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It is time to celebrate the success of the White-tailed Eagle project, and acknowledge the incredible work by National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS). This week NPWS Staff with Stone Mason Simon Mangan, are installing and rendering the final touches to a new monument, dedicated to the successful Re-Introduction programme of the White-tailed Eagle. Pictured are from left: James Doherty, Simon Mangan, Pat O'Sullivan, Conor O'Donoghue, Divisional Manager NPWS, Eamonn Meskill, PJ Murphy. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

  
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# A Note from the EDITOR



As we continue to bask in glorious sunshine, we have lots for you to enjoy in this week's Killarney Outlook.

The family of brave baby Grace Marie O'Sullivan are appealing for your generosity to help with her ongoing medical expenses, the finishing touches are being put on a monument to the White Tailed Eagles on Tomies and The Claret Jug paid a visit to Killarney Golf & Fishing Club.

Those Wandering Wild were treated to Killarney at it's very best with a fantastic festival and amazing weather ensuring that it was one of the best yet!

The annual Good Friday Walk in memory of Vivien O'Shea and Sheila MacGillycuddy was launched this week, a local Motorcycle Club has made a generous donation to the Kerry Rape & Sexual Abuse Centre and a new film showcases the unique history of Milltown.

Style was at the fore of two events in Killarney over the past week with the INEC hosting the Recovery Haven Fashion Showcase and the Killarney Oaks was the venue for "Your Best Life", an event held in association with Breast Cancer Ireland.

Rathmore Quiz Buffs are celebrating an All Ireland win, Chess is on the rise in local schools and Sem Boys are busy raising funds and having fun with the annual Cheltenham Challenge.

All eyes will be on St. Paul's Ladies Basketball Team as they vie for All Ireland gold in the Women's Superleague Final on Sunday in Dublin and in this week's Killarney Outlook, Enda Walsh previews the game while Eamonn Keogh take a look back at the history of Women's Basketball in Killarney.

Hope you all enjoy this week's Killarney Outlook!

*Aisling Crosbie*

*A very unusual cloud captured by Julie Gaffey during the recent beautiful of weather.*



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# Baby Grace's Family APPEAL FOR HELP

The family of a new baby girl, who was born with the help of surrogacy in Cyprus have issued a heartfelt plea for help in their hour of need. Baby Grace Maria O'Sullivan was born prematurely at 33 weeks on Monday, March 24, 2025. Baby Grace arrived into the world facing complex medical issues, including duodenal atresia and heart defects.

Her devoted parents, Pdraig O'Sullivan and Julett Culloty with the dream of becoming parents, began their journey with the help of surrogacy in Cyprus. They have remained by her side in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit since her birth. At just four days old, Grace underwent emergency surgery for duodenal atresia and she is currently on a ventilator recovering from this procedure. Baby Grace will require further surgery to address her critical heart condition.

Despite these overwhelming circumstances, the couple has been deeply touched by the outpouring of love, support, and prayers from around the world. The messages, mass cards, and warm wishes have offered immense comfort in the most difficult of times.

To help Grace receive the lifesaving care she needs and to support her parents with the significant costs of her treatment and their temporary relocation to Cyprus, The Baby Grace Fund has been established. This fund will

directly contribute to her emergency medical interventions and the substantial expenses her family now faces.

The fund was set up by the couple's extended family and friends, who humbly ask for any contributions that can be made—no matter how small. Every donation brings hope, healing, and support to Grace and her loving parents during this incredibly challenging journey.

"We are deeply grateful for all your help, prayers, and kind wishes - thank you from the bottom of our hearts", Kieran Culloty, Julett's brother told Killarney Outlook.

"Paidi and Julett are completely overwhelmed with the support that they have received and want to say thank you to everyone", Kieran added.

With an original target of €80,000, the family have been overwhelmed with the generosity and although their initial target has been reached, they are still be so grateful for as many donations as possible due to the uncertain medical condition Grace is in.

**If you would like to donate to the fundraiser, you can do so at:**

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Grace's devoted parents, Pdraig O'Sullivan and Julett Culloty



Baby Grace Maria who is receiving treatment in Cyprus following her birth at 33 weeks.

## TRAGIC ACCIDENT CLAIMS A YOUNG LIFE



The accident scene at Beaufort Bridge on Tuesday, The road remained closed while Gardai undertook a technical investigation.

There was widespread shock and sadness when news broke on Monday evening that a young boy was killed in a road traffic accident at Beaufort Bridge.

Michael Coffey was fishing in the area with his father and friends when he was in collision with a tractor on the bridge.

Michael was pronounced dead at the scene and his body was removed to University Hospital Kerry for a post mortem.

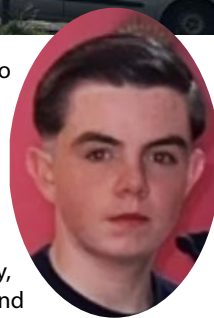
The driver of the tractor, a man in his 20's wasn't injured in the accident. Cllr. Martin Grady knows the family personally and said that everyone is in shock at the tragic news.

"My heart goes out to all those affected by the tragedy, including the driver of the tractor", Cllr. Grady said on the passing of such a young man with everything to live for.

Meanwhile, Gardai in Killarney are appealing for any witnesses to the accident to get in touch with them. They are particularly interested in

anyone who have dash-cam footage and who were travelling in the area of Beaufort Bridge between 7pm and 7.45pm on Monday evening. Michael will be greatly missed by his family, his heartbroken parents Thomas and Amanda, brother Thomas, sisters Ashanta, Leona and Precious Kathleen, his much loved grandmothers Kathleen O'Brien and Nora Coffey, his aunts and uncles, cousins, neighbours and many friends.

The Funeral Mass for Michael takes place, today, Friday 11th April at 11am in Castleisland Parish Church followed by burial in New Rath Cemetery Tralee. The Mass will be live-streamed on [www.churchservices.tv/castleisland](http://www.churchservices.tv/castleisland)



The late Michael Coffey





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# The Claret Jug Visits Killarney Golf & Fishing Club

Golf Ireland was delighted to announce the arrival of the iconic Claret Jug to golf clubs and communities across Ireland as part of 'The Road to The Open' initiative. Last weekend the Claret Jug was welcomed at Killarney Golf & Fishing Club as part of a two week tour.

Members at the golf club enjoyed a 90-minute event, providing attendees with an opportunity to take photographs alongside one of golf's most historic trophies. "We are thrilled to bring the Claret Jug, one of the most revered trophies in sport, directly to communities around Ireland," said Golf Ireland CEO Mark Kennelly and a native of Killarney.

"This is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the passion for golf across the island of Ireland and to promote community engagement as The Open returns to Royal Portrush.

"Events like these highlight the vital role golf clubs play in connecting communities and creating a lasting legacy. The return of The Open is a significant moment and Golf Ireland aims to maximise its positive impact, inspiring future generations of golfers.



Mark Kennelly CEO Golf Ireland, Michael Coote, Chairman Golf Ireland Munster Committee and Frank Shaw, Chairman Killarney Golf Club Committee with the Claret Jug on The Road to the Open at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Some Killarney Golf Club members with the Claret Jug on The Road to the Open at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Mervyn, Ellie, Addison, Ethan, Mulcahy and Marguerita Mulcahy with the Claret Jug on The Road to the Open at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Pat Buckley, Roan Culloty Kennedy, Shauna Culloty, Patrick Buckley and Paddy Culloty Buckley with the Claret Jug on The Road to the Open at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Killarney Golf Club Junior team members with the Claret Jug on The Road to the Open at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin





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# Wander Wild Festival

## Delights Attendees with Record Ticket Sales and Attendance Numbers

The annual Wander Wild Festival in Killarney was an outstanding success, with over 3,000 individual tickets sold for the 133 ticketed events held over the weekend - over 30% more than last year. Many events sold out before the festival kicked off last Friday, while the mini-heatwave ensured a late flurry of ticket sales, with the majority of events selling out over the weekend. Now in its fourth year, the festival attracted an estimated 5,000 people to the town, with many taking advantage of the good weather and enjoying over 30 free festival events over the weekend. The festival aims to showcase Killarney as the Outdoor Capital of Ireland. It offers something for everyone - from challenging hikes and calming wellness events, to thought-provoking talks and an eclectic mix of music and entertainment, all of which contribute to an electric atmosphere all weekend.

The new unique Wellness Village, specially erected for the festival in the courtyard of Killarney House & Gardens, proved to be an outstanding success with hundreds enjoying a host of calming activities in the oasis of serenity. Seán Ronayne was a big hit with nature lovers, both with his Dawn Chorus Walk and his inspiring talk on bird sounds. In St Mary's Church of the Sloes, Moncrieff wowed fans with a moving, intimate performance, followed by an impromptu appearance at Pigs Lane.

Locals and visitors embraced the town's natural amenities with Sunrise Dips and Saunas at Dundag, Stand Up Paddleboarding, Kayaking, Guided Bat Walks & Night Hikes, Fireside chats with Bressie, Shee and a host of other inspiring speakers and musicians, Mindfulness Hikes, and much more. The beat-pumping 'Rave an Rothar' cycle through the streets and free on-street gigs at Basecamp, showcasing exceptional local musical talent, had the town buzzing all weekend.

Following on from Killarney's new status as an 'Autism Friendly Town', in association with AsIAM, the committee from Autism Friendly Killarney teamed up with the Wander Wild Festival once again create a Sensory Quiet



Killarney Cyclong Club, pedalling to the beat during Rave an Rothar as part of the Wander Wild Festival in Killarney. The adventure and wellness festival, sponsored by Nature Valley, continues until Sunday evening (6th April).

Pic: Valerie O'Sullivan

Zone as well as hosting an Autism Friendly Walk in the Blue Pool, which were both enjoyed by adults and families alike.

The Kids Zone, with a host of fun nature-based activities, was a real hit with young wander wilders and their parents.

Pat Chawke, Chairperson of Wander Wild Festival, shared his delight at the festival's success, "The atmosphere around town all weekend was fantastic - It was great to see people drawn to Basecamp all weekend, whether as a meeting place with like-minded adventurers, after a day on the mountains and the lakes, or just families and friends enjoying the free on-street entertainment, activities, and dining from local pop-up eateries. The Wellness Village's new location in Killarney House & Gardens was phenomenally well-received by everyone who got to enjoy a wellness session there. We are delighted to have grown our autism friendly activities with Autism Friendly Killarney in association with AsIAM.

We are very thankful to the businesses on Main St who came on board to transform the street into a vibrant Basecamp - the place to be all weekend! The feedback from festival goers is

outstanding - they are blown away, not only by our amazing town and the National Park, but how everyone works together to showcase the amazing place that we get to call home. As one lady said to me - "I go to a lot of festivals and enjoy them, but Wander Wild is a festival that I feel".

We are incredibly grateful to Nature Valley and our other sponsors, Fáilte Ireland, Killarney Chamber of Tourism & Commerce, the National Park and Wildlife Service, Kerry County Council and appreciate the exceptional experiences provided by over 40 activity partners that worked with us and the businesses & residents of our wonderful town.

The festival would not have happened without the months of dedication by the organising committee and the many volunteers who supported us over the weekend. For those interested in getting involved next year- email ops@wanderwildfestival.com.

For more information, visit wanderwildfestival.com.

SEE PAGES 20 AND 21 FOR MORE WANDER WILD PHOTOGRAPH

Kayakers making their way to Innisfallen Island from Ross Castle, Lough Lein, Killarney National Park, as part of the Wander Wild Festival in Killarney. The adventure and wellness festival concludes on Sunday evening. The event is sponsored by Nature Valley. Valerie O'Sullivan







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## Walk to Remember Vivien and Sheila

The annual Good Friday Walk takes place on Friday the 18th of April in aid of the Kerry Hospice Foundation/Palliative Care. The walk is in memory of Vivien O'Shea and Sheila McGillicuddy, who were taken far too young. The walk will also remember all those who have lost their lives. The walk begins from the Garden Restaurant at Muckross House with check in at 9.30am and gets underway at 10.30 am on the 5km circuit. People who wish to go further are free to do so. There is no registration fee but there will be a bucket donation. There will also be a raffle for some nice prizes and a complimentary tea or coffee for all participants. The committee are delighted to welcome Brendan Fuller of Radio Kerry fame as the Walk Ambassador for this year's event. Pictured at the launch were Dermot O'Reilly, Mary Finnegan, Walk Ambassador Brendan Fuller, Pat Doolan and Marian O'Keeffe in the National Park.



Vivien O'Shea



Sheila MacGillicuddy



Pictured at the launch were Dermot O'Reilly, Mary Finnegan, Walk Ambassador Brendan Fuller, Pat Doolan and Marian O'Keeffe in the National Park.

## KILLARNEY OUTLET CENTRE promises a really **HOPPY EASTER**



It has always been the best Sunday fun day of the year – and this year it will be so much bigger and better than ever before.

Easter is almost here so it's time to get cracking for the most sensational seasonal party of all at the Killarney Outlet Centre.

The Easter Bunny is promising a really eggs-cting time for everybody with three hours of fun and games, magic and mayhem on the agenda. The fun for all will run from 2.00pm to 5.00pm with free face painting, magic and puppet shows, balloon modelling, a bop-along kids' disco and an astonishing demonstration of circus skills that will truly amaze.

In addition, for the more creative, there will be a candle making workshop from 11.00am to 5.00pm for which a small charge will apply. And then, of course, there is the very special guest, the Easter Bunny, who is excited and delighted to be bouncing back to Killarney for the best party of all.

Families are welcome to meet and greet the every-obliging Easter Bunny and they are more than welcome to bring their smartphones or cameras to take their own souvenir photographs of the occasion between 2.30pm and 4.00pm.

In addition to all the fun, a great day of shopping and entertainment will await at Killarney Outlet Centre which will be open on Good Friday and Easter Saturday from 10.00am to 6.00pm as well as from 12 noon to 6.00pm on Easter Sunday and Easter Monday.

"It's going to be a fantastic day out and we're really looking forward to throwing the party of the year and wishing everybody a really hoppy Easter," said centre manager Paul Sherry.

## Dromhall & Randles Hotel **WIN GOLD** at the IASI Awards

The Dromhall & Randles Hotels Killarney have won Gold in the 4-star category at the IASI (Irish Accommodation Services Institute) Awards, which took place at a gala dinner at the Great Southern Hotel last weekend.

The IASI Awards are the only awards in Ireland that are exclusively based on accommodation standards with judging based on presentation & cleanliness in the public areas, bedrooms, corridors & public toilets.

Judging for the prestigious awards took place last December, with both hotels receiving a score higher than 96%. This is a major testament to the professionalism and meticulous attention to detail both accommodation Managers bring to their role & the hotels.

Accepting the awards were Monika Gniewek, Accommodation Manager at Dromhall Hotel, and Sheila O'Donoghue, Accommodation Manager at Randles Hotel. Their commitment, alongside their dedicated supervisors Nashiyah and Danuta, has set an industry-leading standard for hygiene and guest comfort.

A huge congratulations to Monika & Sheila and of course the extremely hard working team of accommodation assistants, all your hard work is appreciated & this recognition is well deserved.

Commenting on the win, Managing Director at Dromhall Hotel Bernadette Randles said, "We are absolutely delighted to receive this prestigious recognition from the IASI. Maintaining the highest standards of cleanliness and accommodation is at the heart of our guest experience. Shelley Steadman General Manager at Randles also commented that his award is a testament to the dedication, professionalism, and hard work of our incredible accommodation teams. Monika, Sheila, and their teams go above and beyond every day to ensure our guests enjoy the very best in comfort and hospitality. We couldn't be prouder of them."



Monika Gniewek & Bernadette Randles with the Gold Award presented to the hotel at the IASI Awards at the Great Southern Hotel.



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

## RECLAIM THE GREEN AREAS FOR CHILDREN

Whole streets in some parts of Dublin and it seems Waterford are being cordoned off to allow children to play together on the street and in their green areas near their homes, as neighbours get together to keep cars away, even for limited periods.

Here the Woodlawn Park Association is being revitalised with a new generation. One of the top concerns is to allow children to play safely on their wonderful green and come and go from their surrounding homes. Traffic during after school play time particularly from learner drivers and driving schools is a real concern in Woodlawn.

Car ownership along with the population in Ireland has spiralled and every second person now has a car.

In 1985, there were just over 700,000 cars for 3,500,000 million people or roughly one private car for every five people in the country. Now, there are close to 2.5 million cars for five million people.

We all had to learn the three-point turns, the reversing and parallel parking but surely there has to be consideration for others.

One of the proposals being looked at in Woodlawn is an appeal to learner drivers and their teachers to practice while children are at school. And to keep out of the estates during play time.

It is very difficult to block streets or even small estate roads; all sorts of permits are required even for brief closures. Both Fingal and Waterford councils are looking at ways



*The green area in Woodlawn Park*

to simplify the process. In north Dublin where the streets play initiative has been introduced, parents have put up traffic cones and used chalk to block off their streets - on their own initiative. But there is no obligation on motorists to obey.

No one envisaged so many cars would be on our roads and the cars are getting so big too it is difficult even for adults to see around them.

Asking learner drivers and their instructors to confine their practice to the times children are at school - say up until 2 pm - seems reasonable. It might make a motion for a council meeting? Woodlawn is leading the way, but Dromhall, Cahernane and Kings Court, along with the Park Road, and other estates are also practice areas. A bylaw might be considered.

### WE ARE ALL FOR THE BIRDS

A bronze eagle has landed - a monument on Tomies walkway has just been erected - to mark the successful reintroduction of the white-tailed eagle, the biggest bird of prey in the country.

It's all about birds these days. The cuckoo will surely arrive shortly at Mangerton - he has

already been recorded in Knocknagoshel and the British Tracking system will doubtless follow the national park and Muckcross Cuckoos.

Ed Carty the ornithologist who has been counting the Hoopoes in people's lawns - the fantastic looking orange bird with an Indian style headdress which drifted here from Africa - said the fine weather is bringing migratory birds early.

Hoopoes are not usually here in such numbers but the wind from the Sahara has brought them further than their usual Iberian and French landing spots.

Tralee based Ed does not think the hoopoes with their distinctive call will breed here, but they may well visit again. They like short grass such as cut lawns, meadows and golf courses.

Meanwhile the bronze eagle being erected on Tomies is an old object, in my understanding. It is being erected to mark "the very positive impact the eagle programme has had on wildlife issues" a source said. And it all began on Tomies in 2007 when the eagles safely landed at Farranfore and were brought to their hideout near the lake.



*Hoopoes - the fantastic looking orange bird with an Indian style headdress which drifted here from Africa*

### WHAT WILL STOP THE WILDFIRES?

We raise this a lot because it is a serious issue. A few years ago then Garda Supt Flor McCarthy, county manger Moira Murrell, leaders in the farmers and the NPWS and Fire Service got behind an inter-agency programme to bring the out of season burning under control. It seemed to have worked for a year or two.

But once again, a fortune is being spent by the NPWS now on fire spotting and by both this and the council on fire fighting. Helicopter patrols are daily. Even so, further fires have erupted in and around the park in the last week. Barbecues are believed to be the cause of the Five Mile Bridge fire, but the usual setting alight for no apparent purpose is also obvious.

We need to revitalise the fire forum as we shall call it. Fire is frightening. My children were terrified when they were young of the annual burns which sometimes confined us to our house and ruined many a good day of fine April and May weather.

Some of the fires in recent weeks have threatened houses.

If we can't consider the landscape, or wildlife, then how about thinking of the terrified children?

But also we need prosecutions. People should be nabbed and prosecuted by the Garda.

An international wildfire conference last year in Tralee heard how we had "a flammable landscape". Regional Inspector with the Forest Service

Ciaran Nugent said this week after call outs to numerous fires in Killarney, south and north Kerry, there was a build up now of vegetation. Ireland had practically no wildfires last year and low levels the previous year which meant there was a stack of vegetation.

It was also the case that the major fires in Kerry this year were on bogs and turf cutting areas in Kilcummin near Killarney as well as in north Kerry.

Other fires in Mourne, the boardwalk in Mayo and in areas of Donegal were alongside roads and such and the suspicion was these were set alight deliberately and maliciously.

There was no alternative now but to manage the land bearing in mind that drought and dry periods would occur - so vegetation could not build up perhaps with strictly controlled burning under the NPWS and the Fire Service.





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## Monumental importance to acknowledge successful White-tailed Eagle Project

It is time to celebrate the success of the White-tailed Eagle project, and acknowledge the incredible work by National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS). This week NPWS Staff with Stone Mason Simon Mangan, are installing and rendering the final touches to a new monument, dedicated to the successful Re-Introduction programme of the White-tailed Eagle. The installation monument is situated in Tomies Mountain, (on the high path) in Killarney National Park.

In 2007 the first 20 White-tailed Eagles were brought to Killarney from Norway. Over the past 27 years - its second and most successful phase, Divisional Manager, NPWS, Eamonn Meskeel is project lead, the White-tailed Eagles are once again soaring over Ireland. Killarney National Park will have at least 2 chicks fledging later this year.

The eagles are successfully breeding, with ideal locations and environments chosen across Ireland. Once native, the White-tailed Eagle became extinct in the nineteenth century, they play an important part in protecting our biodiversity. National Parks and Wildlife Service staff have been working closely with its International partners in Norway, landowners and communities. Since 2007 Tomies Mountain has proved to be a very safe and sheltered location. When the birds arrive in Ireland, they are cared for in secure locations by Conservation Rangers and NPWS Staff members until they are ready to be released.



*The stunning monument on Tomies. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan*



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A new film which showcases the spectacular and unique history and heritage of the Milltown area is to be launched at the end of April. 'Milltown: The Story of a Kerry Landscape' is an initiative of the Milltown History and Heritage Society, a recently established voluntary group which aims to protect and promote the many distinctive features of the local landscape.

The film, directed by Niall Foley, was prompted by a desire to highlight how archaeology, heritage and key events and personalities in the past have shaped the development of the town and its hinterland over thousands of years.

The 'world premiere' of the new documentary will take place on Friday, 25 April at 8pm in the Old Community Hall in Milltown and will be followed by a roundtable discussion with the team behind the film.

Tickets, at just €10, are now available from milltownhistoryheritage.ie with all proceeds going to the Milltown History and Heritage Society which has plans for several local oral history, conservation, and educational projects. The script for 'Milltown: The Story of a Kerry Landscape' was researched and written by Milltown natives and historians Dr John Knightly and Dr Owen O'Shea and the project coordinator was Stewart Stephens of the Milltown Community and Chamber Alliance. Stewart said the film is a spectacular portrayal of the local landscape and the key milestones in the history of Milltown:

"The aerial cinematography from videographer Niall Foley is quite breath-taking and portrays Milltown in an innovative way with an emphasis on the unique local landscape and its heritage and archaeology. The film begins with the story of the 6,000-year-old portal tomb at Killaclohane and takes the story of the development of Milltown right up to the present day," said Stewart.

Key locations and sites like the 13th century Augustinian abbey at Killagha, the Mass Rock where Fr Thaddeus Moriarty was arrested in 1653, and Kilcoleman Abbey which was the home of the Godfrey family for hundreds of years, feature prominently in the film as well as the many social, cultural, economic, and political developments which made Milltown what it is today.



The team behind the new documentary film on the history of Milltown, l-r: Stewart Stephens, Niall Foley, Dr. Owen O'Shea (Picture: Robert Leane)



"One of our key objectives of the film is to inform existing residents as well as the many newcomers to our community in recent years about the history of the place and why preserving and protecting our history and heritage is so important. The hope is that there will be a renewed interest in the past and how it influences the present and the future," said

Stewart.

'Milltown: The Story of a Kerry Landscape' was funded by the LEADER programme and Kerry County Council. More information can be found on the Facebook and Instagram pages of the Milltown History and Heritage Society and from milltownhistoryheritage@gmail.com



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In a show of solidarity and compassion, Omertá Kin Motorcycle Club, has made a generous donation to Kerry Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre to raise awareness and support survivors of sexual violence. Omertá Kin's recent fundraising event "Rioga" successfully created positive awareness around the critical issues of consent, prevention education and sexual violence.

"We believe that true respect and understanding begin with clear and informed consent", said Ruairí Fry, President of Omertá Kin. "Our mission is to raise awareness about the importance of consent, education, foster open dialogue, and promote empathy. We aim to create a society where every person's autonomy is respected."

The generous donation of €1,250 will be used to support the centre's essential services for survivors and their supporters, including the help-line, counselling, education, court accompaniment and advocacy.

Ruairí Fry, Omertá Kin President said, "Sexual abuse and sexual violence can impact anyone and it has no specific demographic. Both women and men can be affected. Together, we are taking a stand to promote respect, safety, and empathy for all, while also raising the necessary funds to continue advocacy and educational efforts."

"We are deeply grateful for this generous donation from Omertá Kin Motorcycle Club," said Kristy McFetridge, Chief Executive of Kerry Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre. "Every donation makes a massive difference to our centre and enables us to continue to meet the growing demand for our services. It's wonderful to have a group of men as such caring allies to join with us in raising funding

## Omertá Kin Motorcycle Club Fundraise for Kerry Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre



Members of the Kerry based Omertá Kin Motorcycle Club handed over €1,250.00 to the Kerry Rape & Sexual Abuse Centre on Sunday evening, proceeds from a fundraising rock night held in Courtney's Bar, Killarney in February. Pictured were: Michael Jaz, Harry Cunningham, Tony Hickey, Ruairí Fry (President Omertá Kin MCC), Melissa Courmane (Kerry Rape & Sexual Abuse Centre), Kristy McFetridge (CEO of Kerry Rape & Sexual Abuse Centre), James Roche and Tony McNabb. Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography

and awareness to prevent sexual violence. Omertá Kin have demonstrated to survivors in Kerry, that there are people in their community who really care about the issue of sexual violence and services for survivors" Omertá Kin would like to thank everyone for their support and donations, thanks to

everyone for donating spot prizes, and to all the staff in Courtney's Bar Killarney.

To learn more about Kerry Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre or to donate to support its essential work please visit [www.krsac.com](http://www.krsac.com) or call the helpline for information and support at 1800 633333.

## Killarney Sparkled at "Your Best Life" – A Dazzling Day of Confidence, Wellness & Celebration

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On Saturday, April 5th, the Killarney Oaks Hotel was transformed into a haven of glamour, empowerment, and joy as Your Best Life returned with an unforgettable sold-out show. From inspiring talks to fashion flair, the event brought together hundreds of women ready to embrace confidence, wellness, beauty, and connection.

The day was a triumphant celebration of life, style, and strength. Nora Nagle from Beaufort, stole the show as she was crowned Best Dressed, walking away with €500 worth of fabulous goodies from Liz Collins Boutique and Orlaigh Sheahan Hairdressers. Her style turned heads and embodied the spirit of the day — vibrant, confident, and radiant.

But it was 90-year-old Sheila Doona from Killorglin who truly captured hearts, winning Best Vibe of the Day. Attending with her three daughters and granddaughters, Sheila proved that joy has no age limit. Her energy was infectious, and she reminded everyone in the room that living your best life knows no age. The event, hosted by the ever-charming Maura Derrane and the vivacious James Patrice, featured a powerhouse lineup of speakers who moved, motivated, and inspired. From the timeless elegance of Celia Holman Lee, celebrating 60 years in fashion, to the no-holds-barred health wisdom of Laura Dowling, The Fabulous Pharmacist, each voice left a lasting impact.

Guests were treated to a VIP experience from start to finish — a luxe drinks reception, a gourmet lunch, empowering panel talks, and immersive beauty and fashion masterclasses. Pop-up boutiques, exclusive discounts, and high-energy giveaways brought extra sparkle to an already electric atmosphere.

This wasn't just an event — it was a movement. A reset button. A radiant spring celebration where women of all ages came together to uplift one another, to laugh, to learn, and to love the skin they're in.

As spring breathed new life into the Kerry landscape, Your Best Life breathed new confidence into every guest lucky enough to attend.



Style stakes were high at the Your Best Life event in the Killarney Oaks Hotel.



Glamorous ladies pictured at Your Best Life event in the Killarney Oaks Hotel.



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ornithologist, wildlife sound-recorderist, Sean Ronayne leads a group in Killarney National Park for the Dawn Chorus.



Emma Kane, left and Caitriona Shanahan, pedalling to the beat during Rave on a Roobar.



Holly Ring relaxing after a Yin Yoga and sound bath session.



David Azevedo plays his guitar and enjoy their sunrise before heading into the lakeside sauna at Dundug, Muckross Lakes, Killarney National Park.

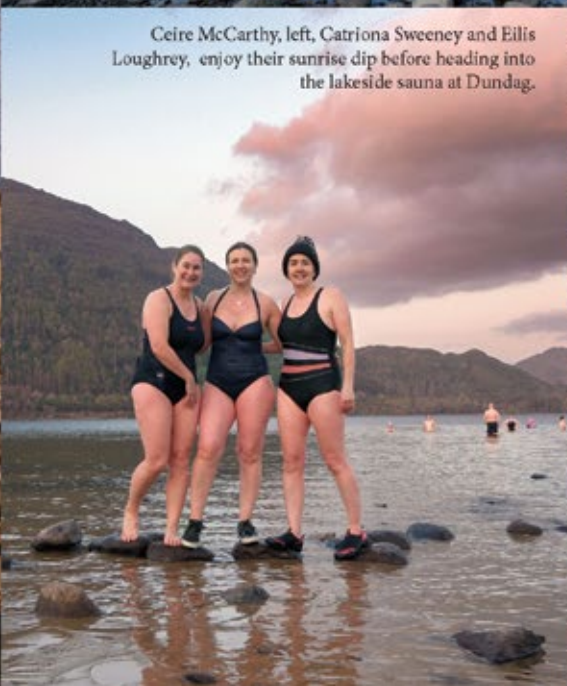


Saibh Skelly supporting act for acclaimed Artist Moncrieff, performing in concert on Saturday night, at the Wander Wild Festival in St Mary's Church of Ireland.



John Fleming, 5th generation Dairy Farmer, and his wife Catherine, talking about Muckross Creamery and their artisan ice-cream and yogurt.







# CHESS IN SCHOOLS ON THE RISE WITH FICHEALL

136 pupils from 12 schools across Kerry were invited to take part in one of Ficheall.ie's annual Comórtas Chess Tournaments last Tuesday in Fossa Community Centre. 2025 will see Ficheall arrange 33,000 games with 14,000 children from 655 schools nationwide!

Primary schools across the country are unlocking social and cognitive skills with Ficheall. Ficheall is the voluntary network of primary school teachers in Ireland fostering essential life skills through chess. Ficheall is of course the Irish word for chess. The Ficheall initiative emphasises values such as respect, accepting defeat, planning ahead, etiquette, teamwork, decision-making, patience, distinguishing safe and unsafe moves, resilience, and the importance of practice & commitment.

Jason Culloty, who is the Kerry Area Coordinator, teaches in Fossa NS and was Co-Host on the day reported, "It's a highly coordinated & measured event and is a pleasure to be part of. The atmosphere at both the Féile Ficheall events which were held in February & March and at the Comórtas are unique in the sense that participation and learning are seen as being the real winner on the day, regardless of the result of each individual game." Grace Fitzgerald, teacher in Holy Family NS Rathmore & Co-Host on Tuesday added, "It's a jam-packed, fun-filled day of chess play and is great to be involved in. We also see it as an organic way for children from different schools to engage & mix with one another in a highly structured & social manner."

Ficheall sought to provide an annual fun chess tournament as a focal point for chess during the school year. Since then the Ficheall initiative has grown from strength to strength with 1 in 6 schools now registered as Ficheall Schools across the country.

In 2024, 369 teachers enhanced their teaching methodologies at Department of Education approved Ficheall CPD summer courses. In total, over 1,000 teachers have completed the 20-hour course since 2016. The summer course teaches teachers how to play chess, as well as how the game can be harnessed to enhance a school's SPHE curriculum. A series of ten lessons and accompanying short videos, available in English and Irish, are available free to access for all primary school teachers on the Ficheall.ie website.

This year, in partnership with Education Centre Tralee, five Féile Fichille tournaments took place in Kerry alone with 29 schools registered across the county. These events then culminated in the Comórtas with teams who achieved a high standard or embodied the spirit of the game at their respective Féiles, being invited to the final Ficheall event in Kerry this school year.

To access free resources on the teaching and learning of chess, visit the Ficheall website, [www.ficheall.ie](http://www.ficheall.ie) or email [kerry@ficheall.ie](mailto:kerry@ficheall.ie) to learn more about the Ficheall initiative in Kerry.



*Cullina Primary School Beaufort pupils participating at the Ficheall Comórtas Chess tournament in Fossa Community Centre. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin*



*Holy Family Primary School Rathmore pupils participating in the Ficheall Comórtas Chess tournament in Fossa Community Centre. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin*



*Thinking about the next move.....a Fossa Primary School pupil participating in the Ficheall Comórtas Chess tournament in Fossa Community Centre. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin*



*Gaelscoil Faithleann pupils participating in the Ficheall Comórtas Chess tournament in Fossa Community Centre. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin*





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# European Ambassador School Status for Castleisland Community College

Castleisland Community College has received the prestigious ambassador school plaque which was presented by Sean Kelly MEP. The European Parliament Ambassador School Programme was co-ordinated by Ciaran Doyle and Annette Steinborn. Transition year students participated in this programme. Castleisland Community College joins Killorglin Community College and Mercy Secondary School Mounthawk, as one of three schools in the county to attain this prestigious award and only the second school within the Kerry ETB. The programme included the designation of Senior Ambassadors which were the teachers Ciaran Doyle and Annette Steinborn and Junior

Ambassadors which included Transition Year students Patryk Michno, Amber Heaton, Mia Shortt and Andrew Browne. The students who were mentored by the senior ambassadors and the junior ambassadors, played a leading role in collaborating with other Transition Year students. English language teacher Annette Steinborn's Transition Year class completed assessment booklets on learning modules including the History of the European Union, How the European Union affects your life, Decision-making, Europe without borders, European values and Your voice in Europe. The students under the guidance of programme co-ordinators Ciaran Doyle and Annette Steinborn

established a European Union information Point in the school and organised a quiz for Europe Day about the European Union. The school was assessed by a school evaluation in every aspect of the programme by the European Parliament School Ambassador Programme Co-ordinator during the academic year and upon successfully achieving targets was recognised as an ambassador school. The CEO of Kerry Education and Training Board and Board of Management Ann O Dwyer was in attendance for the ceremony along with members from the School's Board of Management. As a result of being an ambassador school, the programme co-ordinators and students have the opportunity to participate in Euroscola competitions in Strasbourg and other events organised by the European Parliament in the Member States and Brussels or Strasbourg. Sean Kelly met with a second year group while visiting the school. He gave an insightful and interesting talk to the students about the European Union and students asked a wide range of questions on political and economic issues.

Mairéad Corridon (Acting Principal) stated that 'the introduction of this programme by co-ordinators Ciaran Doyle and Annette Steinborn had a profound positive impact on student's learning as they enhanced knowledge about the European Union and the importance of Democracy in society. The students under the guidance of the co-ordinators demonstrated their leadership skills and collaboration skills as all they all worked together with assigned roles as part of a team with a shared goal to become an ambassador school.'



*Pictured are from left standing: Noreen Broderick (Member of School Board of Management), Tim Daly (Member of School Board of Management), Mary Walsh (Member of School Board of Management) Ciarán Doyle (English teacher), Patryk Michno, Jo McGrath (Acting Deputy Principal) Annette Steinborn (English language teacher and member of Kerry ETB Board of Management), Cllr Angie Baily (Chairperson of School Board of Management) Front row from left sitting: Amber Heaton, Andrew Browne, Mairéad Corridon (Acting Principal) Seán Kelly (MEP), Mia Shortt, Ann O Dwyer (CEO Kerry ETB)*

The countdown is on to the KWD County Clean-Up in Kerry on Saturday 12th April. The event, now in its 13th year, provides an opportunity for community groups, Tidy Towns committees, voluntary and sporting organisations, and individual residents and families across the county to get involved in the annual litter collection effort.

Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr Breandán Fitzgerald is leading calls for as many people as possible to get involved. 'The growing success of the County Clean Up since it was established in 2012, is evident in the huge voluntary effort all over Kerry and the volume of litter retrieved over the years is indicative of the larger numbers taking part. I look forward to seeing another great collective effort this year,' said Cllr Fitzgerald.

Last year, thousands of volunteers took to the county's roadsides, towns and villages to collect tons of litter and clean up the county with the support of Kerry County Council and KWD Recycling.

## COUNTDOWN IS ON TO KWD COUNTY CLEAN-UP DAY ON SATURDAY



*KERRY COUNTY CLEAN UP TAKES PLACE ON THE 12TH APRIL 2025: Pictured at the launch of Kerry County Clean up Day at Kerry Council Offices in Tralee were l/r: Mayor of Kerry Brendan Fitzgerald, Breda Moriarty, Kerry County Council Environmental Dep., Mick Boyce KCC Environment Department, Noel O'Reilly (KWD) and Tadhg Healy KWD. Photo By: Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD*





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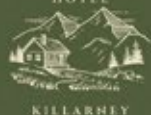
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Second year students from St Brendan's College Killarney who completed the Walk A Mile in My Shoes, create awareness and empathy around Autism on The Track at St Brendan's College, Killarney on Wednesday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

## Sem Students & Teachers Mark World Autism Day

To celebrate World Autism Day 2025 on Wednesday April 2nd last, students and teachers at St. Brendan's College decided to mark the occasion by walking a mile in each other's shoes to promote empathy and understanding.

The school want to encourage kindness and compassion. For the neurodiverse members of their school community navigating a world designed for neurotypical people can be very uncomfortable and overwhelming. Noisy environments, bright lights, crowds, school bells, unspoken rules, hidden gestures etc can cause stress and overwhelm. St. Brendan's embraces the creativity, alternative perspectives and resilience these member of their community bring to enrich learning in the school.



Staff and students from St Brendan's College Killarney doing the Walk A Mile in My Shoes, create awareness and empathy around Autism on The Track at St Brendan's College, Killarney on Wednesday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



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## KILLARNEY FOR PALESTINE HOLD RAFFLE FOR GAZA

Killarney for Palestine are running an extremely exciting raffle in aid of helping a fully verified family directly on the ground in Gaza at the moment. The prize is two tickets to see the music Artist Macklemore in concert on the 5th of June in Virgin Media Park, Cork, a €400.00 gift card for the Dean Hotel and a €50.00 gift card for Cafe Izz, the Palestinian owned cafe in Cork City. A minimum €5.00 donation is all that is required to enter and all details can be found on the groups instagram page @killarneyforpalestine.

"We had a very successful coffee morning on Saturday the 29th March last in Reidys and raised the incredible sum of €5,000.00 for our chosen charities Uisce for Gaza and Children not Numbers. An estimated 200 people attended the event and it was a beautiful morning of community spirit and solidarity", Susan Larkin from Killarney for Palestine

told Killarney Outlook

The Kerry branch of the Ireland-Palestine Solidarity Campaign (IPSC) and Kerry Friends of Palestine are holding a demonstration in Tralee tomorrow, Saturday the 12th of April. "We will gather in the town square at 1:00 p.m. There will be some keynote speakers, followed by a march through the town. This demonstration will be comprised of all solidarity groups from the towns of Tralee, Killarney, Listowel, Abbeyfeale, Waterville, Kenmare, Dingle, Waterville and Caherciveen, and all members of the public are warmly invited to join us, children and adults alike. Killarney for Palestine will be representing our town at this event. The aim of our protest on Saturday is to demonstrate our moral outrage and our indelible sorrow at what continues to unfold in Gaza, on our watch, to our fellow human beings", she added.







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# KILLARNEY LIONS CLUB TEE OFF at Charity Golf Classic, 2025

On Friday April 4th the Killarney Lions Club held their annual Charity Golf Classic in O'Mahony's Point.

Their chosen charity this year was the Childhood Cancer Unit in CUH. We had a very successful day with 35 teams participating and supporting this great cause. The weather was good, the golf was excellent and the support we received was fantastic so thanks to all who supported this worthy cause.

## The results:-

1st: Team John Rice on 105 pts

John Rice, Jimmy Dennehy, David Brooks, Conor McGuire

2nd: Team Barry Duggan/ Noel C Duggan on 102 pts

James McAuliffe, Tim Geaney, Noreen O'Callaghan, Breda Duggan.

3rd: Team Lake Hotel on 100 pts

Niall Huggard, Alan Flynn, Joey Sheehan, Eamonn O'Sullivan.

4th: Team Tim Jones on 100 pts.

Tim Jones, Pat O'Neill, John Doyle, Mike Barry

Nearest the Pin on hole #7: Micheal Burns.

Nearest the Pin on hole #18: Simon Gallivan

Longest Drive - Ladies: Noreen O'Callaghan.



The presentation to the winning team; (l to r) Ronan Doyle, Killarney Lions Club, Jimmy Dennehy, Conor McGuire, John Rice, David Brooks, Jason Higgin, President Killarney Lions Club

Longest Drive - Gents: David Finn.

Raffle, Main prize winner: Shane Kelly of Randle Court Hotel

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# PRESENTATION CASTLEISLAND'S 9TH ANNUAL AWARDS NIGHT

## *Celebrates Excellence and Passion*

Presentation Castleisland hosted its 9th Annual Awards Night on Thursday, April 3rd, celebrating a year of exceptional achievements, talent, and community spirit. The event, held in the St. John's Hall, brought together students, staff, families, and special guests for an evening filled with music, inspiration, and well-deserved recognition.

The ceremony opened with a powerful musical performance of "Run" by Snow Patrol, led by Music Teacher Ms. Ailish O'Connor, featuring the school choir and talented musicians Charlie O'Keeffe and Aobhinn Broderick on guitar, with Nancy O'Connor on violin. The music set the perfect tone for a night focused on celebrating student growth, resilience, and ambition.

Principal Mr. Pierce Dargan opened the evening by welcoming guests and reflecting on the theme of the night: "Buíochas agus Cineáltas" – Appreciation & Kindness. In his speech, he spoke about the importance of the school's ethos and how each award recipient reflects the values at the heart of Presentation Castleisland. "Each award winner is the essence of our vision for every student: accomplished, confident, resilient, and independent young adults who follow their passions, develop a love of learning, and serve as positive role models in society," he said. "Each and every one of you is living out our vision statement, and tonight is a night to recognise and reward that." Mr. Dargan also extended his gratitude to the staff, students, and families for their continued support in making the school a place where every student can thrive.

This year's keynote speaker was Mr. John Drummy, from Kerry Mental Health and Radio Kerry, who spoke powerfully about his own career journey, the importance of following one's passions, and the 'Five Ways to Wellbeing', a Kerry Mental Health initiative. His talk resonated deeply with the audience, reminding everyone of the importance of purpose and wellbeing.

### Award Highlights on the Night Included:

- The Seamus Falvey Award – Laura Daly, for her unwavering positivity and commitment to school life.
  - The Sister Clement Award – Emily Walsh, recognised for her consistency and diligence in studies.
  - The CEIST Award – Colene O'Callaghan, who embodies the school's ethos of respect, inclusivity, and faith.
  - The Sister Rita Art Award – Kotryna Krupaviciute, for consistent artistic excellence at Senior Cycle level.
  - Junior Cycle Silver Medal for best Junior Certificate results – Niamh O'Donnell.
  - Leaving Certificate Gold Medal for best Leaving Certificate results – Anna McSweeney.
  - Best Attendance Award (2019–2025) – Rachel Griffin, for an incredible commitment to attendance over six years.
  - Junior Sports Award – Leah Griffin, recognised for her dedication and sporting achievements.
  - Senior Sports Award – Hazel Bourke, for excellence and leadership in sport.
- Student of the Year Awards:
- 1st Year – Gwen O'Sullivan
  - 2nd Year – Marguerite Herlihy
  - 3rd Year – Leah Griffin
  - Transition Year – Chloe McDonnell
  - 5th Year – Blaithe McElligott
  - 6th Year – Jasmine O'Sullivan
  - Visiting Student of the Year – Ariadna Forcadell Torres

In addition to these, a wide array of other awards were presented on the night in areas including STEM, Music, Literature, Business, and Gaelige. The evening celebrated not only high achievement but also the effort, creativity, and kindness shown by students throughout the school year.

### Special Guests in Attendance:

Presentation Castleisland was honoured to welcome an inspiring group of special guests, including:

- John Drummy – Kerry Mental Health & Radio Kerry
- Elmo Mattock – Social media sensation and content creator
- Ivan Hurley – Kerry FC and Radio Kerry



(L-R) Padraig Kelliher, Laura Daly (Seamus Falvey Award Winner), Brendan Falvey, Marie Falvey



(L-R) Elmo Mattock, Anna McSweeney (Best Leaving Certificate Results 2024) and Pierce Dargan

- Charles and Agatha Neri – Kerry Martial Arts School
- Anne Walsh – Sliabh Luachra Camogie Club
- Margaret Murphy – Local Enterprise Office
- Sr. Margaret and Sr. Maureen – Presentation Sisters
- Members of the Falvey Family
- Members of the Board of Management

Their presence added a special dimension to the evening, reflecting the strong ties between the school and the wider community.

The night was smoothly hosted by Mr. Batt O'Donnell, and expertly coordinated by Dayna Hurley, the

school's Leader of Events.

The evening closed on a heartfelt note with a moving rendition of "What About Us" by P!nk, once again performed by the school choir and musicians, leaving a lasting impression on all who attended.

As the school looks ahead, the Awards Night served as a shining example of the positive spirit, ambition, and unity that define Presentation Castleisland.





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# RATHMORE CROWNED CHAMPIONS AT CREDIT UNION SCHOOLS QUIZ FINALS

*Over 25,000 young quizzers narrowed down to top teams at prestigious RDS final*

Ireland's brightest young minds were crowned national champions at the Irish League of Credit Unions (ILCU) Schools Quiz Grand Final, held in the RDS Dublin on Sunday, 6th April. Following months of intensive competition involving more than 25,000 students from across the island, the final saw 88 talented teams go head-to-head in a dramatic conclusion to the popular quiz.

The atmosphere at the packed RDS venue was electric as competitors tackled challenging questions spanning subjects such as history, geography, science, popular culture, and general knowledge. Presenter and RTÉ personality John Sharpson, affectionately known as 'Múinteoir John' from RTÉ's Home School Hub, hosted the nail-biting event. The coveted national titles were awarded as follows:

## Competition A (Under 11) Champions:

**Holy Family National School, Rathmore, Co. Kerry, representing Rathmore & District Credit Union**

**Team members: Éabha Buckley, Diarmuid Horan, Conor McCarty, and Kayleigh White**

The Credit Union Schools Quiz, a cornerstone of the ILCU's youth outreach, fosters the principles of teamwork, critical thinking, and knowledge-building among Ireland's school children. The competition remains a highlight in the primary school calendar, underpinning the Credit Union movement's commitment to nurturing community involvement and financial literacy from a young age.

Commenting on Holy Family National School's win, Fergus McAuliffe, CEO of Rathmore & District Credit Union said: "We're incredibly proud of Éabha, Diarmuid, Conor, and Kayleigh for this fantastic achievement. Their teamwork, enthusiasm and dedication throughout the competition have been truly inspiring. This success highlights the talent in our local community, and we're delighted to support these brilliant young students. We're also very thankful to their teachers and parents for their help and support throughout the competition."



*Eabha Buckley, Diarmuid Horan, Conor McCarthy and Kayleigh White, pupils from the Holy Family National School, Co. Kerry, pictured with their teacher Ann Marie Murphy, ILCU President Martin Busch and Quiz Master John Sharpson as they were announced Overall Winners of the A Category in this year's Credit Union Schools Quiz.*

*Photo: Robbie Reynolds*

## Extra places now available for 'Moth-Man' STEPHEN'S BIG TALK!

Killarney National Park Education Centre staff are delighted to host 'Step into Spring' - Spring Weekend Programme of events, dedicated to this glorious time of the year. The event which is free, takes place on Friday 11th April - Sunday 13th April, 2025. (All events are booked out)

Extra places are now available to attend Stephen Cotter's event on Saturday 12th April and Sunday morning 13th April.

Orthodontist by day Moth-er! by night...Stephen visits sites all over Ireland but his favourite is on his doorstep, Killarney National Park. Stephen has discovered a number of moths not previously recorded in Ireland. He is sometimes referred to as the "Moth man"!!! Stephen will speak about our Marvellous Moths, showcasing the incredible diversity of moths in Co Kerry. He will also highlight their amazing life cycles and emphasise how important they are and what we can do to help them.

### Saturday 12th April

Moths 7.30pm - 8.30pm by 'Moth-Man'

Stephen Cotter will give a talk on the wonderful moths of Kerry. The early risers can come along early the next day to see and learn about the findings!!

### Sunday 13th of April

Opening Moth Traps 7.00am - 8.30am Muckross School House.

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# ST. PAUL'S VIE FOR ALL IRELAND GLORY THIS WEEKEND

**Eamonn Keogh** recalls the history of ladies basketball in Killarney.

**Photos: Eamonn Keogh**

The Utility Trust St. Paul's team that will play Killester in the ladies Superleague final at the National Basketball Arena on Sunday. In front is team captain Denise Dunlea and second row from left are Rheanne O'Shea, Gracen Kerr, Lynn Jones, Leah McMahon, Abby Doherty, Siofra O'Shea and Kate Healy. Third row from left are Callie Cavanaugh, Lorraine Scanlon, Mathilde Diop, Clodagh Clancy, Laura Healy and Clodagh O'Sullivan. Back from left are Brian Clarke (Assistant Coach), Christina Bartlett (Manager), Shane Horgan (Assistant Coach) and James Fleming (Head Coach).



*St Paul's Basketball Club will celebrate its 40th anniversary this year and there have been many highlights over the past four decades. If the current senior ladies' team can capture the coveted superleague title this weekend, however, it will be the club's greatest achievement in 40 years and, indeed, in the history of ladies' basketball in Killarney.*

*While St Paul's has been in existence since 1985, there is a tremendous history and tradition of basketball in Killarney, dating back to the very first men's game in the old town hall in November 1951.*

Ladies' basketball didn't start in the town until the mid-1960s following the opening of St Mary's Parish Hall with local priest, Fr Leahy, facilitating the growth of the game among young boys and girls with the use of the hall. The very first game of competitive ladies' basketball in Killarney took place in the mid-1960s when a St Brigid's Presentation Convent team defeated a Holy Cross Mercy team. Coaching the Presentation team on that historic occasion was Tadghie Fleming – father of current St Paul's head coach James Fleming – while the Mercy was coached by the late Michael Courtney, a man synonymous with the introduction of the John Player ladies' tournament in Killarney in the late 1960s. This later became the Pretty Polly ladies' tournament, attracting several teams from all over Ireland to Killarney every Easter during the 1970s and 80s. One of the main highlights on the Irish basketball calendar, the event continued until the late 1980s. As the current St Paul's team bids for ultimate glory this weekend, it is worth remembering those early and subsequent years of ladies' basketball in Killarney and those who paved the way for future generations. Maura Moynihan was an exceptional talent alongside the likes of



The Utility Trust St. Paul's team captain Denise Dunlea and head coach James Fleming looking forward to the clash against Killester in the ladies Superleague final at the National Basketball Arena on Sunday.



Utility Trust St. Paul's head coach James Fleming with the long serving Lynn Jones looking forward to the clash against Killester in the ladies Superleague final at the National Basketball Arena on Sunday.

Peggy O'Sullivan and Brenda (Bronny) Kelliher (RIP) and they led a St Brigid's Presentation Killarney team, coached by Tadghie Fleming, to a Munster schools title in 1970.

Sheila O'Sullivan from Mangerton View was an outstanding player during the 1970s and 80s and also played for Ireland at international level.

The St Paul's club built a strong ladies' team in the late 1980s and early 90s and, coached by the late Donal O'Doherty, they enjoyed a number of successes in Kerry leagues and championships.

St Paul's have reached the penultimate stages of the superleague and national cup in the past. With the growth of juvenile basketball in Killarney, the club enjoyed underage success

winning the Under 19 boys' national cup in 1995 and 1997 and the Under 19 girls' national cup in 2003. While the club has won national league division one men's and ladies' titles, a coveted title at superleague level has eluded them in both codes on a number of occasions. National Cup semi-final defeats to St Vincents in 1997 and 2005 and to Demons in 2007 and a superleague semi-final loss to Killester in 2004 have been the closest calls in men's competitions. St Paul's first entry to the ladies superleague started in 2002, under then head coach James Weldon, while James Fleming was his assistant coach.



It turned out to be a very impressive rookie year in the superleague and they finished in a very respectable third place while they were runners-up in the national championship final. Despite impressive superleague campaigns during the mid-noughties, there were agonising national cup semi-final defeats three years in succession. In 2004 they finished second on the league table but were pipped by Waterford Wildcats in the cup and league semi-finals. In 2005 they lost a cup semi-final to Killester and, again the following year, at the same stage to University of Limerick in 2006.

The teams that battled in those years put in huge efforts, gave great joy to supporters and put Killarney basketball in contention for major honours but missed out on the ultimate glory. The current St Paul's team has already gone one step further and is within touching distance of bringing a first ever Superleague ladies' title to Killarney. Killester stand in their way and the Dubliners already pipped St. Paul's by one point in a thrilling national cup semi-final in January. St Paul's coach James Fleming is well aware of the history of Killarney basketball and will be hoping his side can emulate the achievements of the St Vincent's Gleneagle Killarney men's team, led by the late great Paudie O'Connor, who won the top flight National League and National Top Four Championship on two occasions in 1980 and again in 1982.

As the current St Paul's team bids for glory on the highest stage in Irish basketball, it is hard to believe that it is well over 30 years since the last time a Killarney player has enjoyed success at this level. Plunkett Street native Éilis Ní Laoire, now domiciled in Australia, started her career in Tralee, where she won a league and cup in 1987 before going on to lead Naomh Mhuire (Dublin) to a national cup success.

St Paul's head coach James Fleming is chasing his 10th national title as a coach having already won five titles with St Paul's and four with Fr Mathews of Cork. As a player, his MVP performance led St Paul's to a national cup win in 1995 while he also played on the St Paul's senior men's team that won the national league division one title that season.

He played a few seasons at superleague level but, it is fair to say, he would have played a lot longer but Gaelic football commitments with Dr Crokes and basketball coaching dominated his time for many years.

He won several district board, county and Munster championships with Dr Crokes and captained the side to an All-Ireland senior club final in 2007.

His basketball coaching career almost happened by accident. Back in 1994, James Fleming was a promising teenage basketball prospect enjoying his rookie season as a player in the national league with St Paul's Killarney. He had never been involved in coaching before then but was asked to help out with the club's Under 13 girls' team by their coach Breeda O'Donoghue. He was hooked from day one and over the past 30 years he has been actively



St. Paul's Basketball Club founding members Seamus O'Doherty, Joey Sheehan and Tom Looney with Utility Trust St. Paul's teammates Leah McMahon and Rheanne O'Shea looking forward to the clash against Killester in the ladies Superleague final at the National Basketball Arena on Sunday.



Utility Trust St. Paul's teammates and cousins Leah McMahon and Rheanne O'Shea looking forward to the clash against Killester in the ladies Superleague final at the National Basketball Arena on Sunday.

involved in coaching ladies and underage basketball in Killarney. A few players stood out from that Under 13 team in 1994. Coach Fleming was particularly struck with three very promising 10-year-olds and knew from an early stage that they were going to make it on the big stage. Mairead Finnegan, Diane Griffin and Lynn Jones were earmarked by coach Fleming from the start and all three went on to represent Ireland at international level and enjoy very successful basketball careers. With Coach Fleming offering guidance, St Paul's dominated underage girls basketball in Kerry for a number of years. From Under 13 level right up to Under 19 level they never lost a game at underage level in Kerry over the course of six years. The highlight of their underage careers was clinching the Under 19 National Cup with St Paul's in 2003. 30 years on from his first coaching season, it is a remarkable story that James Fleming is still directing a team

that includes the same Lynn Jones, who came under his wing back in 1994. Her longevity and commitment has been incredible. Having represented Ireland at Under 15, Under 18 and Under 20, she remains an integral part of the current squad bidding for glory this weekend.

With 14 coach of the month awards and two coach of the year awards already collected in recent years, James Fleming knows that winning a superleague title this weekend would represent the pinnacle of success. He has invested an incredible amount of time and energy to the cause and secured sponsorship to ensure that a Killarney team is competing at the highest level possible in Irish basketball. Growing up as a child in the Lewis Road/O'Sullivan's Place part of town, in the shadow of St Mary's Parish Hall, the spiritual home of Killarney basketball, sport dominated his life from a young age.

His own sporting background was influenced by some of the greatest names in Killarney sporting history. Close neighbours and friends to the Fleming household included legends such as Johnny Culloty, Weeshie Fogarty and Paudie O'Connor, all sadly departed, and former Irish international basketball player Aidan O'Shea who is an uncle of current St Paul's player Leah McMahon.

James' father, Tadhg, won a Kerry senior hurling championship with Killarney in 1969 and seven East Kerry O'Donoghue Cup football medals with Dr Crokes along with several county and Munster championship basketball titles with the BusbyBabes and Kerry.

It is 60 years since he first made a name for himself as a top winning coach with a Killarney ladies' basketball team and there would be great celebrations in Killarney if history can repeat itself in this season's superleague decider.



# If we value all our students equally, bonus points for Higher Level Maths must be abolished

**STEM**  
20,300 candidates sat Maths at higher level in the 2024 Leaving Cert exam compared to 8,250 in 2011, the year before bonus points were introduced. The promotion of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) subjects and the attraction of 25 bonus points account for the 150% increase in the number of students taking Higher Level Maths during that time period.

**REPORT**  
However, a report on students' exam performance confirms that many students are boxing above their weight in Higher Level Maths in pursuit of the bonus points. Far too many students are devoting hours of study to Higher Level Maths which they find very difficult and don't need for their course choices.

**BONUS**  
Many students eventually drop down to Ordinary Level Maths, achieve a low grade or fail Higher Level Maths in the Leaving Cert. It should also be noted that the 25 bonus points kick in only if the student achieves at least 40% (Grade H6) in the Higher Level Maths exam. Even though 30% (Grade H7) is regarded as a pass in a higher level subject, it's not considered worthy of the 25 bonus points. Also, the bonus points apply only if Higher Level Maths is one of the six subjects counted for points' calculation.

**DISPOSITION**  
Even if they manage to chieve 40% or more to qualify for the 25 bonus points, there is anecdotal evidence that many candidates lose far more points in their stronger subjects, than they gain from the bonus points. Struggling with Higher Level Maths can also have a negative effect on the disposition of students. A

student who isn't comfortable in a Higher Level Maths class because of the advanced logic and understanding involved in mastering the subject can suffer psychologically. Spending hours of valuable study time on Higher Level Maths homework can be emotionally draining for a student who hasn't the flair for Higher Level Maths.

**ELEVATED**  
As an inveterate numbers' geek, who loved Maths at school, who studied Maths at third level and who has taught Maths at all levels at secondary school, I can't fathom the elevated status of Higher Level Maths. People have multiple intelligences so every subject deserves equality of esteem. A higher grade in Art, Economics, Chemistry, French or any other subject should merit the same points as the equivalent grade in Higher Level Maths.

**OPPOSED**  
I have always opposed bonus points in the State Exams. As an experienced Career Guidance Counsellor, I feel uncomfortable with this anomaly in the points system, which discriminates against candidates not taking Higher Level Maths. All children are gifted and talented. What, for example, would we do without our "Hassers" – HASS (Humanities, Arts, Social Sciences) - writers, actors, musicians, artists, dancers, historians, philosophers if all our children become "Stemmers?"

**SCALE**  
The new common points scale which came on stream in 2017 was based on equality of esteem for each and every exam subject. The highest grade, H1 is valued at 100 points. Six subjects are counted for points scoring so the maximum potential score was 600 points. However, with

the provision of 25 bonus points in higher level Maths, that score increased to 625. In fact, 6H1 grades is worth 600 (100x6) points for some students and 6H1grades is worth 625 (100x5 + 125) for other students. There is a distinct element of unfairness in that scenario. It's time to acknowledge the uniqueness of each individual and level the playing field by abolishing the bonus points for Higher Level Maths.

CHECKLIST

- 20,300 students sat HL Maths in Leaving Cert exam 2024 compared to 8,250 in 2011
- Many students are boxing above their weight in HL Maths in pursuit of bonus points
- 25 bonus points kick in if the student achieves at least Grade H6 in HL Maths exam
- Grade H7 is a pass in a Higher Level subject but doesn't qualify for 25 bonus points
- 25 bonus points apply only if HL Maths is one of the six subjects counted for points
- Struggling with HL Maths can have a negative effect on the disposition of students
- People have multiple intelligences so every subject deserves equality of esteem
- All children are gifted and talented
- It's time to acknowledge the uniqueness of each individual
- Level the playing field by abolishing the bonus points for Higher Level Maths

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Volunteers on the night Sophie Deery, Aine McSweeney, Eoin O'Sullivan, Vikoria Dieza, Zoe McDonald (back from left) Siobhan McSweeney, Amalia Huiggard, Fionn Lynch, Sophie Stewart and Mischa McCarthy from the Killarney Community College in the INEC, Killarney on Thursday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Some members of the Under 19 team Ellen Barry, Eimear O'Sullivan, Kate Culloty and Cora O'Sullivan with the Claret Jug on The Road to the Open at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



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Sean O'Leary with his jockey Patrick O'Connor winners of the Charity Cheltenham Race in aid of Kerry Hospice at St Brendan's College, Killarney on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Sean O'Leary and his jockey Patrick O'Connor winners of the Charity Cheltenham Race in aid of Kerry Hospice with teachers Cora Marie Kelliher, Lucy Saunders winning owner and Declan O'Donoghue Organiser in St Brendan's College, Killarney on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

Students of St Brendan's participating in the Charity Cheltenham Race in St Brendan's College, Killarney on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



and they're off....

## SEM BOYS TAKE ON CHELTENHAM CHALLENGE FOR THE KERRY HOSPICE FOUNDATION



Student Oliver Zuchowski with teacher David Clifford and SNA Trevor Nagle at the Charity Cheltenham Race in aid of Kerry Hospice at St Brendan's College, Killarney on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Students Tadhg Herlihy with Adam Twomey and Senan Kennedy with Oliver Reczetar participating in the Charity Cheltenham Race in aid of Kerry Hospice at St Brendan's College, Killarney on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Students Sean O'Donovan with Matthew Lucey and Ronan McCarthy with Matthew McCarthy participating in the Charity Cheltenham Race at St Brendan's College, Killarney on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



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## RATHMORE | GNEEVEGUILLA PARISH

By Michael O'Mahony

### SHARE THE BUCKET

Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group reminds you that Share the Bucket takes place weekly. The draw is every Friday evening in Teach Fáilte @8.30 pm and can be viewed live on our Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook Page. This week's jackpot was €214 and the winner was Mary Lehane. 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 14th April at 8 pm. Refreshments served, all are welcome.

**SYMPATHIES** to Breeda (nee Moore) & Nicholas on the death of her mother Maureen Moore, Clounts, Rathmore. Her grandchildren & great grandchildren, her sisters Joan & Breed & extended family. Maureen's funeral took place on Monday 31st March in Gneeveguilla

To the sisters Mary, Philomena, Nuala, Ann, Eileen and brother Michael O Sullivan & families on the death of their brother Kevin O Sullivan, Clounts, Rathmore, nephew Michael & Jessica & nieces & nephews. Kevins funeral took place on Monday 31st March in Rathmore. May Maureen & Kevin rest in peace

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L-11139 Bawnard X- Knocknaseed X(Cottage) 1.75KM - €4,900

L-7027 Maughantoorig North X-Lisheen 3.3KM - €9,240

L-11211 Tureenamult-Knocknageeha X 1.5KM - €4,200

### Safety Works

Lisheen Cross safety works €40,000

### Advice Clinics

I will have a clinic on the 14th of April in the Tureenahill and Gneeveguilla Area; Tureenahill Community Centre 8.30pm, Gneeveguilla GAA Club 9.15pm

I am glad to see much needed funds being put into the infrastructure in the Gneeveguilla area and I am glad to be driving this and ensuring you get your fair share by being your advocate on Kerry County Council. Always contact me on 087-9464425 if you ever need me.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO HOLY FAMILY N.S RATHMORE

Holy Family NS have won the Under 11 Credit Union Schools Quiz National Final for 2025. To the four students: Kayleigh White, Conor McCarthy, Éabha Buckley, Diarmuid Horan. Coach - Anne Marie Murphy

### AGM

The 2025 AGM of the Social Action Group will take place on Saturday 19th April 2025 @ 10.30 to 1pm in St. Joseph's Day Care Centre. The SAG is open to membership. Please email [info@sag.ie](mailto:info@sag.ie) to request a membership form.

## SPA PARISH

By Leanne Cronin

### CREDIT UNION SENIOR FOOTBALL COUNTY LEAGUE ROUND 3

Spa welcomed Laune Rangers to Spa on Sunday. Laune Rangers took the lead on the score board throughout the first half but in a turn events and an early goal for Spa in the second half Spa soon took over that lead. In an exciting final few minutes Laune Rangers managed to close the game with a draw. FT score Spa 2-13 Laune Rangers 1-16

Our Division 7B side had a strong win over Na Gaeil on Saturday evening when goal scoring was on their side. FT score Spa 4-14 Na Gaeil 0-17.

### LGFA

Our Spa ladies played Laune Rangers in the 3rd round of the Credit Union Donal Curtin Cup Division 3 today in Killorglin.

Spa were missing a couple of key players but fought well and were very unlucky with a good few close wides and missed some goal chances. Katie O'Brien picking up an injury in the first half was also a blow to Spa. The final score line of 3-12 to 1-05 to Rangers was not a true reflection on how well Spa played as they battled hard and if they had taken their scoring opportunities the end result would have been a lot closer.

### COUNTY CLEAN UP

Michael Gleeson wishes to inform that County Clean-Up Day takes place on this Saturday, 12th April, 2025. Team Lissivigeen will meet at the School at 11 a.m. Bags and Hi Vis vests will be supplied. All volunteers are very

welcome to join us and help make our beautiful area even cleaner. Thank you.

### RACE NIGHT

A HUGE thank you to everyone who supported our annual Coiste na nOg racenight, which raised €5,000 for our underage teams! A brilliant night with great attendance, special thanks to our race sponsors Gaelic Plus, O'Sullivan Lawlor Accountants, ATEX Verification Services, Bluebells Pre School, Healy Doolan Financial, Muckcross Irish Gin, Jimmy Briens Bar, MyCare Medical Centre, JH Fitout and Lissivigeen Afterschool and Homework Club.

Congratulations to our prize winners Helen Murphy, Eoin Fitzgerald, Stephen Cusack, Liadh Tobin, Brian Devane, Fiona Doody, Mary McNeer, Oliver Falvey and Lauren Daly.

Big thanks to David Daly for leading the event, with assistance from David O'Sullivan, Ann Marie Hickey, Liam Ryan and Michael Baker.

The money raised will go towards new equipment, coaching resources, referee and match costs, and will help fund team events and activities.

Thank you for your support!

### NOTES

Any items for our notes please contact Leanne 085-7762411

## BEAUFORT PARISH

By Bridget Hartnett

### FIXTURES

Senior men will be home to Dr Crokes A, Saturday, 13th, at 6 pm in round 3, Co League.

### RESULT

Senior men's Co League, Div. 6, round 3. Dr Croke's C. 0.13 Beaufort 0.11

Senior Ladies Donal Curtin Cup, Div.1. Southern Gaels 5.19 Beaufort 2.07

### U16 BOYS

Beaufort played Glenflesk in the first round of U16 East Region league, Div. 2B on Wednesday, 2nd April.

The final score was Beaufort 4.16 Glenflesk 4.10.

Beaufort U16 team was Freddie Prendiville, Sean Landers, Killian Breen, Leo Allen, Darragh Doyle, Luke Foley, Adam Galvin, Calum Galvin, Ronan Coffey, Luke Savage, Ruairi O'Sullivan, Conor Hughes, Harry O'Shea, Michael Culhane, James Rooney, Seán O'Sullivan and Benen O'Rourke

### LOTTO

The next draw for a jackpot of €5,400 will be on Sunday, 13th April in Beaufort Bar. Tickets available from usual sellers, shops, public houses and online at [www.beaufortgaa.com](http://www.beaufortgaa.com). They are €2 each, 3 for €5 or a yearly tickets for 26 draws is €50. Thank you to everybody who support our lotto.

### SPORTS PREDICTION QUIZ

Thank you to everybody who took part in the quiz and all the sellers. The sheets will be collected this week by your seller.

### SCOR

Congratulations to Evan O'Connor who came third in the individual instrumental music at the County final of Scor na bPáistí which was held in Ballybunion



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## KILCUMMIN PARISH

Written by: Helen Moynihan

### HOSPICE WALK

The local organising committee is proud to announce the 20th year of the Kilcummin Hospice Walk which will take place on Good Friday 18th April. Starting in 2006 the walk was held in Muckcross/Dinis. It was decided to move to Kilcummin in 2012 and a newly established committee continued with the Muckcross/Dinis walk. Since its initiation in 2006 the Kilcummin Hospice has raised up to €90,000 for the Kerry Hospice Foundation. To mark this very special year we are delighted that Louise Ní Mhuircheartaigh has accepted our invitation to be our ambassador. As our special guest she will be in the Recreation Hall after the walk (approx 11.00-12.30) when young and old will have the opportunity to meet and greet Louise who will have in her possession the coveted All Ireland trophy, the Brendan Martin cup. The walk starts from the Recreation Hall at 10.00am with a choice of 4km or 8km. Refreshments will be provided after the walk and a draw for magnificent Easter eggs, kindly sponsored by Lir Café. Donations for the Hospice will be accepted on the day. We look forward to this great family and community occasion.

### MEALS ON WHEELS

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### COUNTY CLEAN UP

The Kilcummin County Clean Up will take place on Saturday 12th April 2025. Red bags are now available in the Rural Development Office for volunteers who wish to clean around their area. Bags can be brought to the Rural Development Office or collection of bags can also be arranged, please contact 064 6643357 (Office Hours).

### STATIONS

Many thanks to all the Station Areas for hosting the Mass for your Townlands, Anabla School, Coolick School, Mastergeeha Ladies Committee, & the Church Parish Centre, and also to Fr. Jim, Fr Joe, Fr. Kieran and Fr John, for the very meaningful masses and for all the beautiful home baking and refreshments on the nights. You can still hand in your Station offering at the weekend mass, it's very much appreciated.

### KILCUMMIN GAA By Donal Barry PRO

#### SENIOR COUNTY LEAGUE DIV 1

Kilcummin suffered their second defeat in the Credit Union Senior County Football League on Sunday when Killarney Legion hit 0-11 in the final quarter to take the points on a 1-22 to 3-10 score line.

Kilcummin with the aid of the wind in the opening half started brightly and goals by Cian Foley and Chris O'Leary in the opening quarter saw James Foley's charges lead 2-5 to 0-2 by the 23rd minute. Killarney Legion had ran up the wides early but scores by Brain O Shea, David O Sullivan and Ryan O Grady saw the sides retired to the break with Kilcummin 2-5 to 0-5 ahead.

It took the winners just ten minutes of second half action to tie up matters 1-10 to 2-7 after O'Shea goaled. The Kilcummin reply was instant after Cian Foley intercepted a Kick out and set Paudie Moynihan free to raise a green flag.

That was a good as it got for Kilcummin as Legion hit the next six points unanswered and despite a brace of points from Paudie Moynihan, it was Legion that would hold on for a six-point win

Kilcummin: Keith O Leary, Damien O'Leary, Dan Moynihan, James Williams, Sean O Leary (Captain), Dara O Callaghan, Donal Maher, Paul O Shea 0-4 (1TP), Chris O'Leary 1-0, Cian Lynch 1-1, Cian Foley, James Nagle (Mark O Shea HT), Paudie Moynihan 1-5 (0-1f) Kevin O Gorman, Sean Doolan

#### SENIOR COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 7B

Kilcummin made it 3 wins from 3 on Saturday evening defeating Ballymac 3-11 to 2-8

Not for the first time in the campaign the home side got off to a flier with a bright opening that saw them race into a 0-6 to 0-1 lead with scores from Mikie O Shea, Colin O Leary and Gavin Morrissey before Jack Fogarty added a 4th point ahead of a fine 2-point effort as the corner back bedded into life in the full forward line

Having lived off scraps for most of the opening quarter a fine goal by Barry Lyons on the 17th minute brought Ballymac into the tie and the visitors tied up the contest 1-3 to 0-6 by the 21st minute with further points. A goal before half time by Fogarty saw the home side lead 1-7

to 1-4 at the break. The second half was one for taking your chances and despite Ballymac having more than enough of their share they hit a number of poor wides ahead of an Aaron Buckley goal on the 43rd minute and when Callum McCarthy's shot crept into the net on the 47th minute it really was game over. Still a David Rogers goal for Ballymac in the final 5 minutes narrowed the gap somewhat but Kilcummin despite not finding a score in the final 13 minutes had enough in the bank for a 3rd win in a row.

### LADIES FOOTBALL

Kilcummin went down to Rathmore 7-4 to 4-7 in the East Kerry U16 Division 2 in their first game of the season. Goals by Tara Cronin, Ellie O Sullivan, Ella Murphy and Rebecca O Connell kept Kilcummin in touch right up to the last 5 mins. Aoife Doolan, Marissa O Connor and Jasime Riordan were outstanding in the full back line.

Green and Gold: Massive congratulations to Dara Stack who became the 16th Kilcummin player ever to wear the Green and Gold of Kerry at under 20/21 level having made his debut at full back against Tipperary in a 2-19 to 1-10 win in the Munster Football Championship.

### COISTE NA NÓG

The Club's youth academy opened its doors for the first time this year on Saturday and it was great to see so many players and parents attending. Under 14: The under 14's opened their Division 1 county league campaign with a hard fought 5-15 to 5-7 win over An Gaeltacht as both sides had to deal with a difficult wind. In the end a great individual display from Max Moynihan who scored 1-10 and Sean O'Leary who scored 3-1 helped the team collect the points

### UNDER 15'S DIVISION 1 FEILE

Kilcummin are the Division 1 Feile County Champions after defeating John Mitchel's in the county final 3-9 to 3-2 with Daragh Keane captaining the side to our first win at this level since 2007 when Kilcummin defeated Castleisland Desmonds.

Two goals by Aidan Huggard and a third by Derry O Gorman proved crucial scores as Kilcummin powered to victory off the back of a big second half performance by Oran Lynch.

Earlier in the day Kilcummin enjoyed a narrow 0-7 to 1-3 win over Legion before a two goal salvo by Darragh Keane helped the team to a second win over Fries 2-6 to 1-4. Congratulations to all the players and their mentos Tom Keane, Edward O Sullivan, Sean Lynch, Denny O Connor and Paul O Donoghue.

### UNDER 16'S RESULT

Kilcummin were beaten by Killarney Legion on their opening game of the East Region league 3-16 to 1-11. A first half penalty helped Kilcummin to remain level at the break 1-6 each but a stronger Killarney side pulled away in the second half.

### KILCUMMIN GAA LOTTO

There was one winners of our lotto on Monday 07th April for the Jackpot of €2,500. Numbers drawn were 15,17,23,30. Consolation prizes of €50 went to David O'Riordan, Donal Feehan, Kilmoyley, Becky Merlin, Denis Casey, Dunrine. Our next draw will be on Monday 21st April for Jackpot of €2,750.

### MASTERGEEHA F.C

#### LOTTO

There was no winner on Friday 04th April 2025 of the Jackpot €6,000. Numbers drawn were 09,18,22,27. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Daniel & Colm Casey, Dunrine, Johnny O'Sullivan, 148 Pinewood, Jeremiah Mangan, and Anne Desmond. The next draw will be on Friday 11th April for Jackpot of €6,200.

### KILCUMMIN COMMUNITY GAMES

#### U12 CROSS COUNTRY

Cross Country County Finals took place last weekend in Beaufort. In the U12 race Charlie Jay Kelliher was placed 6th and Conall O'Mara was placed 11th. Huge congratulations to both boys who go through to the All-Ireland Finals in May. Thanks to Mary Theresa Moriarty for her ongoing help.

### GYMNASTICS

Well done to Sarah, Siun & Holly who competed in Duagh last Sunday. Well done to the girls who put in fabulous performances.



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## GLENFLESK PARISH

Written by: Sean Daly

### RAMBLING HOUSE

Glenflesk GAA will host a Rambling House on Easter Sunday 20th April from 8pm to 11pm in Glenflesk GAA Hall to help raise funds for Baby Grace O'Sullivan. Patrons will be treated to three hours of the best songs, music and stories and in keeping with the great rambling house traditions, tea and brack will be served on the night. All are welcome to attend! Please contact Neily Moynihan with any queries on 087 2357232. We hope to see you there to support this great cause!

### FUNDRAISER

The Baby Grace Fund has been established to contribute to the emergency medical interventions and the substantial expenses her family now faces. Please donate to help our clubmate Pádraig, Juliett and their brave baby Grace Maria O'Sullivan. You can donate on [www.idonate.ie](http://www.idonate.ie) The link is also available on the Glenflesk GAA Facebook page.

### ACADEMY

Glenflesk GAA Football Academy returns Tuesday 15th April at 6:15 to 7:15pm in Barraduff Community Field. Registration will take place on the night, or you can register via Clubforce. All welcome!

### SENIOR LADIES

Well done to our Senior ladies team who beat John Mitchels by a large margin last weekend in the Credit Union Division 4 Donal Curtin Cup.

### SENIOR MEN

#### Credit Union County League Division 1 Round 3

#### Glenflesk 2-17 Kerins O'Rahillys 1-16

Two well taken goals from Ian Roche, plus an outstanding save from Jack O'Donoghue, helped Glenflesk get their 2025 Credit Union Division 1 County League campaign up and running with a 4 point win over League leader's Kerins O'Rahillys, with their best performance of the year so far. The visitors, with a perfect record after their opening 2 games, started with a great confidence to their play. Conor O'Sullivan finding the net in the fifth minute, with a composed finish to give his side a 1-3 to 0-1 lead early. Glenflesk began to settle after their awful start, with a 2 pointer from Jeff O'Donoghue and points from midfielders Tommy Bowler and Killian O Sullivan. Ian Roche then struck for his first goal of the day as Glenflesk began to play with great speed and accuracy. More 2 pointers followed

from Dylan Roche and Bowler, as Glenflesk headed into the break with a 3 point lead, as the Tralee side struggled to break down Glenflesk's tenacious defence, with Daniel Brien especially outstanding. Glenflesk started the second half strongly, with Dylan Roche again finding the target with a well struck shot. A second Ian Roche goal then followed quickly, another clinical finish to put Glenflesk well in control. Callum Cronin added another point as the visitors defence struggled to hold the dangerous Glenflesk forwards. Jack Savage got his side a much needed 2 pointer. Points from Ben Hanafin, Savage and Conor Hayes reduced the deficit to 4. When Hayes blasted a shot at goal, it looked like the game would end in a tense finish. Goalie O'Donoghue had other ideas though, flying across goal to make a stunning save. A late Bowler point put Glenflesk up by 5 again, with Barry John Keane completing the scoring, as Glenflesk held on for a deserved victory, with all areas of the pitch producing a display of great quality and teamwork.

### COMMUNITY GAMES

Well done to all the boys and girls who took part in the handwriting and art competitions last weekend & produced some great handwriting & creative drawings. Best of luck to the winners whose entries will now go forward to County level. Thanks also to the judges Fiona and Damien and to all the parents.

### KERRY

Well done to Anna Lenihan who lined out for the Kerry U14's in the Munster Championship and to Aoise O'Donoghue who played with the Kerry Minors in a good win against Limerick.

### LOTTO

There was no winner of the Glenflesk Lotto which took place on 31/3/25. Jackpot €5,600. Numbers drawn: 8, 11, 15, 27. Consolation prizes of €50: Diane & Donnacha O'Leary, Jack McGlynn, Mike O'Shea & Pat & Kathleen O'Donoghue. Next draw will take place on 14/4/25. Jackpot €5,800. Thanks to all who support our Lotto, our sellers & Diarmuid Lynch Plumbing & Heating for sponsoring tickets.

### NOTES

If you would like anything added in the notes, please email to [pro.glenflesk.kerry@gaa](mailto:pro.glenflesk.kerry@gaa)



All set for the Glenflesk Rambling House taking place on Easter Sunday night at 8 pm. Front left to right Neily Moynihan, Mary O'Donoghue, Brian Brosnan, Jeremy Brosnan, Martina Angland, Emma O'Donoghue. Back row, left to right Sean Angland, Olivia Angland, Coleen Angland, Cathy O'Leary, Tracey Brosnan, Ann Moynihan, Noreen Cashman, Maura Joy. The Rambling House was originally planned to help the Linehan family who lost their home to a fire recently. However the family have requested that all funds raised will now go to the Baby Grace O'Sullivan fundraiser.

## LISTRV PARISH

Written by: Colette Leslie

### LOTTO

Jackpot €8,400. Winning Numbers 2, 9, 15, 19. Not Won. €100 Shona Murphy, Caherslee, Tralee. €50 Gerard Looney, Lissivane. €50 Columba Glavin, Faha. €25 Dan Dwyer, Ballytrasna. €25 Irene Donnelly. Jackpot next week : €8,550. Next Draw: April 13th

### U14

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## ST. BRENDAN'S WIN GOLD AND SILVER at Irish Schools Climbing Competition

Congratulations to both Junior cycle teams who came 1st and 2nd in the Munster section in the Irish schools Climbing Competition held last Thurs 3rd April in Awesome Walls Cork. The Sem are now Munster Champions for 3 years in a row in the Junior section which is absolutely brilliant. So well done to Jake Dunlea, Darragh Forde, Aaron O'Connor, Donnacha Kissane O'Sullivan and Peter Herlihy who joined them this year. Divo Lucic, Conall Murphy and Cormac Flanagan will join them in Dublin to take part in the All Ireland Final on Thurs May 15th.



The boys are pictured with their instructor Donie Mulcahy.

## SLIABH LUACHRA DRAMA GROUP SCARTAGLEN Supports the Irish Cancer Society



Sliabh Luachra Drama Group make a donation of €14,592.05 to the Irish Cancer Society representatives, Eleanor O'Doherty and Kathleen O'Shea.

The Sliabh Luachra Drama group, a well loved community theatre troupe, recently completed an amazing fundraising campaign in support of the ICS.

Over the course of their performances of the play 'The Two Loves of Gabriel Foley' an Irish comedy by Jimmy Keary, the group not only entertained audiences but also raised crucial funds for night nurse care and patient support to be used locally in Kerry.

During each performance members of the audience were encouraged to make donations to the ICS.

This initiative not only helped raise awareness of the charity but also provided an opportunity for the local community to contribute to a cause that touches so many lives.

We are very grateful for their support and thanks to everyone for their generosity and meaningful support.

**KWOTE MEETING** will be held on Wednesday 16th April at 7pm in the Parish Centre next to the Church of the Resurrection, Park Road, Killarney.



Staff members from The Brehon Hotel joined The Meitheal in Abbey Wood on Tuesday of this week in a bid to tackle rhododendrons. The group were delighted with the help from the hard working staff and would welcome any other workplace who would like to participate in the initiative.

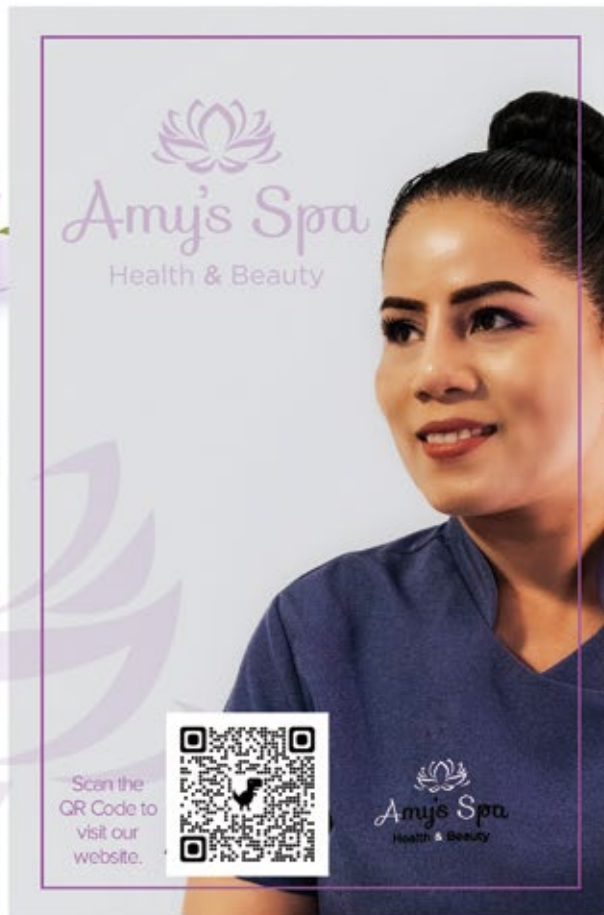


Eurovision winner, Johnny Logan was in town during the week, staying at The Lake Hotel and dining in Bricin. He is pictured at the restaurant with staff member, Eilis Coffey.



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# *Walk in Memory of Shaq*

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*Hundreds attended the walk in memory of Shaq and in aid of Comfort for Chemo*

Hundreds of people gathered at Killarney Racecourse on Saturday last for a walk in memory of Caoimhin Shaq O'Donoghue on what would have been his 50th Birthday.

The walk, which was organised by his family in his memory has raised an incredible €19,000 with donations still coming in.

"We are so grateful to everyone who supported the walk and remembered Caoimhin in such a lovely way", his sister Sheena told Killarney Outlook.

"We would like to thank everyone who helped out on the day, who donated and who sponsored the walk", she added.

The money raised will go to Comfort for Chemo in Shaq's memory.

You can still donate at <https://gofund.me/ca2c7f93>



*En route to Ross Castle, which was Shaq's favourite place on the walk in his memory.*



*Family members including his brothers Timmy and Cormac, sister Sheena, mom Margaret and niece Shona.*



*Family and friends of Shaq pictured at the walk.*

## **Killarney Valley Classic & Vintage Club Tractor Run**

Killarney Valley Classic & Vintage Club gathered at the vintage shed last Sunday morning for their tractor run, sponsored by Kelliher's Toyota, Tralee. There was a great selection of classic and vintage tractors, with young and the not so young taking part in the tractor run from the vintage shed on Lewis Road to the Kerry Woollen Mills, Beaufort.

Kerry Woollen Mills is set in the beautiful countryside by the river Laune, which was the perfect setting for the gathering of all the wonderful tractors. Owner Andrew Eadie and fellow KVCV member Denis O'Connell gave everyone a tour of this great building and all the work going on behind the scenes. We travelled across the river to dine at the Inn Between Bar & Restaurant, Beaufort, where great chats were in full flow. Well done to all who attended. We are now looking forward to our car run on Sunday 27th April .





Congratulations to Holy Family NS who have won the Under 11 Credit Union Schools Quiz National Final for 2025 !!



Well done to the four students, Eabha Buckley, Diarmuid Horan, Conor McCarthy and Kayleigh White and their teachers Anne Marie Murphy and Paul Horan (principal)



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**Which type of contact lens is best?**

The type of lens that is best for you will depend upon several factors. These include how often you want to wear your lenses – for example do you want to wear them just for certain activities such as sport, or do you want to wear them most of the time, instead of glasses?

As soft lenses are initially more comfortable than RGP lenses, they are ideal for people who only want to wear lenses occasionally. RGP lenses are a little more uncomfortable than soft lenses at first, so they take a bit more getting used to

**Are contact lenses safe?**

Modern contact lenses are

very safe, as long as you follow advice about how to wear and look after them, and have regular check-ups. It is possible that anything that touches your eye could introduce an infection.

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STORM ÉOWYN EMERGENCY FUND DETAILS

An emergency fund to replace farm building roofs, is to be set up shortly, according to correspondence from the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, in reply to Kerry TD , Michael Cahill. The Targeted Agricultural Modernisation Scheme (TAMS) had already funded generators, animal fencing and mulchers, following Storm Éowyn and the next tranche to be rolled out is for damaged farm roofs.

“The Minister has urged farmers to have their farm buildings structurally assessed now, to be fully ready for the next TAMS rollout. This is an excellent opportunity to be ahead of the game and ready to apply for funding to replace damaged roofing” stated Fianna Fáil’s Deputy Cahill.

“I am delighted that I queried the Minister on funding for the damage done by Storm Éowyn and I hope all of our farmers affected can get qualifying applications in order in advance of funding being formally announced” said Deputy Cahill.

“I am also delighted that I got the opportunity to recently raise this important matter in the Dáil on behalf of Kerry farmers” added Michael Cahill TD.



Beaufort Village Traffic Management Plan

Kerry County Council has confirmed that it will explore the feasibility of implementing much-needed improvements to traffic management in Beaufort Village, following a motion submitted by Fianna Fáil Councillor, Tommy Cahill. The proposed upgrades would include public lighting, footpaths, and pedestrian crossings from the Beaufort Bar extending beyond the Community Centre.

Councillor Cahill highlighted the critical need for these changes for the safety and well-being of Beaufort’s residents. “Beaufort Village is a busy, residential area where locals regularly walk and exercise close to their homes. It is hard to believe that such basic amenities, like public lighting, footpaths, and pedestrian crossings, are lacking. The current situation is unsafe, and residents are calling for these essential upgrades,” said Councillor Cahill. “It’s time for Beaufort Village to be prioritised for these vital improvements. I will continue to work closely with Kerry County Council to ensure that these traffic management upgrades are put in place as quickly as possible,” added Councillor Cahill, Cathaoirleach of the Kenmare Municipal District.

In response to Councillor Cahill’s motion, Kerry County Council confirmed they will examine the feasibility of submitting improvements under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme and that the process would involve initial engagement with landowners.

Councillor Cahill, finished by stating “I welcome Kerry County Council’s reply and I will continue to press for progress on these critical safety upgrades to ensure the health and well-being of everyone in our communities across the Municipal District.”

MINISTER HEALY-RAE welcomes European experts’ engagement at Windblow Taskforce

Minister of State with responsibility for Forestry, Farm Safety and Horticulture, Michael Healy-Rae TD, has welcomed European experts’ engagement at Ireland’s Forest Windblow Taskforce.

Minister Healy-Rae said: “I welcome today’s engagement with our colleagues from the Forest Europe-endorsed Forest Risk Facility. This facility provides European countries and experts with a collaborative platform to strengthen international cooperation, and to share expertise and good practice, on how to manage the impacts on forests from natural events such as wind, fire and disease. There are many countries that have experienced similar natural disasters resulting in catastrophic wind damage such as Storm Éowyn. Today’s engagement is important, and we heard some useful insights on how countries have managed large storm events across Europe.”

Silvia Abruscato, the senior expert at the European Forest Institute, leading the Secretariat of the Forest Risk Facility, said: “We welcome the opportunity to come to Ireland and to share experiences, and to highlight the importance

of this new facility. Our forests across Europe are facing numerous threats and challenges, and we need to cooperate and to learn from others in order to enhance the resilience of our forests. Today, Dr Christoph Hartebrodt, who has extensive experience in wind and risk management, has shared useful insights on how to manage the consequences of windblow.”

Dr Hartebrodt emphasised the importance of assessing the challenges and bottlenecks along the supply chain, from harvesting to delivery of timber products to markets. He emphasised not rushing to harvest trees until haulage and markets are in place, and that windblown trees still attached to the root plate will remain in good condition for a period of time.

The Windblow Taskforce will now develop a detailed action plan building on the work completed to date, and will also use expertise from the pan-European Forest Risk Facility and other stakeholders to inform the next steps. A workshop is planned for early May to inform the action plan currently being developed.

DEPUTY DANNY HEALY RAE RAISES LOCAL ISSUES IN THE DAIL

This week, Deputy Danny Healy Rae raised the following issues in Dail Eireann.

Water Services -

I highlighted the many areas in Kerry that are without an adequate water supply and asked the Minister of State to look at this because this is a serious issue. Similarly, our infrastructure for wastewater treatment plants is totally obsolete or not there at all in many places. There are 38 settlements in Kerry without proper wastewater treatment plants. The Government will have to buck up to ensure that people have a proper water supply. It is a basic human right.

Topical Question Pension Abatment of HSE staff:

I again raised the matter of the pension abatement for retired nurses who returned to work for the HSE during Covid. Many retired nurses and other workers who returned to work in vaccination centres, back into wards, community settings, these were highly experienced staff and they answered the call and were told their pensions would not be impacted. Some went into mental health into the CAMHS clinic liaison support team, they were told they could work up to 19.5 hours and it would not affect their pension and every thing was going grand until the department of Finance intervened some time late in 2022 and told the HSE that the pensions would be abated, but the HSE never relayed this to their workers and the workers did not know and they continued working. Now the Department of Finance and Revenue , the pensions side of it are looking for tax back from these workers. This is totally wrong. I asked the Minister to intervene and deal with this and resolve the matter.





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**3rd Friday**

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8.15 PM  
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**Castleisland Area**

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The Kingdom Bar, Castleisland  
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**1st Wednesday**

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8.30 PM  
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**Killarney Area**

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**4th Thursday**

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8.15 PM  
8.45 PM

**Killorglin Area**

Golden Nugget, Fossa  
Galvin's Bar, Beaufort  
O'Grady's Bar, Killorglin  
Larkin's Bar, Milltown  
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**1st Thursday**

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9.30 PM  
10:00 PM

**Glenflesk & Barraduff**

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Spillane's Headford  
Murphy's Bar, Barraduff  
Sweeney's Bar, Barraduff

**4th Friday**

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9.30 PM  
10.00 PM  
10.45 PM

**Kenmare & Sneem Area**

The Roughty bar, Kenmare  
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10:30 PM

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# Minister O'Donovan announces launch of new "All Right All Night" online safety training

The Minister for Arts, Media, Communications, Culture and Sport, Patrick O'Donovan TD, has today announced the launch of a new online safety training resource for young people. The All Right All Night training programme is a safety initiative which is funded by the Department's Night-Time Economy Unit and developed by the Bystander Intervention Team in University College Cork.

The All Right All Night programme, aimed at teens and young adults, helps young people recognise problematic behaviour, whilst developing the skills and capacity to make safe and effective interventions to keep each other safe on a night out. The All Right All Night programme has been successfully piloted in schools, youth clubs and sports clubs across the country and is now rolling out nationwide. Through the workshops, participants gain a clear understanding of the diversity of lived experiences, and in so doing promote respect and inclusivity.

This latest element of the programme, provides bystander intervention training condensed into a one-hour online training course. 5,000 places will be made available free of charge to people aged 18-24.

Speaking today, Minister O'Donovan said:

"I am pleased today to be announcing this important Night-Time Economy safety initiative. The All Right All Night training programme



promotes a safer night-time environment for young people, which is a key priority of the Night-Time Economy Taskforce. Initiatives like All Right All Night are so important in providing young people with the tools how to safely intervene or get help should anything arise when socialising at night.

"I want to encourage young people to take part in this important training which has the potential to make a positive difference in our society and bring about a real change in attitudes and behaviours, particularly in a night-time context."

Professor Louise Crowley from UCC said:

"The Bystander team at University College Cork

is excited to bring the impactful All Right All Night training to the online platform, making it immediately available to 18-24-year-olds across Ireland and allowing us to upscale our reach and maximise the programme impact. "The ability to better recognise problematic behaviour and the associated capacity to make safe and effective interventions will encourage and enable participants to contribute to an improved culture of respect and safety for all young people on nights out."

Those interested in learning more about bystander intervention or the new All Right All Night online training can find details on the new website [www.allrightallnight.ie](http://www.allrightallnight.ie)

## Minister Foley welcomes Capital Plan for Facilities for University Hospital Kerry in 2025 HSE Capital Plan

Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Kerry T.D Norma Foley has welcomed the confirmation of new infrastructure for University Hospital Kerry in the 2025 HSE capital plan.

The plan commits to the delivery of an additional theatre for childbirths at University Hospital Kerry plus the upgrade of existing theatres and plant. This project is currently at tender stage.

Detailed design work has been carried out on the provision of an Oncology Day ward for cancer patients in the hospital, which is due to go to tender stage this year.

This also includes an aseptic compounding unit which will be developed in the hospital for the first time, allowing for the manufacturing of individually tailored chemotherapy and biologic preparations for patients.

The HSE capital plan includes the proposed new ward block at University Hospital Kerry comprising single rooms and ancillary accommodation.

The women's health team will be relocated from University Hospital Kerry to a new building on the John Joe Sheehy Road.

Minister Foley said: "I welcome the significant commitment to University Hospital Kerry in the plan which will deliver theatre expansions, a new day ward for cancer patients and additional bed capacity through new single rooms. This will improve and enhance the already excellent facilities available."

## WOMEN & MEN'S SHEDS

The value of a place to meet with likeminded people, to chat or to work on a hobby, etc, is immeasurable and the Women's and Men's Sheds have proved their worth in this regard, simply by their popularity. Deputy Michael Cahill and Councillor Tommy Cahill believe that the social and mental value alone of these facilities, is worth its weight in gold.

"There are Women's and Men's Shed groups all around Kerry that are thriving at the moment, bringing like minded women and men together to practice hobbies, play cards, tennis and bowls, etc, do charity work, generally socialise, and so on, for a couple of hours a day. These can be retired or unemployed people, who have some time on their hands, and the Shed helps them to take their minds off the mundane, even spending some of this time helping others" stated Councillor Tommy Cahill.

"There are groups around the county at present looking for a home to locate their Shed. In Cahersiveen, the Men's Shed group are looking for a site or a suitable building. In Killarney, the same applies to the Women's Shed group who are looking for a home to locate their Shed. Both Tommy and I

are calling on Kerry County Council to make a big effort to find a suitable location for them, be it through means of providing a site or a vacant property. I am also calling on our Government to row in with funding for any new builds, refurbishments or alterations that may be needed" stated Deputy Michael Cahill.


The Cahill's believe that there are many Local Authority sites and vacant buildings around the county that would be more than suitable to hosting a Women's or Men's Shed, be it in Killarney or Cahersiveen or in any other town or village in Kerry and if they can be made available and suitable, support should be forthcoming for such an amazing and valuable concept, which would be fabulous in any community.

"Sneems Men's Shed group currently have a Planning application pending and they along with all other Men's and Women's groups across the county must be supported and in this context, I have submitted a Parliamentary Question to the Minister calling for additional resources to be made available for these groups in Kerry" added Michael Cahill TD.



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## FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB

### RESULTS FOR 3RD APRIL

N/S

1st: Anne Looney & Michael McHugh

2nd: Joan Lenihan & Marie Moloney

3rd: Eileen Murphy & Joan Moore

E/W

1st: Pauline Lyne & Phyllis O'Regan

2nd: Patricia Lynch & Peggy Barrett

3rd: Maura B Moynihan & Margaret O'Sullivan

Congratulations and well done everyone. Great scores by all.

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

**PRESIDENT PAULINE'S PRIZE** is on the 17th & 24th April. Hope to see you all there.

## KILLARNEY COUGARS BASKETBALL CLUB

The competitive club season has finally come to a conclusion with the U14 Boys All Ireland Club Championship competition in Gormanstown Sports Arena.

### JUVENILE NEWS

#### **AIG Insurance Basketball Ireland U14 All Ireland Club Championship**

Killarney Cougars 41 Galway Titans 33

Killarney Cougars 40 Carrick Cougars 31

Killarney Cougars 51 Drogheda Wolves 40

#### **AICCA Quarter Final**

Killarney Cougars 40 Bantry Cork 49

The Killarney Cougars U14 Boys produced some top class performances in the All Ireland Club Championship coming out as Group 3 Winners qualifying for the Final 8 and a quarter final place.

A meeting with Corks Bantry Group 2 winners after over coming St Mary's Castleisland, was a well contested knockout game with the Cougars well in contention until the closing stages with the Cork side edging ahead. Bantry went through but lost out narrowly in the Semi Final to eventual winners Eanna Dublin.

A great weekend for Coach Tony & Assistant Peggy and all the boys who enjoyed the exciting competition.

### U14 GIRLS

Our girls completed there competitive season with a trip to Tralee for the St Brendans Tournament. In a strong competition the

Killarney RFC U18.5 boys West Munster Cup Champions



Cougars came up against both recent All Ireland Club Finalists Dublin Lions & St Bridgets Currow, St Brendans and Moycullen Galway, with an impressive victory over Moycullen the highlight.

### SENIOR NEWS

Senior Practice continues on Tuesday evenings at 8pm

## KILLARNEY RFC CLUB

### WEST MUNSTER CUP CHAMPIONS

A massive congratulations to our Killarney RFC U18.5 boys on an outstanding 36 - 20 victory over a strong Killorglin/Iveragh side in what was a thrilling and sporting West Munster Cup final! Both teams left everything on the pitch, and it was a fantastic display of skill, heart, and determination from start to finish. Huge credit to Killorglin/Iveragh for their part in a great contest — games like this show the real spirit of rugby in our region.

We're incredibly proud of the lads for their teamwork, resilience, and passion throughout the campaign. This win is a testament to their hard work and dedication all season long.

A heartfelt thank you to our brilliant coaches — Feargal, Hughie, and Declan — whose time, energy, and commitment to the team have been second to none. Your guidance has made all the difference.

### U18.5 GIRLS ADVANCE TO MUNSTER PLATE

### FINAL!

Huge congratulations to our incredible U18.5 Girls team who secured a thrilling 15-12 victory over Shannon RFC at home today!

It was a hard-fought battle from start to finish, with every player giving it their all. The determination, teamwork, and passion on display were outstanding as the girls dug deep to book their place in the Munster Plate Final!

Well done to the entire squad, coaching team, and supporters — onwards to the final!

## KILLARNEY SWIMMING CLUB

20 Swimmers attended the future Challenger Gala at UL on Sunday with 12 other swimming clubs from Munster.

Killarney Swimmers took home 10 Medals, achieved bands for specific times, and obtained personal bests. The club had a few swimmers swim their very first gala, which was a huge success for the club.

Results: Daniel Cremin 1st 100 IM; Cora Sheehan, 1st 50 Free; Juan Avila, 2nd 100IM and 3rd 100 Free; Aideen Casey 2nd 100 IM; Reece O'Donoghue 3rd 50 breast and 3rd 50 Free; Timur Loi 3rd 50 Breast; Sarah Tomlinson 3rd 100 IM; Ronan O'Leary 3rd 200 IM.



Killarney Cougars U14 at the All Ireland Club Championship Finals in Gormanstown, Co Meath.



Killarney Cougars U14 Girls at the Tralee U14 Open Tournament





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## KILLARNEY JUDO CLUB

### MUNSTER SQUAD

Last Sunday, Patrik Polubnak and James Maher were selected to attend a Munster Squad session for the best judoka across Munster and Connacht. This gave them the opportunity to spar with some of the toughest judoka in Ireland with the sessions being led by the Munster coaches Danny Roche and JT Deenihan. After a gruelling session, the young players were rewarded with a Paintballing session with 50 players and coaches in attendance.

Building on this success, the club will host a women's only session led by Mairéad Bennett. This session is open to all female members across Munster to give inspiration to the next generation of judoka across the province.



Patrik Polubnak, Tim Kelly and James Maher

# Streets of Killarney 5 Mile Road Race Returns This Easter Weekend

Killarney Valley Athletics Club, in partnership with Reen's Life Pharmacy, is delighted to announce the return of the Streets of Killarney 5 Mile Road Race for its second year! This much-anticipated event offers a fast and flat course, taking runners through the breathtaking Killarney House and Gardens, a section of Killarney National Park, and the bustling streets of Killarney town. With plenty of vantage points for spectators, the race promises an electric atmosphere to kickstart the Easter weekend in style, including an autism friendly area.

All proceeds from the race will support local athletics development, helping Killarney Valley AC continue its investment in the Killarney Valley AC Arena Athletics Track—a top-class facility used daily by over 3,000 students and 300 club members. The club, named Athletics Ireland Development Club of the Year in 2022, is home to some of Ireland's top athletes, including international sprinters, jumpers, middle-distance runners, and Para athletes who have achieved success at European and global levels.

With ambitions to grow the race each year, the club aims to welcome 800 runners in 2025. Participants will receive a race t-shirt, with prizes up for grabs for individual and team performances.

Speaking about the race, Eoin Reen of Reen's Life Pharmacy said:

"We are thrilled to be the gold sponsors of the Streets of Killarney 5 Mile Road Race. It's fantastic to see an event that brings the community together, promotes fitness and well-being, and supports local athletics development. Killarney Valley AC is doing outstanding work, and we're proud to play a part in helping them grow this race into a key fixture on the running calendar."

This year's event is made possible thanks to the generous support of Reen's Life Pharmacy, Fexco, Tricel, Polly's, Luna, Daly's SuperValu, Portwest, Activate Gym, Gallivan's Property Partner, KWD Recycling, and Grenade Bars.

For full race details, registration, and sponsorship opportunities, visit [killarneyvalleyac.ie](http://killarneyvalleyac.ie).

### Date & Time:

Good Friday, 18th April 2025 @ 7pm

Location: Killarney Town & National Park



The pacers for this year's streets of Killarney 5-mile are from left to right: Phillip Gammell (KVAC race committee), Brendan Caffrey, Donald O'Sullivan, Alan Horan, Elaine Lanigan, Chris Grayson, Noel Rice, Jack O'Leary, and Paul Doolan (KVAC race committee).



Reen's life pharmacy the Gold sponsor of the streets of Killarney 5-mile race on Good Friday the 18th of April at 7pm. The photo includes race committee members from left to right: Paul Dolan, Phillip Gammell, Eoin Reen and DJ O'Sullivan





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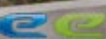
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### MEN'S RESULTS 5/6 APRIL

#### EASTER HAMPERS SPONSORED BY GARVEY'S SUPERVALU CASTLEISLAND

1st: Stephen Keating (16) 42 points  
2nd: Joe McMahon (19) 41 points  
3rd: Michael Conway (23) 40 points

**NEXT WEEKS COMPETITION** will be the Exchange Day with Dooks GC sponsored by Aspen Grove

**GOOD FRIDAY FUNDRAISER** 18th April sponsored by Killarney Plaza

### LADIES' RESULTS - SPRING LEAGUE

1st: Geraldine Collins  
2nd: Grainne McShorlall  
3rd: Marie Flood

#### 18 HOLE STABLEFORD 5/6 APRIL SPONSORED BY SEAN O'ROURKE & CO AND GRÁ MÓR STUDIO

1st: Kathleen Cronin (22) 38 points  
2nd: Máire Ní Loinsigh (19) 36 points  
3rd: Noeleen Mackessy (29) 34 points

## ROSS GC, KILLARNEY (GENTS)

### RESULTS

**On April 5th and 6th we held the third round of the M D O'Shea Spring League with a stableford competition kindly sponsored by CK Decorators Ltd.**

The winners were :-

1st: Niall O'Brien 42 (11)  
2nd: Leo Casey 39 (15)  
3rd: Jerry O'Brien 37 (20)

#### Division 1

1st: Virginijus Jonikaitis 36 (11)  
2nd: Peter Wickham 34 (11)

#### Division 2

1st: Tony Lenihan 35 (17)  
2nd: Donie Broderick 34 (16)

#### Division 3

1st: Denis O'Riordan 36 (35)  
2nd: Lucas Cronin 34 (21)

**On Thursday April 3rd our Seniors held a 10 hole stableford competition.**

The winners were :-

1st: John Fleming, 21pts  
2nd: John Joe Healy, 20 pts  
3rd: Donal Doherty, 20 pts  
4th: Ned Buckley & Sean Hickey, 20 pts  
5th: Mike O Leary, 20 pts

#### M D O'SHEA SPRING LEAGUE

On April 13th we will hold the final round of the M D O'Shea Spring League with a strokeplay competition, kindly sponsored by M D O'Shea. This will also be qualifier for the Killarney Medal & Trophy Centre Club Matchplay championship with the top 32 finishers going into that competition. The draw will be number 1 playing 32, number 2 playing number 31 and so on.

## ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB

### RESULTS

**Ladies Scramble 5th April very kindly sponsored by Ex Officio Mary McCarrick**

Played in beautiful weather and a great turnout with the most amazing views on Saturday. Well done to the winners and all who played. Winners were Mary Moynihan, Mary McCarrick and Emer Brosnan



Winners of The Ladies Scramble 5th April very kindly sponsored by Ex Officio Mary McCarrick  
Pictured left to right: Mary Moynihan, Mary McCarrick, Lady Captain Elaine Casey and Emer Brosnan

2nd: Una O'Sullivan, Kitty O'Grady and Noreen O'Mahony

3rd: Bridie Brosnan, Maureen Beecher Crowley and Helen Moylan

### COMPETITIONS

Saturday 12th April 2025 9 & 18 hole single Stableford qualifying competition. Booking through the BRS.

#### LADIES GET INTO GOLF

The Get into Golf is starting up again this season. Wednesday evenings June 4th to July 9th. Please Contact Breda on 087 4629501 for further information and booking.

#### WEDNESDAY MORNINGS MEET & PLAY

Meet and play every Wednesday morning. Meet in the Club House 10.00am tee off 10.30am. All members welcome.

#### GOLF LESSONS

Gordon Howard is available to give golf lessons. Please contact Gordon directly in the Club House.

## KILLARNEY GOLF & FISHING CLUB (LADIES)

### COMPETITION RESULTS

**18 & 13 Hole Single Stableford kindly sponsored by McElligotts Ez Living played on Mahony's Point Course on 5th & 6th April 2025**

Winner: Junior Girl's Captain Kate McCan (28) 44pts

2nd: Geraldine Collins (23) 43pts  
Best Gross: Anne Moynihan 31pts  
3rd: Anne O'Connor (36) 41pts  
4th: Catherine Hartnett (34) 41pts Back 9  
5th: Tina O'Sullivan (18) 40pts  
6th: Anita O'Sullivan (29) 39pts  
13 Holes Winner: Mary Treacy (27) 26pts

**NEXT COMPETITION** will be 5 & 6th April 2025, 18-Hole and 13-Hole Ladies Singles Stableford on Killeen Course kindly sponsored by B-Well Fitness Club.

## DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB

### SUNDAY DRAWS

Two Ball Betterball- First Nett: Gearoid Cronin & John Murphy 40½ (B9). Gross: Gearoid Cronin & Mark O'Shea 50, Second Nett: Dave Spillane & Mike 'Seve' O'Leary 40½. Hole-In-One: Ger Casey (13th Hole).

### COUNTY MATCHPLAY

Our Best Wishes to all club players taking part in the various different events in Listowel this Sunday

### MEMBERSHIP

Please note that membership for 2025 is due now as of March 1st. Prices the same as last year namely- Single Adult- €150, OAP- €100, Juvenile- €80 Family- €300. Club Registrar Bobby Kelly will be available over the coming weeks after the Sunday morning competitions for anyone wishing to sign up for the year.

### SUMMER SERIES

Please note this year we will be running a summer series in a scramble format from Wednesday May 7th onwards. Full details on the club noticeboard currently.

**BEST WISHES** To James Fleming and the Utility Trust St Pauls Women's Basketball Team in Sunday's Womens Super League Final against Killester in Tallaght.

**DEEPEST CONDOLENCES** to Jonathon Sparling and his family on the death of Jonathon's father John last week.

## CASTLROSSE GOLF CLUB (LADIES)

**WEEK: 31/03/25 - 06/04/25**

### RESULTS OF THIS WEEK'S COMPETITION: SCRAMBLE

1st: Barbara O'Shea, Finola Geary, Eileen Lucey  
2nd: Una Moroney, Frances Flynn, Joan Cashman  
3rd: Kay Spillane, Nora Long, Eilish Culloty

### SOCIAL GOLF

Social golf every Wednesday. Book on BRS.

### MIXED SCRAMBLES

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### GOLF LESSONS

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# KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL STOPPING HOUSE BUILDING IN KERRY

**W**ith 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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## UTILITY TRUST ST PAULS SUPER-LEAGUE FINAL

### DOMINOS WOMENS SUPERLEAGUE FINAL

SUNDAY APRIL 13TH 2PM  
NATIONAL BASKETBALL ARENA  
TALLAGHT

## KILLESTER VS UTILITY TRUST ST PAULS

Preview by Enda Walshe

Fairytales are short stories, full of magic, part of folklore and always have a happy ending. But are they true? You could point to Leicester City's Premier League triumph of 2016, Offaly's annexing of the Kerry Five in a Row and more recently Armagh's capture of the Sam Maguire. All achieved against the odds, some even mystical. Utility Trust St Pauls find themselves in a Women's Superleague Final only two and a half years after they entered the National League and now stand on the brink of history. The 2022/2023 season saw them come up just short in their bid for promotion with a narrow defeat inflicted on them by the Portlaoise Panthers. Yuleska Tejeda and Sofia Paska were the imports that helped bring the squad to the doorstep of the Superleague. The second season would see Paska return early in the year alongside Glanmire Superleague winner Khiarica Rasheed and on Saturday March 9th 2024 they accounted for Swords Thunder in the National Basketball Arena to reach the promised land and take their place amongst the top clubs in the country. But the hard work was only starting then.

Coach James Fleming has been around the leagues long enough to know what it takes and he recruited Megan Ormiston, Gracen Kerr and Anja Marinkovic to line out alongside his local brigade. The common denominator in all the seasons has been of course the likes of Rheanne O Shea, Lorraine Scanlon, Denise Dunlea and remarkably Lynn Jones. All tried and trusted local players who had plied their trade with other clubs while Killarney were dormant. Coming into the equation was underage Irish International Leah Mahon as well as Siofra O Shea, the Kerry footballer targeting an injury free run.

The opening games in their new domain of the Superleague were all an education, getting used to the pace and power of the league. Day one was definitely an eye opener as Flomax Liffey Celtics gave a full exhibition of their skills. Glanmire came to Killarney for a novel Monday night fixture and everything fell into place as they bounced back from the Celtics defeat with a 94-79 win over the Leesiders. Thereafter they would find wins hard to come by, the Galway Mystics being their sole win in the next nine fixtures. The games themselves were competitive with single digit losses to Brunell, Killester, Portlaoise Panthers and SETU Waterford Wildcats. Having settled into the



Left to Right: Callue Cavanaugh, Leah McMahon, Denise Dunlea, Lynn Jones, Rheanne O Shea, Mathilde Diop.

league would the experience gained from those defeats stand to them in the long run?

By now Anja Marinkovic had been replaced by Mathilde Diop and Megan Ormiston had moved to the Cleveland Rockets. The key signing of the season was about to land in Alex Wittinger. Even though they tasted defeat to Killester in the National Cup semi final this was a performance to build on. She would bring a new dimension to the team and everything clicked into place. Beating Brunell by a single point in Killarney, 71-70, kick started the renaissance, Killester, Galway Mystics and Portlaoise Panthers were all dispatched. Wittinger had now fallen victim to a hand injury but Coach Fleming astutely picked up the released Callie Cavanaugh from Glanmire. Her contribution to the Panthers victory would be telling.

They hit a dip in the road losing to Trinity Meteors and the Wildcats, which set up a must win game against Fr Matthews. The team rediscovered their mojo in front of a passionate home support to qualify for the last eight and a feature of that run was the key contribution at vital times of Denise Dunlea, Rheanne O Shea, Leah McMahon, Lorraine Scanlon, Lynn Jones and Siofra O Shea. But finishing as the eight seed handed the team the toughest task of them all, an away day to the top seed, SETU Waterford Wildcats.

The game was going to form in the opening quarter in the Mercy College Gym but a scintillating second quarter, inspired by Gracen Kerr, yielded 28 points to put them in the box seat. But they had to withstand a late Waterford rally to pull off an unlikely win. The bus then turned for Dublin for what would be their fourth meeting with Trinity Meteors this season. The semi final took place in the Colaiste Eanna Gym and again laid witness to a humdinger of a game where the lead exchanged hands sixteen times. With Alex Wittinger gone to Australia on a pre-signed contract Callie Cavanaugh stepped forward to lead the scoring but a feature of the second half was the input of the Irish players, who accounted for 21 of the 31 points scored.

But that doesn't tell the full story of what was a superb defensive performance and a display full of grit and determination.

So the season will end this Sunday in Tallaght where Killester will be looking to bring home some silverware following their National Cup Final defeat to Liffey Celtics. In Samantha Haiby they possess a player at the peak of her powers, the March Player of the Month and are a team laced with talented players like Michelle Clarke, Hannah Thornton and Ieva Bagdanaviciene. They will be a huge challenge for St Pauls but given the run they've been on since the turn of the year you cannot write off James Fleming's side. It would be a remarkable achievement after only three winters plying their trade. Do you believe in fairytales?

## ST PAULS U20 MENS NATIONAL LEAGUE PLATE FINAL PREVIEW

### U20 MEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE PLATE FINAL PREVIEW

SATURDAY APRIL 12TH 2PM  
NATIONAL BASKETBALL ARENA  
TALLAGHT

## TEMPLEOGUE VS ST PAULS

Preview by Enda Walshe

With the majority of the squad having tasted Men's National League action, St Pauls U20 team were nicely placed to challenge for honours in their own age grade. The draw pitted them in a group of death with the highly rated Tralee Warriors and Limerick Celtics for company alongside Galway kingpins Maree and Moycullen. Two of the opening three games were away, to the Warriors and the Celtics and they showed glimpse in both games of what they were capable of. They led the Warriors at half time but a costly third quarter saw the Tralee side prevail.



Moycullen were beaten 98-67 in Kilcummin before they headed to Crescent College to take on Limerick Celtics. The Treaty men won out but the seeds of future performances were definitely sown in the final quarter when St Pauls hit 31 points. Maree and the Streete Warriors were added to the win column which set up a make or break tie with Neptune in the Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre.

Those present were treated to a fantastic game of basketball which eventually went into overtime and resulted in a 77-76 win for the home side. Finishing third in the group behind the Warriors and the Celtics saw them qualify for a home quarter final against another basketball powerhouse St Vincents. Played in St Brendan's College Gym this game again went down to the wire but a raucous home support got the team home again by a narrow margin, 78-76.

Obviously the deeper you go into the competition the standard of the opponent tends to rise and Killester in Sutton High School was bound to be a formidable challenge. But an outstanding first half performance put them firmly in the driving seat, leading by as much as seventeen in the third quarter. Killester roared back into the contest and the game again went to overtime, with St Pauls winning out 82-80. When you consider the Tralee Warriors have made the A Final and the Celtics were narrowly beaten in the semi final, it tells you the standard of the competition is very high across the board with Templeogue bound to be a huge test. The young St Pauls side have a couple of seasons of experience under their belts with the Scotts Lakers and of course benefit from the experience of having the same coach, Manuel Suarez on the bench. Eoin Carroll has certainly benefited from that, being the top scorer in the competition. His 29 point average leads the way but Jack O Sullivan also features in the top 5. Mark Sheehan could be dubbed as the



ST PAULS U20 MENS

final part of the Three Musketeers with that trio averaging 60 points per game between them. But they would be nowhere without the contributions of the likes of John Hughes and Shane Daly who have chipped in with some big totals when needed. Oisin Spring has shown in both the Senior and U20 leagues that he can come up with some huge moments as well, none more so than his five points in the Killester win. Cian Forde and Adam Whitty are earmarked as future National league players and both play integral parts off the bench. The conveyor belt has also pulled in TJ O Sullivan and Chris Healy with Dara O Sullivan and Cathal Spring graduating from the U18 squad. Templeogue, like St Pauls, have only tasted defeat twice in their eight games and came through their quarter final comfortably against

Maree. A name from the past, Merry Monk Ballina, gave them a stern test in the semi final and they would be grateful for the scoring exploits of Jacob Fazande and Jake Mullins who combined for 53 points. That duo seem to carry the biggest threat to St Pauls hopes but an eye will have to be maintained on Tyrone Gonga and Jack Finn also.

St Pauls have shown a huge hunger for silverware, especially in those hard earned wins that were achieved in overtime. For the majority of the squad this is their hurrah at this level and they will be hoping to continue their progress with the senior side in future years. What better way to bounce that forward than with a National title under their belts.

## AIG U16 AICC GIRLS BASKETBALL

When all eyes may be in Tallaght for the basketball weekend, Gormanston Park will be its own hive of activity with the AIG U16 All Ireland Club Championship taking place.

St Pauls will be in action and have been allocated a group with Sligo All Stars, Athlone and Longford Phoenix. The action kicks off at 10.15 on Saturday morning with Sligo being the opponents. Later in the day at 2pm Athlone will be the opposition and then there's an evening tip off for the Longford Phoenix game.

There are six groups of four and the good news is everyone will qualify for a quarter final depending on their finishing position with a Division A, B and C. They take place on Sunday morning with the semi finals and finals pencilled in for the Sunday afternoon.



Back Row: Kate Pierce, Chloe Lucey, Daisy Cremin, Annie Brosnan, Sinead O Leary  
Front row: Clodagh O Sullivan, Tara Cronin Captai, Ciara Forde, Katelyn Williams



## KILLARNEY CELTIC

### CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 4,10,24,27. No jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €75. Next jackpot €15,000 on Monday April 14th. Jackpot is capped at €15,000 with the additional €200 going on to the 1st jackpot after the next jackpot win. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through clubzap.

### U13 JOHN JOE NAUGHTON CUP

*Killarney Celtic Green 6-0 Killarney Celtic Hoops*  
Paul McGrath, Jack Kissane, Conor Doherty, Fionn Culloty, Dylan McCarthy, Sean Doyle

Killarney Celtic Green showed their class with a good win over Killarney Celtic Hoops in the U13 Cup. The Green team scored early on to take a grip on the tie which was played in a very good sporting manner.

### U13 DIV 2 NORTH

*Camp B 1-2 Killarney Celtic Stripes*

Andrew Bilokhvost, Darragh Carey Looney

Celtic Stripes led 2-0 with the aid of the breeze before Camp came back in the 2nd half but Celtic held on to their lead and took home the points.

### FAI WOMENS AMATUER CUP

*Killarney Celtic 0-1 Douglas Hall AFC*

A very experienced Douglas Hall outfit were just that bit too strong in this round 2 encounter. However all is not completely lost as the team now drops into the secondary competition. U16 SFAI National Trophy Semi Final

### U16 GIRLS SUBWAY SFAI NATIONAL TROPHY SEMI FINAL

*Killarney Celtic 2-1 Shelbourne FC*

Sadbh O Halloran, Holly Forrest

Killarney Celtic qualified for the final of SFAI U16 National Trophy after a win in extra time against Shelbourne FC. Celtic struck the front when a long range effort from Sadbh O Halloran ended up in the net. Celtic led 1-0 at the break but Shelbourne were back level when they scored from a corner. The game went to extra time and Celtic edged in front again when Holly Forrest headed home a Tara Cronin free kick. Celtic held out to claim a place in the final against Granada FC of Dublin.

**CONGRATS** to Paul McGrath U13 who made the KSBGL Team of the Week and to Tara Cronin, Lan O Connor who made the Girls Roll of Honour.

**CONGRATS** to A team manager Peter McCarthy and his wife Clodagh on the birth of their new baby boy Josh.

## KERRY SCHOOLBOY/GIRL SOCCER

### NATIONAL

### FORREST HEADS CELTIC INTO NATIONAL TROPHY FINAL

Killarney Celtic booked their place in the U16 Girls National Trophy final, after a dramatic 2-1 extra-time victory over Shelbourne, where Holly Forrest headed home the winning goal five minutes from time.

Celtic took the lead in the first half with a stunning long-range strike from Sadbh O'Halloran, and were unlucky not to extend their advantage before the break. In the second half, Shelbourne dominated possession and eventually equalised from a corner that Celtic failed to clear, sending the match into extra time.

Despite tired legs, Celtic dug deep and found the winner with five minutes remaining. A pinpoint free kick from goalkeeper Tara Cronin from range was floated into the area, and was met by a towering header from Holly Forrest, sealing a memorable 2-1 win for Celtic.

### GIRLS

### CASTLEISLAND CLOSING IN ON 12'S NORTH TITLE

The unbeaten run continued for Castleisland at the weekend, as they delivered another strong showing, this time against a title rival, to further their hopes of silverware.

Castleisland picked up three points with a 5-1 away win over Listowel Celtic. A brace from Bella Clifford, alongside goals from Aoife Reidy, Elana Holly, and Grace Kerins, sealed the victory. Samantha Lyons grabbed the lone goal for Listowel. Celtic had picked up a win earlier in the week, overcoming Camp 5-3. Emer O'Sullivan and Katelyn Joy with a brace each, while Emily Wolska also found the net.

Fenit edged past Camp 2-1 in a tight encounter, with Fiadh McElligott on target and the second coming via an own goal. Park secured a 3-1 win away to Tralee Dynamos. Goals from Siun Foley, Emily Savage, and Caoimhe Field earned the points, while Sadhbh O'Brien scored for Dynamos.

### UNBEATEN MASTERGEEHA PULL AWAY IN 12'S SOUTH TITLE RACE

Defeating fellow title chasers Killorglin, Mastergeeha have pulled away in the race for silverware as they picked up a 13th straight win of the season.

Mastergeeha edged Killorglin 1-0 thanks to a well-taken goal from Áine Herlihy, who proved to be the difference on the day. While elsewhere, Iveragh recorded a solid 3-0 win over Inter Kenmare B.

Inter Kenmare B had a strong win at home against Killarney Athletic B, running out 6-2 winners. Gabija Knyzaite and Fallon O'Shea bagged a brace each, while Ava McCarthy and Oralith Lynch also found the net. Julie Quinlan and an own goal the strikes for the visitors.

### MEK CROWNED U14 EVE O'CALLAGHAN CUP CHAMPIONS

MEK were crowned U14 Eve O'Callaghan Cup champions after a 3-1 win over St Brendan's Park in an exciting final in Celtic Park

Alannah Daly was the star of the show with a clinical brace, while Ava Harty also got on the scoresheet to round off a superb performance for MEK. Saoirse Moynihan was the scorer for Park.

### MASTERGEEHA LIFT U14 EVE O'CALLAGHAN SHIELD

Mastergeeha edged past Dingle in a thrilling 2-1 win to lift the U14 Eve O'Callaghan Shield. Goals from Anna Lenihan and Kaitlin O'Riordan were enough to secure the win, despite a spirited performance from Dingle, who kept the pressure on until the final whistle. It was a closely contested final, but Mastergeeha just had enough in the tank to secure the win.

### MIXED WEEK FOR DYNAMOS WHO SECURED FIRST WIN OF SEASON

Despite starting the week off with a defeat, Tralee Dynamos picked up their first win of the season at home to Inter Kenmare.

Killarney Athletic picked up a solid 3-1 win over Tralee Dynamos in the latest round of the U14 Girls Premier. Goals from Aoife Kelleher, Lillian Slattery, and Rose Lenihan secured the points, with Dynamos grabbing a consolation through Ava Byrne.

Dynamos bounced back in their second fixture with a narrow 3-2 victory over Inter Kenmare. Ava Byrne starred again with a brace, while Tia



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Falvey also found the net. Brittany Bevan and June McCarthy were on target for Inter Kenmare in a tightly contested clash.

## KILLORGLIN TAKE TOP SPOT IN 14'S DIVISION 1

We have new leaders in the U14 Division 1 table, as Killorglin leapfrogged Mastergeeha, following a clinical result away to LB Rovers.

Killorglin earned three points, with a 3-0 win away to LB Rovers, with goals from Chloe Falvey, Mia Robertson, and Kelsey Sheehan securing the points. Meanwhile, Iveragh picked up their second win of the season with a 6-0 win over Castleisland.

## BOYS

## JOHN JOE NAUGHTON COMPETITION BEGINS TO HEAT UP

A thrilling weekend of football saw teams from across the county battle it out in the quarter-finals of the prestigious John Joe Naughton U13 Boys Cup, Shield, and Trophy competitions.

In the Cup competition, Fenit A stormed into the next round with a clinical 5-0 win over Ballyhar B, powered by a strong attacking display from Daniel Lawlor and Conor James, who each grabbed a brace, with Aran Keating also getting on the scoresheet. In the all Celtic derby, Killarney Celtic A defeated their C counterparts 6-0. Paul McGrath, Jack Kissane, Conor Doherty, Fionn Culloty, Dylan McCarthy and Sean Doyle Park A edged a tight contest against Tralee Dynamos A, winning 1-0 courtesy of a decisive goal by Ben O'Leary, showcasing their resilience and defensive discipline. Killorglin A were in top form in a 5-1 victory over Camp A, with five different players contributing: Luke Clifford (2), Ruairi O'Sullivan, Oisín Bevan, and Gerard O'Sullivan.

Iveragh A produced a polished performance to beat Castleisland A 5-0, booking their place in the next stage. In a closely contested battle, Listowel Celtic A held off Dingle A for a 2-1 win, with goals from Darragh Hanrahan and Ogie Scanlon, while Donnacha O Murchu netted for Dingle.

In the Shield competition, Park B were clinical in front of goal with a 6-0 rout of LB Rovers B. Goals came from Daragh Magner (2), Shovick Reza, Finn McKenzie, Rory O'Sullivan, and Gerry McDonald. Milltown put in a dominant display, overcoming Park C by the same scoreline. The

standout performer was Muiris Quirke, who netted four, supported by Jacob Foley and Jack Mannix.

LB Rovers A overcame local rivals Listowel Celtic C, running out 6-0 winners. Michael Pierce starred with a hat-trick, Elyes Tarkhani bagged a brace, and Tiernan O'Brien rounded off the scoring. Mastergeeha A proved too strong for Inter Kenmare B, sealing a 4-1 victory with a brace from Luke O'Sullivan, and one each from Gavin Moynihan and Dylan O'Connor.

Finally in the Trophy, Killarney Athletic B saw off Iveragh B with a confident 3-1 win, thanks to goals from Sean O'Connor, Malik Jinad, and Harry Randles. Killorglin B battled past Tralee Dynamos B with a narrow 1-0 win, Seimi O'Sullivan scoring the crucial goal to send his side through.

## U15 BOYS HEALY FAMILY SHIELD/TROPHY GETS UNDERWAY

A cracking set of fixtures in the opening round of the U15 Healy Family Shield and Trophy delivered drama, goals, and extra-time heroics as teams fought to progress in the competition. Killarney Athletic B came from behind to claim a 3-2 extra-time victory over Camp A in a pulsating encounter. Goals from Martin Villa, Sam O'Donoghue, and Darragh Fitzgerald saw them through after Cole Shanahan and Conor Kiely had put Camp on the front foot late on. Castleisland A had a 5-1 win over Fenit A. Strikers Ronan O'Connor and Adam Griffin each bagged a brace, with Tadhg O'Connor also getting on the scoresheet in a dominant display, with Conor Finn on target for the visitors.. In a high-octane clash, MEK A narrowly defeated Inter Kenmare B 4-3. The goal tally was shared across Ryan Griffin, Eoin Mangan, Dara Tagney, and Cade Jameson, as MEK held off a spirited Inter side.

Dingle A produced a solid performance to overcome Tralee Dynamos 2-0, with both goals coming from the boot of the prolific Tommy Ferris, sealing a deserved victory. Mastergeeha B had a 3-0 win on the road over Castleisland B. Goals from Callum O'Leary, Daithi Kelly, and Daragh O'Riordan helped book their spot in the next round.

Listowel Celtic A showed their quality in a 3-1 win over Ballyhar B. Goals from Denis Rastenis, Daithi Browne, and Diarmuid Lyons ensured they progressed in style.

## BALLYHAR DYNAMOS FC

### TEAMS

The Club Youth squad had a home mid week game against Iveragh FC in the Jimmy Falvey Memorial Shield with the game finishing 1-1 before the visitors won 4-5 in the penalty shootout. Cian Mulcahy was on the scoresheet for Ballyhar with Charles Doherty, Sean O Sullivan, Eoin Walshe, Ger Long, Ross Lally, Jack O Donoghue, Luke Courtney & Shane Doolan in fine form for Ballyhar. The squad now look forward to a league shield semi final at a date to be confirmed.

The U13 B squad in cup action, travelled to take on Fenit Samphires A. Fenit being the Premier league team had the upper hand and went onto win on a 0-5 result. The Ballyhar squad have had a great run in the cup so credit to the players & coaches with Evan Greensmyth, Liam Smyth, Lachlan Leslie, Rian Comerford, Diarmuid Fitzgerald, Elliot Lyne, Lorcan O Mahony, Ewan Myers & Dermot Nealon giving it their all on the day.

The U12 B squad in their final home game welcomed Tralee Dynamos B to Murt Scott Park with the visitors taking the points on a 1-6 win. Luca Mulchinock was on target from a cracking penalty with Harry O Flaherty & Patrick Brosnan bringing the best out of the away keeper. Squad - McCarron, Curtin, Collins, Czimor, Moynihan, O Flaherty, Mckenna, Barton, Brosnan, Mulchinock, Nolan & Goodman.

The U15 B squad were at home to Listowel Celtic A in the cup and gave a great account of themselves before Listowel advanced on a 1-3 scoreline. Nathan O'Brien, Peter O Callaghan & Nico Neumann took the game to the visitors on the day.

## KILLARNEY ATHLETIC

### AFC

#### U15 SHIELD RESULT

#### Camp A 2 - 3 Killarney Athletic B

Martin Villa x1 Sam O Donoghue x1 Darragh Fitzgerald x1

We travelled to Camp yesterday evening for a tough battle and came out the right side of a cracking 5 goal thriller decided in extra time. The Blues got off to a great start taking the lead with a cracker from Martin Villa.



Killarney Celtic U16 Girls National Trophy



Mastergeeha Eve O'Callaghan Shield



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Unfortunately complacency set in and Camp took full advantage taking a commanding 2-1 lead late into the tie only for Sam O Donoghue to pop up with a lovely finish to bring us to extra time . On a day where character rather than ability was called for our young Blues dominated extra time and our fox in the box Darragh Fitzgerald came off the bench and secured the tie for Athletic . Best for Athletic Matthew Myles, Constantin Preda, Martin Villa and MOTM Aodhagàn O Súilleabhàin

## U14 PREMIER RESULT

### St. Brendans Park 0 - 1 Killarney Athletic

Sean Quill x1

We travelled to Tralee yesterday evening for our first game in over six weeks. It was always going to be a tough game against a good Park side, and it was the Park that started the brighter and had a good chance early on to go into the lead. Our boys were very rusty with the lack of games, but we started to get a foothold in the game, battling hard and begun to cause problems for the Park defence. The only goal of the game came great defensive work from Patrick O'Connor, dispossessing the Park attacker, laying the ball off to Max Moynihan. Max played a beautiful defence splitting pass to Sean Quill who found himself bearing down on goal, under pressure from two Park defenders. Sean let fly from the edge of the penalty area with a rocket of a strike to put us into the lead.

In the second half, both teams gave it everything. With both teams having chances but with out any joy. With Park needing a goal. They threw everything into attack. Our defence held firm and we had a couple of chances to increase our lead but were unable to convert. In the end, our boys held out and secured the 3 points. Another clean sheet, our third in our last 3 games sees us top of the league with two games remaining. A very solid performance from the lads. Well done Thanks to Park for good, entertaining game Thanks to the ref for a good game

## U13 BOYS TROPHY QUARTER FINAL

### Iveragh B 1 Killarney Athletic B 3

Goals: Sean O'Connor, Malik Jinad, Harry Randles Sunny Cahersiveen was the setting for the U13 trophy quarter final against Iveragh Saturday afternoon. Athletic scored in the opening minutes, Sean O'Connor scoring direct from a corner kick, and proceeded to dominate most

of the first half. Malik added a second mid way through the half and Athletic were unlucky to concede a goal before half time through Iveragh's only chance of the game. Athletic created several chances in the second half and were finally rewarded through a well taken finish by Harry Randles. Athletic march on into the semi finals!

## U12 LEAGUE

### Kenmare B 6-2 Killarney Athletic Whites

Julie Quinlan x1

Kenmare stormed into an early lead just three minutes into the match. Despite the early setback, our girls showed promise, carving out a few good chances. However, Kenmares defence stood firm, repelling a number of attacks.

Kenmare did convert their chances before the break, taking a commanding 4-0 lead into halftime.

The second half saw a revitalized Athletic side come out with renewed energy. The right wing became a key avenue of attack, with Julie Quinlan, Erica O Sullivan, and Maebh Coughlan linking up brilliantly to put Kenmare under consistent pressure. Kenmare remained clinical on the counter and netted two more goals. Killarney's persistence eventually did paid off when pressure forced an own goal from the Kenmare defence.

Not long later, Jane Brosnan delivered a beautifully weighted ball from midfield to Julie Quinlan, who dribbled down the right flank and slotted home from a tight angle, scoring Killarney's second. In the final stages, Kenmare pushed to extend their lead, but Killarney's defence held strong, with Rebecca Coffey in fine form, denying any further goals. The game concluded with a 6-2 victory for Kenmare. Many thanks to Addison Mulcahy, and Bella o Connor who came up from the u11s to help out. Captain for the day. Erica O Sullivan

## LEAGUE U12 GIRLS

### Killarney Athletic Blues v Kenmare B

Our girls hosted Kenmare B this Friday evening in what was a trilling encounter in which we were unlucky not to get the win. Our girls started off working hard in the back and midfield, pushing forward at every opportunity. But just couldn't get the goal before half time. The second half was more of the same, with our forwards getting multiple shots off, but

Killarney Athletic U13 Boys Trophy Quarter Final v Iveragh B



with some good defence by Kenmare, we just couldn't break the deadlock. All draw in the end. Captain for the match. Flora Walsh Player of the match, Holly O Connor.

## MEK NEWS

### EVE O'CALLAGAN CUP FINAL

#### MEK 3 Park 1

Thank you to Park for a very challenging and sporting game as always.

MEK came out on top with amazing performances from the whole team. The back line held their nerve to keep Park out! by the bar the one goal

This was a whole team effort with many tired legs. As coaches we couldn't be more proud of each and every girl that has turned up for every training session gave 100% in every game, they so deserve to win.

Alannah Daly scored two fantastic amazing goals and a won player of the tournament so well deserved.

The team effort and passing between the team won the game, again as always some amazing football on display by our girls.

Goals: Alannah Daly (2), Ava Harty

POTM: Alannah Daly, Aoibhinn O Flaherty



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takes a look at all things sport...

## MUNSTER U20 CHAMPIONSHIP

Kerry 1-22 Cork 1-12

It wasn't so much the scoreline as the style of Kerry's play in seeing off Cork in a relatively meaningless Munster U20 contest in Austin Stack Park. Would it have been a tragedy if Kerry had lost? Let's be honest about it, not really. That's not to suggest that we would have seen off Tipperary comfortably to qualify for the Munster Final. Tipperary pretty walloped us in midfield last week and just left too many good scoring chances behind them. That one wasn't any convincing Kerry victory.

This one most assuredly was. Look, I know Kerry were on home ground and I know there was an element of ducks and drakes about it. Put Ed Myers, Darragh Sheedy, and Brian Hayes back onto that Cork team and you are looking at a different animal. But we had lads rested who would have been playing if this was a knockout game as well, and frankly I felt that we won pulling up. I know it won't be as easy again, but I'd have us as very strong favourites if we meet again – and while Tipperary have shown a lot of quality, Munster is likely to be yet another Kerry v Cork contest. I rate Ray O'Mahony very highly as a manager, one of the good guys, but he isn't drawing from the same hand of cards as Tomás Ó Sé has. Have a look at recent minor results between the two counties or Corn úí Mhuirí winners in recent years. Kerry aren't hunting any Munster title this year; that's just their baseline.

I thought Kerry were tentative enough against Tipperary, despite the great turnover rate of Donagh Shine O'Sullivan and Darragh O'Connor. In this outing they were far more assured and very direct. Daniel Kirby teed up Tomás Kennedy for the opening score. Paddy Lane jinked sideways neatly to evade a tackle before coolly splitting the posts. Ciarán Collins nailed a beauty. Daniel Kirby fisted over. One way traffic.

Danny Miskella opened Cork's account with a great left leg kick. Paddy Lane found Tomás Kennedy with a brilliant pass to open up a goal chance, but the shot lacked conviction and Billy Curtin saved easily. Eddie Healy – I thought himself and Gearóid Evans were absolutely superb for Kerry – burst up the field for a point. Dylan O'Neill – Cork's best player on the night for me – replied to make it 0-5 to 0-2. The gap felt wider than that.

And then it was. Ronan Carroll was on the end of a sweeping Kerry move and this time Curtin had no chance. Paddy Lane snapped over a point from the kick-out and Kerry were ahead by 1-6 to 0-2.

Cork were being outclassed in most sectors – I'm

still not thrilled about our own kick-outs – but they have real character. Colm Clifford came up from corner back with a roving commission to loft over. I had expected Darragh Gough to be a real danger-man but he had been marshalled well enough by a tight Kerry backline until now, but he cut loose with two two pointers. I love how previously insurmountable gaps are now manageable because of the big scores on offer, much fewer games will peter out in the last quarter now. 1-6 to 0-7, game on.

Eddie Healy – jaysus he's like a tank when he bursts forward – kicked his second point and Darragh O'Connor set up Paddy Lane for the final score of the first half. 1-9 to 0-7 in Kerry's favour. Cork were still well in this, but it always felt like Kerry had higher gears whenever they needed. But hey, I've thought that plenty of times before and been wrong.

Not on this occasion. Maybe it might have been different if Darragh Clifford had been able to finish off an early goal chance for Cork in the second half....is the kind of nonsense that people often say. That can be true in tight games, but this one wasn't tight at all. Dylan O'Neill did kick a great score for Cork, but Kirby, Carroll, and Eddie Healy had already pointed for Kerry and the Kingdom reeled off five more straight after. Kirby, Paddy Lane with two, Ronan Carroll skinned a goal chance over the bar, Killian Dennehy pointed a free, and Liam Evans made it 1-20 to 0-5 after good work by Maidhcí Lynch. Done and dusted.

In fairness to the Rebels, they never gave up the ghost. They hit a purple patch of their own. Luke Shorten, Gearóid Daly (he worked very hard all through), Darragh Gough with a great goal chance after more good play from Dylan O'Neill, who had a ferocious bullet tipped over the bar himself by Michael Tansley. They did finally get in for a goal, Danny Miskella with a nice finish after a great run by Gearóid Daly. 1-20 to 1-12, but it was in the dying minutes and Odhran Ferris closed things out with a two pointer.

A good outing for Kerry, a tough one for Cork. I know they didn't show their full hand, but their heads must be down after this one. Will Kerry win Munster? I'll be astonished if they don't. Will they win the All Ireland? I don't know. Contenders definitely, but as with the Hogan and the last couple of minor and U20 titles, I'm afraid you'd have to be looking at Ulster right now. Long way to go, though, and it's a steep learning curve.

Kerry: Michael Tansley, Maidhcí Lynch, Dara Stack, Gearoid Evans, Aodhna Ó Beaglaioich, Darragh O'Connor, Eddie Healy (0-3) Evan Boyle, Liam Evans (0-1), Daniel Kirby (0-4), Donagh Shine O'Sullivan, Ciarán Collins (0-1), Ronan Carroll (1-2), Tomás Kennedy (0-1), Paddy Lane (0-7, 1tp, 2f). Subs: Killian Dennehy 0-1, 1f (for Donagh Shine O'Sullivan, 41 mins), Jack Murphy (for Darragh O'Connor, 44 mins),

Emmet Daly (for Ciarán Collins, 45 mins), Aaron Kennelly (for Eddie Healy, 49 mins), Odhran Ferris 0-2, tp (for Evan Boyle, 49 mins).

Cork: Billy Curtin, Niall O'Shea, Colin Molloy, Colm Clifford (0-1), Matthew Woods, Gearoid Daly (0-1), Sean O'Leary, Tomás O'Keeffe, Colm Gillespie, Alan O'Connell, Aaron O'Sullivan, Ben O'Connell, Darragh Gough (0-5, 1tp, 1tpf), Danny Miskella (1-1), Dylan O'Neill (0-3). Subs Darragh Clifford (for Tomás O'Keeffe, half-time), Dylan Harrington (for Matthew Woods, half-time), Luke Shorten 0-1 (for Alan O'Connell, 45 mins), Odhran Foley (for Ben O'Connell, 52 mins), Gearoid Kearney (for Darragh Gough, 58 mins)

Referee: Niall Quinn (Clare)

## ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIP BEGINS

Look, I don't know if the start of the provincial championships counts as an All Ireland starter. I think it's more of an a la carte menu, really. Frankly, when it comes to both Munster and Leinster, the top guns would be more interested in the cocktail menu at that stage. But in Connaught and Ulster, teams are generally hunting scalps from early on.

Donegal 1-25 Derry 1-15

I'm a big and unapologetic advocate for the new rules. I'm eagerly looking forward to football games now; that hadn't been true in the last couple of years. There was a pervasive negativity taking over everywhere. I think it's true enough in most sports. In fact, in most human endeavours. It's easier to level the playing field by dumbing things down rather than raising things to the highest standards. The easy familiarity of fast food franchises will always outsell authentic cuisine. Let's have another green screen superhero movie from Hollywood, preferably one where another manufactured teen pop star can begin their transformation into a readymade movie star. Or remakes of movies and tv shows from twenty years ago – we don't want to be paying pesky writers for original material, do we?

The Ulster Championship was always the most compelling of them all (you could make an argument for Leinster in the sixties and early seventies or the end of the eighties). But the actual football was cautious and contrived. Loads of toughness, absolutely, but brilliance? That might not sound fair to the likes of Michael Murphy, Oisín McConville, Owen Mulligan, or Peter the Great (and I do not call Canavan that with any sense of irony; his sons are the reason I have Tyrone right up there with his year's All



Ireland favourites and neither of them is quite as good as Peter in his heyday yet). Ulster in championship would really provide a test of these new rules. Because, frankly, if there was a way to negate the positivity and consequent random factor, especially in terms of kick-outs and overlapping strategies, Ulster managers would find it.

Except take another look at that scoreline. For the last two decades, unless it was a completely one-sided earlier round, very few Ulster teams were clocking up 1-15. For Derry, last year's Division One winners, to do that and still lose by 10? Football is back, baby!

Derry actually started well enough, but Doegal were much more clinical in their finishing. Derry had a penalty comfortably saved early on and just left too much Daire Ó Baoill with two two pointers upped the ante late in the first half. Derry coughed up a 50m advantage with a poor reaction after a free was given – people say the punishment is harsh, but it forces players to be smarter and it speeds up the play. Well worth it. By half-time Donegal were suddenly 1-17 to 1-12 in front, with the sides swapping goals. Derry had the wind and the opening three points of the second half. Donegal responded with seven on the trot. Their shooting was very good, their work-rate was frighteningly good, their bench is very deep. Their fitness levels...I don't know. McGuinness is an expert, arguably the best in the game in terms of conditioning but can you maintain that at a constant rate?

### Galway 3-28 New York 0-20

Matthew Tierney got a fifth minute goal but New York, having taken their first ever championship win two years ago with a penalty shootout against Leitrim, were able to give as good as they got in a first half that finished 1-12 to 0-12. The Brosnan brothers and Rob Wharton were among their best performers. Once Tierney got in for a second goal, though, Galway gradually began to pull away but they were made to work hard to the wire. Padraic Joyce was almost subdued in his post-match interview – I thought he could have been a bit more diplomatic about their hosts – but I think he will be quietly pleased. Galway were as good as they needed to be and a little bit better. People are saying that New York gave the All Ireland finalists of 2024 a real scare – Galway won by 17 points and are obviously only building towards their peak.

### Mayo 2-20 Sligo 2-17

Mayo got a real ding-dong battle off Sligo, but that's because Sligo were very good – McEntee is doing a great job there and I expect them to give the Tailteann a real rattle – than any deficiencies in Mayo. That said, Kevin McStay described his team's performance as 'patchy' and it's hard to argue. They led early on but for a team that can and often have blown teams away, they didn't seem to have that ruthless edge. Even so, they were seven points clear with six to go. Two two pointers for Sligo (actually just one; Niall Murphy's was clearly well inside the arc) meant that there was just a goal in it.

Two pointers aren't having as dramatic an effect as I thought they would. What's happening is that teams are forced to defend a higher line and attackers are exploiting the consequent space rather than kicking two pointers. The dissent and solo and go changes are speeding the game up hugely, two pointers less so. But when they work, as in a case like this, it makes for a great finish. Mayo had to win the ast kickout and Aidan O'Shea, the best player on the pitch, came out and rose high to gather. Sin sin. Again, plenty of dry powder left over, and again at this stage that's how it should be, Mayo got caught hitting turbo early in other years.

### Roscommon 2-26 London 0-13

London just didn't have the firepower. London trailed by nine early on but managed to cut it to three at half-time, but that was with the aid of a very strong wind and Roscommon were able to wrap it up comfortably enough in the second half. The most notable feature of the game was the fact that London's Liam Gallagher kicked his first ever two pointer in championship football

### Meath 1-30 Carlow 0-19

Ah, Leinster. Which team will lose to Dublin in this year's Delaney Cup Final? I'm worried about Dublin, by the way. They blooded some very good players in the league and have some big guns to come back for championship. Yes, they have lost players, but outside of Fenton I don't think those great players really had much more to give. Can Meath, whose fortunes have really fallen since they unceremoniously dumped Seán Boylan behind his back (let's call a spade a spade here) start getting back to the top table? Based on this showing, maybe, but I kind of doubt it. I'm tempting fate, I know, but while they have good players, I'm not seeing the scoring power to trouble any of the top teams. The game itself wasn't much of a talking point; Meath won comfortably enough. All the post-match questions were about two Meath selectors walking away a week before championship, and Shane 'Cake' Curran abruptly stepping down as Carlow manager. In both cases, why? I don't know and, frankly, I don't care. Not my business.

### Wicklow 2-23 Longford 1-20 (aet)

I didn't see any of it, there's only so much time. Wicklow would have been slightly fancied and the final scoreline bears that out. I will say that I like the scoring, even with extra-time. That's big numbers to be putting up and there weren't that many two pointers, two for Wicklow and three for Longford. It's definitely a faster and more attacking game these days, and all the better for it.

### Laois 2-21 Wexford 2-11

Two decent teams. I could see Laois being in the hunt for a Leinster Final. They were good here and really had control from a fairly early

stage. Two late goals for Wicklow put a gloss on the final scoreline – Justin McNulty won't be happy with that – but we'll be seeing more of Laois later on. Again, though, I can't see them being in the six or seven real contenders for Sam.

## SOCER

### LADIES NATIONS LEAGUE

#### IRELAND 4 GREECE 0

I was nervous about this one. We absolutely needed to win to avoid the drop into Division Three – a long way to fall for any team that reached the last World Cup Finals. Katie McCabe being on the bench wasn't a hopeful sign either. She was 'resting' a knock picked up in the Champion' League match between Arsenal and Real Madrid – let's face it; how many players, male or female, do Ireland have contesting at that kind of level? I will also say that my suspicious mind was in overdrive, she had a mild calf strain, that was all. Katie, by far our main talisman, had played against Slovenia and looked both lost and cranky that night. An early yellow hadn't done her or Ireland any favours. Not that it could be used as an excuse by the rest of them – Ireland fell apart against a Slovenia side who aren't top tier but were much more composed on the night. It raised a question for me – where actually do you deploy Katie in this Irish team? Arsenal can play her at left back but leave her free to attack the wing – she actually spends more time in midfield – but Ireland haven't got that freedom. There's no way she is a ten; she needs the space to attack in front of her. She drives forward, she isn't a player to receive it with her back to goal. She isn't a defensive midfielder. You could play her in central midfield, but you'd be using Picasso as a hod-carrier. Attacking from the wing is her speciality, but she is an all-or-nothing defender. Wing back felt like a compromise, Ireland aren't dominant enough to give anyone a free role. It reminded me of England shifting Paul Scholes to the left wing to accommodate Stephen Gerrard and Frank Lampard. That never worked. Look, I don't want to be singling out Katie McCabe. It's not fair on her or the rest of a hard-working and proud Irish team. But she is world-class. Literally. She is the barometer. I would like to see Toland a bit further up the pitch; I think she could be a lot more dangerous. But in fairness, I can only base my opinion on short impressions; I don't follow the games enough. The first half was very average. It really looked like one of those games where everybody was adequate but no-one had the craft to create a goal, it would have to come from a defensive mistake. It wasn't bad, by any means. It takes both work and skill to look average at this kind of level. But there wouldn't be any queue for tickets for your next game, either.

Katie came on at half-time. She definitely brought more energy and more intensity. She also exuded a sense of control and purpose that had been completely opposite of the Slovenia game, where it had looked like she





Oran Crowe clears the danger



Ronan Teahan on the ball



Daniel Okwute fights for possession  
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and the team were fire-fighting all night. This time Ireland looked able to move up a gear. It helped, of course, that the first goal wasn't long in coming. The second half wasn't even four minutes old when Marissa Sheva, who had also come on at the break, had a shot. It wasn't a great effort, she didn't really get power on it. However, the ball was diverted off a defender. Not much – to be honest, I'd be expecting an international goalkeeper to get a hand on that (I think the right sun didn't help her) – but it poked it's way into the right corner and Ireland were 1-0 up.

The second goal was beautiful. That's quality. Genuine brilliance by McCabe, lovely touch control and then a perfectly measured cross. Leanne Kieran on the end of it – no coincidence, McCabe had clearly been looking for her timed run. That wasn't instinct; that came from the training ground, and that makes it better. Good right foot connection by Kiernan. This time the keeper did really well to push it away, but Kyla Caruso was ready for the follow-up and poked it home. The fact that Caruso was ready and waiting for the follow-up was the best thing about it for me. They used to say about Ian Rush that "he's a metre out from goal, and he doesn't miss many from there". It sounds funny, until you remember that Rush used to score hundreds of those goals just by always being there. When that kind of goal becomes bread and butter.....the simple-looking things aren't simple.

Look, a rattled Greece, with respect, are the kind of team that we should be beating. We could and should be competitive – not necessarily winning – but competitive against the likes of Wales and Slovenia. This felt like a step back to that level.

73rd minute. Lovely inswinging corner by McCabe and a good header by Jessie Stapleton. Well-executed and well-finished. Those are harder than people think. It's a bit of a lottery, though, you can't rely on goals like that at the top level.

Amber Barrett added a fourth in the dying seconds. Very well taken by her, and a really precise finish from a tight enough angle. I thought the defence dropped off her too much, too expectant of a cross, and Barrett was happy to attack that space and pick her spot. 4-0, second place in the group, and back in the hunt. Early days, but it feels like a bit of

confidence returning to the camp. A note of caution, though. I honestly thought it was almost laughable who the Irish mens' team beating a very lacklustre Bulgaria was hailed as a revival. Give me a break. That would be like Kerry going wild after beating Tralee in the McGrath Cup. This Greece team asked more questions of our womens' team, but that's a brief swallow; let's not start calling it a summer just yet.

## KERRY FC

Last week was more like an episode out of the X-Files than anything else. It appears to be agreed on all sides that three LOI teams fielded players whose full transfer from outside leagues had not fully complied with proper procedure (my understanding is that previous clubs were not listed correctly) through no fault of those clubs. Kerry FC can feel particularly hard done by – they brought on a player with two minutes to go while leading 2-0 against Finn Harps.

After that, stories differ regarding the disciplinary process, and those stories are directly contradictory. Either Kerry FC are telling the truth or the FAI – or their Independent Disciplinary Process, to be more precise, are. That's subjective and the matter is subject to an appeal, so I am nailing no colours to any mast. I wasn't there for any of this, and I just don't know.

But I do believe that there is a bigger issue, and it has cropped up in other Irish sporting codes as well. The bottom line is that the FAI claim that it is always the club who is responsible for the transfer process. Even though they themselves are responsible for making a player 'active' on the LOI registry, that in itself does not make a player eligible. Two years ago FAI Connect (that player registry) was established by the FAI in order to deal with ongoing problems in regard to outside transfers.

Sorry, what? If you can't even manage a transfer process or player registry, what good are you as a governing body? What's the point of your existence? Player eligibility has been a regular issue in the League of Ireland, and the idea that the FAI have no responsibility for that process..... it honestly feels to me as if I hired a builder to build me a house and they subsequently said it was nothing to do with them when the walls fell down. There's a lot of "who did what and

when" about this whole situation now, but the core issue is fundamental. Very simply, if the FAI list a player as 'active' on FAI Connect, and the LOI club have followed the registry procedure honestly, then they should not be punished if they did nothing wrong. The problem is with the system, not the club, and the FAI are responsible for the system. That's basic.

Kerry FC are responsible for their own results on the pitch. They have improved a lot; they aren't giving away the kind of soft goals that they used to cough up. But that bit of a bounce that's the sign of a cohesive and controlled team just won't fall away. I thought 3-0 was a fair enough scoreline against Treaty United. Now, it should actually have been 1-1 before the first goal almost on the stroke of half-time. Kerry FC were simply unlucky to give away an early penalty. Ball to hand rather than hand to ball, but the whistle is always blowing in those situations and frankly, Kerry had chances to take control of that attack well before it. Not a bad penalty, but a great save.

Kerry had a great attack coming up towards half-time but just couldn't get the finishing touch. You need those. It's a cruel game, inches away is the exact same as miles away in terms of the scoreboard.

Back down to the other end. Good ball control by the attacker, but he flops down as soon as he gets into the box. LOITV isn't great camerawork (it is great value, to be fair) and there's no close-ups, but I'd be very sceptical of that one. If there was enough contact, fair enough. Didn't look like it to me, but I can't definitely say no. David Tarmey tucked away the penalty.

56th minute and 2-0 down. Lovely goal, to be fair. Nicely timed dispossession in midfield and straight forward to Koslowski to bear down and pick his spot. I wouldn't say we were caught napping. It was well executed. Chris McQueen just about cleared off the line to prevent another Treaty goal, but it wasn't a long respite. Defence caught a fraction too high (still better than being caught too deep and inviting them onto you), nice run, and a lovely cross for Trpimir Vrljicak (it took me long enough to learn how to spell his name when he played for us; I'm not wasting the opportunity) to tuck it away. Brilliant pass, most players would have blasted their own shot in those circumstances. Sign of a team playing with confidence. Understandably enough, that's not us right now.



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## KILLARNEY LEGION GAA

### SENIOR MEN

A scintillating second half performance which yielded 1-17 was the main reason our Senior Men would carry the spoils in a very entertaining game played in Kilcummin. The hosts were in control at half time leading 2-5 to 0-5 but with the wind to their backs and utilising the space with quick fast ball the turnaround was completed and now leaves them with four points after three games. David O Sullivan opened the scoring but Kilcummin started to exert an influence hitting 2-5 to a solitary reply from Ryan O Grady. With 20 minutes gone Kilcummin led by nine points but points from Brian O'Shea and O Grady made the gap more manageable with the elements going to be in their favour. The opening ten minutes of the second half saw five points added from O Grady, David O Sullivan sandwiching a fine goal from Brian O Shea. which tied up the game at 1-10 to 2-7. All that work was nearly undone when Kilcummin slipped in another goal but it was only a temporary relapse. A further seven points were added including an O Grady two pointer which put them back in the box seat. Finbarr Murphy was responsible for another from outside the arc and when the final calculations were done the scoreboard read Killarney Legion 1-22 Kilcummin 3-10. Considering the level of absentees due to injury this was a very impressive result and leaves them in good fettle for the visit of Spa on Sunday April 20th.

### SENIOR LADIES

Our Senior Ladies claimed a major scalp in the Donal Curtin Cup when they accounted for the Munster Senior Club Champions Castleisland Desmonds. Admittedly the Desmonds were short of their Kerry contingent but they would still be a very strong side who would be a test for anyone. The game played in the Limerick Road venue saw the hosts start strongly running into a 1-4 to 0-2 lead, Eve Coffey and Laura Healy getting the Legion scores. But the next period belonged to the visitors as Kerri Ann Hanrahan and Eve Coffey struck for points before Laura Healy slipped in a goal. The remainder of the half was evenly contested with Andrea Murphy and Kate McCarthy keeping their side in touch, 1-7 to 1-6. The Desmonds started the second half strongly hitting five points without reply but a halt was put to their gallop when Eve Coffey slung in a goal. Laura Healy and Anne Marie O Sullivan added further points to level up the game before Orianne McGillycuddy stole in for a goal. All the while the Legion defence held the Desmond attack at bay and Eve Coffey put the gloss on an outstanding 3-10 to 1-13 win.

### SENIOR B MEN

Our round three game against Glenflesk in the County League will now take place in Direen this Friday, April 11th with a 7pm throw in.

### U12 BOYS

On Sunday evening our Under 12 boys commenced the Kerry Go Games League Phase 1. Fossa were the opposition and provided two good games of football in ideal conditions in Dereen. These games could not take place without our young whistlers and we are very fortunate to have several available to help out when required ... Thanks very much to Fossa for travelling and best of luck in your future games.

Up next, we play John Mitchell's away Sunday evening.

### U16 BOYS

Our U16A Team began their competitive season with a good win over Kilcummin in Direen on Wednesday evening. The boys were on top for much of the first half but failed to take some good goal chances and the team were level at 1-6 to 1-6 at half time. The boys were more clinical in their score taking in the second half and worked some great scores to emerge good winners by 3-16 to 1-11. Thanks to Kilcummin for a good game and to Evan Horan for officiating.

### U15 FEILE

We hosted the U15 Division 1 Feile Competition in Direen on Sunday morning. There was 14 teams entered into the Division 1 Competition this year where we lined up alongside Furies, Kilcummin and John Mitchels First up we played Kilcummin. Playing into a stiff wind we found ourselves a few points down at half time. The boys responded well in the second half but were pipped 0-7 to 1-3. Next up we played John Mitchels. Again into the wind we found ourselves 7 points down at half time. The lads played brilliantly in the second half and it ended up all square Killarney Legion 1-8 John Mitchels 3-2.

In the final group game we met our great rivals from Furies. The team played very well to hold on to win by of point. The top 2 teams qualified for the final. We finished joint second in the group with John Mitchels but just lost out on score difference. With the change in age group this team has not played much together over the last 2 years but they did very well today and we expect they will continue to develop going forward. Kilcummin will now be heading to Derry for this year's flagship event.

### GOLF CLASSIC

A date for the diary is our Annual Golf Classic will be on Friday May 23rd. The renowned O Mahonys Point will again play host to the event and we thank Sean Murphy once again this year as he takes up the baton as coordinator.

### MOTHERS AND OTHERS

Our Mothers and Others group returned from their winter break during the week. Deemed as social football with a twist or two it is the ideal outlet for any ladies interested in some exercise and more importantly fun. The group are going from strength to strength but as always are open to new members joining with the emphasis on three "F"s...Fitness, friends and fun. It continues every Thursday night from 8-9pm in Direen.

### LOTTO

Results Monday March 31st. Numbers were 2, 6, 7, 19. Bonus 18. No Jackpot winner. Match 3s / Lucky Dips: 1.Kitty Moynihan. 2.Ena & Mary c/o Mike Murphy. 3. Ivan Tangney.

## FOSSA GAA

### LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 30/03/2025 for a jackpot of €9,450 were 9, 10, 21, 28. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Brian O'Reilly, Claire O'Meara, Pat Terry, Kevin Fleming, Noreen Cronin. Tickets are available from our sellers and can also be bought online with the following link

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### COUNTY LEAGUE DIV 2

Our seniors travelled to scenic Templenoe on Saturday evening for their third-round county league game but unfortunately came away empty handed. Fossa started well, playing quick direct football, Emmett O'Shea had his shooting boots on and had his side four points ahead before Templenoe had their first score after 10 minutes. Every player was winning their individual duels, Eoin Talbot, who had a great game throughout, scored a brilliant individual point in the 16th minute, further scores from Ted O'Gorman and Matt Rennie had Fossa leading by four after 20 minutes. However, Templenoe took over in the last 10 minutes of the half and scored five points without reply to lead at the break 0-9 to 0-8.

Harry Buckley levelled matters on the resumption of play in the second half but a brace of points from Aidan Crowley put Templenoe ahead by four after 8 minutes. Fossa never gave up with Darren Ryan and Cian O'Shea driving them on from midfield, scores from Matt Rennie, Emmett O'Shea and Dan O'Keeffe reduced the deficit to two by the 16th minute. Templenoe kept the score board ticking and Fossa couldn't reel them in, scores from Rian Colleran and Harry Buckley left two between the sides with time almost up. In the last minute of the game Emmett O'Shea kicked a monster two-pointer to draw the side level, with the clock in the red, a ball over the top resulted in Adrian Spillane crashing the ball to the net to break Fossa's heart. We had one last attack which resulted in a Tadgh O'Shea point but it finished Templenoe 1-19, Fossa 0-20.

### U-16 GIRLS

Fossa U16 Girls started their EKL Division 1 campaign against the mighty ISG. Our young team playing their first competitive game of the season took on the well fancied visitors and after a blistering 1st half of very entertaining football it was the visitors that went in with a very modest lead. At the restart ISG got the early breaks and kept slowly building the score, and while a tiring Fossa team kept working hard, they couldn't close the gap. ISG took away the points this time but there were some very promising Fossa performances from our new team and a lot was learned, there is much to look forward to. Thanks to all the supporters who encouraged the girls from start to finish which is always worth a score or two. Next up for the girls is MKL Gaels- no easy games up here

### U-14 BOYS

#### U14 County League Round 1

#### Fossa 2-14 Glenbeigh/Glencar/Cromane 3-05

Our U14 boys kicked off their County League campaign with a most difficult assignment away to their Mid Kerry rivals on a windswept Cromane pitch.

The hosts won the toss and elected to play against the hill and also against the tricky wind in the opening period. Fossa were quickly off the mark with midfielder Gerry Moroney kicking over the 1st point of the season for his team, this was quickly followed by 3 further points from Aaron O' Sullivan, Shea Driver and Ryan Lynch. Cromane were only getting started and soon struck the back of the Fossa net. Fossa responded well to this setback with some well taken points by Johnny Myers and Eoin Murphy.



Just before the break, Cromane struck for their 2nd goal to leave the half time score, Fossa 0-10, Glenbeigh/Cromane 2-00.

Fossa had now only a very slender 4 point lead at the short whistle and had a mountain to climb in the 2nd half as the strong Atlantic winds and fall of ground was all in favour of their hosts for the remainder of the game. Glenbeigh were quickly into their stride on the resumption kicking some great scores to reduce the gap to the bare minimum. The game was now in the melting pot and was there for the taking. Mark O'Connor kicked a beauty of a goal to push Fossa back in front, but the hosts were not going away and they struck for their 3rd goal to ensure we were in for a grandstand finish. Influential midfielders Gerry Moroney and Shea Driver won some great possessions around the middle and drove at their opponents which lead to a cracking goal from Ross Cronin. Our defence led by outstanding goal keeper David Kennelly worked overtime in the 2nd half to ensure a famous win was recorded on the road. When the excellent Milltown Referee Tom Corbett blew his final whistle, it was Fossa who took the spoils with a narrow 6 point victory. Well done to all 19 Fossa players tonight for their courage and determination to ensure a winning start to the season for Fossa. Scorers; Ross Cronin 1-01, Mark O' Connor 1-01, Shea Driver 0-03, Aaron O' Sullivan 0-02, Gerry Moroney 0-02, Johnny Myers 0-02, Eoin Murphy 0-01, Ryan Lynch 0-01 and Sean Doyle 0-01.

#### SENIOR LADIES

Fossa Senior Ladies travelled to Austin Stacks for Rd 3 of the Donal Curtin Cup. A strong wind made the playing conditions difficult for both sides but Fossa started brightly and notched 0-4 early without reply. Stacks responded with an individual effort for their 1st score - a goal. Fossa stepped up after this and while Stacks contested every ball strongly and we didn't have it all our own way we were in control of every line and went in at half time well up.

The second half saw a drop off in play but Fossa put some nice passages of play together. Stacks also had a chance or two of their own but resolute defending throughout kept their efforts to a minimum. With a dominant midfield and our forwards on top Fossa ran out comfortable winners in the end. Up next Sunday a home game v Finuge / St Senans.

#### FEILE 2025

In Kenmare Shamrocks GAA grounds on Sunday morning, Fossa U15s qualified for the quarter finals of the Kerry Féile Peil na nÓg 2025 with victories over Glenflesk and Kenmare. Great team performance in both matches showing great heart and determination to get over the line.

Quarter final details to come, well done to all involved.

#### FOSSA B 1-4, AUSTIN STACKS B 3-10

Fossa B came up against a strong Stacks B team in Connolly Park in Div. 5 of the Co League. Playing against a strong breeze, we went in at half time 2-5 to 1-1 behind, with the Fossa goal coming from Mark Dennehy. Stacks started the 2nd half very strong scoring 1-2 without reply, and that dashed any comeback hopes. On the day Fossa had strong performances from Sean Dineen at wing back, and Ryan Sheehan and

Sam Buckley who scored 3 points up front.

## EAST KERRY NEWS

### EAST KERRY MINOR LEAGUE

First team named will be at home

#### Division 1 (15 a side)

Round 2 - Monday 14th April

Rathmore V Dr. Crokes, Kenmare V Legion

#### Division 2 (13/15 a side)

Round 2 - Monday 14th April

Cordal V Fossa, Glenflesk V Listry

#### Division 3A (13 a side)

Round 2 - Monday 14th April

Beaufort V Spa, Kilcummin V Furies

#### Division 3B (13 a side)

Round 2 - Monday 14th April

Gneeveguilla V Kenmare B, Currow bye

### EAST KERRY U16 LEAGUE

#### Div 1A

Cordal 7-11. Listry 1-12.

Furies 2-13 Dr Crokes 0-15

#### U16 Div 1B

Spa 2-19 Kenmare 2-10

#### Division 2A

Rathmore 7-11 Gneeveguilla 3-09

#### Division 2B

Glenflesk 4.10 v Beaufort 4.16

### CON DOLENCES

Sympathies from all in the East Kerry Board to the families of Kerry GAA legend Mick O'Dwyer, on his untimely death last week. His 4 All Ireland medals as a player were followed by another 8 as manager, plus Leinster Championships with Kildare and Laois. May he rest in peace.

## DR. CROKES

### SFL DIV. 5

#### Dr Crokes B 3-19 Kilgarvan 0-10

Our B side continued their unbeaten start to their County League campaign with a convincing win against a young Kilgarvan side. Aided by some additions to the team due to our A side not playing this weekend, we played against a strong wind in the first half and led by 8 at half time. Alex Hennigan and Mikey Casey both showed their senior experience to build up the lead and Erin Moloney's direct running caused Kilgarvan's defence plenty of trouble. We extended our lead in the second half helped with the wind and added two more goals, the first a penalty from Alex Hennigan and the second from Lorcan Martin. Our next

game is against Lispole away over the Easter weekend.

### LGFA DONAL CURTIN CUP

Our senior ladies travelled to Scartaglen for Round 3 of the Donal Curtin Cup. Playing with the aid of a very strong wind, Scartaglen scored a goal in the opening minute and went into an early six-point lead. We gradually grew into the game with Christine Cooper, Megann Kiely and Rocha Clifford carrying the ball well into the breeze and Seodhna O'Donoghue and Ava Sheehan showing well in the forwards. However, a second Scartaglen goal just before half time and the loss of Ava Sheehan and Liz Moloney to injury were a big blow. Despite great work from Casey O'Donoghue, Ali O'Donoghue and Annie Brosnan in the second half we couldn't make inroads on the scoreboard with Scartaglen proving too strong on the day. Next up is another away trip to Southern Gaels next weekend. We would like to wish Kayleigh Cronin, Laura O'Shea and the Kerry team the best of luck in the League Final next Saturday. Also best of luck to Leah Mc Mahon, Rheanne O'Shea, James Fleming and the St Paul's Basketball team in Sundays Super League final.

### MEMBERSHIP

Membership for the 2025 season is now due! LOTTO took place April 7th. Numbers drawn were 1, 14, 23, 28. Jackpot of €5,000 was NOT WON. 6 patrons matched 3 numbers and receive €80 each. Jackpot for draw on April 14th will be €5,300.

**GENTLE YOGA** continues every Thursday until April 24th from 6:15pm.

### DR. CROKES SHOP

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### BINGO

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

**BEST OF LUCK** to James Fleming, Rheanne O'Shea, Leah McMahon, Christina Bartlett and the St. Paul's Ladies team in the Super League Final on Saturday. Also, to Kayleigh Cronin, Laura O'Shea and the Kerry Ladies Football team in the League Final on Saturday.

### NOTES

If anyone has anything they want to add to our club notes please email [pro.drcrokes.kerry@](mailto:pro.drcrokes.kerry@)



Dr. Crokes members Frances O'Sullivan, Karl McMahon, Colm Cooper with his son Conall, Patrick O'Sullivan and Eoin Brosnan taking part in the County Clean Up at the club grounds this week.



## A Flipping Good Fundraiser....

# Soroptimists Donate Proceeds of Pancake Morning



Representatives from two very worthy charities gathered in the Killarney Avenue Hotel this week to receive funds raised at the recent Soroptimist Pancake morning at the hotel. Teresa Looney on behalf of the Irish Kidney Association and Pat Doolan on behalf of the Kerry Hospice Foundation each received cheques for €3350.

They received their cheques from Anne Wrenn, President of the club and Eileen Foley, who is also a member of the Soroptimist Club. They are pictured with representatives of both charities, members of the Soroptimist club and hotel manager, Denis McCarthy



Fiola Foley and her Daughter lile, pedalling to the beat during Rave an Rothar as part of the Wander Wild Festival in Killarney. Valerie O'Sullivan



Killarney Swimming Club the future Challenger Gala at UL: Cora Sheehan, 1st 50 Free



Killarney Swimming Club the future Challenger Gala at UL: Reece O'Donoghue 3rd 50 Free and 3rd 50 Breast with coach and mom Elaine O'Donoghue

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## A HIGH STOOL PARABLE

By Nicky Barry

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But you will meet their patients, having their few pints,  
For doctors know what drink can do, to internal organs,  
Like your liver and your kidneys, and so they issue orders.  
Meanwhile their patients lower pints, having nightly craic,  
For it helps them to relax, without recourse to Prozac.  
But sadly too much alcohol, can take its nightly toll,  
For pint men are mavericks, and ignore what they are told.  
Betimes I often wonder, what doctors do at night,  
Do they have a brandy night-cap, at home with the wife?  
Their lives are very stressful, and they need to chill out,  
After a day in surgery, when maybe they have doubts,  
About some medicine proscribed, to some ailing patients,  
Which on second thoughts, may not have been too prudent.  
Meanwhile the craic is ninety, in the local bars,  
As dedicated pint men, belt out a few bars,  
Of Spancil Hill or Slievenamon, or the Galway Girl,  
For they need the nightly buzz, of friendly alcohol.  
And so pint men and medicine men, lead their separate lives,  
But the odds are on the doctors, as to who will survive!





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From Left; Denis O Sullivan, Mary McCarrick, Niamh O Connor, Marguerite O Donoghue, Mary O Sullivan and Mary O Brien. Glenflesk GAA & LGFA Healthy Club presented talks on Nutrition and Fitness on Thursday last. Which was a great success. Guest Speakers were Alan Devane (Fitness) and Susan Bartlett (Nutritionist). Healthy Club Chairman Denis O'Sullivan thanked everyone who attended this very informative evening and all who helped organise it



Attending the Healthy Club event in Glenflesk Club House last Thursday evening were, left to right; Jerry Mullane, Club Chairman, Susan Bartlett, Nutritionist speaker, Denis O Sullivan, Mary McCarrick, Alan Devane, Fitness speaker and Aileen Healy. Photo: Seamus Healy



PIC SHOWS: Niamh O'Neill, O'Donoghue Ring Collection; Helen McFadden, Sullivan Golf Travel Ireland; Alan Healy, Ei Travel Group; Alison Crummy, Fáilte Ireland; David Wensley, North & West Coast Links Golf Ireland; Breifne O'Brien, Green Golf Ball; and Iris Wang, Tourism Ireland, at the IAGTO Asian Golf Tourism Convention in Da Nang, in Vietnam.



Members of Retired Nurses Association Kerry Branch who attended recent AGM at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club. Guest Speakers were Kevin Igoe National President and Kay Collins General Secretary who were very informative. We wish to thank Management and staff of Golf Club for their hospitality.



90-year-old Sheila Doona from Killorglin who truly captured hearts, winning Best Vibe of the Day, pictured with Bridget and Mary (her daughters) and Kerry her granddaughter



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# Families urged to 'Get Behind the Fight'

## KERRY FACE ARMAGH in the Division 1 Clash



*In attendance at a photocall ahead of the 2025 Lidl Ladies National Football League Finals is Aisling O'Connell of Kerry. The Divisions 1 and 2 Finals will be played at Croke Park next Saturday, April 12, before Sunday's Divisions 3 and 4 Finals, fixed for Drogheda and Clones respectively. Photo by David Fitzgerald/Sportsfile*

Lidl Ireland and the Ladies Gaelic Football Association (LGFA) are gearing up for an action-packed weekend of National Football League Finals across all four divisions, with Armagh, Kerry, Cork and Galway all battling it out at Croke Park, while Cavan, Wexford, Antrim and Fermanagh will target silverware in Drogheda and Clones.

The scene is set for four intriguing ties – as captains and representatives from the eight competing teams gathered in Dublin today ahead of the weekend fixtures.

The Divisions 1 and 2 Finals will form an exciting double-header at Croke Park next Saturday, April 12, with the Divisions 3 and 4 Finals to be contested next Sunday, April 13, in Drogheda and Clones respectively.

Ahead of this weekend's live action, Lidl Ireland

and the LGFA are calling on the public to turn up and support LGFA players as they battle it out for champion status. Research conducted by Red C in November 2024 revealed that 59% of parents believe it is important for their daughters to have a female sport role model and 49% of parents believe it is important for their sons to have a female sport.

To generate further excitement around the matches, Lidl is transforming the finals into a fun-filled family day out. Lidl will be hosting a vibrant Fan Zone at the Hogan Stand in Croke Park, offering an engaging atmosphere for all attendees. The Fan Zone will feature a variety of activities for families to enjoy, including music, exciting competitions, interactive games, and giveaways such as county flags and healthy snacks—perfect for all ages.

There's a familiar feel to the Division 1 Final, with Armagh and Kerry set to go head to head for a second successive year in the top flight decider. This will be a third Lidl National League Final between the counties in four years, as they also contested the 2022 Division 2 decider. In the Division 2 Final, which will precede the Division 1 showpiece, Cork and Galway will battle it out for silverware after claiming promotion. Relegated from Division 1 in 2024, Cork and Galway have bounced back to the top tier at the first attempt, and will now look to put the icing on a sweet-tasting Lidl National League cake by landing the trophy on offer.

Armagh, Kerry, Cork and Galway were also the 2024 TG4 All-Ireland Senior Championship semi-finalists, proof positive that all four teams have carried last year's encouraging form into the 2025 season.

So, will Kerry gain revenge on Armagh after losing last year's Lidl NFL Division 1 Final, and move ahead of Cork in the all-time roll of honour with a 13th Division 1 title? Or will Armagh get the better of the Kingdom again at Croke Park to claim their second crown?

Saturday's Divisions 1 and 2 Finals will be televised live on TG4.

A family of four can attend the Lidl National Football League Division 1 and 2 finals double-header at Croke Park on Saturday 12th April for €50 (Adult tickets €20 each / Juvenile ticket €5 each). Student and OAP tickets are available for €10. The Division 3 and 4 finals on Sunday 13th sees Adult tickets priced at €10, Students/OAPs €5, U18s €2 and under 12s go free.

### Saturday April 12 – Croke Park, Dublin

Division 2 – Cork v Galway; 3pm – Live on TG4

Division 1 – Armagh v Kerry; 5pm – Live on TG4

## Inaugural Scholarship announced

Colm Breslin, centre, is the inaugural recipient of the 'Muckcross 60 Scholars' – a pioneering scholarship initiative between the National Parks and Wildlife Service and the Trustees of Muckcross House, Killarney.

Colm Breslin, an Ecologist from Cork, holds a BSc (Hons) from University College Cork. In 2023, he was awarded a BSc in Biological, Earth and Environmental Science. Colm has experience in habitat mapping. Colm will invest his scholarship surveying the habitat of deer, by mapping their activities in Killarney National Park.

Director General of the National Parks and Wildlife Service, Niall O'Donnchú, announced the scholarship initiative on the 60th anniversary of the opening of Muckcross House to the public, in June 2024.

The aim of these scholarships is to support third level students at graduate, post-graduate or doctoral level to pursue studies in the fields of ecology; botany; ornithology; nature and wildlife conservation, protection and presentation; and heritage presentation, or fields of relevance to the work of the National Parks and Wildlife Service, Muckcross House and Gardens and Killarney National Park.



*Photo shows from left, Conservation Ranger, Killarney National Park, Shonagh Gray, Senior Lecturer, Ecology UCC, Dr. Fidelma Butler, Inaugural 'Muckcross 60' Scholarship recipient, Colm Breslin, Regional Manager National Parks and Wildlife Service, Danny O'Keeffe, General Manager Muckcross House & Gardens, Shane Treacy and Muckcross House Accountant, Denis Reidy. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan*





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## Pop Up Gaeltacht on Tonight

On Friday the 11th of April at 7:30PM, Courtney's Bar of Plunkett street will host the next 'Pop-Up' of 2025.

The establishment of the Pop Up Gaeltacht over the past two years has brought together Killarney's Irish speaking community and we are hoping to see plenty of new and old faces on the night. As was the case for our final event of 2024, fun games and maybe some tunes will go hand in hand with brilliant conversation

between people of all ages! Upstairs in Courtney's bar on Plunkett Street will be a fantastic evening for Gaeligeoiri in Killarney! Come along, bring a friend and have some fun. All levels of Irish are very welcome!





# GOOD FRIDAY

## From Killala to Kenmare

*Bishop Michael Burrows talks about his personal pilgrimage across the Diocese*

18th April 2025

## Bishop Michael Burrows' Good Friday Pilgrimage 'From Killala to Kenmare' 18th April 2025

The Bishop of Tuam Limerick and Killaloe, Rt Revd Michael Burrows, will be traveling across the diocese on Good Friday pausing for a short reflection on Christ's journey to the Cross outside the following 15 churches.

- 0830. Killala. Jesus in agony in the Garden
- 0920. Ballina. Jesus handed over by Judas and arrested
- 1000. Foxford. Jesus condemned by the Sanhedrin
- 1055. Claremorris. Peter denies Jesus
- 1145. Tuam. Jesus judged by Pilate
- 1235. Ardahan. Jesus scourged and crowned with thorns
- 1330. Ennis. Jesus carries the Cross
- 1450. Killaloe. Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus carry the Cross
- 1550. Limerick Cathedral. Jesus meets Jerusalem women
- 1655. Adare. Jesus is crucified
- 1735. Rathkeale. Jesus promises the kingdom to the thief
- 1905. Tralee. Jesus on the Cross his mother and his friend
- 1950. Kiltallagh. Jesus dies on the Cross
- 2040. Killarney. Jesus laid in the tomb
- 2150. Kenmare. Jesus risen from the dead

The Church of Ireland United Diocese of Tuam Limerick and Killaloe is a member of the Anglican Communion. The Diocese was configured in its present form in 2021. It covers over one third of the island of Ireland, with areas of the Midlands, the West and Southwest and in particular the stunning coastline of the Wild Atlantic Way over the long distance from South Kerry to the edge of Co Sligo.



## A Word of Victory

*"I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or abandoned, or their children begging for bread. They are ever lending generously, and their children become a blessing" (Psalm 37:25-26).*

Welcome back dear student, currently the world is filled with uncertainty, but not so in the Kingdom of God. The Lord is not pacing back and over, wringing His hands at all that is afoot on planet earth. This is man's reaction. God, the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning, and the End, the Creator and Author of Life, and the unchanging Rock of Ages, is not surprised at the world's godless systems failing! (Revelation 1:8) David wrote that God orders and directs the steps of the godly, delighting in every detail of their lives, and though they may stumble, they will never fall, for the Lord holds them by the hand (Psalm 37:23-24). What a beautiful promise. Parents take their children by the hands and hold them up over rough terrain or near danger, to protect them and catch their fall. While a child is learning to walk the parent will hover close by, ensuring no harm comes to that little one, because they are loved and cherished. Even more so God looks after His children (John 1:12-13; Matthew 7:9-11).

"The godly may trip seven times, but they will get up again" (Proverbs 24:16). The godly - or the righteous, simply means one who believes in God, repents and turns from sin, and accepts Jesus' sacrifice for the atonement of those sins (Romans 5:1-11). God has given us the gift of Righteousness through His Son Jesus, the Lamb of God who took away our sins. Because the Lord Jesus never sinned, His blood was the perfect sacrifice for sin. The Cross was the place of exchange, where He gave His blood and His body in exchange for our sins, sicknesses, brokenness, and curse - His beauty for our ashes (Isaiah 61:1-3). Tomorrow night begins Passover - celebrating how God's people were supernaturally delivered out of slavery by Yahweh's mighty hand - fulfilling His promises to them. The Lord warned them to put the blood of a lamb on their homes the night before they were set free from Egypt. The Angel of Death could not cross the doorways covered by the blood (Exodus 12:23). The blood of those lambs was a symbolic spiritual foreshadow of the Blood of God's Son Jesus, the Passover Lamb yet to come. When Jesus gave His Life, He was fulfilling God's Word, and His promise of Salvation to His people with the final sacrifice (Hebrews 10:4-10). In that first Passover the people ate the meat of the lamb, and they exited slavery the next day with... 'not one feeble among them' (Psalm 105:37). As they ate the lamb, their bodies were supernaturally healed. This foreshadowed Jesus healing us by the stripes He took on His body (Isaiah 53:3-7; 1 Peter 2:24).

God rescued His people from bondage - at the Red Sea they saw His awesome power part the waters for them to cross on dry ground, then witnessed their enemies' destruction as the sea closed back over them. Their slave masters who had robbed them finally got their come-uppance (Exodus 14:13-31). After they witnessed God supernaturally provide all their needs - food, water, shelter, and warmth in a desert wilderness! Emmanuel Himself was with them, carrying them through (Psalm 105:39-45). It's the same for you and me today friend, and all believers who call upon Jesus for Salvation, and obey His Word (John 15:9-10). Whatever the circumstances, we need not fear - God will never abandon His children, for He is Faithful. Our latest Spotify podcast titled 'I Wasn't Expecting That' is worth a listen for more.

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



KNOCKROUR WEST,  
SCARTAGLEN

WHO DIED ON  
12TH APRIL 2008

*Rest In Peace*

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

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

## 9TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**MARY  
O'DONOGHUE  
(NEE O' DONNELL)**



LATE OF WOODLAWN PARK,  
KILLARNEY & ATHASSEL ABBEY,  
GOLDEN, CO TIPPERARY

WHO DIED ON  
APRIL 13TH 2016

*A bouquet of beautiful memories,  
Sprayed with a million tears,  
Wishing God could have spared you,  
If just for a few more years.  
It does not take a special day,  
For us to think of you,  
Each mass we hear, each prayer we say,  
Is offered up to you.*

*We cannot bring the old days back,  
When we were all together.  
The family chain is broken now,  
But memories live forever.*

*May she rest in peace, dear Jesus,  
In Thy Heavenly home above,  
With the Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
In His own eternal love.  
Along the road to yesterday,  
That leads us straight to you,  
Are memories of happy days,  
Together we once knew.*

*A silent grief that's in our hearts,  
No human eye can trace,  
For many a broken heart is hid,  
Beneath a smiling face.*

Loved Always Jerry.

*Those we love don't go away,  
They walk beside us every day,  
Unseen, unheard, but always near,  
Still loved, still missed and  
forever dear.*

Loved and remembered every day  
Maria and Eileen.

## SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**SHEILA  
FLEMING**



CLYDINE, KILCUMMIN,  
KILLARNEY

ON OUR WEDDING  
ANNIVERSARY.

*If we could have a lifetime wish*

*And one dream that could come through  
We would pray to God with all our hearts*

*Just to See and speak to you*

*A thousand words won't bring you back*

*We know because we've tried*

*And neither will a million tears*

*We know because we've cried*

*You've left behind our broken hearts*

*And precious memories too*

*But we've never wanted memories*

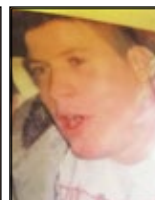
*We only wanted you*

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& HIS SON  
DAVID BREEN**



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WHO'S BIRTHDAYS OCCUR  
11TH APRIL & 16TH  
APRIL 2025.

*No birthday card to give or celebration for ye,  
no doubt ye will celebrate in heaven.*

*God has ye in his keeping,  
Happy birthday to ye, nobody knows heartache  
behind our smile since ye left us.  
If tears could build a stairway,  
good memories would build a lane  
and we'd visit ye.  
Time is a healer but rather have  
ye in our homes.*

*Nobody knows the heartache behind our  
broken hearts since you left us.  
Flowers laid at your graveside and candles  
lit, and Masses offered for your good souls.*

Birthday wishes from your  
heartbroken family. xxxx

Remembrance Mass offered  
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## 5TH ANNIVERSARY

WE REMEMBER WITH LOVE  
OUR MOTHER AND NANA

**CATHERINE  
(KATHY)  
O'DONOGHUE**



TIERNABOUL, KILLARNEY  
WHO DIED ON APRIL  
17TH, 2020.

*Those we love, we never lose  
For always they will be  
Loved, remembered  
treasured  
Always In our memory.*

Fondly remembered everyday from  
Kevin, Paul, Bernadette and  
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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.  
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4TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**PATRICK FLEMING**



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

*Memories have such a lovely way  
Of bringing back our yesterday's,  
No need for words except to say  
You are both loved and remembered  
every day.*

Sadly missed by your son  
Malcolm, daughter-in-law Caroline and  
grandchildren Eanna, Alianne and Leah.

36TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**SHEAMUS O'CONNOR**



RATHCOMMANE, BALLYHAR,  
KILLARNEY  
WHO PASSED AWAY ON THE  
15TH APRIL 1989

*No farewell words were spoken  
No time to say goodbye,  
You were gone before we knew it  
and only God knows just why.  
Our hearts still ache with sadness,  
and secret tears still flow,  
What it meant to lose you  
No one will ever know.  
But now we know you want us  
To mourn you no more,  
and treasure all the fond memories  
from the good old days of yore.*

*Will those who think of Sheamus today,  
a little prayer to Jesus say.*

Fondly remembered and sadly missed by  
all his family, relatives and friends.

*Ar dheis De' go raibh a anam dilis.*

4TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**PATRICK FLEMING**



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

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

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

(Paula)

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

4TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**PATRICK FLEMING**



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

*Those we love don't go away;  
They walk beside us every day.  
Unseen, unheard but always near.  
Still loved, still missed, and very dear.*

Lovingly remembered by your daughter  
Diana and Son-in-law Mick.

1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
MY HUSBAND

**DAN CRONIN**



LATE OF COCKHILL,  
KILCUMMIN, KILLARNEY  
WHO PASSED AWAY  
ON APRIL 12TH, 2024.

*It is sad to walk the road alone  
Instead of side by side.  
But to all there came a moment  
When the waves of life divide.  
You gave me years of love and happiness  
Then came the sorrows and the tears.  
But you have left me beautiful memories  
I will treasure for all my years.  
I lost my life companion  
My husband and my best friend.  
When the lord will call me  
When my life is true.  
I pray that god  
Will take my hand  
And lead me straight to you.*

Forever loved, and dearly missed, by  
your loving wife Margaret.

1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**DAN CRONIN**



LATE OF COCKHILL,  
KILCUMMIN, KILLARNEY  
WHO PASSED AWAY  
ON APRIL 12TH, 2024.

*In God's care you rest above  
In our hearts, you rest with love.  
Never more than a thought away  
Loved and remembered every day.*

Sadly missed by your daughter  
Anna Marie, Son-in-law Noel,  
and grandchildren, Danielle,  
Jason, and Keith, and their partners  
David, Barbara, and Katie.

PRAYER TO ST. PADRE PIO

O God, You gave Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, capuchin priest, the great privilege of participating in a unique way in the passion of Your Son, grant me through his intercession the grace of ..... which I ardently desire; and above all grant me the grace of living in conformity with the death of Jesus, to arrive at the glory of the resurrection. Glory be to the Father...(three times)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT  
& 1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**DAN CRONIN**



LATE OF COCKHILL,  
KILCUMMIN, KILLARNEY  
WHO PASSED AWAY  
ON APRIL 12TH, 2024.

As we lovingly remember Dan on his first anniversary, we his family, wife Margaret, daughter Anna Marie, son in law Noel, grandchildren Danielle, Jason, and Keith, wish to express our heartfelt appreciation for the kindness help and support, shown to us by our wonderful extended family, dear neighbours, friends and work colleagues during our sad time.

Thank you to everyone who called to the house, sent Mass cards, letters, and messages of sympathy, and who brought refreshments.

Thank you to Fr. Mark Moriarty for your kind words and support, and a beautiful funeral Mass, and to Fr. Kieran O'Brien, Fr. Tom Looney, and Fr. Paddy O'Donoghue, who celebrated Mass with him. We thank you all. A special word of thanks to Siobhan, the sacristan, for all her assistance during the funeral service.

A sincere thank you to Paud O'Donoghue and Mary Callaghan for the beautiful music and singing. Also, thank you to Conor and Deirdre for their lovely music. Thank you to the management and staff of the Dromhall Hotel for a beautiful meal.

We are extremely grateful to Dr Pat Daly and the staff of Brooklands Medical Practice, Castleisland, for the diligent and professional care provided to Dan throughout the years. To Michael Kennelly's pharmacy in Castleisland and his staff, who were so good to Dan in his time of need. To Michael and Mary O'Shea, of O'Shea's funeral home, a sincere thanks for your professionalism, compassion, and kindness shown to us. Thank you to the gravediggers for preparing Dan's final resting place.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest gratitude and thanks. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

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Before Grant €16,800 **After Grant Price €15,000**

Installation includes a double socket with battery systems, allowing you to power essential appliances during an outage - keep your fridge running or watch TV during a storm, as long as your battery has charge!

Prices are valid for April only. A deposit must be paid in April to secure the offer. Final pricing is subject to a roof and electrical inspection, and additional costs may apply if upgrades or modifications are required.

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