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A Note from the EDITOR



As we bask in glorious sunshine following a fantastic week of events here in Killarney, this edition of the Outlook is bursting at the seams. The annual Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle took centre stage, and we're delighted to bring you some incredible images capturing the energy and generosity of the day.

A local hero has been dubbed "The Resus Queen" after saving a man's life on the Fossa Way, and honours were bestowed upon local Rotarians as Ciara Irwin Foley concludes her presidency.

The July Festival at Killarney Races kicks off on Monday, promising thrilling days ahead, and Randles Court Hotel is breaking new ground by welcoming a family to Ireland's first accessible hotel suites.

In opinion this week, Anne Lucey debates whether the smell of coffee or slurry is worse. Meanwhile, the ever-popular Shave or Dye fundraiser has raised over €19,000 for the Irish Cancer Society, a truly phenomenal effort.

There's plenty of sporting action too. Funds were raised for Brú Columbanus at the Mike O'Sullivan Memorial Golf Classic, and Flesk Valley RC will host the Kerry County Championship Regatta this weekend. A huge congratulations to East Kerry, who are celebrating a hard-fought win in the Lee Strand U14 County District Championship Cup Final.

72 players teed off for the Tommy Galvin Shield, while Killarney Golf & Fishing Club marks a major milestone 50 years since hosting Europe.

St. Brendan's Rowing Club have honoured one of their own by naming a new boat after lifelong member Donal "Dux" O'Donoghue, and Ian O'Connell is travelling in style thanks to the Circet All-Ireland GAA Golf Challenge and Kaya's Square to Share campaign, which has raised over €5,000 for Kerry Cancer Support Group, a great example of community kindness.

Enjoy the sunshine, the stories, and all that this week's Killarney Outlook has to offer!

Aisling Crosbie



A Stunning image captured in Killarney National Park by Paul Byrne



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LOCAL NURSE HAILED AS HERO

After Saving Runner's Life on Fossa Way

A routine afternoon walk turned into a life-saving mission for local nurse Teresa Clifford and her husband Jerry, when they came upon a collapsed man on the popular Fossa Way walking trail.

The couple, out enjoying the summer air, encountered a distressed passer-by who had already called emergency services after discovering the unconscious man. As it happened, Teresa, a highly experienced nurse and CPR instructor with the Irish Heart Foundation, immediately sprang into action.

The man, later identified as 55-year-old Terry O'Meara, a fit and regular runner, had been staying at the Europe Hotel with his wife Ciara for a family reunion. While out jogging, he collapsed without warning.

Teresa quickly took over CPR duties from the passer-by, who was being guided by ambulance personnel over the phone. Knowing every second counted, Teresa knew that there was a defibrillator located at the nearby Golden Nugget Bar and restaurant and luckily a colleague of Teresa's cycled by at that moment and, after hearing the situation, cycled to collect the Defibrillator.

Meanwhile, Teresa continued administering CPR for a staggering 15 minutes, with her husband Jerry stepping in periodically under her calm and expert instruction. Thanks to their relentless efforts, by the time first responders arrived, signs of life were returning to Mr. O'Meara.

An air ambulance landed on a nearby golf



The Resus Queen..... Teresa Clifford, pictured in the centre, at Killarney Community Hospital with her colleagues this week.

course, and Mr. O'Meara was airlifted to Cork University Hospital. Miraculously, he has since made a full recovery.

Back at Killarney Community Hospital, where Teresa has worked for years, colleagues are beaming with pride and have fittingly nicknamed her "The Resus Queen." Teresa, who has trained hundreds in CPR since 1999, including many of her coworkers, emphasised the importance of public CPR knowledge in the wake of the event.

"More people need to learn CPR," she said. "And they shouldn't be afraid of using a defibrillator they guide you step by step. It could be the

difference between life and death."

She also voiced her support for CPR training being incorporated into the driver's license process, as is the case in several European countries.

Thanks to Teresa's quick thinking, medical training, and community spirit as well as the great help from those around her, a life was saved on what was planned to be a walk in the sunshine with the dog!

For Terry O'Meara and his family it was a day they will remember forever.

Kerry County Council Launches eBike Charging Stations IN KILLARNEY AND KENMARE

Kerry County Council has unveiled the first in a series of new public eBike charging stations as part of a pilot scheme to encourage more sustainable and active travel across the county. With funding support from Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), the initiative aims to provide accessible infrastructure for the growing number of eBike users in Kerry. The first two stations have been installed and are now fully operational in Killarney and Kenmare. One is located on Mission Road in Killarney, while the other can be found outside the Library on Shelbourne Street in Kenmare.

Each station features five app-enabled charging docks developed by Bikeep. Cyclists can download the Bikeep app to unlock a dock, charge their bike, and securely store it while charging. Each dock is equipped with a robust locking arm and an anti-theft alarm, ensuring a safe and user-friendly experience. Importantly, charging is free of charge to the public, making it easier for residents and tourists alike to opt for environmentally friendly travel options. More stations are expected to follow in other towns across Kerry as the pilot progresses including Fenit, Listowel, Glenbeigh, Cahersiveen, Waterville and Sneem.

Cathaoirleach of the Killarney MD, Cllr. Martin Grady speaking at the new charging station on Mission Road, Killarney said, "The new eBike charging station as part of the TII Sustainable and Active Travel scheme is a great addition to the town. By making it easier and safer for people to choose low-carbon travel options, we are building a greener and more

connected Kerry for everyone."

This initiative is part of a broader strategy to enhance Kerry's sustainable tourism infrastructure, aligning with national goals to reduce emissions, promote active lifestyles, and support local communities. The new charging network complements existing outdoor offerings such as the Kingdom of Kerry Greenways, cycle routes, and Ring of Kerry attractions.



At the launch were from left, Killarney Municipal District Officer, Matthew Farrell, TII representative, Jonathan Noonan, Senior Engineering Inspector, Tidy Towns Volunteer Michael Gleeson, Killarney Municipal District, Cllr Niall 'Botty' O'Callaghan, Cathaoirleach Killarney Municipal District, Cllr. Martin Grady and Chartered Engineer, Kerry National Roads Office Kerry County Council, Dara Walsh.

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THREE HONoured WITH PAUL HARRIS FELLOWSHIP AWARDS

for Outstanding Community Service



Three exceptional individuals were recently honoured with the prestigious Paul Harris Fellowship Award by the Killarney Rotary Club. Named after Paul Harris, the Chicago attorney who founded Rotary International in 1905, the award recognises individuals, both Rotarians and non-Rotarians, who embody Rotary's core motto: "Service Above Self."

Presenting the awards Rotary President Ciara Irwin Foley (2024–2025), herself a past recipient of the honour. The ceremony was one of her final official duties before the end of the Rotary year in June. Ciara described the recipients as "most deserving" and praised their unwavering commitment to their community.

The first award was presented to Paul Sherry, a member of Killarney Rotary for 20 years. Known for his tireless volunteerism and never saying no to a request for help, Paul has been at the heart of nearly every club project since joining. His contributions extend beyond Rotary, having served in multiple leadership roles including: President of Killarney Rotary (2013–2014) Chairperson of Christmas in Killarney (five years) Chairperson of the Killarney St. Patrick's Festival, President of the Killarney Chamber of

Commerce, Chairman of Killarney Celtic, Ciara described him as someone who "does an incredible amount of work in our community despite being a busy businessman." Paul was visibly surprised and humbled upon receiving the award.

The second recipient was Mike Stack, a long-time member of the club and a passionate community advocate. A finalist in the International Category of the EY Entrepreneur of the Year Awards in 2014, Mike has championed a wide range of local initiatives. Together with his wife, he helped establish the micro track at St. Brendan's, now a state-of-the-art training facility for athletes.

Mike currently chairs Killarney 2030, a sustainability project promoting eco-friendly initiatives and energy efficiency for local businesses. His company boasts the largest solar and heat pump installation in Ireland. As club president in 2014–2015, Mike was a strong advocate for youth leadership, especially the Rotary Youth Leadership Development Competition. Under his mentorship, the club has seen three consecutive winners advance to speak in the European Parliament in Strasbourg. Ciara praised his dedication, saying, "He gives 110% to everything he is involved in."

The third Paul Harris Fellowship was awarded to Finbarr Kennelly, a club member for over 20 years and president in 2009–2010. Known for his deep community involvement, Finbarr has played key roles in the Christmas in Killarney, 4th of July Festival, St. Patrick's Festival, Tidy Towns, and Killarney Looking Good.

In 2017, he spearheaded a national Men's Sheds initiative in partnership with Killarney National Park and the Chamber of Commerce, supporting ongoing rhododendron eradication efforts. He also led the club's involvement in the Rotary Literacy for Lebanon project.

A respected local employer, Finbarr is known for his loyalty and strong relationships, with many of his employees staying with his business for over two decades.

All three recipients, Paul Sherry, Mike Stack, and Finbarr Kennelly were surprised but deeply honoured to receive the Paul Harris Fellowship, a recognition of their extraordinary commitment to bettering the Killarney community.

"Success is not measured by wealth, but by the positive impact you have on others." - Paul Harris and these three men are true embodiments of that belief.



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Step into the spotlight at one of Ireland's most stylish racing events, The Lee Strand Best Dressed Day at Killarney Races. Taking place on Friday, July 18, this glamorous occasion is more than just a day at the races, it's a celebration of fashion, flair, and individuality. This year's celebrity judges are Glenda Gilson, one of Ireland's most recognisable fashion and entertainment personalities, and her husband, Dublin businessman Rob MacNaughton. Glenda, a former Miss Hawaiian Tropic Europe winner, is best known for her work as a model and television presenter on shows like Xposé and Ireland's Got Mór Talent. The stylish couple will be circulating the enclosures from early in the day, scouting for the most fashionable racegoers. Organisers are encouraging patrons to arrive early and dress to impress.

No fewer than 10 lucky finalists, both ladies and gents, will be selected by the judges, each receiving a prize for their standout style. These finalists will then compete for the prestigious titles of Lee Strand Best Dressed Lady and Gent, with the winners taking home VIP trips for two to Paris and Milan, respectively.

"We are so excited to attend the Lee Strand Best Dressed Day at Killarney Races," said Glenda Gilson. "We always love travelling to the Kingdom of Kerry, and joining that with a day at the races, what more would you want! We love all the style and can't wait to see everyone."

But the fashion isn't the only thing sparkling - guests can sip and socialise at the Champagne



This year's celebrity judges are Glenda Gilson, and her husband, Dublin businessman Rob MacNaughton.

Bar or enjoy a refreshing G&T at the pop up Muckcross Gin Bar, adding a touch of luxury to the festivities.

Expect live music, bubbly bars, photo ops, and a buzzing social scene - all set against the stunning backdrop of Killarney National Park. It's not just a race day; it's a runway moment. Killarney Racecourse isn't just a scenic venue, it's a breeding ground for champions. In recent years, it has become a key stepping stone for some of the sport's biggest names. Notably, three of Aidan O'Brien's Epsom Derby winners Wings of Eagles (2017), Anthony Van Dyck (2019), and Lambourn (2025), all broke their maiden at Killarney.

This growing trend highlights Killarney's role as a crucial proving ground for elite talent, with its well-maintained turf and competitive maiden races offering the perfect



2024 Best Dressed Lady winner Carly Murphy from Kenmare, County Kerry. Photo: Healy Racing.

environment for young thoroughbreds to shine. For racing fans and punters alike, the July Festival could be your chance to witness the next Derby legend in the making.

We encourage all visitors to take advantage of our free shuttle bus, running from Killarney Avenue across all five days of the event. It's the most convenient way to get to the action without the hassle of parking. Prefer to stretch your legs? The racecourse is just a short stroll from Killarney town centre, making it easily accessible on foot. If you do need to drive, rest assured there is ample free on-site parking available.

With wonderful food and drink deals to suit every pocket, live music across the venue and an atmosphere you'll want to bottle and bring home, the only question left is, have you booked yet? For further information or to book online visit www.killarneyraces.com.

"There's something magical about summer racing in Killarney," said Karl McCay, General Manager of Killarney Racecourse. "With the Lakes of Killarney, Ross Castle, and the MacGillycuddy Reeks as our backdrop, we're proud to offer a festival that blends world-class racing with unforgettable atmosphere. Whether you're here for the sport, the style, or the social buzz, this is a week not to be missed."



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Randles Hotel Surprises Family with Free Stay in IRELAND'S FIRST ACCESSIBLE SUITE WITH HOIST

A family who had long struggled to find suitable holiday accommodation for their disabled daughter has been gifted a free stay at a newly renovated hotel in Killarney, offering what may be Ireland's first accessible suite equipped with a ceiling hoist.

Speaking on Newstalk this week, listener Carmel, the mum of Caoimhe, shared the challenges her family faces when trying to plan holidays with her 28-year-old daughter, Caoimhe, who uses a custom wheelchair and requires full-body support.

"She can't sit in any other chair," Carmel explained. "So, going on an airline or using any other seat isn't possible. That's why we holiday at home."

Despite many hotels advertising themselves as accessible, Carmel said few, if any, provide the facilities they truly need, particularly a hoist system to safely transfer Caoimhe out of her chair.

"Accessibility usually just means you can get through the door," she said. "But it's the transferring part, from the wheelchair to the bed or bathroom, that no one offers."

Until recently, the family managed with help from Carmel's other daughter, Aoife, performing a "three-man lift" during holidays.



Randles Court Hotel has gifted a family with a holiday at their luxury premises on Muckcross Road

However, with Aoife now living abroad, lifting Caoimhe is no longer possible, effectively putting family trips on hold.

That changed when hotelier Tom Randles, owner of Randles Hotel in Killarney, heard Carmel's story live on air. He reached out with an offer that left the family stunned. "We've just completed renovations, and to my knowledge, we've built Ireland's first accessible suite with a hoist," said Tom. "It's also a family room, so it's suitable for both individuals and families."

Moved by Carmel's story and drawing from personal experience with a friend who also faces accessibility barriers, Tom said he would be "delighted" to host the family free of charge.

Carmel was overwhelmed by the offer, calling it the "best news ever" and saying she couldn't imagine a more beautiful location than Killarney.

Thanks to Randles Hotel, Caoimhe and her family may now enjoy a much-needed and long-overdue holiday of their own.



Proprietor Tom Randles.

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Check it Fits service will be visiting to help parents and ensure car seats and restraints are correctly fitted.

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It is important to use your child car seat correctly every single time during a car journey so parents should regularly check the fitting of your child car seat or get it rechecked at a Check it Fits service. For example, if you got your child car seat fitted in winter now coming into the summer months you may need to tighten the harness as your children are wearing lighter clothes. If your child's car seat or restraint is incorrectly fitted, the Check it Fits experts will advise on how to fix the problem, demonstrate how to fit the restraint correctly and answer any queries participants might have to avoid potential serious or fatal injury in the event of a collision.



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Anne Lucey
looks at the positive news
happening in Killarney



SMELL OF COFFEE V SMELL OF SLURRY

The smell from roasting coffee beans was a key reason the planning appeals board - now known as An Coimisiún Pleanála - turned down an appeal by Killarney Coffee Roasters to turn a storage unit in Upper Lissivigeen into a roasting operation.

Local residents said the smell permeated the air and they had to keep windows and doors closed. It was "sickening at the very least," the residents told Kerry County Council planners.

The coffee roasters appealed the council refusal and offered to put in a mitigating machine drawing out smells and noxious fumes and the planning inspector thought this would work. The roasters were to operate one day a week during winter and to two days in the summer, they said.

Their amenity, namely fresh air, was being affected, the residents said.

The commission went against its own inspector and refused permission.. The roasting would devalue the residents' amenities and their property and there was also an issue with a food / industrial operation in the residential area. Not to diminish the concerns of the residents of Upper Lissivigeen - basically the board found the smell of roasting coffee beans would be too much for them - what would the commission say to the smell from slurry?

The other day on the way between the Gap



Cross and Beaufort Bridge I had to close up all the car windows. Stopping briefly I had to run for cover.

Sometimes going into shops surrounding Killarney I am running from it. What's the story with cattle slurry, I would like to know? All over this county I know of people who have to hide indoors and wash clothes hanging on the line because of the stink.

Is anyone monitoring slurry contractors and how they are spreading the hot liquid taken from tanks this the hottest time of year? I have asked the Department of Agriculture. But I won't hold my breath for a speedy response from them - though I and others may well be holding our noses.

The basic thing with smell or the olfactory sense, one of the five main senses, is to warn us humans. Smell signals are sent to the brain. If something smells bad, it usually is bad. Not all sweet aromas are good but all bad aromas are bad. Trust me, I have "a nose" for things that smell bad.

PLEASE ARRIVE EARLY EVEN IF IT IS KERRY AIRPORT

One of the great takeaways from this year's agm of Kerry Airport in the Ballygarry Estate Hotel in Tralee last week is the appeal to passengers to come early. Flights tend to bunch at Farranfore and Saturday mornings are particularly busy. The fact the airport is in Kerry there's a relaxed feeling by passengers who arrive last minute,

the annual meeting heard.

This is no bad thing. Airports are stressful places and any ease is welcome. I went out through Cork recently and did not enjoy it. The crowds, the exorbitant price for a basic tuna sandwich at over eight euro in a crowded departures area is enough to put me off Cork, not to mind flying.

Kerry is friendlier. But too many passengers arriving with little time to spare is putting a strain on things. Many arrive just 45 minutes ahead, we were told. This small airport has battled from gloomy predictions and threats to its existence to what is likely a record number of passengers this year - more than the 420,000 of 2009.

There is great credit due to Kerry airport. Now five million euro from its own reserves have gone into a new arrivals and departures area to be opened at the end of July.

There is still cash in the bank to lure aircarriers other than Ryanair, the agm heard. Not so long ago, in the late 1980s I was involved in the twinning between Killarney and Castiglione di Sicilia - the first international twinning. And a nice trip to Sicily it was too in July 1987.

A year or so later while hosting a renowned sculptor from Castiglione on a return visit- his gift to Killarney which is probably priceless now sits unselfconsciously on a wall in the town hall - we joked about direct flights from Farranfore to Sicily.

Now a direct flight to Sicily from Kerry is entirely possible. Even probable.

Meanwhile, chief financial officer Basil Sheerin, chief financial officer said

"Perhaps because it is Kerry," people arrived last minute, often forty minutes before departure, after the issue was raised.

"We need to get the message out there: Please come early," Basil appealed to passengers on the Kerry to Germany, Spain, France, London and Dublin routes.

A SHUTTLE SERVICE - BUT WHERE WILL IT LAND?

Shuttle buses for Killarney are to be in place within weeks, we were told at the last council meeting.

The shuttle service, involving three buses operating seven days, was "imminent," Kerry County Council Director of Roads Services Frank Hartnett revealed, when asked for an update by Councillor John O'Donoghue

The buses will start at 6 am and continue to pick up and drop off passengers until 11 pm.

The service is part of the Smart demand responsive transport programme for Killarney and is being funded by the National Transport Authority, managed by the Local Link service.

"They are finalising routes and a travel plan. It is imminent," the engineer said.

But the question is where will the buses land and where will they take off from?

I have a number of times raised the lack of public information with the

Local Link service, countywide.

The stops, the timetables, the routes, should be more visible, published in local papers, on line and at bus stops especially.

Last week Local link acknowledged there is a problem with communicating its routes. It said the matter was in hand and will be addressed in the coming weeks.

It would want to be - people simply don't know when and where the publicly funded buses are available.

Locals and visitors alike in Killarney will need to know where to get on and off the new shuttles in urban Killarney.

Meanwhile a number of readers have contacted the column to say the field next to St Mary's Cathedral would be ideal as a park and ride stop. Perhaps the owners of the Cathedral field, St Brendan's Trust, might be approached? There is little use for much of this field anymore.

Locations for park and ride were being identified was the response from the town management who said the routes will be "flexible" and involve corner to corner drop offs and will focus on inter urban trips.

Any relief from having to drive a car in and around Killarney will be welcome.



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NOT EVEN THE WEATHER COULD PLAY SPOIL SPORT

The heavens opened and the rain came down but not even the unseasonal elements could detract from a wonderful community street party as Killarney hosted the colourful and culture-rich Celebration of Irish and American Friendship.

The weather did its best to play spoilsport for the gala parade on Friday night but, with Killarney's reliance again to the fore, the show went on with a vengeance and locals and visitors were treated to a fabulous feelgood event.

This year's programme really reflected the direction that constantly evolving festival has taken over the past number of years.

There was, once again, a very strong emphasis on the age-old relationship between the people of Killarney and its American acquaintances and Irish emigrants who left these shores over the generations will know that the folks at home will always have them in their thoughts.

The celebration was, essentially, built around several decades of friendship between the people of Killarney and the people of America who love visiting the town.

Led by Mayor of Killarney, Cllr Martin Grady, the Friday night eve of Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle parade featured marching bands, spectacular floats, dancers and acrobats, Disney characters and leather-clad bikers who all took to the streets with a real sense of purpose which was to showcase Killarney as a friendly, welcoming and fun-filled holiday town which is a message that is already well established throughout the world.

Earlier on Friday, an 18-strong visiting choir from the Church of St Alphonsus and St Patrick, in the Archdiocese of Chicago, performed on the steps of St Mary's Church of Ireland while, all afternoon, there was a host of free fun activities for children on the streets, including face painting, balloon art, drumming classes and cartoon characters.

Also on Friday, at the Anam Arts and Cultural Centre, there was a stunning tribute – in music, song, poetry and through audio visual – to John McShain – the man who built Washington – who gifted Killarney House and Gardens and so much more to Killarney.

In keeping with the rich culture theme, the previous day the life and times of The Great Gatsby author, F Scott Fitzgerald, was brought to life through music and song and a guest lecture by Killarney author and historian Patrick O'Sullivan Greene who has just released a biography on the life of Fitzgerald entitled *Gatsby: Death of an Irishman*.

The weekend celebrations ended on a note that was both high and lively with popular local trad-rock band The Rising taking to the open-air stage on Main Street and Nathan Carter playing to thousands of fans at the Gleneagle Arena. *Photos: Anastasia Garbera.*



Performers taking part in the Celebration of Irish and American Friendship.



Jack Patrick Healy performing at the Celebration of Irish and American Friendship.



Guest lecturer: Patrick O'Sullivan Greene



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Shave or Dye Fundraiser at The Golden Nugget Raises Over €19,000 for Irish Cancer Society



Elaine, Adrian and Darren Cronin Danny Healy Rae Colin Davidson and Sean O'Mahoney.

A heartfelt community event at The Golden Nugget has raised an impressive €19,205.50 in aid of the Irish Cancer Society, thanks to a touching "Shave or Dye" fundraiser held in memory of two beloved fathers.

Organised in honour of Donal Cronin and Duncan Davidson, fathers of organisers Elaine Adrian, Darren, and Colin, the event drew a huge crowd of supporters eager to take part and donate. Held in memory of Donal, who passed away last year, and Duncan, who died eight years ago, the night served as both a tribute and a powerful act of giving.

Over €3,300 was raised on the night alone through a lively raffle. Demand was so high that organisers ran out of raffle books within the first hour and had to source more. The success of the raffle was largely thanks to the generosity of dozens of local sponsors, who donated an array of spot prizes.

Sponsors included The Munster Bar in Tralee, The Gleneagle Hotel, Kate Kearney's Cottage, The Killarney Heights Hotel, Cronin's Restaurant, The Failte Bar & Restaurant, The Old Killarney Inn, The Castleross Hotel, The Victoria Killarney, Micheal Cahill TD, Kaynes Bar



Darren and Adrian Cronin with Marie Devane, Aimee Sexton and Kellie O'Sullivan.

and Brasserie, The Lake Hotel, The Aghadoe Heights, Paudie & David Clifford, Shan The Barber, Euronic Killorglin, Kitty O Se's, JMAC IT & Office Solutions, Killarney Golf & Fishing Club, East Kerry School Of Motoring, The INEC, The Carry Out @ The Reeks, SuperValu Killarney, The Corner House Bar, The Reeks Centra, Ian Trant (Sewells Pharmacy) Finbarr Kennelly (Kennellys Pharmacy), Colin Wharton (Douglasha House). "We have had so much support for this fundraiser and we want to issue a heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated", Elaine Cronin said.

A special thanks was extended to Mark, Caroline, and the team at The Golden Nugget for their outstanding hospitality and support in the lead-up to and during the event. Mr Price Killarney also contributed by donating all the balloons that decorated the venue, while Timmy O'Connor (The Glen Rambler) generously provided entertainment on the night free of charge and to Thanks to Eoin O'Connell for the lovely posters he did to advertise the event.

Professional hairdressers Marie Devane, Kellie O'Sullivan, Aimee Sexton and Barber Luke



Bailey donating her hair to the Rapunzel Foundation.

Ring and their teams donated their time and supplies to make the "Shave or Dye" a night to remember. Participants bravely stepped forward to colour or shave their hair, including Sean O'Mahony of Faha Court, who dyed his hair bright pink in support of the cause.

Two members of The Golden Nugget staff Bailey and Sonja also made a personal contribution by cutting 14 inches of hair each to donate to the Rapunzel Foundation.

The event was officially launched by local TD Danny Healy-Rae, adding a political presence to the strong community spirit.

"We are overwhelmed by the kindness, generosity, and support from our community. Without our sponsors, volunteers, and everyone who donated, big or small, this wouldn't have been possible." Elaine Cronin told Killarney Outlook.

Adrian, Darren, and Colin also took part in the hair transformations, with Adrian and Darren now proudly sporting blonde locks and Colin embracing a new style. "Their dads would be so proud,"

The event not only raised vital funds for cancer support services but also showed the power of community in the face of loss.

Buzzing... Kerry Wild Bee Festival a great success

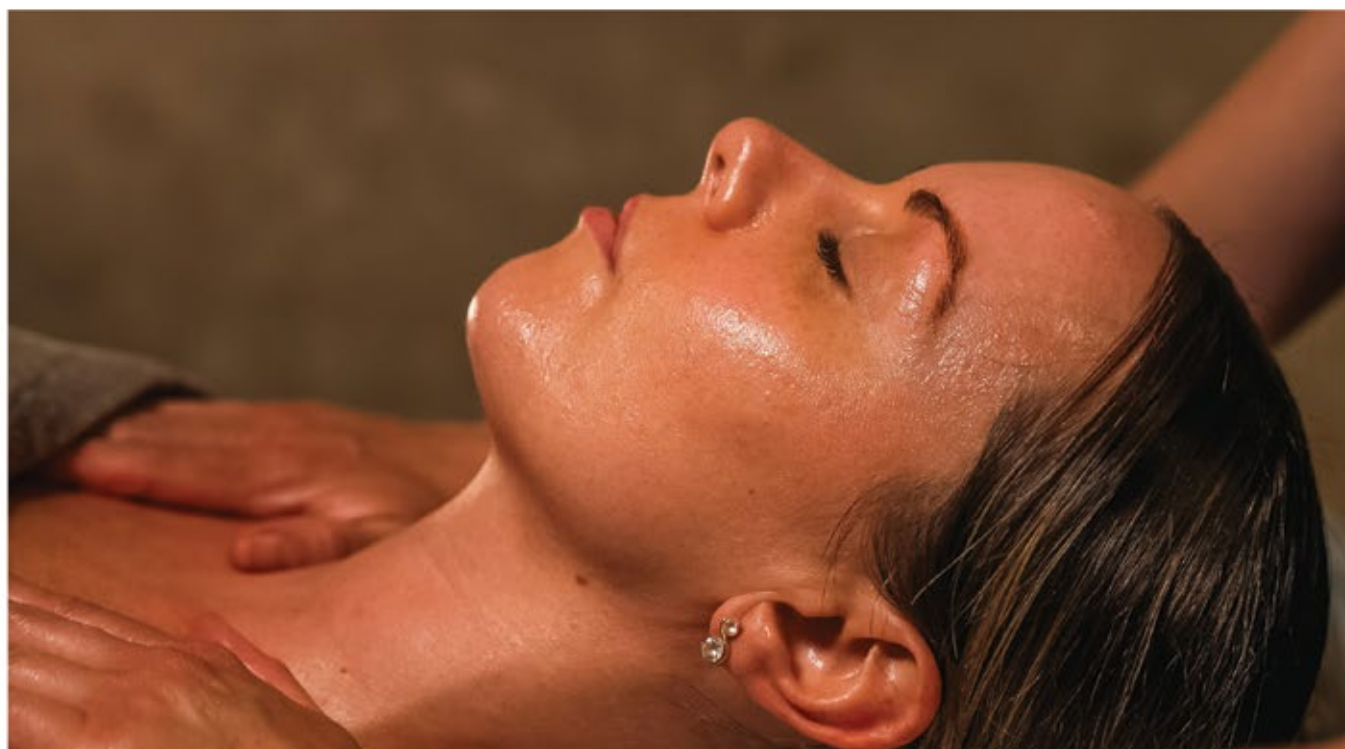
The Kerry Wild Bee Festival returned for its second year at the Tralee Bay Wetlands Ecology Park. The festival was held in collaboration with Transition Kerry, the Irish Wildlife Trust Kerry Branch, and several local community groups and organisations.

The festival officially opened on Friday evening, July 4th, with a special event featuring Eleanor Turner, Biodiversity Officer with Kerry County Council. Guests enjoyed an overview of bee species and other pollinators in Kerry, as well as the latest findings from

bee surveys at Tralee Bay Wetlands. Seeds and plants beneficial to pollinators were also shared with attendees for use in their own gardens and communities.

On Saturday, July 5th, community groups and parishes from across Kerry gathered for "Community Conversations on Actions for Pollinators," a day of sharing practical ideas, challenges, and successes in supporting local biodiversity. These efforts were inspired and supported by the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan





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CALLS GROW FOR URGENT APPROVAL OF STAND-ALONE CHEMOTHERAPY UNIT at University Hospital Kerry



Comfort for Chemo Kerry has issued an urgent appeal to the Minister for Health, Jennifer Carroll MacNeill, to expedite approval for a long-promised, stand-alone Chemotherapy and Haematology Unit at University Hospital Kerry (UHK).

In a strong statement released this week, the charity warned that the current temporary unit, established in 2023 as an interim solution, is no longer capable of meeting the rising demand for cancer treatment in the region.

"The ward space re-enabled as an Interim Oncology Unit is wholly inadequate capacity-wise," the statement reads. "While the current services are delivered with utmost efficiency and dedication, the physical

space simply does not meet current or future needs."

According to the Irish Cancer Society, the number of cancer patients in Ireland is expected to double over the next decade. Comfort for Chemo Kerry says this projection makes investment in a permanent, purpose-built oncology and haematology unit at UHK not just necessary, but urgent.

"The people of Kerry absolutely require a new stand-alone Oncology and Haematology Unit," the group stated, adding that they "stand firm with and support the people of Kerry in advocating and urging the Minister for Health to expedite HSE capital funding approval" for the proposed project.

Goran Loncar shortlisted in astrophotography competition



A Kerry photographer has been selected for the next stage of the prestigious 'Reach for the Stars' astrophotography competition, run by the Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies (DIAS). The competition aims to find the best astro-photographs taken in Ireland over the past year. While a high-profile judging panel will select the overall winning entries, an online vote is open for members of the public to view the images and vote for their favourite in the Public Choice Award – www.reachforthestars.ie/exhibition.

Goran Loncar is nominated in multiple categories.

'Back on Earth' Landscape – Gap of Dunloe Under the Aurora (taken in the Gap of Dunloe, Co. Kerry).

'Back on Earth' Landmark – Ballinskilligs Castle Under the Rho Ophiuchi (taken at Ballinskilligs Castle, Co. Kerry)

'Out of this World' Planetary – Skellig Michael Under the Harvest Full Moon (taken in Allagheemore, Co. Kerry).

Voting is open until 5pm on Thursday 24th July and is restricted to one vote per person.

The shortlisted photographer from Kerry is:

· Goran Loncar (Killarney) who has been shortlisted in the 'Back on Earth' Landscape and Landmark categories; and twice in the 'Out of this World' Planetary category.

Goran is a regular contributor to the Picture Perfect section in Killarney Outlook!

Local Hero Shaves Her Head for Children Charity

Michelle Carey, a talented stylist at Salon B in Deerpark, made a powerful statement this week by shaving her head in support of the Keeley D Foundation, a charity dedicated to helping children and families facing palliative care.

Originally from Co. Tipperary and now living in Killarney with her partner James and their two children, Finn and Ella, Michelle's decision to support the foundation comes from a deeply personal place. She discovered the Keeley D Foundation through the Family Flowers Only podcast, hosted by Grief Ireland, a platform she turned to for comfort while navigating her own grief after losing her brother at just four and a half years old.

It was through this podcast that she heard the moving story of Eimear and Alan, and the heartbreaking loss of their beautiful daughter Keeley. Deeply touched by their journey, Michelle felt compelled to act and raise funds in honour of Keeley's memory.

"Their story really stayed with me," Michelle said. "It made me want to do something meaningful for families going through unimaginable loss."

Her act of bravery and compassion has inspired those around her and shone a light on the vital work of the Keeley D Foundation.

Donations are still being accepted, simply scan the QR code to support this worthy cause and help make a difference in the lives of children and families in need.





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Seán Kelly MEP Not to Pursue Presidential Nomination



Sean Kelly, (Ireland South) and Leader of Fine Gael in the European Parliament, has decided not to pursue the Fihne Gael nomination for Presidency. In a statement issued on Wednesday night, the MEP said:

"Having taken the time to consider the possibility of a run for the Presidency later this year, I have decided not to pursue the Fine Gael nomination.

"It is a great honour to have been asked by so many friends, colleagues, and supporters to consider standing. That support is the reason it has taken me until now to make this decision. When so many people believe you are suited to such an important position, that's something you have to consider very seriously.

"I've discussed this at length with members of my

family in recent weeks and months, and we've ultimately agreed that entering the Presidential race is not the right move at this point in time. I want to thank my wife, Juliette, and my family for their willingness to fully support whatever decision I came to.

"I'm enjoying my work as an MEP and continue to be energised by the enormous challenges facing both Ireland and the European Union. I look forward to continuing that work and fulfilling the strong mandate I've been given by the voters of Ireland South.

"Whoever is chosen as the Fine Gael candidate in the time ahead, I wish them the very best of luck in the election and look forward to supporting their campaign however I can."

IKA Joins 4,000 Cyclists for the 2025 Ring of Kerry Cycle - *a Celebration of Life, Resilience, and Giving Back*

The Irish Kidney Association (IKA) proudly participated in the iconic 170 km distance Ring of Kerry Cycle on 5th July 2025, an event that saw nearly 4,000 cyclists take to the roads for a remarkable cause. Among them, over 140 riders represented the IKA, many of whom were fundraising to support vital services for kidney patients across Ireland while raising organ donor awareness.

The weather for the event was mostly favorable for cycling, with light winds and a warm, sunny atmosphere. Early morning mist clung to parts of the route, particularly around Caherciveen, Waterville, and Comikiska. However, as the cyclists made their way along the course, the mist gradually lifted, and clear skies emerged, offering ideal conditions to tackle the challenging yet scenic ride. Upon reaching the finish line, cyclists were greeted with a warm reception from supporters as they rolled back into Killarney, with the sun shining brightly over the Kingdom.

This was the 43rd Ring of Kerry Cycle. It began more than four decades ago to raise funds for a dialysis centre for people in Kerry, remains a powerful testament to community spirit and the fight against kidney disease. It was originally set up to support patients who previously had to travel abroad for life-saving dialysis treatments, a crucial service that the IKA continues to provide. Since the inaugural cycle in 1982, the event has raised over €20 million for more than 200 charities and voluntary organisations. This year the Irish Kidney Association was selected as one of nine main beneficiary Tier 1 charities including Breakthrough Cancer Research, Brú Columbanus, Focus Ireland, Kerry Hospice



Killarney volunteers Teresa Looney, Bernie O'Sullivan pictured with volunteer Ann O'Rourke from Sligo at the start of the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle in aid of the Irish Kidney Association. Picture: John Allen

Foundation, Kerry Parents & Friends Association, Jack & Jill Foundation, Recovery Haven Kerry Cancer Support House, and Social Action Group Rathmore. Over €46,000 was raised for the Irish Kidney Association (IKA) by cyclists through the iDonate fundraising platform, with additional contributions expected.

Adding a special touch to the event, a novelty bicycle to carry passengers, designed in IKA's colours and festooned with balloons, was showcased during the IKAs early morning photocall, which was attended by 80 year old Bernie O'Sullivan from Killarney. The popular

local woman was back at 3pm to cross the finish line on the novelty bicycle ridden by an IKA volunteer. Bernie has been volunteering with the IKA since the very beginning of the Ring of Kerry Cycle. Wearing an IKA t-shirt, the local VIP's arrival was announced by Cathal Walshe, the PRO of the Ring of Kerry Cycle, as she crossed the finish line at New Street Car Park. Her sons have also participated in the event every year since its inception, and her presence on the course is a heartwarming symbol of the long-standing relationship between the IKA and the local community.



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Kaya's Square to Share Crochet Campaign

Raises Over €5,000 for Kerry Cancer Support Group

A heartwarming initiative led by Radio Kerry's Kaya Flynn and the Milltown Knit and Natter Group has raised €5,009.92 in support of the Kerry Cancer Support Group's Health Link Transport Service.

The funds were officially presented to Breda Dyland, Manager of the Kerry Cancer Support Group, as the result of the Square to Share campaign an inspiring project that began in January and touched hearts across the globe. Thousands of handcrafted knitted and crocheted squares poured in from supporters worldwide. These were lovingly stitched into vibrant blankets by the Milltown group, which then adorned the charity's Cork-bound transport buses during Féile na mBláth in Tralee this past June. The blankets served as a moving visual tribute to community solidarity and support for those on a cancer journey.

"This incredible project truly inspired people and grew in ways we never could have imagined. We're deeply grateful to everyone who took the time to craft and send squares, to the Milltown group for assembling the blankets, to all who donated, and especially to Kaya, whose passion and dedication drove this campaign from the very start," Breda told Killarney Outlook.

Since 2010, the Health Link Transport Service has been a lifeline for cancer patients across Kerry, West Cork, and West Limerick, ensuring they can attend vital treatments in Cork and Limerick hospitals. Guided by the mission, "No one should face their cancer journey alone," the Kerry Cancer Support Group has supported over 75% of those diagnosed with cancer in the region.

In addition to transport, the charity offers information, emotional support, and educational outreach to families, schools, and community groups throughout the region. Their welcoming centre on Maine Street, Tralee is open to all who need guidance or a listening ear.

For more information or to support the Kerry Cancer Support Group, call 066 719 5560 or visit www.kerrycancersupport.com.



"Your kindness means the world to those we serve."

A Heartfelt Thank You For Donations

Christy Lehane of Kerry Friends of Motor Neurone (KFMN) has extended sincere thanks following the group's annual charity flag day collection, which took place on Friday, 20th June 2025 in Killarney town and surrounding stores.

"This year we were blessed with glorious sunshine, and the atmosphere throughout the town reflected that," said Mr. Lehane. "From early morning, our loyal volunteers turned out once again to man the various collection points. To each of them, and to the many generous donors we met on the day, a heartfelt thank you".

The collection raised an impressive €7,990.20, which will directly support those living with Motor Neurone Disease. Mr. Lehane highlighted how much the contribution means in today's economic climate:

"We deeply appreciate this generosity, especially during times when everything has become more expensive, including essential care and medical equipment. Sadly, the number of Motor Neurone sufferers continues to rise."

Mr. Lehane didn't shy away from addressing



the ongoing challenges facing the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association (IMNDA), which receives 86% of its funding from public donations: "This is, frankly, shameful. Time and time again we explain to the public why we must fundraise, and people are rightly shocked. In 2025, it is not acceptable that those living with such a debilitating disease must rely on small volunteer groups and kind strangers on the street to access the care they need."

He called on elected officials to take notice:

"Our public representatives must face the facts. The way Motor Neurone Disease is funded in Ireland needs to change. We urge government



agencies to provide realistic, sustainable funding instead of relying on people reaching into their pockets year after year."

Since its founding in 2011, Kerry Friends of Motor Neurone has worked tirelessly to raise both awareness and funds. Mr. Lehane acknowledged the many supporters who've stood by them over the years and reminded the public of the powerful efforts by the late Charlie Bird and Fr. Tony Coote, whose fundraising helped IMNDA hire additional nurses.

"This may seem like I'm getting a lot off my chest, but I speak not just for myself, but for countless people we met on the streets on June 20th. Their views, their anger, and their compassion need to be heard."

Once again, Kerry Friends of Motor Neurone thanks everyone who contributed to the success of this year's collection. "Your kindness means the world to those we serve."

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The Great Southern Killarney Partners with Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle in Support of Breakthrough Cancer Research

The Great Southern Killarney proudly reaffirmed its commitment to community and philanthropy by continuing its longstanding partnership with the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle as one of this year's main sponsors. Team members from both The Great Southern Killarney and its sister property, the Killarney Royal, took part in the iconic event, which draws thousands of cyclists annually in support of Irish charities. This year, the team rode in support of their official charity partner, Breakthrough Cancer Research, helping to raise vital funds for pioneering cancer research across Ireland. They were joined this year by Olympic medalist, Sonia O'Sullivan who is the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle ambassador for Breakthrough Cancer Research.

"We are proud to continue our official partnership with the team at Breakthrough Cancer Research for this year's Ring of Kerry Cycle, which aligns with our company value of embracing and nurturing our social responsibilities," said Michael Jacobi, Managing Director.

"The work they do is incredibly important, there wouldn't be many of us who haven't been affected by this disease, directly or indirectly. As a company, we take great pride in supporting our community, and this partnership ensures further, focused efforts to raise funds and awareness. We look forward to continuing our work with Dick White and the Breakthrough Cancer Research team on various initiatives as we strive to reach our fundraising goals and support their vital mission."



The Great Southern Killarney Partners with the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle in Support of Breakthrough Cancer Research. Front l to r: Dusan Ferko, Jamie Power, Sonia O'Sullivan, Michael Jacobi, Gary Prendergast. Back l to r: Joe Scally, Mark Scally & Eoghan O'Sullivan (Breakthrough Cancer Research)

EMMA MAKES HER FAMILY PROUD

It was a proud day for Rathmore as young gymnast Emma O'Riordan took home the silver medal at the National Gymnastics Finals, representing her club with poise, skill, and determination.

Competing in the U9 age category, Emma performed a beautifully executed routine that wowed the judges and secured her a spot on the podium. Emma's silver medal marks an incredible achievement at this level of competition, especially considering the depth of talent from across the country.

"Emma's success has sparked wonderful celebrations in the Rathmore/Gneeveguilla community, especially among her proud family, all the more special as this was her very first appearance at the Community Games National Finals."

Emma trains with Aerials Gymnastics Club under the guidance of her dedicated coaches Mariea and Emma Sheehy, who were both thrilled with her performance.

"Emma brings such positivity and energy to every training session," said coach Mariea. "Seeing her hard work pay off on the national stage was an incredibly proud moment for us all." It's safe to say it won't be her last appearance on the national stage!



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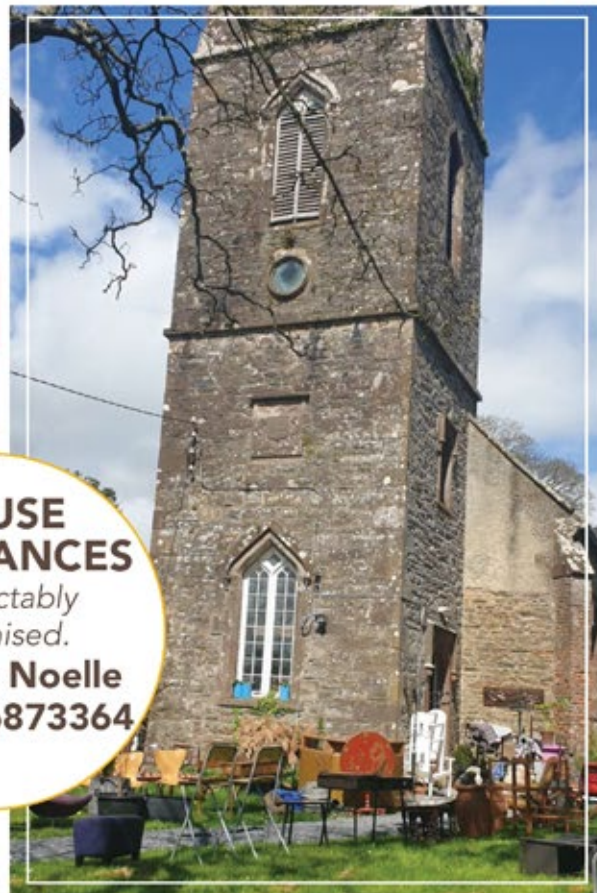
At a recent information clinic, The National Tourism Development Authority provided Danny Healy Rea with county specific details on Fáilte Ireland's investment programmes, destination development work, digitalisation, business and skills supports, festival funding and its work promoting tourism as a career in Kerry and the Wild Atlantic Way.

Pictured is Paul Kelly, CEO, Fáilte

Ireland, Danielle Favier, Fáilte Ireland, Danny Healy Rea, TD, and Paul Keeley, Fáilte Ireland, attending Fáilte Ireland's Oireachtas Information Clinic for TDs and Senators to hear first-hand about the work Fáilte Ireland teams are doing on the ground in Kerry to drive sustainable tourism, grow visitor numbers, increase tourism revenue and to support jobs across the constituency and region.



Pictured is Paul Kelly, CEO, Fáilte Ireland, Danielle Favier, Fáilte Ireland, Danny Healy Rea, TD, and Paul Keeley, Fáilte Ireland. Picture by Shane O'Neill, Coalesce.



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Participants in the Tommy Galvin Shield 2025

The Tommy Galvin Shield is now four years old and reached its maximum capacity this year with 72 players from 11 schools completing for the coveted prize of best school in the Killarney area at pitch and putt. Shirley, Helena and the staff of Deerpark Pitch and Putt Club gave the students their usual warm and supportive welcome, and the course looked in pristine condition for the big day. Every tee box was loaded with four players for the shotgun start and there was a palpable excitement about this year's event. The competition also had a record number of girls playing with eleven competing from six schools, showing the growing popularity of pitch and putt, and golf among the girls.

After a day of low scoring, the winner of the girl's competition was the multi-talented Annabelle Casey from Tiernaboul NS. The boy's competition was won by the equally multi-talented Aodhán O' Halloran of Kilcummin NS, winning by just one stroke. The winner of the team event and the much coveted Tommy Galvin Shield was St. Oliver's NS, with Fionn Culloty, Ronan Browne, Leo O' Riordan and Evan O' Donoghue topping the poll. This was the first time a school have won the shield for two years in a row and it was fitting that it was a St. Oliver's team, where the competition originated, and where Tommy Galvin taught until his retirement. Tommy was delighted with the day, bringing treats for the many students who enjoyed a fabulous day out. It was noted how well behaved every student was who competed. A big thank you to all the teachers and SNAs who helped with the various schools, and to Shirley, Helena and the staff of Deerpark Pitch and Putt Club, who were so welcoming to everybody.



The boy's competition was won Aodhán O' Halloran of Kilcummin



The winner of the girl's competition was Annabelle Casey from Tiernaboul NS.



The winner of the team event and the much coveted Tommy Galvin Shield was St. Oliver's NS, with Fionn Culloty, Ronan Browne, Leo O' Riordan and Evan O' Donoghue



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Killarney hosts Europe 50 YEARS ON

By DARAGH SMALL

He has two main roles this week, ball spotter in Killarney Golf & Fishing Club and masseuse at Croke Park.

Golf and Gaelic football have forever been intertwined throughout the course of Harry O'Neill's life and this week will be a little more extraordinary.

In the first part of the week he relives his memory of 1975, a 50-year wait to reminiscence on a simpler time when he caddied for the Italians at the European Amateur Team Championship. Then he turns his attentions to GAA headquarters for a date with Tyrone on Saturday evening, as the Kingdom look to book their place in another All-Ireland Senior Football Final.

And ironically, when he is making his way up the steps of the Hogan Stand to take his seat alongside the rest of the Kerry team, the action will be coming to a head back in his beloved Killarney.

"That would be an absolute dream week (if Ireland and Kerry won), hopefully that will happen," said Harry.

"Back in 1975, at 14 years of age, I would have been far more in tune with the top amateur

golfers in Ireland than I would be now.

"But I think one of the big things coming out of it, Shane Lowry, Rory McIlroy all these guys from previous years, you want to be there to see these young guys playing, who in a couple of years' time is going to be the guy that's hitting the top of the professional ranks?"

"It would be fantastic to look back and say, wow I remember him in Killarney."

There are 16 countries involved this week with the Killeen Course playing host to some of the stars of the future.

Michael Coghlan was another caddy back in the summer of 1975, he was 20 at the time and can recall some of the finer details of his week caddying for the star-studded English team. Michael was on the bag of Jeffrey Marks.

Caddies received a £5 payment for their week and that was another huge bonus as the sun beamed down on Lough Leane.

Unfortunately, the pollen count was also high and that meant a course of injections for Harry to stave off the dreaded hay fever.

Being a few years older, Michael (20) was able to soak up a bit more of the atmosphere in the town that week, and he has some fond



Harry O'Neill in action on course at Killarney.

memories of an historic event.

And although he has since moved to Meath, he still has a house in Killarney and has been a member of the club for almost 40 years – he will return to volunteer on course this week.

Harry is also steeped in the history of the club, the retired army captain turned physical therapist, was Captain of the Club in 2020 and 2021 during the Covid-19 Pandemic.

And as the European Team Championship makes history returning to the Kingdom, it is crucial to have lifelong members and volunteers still involved and devoting their valuable time and efforts.



The European Amateur Team Championships teed off on Tuesday morning. Photo: Laszlo Geczo / Inpho.



Michael Coghlan was looking forward to returning to the course 50 years on.

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GOLD GLORY FOR RYAN

at National Swimming Finals

Huge congratulations are in order for U16 swimmer Ryan van der Merwe, who brought home gold at the National Swimming Finals in Kilkenny last weekend. Ryan was representing Milltown/Listry at the Community Games, and his outstanding performance earned him top honours on the national stage.

A dedicated and talented athlete, Ryan is a member of Kingdom Swim Club, based in Tralee, where he trains throughout the year. His commitment to the sport will see him take to the water again later this month, when he represents Kingdom at the National Competition in the National Aquatic Centre, Dublin.

In addition to his swimming achievements, Ryan is also a keen footballer and plays with Listry GAA Club, showcasing his versatility and dedication across multiple sports.

His success is a proud moment for his family, his clubs, and the wider Milltown/Listry community. We wish Ryan the very best of luck in Dublin and look forward to following his continued success in the pool and on the pitch.



CCTV Cameras for Killarney

Kerry County Council has confirmed to Fianna Fáil TD, Michael Cahill that funding has been made available for 3 new CCTV schemes in Killarney, covering; The Town Centre, Killarney Outer and Ballyspillane and the project now awaits sign off from An Garda Síochána Data Protection Office before proceeding.



Deputy Cahill had raised the matter by way of Parliamentary Question to the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration, Jim O'Callaghan in the Dáil recently as it has been brought up regularly by people living in Killarney, the business community and Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce.

"I raised the matter in Dáil Éireann as well as with senior members of An Garda Síochána at the Joint Justice Committee. In modern society, CCTV coverage is vital for the protection of people and property and it is important that this scheme is up and running quickly" stated Deputy Cahill.

"Both my son Councillor Tommy Cahill and I recently attended a meeting with members of Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce and this was one of the main issues that they are anxious to get addressed in the town. Both Tommy and I will continue to follow up with Kerry County Council and An Garda Síochána to ensure that Killarney gets its new CCTV schemes, for the protection of all residents, business owners and visitors of this great town" added Michael Cahill TD.



Rambling House

Heritage Centre Scartaglen 14th July at 8pm.
Refreshments served all are welcome.

Poetry-Films: Workshops and Culture Night 2025 screening

Kerry's Writer in Residence Emer Fallon and Kerry's Filmmaker in residence Jesse Gilbert are offering in-person workshops as part of their collaboration project, Poetry-Films. The aim of the workshops is to combine the two artforms. Participants will be invited to craft a poem, or poems. One poem from each group will be selected to feature in a short film made on old-style motion picture celluloid film Super 8mm, filmed by workshop participants.

Emer and Jesse are currently seeking interested individuals and community groups who wish to take part in these workshops and the screening of the films on Friday 19 September as part of Culture Night Kerry programme at Siamsa Tíre.

Workshops will be delivered between 14 - 29 July. To register your interest please contact Jesse at jgilbertfilm@gmail.com or Emer at emerwriterinres@gmail.com by Friday 11 July. Spaces are limited.

Kerry's Artist in Residence programme supports artists from various disciplines in their own professional development, to create new work, while ensuring greater access to the arts for more people across Kerry. The Writer in Residence is co-funded by Kerry County Council and the Arts Council of Ireland. The Kerry Filmmaker in Residence is funded by Creative Ireland Kerry.

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Ian O'Connell Presented with Modified Ford at Circet All-Ireland GAA Golf Challenge Launch

Ian O'Connell was presented with a specially modified Ford vehicle at the official launch of the 24th annual Circet All-Ireland GAA Golf Challenge.

The presentation took place at Michael Lyng Motors, Kilkenny, where Ian received the vehicle from Michael Lyng, Vanessa Cunningham of Circet, and Challenge Organising Chairman Liam Daniels.

This year's eagerly anticipated Challenge will take place at the Killarney Golf and Fishing Resort on October 16th and 17th, bringing together GAA enthusiasts from across the country for two days of competitive golf and camaraderie.

The event continues to support inclusivity and community engagement, with Ian's involvement marking a special highlight at this year's launch.

The All-Ireland GAA Golf Challenge has long been established as the premier golf competition for Gaels, both at home and abroad and is now synonymous with its staging between the All-Ireland senior finals in September.



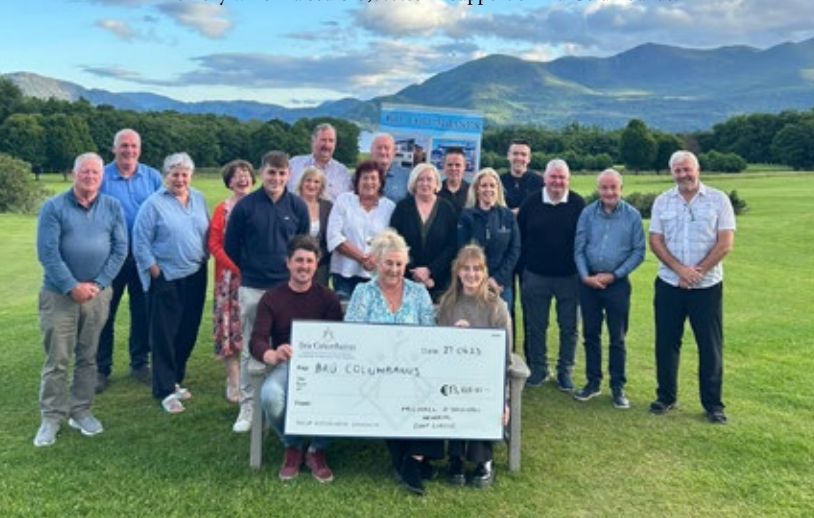
Ian O'Connell pictured at the launch of the All Ireland GAA Golf Challenge



Legends.... Ian O'Connell and Davy Fitzgerald at the launch.

Mike O'Sullivan Memorial Golf Classic Raises €13,665.83 for Bru Columbanus

Pictured are the family of the late Mike O'Sullivan and organisers of a golf classic in his memory which raised €13,665.83 in support of Bru Columbanus.



The Mike O'Sullivan Memorial Golf Classic, held on the 20th and 21st of June at Maine Valley Golf Club, proved to be a tremendous success, raising an impressive €13,665.83 in support of Bru Columbanus.

The O'Sullivan family and organising committee wish to extend their heartfelt thanks to Maine Valley Golf Club, Castlerosse Hotel, Faha Court, and to everyone who supported the event over the weekend—whether through participation, sponsorship, volunteering, or raffle contributions.

A huge congratulations to the winning team:

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Members of St. Brendan's Rowing Club honour life long member Donal Dux O'Donoghue

St. Brendan's Rowing Club recently held a special naming ceremony at Ross Castle to mark the launch of their new coastal rowing boat. The boat was named in honour of Donal "Dux" O'Donoghue, a lifelong member and dedicated supporter of the club.

Dux was joined at the ceremony by family, friends, fellow club members, and special guests including Mr. Bill Deasy, President of the Irish Coastal Rowing Federation, and committee members Mary B. Teahan and Andrew Wharton.

The new boat was made possible through funding from the National Lottery, alongside a year-long fundraising effort by the club.

Congratulations to all members who recently competed at the Whitegate Regatta in Cork on July 5th. The club is now looking forward to their next outing at the Flesk Valley Regatta on July 13th.

St. Brendan's Rowing Club welcomes new members. If you are interested in trying coastal rowing, please contact Brendan on 083 096 5503.



Donal Dux O'Donoghue pictured with his family.

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Anthony Cronin, crossing the finish line on his trusty penny farthing. He celebrated his 50th birthday on the day of the Cycle.

All Photos Killarney Camera Club.

Fantastic Turnout for Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle



Anto Cronin, who celebrated his 50th birthday on the day of the Cycle, with his 'Team Tony' support club.



Enda Walshe crossing the finish line.



Sonia O'Sullivan.



David Neeson with his daughter Eva.

Cathal Walshe, Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle PRO, received his medal from Maia and Helen O'Mahony, Brú Columbanus volunteers, on completing the Cycle.



Gabriel Breen shows his joy as he crosses the finish line.



All photographs taken by Killarney Camera Club will be available to download, free of charge.



ge, via the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle website - www.ringofkerrycycle.ie - on st August.

KCRU Extends Thanks Following Successful Three Peaks Challenge

Killarney Cardiac Response Unit (KCRU) would like to extend heartfelt thanks to the Killarney Cycling Club, participants, and generous sponsors of the recent Three Peaks Challenge event. The event was a tremendous success and a shining example of community spirit and collaboration.

KCRU, which provides a vital, entirely volunteer-based community first responder service across East, Mid, and South Kerry, depends on public support to cover significant operational costs and to deliver ongoing training to its dedicated team of volunteers.

A powerful symbol of that support came in the form of a €4,000 donation, which was proudly presented by the Three Peaks Committee. This contribution will go a long way in helping KCRU continue its life-saving mission.

In addition to the physical challenge, the event also served an educational purpose. On the day, participants were offered training in simple, life-saving techniques, empowering the public with knowledge that can make a real difference in emergencies.

KCRU, an organisation committed to fostering healthier and safer communities, was proud to partner with the Killarney Cycling Club in this inspiring initiative.



Golden Memories for Sheila and John O'Donoghue

Congratulations to Sheila and John O'Donoghue, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a beautiful family celebration at Ballygarry Estate last Saturday night.

The evening was filled with joy and nostalgia, as the couple marked 50 wonderful years of marriage in the very same venue where they held their wedding reception five decades ago.

They were joined by their seven children, along with their spouses and grandchildren, for a night of laughter, memories, and love. It was a truly special occasion for all in attendance, honouring a couple whose love and commitment have stood the test of time.

Wishing Sheila and John continued happiness, good health, and many more years of joy together.

Oscar-Winning Documentary NO OTHER LAND Draws Full Houses in the West End

A special screening of the Oscar-winning documentary No Other Land took place in the West End to an enthusiastic and sold-out audience.

The event, held in support of the charity Camp Breakerz, was a resounding success raising €2,100.00 through ticket sales and donations.

Guests were treated to a warm and welcoming evening, with cheese and wine served before both showings, creating a relaxed and social atmosphere.

The strong turnout and generous contributions made for a memorable night, all in support of a vital cause.

Pictured at the screening of the documentary were Kerry Walker, Susan O'Sullivan, Susan Iarkin, Mary O'Sullivan and Caroline Weeks





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KILLARNEY'S SCOTTS HOTEL LEADS WITH MAJOR BROADBAND UPGRADE

Scotts Hotel, a family-run business at the heart of Killarney, has completed a major broadband upgrade in partnership with Kerry-based provider Ivertec and national fibre network operator SIRO. The installation delivers future-proofed, high-speed fibre-to-the-premises connectivity, just in time for the busy summer season.

The enhanced service ensures seamless, reliable internet access for guests and staff, supporting everything from streaming and gaming to cloud-based operations and digital payments. A dual-path fibre system

provides uninterrupted service, even during outages.

This broadband boost is part of a wider €2 million investment by the hotel, which includes air conditioning installation, room renovations, and solar panel upgrades enhancing both comfort and sustainability.

Maurice O'Donoghue, Managing Director of Scotts Hotel, said:

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"People seek psychotherapy and counselling for different reasons. Maybe for you, it's a time of crisis, change or you're feeling stuck, unfulfilled or overwhelmed. You may feel life is out of kilter. Or you might be carrying something a long time and now feel ready to talk to someone about it. Taking that first step can be

daunting and takes courage," she added. Ernest Hemingway once said "In our darkest moments, we don't need advice", I believe what we need is the power of human connection and a reminder that you are not alone.

Carole offers a safe, confidential, non-judgmental space where you as the expert of yourself can explore your difficulties. "I will, with compassion and respect, support you to gain awareness and understanding of your needs", Carole said.

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Flesk Valley RC to Host Kerry County Championship Regatta

This Sunday, July 13th, the shores of Castletough Bay on the Lakes of Killarney will come alive with the sound of oars and cheers as Flesk Valley Rowing Club hosts the first Kerry County Championship Regatta of the year.

Hundreds of coastal rowers from 14 clubs across the county are expected to gather for a packed programme of 21 races, ranging from under-12 events to Masters categories. Among the clubs competing will be local favourites Flesk Valley, Fossa, Workmen, and St. Brendan's. "At the moment the weather forecast is looking

good and we are really looking forward to a great day of competitive rowing, and once again bringing the colour and energy of a coastal regatta to Killarney," Flesk Valley chairman John Fleming said.

He also thanked Killarney National Park and the Kerry Coastal Rowing Association for their support, as well as Flesk Valley's dedicated members and volunteers for their efforts in making the regatta possible.

The Kerry County Championship is a vital fixture in the regional coastal rowing calendar,

offering clubs essential racing experience in one-design boats ahead of next month's All-Ireland Coastal Rowing Championships, set to take place in Glenarm, County Antrim from August 15th to 17th.

Sunday's regatta runs from 9am to 4pm at the Flesk Valley boathouses (Eircode: V93 ED7Y). Admission is free, and all spectators are invited to attend what promises to be an exciting and vibrant day on the water.

Danny Healy Rae, TD Raises Planning and Development Amendment Bill in Dail Eireann

I am glad to get the opportunity to talk on this important matter to allow extension of time for planning developments that are held up for one reason or another.

Indeed, we had this facility a few years ago, where applicants could get a second five years if they looked for it. The then Minister, in his wisdom, decided to stop that because he felt that developers were hoarding land, benefiting from time and gaining money without building any house. I hope that does not happen with this. It should be for people who have started or who intend to start and are coming to building the houses.

This strict urban-generated pressure clause is ruling many young boys and girls out of building a house in Kerry in places around Castleisland, Killarney, Killorglin, Kenmare and Dingle if they are out four or five miles from the town. These people were never coming out from town. They want to remain alongside their parents. They want to buy a site from a farmer locally. They are being deprived and denied the right to do that. That is wrong. I have spoken to the Minister privately. I have spoken to him at length in the Chamber. I ask him to do something about that and ensure that these people get the chance to build their house. They are not asking for money or anything else. They are only asking for planning permission that I believe they are entitled to but, because of this clause, they are being ruled out. They are being stopped and denied

and it is wrong. Many of these people who have failed to get in in the past few years have gone abroad. They have gone as far away as Australia and New Zealand because they could not build a house for themselves at home.

The local authorities should be empowered to build smaller standard-type houses or modular homes. I hope that the Minister will allow granny-type flats at the back of houses that the Government has spoken about, and continue with them, but it seems to be delaying a bit.

I ask young couples that are building their own homes to build them smaller, and I ask the Government to encourage them to do so. There was a grant for houses that were built under 1,350 sq. ft in the 1970s and 1980s and people lived in them. Now they are building double that size and they are not using all the house, but it is costing them fortunes more to build the house

I plead with them to build smaller houses. They will save money and it will give them hope of getting going. VAT on building materials should be removed or reduced. There is no VAT on building materials in the North of Ireland or in the UK. I ask the Government to seriously consider that due to the cost of building houses. When houses have gone over €400,000, they are costing too much and are putting a noose around a young family's neck they may never disentangle themselves from.

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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 €202 and the winner was Aeneas O' Leary. 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.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Kerry Football Ladies on their win over Kildare on Saturday evening in Austin Stack especially Danielle O'Leary & Nora O'Connor, part of management. Kerry now play Meath on the weekend of July 19th in Tullamore

BEST OF LUCK to the Kerry team & management especially Shane Ryan & Paul Murphy in playing Tyrone in the All Ireland semi finals this Saturday evening in Croke Park at 5pm against Tyrone

KERRY MINORS

Hard luck to the Kerry minors on their defeat in the All Ireland final

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

The third Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Saturday 23rd of August 2025. Please note the date and consider taking part in this special time of prayer and reflection at Ireland's National Marian Shrine. Please check with your Pastoral Area regarding buses.

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RING OF KERRY CYCLE

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the Ring of Kerry cycle last weekend

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RATHMORE GNEEVEGUILLA COMMUNITY GAMES

Congratulations to Emma O'Riordan who won Silver All Ireland medal 2nd place at the Community Games National Finals 2025 held on Sunday in Kilkenny.

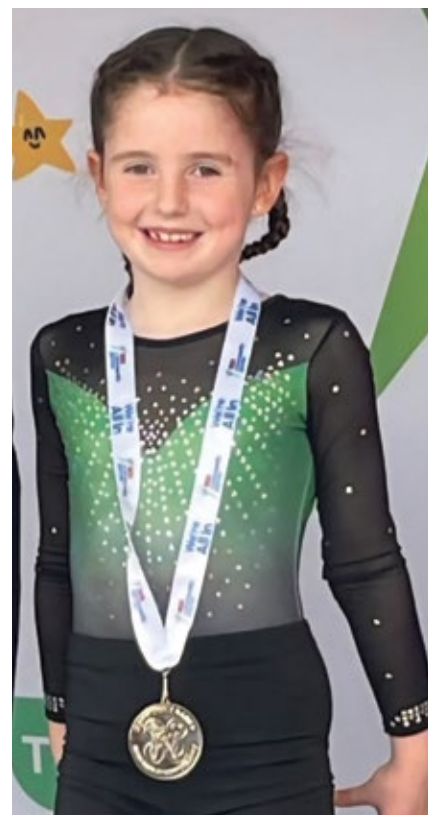
Emma was competing in the under 9 Girls Gymnastics Competition with 38 Girls competing from all over Ireland.

Emma put in many hours of training over the last few months perfecting her floor routine and all her hard work paid off winning an All Ireland silver individual medal.

Emma is following in the footsteps of her Mother Yvonne (Buckley) who was a previous U8 All Ireland Community Games Gold Medalist, and also Bronze Medalist when she competed in Athletics when the National Finals were held in Butlins Mosney, Co Meath. Congratulations to all the O'Riordan Family and a big thank you to Emma for representing Kerry and Rathmore Gneeveguilla Community Games.

NOTES

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



BEAUFORT PARISH

By Bridget Hartnett

FIXTURES

Good luck to Beaufort Senior Ladies who begin their senior Co League games this week. They will be away to Na Gaeil in the first game.

RESULTS

Glenflesk 1.16 Beaufort 4.10 in U16 Boys Co League, round 3.

Finuge 4.12 Beaufort 1.06 in Co League, Div. 6.

Beaufort 4.17 Kilcummin 1.23 in Senior Co League, Div.1.

Congratulations to Beaufort senior men's team and management who have retained their Division 1 status for 2026.

Our second team will play in Division 7 next year.

LOTTO

There was no winner of Beaufort G.A.A. Club lotto jackpot of €6,600 on Sunday, 6th July. Numbers: 9, 22, 24, 28. Consolation Prizes: €80 Stephen

Murphy, Ardrow and London. €50 Kevin O'Brien, Carnahone, Keith Bradley, Beaufort, Sarah Houlihan, online. The next draw for a jackpot of €6,800 will be on Sunday, 20th July. Tickets are €2 each, 3 for €5. A yearly ticket for all 26 draws is €50. They are available from usual sellers and online at www.beaufortgaa.com. Thank you for your continued support of our lotto.

USED CLOTHES COLLECTION

Thank you to everybody who donated to the used clothes collection and the organisers. It qualifies as one of our Green Club initiatives.

GOOD LUCK to Seán O'Brien, Mike Breen and the Kerry senior football team and management in the All Ireland senior football semi-final against Tyrone on Saturday, 12th July in Croke Park at 5pm

GLENFLESK PARISH

Written by: Sean Daly

FLESK FEST

Flesk Fest 25 is fast approaching! 18th to 20th of July in Barraduff Community Field. Dance Hall Friday, Gaelic for Mothers & Others Blitz on Saturday, Family Fun Day on Sunday, The All Ireland Hurling Final on Big Screen and great bands and performers throughout the weekend. Fully Licenced bar & food trucks all weekend, cocktail bar Saturday and Sunday. For ticket enquiries contact 087 2900476 or also available on the Clubforce App. Pre Sale of Online Weekend Pass of €30 for 3 days ends Thursday 17th July at midnight. Tickets are also available at the gate, €10 for Friday and €20 for Saturday or Sunday. It promises to be a great weekend!

CELEBRATION OF KERRY FOOTBALL


Tickets for Glenflesk GAA 'Celebration of Kerry Football' at 8pm on Thursday 17th July in Barraduff Community Field can be purchased in O'Donoghues, Barraduff, O'Briens Glenflesk, Frankie's, Barraduff, The Corner Bar & Spillanes Bar. Anyone looking for tickets please contact 087 2900476 or via the following link: <https://shorturl.at/v4Wdv>

CÚL CAMPS

Well done to all the children in Glenflesk who participated in Cúl Camps this week.

NOTES

If you would like anything added in the notes, please email to pro.glenflesk.kerry@gaa



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By Dermot Cronin,
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KILCUMMIN PARISH

Written by: Helen Moynihan

KILCUMMIN CCÉ

Wishing all of our competitors at Fleadh Cheoil na Mumhan next week in MTU Cork the very best of luck across set dancing, music, song, and comhrá.

KILCUMMIN LOOKING GOOD - TIDY TOWNS ADJUDICATOR

With the impending arrival of the Tidy Towns Adjudicator expected over the next few weeks, we would ask all house holders to make a special effort outside their houses to ensure it is presented at its very best. Please ensure if you are a dog owner that you take on your responsibilities associated with dog fouling on footpaths and park. We appreciate and thank you for your assistance and co-operation.

UPCOMING CEMETERY MASSES

Old Kilcummin Mass: Wednesday the 6th of August @ 7.30pm.

New Cemetery Mass: Monday the 4th of August at 7pm.

Please spread the word to those living away who would like to attend.

KILCUMMIN GAA By Donal Barry PRO

SENIOR COUNTY LEAGUE DIV 1

It was a defeat for the senior team in their final round of the Credit Union County Football League when they lost out in a high-scoring affair to Beaufort, 4-17 to 1-23. Level on 3 occasions in the early exchanges as points by Cian Lynch and Jack Fogarty put Kilcummin 0-5 to 0-3 clear before Liam Carey struck for the game's opening goal to put the home side back in front, 1-3 to 0-5. A brace of scores from Dara Stack and Paudie Moynihan levelled up matters once again before James Nagle netted for Kilcummin as James Foley's side went from 1-7 to 1-4 ahead by the 16th minute. Paul O'Shea added another point before a Brendan Kealy two-pointer gave Kilcummin a six-point lead. However, it was Beaufort that responded well to the challenge, with Sean Coffey raising two green flags to tie up matters at the break, 1-13 to 3-7. Both teams added a further ten points each in the second half, but Daragh Dennehy's all important goal within minutes of the restart proved the crucial score in the contest. With Division 1 status secured for 2026, all thoughts will now turn to the Kerry Petroleum Intermediate Football Club Championship, with games against Firies, Fossa, and John Mitchel's to come.

SENIOR COUNTY LEAGUE DIV 7B

Congratulations to our Division 7B team that were crowned Division 7 Cup winners when they defeated John Mitchel's in their final round game at home on Thursday evening. Needing a win to collect the two points to edge them to the top of the table the home side moved up the gears in the second half to win 3-19 to 1-8. The win secures promotion to Division 6 for next season.

UNDER 14'S

Hard luck to our U14 players who were part of the Eoghan Ruadh team that were defeated in the under 14 County District Semi Final in Fitzgerald Stadium losing out to neighbours East Kerry.

UNDER 15'S

Well, done to Cian Maher, Oran Lynch and Dara Keane who were all part of the Kerry South under 15 Development team that defeated Mayo South last Saturday in Gort.

UNDER 16

Our Under 16's collected their second win in Division 1A of the County Football League when they defeated Dr. Crokes 6-7 to 1-12 in an entertaining affair which took place at Kilcummin. Early goals by Dara Keane, Dean Moynihan and Dara Keane set the tone for the game.

KERRY MINORS

Hard luck to the Kerry Minor footballers on Sunday who were defeated at the death by Tyrone in a fantastic final. Our own Zach Cronin was a member of the panel. Well done to Zach for all his commitment throughout the season with them. It was great to see so many Kilcummin supporters in Newbridge.

KERRY UNDER 16'S

The best of luck to Sadbh O' Halloran and the U16 Kerry players & management who face Mayo in the All-Ireland under 16A final on Wednesday 16th July. Kilcummin LGFA Executive together with our U16 mentors are looking in to the possibility of running a bus to the U16 All Ireland Final on Wednesday 16th July in Nenagh. Throw in 7.30pm. Kilcummin LGFA Executive is subsidising some of the cost of the bus for club players in support of our club player Sadbh O' Halloran. The more seats we can fill, the cheaper it will be for everyone. If interested, please contact our club secretary directly on 087 9924603.

UNDER 10 GIRLS

Well done to our Under 10 girls who played very well in their Go Games v Spa on Saturday. Thank you to Spa for hosting us. We look forward to plenty of further games for this group during the summer.

MASTERGEEHA F.C.

LOTTO

There was no winner on Friday 4th July 2025 of the Jackpot €8,600. Numbers drawn were 09,10,14,18. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Pa Carroll; Séan Casey o/l; Breda & Tim O'Sullivan, Mastergeeha; Pat Fleming o/l. The next draw will be on Friday 11th July for Jackpot of €8,800.

LISTRY PARISH

Written by: Colette Leslie

LOTTO

Jackpot €10,450. Numbers Drawn 4, 8, 13, 21. Not Won. €100 Adam Bradley (online). €50 Jamie Mannix, Kilclogherane (online). €50 Teresa Commings, 34 Holycross Gardens. €25 Laura Kennedy. Lahard (online). €25 Laura Kennedy, Lahard (online). Jackpot next week 13/07/2025 €10,600

SENIORS

B team are away V Spa on Tuesday 15th JULY at 7.30pm

MINORS

Minor team are away to Spa on Monday 14th July at 7pm

U12s

A reminder that a Table Quiz will be held in Faha Court at 8pm on Friday, July 11th, to help fundraise for the U12 trip to play in Croke Park later this month. Tables of four cost €50 - all support would be greatly appreciated!

U14s

The U14s continue to prepare for the upcoming East Region U14 League, which commences on Tuesday, July 15th, away to Glenflesk.

U16s

The U16s' team is at home to John Mitchels this Thursday 10th July x at 7pm. Best of luck to the team!

CÚL CAMP

Cúl Camp ran last week in Listry, and the boys and girls had a fantastic week full of fun and football. It's always a highlight of the summer, and great credit goes to all involved in organising and coaching throughout the week

SPA PARISH

By Leanne Cronin

CREDIT UNION SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 1

Well done to the Senior team and Management on finishing 5th in the table with 12points. After 11 games, 5 wins, 4 losses and 2 draws.

CREDIT UNION SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 7B

Well done to the B team and Management that finished 2nd on the table after securing 10 points after 7 games, 5 wins and 2 losses.

BEST OF LUCK to our Senior Ladies who begin their Corrib Oil Senior Club League fixtures this week and also our Minor boys in the Keanes

SuperValu Division 3A Minor County League. Keep updated on Spa GAA ClubZap for updated results and upcoming fixtures.

SPA LOTTO 30/06/25 RESULTS

Numbers drawn: 1, 11, 14, 25 No jackpot winner Lucky dips €50 each: Sheila Hickey, Online; Laura Herlihy, Lissivigeen; Kathleen Kelliher, c/o Brendan Cronin; Sean O'Suilleabhain, Tiernabou

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HSE and the GAA working together to make Inclusive Cúl Camps accessible to a larger number of children with disabilities. Photo show Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth Norma Foley with Aoife O'Driscoll, HSE, and Tim Murphy, Chairman, Munster GAA Council, Pat O'Shea, Kerry GAA, Eithne Walshe CDNT, Matt O'Neill, Dr Crokes, Dara Stack, Joe Costello, Lorcan Martin, Angela O'Neill Head of Disability, HSE, Cllr Ann O'Sullivan, Marie Kehoe and Cúl Camp participants at the launch of the HSE / GAA Inclusive Cúl Camps which are accessible to a larger number of children with intellectual, physical and sensory disabilities and autism at Ballymacelligott GAA Grounds, Tralee, County Kerry on Monday. Photo: Don MacMonagle

HSE and GAA Launch Inclusive Cúl Camps Pilot in Munster

This summer, the HSE and the GAA are partnering on an exciting new pilot project aimed at expanding access to the popular GAA Cúl Camps for children with intellectual, physical, and sensory disabilities, as well as those with autism.

As part of this initiative, Inclusive Cúl Camps will be held in the Munster region, with two locations confirmed: CBS The Green in Tralee and Milltown GAA, both taking place in August. This collaboration between the HSE and the GAA marks a significant step towards making sport and recreation more inclusive for all children. The initiative will be rolled out nationwide in 2026, offering children with disabilities across the country the chance to participate fully in the fun and community spirit of GAA Cúl Camps.

The Health Service Executive (HSE) is committed to supporting people with disabilities to live full, independent lives in their communities. A key priority for the HSE is improving access for children and families to

community-based services and supports. This work is carried out in partnership with the Department of Children, Disability and Equality (DCDE), families, disabled persons' organisations, service providers, and voluntary and community groups. Currently, approximately 10.8% of children in Ireland, more than 130,000 children, have a disability. Meeting their needs requires a collaborative approach that goes beyond health services alone.

GAA Cúl Camps offer boys and girls aged 6 to 13 a fun-filled, action-packed week during the summer holidays. These camps focus on games-based learning, personal development, and well-being, all within a player-centred environment that celebrates inclusion and enjoyment.

In total, there will be 39 Inclusive Cúl Camps operating across the country this year, providing opportunities for over 1,100 children with additional needs to take part in a mainstream Cúl Camp experience.

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Bottom L to R: Alison Bartley, Tara O'Connell, Holly Burke, Eimear Corbett, Esmée Van Benthem, Alannah Daly, Ellen Barry, Meabh Kennedy, Abbie Fleming, Eimear O'Sullivan, Anna Mangan. Missing from the photo: Hannah Byrne.

MKL Gaels U15 team along with families and supporters travelled to Derry last Friday for a 2-night stay to compete in the Division 1 All-Ireland Féile competition. A combination of bad luck, misfortune, circumstances and the occasion seemed to undermine this Féile Team of 23 players and 4 coaches.

In Tournaments such as this, with 12 minutes a half, a good start is vital, and goals are critical. Unfortunately, as the saying goes "when things go wrong, they go badly wrong".

The first game against Ballinderry began with an issue over jersey colour clash which took time to rectify.

A game MKL could have and should have won, MKL conceded a goal in the first 20 seconds and were left with a battle on their hands.

Trailing by a point at the end of the second half and pushing hard for the equaliser, the game was blown up prematurely, possibly due to time constraints and the delay caused by the jersey issue at the start of the game.

The Ballinderry Team continued to make the Cup Final.

In the second game against Claregalway, the eventual Cup winners, MKL again started slowly. Claregalway were a fast, slick and well drilled outfit but, in truth, MKL never got going. The final score saw MKL losing by five points and failing to score.

Facing into the third game, against New York, a shield semi-final guaranteed, players were rested. A game that ebbed and flowed MKL ended up losing the game by three points.

New York went on to win the Shield.

Heads had dropped now going into the final game facing Charleston of Mayo. Unfortunately, the 7min substitutions was not called and this resulted in playing the full first half without key players. A dubious penalty was called for a foot block in the second half. The girls fought hard and had the lion's share of possession but failed to get across the line.

Another game that should have been won but, unfortunately, was lost by a point. A yellow card in the second half only served to compound MKLs problems.

If there are any positives to be drawn from these results it is that all the winners and finalists came from the MKL group.

There is no doubt that had MKL been firing on all cylinders any number of these games could have gone in their favour.

However, results aside, a great weekend was had by all. It is hard to imagine how the girls could have enjoyed the after party anymore if they had won, singing and dancing until the early hours.

A great experience and memories for life, for all the girls and coaches. There is no doubt that the girls will learn and grow from this experience and bounce back with renewed enthusiasm.

Many thanks to the players and management for representing the club with real pride over the weekend. It was fantastic to see so much colour and noise from the traveling support and once again the club is extremely grateful to all sponsors who came on board to help as well as the many parents who helped in the organising. The team have gladly accepted an invitation to compete in the National 7s competition in Kilmacud Crokes, Dublin on August 2nd where they'll once again take on the winning Féile teams from other counties. Watch this space - onwards and upwards ladies!!

Free Summer Concert Series

Showcasing Irish Folk and Global Fusion Music in Killarney

This summer, the heart of Killarney will come alive with the vibrant sounds of Irish folk and world music, as The Anam Sessions, a series of free early evening concerts, kicks off on Monday, July 14 at 7 PM at the ANAM Cultural Centre, East Avenue.



Tim O'Shea, a stalwart of Kerry's traditional music scene, pictured with special guest Samuel Kiwanuka, a gifted vocalist and percussionist originally from Kampala, Uganda,

The series opens with a unique musical experience featuring Tim O'Shea, a stalwart of Kerry's traditional music scene, alongside special guest Samuel Kiwanuka, a gifted vocalist and percussionist originally from Kampala, Uganda, and now based in Tralee. Together, Tim and Samuel form two-thirds of the acclaimed fusion group Afro Trad Ireland, known for their lively blend of African rhythms and Irish traditional melodies.

Now in the second week of an eight-week run, Tim O'Shea will be joined by a different musical guest each Monday evening, showcasing new and emerging talent from Kerry and beyond. On July 14, audiences can expect a high-energy performance of dance tunes, heartfelt songs, and captivating rhythms — a folk fusion journey bridging continents and cultures.

Samuel Kiwanuka has been a beloved figure on the local music scene for over 18 years. His collaboration with Tim O'Shea dates back to 2012, with numerous performances across the southwest of Ireland. Their musical chemistry, enriched by the diverse lineup of musicians they've worked with over the years, brings something special to every show.

The Anam Sessions promises more than just great music. Set in the lush, flower-filled courtyard of the ANAM Centre, it offers a relaxed, family-friendly atmosphere perfect for summer evenings. Attendees are encouraged to come early, enjoy the ambiance, and prepare to be delighted by a mix of old favorites and fresh sounds.

Running every Monday at 7 PM through early September, the concert series will feature surprise guests, new faces, and plenty of musical diversity — all celebrating the rich tapestry of local and global folk traditions.

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Ingredients

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- 1 level tsp piri-piri spice mix*
- 2 tsp tomato purée
- 500g skinless and boneless chicken breasts, cut into long, thin strips
- Low-calorie cooking spray
- Lemon wedges, to serve

Method

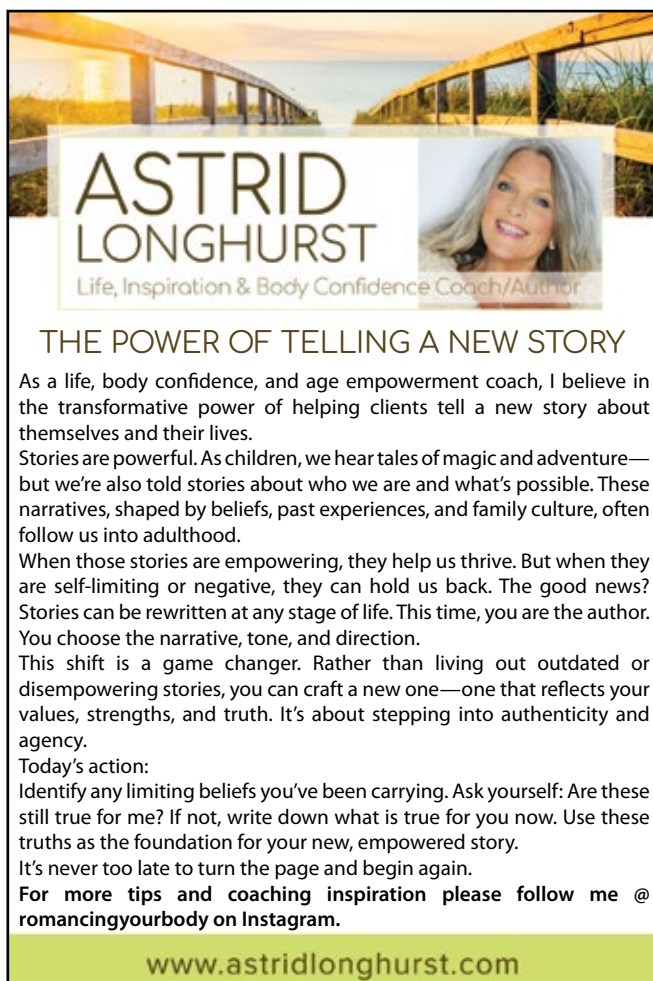
Mix together the lemon juice and zest, garlic, piri-piri spice mix and tomato purée in a large bowl, then season lightly. Stir in the chicken, making sure it's well coated, and marinate in the fridge for at least an hour.

Preheat your grill to medium or get your barbecue coals white-hot.

Thread the chicken in a zigzag pattern onto 8 skewers (if you're using wooden ones, soak them for 20 minutes first to stop them burning) and spray with low-calorie cooking spray. Cook for 12-15 minutes or until cooked through, brushing with the marinade, spraying with low-calorie cooking spray and turning several times. Serve with the lemon wedges.

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Q2: What are some quick ways to stay active during the workday?

A: Look for "micro-movements" throughout your day. Stand up and stretch every hour, walk around while on phone calls, or do calf raises while brushing your teeth. Consider walking meetings or a standing desk setup. Every little bit adds up, and moving regularly helps with energy, focus, and even mood.

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Glaucoma may not have symptoms and this is why it is very important to have regular sight tests.

RISK FACTORS
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SYMPTOMS
The danger with open-angle or

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Three members of Rathmore INTO who recently retired from teaching were honoured at a special function in Killarney this week. Our photo shows Maura Daly (35yrs), Claire Jones, (35yrs) and DJ Golden, (29yrs) with INTO National President Anne Horan, Paudie Dineen, Chairman, Marie Foley, organiser, Grace Fitzgerald, Secretary and Tracey Tobin, GEC. Photo: Don MacMonagle

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WORKMAN'S ROWING CLUB

FLESK VALLEY ROWING REGATTA – SUNDAY, JULY 13TH, 2025

As summer reaches its height and the sun takes centre stage, we're excited to attend the annual Flesk Valley Regatta, which is taking place on Sunday 13th July 2025 at the beautiful lakes of Killarney.

Preparations are well underway — our crews and the management team are in full swing, fine-tuning boats and sharpening their skills for what promises to be a fantastic day of racing and celebration.

Coastal rowing will be in full display throughout the weekend in Killarney, adding even more colour and excitement to the annual festivities.

We look forward to enjoying the sunshine, and soak in the electric atmosphere of one of the highlights of our summer calendar of rowing in Killarney.

Best of luck to all our crews on the day – see you at the lake!

ONGOING TRAINING

Regular training sessions continue as scheduled throughout the week. Consistency and teamwork in training remain key, keep showing up, pushing forward, and supporting one another.

KILLARNEY SWIMMING CLUB

2025 IRISH SUMMER NATIONAL AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS

Killarney Swimming Club will be well represented at the 2025 Irish Summer National Age Group Championships from 10th - 13th July at the UL Sport Arena. Five swimmers will compete over the four day event in the hope of making finals. Sarah Quirke, Evan O'Donoghue, Aoibhín Heinemann, Aoife Coffey and Lily Larkin have been training alongside Kingdom Swimming Club in Tralee for the past six weeks in preparation for the event. This targeted training has involved daily pool sessions, a gym programme and practice sessions at UL. The swimmers are led by their Head Coach Sean Farndon and Kingdom Coaches Ger McDonnell and Spela Cvar. The club would like to thank



Aoife Coffey, Evan O'Donoghue, Lily Larkin, Aoibhín Heinemann and Sarah Quirke competing at the 2025 Irish Summer National Age Group Championships this weekend.



Representing Spa Muckross at the Community Games Swimming Finals - Evan O'Donoghue won a National Bronze Medal in the U14 50 Fly.

Kingdom for all of their support during this training. Having the two clubs come together and support each other and has been of huge benefit to the swimmers.

We wish our swimmers and the Kingdom Swimmers the very best of luck this weekend.

COMMUNITY GAMES

Five Killarney Swimming Club members represented their county at the Community Games National Finals in The Watershed Kilkenny at the weekend. It was a Podium

Finish for Evan O'Donoghue, taking the bronze medal in the U14 50m Fly. Adam Tomlinson, Reece O'Donoghue and Daniel Cremin who were part of the U13 Boys Relay Team, had a 5th place finish. Congratulations to Cora Sheehan finishing 9th overall in the U12 50m Free. A huge well done to Reece O'Donoghue placing 10th overall in the 50m Back. Fantastic to see so many Killarney swimmers representing Kerry on a National Level through Community Games.



Representing Spa Muckross at the Community Games Swimming Finals -U13 Boys relay team of Daniel Cremin, Reece O'Donoghue, Colin Murphy and Adam Tomlinson



Representing Spa Muckross at the Community Games Swimming Finals Reece O'Donoghue finished 10th overall in the U12 50m Back.



Members of Fossa Rowing club training on the lakes

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SPA MUCKROSS COMMUNITY GAMES

The Community Games National Swimming Finals took place at the Watershed in Kilkenny at the weekend. Five Spa Muckross swimmers represented Kerry. Congratulations to Evan O'Donoghue on achieving a National Bronze Medal in the U14 50 Fly.

The U13 Boys relay team of Daniel Cremin, Reece O'Donoghue, Colin Murphy and Adam Tomlinson had a very exciting race and finished in 5th place. Reece O'Donoghue finished 10th overall in the U12 50m Back.

Well done to all the boys doing their club and county proud.

FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB

RESULTS FOR 3RD JULY

1st: Hanneke Nieman & Don O'Sullivan

2nd: Marie O'Sullivan Kenmare & Horst Rosler

3rd: Phyllis O'Regan & Pauline Lyne

Well done.

SUMMER BRIDGE continues every Thursday morning at 10am at The Castlerosse Hotel. All bridge players are welcome.

FOSSA ROWING CLUB

PARISH LEAGUE

Rounds 2 and 3 of our Parish League played out last Wednesday in glorious sunshine with some top class rowing across all crews and most importantly some great fun had by everyone! We even had an eagle swoop down to take a look at our new pontoon! Well done to all the crews, epic support once again by our younger members.

At the moment Crohane lead the way on 11 points with Two Mile and Beaufort on 10. Barleymount, Faha and Aghadoe all have 9 points with 2 rounds remaining. There will be no Parish League this week due to the Regatta next weekend.

FLESK VALLEY REGATTA

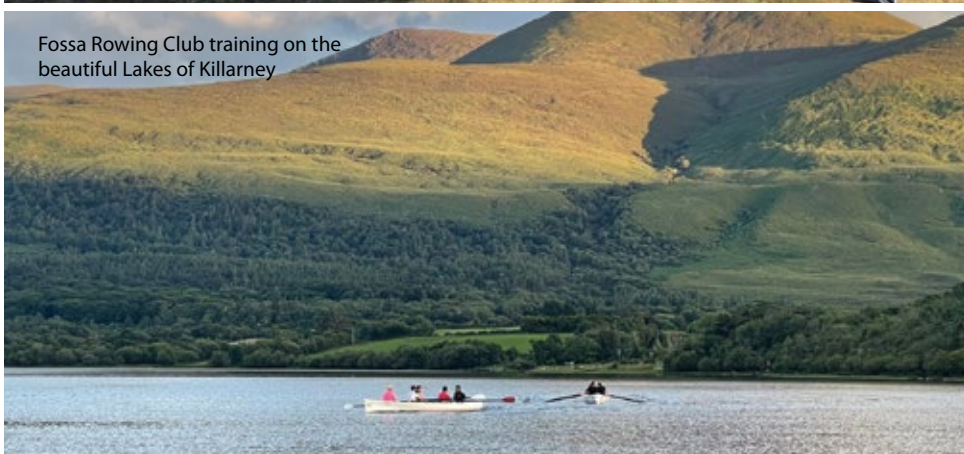
Best of luck to all crews taking part in the Flesk Valley this Sunday, fingers crossed for good weather.

KILLARNEY VALLEY ATHLETIC CLUB

CONGRATS to Finn Moloney who took the



Flesk Valley Rowing Club members enjoying the 'Counties' regatta hosted by Ballinacurra Rowing Club, in Whitegate, Co. Cork last weekend.



Fossa Rowing Club training on the beautiful Lakes of Killarney

Bronze Medal with a great 2.30m clearance and Personal Best at the National Juvenile Track & Field Championships in Tullamore a few weeks ago.

THE NATIONAL U20/U23 CHAMPIONSHIPS were held in Tullamore last weekend. Felice Covillon ran a great race to claim the bronze medal in the U20 3000m Steeplechase with a PB of 9.56.73. Dara Looney won the Bronze medal in the U23 Long Jump with a massive new PB of 6.58m. Eoin O'Reilly secured a silver medal in the U23 400m Hurdles Final. Jason O'Reilly placed 5th in the U20 400m Hurdles with a PB of 56.98. Congrats and well done to all.

SUMMER CAMPS

Our Summer Camps are booking out fast on our website. You have 3 weeks to choose from. 21st -25th July, 28th July – 1st Aug, and 11th Aug – 15th Aug. Book now to avoid any disappointment.

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

FLESK VALLEY ROWING CLUB

Next weekend's county championship regatta follows on from a very successful and enjoyable day out for Flesk Valley in Whitegate east Cork last Sunday (July 6th), at the Irish Coastal Rowing Federation 'Counties' regatta. Flesk Valley travelled in great numbers for their first regatta of the season and were delighted to get lots of very competitive races across all categories. The club is grateful to coxes, Saoirse Sweeney, Kieran Counihan, Colm O'Suilleabháin, John Fleming, Tadhg Kelly and Donal Kelly, and Breda Burke and Caoimhe Kelly for boat wrangling on shore, and also to John Fleming for towing the boats.



Flesk Valley Mixed Under 21 Crew who won gold at the 'Counties' regatta hosted by Ballinacurra Rowing Club, in Whitegate, Co. Cork last weekend. L-R Gearoid Sugrue, Eoghan Kelly, Clíodhna Sweeney and Amy Healy.



Flesk Valley Under 16 Girls enjoying the sunshine at the 'Counties' regatta in Whitegate last weekend. L-R Deirbhile Purcell, Sophie Sharma, Blathnaid O'Connell, Doireann Kelly, Maebh O'Connor, Alice Hickey and Jennifer Rea.



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

3rd Friday

7.30 PM
8.00 PM
8.15 PM
9.00 PM
9.30 PM

Castleisland Area

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

1st Wednesday

8.00 PM
8.30 PM
9.00 PM
9.30 PM

Killarney Area

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

4th Thursday

7:00 PM
7.30 PM
8.15 PM
8.45 PM

Killorglin Area

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

1st Thursday

8.30 PM
9.00 PM
9.30 PM
10:00 PM

Glenflesk & Barraduff

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

4th Friday

8.30 PM
9.30 PM
10.00 PM
10.45 PM

Kenmare & Sneem Area

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

1st Friday

9.30 PM
10:00 PM
10:30 PM

Tuosist & Lauragh

Sailors Bar, Killaha West
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The Lake House Tuosist

Last Monday

8:00 PM
8:30 PM
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Farranfore Area

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Planning Permissions need to be granted to ease the housing crisis

Urgent action is required to address the lack of housing available across Ireland and Local Authorities are at the heart of the solution, according to Kerry TD, Michael Cahill. The Fianna Fáil man has written directly to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, James Browne TD to request all Local Authorities to play their part in helping to address the Housing Crisis.

"Local Authorities urgently need to start granting Planning Permission for one off housing and I have called upon the Minister to request all Local Authorities to play their part in helping address the Housing Crisis. They can do this by amending their County Development Plans/Area Plans and granting Planning Permission to all applicants who clearly demonstrate a rural housing need. If an applicant is from the area, living in the area, working in the area, went to school in the area, they should qualify for Planning Permission to build a home in the area" stated Deputy Michael Cahill.



"We are forcing applicants onto our Housing lists by refusing one off houses. This has the affect of making the problem worse and we must reverse this now and get to a situation where houses are available to those who need them" said the Fianna Fáil Spokesperson for Older People and Tourism.

"I am anxious to get housing units available for all and I have urged that we introduce good quality Modular Housing to increase the supply

available. Modular houses are available at a very high standard, are economical to heat and maintain and have a life span of up to 80 years. Many people have told me that they would be delighted with such a home. Young couples in Killorglin, Cahersiveen, Castleisland, Killarney, Dingle and Kenmare confirmed to me that they would be very happy with a Modular home" said the Rossbeigh TD.

"Free up land, relax planning requirements and introduce Modular Housing and I believe that a marked improvement will be seen in early course in our efforts to house our people, I believe. Naturally we do need a mix of affordable, social, private, including low cost sites" stated Michael Cahill TD.

"My son Councillor Tommy Cahill has also raised this matter in Kerry County Council and he will pursue this important issue for our people" added Deputy Cahill.

COULD KILLARNEY BE THE VENUE FOR THE EUROPEAN PRESIDENCY 2026?



The suitability of Killarney to host summit meetings of international Government Ministers, during Ireland's upcoming 6 month tenure of the European Presidency in 2026, has been highlighted by the Fianna Fáil Spokesperson on Tourism, Michael Cahill TD. He believes that the provision of accommodation, food, conference facilities, etc, that is available in Kerry is second to none, with Killarney as its

centrepiece.

"Visitors from every corner of the earth have been coming to Kerry for centuries now, to experience its beauty and serenity and have returned on many occasions because of the fabulous time they have enjoyed during their stay here. Where else would you want to bring the senior Government Ministers of all of our EU counterpart states, to experience Ireland, its customs and heritage" stated Deputy Cahill.

"During their downtime, they can visit the Blaskets and Sleah Head, Sceilg Mhichíl and the Ring of Kerry, Killarney's Lakes, Gap of Dunloe, National Park and Sliabh Luachra, all of our glorious beaches from Ballybunion to Rossbeigh, Kells to Ventry, Whitestrand to Inch, Ballinskelligs to Cromane, Waterville to Derrynane. Kerry's Golf Courses are second to none, with so many to choose from. On to Listowel Writers Week and the Rose of Tralee and to top it all off 3 days at Puck Fair" said the Rossbeigh TD.

"I have already raised this important matter with An Taoiseach, Micheal Martin, the Tanaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs Simon Harris and the Minister of State at the Department of the Taoiseach and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade with special responsibility for European Affairs Thomas Byrne. If Killarneys bid is successful in bringing the Heads of State to our county for meetings, conferences and functions, it will be a massive boost to the local economy in Killarney and also throughout the county" stated Deputy Cahill.

"Kerry and Killarney have the experience and the facilities to provide the ultimate experience for these very important visitors, who will bring tales of their travels home with them, initiating a fabulous marketing campaign on our behalf. I will continue to push in the coming months for Killarney and Kerry to be included as bases for the rounds of meetings that are to take place from July 1st to December 31st 2026" added Michael Cahill TD.

STORM WATER OVERFLOWS


At the recent Killarney Municipal District Kerry County Council Meeting, Cllr. John O'Donoghue requested that the council would write to Uisce Éireann to ask how many times were the Storm Water Overflow valves in Killarney checked during 2024 to ensure all were working correctly and that all necessary screens etc were still in place.

These screens are vital during times of heavy rainfall when our storm water network and sewerage network overflow into one another, a system which is far from ideal but regrettably is the norm in towns around our country due to our sewerage systems dating back to Victorian times.

Ideally, Uisce Éireann would spend millions rectifying this anomaly, but it will not happen any time soon as the figures required would actually run into billions they don't have. These screens prevent solid pieces of raw sewage from entering out waterways and it is of utmost importance that they are checked regularly to ensure they are working correctly. As I have mentioned previously in this chamber, one only has to look to Lough Neagh to see what can happen when proper procedure and checks are not in place. Our Lakes of Killarney are the jewel in our crown and must be protected.

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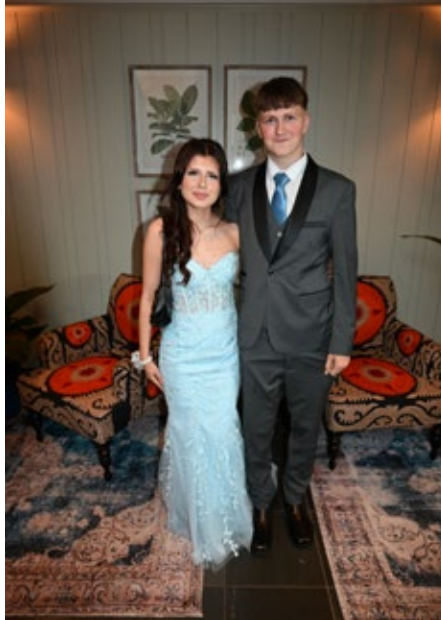
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BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB

**RESULTS FROM BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB
5TH/6TH JULY
MEN'S RESULTS**

Golfer of the Year Round 4 - The Bill McDonald Trophy - sponsored by Kismet Weddings.

1st: Conor Bohane (11) 68 nett
2nd: Michael B Coffey (18) 69 nett
3rd Ryan Sweeney (11) 70 nett

12TH/13TH JULY 18 HOLE STABLEFORD
sponsored by EBS Castleisland and Killarney.

SUNDAY JULY 20TH EXCHANGE DAY with Ceann Sibeal GC sponsored by The Dingle Skellig Hotel.

LADIES' RESULTS

18 hole V-Par sponsored by WAZP 3D Printing, Tralee

1st: Stephanie Lane (28) 4 Up
2nd Maire Ní Loinsigh (19) 1 Up (B9)
3rd: Colleen Coffey (23) 1 Up

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NATIONAL O55'S STROKEPLAY

Both Connie O'Sullivan (Intermediate) and Paddy Murphy (Junior) finished in the Top 20 of their respective grades in the Finals in Riverdale, Nenagh last Saturday but did not feature amongst the prizes unfortunately.

SUNDAY DRAWS

Two Ball Scramble- First Nett: Dan Kiely & John Looney 34, Gross: John Looney & John Murphy 47 (B9).

COMMISERATIONS To both Ben Kelliher and Mark O'Carroll on the Kerry Minors defeat to Tyrone in the All-Ireland final last Sunday.

SUMMER SERIES

In association with the Flesk Restaurant, results of Wednesday July 2nd event- First Nett- Nathan Cronin, Jamie Lowe, Trey Hurley & Ella Lowe 35, Second Nett- Ben Kelleher, Gavin Madigan, Luke Looney & Ryan Lowe 35 1/3. These continue every Wednesday during the summer at 7pm. Entry €5 for adults, €2 for U16's.

CHAIRMAN'S PRIZE

Looking forward to seeing everyone this evening (Friday) for Sean Kelly's event. Juvenile event at 3.30pm followed by Adults teeing off afterwards and the last tee-time at 6pm. Prizes for this event, the Captain's Prize and Willie Parker will

be presented on the night at approximately 9pm. Juvenile event a Two Ball Scramble while the Adult event is 36 Holes Singles V Par.

MUNSTER STROKEPLAY

Best Wishes to Damien Fleming (Senior), Connie O'Sullivan and Ger Casey (Intermediate), Paddy Murphy (Junior) along with Eileen McCarthy and Jean O'Shea in the Ladies events this weekend at Collins in Cork.

ROSS GOLF CLUB

RESULTS

On July 5th and 6th we held the Frank Doran/ Safeguard Security Backstages strokeplay competition.

The winners were :-

1st: Dan Cronin 68 (12)
2nd: Maurice O'Shea 69 (15)
Gross: Alan Flynn 79

Division 1 (0 to 12)

1st: Ryan Scott 71 (10)
2nd: Mike Brosnan 72 (8)

Division 2 (13 to 20)

1st: Barry O'Grady 71 (13)
2nd: Terence Mulcahy 71 (14)

Division 3 (21 up)

1st: John Hurley 71 (25)
2nd: Brendan Collins 72 (21)

On Tuesday July 1st the third of our Open Days in the Summer Series took place

The winners were:-

1st: Lucas Cronin 20pts
2nd: Thomas Shields 18 pts

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

The winners were :-

1st: Colm O Keffe 24 pts (12)
2nd: Pat Mitchell 22 pts (10)
3rd: Maurice Coffey 21pts (18)
4th: John Hurley 21pts (14)

On Friday July 4th we held our Friday Evening Mixed 10 hole scramble

The winners were:-

1st: Michael J Sullivan, Elaine Casey, Denis Desmond, Maurice Coffey.
2nd: Dan Cronin, Frank Guerineau, Sam Guerineau, Mike O Leary.
3rd: Joe Scally, Anthony O Mahony, Michael

O'Leary, Ted Connolly.

FIXTURES

On Friday 11th our Friday evening mixed 10 hole scrambles will continue. Please get your name on the entry sheet before 5.30pm to enable us to be playing golf by 6pm. No Late entries allowed.

On Saturday July 12th and Sunday 13th we will hold a non qualifying Fourball Betterball competition kindly sponsored by Larkfield House B&B. The usual process applies for tee time bookings for both days.

ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB

RESULTS OF 18 HOLE & 9 HOLE (CLUB SPONSORED) COMPETITIONS ON SATURDAY 5TH JULY. WELL DONE TO EVERYONE WHO PLAYED

18 Hole Results

1st: Jennifer Nash

9 Hole Results

1st: Miriam Hickey
2nd: Eileen O'Riordan

EXCHANGE DAY WITH BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB

A lovely morning of golf was had at our Exchange Day with Beaufort Golf Club. Thanks to everyone who took part and congratulations to our winners.

The winning team were Mary Gorman, Therese O'Keeffe and Maureen Beecher. Well done

CHALLENGE CUP

Best of luck to the Ross Golf Club in the Challenge Cup playing Dooks Golf Club in Ross Golf Club

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS MEET & PLAY

Meet and play every Wednesday morning. Meet in the Club House 10.00am tee off 10.30am. Enter via the BRS App. All Members welcome.

GOLF LESSONS

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

KILLARNEY RACE COMPANY

Best of luck to Killarney Race Company for the upcoming Races from Monday 14th July to Friday 18th July 2025.



At the presentation of the prizes for the Bake Killarney sponsored competition at the Ross GC are :-
Front (l to r): Johnny Brosnan, Peter Wickham, Captain, Niall O'Connell
Back (l to r): Eoin Moriarty, Lucas Cronin, John O'Driscoll, Daniel Cronin, Donald McSweeney, David Murphy, Mike O Keffe



At the presentation of the prizes for the Donie Broderick Plumbing & Heating sponsored competition at the Ross GC are :-
Front (l to r): David Murphy, Donie Broderick, Peter Wickham, Captain
Back (l to r): John Ivory, John O'Driscoll, Daniel Cronin, Maurice Coffey, Johnny Brosnan, Lucas Cronin, John Cuskelly, M J Casey

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The Cronin family Jim, Denis, Cait, Niamh Aoibhín, Gráine and Anto Cronin and his Penny Farthing Bike with extended family and friends from Killarney town centre enjoying the craic after the Ring of Kerry Cycle to aid charities on Saturday. Photo: John Cleary KHF.



Patrick Eviston, Killarney and on right John Scannell, Glenflesk, received their Medals after completing the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle on Saturday. Photo: by John Cleary KHF.



The family were there to meet the heroes after their 06.00am start on the Ring of Kerry Saturday morning in aid of four charities and after a tough cycle returned to the starting point after seven hours. I-r Eamon Cotter with Ailbhe and Shey Cotter, Larkin Vicky, Emma, Joan, Kieran and Jerry Cotter, Killarney. Photo: by John Cleary KHF.



David O'Keeffe, is met by his girlfriend Marita Anne Hickey, both from Knocknagree, after the Ring of Kerry Cycle fundraising for four charities on Saturday, pictured at the finishing line after receiving his medal. Photo: by John Cleary KHF.



Crossing the Finishing Line In Style

Families gather to congratulate cyclists at the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle



Cycling the Ring of Kerry takes eight to ten hours but it means competing with the wind and rain, but with a smile on their face, they take it in there stride, I-r Ben O'Dee, Knocknagree, Denise Smyth, Millstreet, Sean Dineen, Knocknagree and Thomas Marshall, Kanturk. Photo: by John Cleary KHF.



From left Mike Regan, Tralee and the three O'Shea brothers I-r Mark, Niall and Kevin O'Shea, from Kielduff, Tralee, pictured in Killarney after cycling the Ring of Kerry on Saturday for Charities, with Mark coming back from Australia for the event. Photo: by John Cleary KHF.



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Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through clubzap.

KILLARNEY CELTIC SUMMER CAMPS

Week 1 ran last week from Monday June 30th - Friday July 4th. Week 2 is from Monday July 14th -Friday July 18th. Bookings through Clubzap Clubs App.

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LOTTO

No.s 1,10, 20,22. One winner of the Jackpot of €2600 - congratulations to Emma O Sullivan,

Farranfore. Next draw for a Jackpot of €2000- will take place on Monday next 14th July at Butlers Bar ,Firies. Tickets available from Committee members, Sheehans filling station, Farranfore, Spar & Hendersons shops, Firies & Butlers Bar, Firies. Thanks to all who support & Help out with the club lotto.

SYMPATHY

The club offers its condolences to the O'Callaghan Family, Tralee Road on the passing of Isabelle & condolences to the Healy Family, Faha on the passing of Treasa. May both rest in peace.



Participants at the Killarney Celtic Summer Camp last week.



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75 Champions

By Neilus Moriarty

In the year of seventy five the Kingdom boys set out,
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And now the Kingdom lads have the Sam Maguire to fill.
Before the game did start, banners, flags, and buntings of blue were seen.
from the canal end and all over hill 16.
This did not last very long and channge it did take place.
For the boys of the Kingdom were leading this great race.
From the time that John Egan did score that great goal.
All Kerry men knew that Sam would go home.
Then Mickey Sullivan the captain from Kenmare.
Went through the Dubs defense running like a hare.
He tried to beat two men with all his power and might.
For he had only one thought the Sam Maguire in sight
A blow he did get and went quickly to the ground.
He lay there for minutes without making a sound.
A silence did come down and shock went through the crowd.
But the Kerry players did fight on and now brave Mickey's proud
Pat McCarthy was sound and Jer Power he was great.
And the bould John O' Keeffe he rarely was bate.
In the goals Paud Mahoney was as swift as a bee.
No thanks to Maloney the Tipp referee.
We feare Gay O' Driscoll and Kelleher as well.
But Jer and Jim kicked them to hell
All during the week the papers did say
That Heffos men would be the talk of the day.
But the boys from the Kingdom put the Dubs to shame
And fought a great battle for Kerry's great name.
More power to Paud Shea, the Lynch's and young Pat Spillane.
With Sheehy, Moran and Driscoll ye have made history.
And now he can drink from the cup but don't go on the spree.
Think of next year and out of Munster ye'll fight.
The boys in the red have Sam Maguire in sight
But ye all know that when old rivals meet
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Premier Final – Flesk Restaurant v Jack C's Ultra 2-1

after extra time In a tight and hard-fought Premier Final, Flesk Restaurant took the lead before being pegged back by an excellent strike from Jack C's Ultra. With nothing between the sides, the game went to extra time, where Flesk found a late winner to retain the trophy in dramatic fashion for the 2 nd year in a row. Great credit to both teams for the standard of football with real quality on display

Reserve Final – Fake Madrid v Mackey's Crew 0-1

A single goal was all that separated the sides in a tense Reserve Final, as Mackey's Crew held on for a 1-0 victory over Fake Madrid. It was a hard-fought encounter with chances at both ends but at the final whistle it was just the minimum between them. With some excellent football played it reflects the overall high level of play seen throughout the tournament

Over-35s Final. Leanes Tool Hire v Aghadoe Physio - Penalty shoot out.

A highly competitive and entertaining final ended 0-0 after extra time. With nothing to separate the sides, The games went to extra time and still could not be separated. Leanes Tool Hire eventually edged it on penalties. Well done to both teams on delivering a great game with excellent ability on the ball as well as fitness on full display. Hopefully all will be back for more next year.

U16 Final Stapleton Army V Nigdos 1 FC 1-6

Nigdos1 FC claimed a commanding 6-1 win over Stapleton Army in the U16 Final. After a competitive first half, Nigdos1 pulled away with some outstanding attacking football to seal a deserved victory. Well done to both teams on reaching the final and playing a very sporting match. Killarney Athletic AFC would like to thanks our sponsors Killarney Credit Union for their continous support All the players that took part in the tournament, only for ye we would not be able to hold this tournament. To all the sponsors that supported the teams at all ages To the organising committee and all the helpers that give up their free time to support the club - Thank you!



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Toastmasters: Where Leaders Are Made

Killarney Club Welcomes New President Selma Dineen

Dromhall Hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry – Now entering its 21st year, Killarney Toastmasters celebrated another successful year at its annual luncheon on July 6th, welcoming incoming President Selma Dineen, who officially succeeded Anne Hannan in the role. The ceremonial handover of the chain of office marks the beginning of Selma's one-year term as club president.

Outgoing President Anne Hannan reflected on a strong year of growth, during which club membership increased by 50% to 27 members, and the club achieved Distinguished Club Status, a notable recognition from Toastmasters International. "What's been most rewarding is how new and existing members have supported one another. The growth has strengthened the club in every way," said Anne. "There is strength in numbers, and we leverage each other's skills and experiences to help meet our personal and professional goals, not just in public speaking, but across a wide range of personal development ambitions."

Killarney Toastmasters offers a supportive and positive learning environment where members build skills in communication, leadership, confidence, critical thinking, time management, and active listening. Whether preparing for a presentation, an upcoming speech, boosting interview confidence, or simply wishing to become a more effective communicator, Toastmasters provides a proven structure to help members succeed at their own pace.

Incoming President Selma Dineen expressed



Pictured are L to R: Anne Hannan – Outgoing President and Selma Dineen incoming President.

her enthusiasm for the year ahead:

"I'm honoured to take on the role of President for Killarney Toastmasters," she said. "This club has been instrumental in helping me grow as a communicator and leader. My goal is to ensure that everyone who walks through our doors feels encouraged, supported, and inspired to challenge themselves and achieve things they never thought possible."

Vice President for Education Nikolina added that membership growth, educational achievements, and club participation in contests and events will be key goals for the coming year.



Pictured are the group attendees from Killarney, Tralee and Mallow at our social luncheon

Members and guests from the Tralee and Mallow Toastmasters clubs joined Killarney members at the Dromhall Hotel – the club's home venue – for a social celebration of achievements and camaraderie.

If you're curious about Toastmasters or looking to build your confidence in a friendly, supportive setting, you are warmly invited to attend a meeting. We are starting back on September 9th at 7.45pm in the Dromhall Hotel.

Contact: Anthony Walsh, Membership Officer – 086 2465396

KILLARNEY VALLEY CLASSIC AND VINTAGE CLUB CAR SHOW

a Resounding Success



A great crowd attended the Killarney Valley Classic and Vintage Club at the Killarney Racecourse at the weekend.



James Courtney, Mike Clifford, John Dineen and Humphrey Kerins



James Courtney, Robert Giles, Denis O Connell and John Courtney

The Killarney Valley Classic and Vintage Club hosted another memorable car show over the weekend, with a fantastic turnout of over 200 classic and vintage vehicles, including a wide variety of motorbikes. The event drew

an enthusiastic crowd, united by a shared passion – cars!

The club extends its heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of the day, participants, vehicle owners, volunteers, trade stands, and attendees. Special thanks go to the main sponsor, Kelliher's Toyota Garage Kerry, whose support was instrumental. The event was made even more enjoyable thanks to the hospitality of Killarney Racecourse and Ollie and his catering team, who ensured no one went hungry. One of the highlights of the day was Kelliher's own impressive display of Toyota Celica models, which drew much admiration from visitors. Another exciting moment came with the surprise appearance of the 2025 Toyota Land Cruiser, offering a glimpse into the future while celebrating the past.

The club deeply appreciates the vital support from its sponsors and the community. The day was not only a celebration of vehicles but also of camaraderie and shared enthusiasm.



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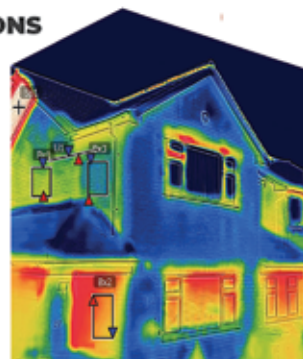


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KERRY 3-12 KILDARE 0-11



Síofra O'Shea of Kerry during the TG4 All-Ireland Ladies Football Senior Championship quarter-final match between Kerry and Kildare at Austin Stack Park in Tralee, Kerry. Photo by Tyler Miller/Sportsfile

By John O'Dowd

A brace of first half goals from hat-trick hero Síofra O'Shea, while her side were playing against the elements, gave Kerry the foothold they needed to overcome Kildare in the TG4 All-Ireland SFC quarter-final at Austin Stack Park. Even though the Lilywhites got off to a very strong start, notching four points in the opening nine minutes to take the early ascendancy, the concession of the two green flags before the break was a hammer blow to the visitors. With Alannah Prizeman (two frees), Aoife Rattigan and Gillian Wheeler all finding the target for the Leinster side, the Kingdom were slower out of the blocks before they struck for their first goal in the tenth minute. A cross-field kick from Niamh Carmody, and a pass from Cáit Lynch slipped advancing centre-

back Emma Costello through the Kildare defence, and after her shot was parried by goalkeeper Mary Hulgraine, O'Shea was on hand to tap home the rebound.

Danielle O'Leary was now getting into her stride, and the Rathmore attacker fired over two points, with a Rachel Dwyer effort sandwiched in between. Ciara Wheeler and Prizeman responded at the other end, and the protagonists were level after 22 minutes (1-3 to 0-6).

The Kingdom edged in front before the half's most crucial moment in the 24th minute when Niamh Ní Chonchúir set up O'Shea inside the Kildare cover and, after being fouled while in the act of shooting by Lauren Murtagh, a penalty was awarded.

The Kerry full-forward picked herself up off the ground to beat the visiting custodian with a

low spot-kick to the 'keeper's right and, despite Prizeman's trojan work, a superb Anna Galvin point had the defending champions four up at the break (2-5 to 0-7).

Kildare needed a boost early on the resumption, but Prizeman had a goal-bound shot blocked on the line by Kerry captain Lynch, before Kerry, and O'Shea, pounced for green flag number three in the 39th minute to end the game as a contest.

Midfielder Galvin was the instigator, fetching a kick-out and sending a pinpoint delivery to O'Shea, who gave Hulgraine no mistake. From there to the finish, the hosts were always in control, eventually cruising home by a ten-point margin to set up a last-four meeting with either Meath or Tipperary.

Scorers

Kerry: S O'Shea 3-2 (1-Open, 0-1f), D O'Leary 0-4, R Dwyer, A Galvin, N Carmody, K Brosnan, N Ní Chonchúir, C Evans 0-1 each.

Kildare: A Prizeman 0-7 (0-5fs), A Rattigan, G Wheeler, C Wheeler, R Byrne 0-1 each.

KERRY: ME Bolger; E Lynch, D Kearney, C Lynch; A O'Connell, E Costello, A Dillane; M O'Connell, A Galvin; N Carmody, N Ní Chonchúir, C Evans; R Dwyer, S O'Shea, D O'Leary. Subs: R Rahilly for Galvin (46), K Brosnan for Dwyer (46), F O'Donoghue for Kearney (51), K O'Connor for E Lynch (54), N Quinn for Carmody (58).

KILDARE: M Hulgraine; R Sargent, L Lenehan, M Doherty; L Shaw, L Murtagh, M Aspel; L Reilly, C Moran; C Wheeler, A Rattigan, L Curran; G Wheeler, A Prizeman, R Byrne. Subs: M Ryan for Moran (37), A Mahon for Murtagh (41), E Dowling for Rattigan (48), S Galvin for G Wheeler (51), C Sullivan for Shaw (53).

Referee: K Phelan (Laois).

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Both matches are result on the day.



Caoimhe Evans of Kerry celebrates scoring a point during the TG4 All-Ireland Ladies Football Senior Championship quarter-final match between Kerry and Kildare at Austin Stack Park in Tralee, Kerry. Photo by Tyler Miller/Sportsfile



Emma Costello of Kerry receives the Player of the Match Award from Robbie Smyth, LGFA Vice-President, after the 2025 TG4 All-Ireland Senior Championship Quarter-Final between Kerry and Kildare at Austin Stack Park in Tralee, Kerry. Photo by Tyler Miller/Sportsfile

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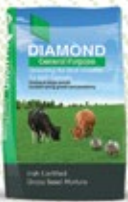
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JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY

takes a look at all things sport...



SEÁN DOHERTY RIP

From the late 1800s, gaelic football was as much a cultural movement as a sporting one. You could trace the fledgeling history of a newly minted republic that lauded a genuinely glorious past but wasn't afraid to fill in the gaps with imagination. A nation of small farmers and devout catholics. It was pithily summed up in De Valera's 'comely maidens dancing at the crossroads' speech – and even that was unfair on De Valera, who was economically conservative and insular (I would argue to our detriment) but socially more progressive in many ways than people rise. Love or loathe him, he cast a huge shadow for half a century – young people who could afford it were actually wilder and more daring during the jazz age of the twenties in Ireland than is generally acknowledged, but that was easily brushed aside. And gaelic football, in many ways, echoed that conservatism. 'Catch and kick' was not so much a tactic as a mantra.

The sixties created a cultural explosion. Implosion, maybe. Education became standard. Industry began to rival agriculture and slowed the tide of emigration. Tourism grew exponentially. Cars and transport became affordable. Young people stayed, and social housing and jobs meant that they could. It is impossible from this remove to explain how Irish society advanced a century inside a single decade.

Young people had education, opinions, and a willingness to challenge the social order. And the GAA, always a strong undercurrent of Irish society, began to reflect that. Did the touring sides of Aussie Rules teams inspire the change? I think it's exaggerated as a factor; the change was inevitable as society changed.

Cork were first. The early seventies. Lightning teenagers, with minor medals in their pockets,

running no less a team than traditional giants and recent two-time champions Kerry ragged. It wasn't that young Jimmy Barry Murphy was a skinhead, the Rebel County's youth were up for the punk movement long before it had a name. It was that Cork's older generation loved this dashing and soft-spoken skinhead. In 1973 a Cork sidelike none that had ever preceded them beat Galway in the All Ireland Final. Heffernan, that old wolf, was watching. Heffernan was old Dublin, once the darling of the masses himself. A Vincents man to the core. Love or hate the arrogance of Vincents (and plenty Dublin GAA folk inclined towards the latter), they were the foundation of Dublin GAA. Heffernan was looking at this new wave of gaelic football. People say that he was reluctant to take the tiller for Dublin in 1974. I've never believed that, still don't. Heffernan could read the wind. Down in South Kerry, an old opponent was paying attention as well. Heffernan needed a core group of players who could ignore the past and play only for him. He was the first GAA manager – he would answer to no committee. And he picked men who would stay the hard road. The first one was obvious. Paddy Cullen was champions UCD's nomination for the captaincy; Heffernan gave it instantly to Seán Doherty. It was a good choice. The Doc had actually played U21 for Wicklow before donning a Dublin senior jersey in 1968. That might have created resentment, except that nobody else was unting that jersey. Dublin were barely going through the motions in those years. It was a soccer town, the 'gah' was for unsophisticated culchies. But if Dublin football was rough and ready, so was the Doc. He wasn't winning much, but he was having horse's fun and he was good at it. No team had any fears of playing a fairly downtrodden Dublin, fairly unloved even by their own city brethren, but no players was in any hurry to test out the Doc either. In 1973, Doc and Jimmy Keaveney were stewards watching Billy Morgan lift the Sam

Maguire. Doc still had the flicker of a dream – Keaveney was long gone from Dublin. He had served his time.

1974. Dublin won the Corn na Casca – in hard currency, it might be the equivalent of a shirt button. Leinster was about Offaly, Meath, Kildare, in that order. Dulin had no hope.

Except that Dublin were training as never before. Mickey Whelan brought new methods, true, but it was dogs' work. And with Doc and a few old soldiers like him, there was no shirking. Keaveney was coaxed back in.

Wexford. Not contenders, but not easy meat for the likes of Dublin either. Few enough spectators, but those who did got value for money. Bobby Doyle and Tony Hanahoe with goals. Louth up next, a decent Louth outfit. Hickey and young Mullins with the goals, Keaveney with six points. Nobody was shouting it from the rooftops, but around the docks and the tenements and the discos, lads were talking. 'Gah' was only 'gah', but these were their own, and maybe worth backing. Weren't they trying, at least, and isn't life hard enough? It didn't hurt that both soccer and rugby were at a low ebb.

Dublin, like a lot of Irish society, considered itself classless. Which was absolute rubbish. Dublin was as socially segregated as anywhere. Jane Austen could have written a book on Dublin in the seventies – although she would have had to increase her vocabulary a small bit.

That was the magic of the Doc. More than any of them, more than Heffernan. A qualified doctor, he could drink a pint with dockers or Lord Mayors and not care which was which, and they all loved him for it. He was a quintessential Dubliner. Maybe more than that – the Doc belted plenty players in his time, including Kerrymen. Think you can find a single one to say a bad word about the Doc? Good luck with that.

Offaly in the quarter-final. End of the road, surely. Offaly were a serious power back then, still a very underrated team. Nobody gave Dublin a hope.

That was the day that he gaelic football world spun on its axis. Offaly were greeted by a Blue Army of fans. Almost a thousand – unheard of! A riot of colour and noise. GAA spectators were supposed to be respectfully appreciative – Dubliners weren't particularly respectful of anything! Just before half-time, Leslie Deegan got a fist to the ball ahead of the advancing Martin Furlong, and Dublin were a point ahead. The supporters were starting to believe. The players were just hanging on. Level pegging in the dying seconds. Deegan again, a high, hopeful effort. It went over. Faith rewarded.

Dublin was buzzing. The players were celebrities, and not just in a local sense. Not that the likes of Doc or Paddy Cullen cared. Kildare were dismissed with a certainly that

belied Dublin's dormant decade. Meath in the final. The old enemy. Dublin and Meath could always raise bristles on each other (no bad thing; personally I like to see Meath back this year as real contenders). An imperious Keaveney kicked 1-8 as Dublin won with plenty to spare.

Cork. The champions. Old friends in many ways. Cork respected Dublin, but the Dubs had been working while Cork had been celebrating the All Ireland. It showed. Dublin filled a lot of Croke Park now. The supporters didn't let Dublin down, and the players responded. You can argue that hubris cost Cork, but I think you can say that hubris carried Dublin that day too, Galway were a very good football side but a fading force in the All Ireland Final. It was actually a poor game. But so what? The Dc lifted the Sam Maguire. And then, Dublin to the core, he left it after him and went for a few pints.

A year later it was an unfancied Kerry team of bachelors who caught favourites Dublin by surprise. Hubris. O'Dwyer and Heffernan were watching each other with narrowed eyes. They became friends in later years, but only much later. Kerry had a youthful confidence, none more so than the Ballyvourney schools star Mickey Ned O'Sullivan. He raced at the heart of Dublin....that was the Doc's domain, with Alan Larkin beside him. Mickey Ned woke up in hospital, young Pat Spillane having lifted the trophy instead of him. The Doc was never going to get out of his way – Tim Kennelly or Páidí would have understood the reasoning.

A year later it was Kerry versus Dulin again. Kerry were caught for two late goals. Seán Doherty was immense, bursting out to set up the winner.

1977. Heffernan had stepped down. There wasn't too much discussion on his replacement. The senior players, the likes of O'Driscoll, Keaveney, Doc, almost took it for granted that Hanahoe would step up. And he did. They all had extra incentive. Dublin had played Kerry in New York shortly after the league final, a charity match for Sr. Consilio. It was the Doc's busiest game for Dublin – in his professional capacity. Both teams were sour enough and Kerry wanted to lay down a marker. Very few people saw the game. Was it as bad as legend has it? Probably. But even if it wasn't, the likes of the Doc weren't afraid to embellish stories. It made no difference when it came to championship. Once again nobody could stay with Dublin. The Doc's third and last All Ireland.

1978. Kerry had paid their apprenticeship, Dublin were beginning to feel the hard miles in their legs. In fairness, they were the two greatest teams of their own or any era, but age caught up with one of them sooner than the other. Mikey Sheehy and Paddy Cullen immortalised by Con O'Houlihan and his image of burning cakes. Eoin the Bomber Liston announcing his arrival with a hat-trick. Dublin just couldn't stay with them. Even the Doc's tank was empty. It was his last game for Dublin.

Our friend, the enemy. The Doc epitomised Dublin. He never gave the slightest inch to any Kerry team, nor ever would. He never made a single enemy in Kerry either. May he rest in peace.

KERRY LOSE OUT IN PULSATING FINAL Minor All Ireland

TYRONE 1-16 KERRY 1-15

They could have given no more. It was absolutely magnificent. Despite being on the losing side, it was a performance that made me enormously proud to be a Kerryman. Honestly, I've seen Kerry teams give less and win All Irelands. This one gave everything they had and it just wasn't enough. Fair play to Tyrone; that's a fantastic outfit. Tyrone look like they could do a full sweep, just like Kerry did back in 1975. Remember how Kerry got on in the following years? We'll be seeing a lot more of the Red Hand. No harm in that, and no neutral will be objecting after watching this game. Maybe it's the new rules, maybe it's just the sheer quality of the footballers on either side. But that game was so good I can even live with losing. They could not have done us any prouder.

Tyrone were the team that everyone was talking about before any ball was thrown in for the Ulster championship. Let's face it; Ulster football is setting a different standard nowadays, and Munster, unfortunately, is not particularly competitive. Uncomfortable truth? It's true nonetheless, and there isn't much we can do about it.

Tyrone took early possession, but were very cautious with it. A lot of back-passing and probing for gaps. A lot of teams are starting to do that – it feels like a backward step to me, an attempt to negate the positivity of the new rules. In the end Diarmuid Martin took the shot, but it curled wide. Tyrone won the kick-out (to say that Tyrone had a physical edge over Kerry is an understatement, that's as big a minor team as I've seen) but Tadhg Ó Slatara made a brilliant block on Pearse McDonnell.

Good break forward by Danny Murphy, that's been something of a trademark of his throughout this championship. Kerry recycled it, but with more purpose, and John Curtin boomed over a great score. Tyrone were back straight away, though, Darren McAnespie winning and converting a free. Once again Tyrone turned over Kerry's kick-out and Thomas Meenan set up Peter Colton for a point.

Talk about end to end stuff. Gearóid White steadied himself and split the posts. Kevin Griffin with a chance, but the angle was too tight. I didn't think going for it was the best decision but then again, Tyrone closed him down really fast. At the other end, big midfielder Jmaes Mulgrew went for the two pointer. It tailed off, but that wasn't far away. I like players having the confidence to back themselves; too many coaches try to stifle that instinct instead of nurturing it. Ben Kelliher won a good ball at the other end, but Elliot Kerr nipped it off him with ease. Great defending.

Both sides were exhibiting great skill, but Tyrone's greater strength was beginning to

show. Diarmuid Martin kicked a nice point. Ben Kelliher was beginning to work his way into space, though, and he set up Tadhg O'Connell for an equalising point.

James Mulgrew burst through and blazed a rocket over the bar. Was he going for goal? I don't think so, but there's no way of telling. Back came Kerry again, John Curtin setting up Tadhg O'Connell for a point. Cathal Farley kicked a nice point, but Ben Kelliher, definitely beginning to find space now, replied in kind.

Tyrone were just about shading the general play, but Kerry were staying with them. Mulgrew, always dangerous, had another go at a two pointer; this time it split the posts. Pearse McDonald won a free off Eoghan Joy. Nothing malicious, but Eoin Long slotted over. 0-8 to 0-5.

David Sargent was probably Kerry's best player overall. He showed a fantastic bit of skill in volleying a pass under pressure. Eventually it led to a foul on Ben Kelliher and Gearóid White converted. That was an important score, we couldn't let this Tyrone team get a run on us.

In fact, it was Kerry doing a lot of the running now. Danny Murphy raided up the field for a fine score. Tyrone won possession from the kick-out but John Curtin made a good interception and Kerry moved fast and direct. Danny Murphy again carried it into the danger-zone down the right hand side, drawing the defence before slipping it back to Ben Kelliher. That opened just enough space for the Crokes' sharpshooter – it doesn't take a lot – and Ben sliced inside before placing a clinical shot out of Ronan Donnelly's reach. That was a huge moment at the end of a pulsating half hour of football.

Half-time Kerry 1-7 Tyrone 0-8

A lively Aodhán Quinn kicked a fine point to open the second half scoring. A foul on Pearse McDonald saw Eoin Long convert a placed ball again and Tyrone were level. Tadhg O'Connell nudged Kerry back in front from a very tight angle but Diarmuid Martin replied with a beauty.

Kerry were under pressure around the middle now, but Alex Touhy was awesome in the contests and Mark O'Carroll wasn't far behind, while Kerry's defence was rock solid.

Gearóid White fired over a great two pointer. Eoin Long replied with a free but Kevin Griffin, who had also come out to bolster midfield, swung over a two pointer of his own. Kerry could also have had a goal after Kevin Griffin gobbled up a careless kick-out by Ronan Donnelly. He laid it off to Ben Kelliher but, just as he was about to pull the trigger, in came Elliot Kerr with a really brilliant interception. Again, magnificent defending. Nonetheless, Kevin Griffin pointed the '45 and Kerry were ahead by 1-13 to 0-12.

Kerry were visibly flagging now, though, and it was taking some great defending on Kerry's side to repel Tyrone attacks. They were swarming us, more or less, and Kerry just couldn't quite clear their lines, eventually coughing up a point to sub Matthew F. Daly. Eoin Long had already hit the post – Tyrone were a bit profligate with all their possession now – but made amends after

a good pass from Cathal Farley. 1-13 to 0-14.

Disaster. Tyrone were completely dominant now and coming at Kerry in waves. Sub Matthew F. Daly burst through, was promptly wrapped up, and a body collision with his legs took him down. Look, I'm going to court Kerry controversy here, but I had a good look and examined replays from a couple of different angles. It's deliberate impediment, not a tackle, and yes, that's a penalty all day long. Patriots and true believers will disagree, but any neutral is awarding a penalty to Tyrone there and in my honest opinion, referee Thomas Murphy was absolutely correct to blow the whistle. Up stepped Peter Colton to send Ruairi Kennedy the wrong way and put Tyrone in front.

Still Kerry, running on fumes at this stage, refused to buckle. Danny Murphy made one more foray forward to kick an equaliser. James Mulgrew had an awful miss for Tyrone, Gearóid White had a good effort tail away for Kerry. With normal time just up, Ben Kelliher launched one last Kerry rocket that was tipped over his crossbar by Donnelly. Tyrone sent the ball out again, with Kerry catching it but being forced out over the line and a player kicking the ball away in a desperate bid to buy a few seconds. Desperate....but costly, as the referee brought the ball forward and Peter Colton clipped over the free. Level pegging again and just a minute of injury time to play. James Mulgrew raced in again – Kerry just had nobody to keep pace with the big man at this stage. It wasn't a great shot, coming back off the woodwork, but an alert Diarmuid Martin was on hand to gather the rebound and put it over for the winning score.

The biggest moment of drama was still to come. Once again that whirling dervish Ben Kelliher managed to get his hands on the ball and spin around his man to cut inside. Could he have fisted it over? Easy for me to be talking, and frankly I don't think we had the legs left to stay with Tyrone through extra-time anyway. More importantly, was he fouled? Once again, I have to honestly say no. Of course a lot of Kerry fans will say that it was a definite penalty, just as most Tyrone supporters will say no chance. My honest call, again after careful consideration? No. Body collision, but a perfectly legitimate one – there's absolutely no obligation on a defender to get out of the attacker's way. So there is contact, but it is not illegal contact, and there's no penalty.

Deserved victory by Tyrone, but Kerry left nothing behind them. It takes two great teams to make a game to echo down the ages; this one will.

Tyrone: Ronan Donnelly, Elliot Kerr, Pádraig Goodman, Ciarán McCrystal, Aodhán Quinn (0-1), James Daly, Thomas Meenan, James Mulgrew (0-3, 1tp), Pádraig Donaghy, Darren McAnespie (0-1, 1f), Peter Colton (1-2, 1-0 pen, 1f), Cathal Farley, Diarmuid Martin (0-3), Eoin Long (0-5, 3f), Pearse McDonald. Subs: Matthew F. Daly 0-1 (for Darren McAnespie, 43 mins), Vincent Gormley (for Pearse McDonald, 47 mins), Mark Kennedy (for Eoin Long, 58 mins) Kerry: Ruairi Kennedy, Ronan Sheridan, Eoghan Joy, Tomás Ó Slatara, Danny Murphy (0-2),

David Sargent, Marcus Clifford, Maidhc Ó Sé, John Curtin (0-1), Mark O'Carroll, Gearóid White (0-4, 1tp, 1f), Alex Tuohy (0-1), Ben Kelliher (1-2), Kevin Griffin (0-3, 1tp, 1'45), Tadhg O'Connell (0-2). Subs: Nick Lacey (for Tadhg O'Connell, 43 mins), James Kissane (for Maidhc Ó Sé, 51 mins) Referee: Thomas Murphy (Galway).

LADIES SEE OFF LILYWHITE CHALLENGE All Ireland Quarter-Final

KERRY 3-12 KILDARE 0-11

Just two years ago Kildare were a Division Two team aiming for promotion, while Kerry were well on their way to a Division One title and aiming to end a long wait for the Brendan Martin Cup. It's not that simple though. Kerry weren't exactly long out of Division Two themselves and even then, I considered Kildare to be a county putting in a lot of work and underage and, quite simply, doing their business right. I'll admit that I did not expect them to be seeing off Armagh this year – Armagh have given us plenty of tough lessons in the last couple of years – but I honestly wouldn't think it all that huge a shock. I still had Kerry as strong favourites here, especially with the advantage of a home quarter-final. I wonder if the mens' format, poor and overstretched as it has been in recent years – 'pre-quarter-final games' in a sixteen team competition, oh boy! – would consider taking a leaf out of the better organised ladies' playbook? Arrah, maybe the changes in the mens' championship will work next year. Maybe.

I'd be wary of Kildare, and increasingly wary of them over the next number of years if they

continue on their present trajectory, but at the moment I felt confident that Kerry had greater versatility and more scoring power, especially in scoring goals.

Jaysus, but Kildare had me questioning my judgement very quickly. Kerry weren't doing anything wrong, getting their hands on ball quickly and moving it forward at pace. Quick to switch the line of attack, too. The only problem is that Kildare were able to soak it up while maintaining their shape and force us into pressure passes in congested areas. Really excellent defending.

They weren't afraid to break themselves either. Alanahh Prizeman opened the scoring with a free and Aoife Rattigan doubled Kildare's lead. Gillian Wheeler clipped over another and Prizeman's second free made it 0-4 to 0-0. Worryingly, it's not even as if Kerry were playing poorly or slow out of the starting blocks; Kildare were playing really good, confident football.

At last Kerry hit a rhythm. Niamh Carmody switched play across to the raiding Cáit Lynch, who drew the defender before neatly slipping it off to Emma Costello. I don't know how long Emma has been wearing a Kerry senior jersey – 2009 maybe? Certainly if there is one player who knows what to do in a situation like this.... Emma sent a rocket of a shot towards goal. In fairness to Mary Hulgaine, she did brilliantly to parry....but Siofra O'Shea is an old hand in these situations as well, and neatly nipped in to rattle the net.

It's not that the goal rattled Kildare, more that it inspired Kerry. I reckon Danielle O'Leary already has another All Star in the bag. She showed why by quickly firing over. Ciara Wheeler replied but Rachel Dwyer quickly had Kerry back on level terms, 1-2 to 0-5. Danielle O'Leary and Alannah Prizeman exchanged scores before Danielle, who was really firing on all cylinders now, notched her third point.

Niamh Ni Chonchuir and Niamh Carmody were doing serious damage in keeping Kildare penned at the back, and a great pass by Ni Chonchúir gave Siofra O'Shea an opening. She was fouled just as she was pulling the trigger,



Supporters run onto the pitch after a confusion with the end of the match during the TG4 All-Ireland Ladies Football Senior Championship quarter-final match between Kerry and Kildare at Austin Stack Park in Tralee, Kerry. Photo by Tyler Miller/Sportsfile



Mary O'Connell of Kerry wins the throw-in ahead of Roisín Byrne of Kildare during the TG4 All-Ireland Ladies Football Senior Championship quarter-final match between Kerry and Kildare at Austin Stack Park in Tralee, Kerry. Photo by Tyler Miller/Sportsfile



Aoife Rattigan of Kildare kicks a point despite pressure from Niamh Ni Chonchúir of Kerry during the TG4 All-Ireland Ladies Football Senior Championship quarter-final match between Kerry and Kildare at Austin Stack Park in Tralee, Kerry. Photo by Tyler Miller/Sportsfile

but the Southern Gaels sharpshooter calmly dusted herself off before clinically dispatching the penalty. Alannah Prizeman picked off one last point for Kildare, but Anna Galvin closed out the first half scoring with Kerry on top.

Half-time Kerry 2-5 Kildare 0-7

The excellent Alannah Prizeman opened the second half scoring with a free but the equally excellent Danielle O'Leary wasn't long in replying. Niamh Carmody stretched Kerry's lead out to five points. In fairness, the game might have taken a different direction if Cáit Lynch hadn't managed to clear a goal effort by Alannah Prizeman off the line. As it was, Siofra O'Shea slotted a free and then gathered a precision through ball from midfielder Anna Galvin to fire past the hapless Hulgaine again. At 3-8 to 0-8, it was all but over. Kildare still had plenty of heart but Kerry had the assurance of champions now. Alannah Prizeman (f) and Katie Brosnan exchanged scores. Alannah Prizeman had two more frees but Siofra O'Shea and Niamh NiChonchúir replied before Caoimhe Evans closed out Kerry's scoring.

A slightly worrying start – Kerry haven't really put a full sixty minutes together this year for me – but reassuringly composed once they clicked into gear, especially the excellent Emma Costello. Next up for Kerry is a semi-final against Meath.

Kerry: Mary Ellen Bolger, Eilís Lynch, Deirdre Kearney, Cáit Lynch, Aisling O'Connell, Emma Costello, Aoife Dillane, Mary O'Connell, Anna Galvin (0-1), Niamh Carmody (0-1), Niamh Ni Chonchúir (0-1), Caoimhe Evans (0-1), Rachel Dwyer (0-1), Siofra O'Shea (3-2, 1-0 pen, 1f), Danielle O'Leary (0-4). Subs: Roisín Rahilly (for Anna Galvin, 46 mins), Katie Brosnan 0-1 (for Rachel Dwyer, 46 mins), Fay O'Donoghue (for Deirdre Kearney, 51 mins), Kayla O'Connor (for Eilís Lynch, 54 mins), Niamh Quinn (for Niamh Carmody, 58 mins).

Kildare: Mary Hulgaine, Ruth Sargent, Laoise Lenehan, Mia Doherty, Lisa Shaw, Lauren Murtagh, Molly Aspel, Lia Reilly, Ciara Moran, Ciara Wheeler (0-1), Aoife Rattigan (0-1), Lara

Curran, Gillian Wheeler (0-1), Alannah Prizeman (0-7, 5f), Roisín Byrne (0-1). Subs: Mia Ryan (for Ciara Moran, 37 mins), Amy Mahon (for Lauren Murtagh, 41 mins), Ellen Dowling (for Aoife Rattigan, 48 mins), Siofra Galvin (for Gillian Wheeler, 51 mins), Claire Sullivan (for Lisa Shaw, 53 mins).

Referee: Kevin Phelan (Laois).

SENIOR COUNTY LEAGUE

Division One

Talk about many a twist and turn! With one round to go, Austin Stacks defeated Kerins O'Rahillys. All they needed to do was beat Laune Rangers to win the title and confirm the Killorglin sides' relegation alongside Glenbeigh/Glencar and Ballymac. Except that Luane Rangers, showing the fire of old, beat Austin Stacks.

That meant that Kerins O'Rahillys could force a play-off if they could beat Glenbeigh/Glencar, while a Glenflesk victory over Spa would see the Killarney side take the drop instead of Luane Rangers. It didn't happen, Spa won well, while Rahillys could only managing a draw despite leading at half-time by ten points.

Division Two

Kenmare Shamrocks and Dingle are promoted to Division One, but the third promotion spot will require a play-off between MilltownCastlemaine and Gneeveguilla after both sides won their last game to end up deadlocked on fourteen points.

At the other end, migration and multiple county commitments proved too much for Ardfert, while an absence of county players saw Fossa just a fraction out of their depth. The third relegation spot was wide open going into the last round, but Churchill can rue their luck after losing out to an injury time point to Gneeveguilla and that was enough to see them take the drop to Division Three.

Division Three

Okay. Stay with me for this one. First of all, promotion is fairly straightforward. John Mitchels won the Division outright, with Castleisland Desmonds and St. Marys joining them on the ascent.

Relegation. Ah yes, tóg bog é. Two places are confirmed. Reenard and Brosna are definitely playing in Division Four next year.

That just leaves one team to be relegated. Therein lies the problem. Tarbert, Castlegregory, St Senans, Cordal, and Ballydonoghue all finished on ten points. One of them is going down. Which one? Your guess is as good as mine. That's going to be a play-off series more usually suited to baseball than gaelic football!

Division Four

Promotion was already a foregone conclusion in Division Four. Unbeaten Annascaul are worthy champions, with Duagh and Currow joining them in Division Three next year. At the other end St. Pats Blennerville and Knocknagoshel are relegated, but Dromid's surprise win over neighbours Skellig Rangers means that they finish level with Ballyduff on nine points and a play-off will be required.

Division Five

Again, Division Five is fairly straightforward. It says something for Dr. Crokes' strength in depth that their B team won every single County League game. In fairness, given their player commitments in both football and hurling, that is some level of consistency. It's also good to see two senior club sides, as opposed to B teams, making the jump to Division Four, with both Cromane and St. Michaels/Foilmore promoted. At the other end Austin Stacks own county commitments, plus that successful U21 county championship campaign, saw them struggle at times to fill ranks and they take the drop. Asdee, an old and proud club, just had too small a playing pool and ending up having to concede some walkovers. Gneeveguilla B were a bit unlucky to be the third team relegated, with a few results going against them.

SSE Airtricity Men's First Division

COMFORTABLE WIN FOR DUNDALK FC

KERRY FC 0 - 4 DUNDALK FC

by David Moriarty

Kerry FC were back in action at home this past Friday night after back-to-back tough away defeats as they took on league leaders Dundalk FC in Mounthawk Park. Kerry FC were happy to be back in the comfort of their home crowd on Friday after what happened in their two previous games. A narrow loss to Cobh Ramblers was deflating, but positives could be taken, and the less said about Ferrycarrig Park, the better. For Dundalk, they created a bit of space between themselves and second-placed Cobh Ramblers after a narrow 1-0 win over the Cork side last Friday in Oriel Park. Their lead at the top now stretches to four points as they look to go even further ahead of second place. As for injuries, there was a chance Ronan Teahan could start the game after he was kept as an unused substitute last Friday. An injury during the week kept him on the bench and was more so there to make up the numbers as Kerry FC manager Colin Healy did not want to take the risk by further upsetting his niggles.

Kerry FC made their first action in the transfer market this past week as they brought in Arran Healy from Cork City. Arran played for Cork City against Kerry FC a couple of times last season when City were in the First Division. He joins the Kingdom in the hopes of more first-team action. A signing that the Mounthawk faithful will be delighted with, no doubt.

The game would be a big test for Kerry FC, but as Colin Healy said midweek, sometimes, after a couple of tough defeats, these are the perfect games to get you back on track. It may have been a terrible evening for League of Ireland action weather-wise, but hopefully, the crowd would be treated to a great Kerry FC performance to make up for the typical Irish summer.

FIRST HALF

Dundalk had the opening opportunity of the

game after just three minutes. Dundalk broke up a Kerry FC phase of passing, and Gbemi Arubi laid it off for Daryl Horgan. Horgan tried to whip it into the bottom right corner, but it went just wide of Tim-Oliver Hiemer's post. A big let-off so early into the game for the Kingdom.

The first Kerry FC effort of the evening fell to Sean McGrath, but his shot was saved by Enda Minogue in the Dundalk goal. A good attack from Kerry FC. More opportunities such as this one, and the Kingdom would cause Dundalk many problems on the evening.

Dundalk knew they couldn't play with fire too much and decided to step up a gear. Just before the twenty-minute mark, the league leaders would take the lead through Harry Groome. A misplaced pass from Alex Dunne did not reach his target, and Harry Groome intercepted the ball. Groome dropped his shoulder and took the shot on from outside the area, which curled beautifully into the bottom right corner, bringing Kerry FC into an uphill battle early on in the contest.

The visitors nearly made it 2-0 before the half-hour mark as a thunderous low cross across the six-yard box from Eoin Kenny was missed by every white shirt inside the area to the relief of everyone inside Mounthawk Park.

Just five minutes later, Dundalk had another glorious chance. A lovely ball into the area again from Eoin Kenny found Dean Ebbe, who got the slightest of touches to direct it towards the goal, but Niall Brookwell was there to clear the certain goal off the line.

Kerry FC had their best opportunity of the game five minutes before the break as Alex Dunne delivered a low cross into Kennedy Amechi. Kennedy propped the ball up for himself and tried an acrobatic effort, which came off very well but was saved by Enda Minogue. Although Minogue made a slight meal of it, it was still easy enough for the Dundalk shot stopper to keep at bay.

Kerry FC finished the half much better than they started, but they would need a huge second-half performance if they were to get anything out of this one.

SECOND HALF
Half time saw the introduction of new signing Arran Healy, who looked to

be the game changer for Kerry FC in the second half. He had an opportunity just a minute after coming on, but his shot was blocked and dealt with easily by Dundalk.

Just before the hour mark, Eoin Kenny doubled the Dundalk lead and was exactly what he deserved for his performance on the evening. Dean Ebbe played the ball into Kenny just outside the right side of the box, Kenny came forward a few more yards with the ball before firing home into the near post to give the away side breathing space in the fixture.

Twenty-three minutes from time, Oran Crowe delivered a superb corner into the area from the left side. Chris McQueen rose highest for it, but he headed over the crossbar. Although it wasn't the best chance in the world, it was a lot more positive for the Kingdom.

From then on out, Dundalk really showed exactly why they are top of the league and a level above everyone else in the First Division. They played the ball around with pure ease, and Kerry FC just weren't able to get close.

In the third minute of added time, a long-range free kick from Keith Ward was struck with fierce venom and flew into the bottom right corner to make it 3-0. Just a minute later, substitute Andy Paraschiv went through on goal very easily thanks to a lovely assist from Dean Ebbe and made it 4-0 to the league leaders. Kerry FC completely switched off in the dying moments and paid the price.

The added time came and eventually went, and Dundalk FC came out to be very comfortable 4-0 winners. It was always going to be a hard game to bounce back in against such great opposition, but they can't dwell on the result for too long as they travel to Bishopsgate next Saturday evening to take on Longford Town in a game that will see eighth and ninth in the league face off.

KERRY FC TEAM: 1. Tim-Oliver Hiemer, 2. Alex Dunne, 3. Sean O'Connell, 5. Chris McQueen, 4. Oran Crowe, 6. Carl Mujaguzi, 7. Sean McGrath (C), 12. Kennedy Amechi, 15. Kevin Williams, 21. Luke Palmer, 28. Niall Brookwell.

SUBS: Mathyas Randriamamy, Cian Brosnan, Abel Alabi, Finn Barrett, Ronan Teahan, Joe Adams, Samuel Aladesanusi, Arran Healy.

DUNDALK FC TEAM: 1. Enda Minogue, 3. Sean Keogh, 4. Mayowa Animasahun, 6. Aodh Dervin, 7. Daryl Horgan (C), 8. Harry Groome (GOAL '19), 9. Dean Ebbe, 11. Gbemi Arubi, 15. Vincent Leonard, 16. Eoin Kenny (GOAL '59), 31. John Ross Wilson.

SUBS: Sean McHale, Luke Mulligan, Peter Cherrie, Sean Spaight, Andy Paraschiv (GOAL '90), Keith Ward (GOAL '90), Declan McDaid, Shane Tracey.





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KILLARNEY LEGION

SENIOR MEN

Our Senior Men rounded off their County League campaign with a draw at home to Rathmore. They got off to the better start and dominated the first half on a scoreline of 0-9 to 0-5 at half time. The second half was more evenly contested with Rathmore scoring a few points and a goal with the final score 1-14 each. The Division 6 team played in Rathmore the night previous but lost out on a 4-16 to 2-10 scoreline.

U12 GIRLS

Our U12 girls went international on Saturday when we hosted a blitz with New York Rangers G.A.A, Kilcummin, and Glenflesk. Rangers team of 13 were well able to hold their own and played some superb football in conditions ideal for good football and excellent score taking. Glenflesk and Kilcummin made up the remaining teams, and there was very little between all the teams. After 4 great games of football, all the girls sat down together and enjoyed lovely Four Star Pizza. The perfect end to a great day. Days like these take a lot of organising and effort and Margaret, Sharon, Shirley Trevor Dee and Lisa had all the the ground work done to ensure the girls had a great day and enjoyed themselves to the full. Huge thanks to all the parents of the U12 girls who helped out and special thanks to referees Amy Walshe, James Murphy, and Sonny Maguire. Safe Home to Rangers NY hope ye enjoyed yourselves in the Kingdom.

The 12 girls headed west earlier in the week to Lissdale to play Corca Duibhne in the next round of the County Go Games. On an evening ideal for football, the girls played their hearts out against a very competitive home side. Both clubs had two teams who played each other in 2 excellent games in tough, hard fought games. Our girls were outstanding in their endeavours, playing good football mixed with good passing hard work and excellent teamwork. Thanks to our hosts for organising pitches and referees and best of luck in the remaining games.

U13 GIRLS

On a warm summer Thursday evening playing on a perfect pitch, we welcomed our neighbours, Dr. Crokes in the 1st game of the U13 East Kerry Girls League. The younger girls of the U14 squad were equally supplemented by the U12 girls. It was an end to end game, and the girls battled hard against their opponents. There was some lovely football played by both teams.

Thanks to Dr. Crokes for the game and to the referee for officiating. The next game is Beaufort at home on Tuesday.

DEVELOPMENT SQUADS

Well done to Conor Moynihan and Jamie Fleming who were part of the U15 South Kerry Development Squad that defeated Mayo by two points in Gort Saturday. Cian Hegarty and Jayden Hurley were not involved but are also part of the development squad, as was Sean Lyne until his recent injury. Ronan O'Brien, Mark Looney, Jake Coffey, and Samuel Scroope from our under 16 group also helped South Kerry to a win over Roscommon in a windy Clare GAA Centre yesterday. (James Murphy and Jack Culloty not on duty).



Killarney Legion player Laura Healy, who starred for the Kerry Ladies u17 Development team today in the National Development Blitz in Portlaoise, winning their 4 games against Kildare, Monaghan and Meath x 2.



Killarney Legion GAA players Conor Moynihan and Jamie Fleming who were part of the U15 South Kerry Development Squad that defeated Mayo by 2 points in Gort. Cian Hegarty and Jayden Hurley were not involved but are also part of the development squad, as was Sean Lyne until his recent injury.



Listry supporters heading to the All Ireland Minor Final supporting Danny Murphy and David McCarthy and their families. Everyone at the club is very proud of the boys along with Chris and Killian who were part of the Extended Training Panel.

Our Under 13 Boys hosted near neighbours Beaufort in the final round of the East Kerry League. After suffering 2 defeats in the previous rounds our lads had a point to prove to both to themselves and their loyal supporters.

Luke Nott was captain for the game and he certainly played a leader's role wearing the famed No 13 Jersey. The 1st half was a tight and cagey affair with both sides trading some excellent scores and at the short whistle the teams could not be separated on a scoreline of Fossa 1-08, Beaufort 2-05.

However, Fossa threw off the shackles in the 2nd half and played some scintillating football. This team was threatening a performance like this all season and they did not disappoint in the 2nd half, kicking an incredible 4-14 in 30 minutes to put their opponents to the sword. Beaufort to their credit never gave up but they came up against a Fossa side that were majestic in every facet of the game in the 2nd half. When the Furies whistle-blower blew for full time Fossa had won by a very convincing 22 points.

COUNTY LEAGUE DIV.5

Our senior B team secured safety in Division 5 for next year with a very emphatic win over Laune Rangers B on Saturday evening. Played in glorious sunshine, Fossa were always in control with a brace of early points before Peadar Kelliher finished a slick move to the Rangers net in the 12th minute. With Fintan Coffey leading the line well at full forward, he set up Ted O'Gorman for another goal before half time to leave Fossa ahead 2-08 to 0-04 at the break. Fossa kept up the pace in the second half and ran their bench to good effect with Jack Sugrue coming on to score their third goal to leave the final score, Fossa 3-16, Laune Rangers 0-10. Well done to players and management, it's important to remain in Div 5 for the development of our younger players and they have a nice mix of youth and not so young players who are vital to the future of the club.

U16 BOYS

Fossa hosted Northern Gaels in the County League U16 Division 5A clash. The opening half was a defensive battle, with both sides working hard to limit scoring chances. It was Fossa

who broke the deadlock, with Marc Sheehan finding the back of the net, quickly followed by a point from Mikey Moroney. Northern Gaels responded strongly, notching a goal and a point of their own.

In defence, Charlie Griffin and Kevin Breen impressed with numerous turnovers, while in midfield, Donnacha Vaughan and Luke Clancy showcased excellent fielding. Up front, James O'Meara and Fionn O'Donovan posed constant problems for the Northern Gaels backline. Both teams exchanged points leading up to the break, with Fossa's scores coming from Eoin Bennett (2) and Ross O'Gorman, leaving the half-time score level at 1-4 apiece.

With the wind at their backs in the second half, Fossa took control of the kickouts, with Donnacha Vaughan putting in a tremendous shift. Defensively, Fossa limited Northern Gaels to just five second-half points, thanks to strong performances from Oisín Cryan, Paddy Myers, and Sam O'Leary. Shea Driver was instrumental in turning over possession on numerous occasions, while goalkeeper Dara Whelton made several crucial saves to maintain Fossa's lead.

Fossa added an impressive 2-11 after the interval, with points coming from Eoin Bennett (4), Mikey Moroney (2), Luke Clancy (2), Fionn O'Donovan, Donnacha Vaughan, and James O'Meara. The team pushed further ahead thanks to the strong contributions of Mateusz Golebicki, Gerry Moroney, and Luke Rennie. The goals came late in the game when the impressive Morgan O'Brien made a surging run from his own 45-metre line before blasting the ball into the top corner, and Mikey Moroney added a second goal just before the final whistle. The game finished with a Fossa win on a scoreline of 3-15 to 1-9.

CONGRATS

Well done to Darragh Whelton who played in goals for Kerry South U16 vs Roscommon in Clare on Saturday.

EAST KERRY

EAST KERRY JUNIOR LEAGUES 2025

First team named will be at home

Division 1 (13/15 a side)

Round 2 – Tuesday 15th July @ 7:30pm

Legion V Dr. Crokes, Kilcummin V Rathmore

Division 2 (13/15 a side)

Round 2 – Tuesday 15th July @ 7:30pm

Spa V Listry, Furies V Currow, Gneeveguilla bye

U13 EAST REGION LEAGUE

Division 1

Rathmore 3-16 Furies 3-9, Kilcummin 3-12 to Kenmare 1-12 (AET) after extra time

Division 2

Listry 5-25 Glenflesk 5-12, Dr Crokes 1-6 Spa 5-9

Division 3

Fossa 5-22 Beaufort 2-09, Currow 5-18 Scart 2-13

EAST KERRY U14 LEAGUE

Round 1, Tuesday July 15th at 7.30pm

Division 1A

Legion v Kilcummin, Scartaglen v SPA, Dr Crokes v Bye

Division 1B

Kenmare v Fossa, Furies v Rathmore

Division 3

Kilgarvan v Currow, Glenflesk v Listry, Gneeveguilla v Beaufort

ALL IRELAND SEMI FINAL

Best of luck to the Kerry team in Saturday's All Ireland Semi Final against Tyrone.

DR. CROKES

LGFA DONAL CURTIN CUP FINAL

Dr Crokes senior ladies made history on Monday last when they competed in the Division 1 Donal Curtin Cup for the first time ever. We were dealt an early blow with the loss of the ever-reliable Liz Moloney through injury after just 6 minutes. The open quarter was a cagey affair with both teams making several errors and it took until the 14th minute for Amanda Brosnan to open the scoring, soon followed by a pointed free from Rheanne O'Shea. Na Gael opened their scoring with a goal after 17 minutes but they were finding it difficult to breakthrough our defence, led by Karena O'Leary, Megann Kiely and Siobhan Burns. Further points from Treasa O'Sullivan, Amanda Brosnan, Siobhan Burns and Rheanne O'Shea and a great finish to the net from Seodhna O'Donoghue, saw us lead by 1.7



Danielle O'Leary of Kerry in action against Lia Reilly of Kildare during the TG4 All-Ireland Ladies Football Senior Championship quarter-final match between Kerry and Kildare at Austin Stack Park in Tralee, Kerry. Photo by Tyler Miller/Sportsfile

to 1.1 approaching half time. However, a second Na Gael goal just before half time saw us lead by just three at the break. Na Gael reduced the deficit to 2 points shortly after the restart but we quickly settled and Lillie Foley, Ali O'Donoghue and Siofra Randles defended superbly, making some crucial tackles and turnovers. A brilliantly worked team move which started with goalkeeper Ava Sheehan, who was outstanding throughout, worked its way up to Leah Mc Mahon who finished to the net. Then came the score of the game. Christine Cooper took possession on our own 45 metre line and weaved through the Na Gael defence, shaking off several tackles, before unleashing an unstoppable shot to the bottom left hand corner of the net, giving us a 3.8 to 1.3 lead. With Julie Delaney and Casey O'Donoghue linking well between defence and attack, we closed out the game with further scores from Amanda Brosnan, leading to a first ever division 1 ladies title at senior level. In her winning speech, captain Siobhan Burns passed on thoughts and sympathies to the family of the late Isabelle O'Callaghan.

LOTTO took place July 7th. Numbers drawn were 8, 12, 22, 26. Jackpot of €8,900 was NOT WON. 4 patrons matched 7 numbers and receive €60 each. Jackpot for draw on July 14th will be €9,200. Play online by following the link below and follow instructions attached [https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=734#Anchor\(https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=734#Anchor\)](https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=734#Anchor(https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=734#Anchor))

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 Gavin, Shane, Tony, Micheal, Mark, Evan and the Kerry Senior team in the All Ireland Semi Final on Saturday.

NOTES

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



Action from the LGFA Donal Curtin Cup Final Dr. Crokes V Na Gael.
Photo: Fitzgerald Stadium PR

GAME OF THE WEEK



Lee Strand U14 County District Championship Cup Final

CORCORAN SEALS IT FOR EAST KERRY

East Kerry 2-11 Tralee District 2-08

A late goal from full forward Eric Corcoran, his second on the evening, was crucial in East Kerry winning the Lee Strand U14 County District Championship Final against Tralee District, after 60 minute's of gripping football.

After both sides looked shaky in the opening minutes, an error in the East Kerry defense saw Liam Corkery given the chance to find the net. He made no mistake, giving his side a great start. A Rian Touchy free extended their early advantage. East Kerry then replied with 2 point's from Patrick McSweeney, followed by 2 more by Alex Finn. Corcoran then got his first goal of the evening firing in from close range as East Kerry began to get on top. A black card to Kipras Mockus saw Tralee down to 14 for the final minute's of the first half. Corcoran then saw another goal bound shot hit the post and go wide. Down the other end, Corkery did get his second goal, with a brilliant dipping shot that dropped in the corner of the net. It left Tralee with a 1 point lead at half time, which was just about deserved on the balance of play. Early point's from Noah Brosnan and Alex Finn saw East Kerry respond well to Corkery's goal. A 2 pointer from Tadgh Lucey for Tralee restored Tralee's half time advantage. Cheap free's were becoming an issue for them though with Finn getting 5 easy score's from those. 2 Michael Carmody point's kept Tralee 1 ahead though. With time running out, Corcoran got another chance. Faced with the onrushing Oran O Regan, he stepped past the Tralee goalie, and rolled the ball into the empty net. Finn added another free in injury time. Despite their best efforts, Tralee could not engineer a



Action from the Lee Strand U14 County District Championship Cup Final. Photos: Matt O'Neill

goal chance and East Kerry held on to victory. A hard earned win in a Final that did justice to what was a brilliant competition.

East Kerry

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Tralee District

Oran O'Regan, Austin Stacks C.2. Conor Maguire, Austin Stacks. 3. Tiernan Brosnan, Kerins O Rahillys. 4. Tadgh Lawlor, Kerins O Rahillys. 5. Evan Griffin, Kerins O Rahillys. 6. Shea Horan, Austin Stacks. 7. Fionan O Callaghan, John Mitchell's. 8. Billy Kirby, Austin Stacks. 9. Tadgh Lucey, Austin Stacks. 10. Cameron Quirke, Kerins O Rahillys. 11. Michael Carmody, Austin Stacks. 12. Kipras Mockus, Kerins O Rahillys. 13. Rian Touchy, Kerins O Rahillys. 14. Liam Corkery, John Mitchell's. 15. Tadgh O Regan, Austin Stacks. 20. Jamie O Regan, Kerins O Rahillys. 21. Eddie Carmody, John Mitchell's. 28. Luca Fosco, Kerins O Rahillys.



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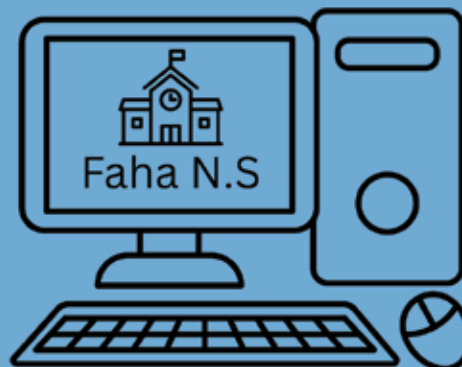
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KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL STOPPING HOUSE BUILDING IN KERRY

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

“ERRATIC PLANNING DECISIONS WITHOUT CONSEQUENCES FOR KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL”

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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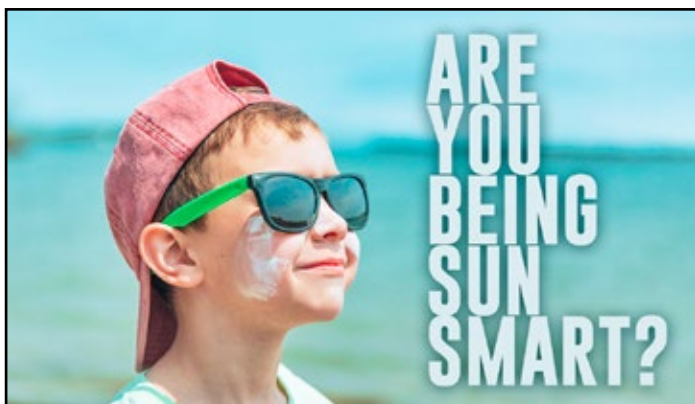
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SALLY O'BRIEN'S SMILE

By Nicky Barry



When I hear a trad band play, in an Irish pub,
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For there's an image in my head, from that Harp ad long ago,
Of Sally O'Brien, and the way she might look at you,
For she radiated magic, with that girlie smile,
For which any lonely fella, would run a country mile.
It was full of promise, that said 'you're the man,
So get that pint into you, and catch me if you can.'
There was this poor Paddy, sweltering in the noon-day sun,
Somewhere in the Arab world, where there was
not much fun.

He mused the ground was so hot, that you could fry an egg,
If you only had one, for it seems there were no hens.
Meanwhile the Sallies of the world, come and go in pubs,
And fellas keep on dreaming, that they could be the one,
That this angel might come over to, and sit down for a chat,
And laugh and giggle at their jokes, even if old hat.
So Sallies keep on laughing, with those dancing eyes,
That Eve maybe had for Adam, back in Paradise.
But Adam felt that he'd been had, when she let him down,
But still romance is thriving, in every Irish town!



A Word of Victory





"I think of the good old days long since ended, when my nights were filled with joyful songs. I search my soul and ponder the difference now"
(Psalm 77:5-6 NLT).

Welcome back dear student, sometimes a song or a photograph brings us back to the 'good old days' reviving memories. We reminisce about better times - when we were young or our children were young. Times seemed more simple and innocent. It's great to remember the good times, but if we over-indulge it can bring heaviness (Isaiah 61:3; Isaiah 41:10). The realisation that those days are no more hits like a hammer if there is no hope in the heart. Hope strengthens one to face forward (Hebrews 6:19). In relation to loved ones who've passed on - as believers, we have hope that we will be reunited with them in Heaven one day - never again to be parted. This hope helps us to heal from the pain and desperate trauma that death brings. God is Faithful. He never changes, and His Word promises that 'absent from the body is present with the Lord' (2 Corinthians 5:8). When a believer breathes their final breath on this earth they open their eyes instantly in God's Presence.

Some people are troubled wondering if they will 'make it to Heaven'. This is not how God planned for us to live. The beautiful hymn 'How Great Thou Art' tells the story of God's immense love for us in providing for our Salvation by sending His Son Jesus to suffer and die for our sins and how His resurrection sealed our redemption. And that Jesus is coming back for His church accompanied by all those who died believing in Christ (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; John 3:16-17). The Lord Jesus delivered us from evil - from sin, death, and hell, which is eternal separation from God. The New Covenant in the Blood of Jesus means so much is available to believers - hope, forgiveness, healing, reassurance, deliverance, relationship, peace, joy plus the promise of eternal life with God. The Word tells us that our hearts believe but our mouths confess unto Salvation (Romans 10:9-17). To inherit Salvation, we simply confess aloud our trust in Jesus.

Pray aloud with me friend... Dear God, I come to You believing that Your Son Jesus died in my place to pay for my sins. Thank You Jesus for saving me, for I could never save myself. Lord Jesus, God raised You from the dead to seal my redemption and my Salvation. I am now a child of God, restored to my Heavenly Father because You paid for me with Your sinless Blood. Lord Jesus, I declare You are my Saviour and Lord of all my life. I ask You to cleanse and heal my heart, my mind, my body, and my whole life. Please forgive all my sins. I now choose to forgive all those who have hurt or betrayed me or my family - whether they're living or dead. I release them, and repent of all offence, for You have forgiven and released me Lord. Now I am clean, I choose to live for You Jesus. Baptise me with Your Holy Spirit, fill me with Your Love and Your Peace, and direct my steps always. I release all my loved ones who have passed on into Your care. I trust You with them knowing I will meet them again one day. But until then, I ask You to heal my heart from all grief and sadness, all despair and depression. Lord, help me to hope again, and to remember the good times without heaviness. I choose to honour my loved one's memories by living a life of purpose in the Joy of the Lord, in Jesus Name I pray, Amen.

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*That day in July you slipped away,
Our hearts they broke away.
Your love so strong,
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You were Someone Special,
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*When days are sad and lonely,
And everything goes wrong,
I seem to hear you whisper,
Cheer up and carry on.*

*Each time I see your photo,
You smile and seem to say,
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We will meet again some day.*

Sadly missed and always remembered from
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Appointments in the Diocese of Kerry, Summer 2025

The past year has seen three priests, David, Sospeter and Timothy arrive on loan to us from Eldoret diocese in Kenya. Also arrived is a priest from India, of the Order of St Camillus Fr Arlappa, who will be a chaplain in UHK (the Order has a special charism for hospital ministry). He will be joined by a colleague before the Autumn. We are deeply grateful for their support and that of their dioceses. Their presence challenges us all to truly live our faith, to ask God to send laborers into the harvest, - to call from among us vocations to the priesthood to serve our needs.

Facing the ongoing challenge posed by having fewer priests to minister in our parishes, the past year has been very important. We commissioned twenty-five parishioners as pastoral leaders following an intensive preparation course. Also, five candidates for the permanent diaconate are completing their formation program. They will serve in every parish alongside all who are already involved as volunteers, some who have given many hours of service over many years: Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, committee members, etc., not forgetting our secretaries and sacristans. The great challenge is for priests and parishioners together to be in a position to have the fullness of parish life in all our parishes. Let us face that challenge with confidence.

I am conscious that some of our churches only have Mass every second weekend and others no longer have a weekend Mass. Our challenge is to ensure there is a Mass in every parish every weekend. Faced with ministering in more than one parish and thus extra churches, our priests have not been found wanting. The evolving situation makes demands of all, parishioners and priests. We come together around the altar to worship and give thanks to God Our Lord and Creator.

Can I humbly ask all parishioners to be faithful to weekend Mass, Saturday evening or Sunday morning.

How healthy are numbers joining in the celebration of weekend Masses in your parish?

Taking the time to join in the celebration of the Mass is a call to look at the bigger picture, of the meaning, motivation and purpose of all our lives as one week ends and another begins. Am I happy with the week gone by? Am I ready for the challenge of the week ahead? Do I trust in the presence of God, his love and care for us all and his call to love and care for each other? Is it important that our children grow up with a sense of Sunday as the Lord's Day and a Day of Rest? Have I that sense of Sunday in my own life?

The past ten, twenty years have seen significant changes in how people choose to marry. Less than half of marriages now take place in Church. Marriage is an enormous gift: a couple entering a life-long loving union; the birth and rearing of children - family life; the continuity of humanity from generation to generation, - childhood, parenthood, grandparenthood and beyond. For most, despite all the challenges and the major things that can go wrong, marriage is a wonderful, life-long, fulfilling and loving union. Our faith is that it is not just our own doing, - it is God's will for us too, God is ever present and ever loving in the couple's marriage and home. On their wedding day a couple ask and receive God's assurance and blessing, God will be with them, their strength and guide. God blesses the journey they are setting out on, their union that will ever bear fruit.

As parish communities and as people of faith, how can we promote both Sunday Eucharist and the Sacrament of Marriage in all our parishes?

Jubilee Year 2025 calls on us all to be Pilgrims of Hope. - Hope understood as 'Hope in God', "Thy will be done ... Give us this day our daily bread."

Bishop Ray Browne
Diocese of Kerry

Diocese of Kerry Appointments July 2025

Retirements:

Fr Seamus Kennelly, PP Boherbue.

Fr Niall Geaney, PP Fossa.

Fr Michael Hussey PP Ballylongford.

Appointments:

Fr. Noel Spring, Castletownbere to be PP Fossa.

Fr Danny Broderick, Milltown to be PP Boherbue.

Fr. John Buckley, Killeentierna to be PP Ballylongford and Moderator of Tarbert parish.

Fr Gerard O'Leary, Chaplain, University Hospital Kerry to be PP Killeentierna and Moderator of Knocknagoshel Parish.

Fr. Amos Surungai Ruto, Our Lady & St Brendan's Tralee to be PP Castletownbere and Moderator of Adrigole parish.

Fr Timothy Chebii St John's Tralee to be PP Milltown.

Fr Arlappa Mundlagiri * to be Chaplain University Hospital Kerry.

Fr Sospeter Kangogo to continue to minister in Our Lady & St Brendan's Tralee.

Fr David Kibet-Rugutt to continue to minister in St John's Tralee.

Fr. Kevin Sullivan to be Moderator of Castlemaine Parish.

*Fr. Arlappa is a Member of the Order of St Camillus, its charism is care of the sick and people in crisis.

Priests of all Pastoral Areas of the Diocese take up different responsibilities outside their own parishes and within the Pastoral Area. This will be decided and communicated locally.

These appointments will become effective on Wednesday, July 16th 2025

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