1: Dingle Bay Rovers v MEK Galaxy

AMAZING GRACE!!!

Well done to our U15 superstar, Grace Barry, who was selected for the SFAI U15 Girls Post Primary Munster squad. Grace, who mainly plays centre back, has shown her qualities in the last few years, having been selected for Kerry school girl squads as well as representing her county at last year's Gaynor Cup. We are extremely proud of Grace, as are her mom Helen & sister Kate.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK IN MEK'S CLUB CLEAN UP

MEK would like to thank everyone who came along to assist us in our club clean-up day, which

happened on Sunday 5th October. The amount of work that our fantastic volunteers completed was above and beyond what we ever thought possible in just one day. Stimming, cutting and painting were the order of the day, our brilliant volunteers made light work. We would also like to thank The Golden Nugget for generously providing food for all the workers afterwards and to Tasty Temptations for the delicious, freshly baked cakes that kept everyone smiling.

ACADEMY FOOTBALL

For all you superstars out there, Academy football is back. Girls & Boys born 2019 & 2020 are more than welcome. Check out our socials or ring Paul on 087 640 9799 for more info.

For any more news on upcoming club events, news, fixtures and results, keep an eye on our socials!

KILLARNEY CELTIC

CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 7,9,18,24. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €30. Next jackpot €3,400 on Monday October 13th. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through clubzap.

MCCARTHY INSURANCE GROUP MUNSTER JUNIOR CUP

Killarney Celtic 1-2 Castleisland AFC

Sean Lovett

Celtic A went out of the Munster Junior Cup after Castleisland struck for a late winner. Celtic led 1-0 at the break thanks to Sean Lovett. Castleisland were back on level terms by the 50th min. Both sides had chances but it was Castleisland who found the winner in the 91st minute to go forward to the next round.

KDL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mastergeeha 1-1 Killarney Celtic B

Evan Lyne

Celtic B hit the front early on with Evan Lyne netting but Mastergeeha came back in the 2nd half to share the spoils.

KDL U17 LEAGUE

Killarney Celtic 6-1 Killorglin

Samuel Scroope 2, Mark Looney 2, Tobias Iheme, Kiernan Kelly.

Celtic U17's got their league campaign off to a fine start after a strong performance last weekend.

U15 PREMIER



Ballyhar Dynamos u13 A squad who defeated killarney celtic B in Division 1 on Saturday last at Murt Scott Park.



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u14 girls who were defeated by Camp Juniors in Division 1 on Saturday last at Murt Scott Park.

Killorglin 2-0 Killarney Celtic A
Celtic were undone by a goal in each half as they fell to defeat in Killorglin.

U15 DIV 1

Iveragh 4-2 Killarney Celtic B

Cillian Scannell, Luke Clifford

Iveragh got off to a flyer and kept their advantage through the game.

U15 DIV 3

St Brendan's Park 5-0 Killarney Celtic C

U13 PREMIER

Killarney Celtic 4-1 Killorglin

Josh Buckley 2, Jake Scannell, Cillian Daly

Celtic U13A continued their good form with a solid win last weekend. Celtic were strong throughout the game and were deserving winners on the day.

U13 DIV 1

Ballyhar A 6-0 Killarney Celtic B

Mastergeeha A 6-0 Killarney Celtic C

CONGRATS to Andrew Daly U13 who made the KSBGL Team of the Week.

CONDOLENCES

The club sends its condolences to the extended O'Donoghue family following the recent passing of Seanie and the club sends its condolences to Tim Jones following the recent passing of his father in law Dermot.

KERRY SCHOOLBOYS/ GIRLS

U12 GIRL'S NATIONAL CUP ROUND 1

Askeaton/Kilcoran 8-2 Tralee Dynamos
Inter Kenmare 1-2 Newport Town FC
Castleisland AFC 2-0 Knockainey AFC
Mungret Regional FC 3-4 Mastergeeha FC

U12 GIRL'S NATIONAL CUP ROUND 2

BT Harps 0-3 St. Brendan's Park

U12 GIRLS DIVISION 1

MEK 3-2 Camp Juniors

U14 GIRL'S NATIONAL CUP ROUND 1

Lough Derg FC 8-2 Inter Kenmare
Killarney Athletic AFC 3-0 Murroe AFC w/o
Castleisland AFC 3-0 Holycross AFC w/o
Ballymackey FC 4-5 Killorglin
Corofin Harps 0-3 Killarney Celtic w/o
Knockainey AFC 1-2 Mastergeeha FC
Mungret Regional FC 1-2 Listowel Celtic
St. Brendan's Park 2-1 Regional United A

AMBER KILLARNEY U13 GIRLS PREMIER

MEK 0-2 Castleisland

AMBER KILLARNEY U13 GIRL'S DIVISION 1

Camp 4-3 LB Rovers

O'SULLIVAN'S BAKERY U14 GIRL'S DIVISION 1

Ballyhar A 2-6 Camp A

LB Rovers A 5-0 MEK

U16 GIRLS NATIONAL CUP ROUND 1

Abbeyfeale Utd 2-6 Inter Kenmare
Charleville AFC Girls 2-3 Killarney Athletic
Camp Juniors 2-1 Glantine Mountcollins United

U16 GIRLS NATIONAL CUP ROUND 2

St. Brendan's Park 3-0 Ballymackey FC w/o

U16 GIRLS PREMIER

Listowel Celtic 0-6 MEK

BOYS FIXTURES

EBS U12 BOYS DIVISION 1

Park D 4-2 Milltown

Inter Kenmare A 1-1 Milltown



U13 BOY'S NATIONAL CUP ROUND 2

Newcastle West Town FC 1-1 St. Brendan's Park
AET (Park won 4-1 on pens)

U13 BOY'S PREMIER

Killarney Celtic A 4-1 Killorglin A

Inter Kenmare A 4-2 Iveragh A

U13 BOY'S DIVISION 1

Ballyhar A 6-0 Killarney Celtic B

Ferry Rangers 5-0 Park B

Mastergeeha A 6-0 Killarney Celtic C

LB Rovers A 2-3 Killarney Athletic B

U13 BOY'S DIVISION 2 NORTH

Fenit B 6-2 Park C Park

U13 BOY'S DIVISION 2 SOUTH

Killarney Athletic C 5-10 Milltown

Castleisland B 1-4 Milltown

Killorglin B 1-2 Castlemaine

Mastergeeha B 0-5 Iveragh B

Ballyhar B 2-5 Killarney Athletic C

TC Construction U15 Boy's Premier

Killorglin A 2-0 Killarney Celtic A

Castleisland A 3-3 Killarney Athletic A

THE GOLDEN NUGGET U14 BOYS DIVISION 2

Mastergeeha B 1-6 Ballyhar B

TC CONSTRUCTION U15 BOY'S DIVISION 1

Fenit 4-2 Ballyhar

Iveragh A 4-2 Killarney Celtic B

Inter Kenmare A 1-4 Camp A

TC CONSTRUCTION U15 BOY'S DIVISION 2

LB Rovers A 0-5 Listowel Celtic B

Fenit B 3-6 Tralee Dynamos A

TC CONSTRUCTION U15 BOY'S DIVISION 3

Park B 5-0 Killarney Celtic C

Killarney Athletic D 5-6 Killarney Athletic C

U16 BOY'S NATIONAL CUP ROUND 1

Killorglin 6-3 Pike Rovers B

NATIONAL CUP

KERRY GIRLS GET CAMPAIGNS UNDERWAY IN 12'S NATIONAL CUP

It was a busy weekend of action in the U12 Girls National Cup, with several Kerry sides producing impressive performances.

Castleisland AFC advanced to the next round thanks to a confident 2-0 win over Knockainey AFC, with Aoibhe Murphy and Emma Brosnan on target.

Mastergeeha also booked their place in the next round after a thrilling 4-3 away victory against Mungret Regional, inspired by a brilliant four-goal display from Gracie Maher.

Elsewhere, Inter Kenmare were narrowly edged out 2-1 by Newport Town FC, while Tralee Dynamos battled hard but fell 8-2 away to

Askeaton/Kilcoran, with Abi Donovan netting both goals for the Kerry side.

In Round 2 action, St. Brendan's Park produced an excellent display on the road to advance to the next round, recording a 3-0 win away to BT Harps. The Tralee side were in control throughout, with Natalia McDermott leading the way with a superb brace, while Roisin Diggins also got on the scoresheet to seal the win.

KERRY SIDES IMPRESS IN OPENING ROUND OF 14'S CUP

It was a strong showing for Kerry clubs in the opening round of the U14 Girls National Cup, with several sides booking their places in the next stage after a weekend full of goals and hard-fought performances.

Killorglin came out on top in a thrilling 5-4 away win over Ballymackey FC, with goals from Chloe Falvey, Mia Robertson, Kelsey Sheahan, Niamh Murphy and Keelin Flynn ensuring progression after a high-scoring encounter.

Mastergeeha edged past Knockainey AFC 2-1, thanks to a brace from the in-form Kaitlin O'Riordan, while Listowel Celtic also advanced after a narrow 2-1 win at Mungret Regional, with Emer O'Sullivan and Ashling O'Connor getting their names on the scoresheet.

In Tralee, St. Brendan's Park defeated Regional United A 2-1, with Saoirse Moynihan and Caoimhe Field grabbing the goals to see the Park through. Meanwhile, Killarney Celtic, Killarney Athletic AFC, and Castleisland AFC all progressed via walkovers, while Inter Kenmare bowed out after a tough defeat to Lough Derg FC.

WINNING START FOR KERRY GIRLS IN 16'S CUP

Kerry teams enjoyed a successful weekend in the U16 Girls National Cup, with several impressive victories in the opening rounds.

Inter Kenmare produced a superb attacking display away to Abbeyfeale United, running out 6-2 winners. Goals from Alice O'Connor and Brittney Bevan, who both struck twice, along with efforts from Aisling Shea and Sadhbh O'Mahony, secured a convincing result for the Kenmare side.

Killarney Athletic also booked their place in the next round after a hard-fought 3-2 win over Charleville AFC. A brace from Ella Murphy and a fine finish from Lillian Slattery saw Athletic edge a tight contest.

Camp Juniors joined them in the hat for



Killarney Athletic U13 Boys Division 1



Killarney Athletic U15 Boys Premier

Round 2, coming out on top 2-1 against Glantine Mountcollins United, thanks to goals from Orlaith Flynn and Ellie Fitzgerald. In Round 2 action, St. Brendan's Park advanced automatically following a 3-0 walkover victory against Ballymackey FC.

PARK PROGRESS AFTER PENALTY DRAMA

St. Brendan's Park booked their place in the next round of the U13 Boys National Cup after a dramatic penalty shootout win away to Newcastle West Town.

The sides were level at 1-1 after extra-time, with Tadhg Gilligan finding the net for Park during normal time. In the shootout, Park held their nerve to win 4-1, with successful spot kicks from Gilligan, Oran Maguire, James Tansley, and Adam O'Leary sealing the victory.

FOLEY HAT-TRICK FIRES KILLORGLIN TO VICTORY

Killorglin produced a fine attacking display to see off Pike Rovers B with a 6-3 win in the opening round of the U16 Boys National Cup. A superb hat-trick from Luke Foley led the way for Killorglin, while Peter O'Shea, Kieran Patton, and Darragh McKenna were also on target in an entertaining, high-scoring encounter. The result sends Killorglin through to Round 2 as they look to continue their strong cup form.

GIRLS

MEK TAKE THE SPOILS AGAINST CAMP JUNIORS

MEK came out on top in a tight 3-2 clash against Camp Juniors in the U12 Girls Division 1. Maeve O'Malley starred with a brace, while Chloe O'Sullivan added the third to secure the win. For Camp Juniors, Shauna O'Connor and Riadh Fitzgerald found the net, but it wasn't enough to overturn MEK's advantage.

CAMP AND LB SECURE DIVISION 1 WINS

It was a high scoring weekend of action in the U14 Girls Division 1, with some standout performances by Camp and LB Rovers to take the points.

Camp A delivered a dominant performance with a 6-2 victory over Ballyhar A. Elena Muller led the way with a hat-trick, while Andrea Fitzgerald added two and Abbie McCathy chipped in with another. Ballyhar's goals came from efforts that couldn't match Camp's firepower.

Meanwhile, LB Rovers A cruised to a 5-0 win over MEK, with goals from Grainne Maher (2), Kitty Dineen, Ruby Boyle, and Lydia Lyne ensuring a comfortable victory.

BOYS

KILLARNEY CELTIC AND INTER KENMARE

ON TOP FORM

The U13 Boys Premier fixtures produced some high-scoring encounters this week, with both Killarney Celtic A and Inter Kenmare A registering strong wins.

Killarney Celtic A ran out 4-1 winners against Killorglin A. Josh Buckley led the way with a brace, while Cillian Daly and Jake Scannell also found the net. Jack Moloney scored a consolation for Killorglin.

In the other clash, Inter Kenmare A defeated Iveragh A 4-2. Alasdair O'Sullivan struck twice, with Shay O'Connor and Timmy Sullivan adding one each to secure the victory.

HIGH SCORING WEEKEND IN DIVISION 1

The U13 Boys Division 1 saw some commanding performances this week, with high-scoring wins from Ballyhar A, Ferry Rangers, and Mastergeeha A.

Ballyhar A opened their campaign with a 6-0 victory over Killarney Celtic B, with Jack Cooper netting twice, joined by goals from Sean Evans, Aiden Barry, Jack Sheehy, and Paddy Hurley.

Ferry Rangers also impressed, cruising to a 5-0 win against Park B. Andri Zbihlei bagged a brace, while Tom O'Donnell, Tamatea Charlie, and Luke Carmody completed the scoring.

Mastergeeha A maintained their fine form with a 6-0 success over Killarney Celtic C. The goals came from Leo Barry, Callum O'Connor, Ronan Casey, Paddy O'Keeffe, Warren Boyle, and Mathew O'Riordan.

In a closer contest, Killarney Athletic B edged LB Rovers A 3-2. Oisín O'Sullivan scored twice and Daniel Cremin added another, while Shane O'Carroll and Darragh Walsh O'Boyle replied for LB Rovers.

MILLTOWN MAKE IT A PERFECT WEEK IN DIVISION 2 SOUTH

This week saw some goal-fests and standout individual performances in the U13 Division 2 South.

Milltown were in fine form, scoring ten goals to

defeat Killarney Athletic C 10-5. Muiris Quirke led the charge with six goals, supported by Martynas Kerpe, Cillian Falvey, Jayden Sweeney, and Robyn Horgan. Later, Milltown also defeated Castleisland B 4-1, with Quirke adding a hat-trick and Kerpe another goal, while Louis Barry scored for Castleisland.

Elsewhere, Castlemaine defeated Killorglin B 2-1, thanks to goals from Marcus O'Neill and Kieran Sheehan, while Cian Lynch scored for Killorglin. Iveragh B ran out 5-0 winners over Mastergeeha B, and Killarney Athletic C bounced back in another high-scoring affair, beating Ballyhar B 5-2.

KILLORGLIN SECURE THE POINTS IN CLOSELY FOUGHT 15'S PREMIER

The U15 Boys Premier division witnessed some competitive encounters this week.

Killorglin secured the points with a 2-0 victory over Killarney Celtic, thanks to a double from Rian Foley. Meanwhile, Castleisland A and Killarney Athletic A shared the spoils in an entertaining 3-3 draw. Alex Ryan, Liam Quirke, and Sean Kerin scored for Castleisland, while Sean Quill netted twice and Gerry Moroney added a third for Killarney Athletic.

HIGH SCORING CELTIC AND DYNAMOS SHINE IN DIVISION 2

The U15 Division 2 action produced some standout performances this week.

Listowel Celtic B delivered a clinical showing in a 5-0 win over LB Rovers A. Ethan Stack bagged a brace, while Tommy O'Connor, Evan Rodgers, and Ruairi O'Brien all added goals to complete the scoring.

In another high-scoring affair, Tralee Dynamos A came out on top against Fenit B with a 6-3 victory. Marcos Benito Martinez stole the show with four goals, supported by strikes from Flynn Boyle and Rory O'Connor. Eoin Reilly netted a brace for the home side, while Eamon Og McElligot also scored for the home side.



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JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY

takes a look at all things sport...

SENIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Well, the County Championship is in full swing and starting to get interesting. To be honest, I think I and a lot of people were just 'footballled' out of it by the time it started. You are going from a long Inter-County Championship campaign (thank God – a short one would count as a disaster for Kerry) straight into a long (albeit gripping) club championship campaign – and from there into a County Championship that takes a while before knock-out games. And look, I know people won't like my opinion, but I'd value a club title over the county one in Kerry. I know that it's a bit different for the top clubs. The likes of Kenmare, Dingle, Austin Stacks, or Rathmore have a genuine chance to leapfrog Dr. Crokes and represent Kerry in the Munster Senior Club Championship. So of course they will be going all out to win the Bishop Moyihan, and I'm not suggesting that's anything to be sniffed at anyway. I'm just saying that for most people, players and supporters, their club championship supersedes their County Championship. That's especially true when there is no relegation; that takes all the spice out of it. Just to add to that – and I've made this point repeatedly, so I won't belabour it this week – but the likes of Paul Geaney, Dermuid O'Connor, Seán O'Shea and plenty more playing games while carrying knocks is absolutely reckless. Week after week after week....it's a savage schedule, and too savage on bodies.

All that said, it may be changing, but for me and all the generations before me, you'd have a fair chance of remembering who won the Bishop Moyihan, not the Senior Club Championship, in any given year. I would say that the County Championship was the domestic equivalent of Sam Maguire, the club championship was comparable to the National League.

There were a couple of riveting games last weekend – one in particular has electrified the rest of the competition – but let's be honest, several of them were pedestrian enough and there were a few disappointing showings.

East Kerry 3-23 Templenoe 1-10

The top teams hate games like these. Templenoe haven't a fraction of the population of East Kerry, and almost all of those East Kerry players have worn county jerseys. They win in a canter, or it counts as a disappointing showing. Templenoe literally had free shot; there were no expectations.

It played out exactly as expected. East Kerry led by 0-12 to 0-4 at half-time, with Ruairi Murphy already notching 0-5 in a man of the match performance. Himself and Paul O'Shea (yes, I know, 'Paul and he'. There's grammatical English – but there's also colloquial English)

goaled in the 38th minute and Paudie O'Leary added a third just before the final whistle. Ruairi Murphy finished with 1-6, Paul O'Shea had 1-4, and David Clifford had 0-5. I thought Ronan Buckley had an absolute stormer until coming off injured early in the second half. He and Paudie Clifford would be huge absentees. East Kerry have now been installed as overall favourites. I honestly wouldn't read too much into this one, though. Templenoe had plenty of guts. Gavin Crowley and Seán Sheehan, who scored their consolation goal, battled hard all through. Mark Casey didn't impact the scoreboard but he gave it everything. Adrian Spillane might have finished his inter-county career, but no Kerry player wants to tangle with him, while his younger brother kicked 0-9 while feeding off scraps. But Kerry FC were as likely to beat Shamrock Rovers as Templenoe were to beat East Kerry, and that's the plain truth of it.

Dingle 2-19 Na Gaeil 1-13

Dingle had Tom O'Sullivan and Dylan Geaney back in harness, while Na Gaeil were without Diarmuid O'Connor, Oisín Maunsell, and Conor Bohane. I said last week that I think Dingle were focusing more on the County Championship than the Club this year and I still think that. Tom O'Sullivan's goal early in the second quarter meant that they led by 1-10 to 0-2. Na Gaeil got a goal of their own through Ruairi Ó hAiniféin but Ned Ó Riain replied in kind and Na Gaeil were battling a strong tide from then on. It was 2-15 to 1-6 at half-time and realistically, the second half was a formality.

Austin Stacks 4-29 Milltown/Castlemaine 0-17

It's like this. Myself and a colleague were back in hospitable Beaufort, trying to write an interesting 800 words about a game with a 16 point disparity between the sides and feeling a little sorry for ourselves (nobody else ever feels sorry for us). And then we heard the half-time score between Stacks and Milltown/Castlemaine. 3-23 to 0-2. We felt a lot less sorry for ourselves and a lot sorrier for John O'Dowd, who was reporting on that game.

I was at a junior match one time with a colleague from Kerry Radio who was doing live updates. It was a slow sports Saturday and the radio kept coming back to him more often than usual. In a game where the first score was kicked in the 23rd minute. At one point in the second half he was so desperate for something to say that he gave an impromptu lecture on how progressive the host club were in rewilding around the edges to create bee habitats. I had to walk away in case everybody on the radio heard me laughing. But that's commentary. Some days you've got what you've got and can only work with that.

Look, Stacks were very impressive. Milltown/

Castlemaine were much better in the second half and had locked the stable door, but the stallion hadn't just bolted by then, that stallion had sired grandchildren who were winning Grand Nationals.

I'm not doing any match summary. It's like this. I do have it on my clubber subscription, but I'm not going to be watching it. I couldn't be doing it to myself. My sympathies to Milltown/Castlemaine; every club has days like this. Let's just consign it to history.

Mid Kerry 3-8 Dr. Crokes 0-15

I did tip Crokes to win it, but in fairness I did say last week that Mid Kerry are a coming side and this would be very close. To be honest, Mid Kerry were actually better than I had expected – I hadn't factored in Liam Smith. He has been absolutely outstanding for Glenbeigh/Glencar in the last two years and was actually in training with Kerry last year before he got injured. He was awesome here, particularly in the third quarter when the game was on the line. You know and I know that when Crokes are able to gain possession at times like that, they can be lethal. Smith (and Seán O'Brien, and Mike Breen for that matter) won vital ball.

Even so, Crokes can count themselves unlucky. They played against the strong wind in the first half but controlled the play very well, conserving possession and slowing things down. Mid Kerry were struggling to build any momentum. It was actually a masterclass in how to play against a wind like that. Mid Kerry caught a break when a Shane Murphy kick-out held up in that wind and dropped shorter than intended, with Daire Cleary doing well to snaffle it and find Liam Carey, who gave it to Jack O'Connor for a clinical finish. Jack O'Connor was a superb Kerry minor in 2018 and 2019 and I'd love to see him getting an injury-free run of games. Younger brother Darragh is class as well and soon added a two pointer. Cian McMahon pulled one back and Micheál Burns was denied a goal thanks to a brilliant block by Seán O'Brien. Dr. Crokes trailed by 1-6 to 0-4 at the break, but frankly that didn't remotely look like enough on the board.

Except....if anything, Mid Kerry grew into the challenge against the wind. I've mentioned Liam Smith; Eoin Clifford is another player who has been doing it in the big games for the last couple of years and he was outstanding as well. But Crokes had a not-so-secret weapon in Tony Brosnan. Two superb two pointers from him had Crokes back level by the start of the third quarter and he would add two more. A lot of people, including a number of neutrals, felt that he had kicked another one. I genuinely couldn't tell, but the umpires were watching it closely and the referee did consult before waving it wide.

Ciarán Kennedy, another to impress, notched



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a pint and then came a big, big moment. Eoin Clifford went on a huge run and got in, but I felt that Crokes had the situation in hand and he would be wiser to take his point. Instead, he went for goal. David Shaw reacted fast to get a half-block on it....Shane Murphy was perfectly positioned to gather the initial shot, but that deflection was a killer and the ball rolled into the net. Not exactly a fluke, but definitely a big slice of luck involved.

Having battled so hard to get back level, Crokes had a four point deficit to climb again. No bother; they have been here before, and an effervescent Tony coolly kicked another two pointer. Jack O'Connor and Tony Brosnan raised orange flags again. 0-17 to 0-14. Crokes looked poised for a late surge but Smith, in particular, really stepped up to the challenge. Then came the vital break as Ciaran Kennedy was on the end of a great move to fire home a goal. I think Mid Kerry needed that to win it, but we'll never know and the point is moot anyway. They got it, and were able to hang onto that narrow lead until the finish.

Tough on Crokes. I'd still be shocked if they aren't representing Kerry in the Munster Senior Club, but coming in cold into that won't help their cause. However, it does mean that the favourites are out of the County Championship and opens up the competition from here.

Kenmare Shamrocks 4-15 North Kerry 1-12

I fancied North Kerry for this one. I know it took late goals from Grimes and Jason Foley to pull them out of the fire in their last game, but looking at the players at their disposal, I felt that with the couple of games under their belt, they had the potential to be real contenders. Were Kenmare the force of old?

Yup. Most definitely. North Kerry did open with two pointers from Cormac Dillon and Rob Stack and Sean O'Shea had to be sharp to deny Cillian Trant a goal. But as the game went on, it became clear that Kenmare were quite willing to drop back in numbers and absorb North Kerry pressure before breaking at pace. Not quite a blanket defence of old, but not far away from it either. The new rules have created a bit more space even in that style, but North Kerry didn't have the forwards to take advantage. Instead, what it meant was that Kenmare defenders could afford to burst forward. In the 20th minute, James McCarthy did exactly that and hit the net to make it 1-4 to 0-5. Jack Tagney added another at the end of the first half and they led by 2-5 to 0-6 at the break.

Tagney added another at the start of the second half and at the start of the fourth quarter they led by 3-9 to 0-8. North Kerry were denied goals from Ruairi O'Connell and Cormac Dillon by great saves by Kieran Fitzgibbon. Before Joe Joe Grimes did finally hit the net. It was too late, though, and Kenmare full back James McCarthy iced the cake with his second goal.

North Kerry will be a little disappointed to have departed their first championship at this stage, but they have the potential to develop into a strong force. For Kenmare? Well, they have as much of a shout as anyone now.

Spa 3-18 South Kerry 3-13

Mid Kerry v Dr. Crokes was obviously the game of the weekend, but this one runs it very close, with both sides looking likely winners at different times until very late on. With Alex Coffey outstanding in the middle and Emmet Daly wearing his shooting boots, South Kerry opened up a 0-4 to 0-1 lead. Spa got the next two points and Oran O'Neill and David Spillane were very unlucky not to goal. A minute later the ball was in the net....but it was in the Spa net. Alex Coffey had cleared Spillane's rebound volley off his own goal-line, now he was up the field and setting up Ciarán O'Sullivan for the finish. Michael Horgan did reply in kind in the 20th minute, but then came a moment of controversy. The referee blew his whistle for a free as Coffey was breaking forward. He should have played advantage, but clearly blew the whistle. He and the Spa defenders stopped, seeing as the free was given and Coffey had continued past the four metres from the infringement where 'solo and go' is permitted and also because he was inside the 20 metre line. Coffey hesitated...and continued play, exchanging a 1-2 before finishing to the net, and the goal stood. It looked very much like a mistake by the referee. If it was, it was his only one.

The only reason I am mentioning it is because there have been issues over the last month or two about one point v two pointers and so on. With all the new rules, which have unquestionably improved the game hugely, have we made things a little too complicated for referees? I know I've had to check the rulebook during games recently and I doubt if I am the only one.

Sean Teahan landed a third goal, this one undisputed, and South Kerry led by 3-7 to 1-8 at the break.

Spa needed a strong start to the second half and got it with a goal. That one was also controversial, though. He was trying to handpass over the bar but it ended up in the net. Did it get a slight deflection on the way in? If so, it's a goal. If not, definitely not. You can fist a goal from a ball in flight; you cannot hand pass it to the net. At the start of the 'Golden Years' team in the seventies, you could, so they did....so much so that the rule was changed. I saw Michael Foley's goal in real time and I've rewatched it on clubber; I still can't give you any definitive answer.

Arrah, the bottom line is that if Alex Coffey's goal was ruled out on one side and Michael Foley's on the other, there would be very few arguments. Same if they both stood. Two wrongs (if they were wrong) can never make a right, but arguably they balance out on this occasion.

The sides exchanged point for point until Cian Tobin's third free on the trot made it 2-12 to 3-10. Michael Foley cleverly hand passed to David Spillane and the sides were level.

Chris Farley with a great two pointer and Ian O'Sullivan added a point. Three in it again; it felt like it could be enough to burn off Spa's challenge.

It wasn't, though. In the 54th minute, David Spillane jinked his way through and struck an

equalising goal, easily the best green flag of the game. An imperious Cian Tobin calmly hit a great two pointer free and added another. David Spillane gave Spa a five point win that had looked well out of reach just minutes before.

QUARTER-FINAL PREVIEWS East Kerry V Rathmore

Rathmore will give them plenty of it. Nobody needs to be told about the likes of Paul Murphy, Shane Ryan (will he be needed in goal or will he play in the forward line?), and John Moyihan are obvious dangers. But anyone who has seen the likes of the Moynihans and especially Ciarán Collins will know that Rathmore will bring a lot more to the party. Moreover, Rathmore are an outfit with a really impressive ability to get the best out of themselves. There's no weak links there.

East Kerry should still have too much power overall. I'm not going to start listing names; we'd be here for a while, even with the players they are missing.

West Kerry v Dingle

Dingle may have dominated the West Kerry Championship for several years now and reached County Finals, but this is not the foregone conclusion you might think. I mentioned Mid Kerry's Liam Smith and Eoin Clifford as stand-out players in recent games; Cathal Ó Beaglaíoch has been in the same mould. Brian Ó Beaglaíoch is an obvious danger, but his younger brother Ruaidhrí gives a real cutting edge up front. Seán Ó Cuinn, Colm Ó Muircheartaigh, Franz Sauerland, Tom O'Donnell, Éanna Ó Conchúir, Killian Falvey, Cian O'Grady....yeah, that's not any side that's going to lie down, and especially not to their neighbours! You'd still fancy Dingle, especially

Austin Stacks v Kenmare Shamrocks

Tie of the round for me. I must admit that Kenmare Shamrock's comprehensive win over a quality-strewn North Kerry opened my eyes a bit. Austin Stacks have some phenomenal talent starting to really make an impact at senior level (plenty more in the pipeline, by the way). I know they are down a few bodies but they can fill those gaps. Funny enough, given the attacking talent on display, I'm not expecting big scorelines and I think goals will be crucial

Mid Kerry v Spa

Spa were excellent against South Kerry but Mid Kerry are a different level. After beating the reigning champions, I have them as second favourites just behind East Kerry. It will be a good battle – Spa have the scoring power to ask tough questions, but I expect Mid Kerry to come up with the right answers.

FREWEN CUP

The Sem will be facing off against one of the Tralee schools in the O'Sullivan Cup Final next week. Things are progressing well for the school

so far, with the U17s defeating Coachford in a Munster U17 Frewen Cup preliminary round last week.

Frewen Cup: St. Brendans 3-21 Coachford 0-6

The damage was done in the first half. Cian Hegart had 0-3 on the board and Samuel Scroope had 1-1 before Danny Buckley opened Coachford's account with two points. Darragh Keane struck for 1-2 and Cian Hegarty added a free to make it 2-7 to 0-2. The Sem defence, particularly Cian, Stack were always on top and with the half-time score standing at 2-13 to 0-5 (1-4 for Keane, 0-4 for Hegarty, and 1-2 for Scroope) the second half was only a formality.. St. Brendans: James Murphy, Tadhg O'Donoghue, Ronan O'Brien, Daithí Stack, Conor Clifford, Cian Stack, Conor Lynch, Daniel Cronin, Jake Coffey, Roan Guerin, Samuel Scroope, Mark Looney, Cian Hegarty, Cillian O'Donoghue, Darragh Keane.

FAI CUP SEMI-FINAL



Shamrock Rovers 6 Kerry FC 1

I don't think anybody, anywhere, realistically gave Kerry a chance of winning this one. Kerry FC against Shamrock Rovers....one of those clubs is three years old and has always finished in the lower end of the first division. The other is, by far, the most decorated Irish club of them all and our European representatives. And look, that's exactly how it played out.

Kerry brought over 1000 supporters and plenty of noise and colour. They stamped a mark and have received praise from all and sundry. This is how to do things right.

Kerry actually started well and we could dream for quarter of an hour. It couldn't and didn't last – in the 17th minute, Graham Burke hit a clinical finish past our young goalkeeper. Five minutes later Rovers combined for Burke to strike again – in fairness, that was a well-worked goal that showed how the top sides do it.

Joe Adams and Graham Burke had a tussle on the sideline. Unfortunately, that's the moment that most commentators and pundits chose to focus on after the game. Negativity and scandal sells; that's all that's going on there. Yes, Burke should have received a red card. But in fairness it was an absolute reckless challenge by Joe as well. Burke pushed his head down in retaliatory frustration. I'm not excusing it, but I am saying that it was an awful lot more molehill than mountain. Not a big deal; move on.

Just before the break, wunderkind Michael Noonan, 17 years old, made it 3-0.

Kerry conceded a penalty early in the second half to make it 4-0 but not long after, Daniel Okwute's persistence paid off as the referee pointed to the spot. Up stepped Joe Adams to fire home and Kerry were off the mark.

Noonan added his second midway through the half and late on, former Kerry player Cian Barrett closed out the scoring to make it 6-1. Shamrock Rovers will face relegation certainties Cork City (as an aside, Cork supporters seem to be blaming Dermot Ussher for their woes – lads, he put two million euro into your club and your problems long predate involvement; stop biting the hand that has been feeding you) and look poised to claim a league and cup double. It says a lot that it was the Kerry fans who were cheering and singing at the finish. Games can never be fully measured just by the scorelines.

GAA CONGRESS

It was all relatively straightforward and a bit dull, truth be told. The FRC had already done most of the hot topics this year and, with general consensus that it has done its job brilliantly and reinvigorated the game of gaelic football, there wasn't too much thunder in any of the speeches. One or two of the motions, all 61 of which passed comfortably are worth a glance.

If a player moves from the sideline or 45m line before the referee has thrown in the ball to start or restart the game by awarding a free-kick to the opposition from the middle of the half-way line. If opposition players foul simultaneously, the referee will start/restart the game again as normal.

Nothing controversial. The midfielder on the sideline has been trying to steal a yard or two in a good few games I've seen; no harm to put a stop to that.

Kick-outs must now travel 20 metre line as well as the 40 metre arc before being played by another player of the defending team.

Basically, play it forward.

The two-point score has been slightly amended. Previously a shot kicked from outside the 40 metre arc only registered as a two-point score rather than a single point score if it went over the bar without being touched by another player. So, you often had a situation where a goalkeeper getting his hand to a shot from outside the arc on its way over the bar meant it was a single-point score rather than a two-pointer. Now all converted shots from outside the arc count as two-point scores provided no other player from the same team as the shooter touches it after it's kicked.

Again, pretty straightforward. If it's kicked from outside the arc and goes between the posts, it's a two pointer. No need to complicate things.

Deliberately denying a goal-scoring opportunity by pulling an opponent's jersey has now joined the list of cynical behaviour infractions which are penalised with a black card and a penalty.



I agree. I'd happily concede a free late in a game rather than an almost certain goal. This way, the punishment fits the crime.

The black-card/penalty for cynical behaviour infractions now also applies at club level as well as inter-county senior, U20, minor, and junior level.

Frankly, I want the same rules for club and inter-county games across the board.

'Disruptive conduct' by team officials will be penalised by giving the opposition a free on the 13-metre line. Where the infraction occurs immediately before the start of the game or during the half-time interval, the game shall start or restart with such a 13-metre free.

In my opinion, there is far, far too much sideline abuse in GAA. Managements actively try to pressurize referees throughout games and, unfortunately, it often works. I want this to be enforced absolutely ruthlessly – as always, though, the issue is will County Boards support referees in doing so?

Sideline officials have the power to bring to the attention of the referee any foul play or infraction of Rule by a team official.

Sideline officials were once extremely limited – they simply couldn't inform the referee of most matters as it was beyond their scope. Sideline officials are an important resource for referees; use them. With the caveat, of course, that referees at lower grades often have to ask each team to do a sideline. In those circumstances, referees obviously have to take things with at least a pinch of salt.

If a player advances the ball deliberately from the place where a free or side line kick should be taken, or takes a sideline from a position not outside the boundary line, then a free is awarded to the opposition. Previously a throw-in was awarded in these situations.

Look, the word 'deliberately' is doing a lot of heavy lifting there. I said it with the black card, 'intent' is a subjective, not objective thing.

FOSSA

LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 05/10/2025 for a jackpot of €3,600 were 8, 12, 25, 27. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Niamh O'Reilly, Online; Audery Kearney, Online; Sean Kelly; Ina Kennedy Scott; Vince Casey. 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>

MOLYNEAUX CUP SHIELD FINAL

It wasn't to be against a very strong Rathmore side in the shield final on Saturday afternoon for our junior team. Rathmore had the first two scores of the game before Rocco Sheehan got Fossa on the scoreboard with a point from play. Rathmore dominated possession for large periods of the first half but a slick passing move by the Fossa forwards ended with Dan O'Keeffe sidestepping his marker brilliantly to score a fine goal in the 15th minute. Rathmore struck back with a few scores to regain the lead but in the 20th minute Fossa were awarded a penalty which they failed to convert. Fossa enjoyed a brief period of dominance with Michael O'Dwyer showing all his class to kick a fine point and he set up Rocco Sheehan for another soon afterwards. Rathmore kicked the last three scores of the half to lead 1-03 to 0-8 at the break. Rathmore completely dominated in the second half and even though Fossa never gave up they couldn't match the physical power of their opponents and couldn't get their hands on enough possession. They did get scores from Michael O'Dwyer, Jack Clifford and Ruari Doyle but it finished Rathmore 1-17, Fossa 1-06.

EAST KERRY U14 CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Fossa 3-09, Dr Crokes 5-05.

The curtain come down today on our Under 14 boy's season when they entertained our town neighbours Dr Crokes in a gripping U14 Final. The final was played on a pristine pitch in Gortroe at noon before a large vocal crowd. The Crokes made a blistering start to the game and within minutes had raced into an early 1-01 to no score lead. The hosts were slow to start but eventually got on the scoreboard with a well taken Shea Driver free. Then in the 12th minute Johnny Myers was pulled down in the square resulting in a penalty for Fossa. Shea Driver calmly slotted home the dead ball to give us a lifeline before half time. Both defences were on top for the remainder of the half and at the short whistle the scoreboard read Fossa 1-03, Dr Crokes 1-04. Fossa would play with the advantage of the slight breeze for the 2nd period but such advantages rarely win games for you. Dr Crokes struck for two early goals on the re-start and now it was do or die for our lads, but to a man they lifted their game as we knew they would. Shea Driver converted two more tricky frees and these were followed by three fantastic individual points from the boots of Aaron O'Sullivan, Gerry Moroney and Shea Driver. Fossa were now on top, but totally against the run of play Crokes were awarded a penalty which they duly scored. Fossa were now driving forward in waves at the opposition and as Johnny Myers bore down on goals he was once

more pulled down. Up stepped captain fantastic Shea Driver yet again and smashed the ball into the Crokes net to leave only 3 points between the sides.

Unfortunately for Fossa, the town boys were not for giving up and they immediately responded with a goal of their own to stretch their lead out to 6 points. The game was now being played at a frantic pace from end to end. Fossa sharp shooter Ryan Lynch kicked a beautiful point off his left and within seconds he had the crowd on their feet when he calmed finished to the net.

There was now only 2 points separating the teams as the clocked ticked towards full time, Fossa had one last attack which unfortunately broke down and with that the referee blew the final whistle on an epic encounter. On the day Fossa didn't get the rub of the green, and a few decisions went against our lads but they never gave up and died in their boots for the cause as always. Overall, an excellent season for our U14 boys, to reach 3 finals. Winning an East Kerry League and losing a County and East Kerry Championship Final by the narrowest of margins. Well done to these mighty young men, remember the names, they will be back. Fossa Abu.

MOTHERS AND OTHERS

Our Fossa Mothers & Others team marked their first year with an off-pitch adventure - doing the Old Kenmare Walk. The team, which was formed 1 year ago has enjoyed their weekly training sessions led by their dedicated coach Tony Harty as well as numerous games and attending three blitz's. The team has been a great addition to the club, bringing in many new playing members who are delighted to wear the red and black. Great friendships have been formed as the ladies bonded at training and at their many social gatherings! They are very grateful to their sponsors for helping them to get set up with gear and equipment - Aghadoe Heights Hotel & Spa, Maxi Zoo, Killarney Credit Union, Makodata and The Shanty Bar.

The team will move to training indoors before taking a break after a great 1st year of sport.

BEAUFORT FILM NIGHT

Beaufort Film Night will hold a film night on Friday 17th October at 8.30pm at Cullina National School, Beaufort. The feature film on the night is The Marching Band, a French drama-comedy (with English subtitles). Cert 12A. Admission €7 cash (No card payment available).

EAST KERRY GAA

O SULLIVAN CUP

First Round – Sunday 12th October at 12 noon

Currow V Listry, Gneeveguilla V Kilcummin, Glenflesk V Furies

Quarter Final – Sunday 12th October at 12 noon

Rathmore V Fossa

EAST KERRY U14 CHAMPIONSHIP

Division 1 Final

Scartaglen 3-14 Kilcummin 4-09

Division 2

Fossa 3-09 Dr Crokes 5-05

EAST KERRY U16 CHAMPIONSHIP

Killarney Legion B 2-07 Glenflesk 1-09

Furies B 3-14 Kilgarvan 1-15

Division 1 Sunday October 12th @ 11.00

Dr Crokes V Kilcummin, Fossa V Furies, Rathmore V Listry, Spa V Legion

Division 3

Gneeveguilla V Scartaglen, Kilcummin B V Currow

SYMPATHIES

Condolences from all on the East Kerry Board to the families of Mae McCrohan (née Brennan) Renard South, Cahersiveen, Kerry on her recent death.

DR CROKES

COUNTY SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Dr. Crokes 0:15 Mid Kerry 3:08

Our seniors bowed out of the County Championship after a hard-fought battle with Mid Kerry in poor conditions on Saturday last. Despite the tough conditions the boys showed great determination throughout. Playing against a strong wind in the first half it tested our patience as we had to work harder for our scores. Trailing 1:06 to 0:04 at the break, we showed real character to draw level midway through the half thanks to some fantastic two pointers from Tony Brosnan. However, two late Mid Kerry goals proved decisive as we narrowly lost out of a quarter final spot. While the result didn't go our way there were a number of positives in the performance and huge credit must go to the players and management for their continued effort and commitment.

LOTTO took place October 6th. Numbers drawn were 7, 19, 20, 21. Jackpot of €12,700 was NOT WON. 7 patrons matched 3 numbers and receive €60 each. Jackpot for draw on October 6th will be €13,100. Play online by following the link below and follow instructions attached https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?II_id=734#Anchor (https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?II_id=734#Anchor)

FR. PADDY'S CARDS NIGHT will return on Wednesday the 8th of October at 8pm in the clubhouse. All are welcome.

GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS WITH KATHLEEN resumes Tuesday 7th October at 11am in the Clubhouse. Everyone is welcome.

GENTLE YOGA FOR BOTH MEN AND WOMAN takes place on Thursdays from 6:15pm-7pm. It is €40 for 4 weeks, valid for 5 weeks.

SCÓR

If anyone is interested in singing, dancing, performing music or taking part in the Quiz please contact Rachel Foley.

BINGO

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

NOTES

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

KILLARNEY LEGION

SENIOR B MEN

Our Senior B Team had a great win in the McElligott Cup Shield Final on Saturday afternoon in Fossa. A very young team mixed with a few more experienced players defended



Smile like you're team just won Junior B !!. Happy Glenflesk supporters after the final last Saturday in Fossa. Photo Seamus Healy.



Glenflesk captain Ava Doherty receiving the Co Championship junior B cup from Deirdre O'Connor, Bon Secours Sponsors in Fossa last Saturday. Photo Seamus Healy.

well and scored two excellent goals in the first half to lead by 2-4 to 0-5 at half time. A more clinical display up front in the second half saw the team work some great scores to run out deserving winners.

Captain Dan Carroll accepted the Shield on behalf of the team. Well done to the team and management, and thanks to Kilcummin for a great game as always. Final score Killarney Legion 3-12 Kilcummin 0-14.

2005 INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONS

20 Years on from lifting the Kerry Intermediate Championship, the team of 2005 had a reunion in Murphys Bar last Friday night. The final0, played in Austin Stack Park, saw them defeat a Paul.Galvin inspired Finuge. The team met up for a night out to celebrate that great win. It was brilliant to catch up with old friends, share memories, and enjoy a few pints together. It was a great night and a great get-together.

U15 LADIES

On a blustery Wednesdays evening at John Mitchels GAA, the U15 ladies took to the pitch for the Division 2 Final against a strong Churchill side.

Facing into a stiff breeze and playing on a heavy surface in the first half, Legion set up defensively and showed great composure to keep Churchill scoreless for the opening 9 minutes. Churchill soon found their rhythm with some well-timed runs and took full advantage, clocking up scores quickly. However, the girls didn't back down, and in true battling spirit, responded with two superb goals and lifted the team. Despite Churchill's pressure, Legion stayed in the contest with grit and determination. At halftime, the scoreboard 2-0 to 3-5 in Churchills favour. The second half saw a renewed energy and with the wind dying down, the girls emerged bravely – even with some fresh knocks to the back line – and showed incredible heart. They chipped away at Churchill's lead with well-earned scores , cutting the deficit to just four points at one stage. Unfortunately, an injury to one of our key midfielders disrupted momentum. Still, they continued to fight until the final whistle. In the end, it wasn't quite enough, as Churchill held on for a hard-fought win, with the match finishing 4-3 to 4-8. Despite the result, every Legion player

should hold their head high. The girls gave it everything in the final and throughout a busy and successful season. Their effort, teamwork, and resilience were second to none. A big thank you to referee Jason O'Brien for officiating, to all our loyal supporters who turned out in numbers, and to Churchill for a sporting and competitive final. Finally, a huge thanks to Four Star Pizza for their generous support on the night – it was very much appreciated. Best wishes for a speedy recovery to our girls who sustained injuries on the night.

WEDDING BELLS

Congratulations to Podge O Connor and Aisling Brennan who celebrated their wedding day in sunny Malaga with a healthy contingent of family and friends .We wish them well for the future.

LOTTO

Results Monday September 29th. Numbers were 9, 11, 12, 28. Bonus 14. Lucky Dips /Match 3s: 1. Norma McDonald 2. Denis Sheahan 3. Mary Healy

East Kerry U14 Division 1 Championship Final Scataglen 3-14 Kilcummin 4-09

Scartaglen and Kilcummin faced off in a thrilling East Kerry championship U14 Final in Spa on Sunday last, with Scartaglen just about coming out on top, despite the 4 goal heroics of Max Moynihan

It was Scartaglen who started quicker taken a 1-03 to 0-01 lead, with the goal coming from influential midfielder Connie O Connor. Olly O Shea adding the 3 other points. Kilcummin Responded well, with Moynihan getting the first of his 4 goal's burying his left foot shot to the net, after being set free by a superb pass from Darragh Fleming. The duo linked up again Soon after with the same result, Moynihan again finding the net with an unstoppable shot. Goalkeeper's Darragh McCarthy for Scartaglen, and Dan Barry from Kilcummin, then made a couple of

Outstanding save's as the hectic action continued. Good work from Se O Donnell and O Shea then set up Liam O Connor for a goal

chance. He finished well, despite Barry's best efforts. At

Half time, Scartaglen held a 2-05 to 2-04 lead, just about deserved on the balance of play.

Kilcummin started the second half well,with points from Moynihan and Conor Galivan. From here though,Scartaglen began to dominate at midfield, with O Connor's powerful running becoming more evident. They scored 6 of the next 7 points ,with O Shea getting 4 of them. Moynihan responded for Kilcummin with another brilliant goal. 2 more O Shea point's followed as Scartaglen looked like they eventually take control. Moynihan though, could not be stopped, as he blasted in his fourth brilliant goal of the game. He followed up with a pointed free, as Kilcummin looked to engineer 1 more goal chance. Scartaglen won the resulting kick out though, and time ran out on Kilcummin. Full credit to both sides for

their brilliant effort's over the 60 plus minute's, Kilcummin kept fighting back, with Moynihan's goalscoring predatory instincts on full view. Scartaglen though, helped by 9 point's from the outstanding O Shea, were deserved winner's on the day.



Basketball Ireland
Dominos National League Division 1

Moycullen V Killarney Cougars

**Moycullen 94
Killarney Cougars 65**



Simon Olanipekun the games top scorer on his National League debut for the Killarney Cougars v Moycullen at the Kingfisher Arena University Galway.

The Killarney Cougars made the trip West to the Kingfisher Arena at the University of Galway on Saturday evening for their opening game of the Basketball Ireland National League Division 1 season. Despite a tough 94-65 loss to a strong Moycullen outfit, there were plenty of positives for the developing young Cougars side to take away.

Moycullen, coached by Paul O'Brien were relegated from the Super League in 2024, showed their experience from the outset, racing into an early lead and maintaining control throughout. The Galway side's physicality and cohesion proved decisive against a Cougars team with an average age of just 22, but the Killarney men showed real heart, determination, and glimpses of exciting potential across the court.

After trailing 57-37 at halftime, the Cougars fought back with renewed energy in the second half, producing several strong spells that showcased their spirit. Every run by the visitors was met with spirited resistance from Moycullen, but the Cougars' effort and resilience never wavered.

There were standout performances from Simon Olanipekun, who impressed on debut with a game-high 25 points, while Kenny Shimwa battled superbly under the boards, posting a double-double of 11 points and 13 rebounds. Player-coach Jack Ryan added 13 points, and Josh Vermiglio chipped in with 10, as the Cougars young core gained valuable experience against one of the league's experienced contenders.

Moycullen were well led their experienced by Grant Olsen with 26 points, supported by Ivan Basic (16) and Antonio Molina Calvente and Aitor Perez Munzo with 11 apiece.

The Cougars now turn their attention to a massive home season opener next Saturday night, when they host Team North West at the Presentation Gym Killarney with both teams looking to get their first win of the season.

Top Scorers

Killarney Cougars: Simon Olanipekun 25, Jack Ryan 13, Kenny Shimwa 11, Josh Vermiglio 10, Evan Cox 3, Adam Linehan 3,
Moycullen: Grant Olsen 26, Ivan Basic 16, Antonio Molina Calvente 11, Aitor Perez Munzo 11.

**DOMINOS MENS NATIONAL
BASKETBALL LEAGUE**
Saturday October 4th
Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre

Utility Trust St Pauls Lakers V Titans

**Utility Trust St Pauls Lakers
68
Titans 90**

Report by Enda Walshe

This was a tough opening night for Utility Trust St Pauls head coach Luke O'Hea as his side ran into a Titans side in imperious form. The Westerners had Fortune Igbokwe supplying the brawn, Uma Rashid brought the silk while Brian Gaffney and Matthew Sweeney delivered some well timed blows from beyond the arc. The Lakers only struck eight points in the first quarter, thirteen in the second and the game was done by half time. The radar for their outside shots wasn't tuned in at this stage but to give them credit, they showed great character in the second half and it will be that period that coach O Hea will be looking to build on for the trip to Ulster University next weekend.

New signings Steve Kelly and Sam Grant made their debuts from the start but it was the Titans who made the brighter opening, with Fortune and Stephen Owede giving them an early advantage. Oisin Spring and Kelly tied it up but the Titans were getting into gear with Rashid and Sweeney flourishing and Fortune dominant in defence. Grant, hampered by an injury picked up midweek, hit his first Lakers points and Kelly kept them in touch momentarily but Gaffney and Rashid helped to open up a 21-8 first quarter lead.

The second quarter was where all the damage was done as the Titans ran riot. They added thirty three points to their total. Sweeney and Gaffney went 50 % from three point land and if one stat could sum up the half it would be this one. The Lakers outside shooting completely deserted them and try as they might they couldn't hang onto the coat tails of the Galway side. Rashid was smooth, Fortune a wrecking ball and all eight Titan players on court fed the

scoreboard. Kelly did his utmost for the Lakers but the likes of Eoin Carroll and Mark Sheehan couldn't get their game going. The Titans headed to the dressing room 56-21 in front.

The second half was all about restoring pride and the Lakers certainly went about that task with gusto. After Kelly hit the opening basket the Titans hit five fast points to make it 61-23 but the Lakers upped the ante and Kelly, Grant and Sheehan with a three started to put a bit of respectability to the scoreboard. Sweeney hit a few timely outside shots to kill any real momentum but Grant, Kelly and Sheehan ensured that the Lakers carried the spoils in this period to leave it at 66-45.

The final quarter was an even affair as the Titans ensured they kept the Lakers at arms length. Igbokwe was always a menace inside but Sheehan and Eoin Carroll brought the gap down to 69-50. Gaffney and Rashid kept the scoreboard ticking over while Marko Bencic made a solid contribution off the bench for the Lakers. Pablo Murcia and Sheehan hit some rare threes on the night that helped the Lakers battle right to the finish. There was also an opportunity for Cathal Spring to make his National League debut and when the final buzzer went the second half performance helped to put some gloss on the scoreboard and definitely some pride was restored after a tormenting first half.

Steve Kelly led the way for the Lakers with 27, Sam Grant hit 11, Pablo Murcia, Mark Sheehan, Eoin Carroll all hit 8, Marco Bencic 4 and Oisin Spring 2.

For the Titans Rachid was the game MVP on 28, Brian Gaffney shot 17, Matthew Sweeney 14 and Fortune Igbokwe 15.

Jordanstown will be the venue for the Lakers next clash as they travel up north to play Ulster University. The Northerners were unlucky to lose out to Tolka Rovers on opening night and in Prince Ebwea they seem to possess a potent weapon. Darragh Ferguson is another one to watch alongside Max Postiglione and the Lakers will have to be at their best for the 4.30pm Saturday tip off.

**WOMENS SUPERLEAGUE
BASKETBALL LEAGUE**
Saturday October 4th
Mercy College Gym

SETU Waterford Wildcats V

**Utility Trust
St Pauls**

**SETU Waterford Wildcats 63
Utility Trust St Pauls 75**

Report by Enda Walshe

Back to the scene of their finest performance last season and with three new players in tow and a few absentees, could Utility Trust St Pauls

repeat their heroics of last March. The answer to that question was an emphatic yes as James Fleming's side put on a magnificent display to silence the SETU Waterford Wildcats . With four of their first five games away from home it would be important that to generate a bit of momentum a win could be snatched here or there . But this was no smash and grab as they took early control of the game and never looked in trouble thereafter.

New signings Maisie Burnham, Lovisa Hevinder and Tara Cousins combined for 53 points to grab the scoring headlines but special mention must go to Siofra O Shea who hit 10 points and pulled down 13 rebounds with Lorraine Scanlon not too far behind her with 11 rebounds . Leah McMahon pulled out some big baskets when needed while Lynn Jones showed she is a timeless wonder . The result certainly lays down a marker to the rest of the league with some big clashes in the weeks ahead.

Sanija Brikmane hit her side's opening points but Burnham, O Shea and Scanlon sprung into action to make it 7-2 early doors. Alyssa Frecas struck for the home side but Burnham was showing her qualities inside as Cousins ran the floor. Hevinder, who was outstanding defensively also, hit a three to make it double scores 20-10, and the same player alongside Cousins brought the St Paul's first half total to 27. The Hickey sisters were doing their utmost for the Wildcats and their efforts made it 27-17 at the end of the first.

The second quarter was a slow burner and by the midway point only eight more points were added. Cousins, O Shea and Scanlon helped their side stretch the lead to 12, 33-21 but the Wildcats went on a bit of a run . The Hickey sisters had rowed it back to a seven point game but crucially Cousins hit a three towards the end of the half that had her side running into the locker room 39-29 to the good.

Again the third started slowly as both sides were on top in defence as Frecas and Scanlon exchanged baskets. Burnham though was really catching fire and alongside Hevinder they made a game winning move. The duo combined to open up a 48-32 advantage and when Frecas tried to reel that in, Cousins responded. The quality of the game now was at its peak as Cousins hit a three and Hevinder netted. The Wildcats cleared their heads to a certain extent but Leah McMahon put the St Pauls stamp on proceedings to ensure they held the whip hand at 57-45, heading for home. Initially Burnham and McMahon maintained the St Pauls momentum but playing at home the Wildcats started to show their claws. Brikmane, Frecas and Sarah Hickey halved the deficit before Burnham delivered some

well-timed free throws. This served to steady the ship once again and Burnham was now in her pomp . Cousins played provider and the home side could make no further inroads into the St Pauls lead. The final buzzer sounded in the Mercy College Gym and it was the away side who headed home with spoils on a 75-63 scoreline.

Maisie Burnham led the scoring for St Pauls with 23, Tara Cousins shot 19, Lovisa Hevinder had 11, Siofra OShea 10, Lorraine Scanlon 7, Leah McMahon 5.

For the Wildcats Alyssa Frecas had 23, Sarah Hickey 20 , Sanija Brikmane 19.

Coach James Fleming was a happy man after the win . "I'm delighted with the win , we played well in patches and moved it well on offence." Siofra O Shea was singled out for special mention. "I thought Siofra was excellent for us, 10 points and 13 rebounds is some input. It's early days but it's great to get a win on the road. We have a good team spirit within the group and hopefully we can continue to improve."

Portlaoise is the next destination on the St Pauls sat nav this Sunday at 3pm. The Midlands had Alyssa Velles to thank for their last gasp win over Fr Matthews and St Mary's Hall promises to be another tough assignment.

Back to the scene of their finest performance last season and with three new players in tow and a few absentees , could Utility Trust St Pauls repeat their heroics of last March. The answer to that question was an emphatic yes as James Fleming's side put on a magnificent display to silence the SETU Waterford Wildcats . With four of their first five games away from home it would be important that to generate a bit of momentum a win could be snatched here or there . But this was no smash and grab as they took early control of the game and never looked in trouble thereafter.

New signings Maisie Burnham, Lovisa Hevinder and Tara Cousins combined for 53 points to grab the scoring headlines but special mention must go to Siofra O Shea who hit 10 points and pulled down 13 rebounds with Lorraine Scanlon not too far behind her with 11 rebounds . Leah McMahon pulled out some big baskets when needed while Lynn Jones showed she is a timeless wonder . The result certainly lays down a marker to the rest of the league with some big clashes in the weeks ahead.

Sanija Brikmane hit her side's opening points but Burnham, O Shea and Scanlon sprung into action to make it 7-2 early doors. Alyssa Frecas struck for the home side but Burnham was showing her qualities inside as Cousins ran the floor. Hevinder, who was outstanding defensively also, hit a three to make it double scores 20-10, and the same player alongside

Cousins brought the St Paul's first half total to 27. The Hickey sisters were doing their utmost for the Wildcats and their efforts made it 27-17 at the end of the first.

The second quarter was a slow burner and by the midway point only eight more points were added. Cousins, O Shea and Scanlon helped their side stretch the lead to 12, 33-21 but the Wildcats went on a bit of a run . The Hickey sisters had rowed it back to a seven point game but crucially Cousins hit a three towards the end of the half that had her side running into the locker room 39-29 to the good.

Again the third started slowly as both sides were on top in defence as Frecas and Scanlon exchanged baskets. Burnham though was really catching fire and alongside Hevinder they made a game winning move. The duo combined to open up a 48-32 advantage and when Frecas tried to reel that in , Cousins responded. The quality of the game now was at its peak as Cousins hit a three and Hevinder netted. The Wildcats cleared their heads to a certain extent but Leah McMahon put the St Pauls stamp on proceedings to ensure they held the whip hand at 57-45, heading for home. Initially Burnham and McMahon maintained the St Pauls momentum but playing at home the Wildcats started to show their claws. Brikmane, Frecas and Sarah Hickey halved the deficit before Burnham delivered some well-timed free throws. This served to steady the ship once again and Burnham was now in her pomp . Cousins played provider and the home side could make no further inroads into the St Pauls lead. The final buzzer sounded in the Mercy College Gym and it was the away side who headed home with spoils on a 75-63 scoreline.

Maisie Burnham led the scoring for St Pauls with 23, Tara Cousins shot 19, Lovisa Hevinder had 11, Siofra OShea 10, Lorraine Scanlon 7, Leah McMahon 5.

For the Wildcats Alyssa Frecas had 23, Sarah Hickey 20 , Sanija Brikmane 19.

Coach James Fleming was a happy man after the win . "I'm delighted with the win , we played well in patches and moved it well on offence." Siofra O Shea was singled out for special mention. "I thought Siofra was excellent for us, 10 points and 13 rebounds is some input. It's early days but it's great to get a win on the road. We have a good team spirit within the group and hopefully we can continue to improve."

Portlaoise is the next destination on the St Pauls sat nav this Sunday at 3pm. The Midlands had Alyssa Velles to thank for their last gasp win over Fr Matthews and St Mary's Hall promises to be another tough assignment.



East Kerry club officers from left, Ann Holland, Paul Brennan The Kerryman sponsor, Gary O'Halloran, Noel Kennedy, Johnny Brosnan. Back, Dermot O'Connor, Paul Kiely, Mike Pigott and Matt O'Neill.

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Runner-up: Johnny Brosnan 32 (13)

Div 3

Winner: Paul Favier 34 (34)

Runner-up: Sam Guerineau 28 (27)

KERRY PITCH & PUTT

While there was no major fixture last weekend there were a number of significant developments not least in Pitch & Putt Ireland's announcements of the squads that will contest this year's Inter-Provincial Challenge which takes place on the first Saturday of November (1st) in Ryston, Newbridge, Co Kildare.

This year's Challenge will feature both Mens and a combined Ladies & U16 team match as Deerpark's Damien Fleming and Tralee's Jason Cregan have once again been selected for the Munster Mens side having played in the inaugural match between the provinces in 2023. James Fleming will add another team to his long list of managerial commitments meanwhile as he has been selected as team manager for the Munster Mens side on the day.

The U16 team meanwhile will feature two Deerpark players as both Fionn McMonagle and Aodhan O'Halloran will be amongst the six representing Munster in that section on the day as the County Board congratulates all five on being selected to represent the province on



Deerpark Pitch & Putt Club U16 Officer Derry McCarthy (centre) pictured with the prizewinners from the Trophyworld Tralee sponsored Club Matchplay event last Saturday. Pictured L to R: Daniel Quinlan (Cup Runner-Up), Donnacha Slattery (Plate Runner-Up), Aodhan O'Halloran (Cup semi-finalist), Fionn O'Callaghan (Cup Winner), Ben O'Sullivan (Plate Winner) and Ronan Browne (Cup semi-finalist).

the day. The Charity chosen to benefit from this year's event in Fighting Blindness. Elsewhere Deerpark announced last week their decision not to go ahead with the rescheduling of their Scratch Cup events for the October Bank Holiday Weekend following their initial postponement back in June. The Killarney club have decided to prioritise the current work taking place on their course at present and will hope to have them back again in 2026.

This weekend sees the two Deerpark and one Tralee side that qualified for the National Inter-Club Finals head to Fermoy this weekend. Deerpark 1 will play in the morning session on Saturday which includes both Scotch Foursomes and Singles play while both Tralee 1 and Deerpark 2 are in the afternoon session which includes the same play. The top four from the 16 finalists will then go forward to Sunday to contest semi-finals and a final to decide the winner and the County Board wishes all three teams the very best of luck in Fermoy.

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DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB

ADULT SINGLES MATCHPLAY

The Murphy's Bar sponsored event came to a conclusion last Saturday over 36 holes as James Foley took on Nathan Cronin in the final. Nathan went into an early 3up lead but James fought his way back to level at halfway stage before using

his shots to his advantage as the match wore on in winning by 4&2. The win sees him secure both the Club Strokeplay and Club Matchplay in the space of a week, the first player in the club to do so since Colm 'Chopper' O'Donoghue back in 2013. The Plate Final took place on Sunday meanwhile as Brian McCarthy defeated John Murphy by 2&1. Congratulations to both James and Brian on their wins.

U16 MATCHPLAY

This event sponsored by Trophyworld Tralee took place in its entirety last Saturday as Fionn O'Callaghan claimed victory in the Cup Final from Daniel Quinlan with Aodhan O'Halloran and Ronan Browne the beaten semi-finalists. Ben O'Sullivan would win the Plate Final from Donnacha Slattery meanwhile.

SUNDAY DRAWS

Two Ball Betterball- First Nett: Bobby Kelly & Margaret O'Brien 37, Gross: Gearoid Cronin & Gerry Kelliher 47 and Second Nett: Bobby Kelly & Sean O'Brien 39.

INTER-PROVINCIAL CHALLENGE

We were delighted last week to learn that the club will be represented once again at this year's Inter-Provincial Challenge on the first Saturday in November. Congratulations to Damien Fleming on being selected for a second time for this event as brother James will serve as this year's Mens Captain. We were delighted also to learn that Fionn McMonagle and Aodhan O'Halloran will be part of the U16 team for this year's event also as the Challenge itself this year is in aid of Fighting Blindness. Well done also to County Secretary Jason Cregan on being selected for the Mens team again alongside Damien.

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KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL STOPPING HOUSE BUILDING IN KERRY

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

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

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

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

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



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



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

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



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

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By Nicky Barry

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They congregate for scoops at night, after a busy day,
Cooking food and serving it, and then they have their say.

They all have their agendas, about their fellow workers,
The useless and the gossips, the jokers and the messers.

They whisper and they complain, about what they are paid,
Then lash the hopeless manager, and the chambermaids.

The pot-wallopers aren't happy, about conditions in the kitchen,
And the waiters in the restaurant, are forever bitching.

They all think that some young pup, is not acting his wage,
With frightening ambition, way above his age.

In the hotel hierarchy, they all have their dreams,

To move up the ladder, and oh boy, do they scheme!

They undermine potential rivals, with whispering intrigues,
And sabotage superiors, while discussing recipes!

Gardening

with Killarney Outlook

by John O'Sullivan

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A Word of Victory

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up" (Galatians 6:9).

Welcome back dear student, in this season late apples, vegetables, and the end of the main grain crop are being harvested by the hands that worked the soil. The Word of God states clearly that we will reap what we sow - both bad and good. Farmers who patiently sowed are now reaping their harvest. The waiting period may be long, but every seed produces after its own kind according to God's design (Genesis 1:11). That means you cannot sow carrot seed and expect cabbages to grow. The Word of God is a seed, as are all our behaviours and dealings in life. Jesus warned that it's by our fruits we are known and recognised (Matthew 7:15-20; Luke 8:11). Without the wisdom of God's Word, it's easy to be swayed by ungodly influences resulting in harmful impacts upon individuals, families, and even nations.

The upcoming Presidential election is a shambles. Ireland is reaping what has been sown in confusion and chaos. Today Christian principles are constantly mocked and sidelined. Our nation has turned on God's people, having become one of the greatest enemies of the nation of Israel to our shame. The government and mainstream media are mouthpieces for elite globalist dealers whose main agenda is greed, power, and a one world government system. God is quite clear that He will bless those who bless Israel and will curse those who curse them (Genesis 12:3; Zechariah 12:2-9). The support of Hamas, a terrorist organisation who two years ago this week, savagely brutalised, murdered and raped innocent people young and old, and kidnapped, starved, and murdered men, women and children has never been rebuked here. This may not suit the propaganda-narrative being pumped out by RTE friend, but you need to investigate the truth and think for yourself. While men, women and children in this nation are on waiting lists for operations, respite care, or housing, millions are being spent in the most wasteful means possible, with no accountability. No one is discussing the huge abortion rates, or the suicide, human trafficking, or cocaine and addiction epidemics that are sweeping through Ireland, destroying lives.

People who have grown tired of seeing Ireland go down this swanny are now labelled 'far-right'. Really, they are just normal people, calling out an abnormal world system. The tyranny we are witnessing in this country needs to be exposed and resisted by people of moral courage and integrity from all backgrounds. The last straw was when democracy was thrown under the bus, as men and women who put themselves forward to contest the Presidential election were dismissed and given no chance to appear on the ballot, in an organised cartel, led by government - leaving only two candidates now, neither of which are presidential in my opinion. So yes, Ireland is reaping what it has sown, and sadly as usual, it is the people who are working hard, raising their families trying to pay mortgages and bills, who are being impacted the most. Unfortunately, the kindness of people here has been taken advantage of. Emotions are manipulated to be on 'the right side of history' in relation to Gaza, transgenderism and other agendas. I prefer to be on the right side of God, than a fantasy history benefiting only fat-cats or global jihad. The dilution of Ireland's Christian heritage and national pride along with the destruction of the western civilisation is their ultimate aim. What are we going to do about it friend? (Isaiah 61:8; Proverbs 28:5; Hebrews 12:14-29). Pray, and seek God's Wisdom and Mercy, remembering that He is the God of Justice.

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Mondays (except for Bank Holidays) and on Saturdays

SILVER CIRCLE DRAW

It is that time of the year again when we are asking for help in promoting the Silver Circle Draw. The Silver Circle is our only fundraiser during the year, and we will begin Thursday 9th Oct with the first draw, and every Thursday thereafter for 10 weeks concluding on Thursday 11th of December. Supporting local businesses and shops in Kerry is more important than ever and thank you to all our sponsors to date. Tickets are available from the Parish Office, from Promoters and ticket sellers

KILLARNEY PARISH MISSION: A Huge Míle Buíochas and congratulations to everybody involved in the parish Mission this last week. We hope that memories have been made by the Parishioners that will last long into the future. We especially would like to thank the Redemptorist Team Fr Laurence Fr Jerry, Helena and Brother Kevin, who led our Parish Mission with such enthusiasm. We also thank everybody who was involved in the very long planning process, - the Parish Council schools musicians, actors and Clergy. We Thank you all for your support and Contributions, in making Killarney Mission 2025 one to remember.

AL-ANON: Help and hope for the families and friends of alcoholics. MEETINGS- Every Tuesday at 8.30pm St. Claire's House, Beech Road, Killarney (Enter via small gate on the left of Islamic centre) Website- al-anonuk.org.uk Helpline- 01-873-2699

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

DIOCESAN JUBILEE OF CHOIRS

In this Jubilee Year, Pilgrims of Hope, the weekend of Saturday November 22/Sunday November 23 has been designated by the Vatican as a time to acknowledge the contribution of music at our Sunday celebrations.

In advance of this special weekend, the diocese would like to celebrate the gift of singing and music at our parish liturgies and worship with a Mass of Thanksgiving in St Mary's Cathedral, Killarney on Tuesday Nov 18th @ 7pm. It is hoped that the Mass will allow people to join with singers and musicians from across the diocese to pray and give praise through song and music.

For more information, contact ailishwalsh@dioceseofkerry.ie

7TH ANNIVERSARY

WITH LOVE WE REMEMBER
OUR WONDERFUL SON AND
BROTHER

**NIALL
MCGILlicUDDY**



LATE OF CLOONTEENS,
KILCUMMIN KILLARNEY
WHO DIED ON THE 12TH OF
OCTOBER 2018.

*Our hearts are full of memories
With pride we speak your name
Though life must go on without you
It will never be the same*

*Those special days will not return
When we were all together
But the love and memories in our hearts
Will stay with us forever*

Niall, missing and remembering you
every minute of every day,

Love Mom and Dad, Ellen and Jane x.

NIALL'S ANNIVERSARY MASS

will be held in St Mary's Cathedral
on Friday 10th October at 6.15pm.

7TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
OUR WONDERFUL NEPHEW

**NIALL
MCGILlicUDDY**



CLOONTEENS, KILCUMMIN
KILLARNEY
WHO DIED ON THE
12TH OF OCTOBER 2018.

*Niall, we were so blessed
to have had you in our lives,
we miss you so much.
You are in our prayers
and thoughts every day.*

*'You are looking down
From Heaven up above,
Sending out smiles with days of
sunshine and showers of love'*

Rest in peace Niall

Always loved and remembered
Mary and Paul

3RD ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**TIMMY
BUCKLEY**



LATE OF GORTAREE,
AGHADOE, KILLARNEY
WHO DIED ON
OCTOBER 15TH 2022

*Your life was one of kindly deeds,
A helping hand for others needs,
Sincere and true in heart and mind,
Beautiful memories left behind.*

**Loved and fondly remembered by your
sisters Eileen, Nora, Margaret, Sheila
and their families**

Anniversary Mass

Mass will be celebrated for Tim and his
parents Timmy and Margaret Buckley on
Saturday 11th October in Fossa Church

5TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
OUR WONDERFUL SISTER

**LINDA LUCEY
EVISTON**



WHOSE 5TH ANNIVERSARY
OCCURS ON OCTOBER
10TH, 2025.

*Of all the special gifts in life,
However great or small,
To have you as Our Sister
Was the greatest gift of all.*

*May the winds of love blow softly
And whisper in your ear
We love and miss you Linda
And wish that you were here*

*A silent thought, a secret tear
Keeps your memory ever near
In our hearts forever.*

Your loving Sisters Karen, Sandra,
Deirdre, Áine & Families xxx

THE 3 DAY NOVENA PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Oh, most beautiful flower of Mount
Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of
Heaven. Oh, Blessed Mother of the Son
of God; Immaculate Virgin, assist me in
my necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help
me and show me you are my Mother.
Oh, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen
of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech
you from the bottom of my heart to
succor me in my necessity (mention
your request here). There are none that
can withstand your power.

Oh, Mary, conceived without sin, pray
for us who have recourse to thee. (say
three times).

Holy Mary, I place this prayer in your
hands. (say three times).
Amen.

IN MEMORIAM

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THE MIRACLE PRAYER

Dear Heart of Jesus in the past I have
asked many favours. This time I ask you
this special one, (mention favour).
Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it
within your own broken heart where
your Father sees it.
Then in his merciful eyes it will become
your favour not mine.
Amen.

Say this prayer for three days.
Publication of prayer and favour will be
granted.

NOVENA TO ST. JUDE

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

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

Helper of the hopeless, pray for us.

Say this prayer nine times a day, by
the eighth day the prayer will be
answered.

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