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Models in Recovery Pat Doherty, Lisa Fleming, Elaine Burke, Helen Kerins (seated from left). Marion Favier, John Joe Murphy, May Cremin, Bernie O'Riordan, Kathleen Forde, Noreen Genkins (back from left). Rose Cotter, Michael Murphy, Aine O'Shea, Ciaran Brosnan, Derva Doherty, Maura Culloty, Norma O'Donoghue, of Norma O'Donoghue Model Agency, Cathal Walshe and Noel Cunningham MC who participated in the Killarney Branch Kerry Hospice Foundation celebrating Models in Recovery Autumn/Winter Fashion show in the INEC, Gleneagle Killarney on Wednesday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

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# A Note from the EDITOR



Models In Recovery take centre stage in this week's Killarney Outlook as the brave participants in this year's fashion show in aid of the Kerry Hospice Foundation strut their stuff for a cause very close to their hearts. Dr. Crokes welcomed Boyzone star Ronan Keating who was there to learn the skills of hurling as part of a BBC Northern Ireland show, a star footballer took to the podium to highlight the lifesaving power of blood donation and the Killarney Vintage Car Show has drawn enthusiasts in their hundreds to the Racecourse. Ultra athletes braved the harsh Kerry elements, a coffee morning in aid of Jack & Jill is taking place on Monday and Kilcummin couples are honoured at anniversary celebrations. Medals of the late Mick O'Dwyer have been donated to the GAA museum, Ladybirds are looking for new members and the community will unite for the Alzheimer's Memory Walk. Anne Lucey looks at the costs so far for the Arus Padraig project, there was dismay and disappointment at the vandalism of the newly installed lifebuoys along the River Flesk and the International Hotel has hit the market with a price tag of up to €20 million euro. In sport, Tom Doherty clinches silver at the EDGA President's Cup, Kerry Captain Gavin White is set to lead celebrations at his Captain's Club Night and Jimmy takes a look at All Things Sport. Hope you all enjoy this week's Killarney Outlook!

*Aisling Crosbie*



*The grace and beauty of a swan captured by William Fleming at Ross Castle*

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AND BEYOND

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# Ronan Keating Returns to Killarney for BBC Documentary



Singer and broadcaster Ronan Keating is back in familiar surroundings this week as filming continues for his upcoming BBC Northern Ireland documentary, which follows him along the scenic Wild Atlantic Way.

Keating, who spent many childhood holidays in Killarney, has been reminiscing about his early years in the town as part of the production. Among his fondest memories are days spent on the Lakes of Killarney, and this week he relived that experience, taking to the water with his brother just as they did in their youth.

When they were younger, the Keating family spent their holidays with Pat and Joan Cahill on Flesk Bridge.

"We have always maintained a friendship and Linda, Ronan's sister is a good friend of mine, Joanne Pierce, told Killarney Outlook.

"They were a lovely family and stayed with us for many years in row", she added.

While GAA played a central role in his upbringing, Keating admitted he had never played hurling before. That changed during filming when Michael Milner and Brendan McMahon gave him a hands-on introduction to the sport, showing him the skills and techniques of the ancient game, while Eoin Brosnan, Dr Crokes Chairman presented Ronan with a full Dr. Crokes kit.

Speaking to Killarney Outlook, Karl McMahon said that Ronan Keating was a lovely guy who had plenty of time for everyone. The documentary will explore not only the Wild Atlantic Way's breathtaking landscapes but also the cultural connections and personal memories tied to Ireland's southwest. For Keating, his time in Killarney is as much about revisiting family traditions as it is about discovering new experiences.

The programme is expected to air later this year on BBC Northern Ireland.



Boyzone star and broadcaster, Ronan Keating pictured at Dr. Crokes Club Grounds on Lewis Road this week where he was filming a show for BBC Northern Ireland. He is pictured with Club Chairman, Eoin Brosnan, PRO Leah O'Shea and Karl McMahon. See page 4



Dr. Crokes members pictured with Ronan Keating



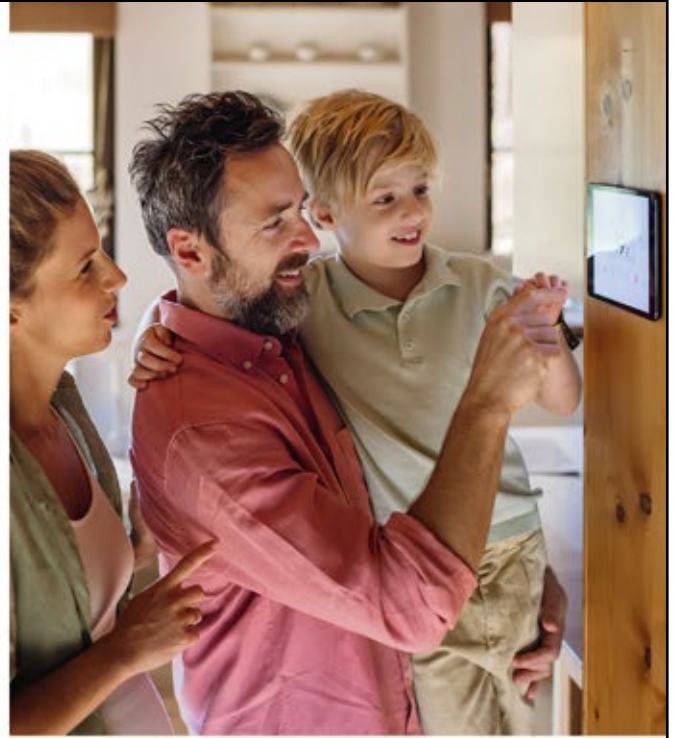
Time for a quick picture with Dr. Crokes ladies





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# Geraldine O'Dwyer

## DONATES LATE HUSBAND MICK O'DWYER'S ALL-IRELAND MEDALS TO GAA MUSEUM

A poignant moment took place at Croke Park on Tuesday when Geraldine O'Dwyer, wife of the late Mick O'Dwyer, presented his treasured All-Ireland medals to GAA President Jarlath Burns for display in the GAA Museum.

Mick O'Dwyer, one of the most celebrated figures in the history of Gaelic football, won four All-Ireland titles as a player with Kerry before going on to manage teams to unprecedented success, most famously leading Kerry during their golden era of the 1970s and '80s. His legacy as both a player and manager is regarded as unparalleled in the sport.

By donating the medals to the museum, Geraldine has ensured that future generations of GAA supporters will have the opportunity to view and appreciate the achievements of one of the game's true legends.

Speaking at the presentation, GAA President Jarlath Burns paid tribute to O'Dwyer's extraordinary contribution to Gaelic games, describing him as "a man whose name will forever be synonymous with football excellence."

The medals now take pride of place in the GAA Museum, where they stand as a lasting testament to Mick O'Dwyer's remarkable career and enduring influence on the sport.



Geraldine O'Dwyer wife of the late Mick O'Dwyer presenting his All Ireland Medals to Jarlath Burns President of the GAA in the GAA Museum in Croke Park on Tuesday. Also in photo are, Michael O'Flynn, Tom Spillane, Ger Power and Mick Spillane, Niamh McCoy Director of the GAA Museum and guests. Photo: Michael Chester



Geraldine O'Dwyer wife of the late Mick O'Dwyer presenting his All Ireland Medals to Jarlath Burns President of the GAA for the GAA Museum in Croke Park on Tuesday. Photo: Michael Chester



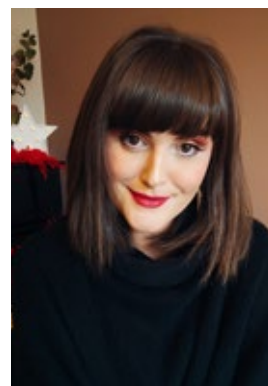
Geraldine O'Dwyer wife of the late Mick O'Dwyer presenting his All Ireland Medals to Jarlath Burns President of the GAA in the GAA Museum in Croke Park on Tuesday. Also in photo are, Conor Spillane, Tom Spillane, Ger Power and Mick Spillane. Photo: Michael Chester

## Soul Talks Live Returns with Guest Lily MacMonagle

Following a packed-out launch night in August, Soul Talks Live returns to Anam Arts & Cultural Centre, Killarney on Friday, September 12th at 7.30pm.

Created and hosted by Killarney's Grace Foley, the monthly "live podcast" style event brings real stories, laughter and connection to the stage, with each guest answering the same set of carefully chosen questions about life, creativity, and what makes us tick.

This month's guest is Lily MacMonagle Killarney, Director and Owner of Macademy. An award-winning performer, Lily is best known for her acclaimed turns in musical theatre, including her standout performance as Eva Perón in Evita and her AIMS award-winning role as Charity in Sweet Charity. Alongside her own stage career, she has nurtured hundreds of young performers through Macademy, making her one of Killarney's most dynamic creative voices. Supported by the Kerry Arts Office, tickets remain just €5, available on the door.







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From the Pitch to the Podium:

# Sean O'Leary's Story Highlights Lifesaving Power of Blood Donation

When 200 Munster blood and platelet donors were honoured at the Irish Blood Transfusion Service (IBTS) Awards Ceremony in Cork's Rochestown Park Hotel on Friday, 5th September, it was the words of guest speaker Sean O'Leary that left the deepest impression. Sean, from Kilcummin, was once an emerging football star with a bright future on the Kerry football team. But in July 2021, on his way home from a game, his life changed in an instant when a serious road traffic accident left him with devastating injuries. Confined to a wheelchair and facing months of surgery and rehabilitation, his footballing dreams looked shattered.

During his treatment, Sean received eight units of donated blood, transfusions that kept him alive through multiple surgeries and gave him the chance to rebuild. Against all odds, he has not only returned to the game he loves playing with the Kilcummin Senior Football team.

After years of determination and recovery, Sean has returned to the pitch, defying the odds and proving the power of resilience.

Speaking to the donors gathered in Cork, he paid tribute to their selflessness:

"This ceremony isn't just about awards, it's about the generosity, kindness and humanity that blood donors show every day. Without people like you, I wouldn't be here, and I certainly wouldn't be back playing football!"

The evening also recognised the remarkable commitment of donors who had reached milestones of 50 or 100 donations, achievements that can take decades to accomplish. Awards were presented by IBTS Chairperson, Deirdre Anne Barr, with the Rt. Honourable Deputy Lord Mayor of Cork, Cllr. Margaret McDonnell, on hand to congratulate honourees from across the province.

Donor Services Manager, Julianne Kelly, reinforced Sean's message, saying:

"Regular donors are the backbone of the IBTS. Your generosity has saved thousands of lives across Ireland. Without you, we simply could not meet the needs of hospitals and patients who rely on blood every single day."

Every week, the IBTS requires 3,000 units of blood to ensure a safe and steady supply for Irish hospitals. Clinics are held in communities nationwide, alongside permanent donation centres in Cork and Dublin.



Guest speaker Sean O'Leary from Kilcummin who survived a serious car crash thanks to blood donors pictured speaking at a special award ceremony in the Rochestown Park Hotel Cork to mark donors who have given 50 and 100 times. Pictures. John Allen



Liam Hartnett, Killarney; Geraldine Collins, Ardfert; Aidan Healy, Tralee; Margaret Griffin, Milltown; Trevor Coffey, Killarney; Breda Fleming, Rathmore; Margaret Murphy, Cahirciveen and Patrick O'Sullivan, Killarney pictured at a special award ceremony in the Rochestown Park Hotel Cork to mark donors who have given 50 and 100 times.



Mary Foley, Tralee and Shane O'Connor, Killarney pictured at a special award ceremony in the Rochestown Park Hotel Cork to mark donors who have given 50 and 100 times.



Noel Murphy, Killarney; Michael McCarthy, Killarney; Teresa Daly, Killarney; John Lynch, Tralee and Dominic Dineen, Ardfert pictured at a special award ceremony in the Rochestown Park Hotel Cork to mark donors who have given 50 and 100 times.





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# Killarney Valley Classic and Vintage Car Show Draws Enthusiasts in Their Hundreds

The Killarney Valley Classic & Vintage Club hosted its much-anticipated annual car show on Saturday at the scenic Killarney Racecourse, attracting enthusiasts from near and far.

The event featured an impressive line-up of vehicles spanning decades, with models ranging from elegant 1950s classics to retro and modified cars of the 1980s and 1990s. All vehicles on display were 30 years or older, offering visitors a nostalgic journey through motoring history.

Club representatives expressed their gratitude to the owners who brought their cars for display. "Each year, we are inspired by the remarkable quality and passion behind the vehicles showcased," said a spokesperson for the club.

The event was made possible thanks to the dedication of club members, who worked behind the scenes to ensure a smooth and enjoyable day for all. Entertainment was provided by Kerry's own DJ Tim Clifford, who kept spirits high with music throughout the afternoon.

Special appreciation was extended to the show's sponsor, Kelliher's Garage of Tralee, for their continued support, as well as to Killarney Races for the use of their picturesque venue. Visitors were also treated to refreshments courtesy of The Racecourse Café Killarney.

The Killarney Valley Classic & Vintage Club hailed the day as a resounding success and is already looking ahead to next year's event. "We look forward to welcoming everyone back for another celebration of motoring heritage," the club said.

*Killarney Vintage Car Show Photograph by Molly Thokwana*



*Tom Leslie, Eamon Leslie and Michael Leslie.  
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*Pictured at the Killarney Vintage Car Show are: Darren Decay, Michael Leslie, Adin Shea, Tom Wharton, Lee Foley and Tom Leslie  
Photograph By Molly Thokwana*



*Ger Healy, Seanie O Donoghue Photograph by Molly Thokwana*

## Lily Ladybirds Killarney Invite New Members

The Lily Ladybirds, the Killarney branch of the Irish Girl Guides for ages 5 to 7, are welcoming new members this autumn.

Ladybirds provides an all-inclusive environment where girls are supported and encouraged at their own stage of development. Through games, outdoor activities and creative projects, members build confidence, learn life skills, and develop a respect for the world around them. The Irish Girl Guides' mission is to enable girls and young women to reach their fullest potential as responsible citizens of the world, a goal that begins with the youngest members in Ladybirds.

A registration and information evening will take place on Thursday, September 29th, at 6pm in the Presentation Monastery School, New Road, Killarney. As places are limited, families are encouraged to attend early to secure a spot.





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**Anne Lucey**

looks at the positive news happening in Killarney



## THE DEER HUNTER

Following on from my call for Edwardian style hunting parties to help rid us of the over population of deer in Killarney, comes the bounty. Rather than bringing in cash rich hunters, we would have the State paying farmers and landowners to shoot deer, is Michael Cahill's idea to tackle the deer scourge. While my Edwardian hunting parties drew a bit of adverse reaction, Michael's bounty is not going down well at all.

Basically, Michael's idea is as follows: He backs a call by farming representatives to "incentivise hunters to control deer numbers in the county, by introducing the bounty

"Similar 'bounties' were previously successfully introduced for other culls such as foxes and seals, he is to tell Minister for Agriculture, Martin Heydon.

Damien Hannigan of the Irish Deer Commission, says extra culls are not needed in Kerry - at least until the venison industry is developed.

Nearly 5,000 wild deer were culled in Kerry for the 2023/2024 season Damien said. That is a 15% increase and the largest cull in Ireland.

It was at no cost to the taxpayer, Damien also said.

"Without the development of our venison market there is no motivation or reason to cull more deer on top of the 78,000 deer being culled nationally each year," he said.

There has been no development of the venison market in Ireland and this greatly restricts the numbers that can be culled, he said.

Why we don't develop wild venison is of course down to the focus by the Department of Agriculture - and farm organisations - on

beef and lamb. A great shame as venison is altogether a healthier option.

## THE COST OF THE REJECTED ÁRAS PROJECT AND OTHER MATTERS

I got replies under the Freedom of Information to a few enquiries I made over the summer. I think some of these are also to come before the council by way of motions this week.

The upshot is that when it comes to rates, Killarney coughs up over ten million euro a year. And does so regularly.

I looked for the amount of money paid in rates by businesses in the Killarney Municipal District for the years 2022, 2023, 2024. In 2022, the year after the pandemic business wise, Killarney ratepayers contributed €10,444,541; in 2023 this was €10,554,983 and in 2024 the figure was €10,348,222. In effect Killarney contributes around one fifth of the total rates collected in Kerry which is around 55 million.

I also sought the amount of money collected in car park fees in Killarney and the MD of Killarney. In 2024 the amount collected in parking fees alone was €1,469,938.33. Up from €1,309,993.96 in 2022 and €1,393,823.73 in 2023.

Interestingly, the amounts released were net of VAT and excluding the income from parking fines.

Overall take from parking fines and fees in Kerry in 2024 was €3.65 million. So Killarney contributes almost half of that - when the fines are included.

The real question that must be answered is how much of the money collected in Killarney is spent in Killarney? And how much is going

*The Áras Phádraig project cost close to €900,000 with consultants, salaries and other fees paid out.*



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One other nugget I got released to me concerns the cost of the failed Áras Phádraig project. The failed project cost close to €900,000 with consultants, salaries and other fees paid out.

Design Consultants, Salaries, and Miscellaneous amounted to €867,926. There was an estimated full-time equivalent of 9 months by Senior Engineer and Senior Executive Engineer on the project.

The spend on the billboard outside the Áras was €857.00.

Surely these figures would have given our councillors and our public, had they been available, pause for thought? Another way of looking at it of course is to have a vote before any plans are drawn up going forward. A million euros is a lot of public money, even for Killarney.

## ALL THE PRESIDENT'S MEN?

"It's all about the numbers," as a leading Fianna Fail councillor put it to me before the secret ballot in Fianna Fail.

The preference for Dublin based Gavin is a calculated move by Taoiseach Micheál Martin. To attract the huge Dublin vote as well as mining the GAA nationally. Were Sean Kelly the candidate for FG, there's slim chance Gavin would be in the mix.

But there you go: it was all duck or no dinner for Tanaiste Harris too. He wanted Heather, forgetting that the grouse season was kicking off.

Will the big party strategies backfire?

There was a window to the alternatives at a marathon meeting of Kerry County Council. I was impressed by five of the baker's dozen. I don't share Maria Steen's views entirely. But she came across as sincere, professional and even open minded. Gareth Sheridan and Nick Delahanty, both 35, the minimum age for president, stood out. Nick is "generation rent" the generation that has no voice.

We who graduated in the early 1980s identify with them. We hit the worst of the Troubles, two economic crashes and many of us had to take to the emigrant boats, the odd jobs, illegal work visas, precarious employment and the shut down of the State employer; then we got another belt in our mid 20s when mortgage rates soared to double digits; in our fifties our children's allowances were stopped at 18 and college fees were introduced.

Something similar is happening now with the 30 somethings who are hammered at every turn and nowhere as cushioned as the 40 somethings.

Uncannily as in the 1980s, Emigration and Housing were key concerns on Monday.

Cathaoirleach Mike Foley (FG) as well as senior official Bridget Fitzgerald on her first day as meetings administrator came across well.

Fianna Fail's Norma Moriarty and Fionnán Fitzgerald grilled every candidate on their Irish fluency. Norma was put back in her box with a swift riposte by Lorna McCormack, social care worker and agricultural innovator.

Lorna said she had fluent Irish sign language. "We have 5,000 deaf people. Two babies are born deaf here every week," she told Norma. Touché, I thought. This State pays lip service to Irish - when really what a new president needs is Russian, Polish and Urdu, the languages heard now on our streets.

By the way, Gaza was mentioned only in passing by two candidates. And one of those was Killarney candidate Walter Ryan Purcell who impressed. I sense the public will send a message with a kicking for the establishment. Could this translate as Connolly? All depends on Sinn Féin who ironically will now be the kingmakers.



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# Kerry Stores Celebrated at Londis Retailing Excellence Awards 2025

Six Londis stores from County Kerry were among the top-performing retailers honoured at the Londis Retailing Excellence Awards 2025, held recently at the Seafeld Hotel & Spa Resort, Gorey, Co. Wexford. The event, hosted by BWG Foods, owners and operators of the Londis brand in Ireland, recognised the outstanding achievements in retail excellence of Londis' nationwide network of community retailers. Organised in partnership with independent evaluators Solution Management Associates (SMA), the awards celebrate Londis retailers who have demonstrated exceptional standards in areas such as fresh food quality, product range, store presentation, and customer service. Each winning store underwent a comprehensive assessment to ensure they met the highest benchmarks in Irish convenience retailing.

**Among the Kerry-based winners were:**  
**Seamus Kelly, Kelly's Londis Rathmore & Kelly's Londis Milltown**  
**Niall and Vivian Nolan, Nolan's Londis Tralee**  
**Michael and Joan O'Sullivan, O'Sullivan's Londis Killorglin**  
**Seamus Stack, Stack's Londis Lixnaw**  
**Steve Watson, Watson's Londis Duagh**

Conor Hayes, Sales Director at Londis,



Pictured at the Londis Retailing Excellence Awards 2025 at the Seafeld Hotel & Spa Resort, Gorey, Co. Wexford: Harry Kelly, Denis Heffernan, John Cronin and Seamus Kelly, Kelly's Londis Rathmore, Kelly's Londis Milltown.

congratulated the winners, saying: Since their launch in 2015, the Londis Retailing Excellence Awards have celebrated retailers who go above and beyond in delivering quality, service, and innovation. These awards shine a spotlight on the passion and professionalism that define

our Londis network. I'm proud to acknowledge our Kerry winners, whose dedication to their customers and communities sets a remarkable standard. Their recognition is richly deserved."

## Ireland's First Dinosaur Fossils Inspire New Children's Book

Ireland's first confirmed dinosaur fossils have sparked the imagination of Killarney-based children's author Olivia Hope, whose new picture book *The Lonely Only Dinosaur* was launched this week in Dubray Books, Grafton Street.

The story, published by Gill Books and illustrated by Anna Süßbauer, draws inspiration from fossil remains first uncovered in Antrim during the 1980s by the late Roger Byrne. Although the fossils were discovered decades ago, it was only in recent years that scientists confirmed them as belonging to two species: a Megalosaurus and a Scelidosaur.

Hope was fascinated by the contrast between



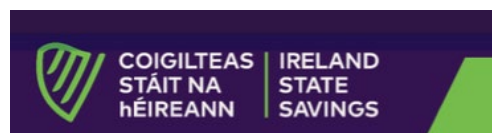
the two creatures.

"The Scelidosaur was a plant-eater with bony armour along its back, while the Megalosaurus was more like a T-Rex," she explained. "They're so different that I knew immediately they would make brilliant characters — especially if friendship between them seemed unlikely."

Children's Books Ireland has already praised the title as "a firm read-aloud favourite," and early readers have been charmed by the adventures of Marsha the Megalosaurus, who sets out in search of a friend.

The *Lonely Only Dinosaur* is now available in bookshops nationwide.

## Lucky Kerry Bond Holder Wins €50,000 in Weekly Prize Draw



A lucky Prize Bond holder in Kerry has scooped €50,000 in this week's draw. The winning bond, number AAJ977964, was purchased a decade ago in 2015.

This week's draw saw a total of 8,812 prizes awarded, amounting to over €737,825 in winnings. While the top weekly prize is €50,000, a larger €500,000 prize is offered in the last

weekly draw of every calendar month. Other weekly prizes include twenty awards of €1,000 and twenty of €500.

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# Time to Celebrate:



## KERRY DRINKS FESTIVAL

### Coming This November

**G**et ready to raise a glass to amazing liquids as the inaugural Kerry Drinks Festival makes its debut on Saturday, 15th November 2025, at Killarney Racecourse. The festival was officially launched this week with key sponsors Dingle Distillery and Carry Out Killarney.

The festival will bring together over 65 distilleries, breweries and producers and a host of enthusiasts for a day of sampling, socialising, and discovery, set in the scenic Killarney Racecourse. Each brand will bring selections of their products to sample. The festival offers people a unique chance to experience the flavour and craftsmanship of Ireland's diverse drinks producers - from whiskeys and gins to craft beers, ciders, vodkas, liqueurs, and much more. Every attendee will take home a specially crafted Kerry Drinks Festival glass. There will also be a selection of artisan food available to purchase.

The day will kick off with a Trade Expo at 2:30pm, tailored for professionals from the bar, restaurant, hospitality & drinks industries. Attendees will have the chance to meet with a wide range of producers, explore new products, and forge valuable business connections ahead of the busy festive season.

During the evening masterclass (6-7pm), Dingle Distillery's Paddy Foley (Head of Production) and Dave Cummins (Brand Ambassador) will guide guests through a tasting and give them in-depth insight into the distillery's acclaimed portfolio.

The Brand Expo & Social for the general public runs from 7pm - 10.30pm. As guests wander through the Beerhall, Food Yard, Drinks Hall and the Spirits Lounge, they'll get to meet with over 65 Irish and international producers and sample a selection of their products from whiskeys, gins, rums, vodkas and poitins as well as beers and ciders, along with complimentary mixers by Three Cents. Many liquids will be served by the distillers, blenders, and brand owners themselves, a rare chance to engage with the makers behind the magic.

Dair Nua Cooperage will also give live barrel-making demonstrations.

Organisers have created a bespoke tasting glass for the festival, which each guest will use on the evening and get to take home. The glass has been crafted for sampling all the different liquids at the festival, with the tulip shape



*Sonya & Laurie O'Dwyer, founders of Kerry Drinks Festival, pictured with event sponsors John Fleming, owner of Carry Out Killarney and Paddy Foley, Head of Production & Maturation at Dingle Distillery, as they reveal the festival tasting glass that all attendees will receive at the inaugural event, which takes place at Killarney Racecourse on Saturday, 15th November 2025.*

designed for concentrating flavours. Rinsing stations will be readily available for those sampling the range of liquids. This is in keeping with Killarney town's policy of reducing the use of single-use plastics.

The festival team has also crafted a special Festival Bottle of whiskey in partnership with Dingle Distillery. This 10-year-old Dingle single malt will be exclusively on sale at the festival at the Carry-Out Killarney stand.

The event is organised by Sonya O'Dwyer and Laurie O'Dwyer (host of Whiskey Chats Podcast), who are the same people behind the very successful Cork Whiskey Fest, which celebrated its 3rd festival in March this year.

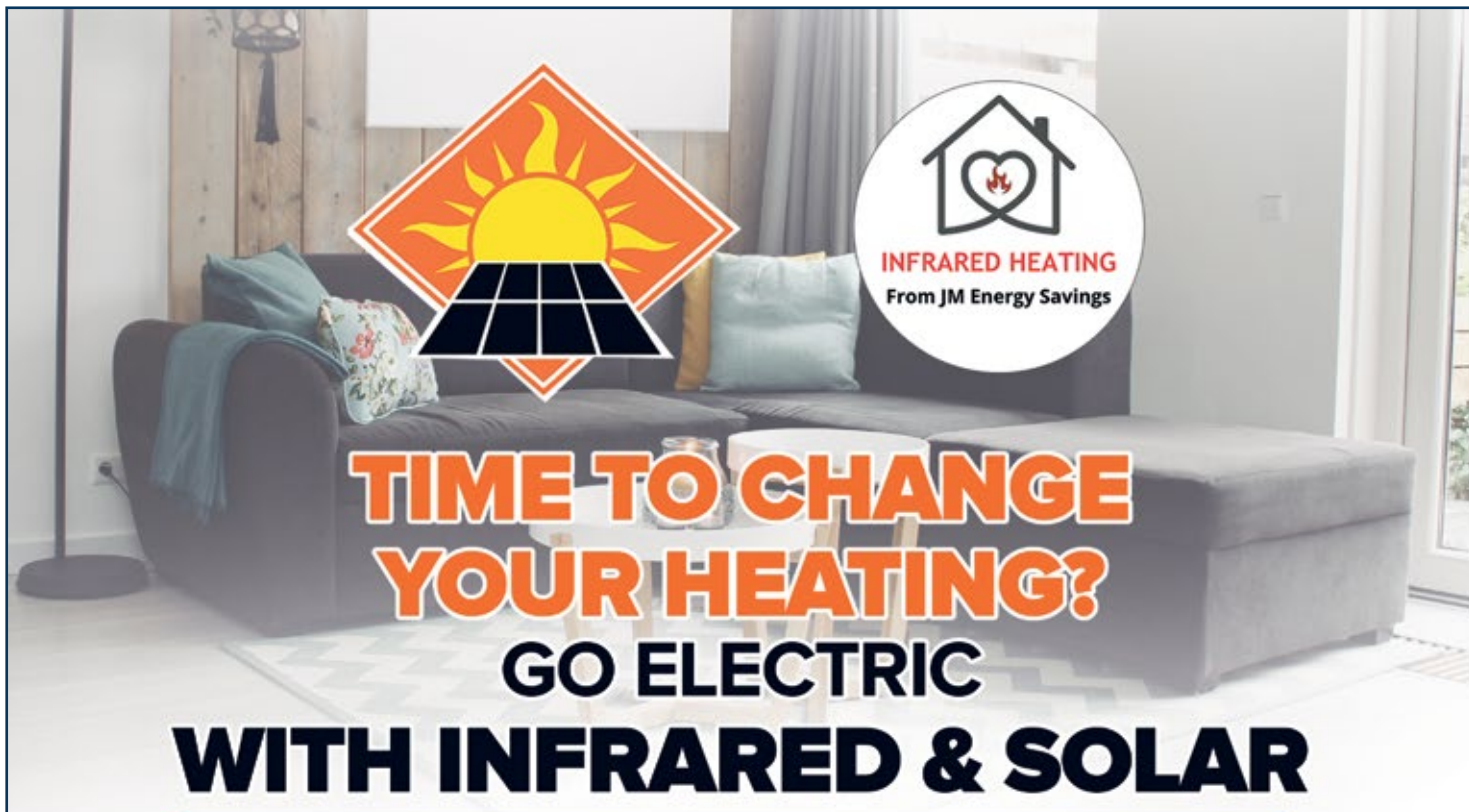
Speaking at the launch, festival sponsor Paddy Foley from Dingle Distillery said, "As a Kerry-based business, we're excited to raise a glass to the first-ever Kerry Drinks Festival. More than a festival, it's the launch of a movement that celebrates Ireland's drinks heritage and current innovation."



John Fleming, from festival sponsor Carry Out Killarney, said, "We are delighted to be part of and an official sponsor to the inaugural Kerry Drinks Festival here in Killarney. For the town to host an event like this is a fantastic achievement. It's a day to showcase all things Kerry, which is even better."

For more information and to secure your spot, visit [kerrydrinksfestival.com](http://kerrydrinksfestival.com) or follow @kerrydrinksfestival on social media. Half-price tickets are available for trade professionals attending the Trade Expo. Masterclass tickets cost €27.50. General Public admission to the Brand Expo & Social is €47.50 (25% discount available for members of the emergency services). Drink responsibly. Drinkaware.ie.





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# The Kerry Way Ultras braved the harsh Kerry elements

A Race to the bottom... competing in The Kerry Way Ultra, non stop Ultra Marathon of 200km. The endurance race traverses the Black Valley, The MacGillycuddy's Reeks, The Iveragh Peninsula, stretching along The Wild Atlantic Way, trails along ancient paths, old butter roads and coastal cliffs. Returning via the Old Kenmare Road, Killarney National Park, and finishes at Killarney Race Course. *Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan*

An incredible breed of athletes from 15 Countries braved very tough conditions this weekend, competing in The Kerry Way Ultra a non stop Ultra Marathon comprising of 3 races: Ultra 200km/Ultra Nite 101 km /Ultra Lite 58 km. The endurance race saw ultra runners traverse, the Black Valley, The MacGillycuddy's Reeks, Iveragh Peninsula, stretching along The Wild Atlantic Way, along ancient paths, old butter roads and coastal cliffs. Returning via the Old Kenmare Road, Killarney National Park, finishing in Killarney Race Course. Race Director is Eileen Daly.

Eimear Lynch first woman home with an amazing finishing time: 200 Km Ultra: 30:16:27 (200 km)

Conor Keane Winner of the Kerry Way Ultra with a mind-blowing out of the water time of: 22:35:05 (200 km)

Special mention to ultra runner Noel Ward who completed his 10th Kerry Way Ultra Marathon of 200km,

#### **Kerry Way Ultra (200 km) Male**

1. Conor Keane: 22:35:05
2. Ross Donovan: 23:27:01
3. Sean Meehan: 25:37:14

#### **Winners of the Kerry Way Ultra Relay**

Corc Mountain Goats: 25:23:29

#### **Kerry Way Ultra (200 km) Female**

1. Eimear Lynch: 30:16:27
2. Marie Aronsson-Storrier: 33:33:28
3. Kelly Ryan: 33:36:28

#### **Kerry Way Ultra Nite (101 km) Male**

1. Fabian Devlin: 11:40:32
2. Kevin McKeigue: 12:23:17
3. Gavin Dunne: 12:46:11

#### **Kerry Way Ultra Nite (101 km) from Waterville: Female**


1. Niamh Fitzpatrick: 13:01:11
2. Aoife Ní Mhaoileóin: 14:18:48
3. Elaine Collins: 15:04:40

#### **Kerry Way Ultra Lite (58 km) from Sneem: Male**


1. Jamie O'Sullivan: 04:50:16
2. Niall Davis: 05:35:19
3. Matthew Kelly: 05:54:57

#### **Kerry Way Ultra Lite (58 km) from Sneem: Female**

1. Carol-Ann Eberle: 05:19:51
2. Fiona Doody: 06:32:09
3. Sinead O'Meara: 07:06:28



Michael O'Shea, declaring himself 'King of the Mountains', competing in The Kerry Way Ultra, non stop Ultra Marathon of 200km.



Janne Saukkonen, competing in The Kerry Way Ultra, non stop Ultra Marathon of 200km.



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# Kerry stars shine as 2025 TG4 Ladies Football All-Stars Nominees Revealed

The nominations for the coveted 2025 TG4 Ladies Football All-Star Awards have been announced, with All-Ireland Senior Champions Dublin leading the way with 12 nominees. Runners-up Meath follow closely with ten, while Lidl National League Division 1 champions Kerry secure seven nominations, highlighting the Kingdom's strong showing this season. Galway have six nominees, Waterford three, Armagh and Cork two each, and Kildare, Mayo, and Tipperary one apiece.

Dublin captured their seventh TG4 All-Ireland Senior title on Sunday, August 3rd, defeating Meath at Croke Park, and their success is reflected in the dozen nominations for the Sky Blues, joint-managed by Paul Casey and Derek Murray. Among the nominees are goalkeeper Abby Shiels, defenders Jess Tobin, Leah Caffrey, Niamh Donlon, Sinéad Goldrick, Martha Byrne, and Niamh Crowley, midfielder Éilish O'Dowd, and forwards Carla Rowe (team captain), Hannah Tyrrell (ZuCar Golden Boot winner), Niamh Hetherston, and Kate Sullivan.

Kerry's seven nominees celebrate a season of excellence under the guidance of their management team. Goalkeeper Mary Ellen Bolger leads the charge between the posts, while defenders Éilís Lynch, Aoife Dillane, and Aishling O'Connell are recognized for their defensive prowess. Anna Galvin and Danielle

O'Leary, also nominees, provide experience and leadership across the field, while forward Síofra O'Shea continues to impress with her scoring ability.

The list also features nine players who claimed TG4 All-Star awards in 2024, including Kerry trio O'Connell, Galvin, and O'Leary. Other counties represented include Galway with Kate Geraghty, Nicola Ward, Ailbhe Davoren, and Olivia Divilly; Armagh's Lauren McConville; and Cork's Katie Quirke.

Waterford's strong 2025 campaign is acknowledged with three nominations—midfielder Emma Murray and forwards Bríd McMaugh and Lauren McGregor—while Meath's nominees include goalkeeper Robyn Murray, defenders Áine Sheridan, Mary Kate Lynch, team captain Aoibhín Cleary, and Sarah Wall, midfielder Marion Farrelly, and forwards Niamh Gallogly, Ciara Smyth, Emma Duggan, and Vikki Wall.

Rounding out the nominations are Armagh midfielder Caroline O'Hanlon, Cork defender Melissa Duggan, Kildare captain Laoise Lenehan, Mayo attacker Sinéad Walsh, and Tipperary forward Aishling Moloney.



From the shortlist, one goalkeeper will be chosen, along with two midfielders and three players for each full-back, half-back, half-forward, and full-forward line to make up the 2025 TG4 All-Star team.

The winners will be unveiled at a gala banquet at The Bonnington Dublin Hotel on Saturday, November 15th, alongside the 2025 TG4 Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Players' Player of the Year Awards and the LGFA Hall of Fame inductee.

#### Kerry Nominees for 2025 TG4 All-Stars:

Goalkeeper: Mary Ellen Bolger

Defenders: Éilís Lynch, Aoife Dillane, Aishling O'Connell

Forwards: Danielle O'Leary, Anna Galvin, Síofra O'Shea



## NEWLY INSTALLED LIFE BUOYS VANDALISED

There has been widespread dismay and disappointment following the vandalism of two newly-installed life buoys along the River Flesk in Killarney.

Kerry County Council had only erected four life-saving devices on Wednesday, placing them at key points along the stretch of river between Muckcross Road and Killarney Racecourse. The initiative came after two years of persistent campaigning by local residents and safety advocates, who stressed the urgent need for improved water safety measures in the area.

However, within days of installation, two of the buoys were already missing. One was discovered floating downstream after being forcibly removed from its holder, while the second has vanished completely.

The incident has been met with anger in the community, as locals point out that such reckless vandalism undermines a vital safety measure intended to protect lives along the popular riverside route.



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# Communities to Unite for Alzheimer's Memory Walk in Killarney



The Killarney walk will follow a scenic circular route through Knockreer, Killarney National Park, with walkers gathering at Deenagh Lodge, directly opposite St. Mary's Cathedral, for an 11am start.

This year's Alzheimer's Memory Walk will take place on Sunday, September 21st, inviting families, friends, and neighbours from across Kerry and beyond to walk in solidarity with those affected by dementia.

Far more than a simple stroll, the event is a celebration of community spirit, remembrance, and support. Organisers say it offers participants the chance to honour loved ones lost, stand by those currently living with dementia, and raise



crucial funds for the Alzheimer Society of Ireland (ASI).

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"This is a day when people come together not only to raise funds, but also to show families living with dementia that they are not alone," said a spokesperson for ASI.

Tickets are priced at €20 for adults and €5 for children, with proceeds going directly to local ASI services.

**Those wishing to take part can register online at [www.memorywalk.ie](http://www.memorywalk.ie)**

## AUTUMN PROGRAMME ANNOUNCED BY KERRY ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The role of local history publications and journals in Kerry as well as the levels of violence during the War of Independence in County Kerry will be among the subjects to be discussed at events hosted by the Kerry Archaeological and Historical Society over the coming weeks. The Society, which is always open to new members, announced its programme of talks and events for the autumn this week.

On Wednesday, 24 September, the Kerry Archaeological and Historical Society and Kerry County Museum will announce the Kerry Young Historian for 2025. The popular competition sees students from across the county submit



their research on a vast array of subjects and winners will be announced in senior and junior categories.

On Thursday, 16 October, Dr Thomas Earls Fitzgerald will present a lecture at Killarney Library entitled 'The Tans appeared to have gone mad': The Crown forces and violence in County Kerry, 1920-21'. Dr Fitzgerald is an expert on the War of Independence in Kerry and will present his talk at 7pm.

Admission to all events is free of charge. Membership of the Society, which allows permission to other members-only events as well as entitling subscribers to a free copy of the annual Kerry Magazine and the journal of the Society, is just €40 per year. New members can join at [www.kerryhistory.ie](http://www.kerryhistory.ie)

## *It started with the Clancys* - By Nicky Barry

*The Pogues have a lot to answer for, with their raucous ways,  
For they turned folk music upside-down, every time on stage.  
They brought anarchy and wildness, as they sang their songs,  
But Shane McGowan was the man, who could do no wrong,  
His Fairy Tale of New York, will be with us forever,  
For it tells a poignant tale, of Christmas in America.  
At first there was The Clancys, and then The Dubliners,  
Who sang songs of Ireland, of love affairs and wars.  
The Clancys were clean shaven, and The Dubliners had beards,  
And they played and sang with gusto, in their different ways,  
But nothing lasts forever, and now they are all gone,*

*Except for the fiddler Sheehan, who still is going strong.  
Then there was the Wolfe Tones, and the Bothy Band,  
And now there's many just like them, all over the land.  
There's the Mary Wallopers, and the Tumbling Paddies,  
The High Kings and Kilkennys, all bateing bodhrans madly,  
Along with banjos and guitars, melodeons and pipes,  
And are adored by young folk, who pack venues every night  
These bands are huge in Europe, for they cannot get enough  
Of our fiddlers and our pipers, playing mighty stuff!*







## KIDS CLASSES START SEPTEMBER 15TH

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TUESDAY: SENIORS (8-12YRS) 5.15-6.30PM

WEDNESDAY: MIXED AGES (5-12YRS)  
3.45-5.00PM

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FRIDAY: MIXED AGES (5-12YRS) 3.30-4.45PM

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# Plans in Place for the Kerry Mental Health & Wellbeing Fest

REGISTRATION is now open for the multitude of FREE indoor, outdoor and online events during the Kerry Mental Health & Wellbeing Fest from 4th to 11th October.

The list of walks, talks, activities, arts, crafts and other events that focus on promoting mental health and wellbeing can be viewed at <https://KerryMentalHealthAndWellbeingFest.com/events>.

The key focus of the #KerryMHWFest is to promote mental health and wellbeing in Kerry through a fun and interactive programme of over 100 events taking place throughout the county.

Prospective participants can sign-up for events via the website and find out details of what's on throughout the week of the Fest.

Organised by an interagency steering group, the Kerry Mental Health and Wellbeing Fest is held annually to highlight World Mental Health Day on 10th October.

Donagh Hennebry, Resource Officer for Suicide Prevention HSE Southwest and Steering Committee volunteer, said, "The key focus of the Kerry Mental Health & Wellbeing Fest is to create an awareness of, and schedule events that empower people to engage with the Five Ways to Wellbeing – Connect | Be Active | Take Notice | Keep Learning | Give. We're inviting people in our community to become ambassadors for the Fest and promote it through social media, workplaces, organisations or among local groups. Early booking is recommended as there is always great demand for places throughout the week of the Fest."

All events are FREE, registration is essential and can be done by visiting the website or following #KerryMHWFest on social media.



Volunteers on the #KerryMHWFest Steering Committee who attended the launch on the beach in Ballybunion were: Deirdre Hegarty Kerry County Council, Tara Dowd NEWKD, Joan Murphy MTU Kerry Campus, Lisa Foley Castlemaine Family Resource Centre, Geraldine O'Sullivan Kerry Volunteer Centre, Grainne Woulfe HSE and John Drummey Kerry Mental Health ASS, Tara Naughton South Kerry Development Partnership, Niamh Doyle Kerry Library, Pavlina Hrachovinova KCYS and Donagh Hennebry HSE.

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The Kerry Mental Health and Wellbeing Fest is held annually over the course of a week to highlight World Mental Health Day on October 10th. This project is led by Mental Health Services, HSE Southwest through Connecting for Life.

It is organised by an Interagency Working Group made up of local agencies that support wellbeing in our community including:

**Connecting for Life Kerry, Healthy Kerry, Kerry County Council, Kerry Recreation & Sports Partnership, the HSE, NEWKD, SKDP, Kerry**

**Mental Health Association, Jigsaw Kerry, Munster Technological University/Kerry, MTU Students Union, KCYS, Kerry Volunteer Centre, Kerry Library, the National Learning Network and Family Resource Centres throughout the county.**

For more information visit [www.KerryMentalHealthAndWellbeingFest.com](http://www.KerryMentalHealthAndWellbeingFest.com) or email [kerrymhwhfest20@gmail.com](mailto:kerrymhwhfest20@gmail.com).

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# Community Invited to Coffee Morning in Support of Jack and Jill Children's Foundation

Reens Life Pharmacy in Killarney is set to host a special Coffee Morning on Monday, September 15th, from 10am to 1pm, with all proceeds going to the Jack and Jill Children's Foundation. Locals are invited to call in, enjoy a cup of coffee and a treat, and support a cause that makes a real difference to families across Kerry and beyond.

The Jack and Jill Children's Foundation is a nationally recognised charity that provides in-home nursing care and respite support for children up to the age of six who are living with severe neurodevelopmental delays. The charity also plays a vital role in supporting parents and families, ensuring they are not alone in meeting the often overwhelming demands of caring for a child with complex medical needs.

Speaking about the upcoming event, the team at Reens Life Pharmacy said they were delighted to get behind the fundraiser. "Jack and Jill is a charity that touches so many lives in our community. We're proud to do our part in supporting their work, and we hope the people of Killarney and surrounding areas will come out, have a coffee, and help us raise funds for this very worthy cause," a spokesperson said.

The Coffee Morning promises to be more



than just a chance to enjoy refreshments, it's an opportunity for neighbours and friends to come together, share a chat, and make a contribution that will directly help children and families in need of vital care services.

Founded in 1997, the Jack and Jill Children's Foundation has supported over 2,700 families across Ireland, including many in Kerry. Their model of care provides up to 80 hours of home nursing care per month, enabling families to spend more quality time together and allowing children to remain in the comfort of their own homes.

With demand for these services continuing to

rise, fundraisers such as the Coffee Morning at Reens Life Pharmacy are essential. Every euro raised goes directly towards providing care hours, which cost the charity approximately €18 per hour.

The organisers are encouraging everyone, whether regular customers, passers-by, or visitors to the town, to drop in and lend their support. Even the price of a cup of coffee can go a long way when it's added to the community effort.

The Coffee Morning takes place at Reens Life Pharmacy, Killarney, on Monday, September 15th, from 10am to 1pm. All are welcome.

## KERRY INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL to Host Free Culture Night Screening of Blue Road: *The Edna O'Brien Story*

Kerry International Film Festival (KIFF) will host a special free screening of Blue Road: The Edna O'Brien Story as part of Culture Night 2025. The screening will take place at Cinema Killarney on Friday 19th September at 8pm.

This moving documentary vividly captures the late Irish novelist and literary sensation Edna O'Brien. Recounting her life, her work and her controversies, this frank portrait features accounts from the novelist's own journals read aloud by Jessie Buckley, as well as a final compelling interview with the woman herself.

Admission is free, but places are limited and must be pre-booked online at [www.kerryfilmfestival.com](http://www.kerryfilmfestival.com)

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KIFF would like to extend a special thanks to Kerry County Council and the Arts Council of Ireland for their support of this event.

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Ballymac Vintage will be hosting their annual Tractor Car & Motorbike run, from the Halfway Bar Ballymac on Sunday 21st September.

Two great routes are planned, with the tractors and cars taking different directions on scenic local runs. All tractors are welcome on the day - old or new.

The event kicks off with registration from 10am, with the run leaving at 12:30 sharp. As usual, we'll have loads of spots prizes on the morning, and all funds raised from the event, will be in aid of two very worthy local causes: COPD Support Group Ireland & Clogher National School.


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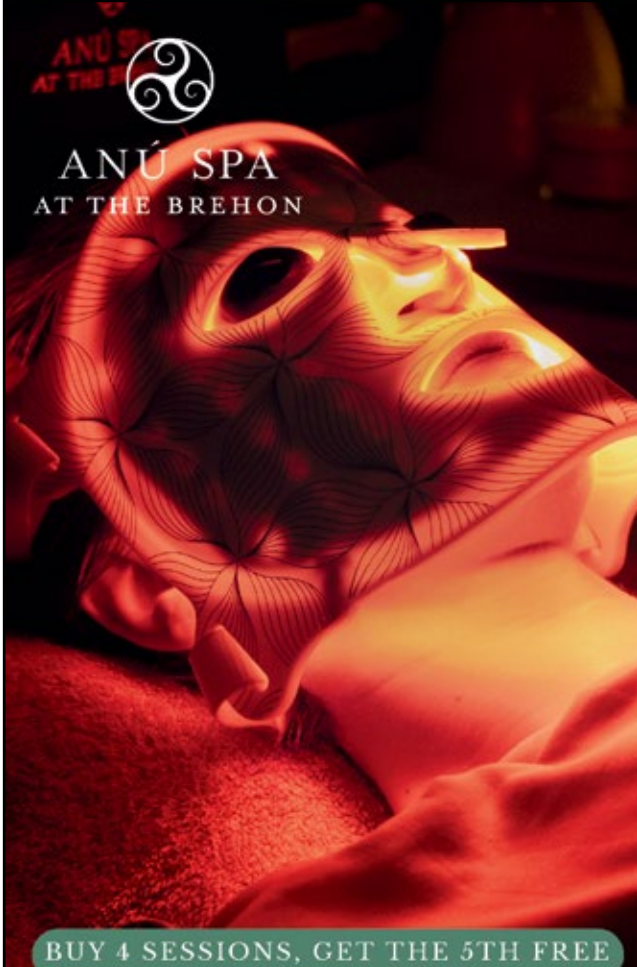
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# Cannonball Supercar Spectacle

*To Arrive in Killarney Today*



The world's most spectacular supercar road trip, Cannonball, will thunder into Killarney this Friday evening, September 12th, bringing with it over 200 rare and exotic cars as part of a three-day fundraising drive for the Jack and Jill Children's Foundation.

Now in its biggest year yet, Cannonball 2025 features an extraordinary line-up of machines including Ferrari, Lamborghini, Aston Martin, Porsche and Maserati, as well as some of the most sought-after hypercars on the planet. Among the star attractions are the Koenigsegg Regera, a groundbreaking megacar combining raw speed with luxury refinement, the one-of-a-kind McLaren Senna in its distinctive West livery, and the iconic Ford GT Heritage Series with its famous Gulf colours.

The convoy will make its way from Johnstown Estate in Enfield on Friday morning and travel through towns across the country before arriving in Killarney at approximately 5.45pm. The Brehon Hotel will host the overnight stop, with cars on display both there and at the Gleneagle Hotel, allowing spectators a rare chance to view the gleaming machines up close. Organisers promise a festival atmosphere with live entertainment, music and celebrity appearances, making the Killarney stop a highlight of the weekend.

Cannonball is not only about horsepower and spectacle. The event has already raised more than €2 million for Irish charities, and this year's chosen cause is the Jack and Jill Children's Foundation, which provides vital in-home nursing and respite care for children with severe learning disabilities and complex medical needs. Supporters are also encouraged to join in the fun by donning fancy dress, with prizes on offer for the best costumes.

Founded by Kildare businessman Alan Bannon, Cannonball has grown into the largest organised road trip in Europe and attracts crowds of over 200,000 people nationwide. For Killarney, Friday's arrival promises to deliver an unforgettable evening of colour, carnival and high-octane excitement.

## Hanna Claims Top Spot in Glenflesk Club Championship Prediction Challenge

Congratulations are in order for Hanna Healy of Killarney Legion, who has been crowned the overall winner of this year's Glenflesk Club Championship Prediction Challenge. Hanna topped the leaderboard with an impressive 54 points, edging out the competition in a contest that went right down to the wire. Her efforts were rewarded with the €300 prize fund.

In addition to the main competition, all entrants were included in a Lucky Dip Draw.

### The following winners were announced:

€100 Kerry Petroleum Voucher: Christina O'Riordan (Gneeveguilla)

€50 Cash Prizes: Adrian Cronin (Fossa), Matthew Neville (c/o The Kerry Way Steakhouse & Bar), Aoise O'Donoghue (Glenflesk), Nora Kelleher (Glenflesk), Bridget Leen (Ballymacelligott).

Organisers extended their thanks to everyone who entered, highlighting the strong support from across Kerry and even further afield. The competition once again proved a big success, and plans are already in place to run it again next year.



From left, Michael O'Keeffe, Jerry Mullane (Chairman), Hanna Healy, Saoirse O'Leary, Christina O'Riordan, Cathy Somers O'Leary (Treasurer) and Sean Daly PRO.  
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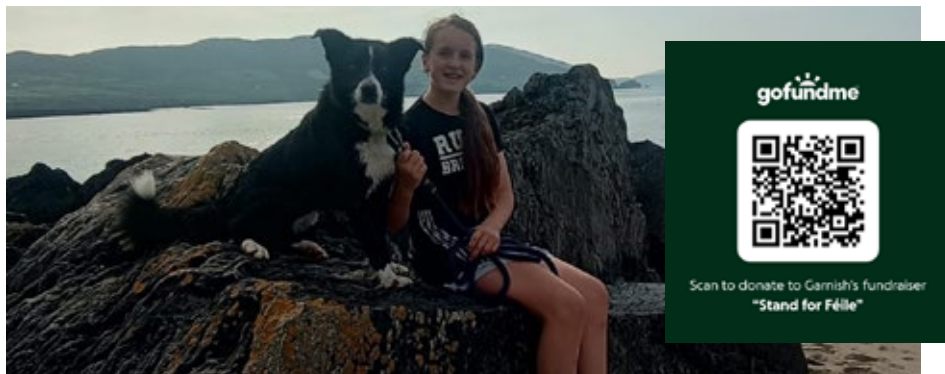


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## Coffee Morning at Killarney Community College

# RAISES FUNDS FOR FÉILE



Killarney Community College hosted a special coffee morning recently in support of 13-year-old Féile O'Sullivan, who sustained life-changing injuries in a recent farm accident.

Staff members came together to organise the fundraiser, with the proceeds going towards the purchase of a specially adapted vehicle to assist Féile and her family in the months and years ahead.

Féile, known for her love of football, soccer, gymnastics, horse riding, and farming, now faces significant challenges following the accident. The event was warmly received by both staff and the wider community, who gathered to show solidarity with the O'Sullivan family.

Organiser Miss Dineen thanked all who contributed, highlighting the generosity of those who donated and took part.

"Every cup poured and every donation made brings Féile and her mother Maureen closer to the support they need," she said.

The fundraiser reflects the strong sense of community spirit at the college, with staff and supporters uniting to make a meaningful difference in the young teenager's journey forward.

### FEILE'S STORY

Just before Féile's 13th birthday, our amazing Féile was in a serious farm accident, changing her life in ways no child should ever have to face. She is currently hospitalised in critical condition, showing great strength and bravery. Féile sustained severe abdominal injuries and

underwent a double leg amputation as a result of the accident. Despite the enormity of her injuries, those close to her say she is showing remarkable courage and determination.

Known for her energy, kindness, and mischievous sense of humour, Féile has always been a vibrant presence in her community. She adores dogs and horses, with farming a central part of her life. A keen sports enthusiast, she excelled in football, soccer, gymnastics, and horse riding, always bringing joy and enthusiasm to everything she did.

Her recovery will be a long and challenging journey. She faces further surgeries, months of intensive care, and extensive rehabilitation. Alongside the physical and emotional challenges, her family now faces significant financial pressures, including costs for specialist medical treatment, prosthetic limbs, mobility aids, home adaptations, and ongoing support. In response, Féile's community has launched a fundraising campaign to help ease this burden. Organisers say every donation, no matter how small, will go directly towards her care and recovery. Supporters are also being encouraged to leave messages of encouragement or to share the appeal, ensuring Féile knows how many people are standing with her.

"Féile is a true warrior," a family spokesperson said. "She has already shown incredible bravery. Now it's up to all of us to surround her with love, strength, and support as she faces this new journey."

Donations can be made through the official fundraising page: [gofund.me/2516c4644](https://gofund.me/2516c4644)



## Chicks Take Flight in Muckross

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Wildlife enthusiast Brendan O'Mahony of Muckross has been keeping a close eye on a family of chicks nesting on his property this summer.

Earlier in the season, one clutch successfully fledged from the nest. Now, a second brood has followed in their footsteps.

This week, the young birds took their first flights from the nest, but they haven't strayed far. Instead, they continue to linger around Brendan's shed, finding both comfort and safety close to home as they adapt to their new independence.





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# St Pats East Kerry Hosts Annual Pat Delaney Memorial Golf Outing

The annual Pat Delaney Memorial Golf Outing took place at Ross Golf Club on Saturday, 6th September, honoring the legacy of the late Pat Delaney, a dedicated Kilkenny native who devoted over four decades to Kerry hurling, particularly with St Pats East Kerry Hurling Club and the East Kerry GAA Board.

Despite changeable weather making conditions challenging, twenty-two teams of three players each competed in a ten-hole scramble, returning impressive scores. The event is proudly sponsored by Killarney Credit Union, where Pat Delaney served as a respected Chairman and Director.

Pat O'Brien, Vice President of St Pats, welcomed Brigid Delaney and her family to the event, expressing gratitude to the golfers who return annually to honor Pat's memory. He also acknowledged the many advertisers supporting the outing, singling out Killarney Credit Union and Dovidia for their contributions. Ger Galvin, a director of Killarney Credit Union, reflected on Pat Delaney's leadership and lasting impact on the Credit Union before presenting prizes to the winners.

#### Winners:

**1st Place:** Tom Coleman, Wayne Doyle, Martin Mulready – Gross 37, Net 28.3

**2nd Place:** Tomás Holohan, Fionn Holohan, Ewan McIndoe – Gross 35, Net 29.2

**3rd Place:** Niall Brosnan, Bridie Brosnan, Emer



Bridget Delaney (fourth from left) presenting the first prize and the Claret Jug in the St Pats East Kerry Golf Classic to winner Martin Mulready (Tom Coleman and Wayne Doyle) with (from left) Ger Galvin Director Killarney Credit Union Main Sponsors, Bridie and Emer Brosnan (and Niall Brosnan) 3rd, Tom Holohan who accepted 2nd prize on behalf of his grand children Ewan MacIndoe, Tomás and Fionn), Pat O'Brien St Pats Hurling Club (back from left) Pat, Rachel, Abbie, Clodagh and Mick Delaney, Katie and Andrew Field, Brendan Holohan, Mike 'leahy st Pats hurling club and padraig Brosnan at Ross Golf Club, Killarney on Saturday. Photo: Michelle Cooper Galvin

**Brosnan – Gross 42, Net 29.9**

#### Special Awards:

**Longest Drive:** Emir Coffey

**Nearest the Pin:** Mernie Lenihan

*The event not only celebrated competitive golf but also served as a tribute to a man whose dedication and leadership left a lasting mark on both Kerry hurling and the local community.*



## Killarney Artist Benji Ryan to Showcase 'Skulls' in Solo Exhibition

Art enthusiasts are invited to Ancient Rituals' latest exhibition, featuring the striking works of local artist Benji Ryan. The "Skulls" exhibition, Ryan's first large solo show, will take place on Saturday, 20 September, from 7–10:30 pm.

The exhibition will feature 16 original oil paintings, each exploring skulls through a variety of styles and motifs. The evening promises a lively atmosphere with DJ Doolittle from Sligo performing Alternative Rock and Metal sets, alongside live tattooing by Flying Monkey.

Benji, a Killarney native, has collaborated with Andres Gomez and Alex Keaney of Ancient Rituals over the past year to host successful art exhibitions every two months, spotlighting local talent.

*The exhibition is open to the public and promises an engaging night of art, music, and creativity.*



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## Landmark International Hotel Killarney Hits the Market

One of Killarney's best-loved establishments, the International Hotel, has been placed on the market with a guide price of between €18 million and €20 million.

Owned by Sean and Frankie Coyne since 1976, the hotel has been lovingly developed into one of the town's leading four-star properties. Today, it is run by their daughter Tracy, who has carried on the family's tradition of warm hospitality, making the International not just a destination for visitors but also a much-loved meeting place for locals.

The hotel features 98 bedrooms and suites, along with the ever-popular Hannigan's Bar and Restaurant, a go-to spot for both residents and the local community. A number of event and lounge spaces add to its versatility, making it a vibrant hub at the heart of Killarney.

The International enjoys a reputation for consistently strong year-round performance, with excellent occupancy levels reflecting its prime location and loyal customer base.

Importantly, the property is being sold free of branding ties, giving any future owner the option to maintain its independent character, so closely associated with the Coyne family, or to pursue a new direction.

For Killarney, the sale of the International Hotel represents not just a major property move, but a moment of change for a much-loved local landmark that has been part of the town's fabric for nearly half a century.



## Killarney Royal Townhouse to Host Coffee Morning in Aid of Kerry Hospice



Killarney will come together later this month in support of a worthy cause, as the Killarney Royal Townhouse hosts a special Coffee Morning in aid of the Kerry Hospice Foundation.

The event takes place on Thursday, 25th September, from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. at Figo, the boutique café within the Townhouse. Guests will be treated to freshly brewed coffee and a tempting selection of light bites, with all proceeds going directly to support the vital work of the Kerry Hospice Foundation.

The foundation provides essential palliative care services across the county, offering comfort, dignity, and support to patients and their families during some of life's most challenging moments. Events such as this coffee morning play an important role in funding its services and raising awareness within the community.

Organisers are encouraging locals and visitors alike to attend, describing the event as a chance to "enjoy good company and delicious treats while supporting an incredible cause." Spaces can be booked in advance, and the community is urged to come along and help make a difference.

## Kilcummin Couples Honoured at Anniversary Celebrations

Kilcummin Parish recently hosted a heartwarming celebration to honour couples marking significant wedding anniversaries. Thanks to the efforts of the dedicated ladies' committee at Kilcummin Church, the evening began with a beautiful Mass, celebrated by Fr. Kieran, during which couples renewed their vows in a touching ceremony that highlighted the enduring love and commitment shared by the parish's married couples.

Thanks to the efforts of Siobhan at Kilcummin Church and the dedicated ladies' committee, the celebrations continued with a reception that allowed friends, family, and parishioners to come together for a chat and a cup of tea. The event was filled with laughter, music, and heartfelt congratulations, making it a truly memorable occasion for all who attended.

The parish extends its gratitude to everyone who contributed to making the evening such a special celebration of love, faith, and community.







**KILLARNEY  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

## NEW BEGINNINGS: KCC First-Year Students Share Their Experience.

Starting secondary school is a big moment — full of nerves, excitement, and endless possibilities. For first-year students Daisa Suake and Culann Cronin, their first few weeks at the Killarney Community College have been filled with warm welcomes, new friendships, and plenty of excitement.

*Daisa, from Coolcorcoran near Kilcummin, chose KCC after a brilliant open night. "The teachers were so kind and made me feel really welcome," she said. Culann, also from Kilcummin, followed his instincts — and family footsteps — with his dad and cousins having attended the school. "The open night had a great vibe," he added. "Seeing all the practical subjects and hearing about the panto really drew me in."*

### FIRST IMPRESSIONS

The first day was a mix of nerves and curiosity. "I came in on my own and didn't know anyone," Daisa shared. "It was strange not speaking Irish in school!" Culann was also nervous, but quickly found a friendly face in Seb, a fellow student on his bus. Both students say the teachers have been incredibly supportive — always kind, caring, and ready to help. Favourite subjects so far include Engineering, Graphics, and the thrill of trying something new.

### SETTLING IN

With bright, modern facilities — including a new extension — and a wide range of subjects to explore, KCC offers something for everyone. "The school looks amazing from the outside," said Daisa. "It's big, but there's still loads of space for everyone." She loves having her own locker ("for all my books and stuff!"), and Culann is a big fan of the canteen, where the food is "really good."

### HIGHS AND LOWS

The hardest part for both students was that very first day. But things quickly turned around. Daisa's favourite part so far? Jet the school's amazing therapy dog, who brings joy and calm to everyone he meets. Culann says making new friends has been the highlight, and both agree that the caring nature of the teachers has made all the difference.

### LOOKING AHEAD

There's so much to look forward to. Daisa is excited about house competitions (she's a proud Celt!), school trips, and discovering new talents. The House System at KCC is a unique and fun way to build community, with friendly competitions in everything from sports to creative challenges. Culann can't wait to dive into Woodwork, explore his strengths, and get involved in the many clubs on offer — including Lego, chess, and various sports teams.

And of course, both students are buzzing about the chance to be part of the school panto — a highlight of the year that brings students together in the most fun and creative way.

*Their advice to future first-years? "Be open, get involved, and don't worry help is always on offer"*

### A BRIGHT START

*"I've definitely settled in," Daisa says. Culann adds, "I'm enjoying making new friends." With great facilities, delicious food, a wide variety of subjects, and a warm, welcoming atmosphere — not to mention Jet! — KCC is clearly a place where students can thrive, grow, and feel right at home.*

*One thing both students appreciate is that KCC is co-ed, which they say makes the school feel more balanced, inclusive, and natural — just like the real world.*





# Killarney Regatta Festival 2025 POSTPONED

Killarney Regatta Festival is now postponed due to adverse weather conditions this Sunday 14th September.

The following Sunday 21st September at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club has now been finalised and confirmed.

The Forecast is expected to bring: rain, southerly winds, S/W and S/E: both will bring heavy winds and rain straight to the shores of Killarney Golf and Fishing Club, predicted at 34-37kms/hr.

Chairman Paddy Cronin and Safety Officer Richard Leane, called the postponement on Wednesday

In a statement Paddy Cronin said "it is with an abundance of caution

and safety that we had to make this hard decision to postpone Sunday's event. It is paramount that our rowing crews, trainers, visitors and volunteers are kept safe. Killarney Festival Regatta is now postponed to Sunday 21st September. We wish to thank Killarney Golf and Fishing Club for their understanding and allowing us to use the unique venue the following Sunday.

We wish to thank Cllr. Martin Grady, all the volunteers and suppliers for their cooperation, we appreciate all your help with keeping alive this unique Killarney traditional regatta."

## Exclusive Event AT THE BREHON

Anú Spa, The Brehon, Announces Exciting Partnership with Elemis and Exclusive Launch Event with The Fabulous Pharmacist

Anú Spa at The Brehon is thrilled to announce its partnership with renowned British skincare brand Elemis, bringing world-class, clinically-proven treatments to guests this October. To celebrate this exciting collaboration, the spa will host an exclusive launch event featuring wellness expert and social media sensation, The Fabulous Pharmacist.

Launch Event Details:

Date: Saturday, October 11th at 7:30pm

Venue: The Brehon Hotel & Spa

Tickets: €75 (available now on The Brehon website)

Join Laura, The Fabulous Pharmacist for an intimate evening of wellness insights covering women's health, life, love, and everything in between – delivered with her signature sass and expertise. Guests will enjoy premium drinks and canapés while exploring Elemis products through expert presentations from both Elemis and our Anú Spa Team. Each attendee will receive an exclusive €100 goodie bag featuring carefully curated products from the event partners.

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# Fabulous At 40....

## Martha celebrates her birthday in style



Martha Healy Walshe and her husband Sean pictured at her 40th Birthday celebrations on Friday night in Reidys.



Surrounded by family and friends, Martha celebrates with her husband Sean and friends, Laura and Sean Moynihan, Grainne O'Sullivan, Jason Quirke, Mary Leahy, John Lyne, Danielle and Neil Blennerhasset.

Congratulations to Martha Healy Walsh, who celebrated her 40th Birthday in Reidy's on Friday night last.

Martha, a graphic designer with the Lee Valley Outlook, was joined by her husband Sean, brothers, sisters in law and many friends for the celebrations.

## Deputy Cahill welcomes HSE Commitment to Permanent Contracts for Mental Health Nurse Graduates

Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry, Michael Cahill, has warmly welcomed the announcement by Minister of State for Mental Health, Mary Butler, that all 2025 graduate mental health nurses will be offered permanent positions within the Health Service Executive (HSE) by 19 September 2025.

Speaking following the confirmation from HSE CEO Bernard Gloster, Deputy Cahill said, "This is a hugely positive development for mental health services across the country and particularly here in Kerry. Ensuring that all graduating mental health nurses are guaranteed permanent roles is not only a show of confidence in our future healthcare professionals, but a vital step in strengthening the long-term delivery of mental health services."

Deputy Cahill praised the focus on building a sustainable and stable workforce, noting the positive implications for both staff and patients. "Young nurses entering the system deserve certainty and support, and today's announcement delivers that. It also means that patients will benefit from greater continuity of care, which is absolutely essential in the mental health space."



In addition to the graduate recruitment commitment, the HSE has also confirmed that nurses on permanent panels will be placed in areas currently relying on agency staff, a move Deputy Cahill says will be particularly important for rural and regional areas like Kerry. "Reducing our dependence on costly and temporary agency staffing is good policy. It ensures that services are more consistent and better resourced at a local level. I know this will be welcomed by mental health teams in Kerry and beyond."

Deputy Cahill concluded by commending the collaborative efforts that led to this decision, "This is a great example of what can be achieved through constructive engagement between the HSE, Government, and nursing unions. I want to acknowledge the work of Minister Mary Butler and all involved in securing this commitment. I have long championed for improved mental health services both as a councillor and now as a TD, and I will continue to do so. This is a significant and very welcome step forward for mental health care in Ireland."

## K.W.O.T.E. Meetings Resume

Killarney Women's Organisation for Training and Empowerment are back after their Summer break.

The monthly meeting will resume on Wednesday, 17th September at the Parish Centre next to the Church of the Resurrection (V93 WN32).

Please note: The meeting will now take place at 2:00 PM.



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## GLENFLESK PARISH

Written by: Sean Daly

### LGFA COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

#### Glenflesk 4-13 Kilcummin 3-6

An early start in Glenflesk on Sunday morning for the Group B clash in the County Junior B Championship between Glenflesk and Kilcummin. Both teams had already qualified for the knockout stages, so this game was to decide who went straight to the semi final with the other team taking the quarter final path. Glenflesk played with a strong wind in the first half and despite having the majority of possession it was the visiting team that scored first to lead by 1pt to no score on 10 mins. Glenflesk began to settle and scored 3 unanswered points to lead by 3 points to 1 on the quarter hour. The visitors retook the lead on 17 minutes with a goal, but Glenflesk struck back with a goal of their own to make the score 1-3 to 1-1 on 20 minutes and a fortuitous goal 2 minutes later stretched the lead to 6 points. Glenflesk tagged on 2 more points before half time with Kilcummin getting one of their own leaving the half time score of 2-6 to 1-2. Kilcummin were still very much in this game and came out of the traps quickly at the start off the second half scoring a quick 1-1 to reduce the deficit to 3 points. Glenflesk's dual player Kathryn Ryan settled Glenflesk nerves with a well taken goal pushed the lead back out to 6 points. Glenflesk were now working the ball well and out scored their opponents 5 points to 1 in the next 15 minutes with the score being 3-11 to 2-4 on the 20 minute mark. Kilcummin were pushing hard for a goal at this stage to bring them back into the game however the Glenflesk defence stood resolute and a great save by Orlaith Murphy on 20 minutes kept the lead at 10 points. Kilcummin were rewarded for all their attacking with a goal on the 26th minute to make the score 3-12 to 3-4 but Glenflesk struck back straight away when Niamh Brosnan scored her third goal of the day. Niamh ended it up with a grand total of 3-6 on the day. Kilcummin kicked 2 good points before Glenflesk scored the final point of the day.

#### WINNERS

Well done to the U14 boys who beat Currow 5:12 to 5:07 to win the U14 East Kerry Division 3A League Final last week.

#### GLENFLESK CCÉ

Music and Set Dancing Classes will begin in Glenflesk GAA Hall on the following dates: Music Classes on 19th September at 6 pm - registration and class begins. Set Dancing Classes - 26th September at 5pm - registration and class begins. Looking forward to seeing you all. Classes suited to all ages. For more information contact (087) 2966644 or (087) 270 6390.

#### GREEN RIBBON CAMPAIGN

Glenflesk GAA Healthy Club were happy to start their "The Green Ribbon Campaign" ahead of our Senior Ladies County Championship game against Kilcummin last weekend. It was great to have this opportunity for Shine to lead the way on stigma reduction around mental illness in Ireland.



Raheen NS Junior Infants first day. Left to right Conor Coffey teacher, Cara Lucey, Ali Kate Cronin, Alex Shine and Norissa Cronin SNA.

The Green Ribbon acts as a symbol of solidarity, encouraging us all to engage in open conversations and break down the barriers surrounding mental illness. The aim of the campaign is to raise awareness by getting as many people as possible talking about mental health and helping to end mental health stigma. You can support the campaign by wearing the Green Ribbon or by sharing the campaign on your social media page.

#### LOTTO

There was no winner of Glenflesk Lotto which took place on 1/9/25 in Glenflesk Hall. Jackpot €3,200 The numbers drawn were: 12, 13, 18, 30. Consolation Prizes of €50: Seán O'Connor, Knockanes, Caoimhe Moynihan, Spillanes (Sellers' Prize), Denis O'Donoghue, Béalnadíoga (Yearly ticket), Patricia O'Donoghue, Knockanes. Next draw will take place in Glenflesk Hall on the 15/9/2025. Jackpot will be €3,400.

#### JENNY MAC FITNESS

Jenny Mac Fitness Classes starting back on Tuesday 16th September in Glenflesk GAA Gym. Tuesday classes - Hybrid class (strength focus using weights followed by short workout). 3 Tuesday classes: 6.30am, 5.15pm and 6pm. Thursday Class: Cardio/Hyrox focus. Thursday 6.30am. Beginners and new members, male and female, always welcome.

#### COMMUNITY FITNESS

Ladies Masters class is returning Monday 8th of September at 6pm in Glenflesk GAA Gym. Mens Fitness Classes starting Thursday 11th September at 6:15pm. All are welcome! To book your place please contact Gearóid 087 9011322.



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## KILCUMMIN PARISH

Written by: Helen Moynihan

### KILCUMMIN COMMUNITY GAMES

A great weekend of fun was had at the All-Ireland Community Games in Co. Carlow. Huge congratulations to all those took part. A great way to end the year. Colm Fleming is the U13 Solo Music All Ireland Champion, well done to Colm and his mentor Steven O'Leary.

Sinead Coleman was a Hurdles Finalist in U14 80m; Fionn O'Donoghue was an Art Finalist in U12; Ronan O'Leary was a Handwriting Finalist in U12, Leah Brosnan, Colm Fleming, Aoibhinn O'Connor, Michael O'Connor & Caitriona Blake – All Ireland Finalists of Music Group in U13.

### KILCUMMIN BABY & TODDLER GROUP

Kilcummin baby & toddler group is held Monday mornings 9.30am-11.30am at Kilcummin Recreational Hall. A large heated hall providing a great space for babies and toddlers to mingle and explore through play. Also the opportunity for guardians/caregivers to get to meet loads of others from the surrounding areas over a tea or coffee. The cost is €3.00. No pre booking, just drop in any Monday. All welcome. For more details contact Orla 086 3628335/ Fiona 087 6133751.

### KILCUMMIN COMMUNITY CARE

Kilcummin Community Care church gate collection will take place next weekend 13th & 14th September. Your support is greatly appreciated.

### JUNIOR SET DANCING

Registration for junior set dancing will take place on Friday 19th September from 7 to 7.45pm in the Recreational Hall. Dancing will commence on Friday 26th Sept from 7 to 8pm for beginners and intermediates and 8 to 9pm for advanced. These classes are also open to children from outside Kilcummin parish. Further information contact Mary on 087 9620135.

### KILCUMMIN CCÉ

We are delighted to be part of Tesco's blue token Community Fund Initiative at this present time. If you are shopping in Tesco Deerpark over the coming weeks please ask for blue tokens at the checkout and pop them into the Kilcummin Comhaltas collection box by the exit door. The more tokens we can collect the higher the pay-out we will receive from Tesco. Please spread the word to family and friends.

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### KILCUMMIN GAA By Donal Barry PRO

#### SENIORS

Kilcummin exited the Kerry Petroleum Intermediate Club Championship on Sunday in Austin Stack Park in Tralee losing 3-14 to 0-20 to Fossa in a competitive semi-final that was still in the mix literally up to the last kick of the game.

Playing into a stiff wind Kilcummin would have been happy trailing 0-10 to 0-4 at the break despite conceding a few late scores to the winners coming up to the break.

The full impact of the conditions was seen to its full force as Kilcummin took a handful of minutes to chalk 5 points off the board within minutes of the restart. Philip O'Leary kick started the effort with a fine point before Keelan O'Shea punched over before Paul Shea added 0-3 (including a two pointer)

Then a much needed purple patch for the winners. Emmet O'Shea and Paddy Sheehan added points before David Clifford raised a green flag to wipe out much of the good work as Fossa went 1-12 to 0-9 ahead restoring their six point half time lead with 40 minutes on the clock.

Cian Foley stopped the rot with a fine score and despite Paudie Clifford adding another score. Kilcummin began to find their 2 point target sweet spot with Mark O'Shea, Cian Foley and O'Shea once again all raising orange flags to level up the contest 0-16 to 1-13

Fossa through Ted O'Gorman and Philip O'Leary with his 4th point of the afternoon keep the sides on parity ahead of frantic final ten minutes in which Fossa would find the net twice through Paddy Sheehan and Emmet O'Shea. On each occasion Kilcummin responded through Cian Foley's 4th point of the day and Paul O'Shea with another two pointer to leave just 3 points between the sides with the clock heading into the red. There was to be one last chance but the width of the post would keep Kilcummin at bay as their Intermediate campaign came to an end. The

Club is very proud of the efforts made by the players and management especially for the many great moments they have given the club over the campaign.

#### UNDER 14 BOYS

Congratulations to our Under 14 team that captured the Division 2A East Kerry league with a superb performance over a game Kenmare Shamrocks side on Tuesday evening. Having withstood the home sides effort in the opening 20 minutes, Kilcummin kicked on really well in the second half to ensure a solid win ahead of their East Kerry Championship opener in the next few weeks. Well done to all the players and management.

#### UNDER 14 DEVELOPMENT SQUADS

Well done to Darragh Fleming and Max Moynihan who were part of the U14 Kerry South team that played Kerry North today in Currans on Saturday. The boys have performed well all year with Kerry South

#### UNDER 12 BOYS

What a way to finish the season with our under 12 boys claiming the Division 1 U12 East Region League title which they claimed in Rathmore on Thursday evening.

It was the final league outing for both our Green and Red teams and both showed real grit and determination to come away with wins against two very strong Rathmore sides

With that, our Kilcummin U12 boys are officially crowned Division 1 Champions of the East Region League. Their commitment and teamwork have made us all very proud of them. A huge thank you to East Kerry Coiste na nÓg for organising such a well-run competition and to our amazing parents and supporters who've backed the boys every step of the way.

#### SHINE GREEN RIBBON

Kilcummin GAA & LGFA are delighted to take part in the Shine Green Ribbon Campaign to reduce mental health stigma. Shine manages the national stigma-reduction programme for Ireland. An important part of their work is their annual Green Ribbon Campaign, which is now in its 16th year.

September is the focus month for campaign awareness-promote the wearing of the green ribbon, a symbol of solidarity, encouraging us all to engage in open conversations and break down the barriers surrounding mental illness. We are encouraging members & supporters to wear green ribbons to support this campaign. Anyone who would like to pick up their green ribbon can do so from Monday in Kilcummin Post Office.

#### MOTHERS AND OTHERS

Our Mothers & Others will be back training as usual on Monday night from 7-8pm in Kilcummin. New members welcome. Anyone interested in joining the M & O for fun, fitness & football, contact Ann-Marie on (087) 904 7274.

#### LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Monday 08th September for the Jackpot of €3,750. Numbers drawn were 08,09,15,28. Consolation prizes of €50 went Dave Slattery, Natalie Breen, Marie Connor, Liam Fleming. Our next draw will be on Monday 22nd September for Jackpot of €4,000.

#### MASTERGEEHA F.C.

##### U12 GIRLS : Mastergeeha FC 8-3 Camp.

This game was played in Mastergeeha last weekend. An incredible start to the season for our U12 girls. Goals were scored by Gracie Maher (5), Lucy Devane (2) Annie Mai Donoghue (1) Well done to all involved.

#### LOTTO

There was no winner on Friday 05th August 2025 of the Jackpot €10,400. Numbers drawn were 01, 06, 08, 27. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Kathleen O'Leary, Milleen, Seamus O'Connor, Teresa Casey, Glounonea, Phil Ahern c/o K. Devane. The next draw will be on Friday 12th September for Jackpot of €10,600.



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## SPA PARISH

By Leanne Cronin

### SPA LOTTO 8/9/25 RESULTS

Numbers drawn: 14, 17, 20, 25. No jackpot winner. Lucky dips €50 each: Conor Gleeson, Online; Tom Moynihan, Headford; Liz & Paul O'Mahony, Woodlawn; Mike O'Riordan, Rathanane. Next week's draw is on Monday 15 Sept @ 9pm for a jackpot of €6,600

### BON SECOUR JUNIOR A CHAMPIONSHIP

Round 3 of the Bon Secour Junior A Championship between Spa and Laune Rangers took place in Spa, Killarney this Sunday morning on a thankfully dry day. The wind however was a factor with a strong breeze blowing down the length of the pitch and with Laune Rangers winning the toss they chose to play into it. Mairead Bennett for Spa won the throw in and immediately went on the attack only to put it wide, this was followed closely by two more attacks by Spa within the next few minutes again to only go wide. Laune Rangers also had a couple of wides. Spa eventually found the post with an opening point from Mags Cronin in the 8th minute and Laune Rangers answered with some fine points from Ciara O'Brien and a free from Sarah O'Brien. The Spa goalie, Lynn Jones, took full advantage of the breeze and was able to put great distance on her kick outs which gave great ball into the Spa forwards and Saoirse Kelly was outstanding there, scoring 3 goals and one point from a free in the first half. There was wides on both sides in the first half, 8 from Spa and 4 wides from Laune Rangers. The half time score was 3-03 - 0-02 to Spa.

Laune Rangers now had the wind at their backs in the second half and they took full advantage of it and started the stronger of the two. Ailbhe Clifford opened the second half with a lovely free two minutes in. Laune Rangers continued to attack. Fodhla Houlihan having a very good game in the forwards for Laune Rangers along with Nicola Moriarty and they were able to score 4 points while keeping Spa scoreless until the 40th minute. For the next 5 minutes Spa seem to have a purple patch and added 3 more points to their tally and this seemed to rattle Laune Rangers with little. Spa's defence was incredibly strong and their team work rate was immense, tackling relentlessly and turning over a lot of ball which really knocked the wind out of Laune Rangers attacks. Ciara O'Brien really stood out for Laune Rangers but really Spa were just too strong with Mairead Bennett controlling mid field and the Spa backs working incredibly hard and their forwards on song. Over all it was an incredible game of football played in great sporting spirit. The final score was 3-08 to 0-09 to Spa.

Spa will now have home advantage when they meet ISG in the quarter final on Sunday 14th at 12 noon, Laune Rangers will travel to Fossa at the same time.

### SHINE IN KERRY

support people affected by mental health challenges. Spa GAA club will be showing our support to the Shine Green Ribbon Campaign this September. We are encouraging people to wear a green ribbon to help break down the stigma surrounding mental health challenges. The green ribbons provided by Shine will be available in the club house lobby from September 1st where you can grab one yourself to show your support.

### SPA MOTHERS & OTHERS SHINE AT NATIONAL BLITZ IN DUBLIN

Spa Mothers & Others proudly represented both Spa GAA and Kerry LGFA at the National Blitz on Saturday, setting off for Dublin at 5.30am full of excitement and determination. The long bus journey did little to dampen spirits, and by the time the team arrived at Naomh Mearnóg GAA grounds, the sight of so many teams gathered created a real buzz of anticipation.

From the lively warm-up to the first throw-in, the enthusiasm, spirit, and pride of the Spa women was clear to see. Placed in a group with teams from Antrim, Armagh, Carlow, Leitrim, and Dublin, Spa faced a total of five challenging matches — and they rose to the occasion in style.

Unfortunately, Spa's corner-forward, Breda Murphy, picked up an injury during the opening game. In true Mothers & Others spirit, every teammate rallied around Breda with encouragement and support, showcasing the strong bond within the group.

Throughout the day, Spa produced some excellent football, demonstrating teamwork, skill, and determination. Just as importantly, they built friendships and connections with other clubs across the country. Many opposition teams expressed their eagerness to visit Spa in the future, having already heard glowing reports about the club's top-class facilities during the recent Club 7's event.

The day was a wonderful celebration of football, fitness, and fun. A massive thank you must go to the LGFA for organising such a fantastic event. Spirits are already high in Spa, with the countdown to next year's Blitz well underway!

### SCÓR NA NÓG

Scór na nÓg will take place in the near future. The All-Ireland has been set for January 24th. Munster has been set for November 30th but no county date has been set yet. If any club member who was U17 on January 1st wishes to participate in any of the disciplines, please contact Michael Aherne, Scór Officer on 0871877091.

### NOTES

Any items for our notes please contact Leanne 085-7762411



Guest speaker Sean O'Leary and parents Kay and Dave O'Leary from Kilcummin pictured speaking at a special award ceremony in the Rochestown Park Hotel Cork to mark donors who have given 50 and 100 times. Picture. John Allen



Cllr Norma Moriarty (Cathaoirleach Kenamre MD), Cllr Michael Foley (Cathaoirleach Kerry County Council) Cllr Tommy Cahill MCC at the launch of The Pauline Bewick Collection at the Kerry County Council Offices in Library Place Killorglin. Photo: Michael G. Kenny



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RATHMORE | GNEEVEGUILLA PARISH

By Michael O' Mahony

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to 2025 Lord Mayor of Gneeveguilla, Marian Casey! Well done and best wishes to Marian in her year ahead.

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Committee Members: Antoinette O'Leary – 086 3135117. Colm Kelly – 087 2288342. Eveleen Murphy – 087 9864608. Brian Miley – 085 1633053. Jacenta Murphy – 087 7044176

We thank the community for their continued support of the 301 Club, which funds local tidy towns projects, St Patrick's Day parade, and our Santa visit, to name a few. New draw starts Thursday 25th September for 25th / 26th. Cash or Revolut accepted.

LOCAL UPDATES

Cllr Maura Healy Rae and Danny Healy Rae TD welcome the funding from TII of €49,000 to lay a new culvert across the N72 going into Gorthaneboy, Rathmore, to alleviate flooding for the local residents.

SYMPATHIES

To Donal, Stiofán, Pádraig & Mairéad Murphy & families on the death of their brother John Murphy (Kildare & Rathmore). John's funeral took place Wednesday, 3rd September, in Naas.

To Donal, Maura (Daly), Eileen (O'Leary), Jeremiah & Seamus O'Sullivan & families on the death of their father Jimmy O'Sullivan (Nohoval), his sister Mamie & brother Dan Joe & extended family. Jimmy was laid to rest

Saturday, 30th August, in Knocknagree.

To Con Murphy, Tony, Noelle & families on the death of Mary Murphy (née O'Connor) (Headford & Moulagow), wife and mother. Mary was laid to rest in Shrone Cemetery on Wednesday, 27th August. May John, Jimmy, Dan & Mary rest in peace.

KNOCKNAGREE – KENYA

The recent clothes fundraiser in aid of Fr. Sean Cremin's missionary work raised €400, plus a €20 cash donation, making a total of €420. The Committee thanks all who donated clothes and money. Special thanks to the volunteers who helped man the hall, load the van, and especially to our friends from Rathmore for their support.

LISHEEN CROSS UPDATE

Following on from my earlier update that I had secured €40,000 for safety works at Lisheen Cross, this work is set to begin this week. Due to tree removal being involved, the works were delayed until September, after the nesting season. A private contractor will start, followed by Kerry County Council.

I want to thank Frank Hartnett of Kerry County Council for his support in prioritizing Lisheen Cross for funding. There may be some delays at the junction, but all works are in the interest of road safety. Always feel free to contact me on this or any other matter. - Cllr Jackie Healy-Rae

SUNDAY AFTERNOON DANCING

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BEAUFORT PARISH

By Bridget Hartnett

LOTTO

Next Draw for a Lotto Jackpot of E7,600 will be held on Sunday next. Tickets available from usual sellers, bars and shops, Lotto can also be done online [www.beaufortgaa.com](http://www.beaufortgaa.com)

**U12 BOYS** played Spa on Thursday evening in Beaufort. Beaufort put in a much improved performance against a much physically stronger team and have improved no end since teams last met.

**U13 GIRLS** played Spa in Spa on Thursday evening. The girls played very well but found scores hard to come by. They had a great 2nd half and were rewarded with 1-7. Final score Spa 5-7 Beaufort 1-10.

U10S

On Sunday morning our U10s welcomed Renard to Beaufort and played out a very enjoyable game. All the hard work at training is showing with these fine young players.

INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Beaufort hosted Abbeydorney on Sunday in the Intermediate Championship. After a poor day on Saturday, weather conditions were

much improved for the game. Abbeydorney led 1-6 to 0-6 at half-time. Beaufort had 5 frees in the first half, 3 from Sarah Houlihan and 2 from Grainne Kennedy, their point from play came from the boot of Sarah Houlihan.

The visitors had a dream start to the 2nd half with 2 goals but Beaufort answered with a goal from a quick free from Grainne Kennedy. Goals arrived quickly from Beaufort with sub Adele O'Brien and Lori O'Connor scoring one each. Lori was unlucky to see another goal chance when her shot came off the unright.. The gap was down to 5 points at this stage but Abbeydorney had a late goal to leave Final score: Beaufort 3-10 Abbeydorney 5-12.

Beaufort were best served by Fay O'Donoghue, Sarah Houlihan and Ava Casey.

Beaufort's next game is a home venue in the Intermediate Championship against Firies on Sunday next 14th at noon. Best of luck ladies.

LISTRY PARISH

Written by: Colette Leslie

LOTTO

Jackpot €11,800. Numbers Drawn: 6,8,17,20. Not Won. €100 Lyno. €50 Mary Lucey, Aghadoe. €50 James Nolan, Fossa. €25 Anthony Griffin, Milltown. €25 Cathal Talbot, Brighton Massachusetts Jackpot next week Sunday 14/09/2025 €11,950

U14S

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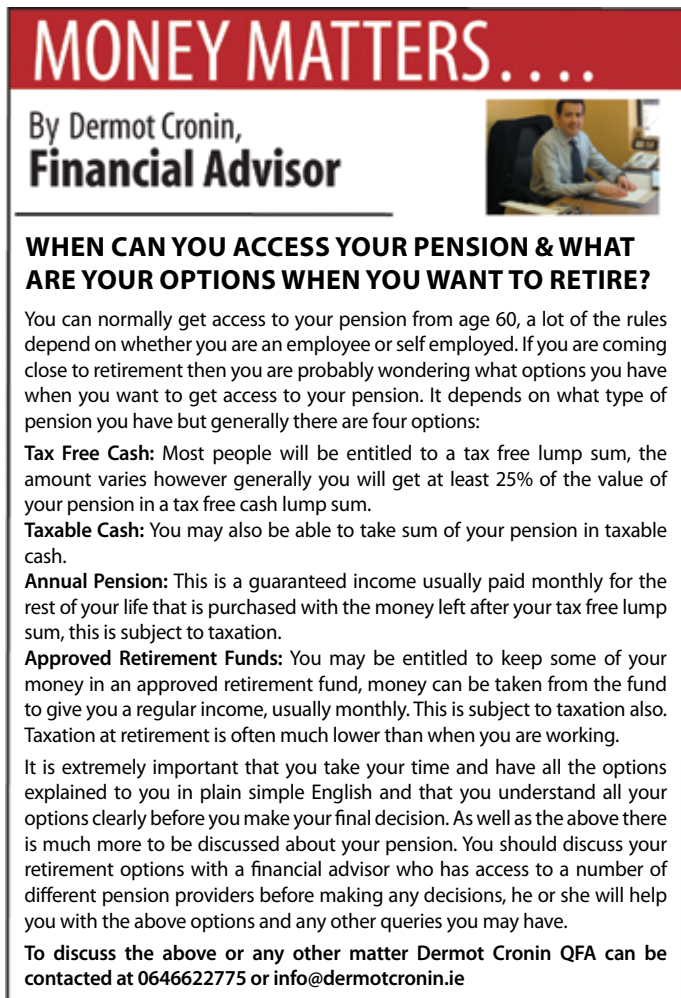
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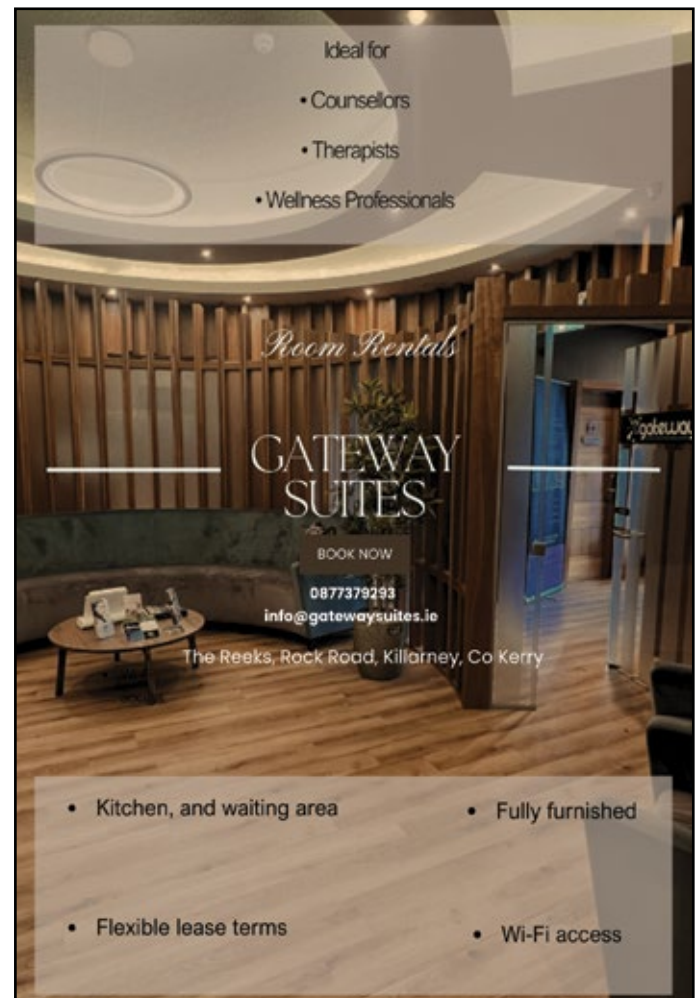
**Taxable Cash:** You may also be able to take sum of your pension in taxable cash.

**Annual Pension:** This is a guaranteed income usually paid monthly for the rest of your life that is purchased with the money left after your tax free lump sum, this is subject to taxation.

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# Walking Tall:

## *Models in Recovery Raise Funds for Hospice Care*

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This week the Killarney branch of the Kerry Hospice Foundation took to the catwalk for its powerful and uplifting Autumn/Winter charity fashion show, "Models in Recovery", a celebration of courage, confidence, and community.

Hundreds gathered at the Gleneagle Arena on Wednesday, 10th September 2025, for an evening that shined a spotlight on an extraordinary group of individuals as every model walking the runway is in recovery from cancer. This inspirational event not only showcases fashion but honours the strength and resilience of those who have faced one of life's toughest battles.

This fashion show was more than a celebration of style, it's a tribute to survivorship and the unbreakable human spirit, all in aid of raising vital funds for the Kerry Hospice Foundation's palliative care services across the county.

MC Noel Cunningham at the Killarney Branch Kerry Hospice Foundation celebrating Models in Recovery Autumn/Winter Fashion show in the INEC, Gleneagle Killarney on Wednesday.



Models in Recovery Pat Doherty, Lisa Fleming, Elaine Burke, Helen Kerins (seated from left) Marion Favier, John Joe Murohy, May Cremin, Bernie O'Riordan, Kathleen Forde, Noreen Genkins (back from left) Rose Colbert, Michael Murphy, Aine O'Shea, Kieran Brosnan, Derva Doherty, Maura Culloty, Norma O'Donoghue, of Norma O'Donoghue Model Agency, Cathal Walsh and Noel Cunningham MC who participated in the Killarney Branch Kerry Hospice Foundation celebrating Models in Recovery Autumn/Winter Fashion show in the INEC, Gleneagle Killarney on Wednesday.



Members of Kerry Hospice Kathleen O'Sullivan, Phyllis O'Sullivan, Catherine O'Reilly, Kay Spillane, May Finnegan, Dr Patricia Barrett, Angela Curran (back from left) Jane Curran, Dermot O'Reilly, Mary O'Donoghue, Tess Flynn, Dr Patricia Mangan, Maria O'Keeffe, Janite O'Sullivan, Marie O'Neill, Marie Courtney, Mary Lehan, Mary R O'Donoghue, Ann O'Leary at the Killarney Branch Kerry Hospice Foundation celebrating Models in Recovery Autumn/Winter Fashion show in the INEC, Gleneagle Killarney on Wednesday.



Kay Brennan, Nancy Dineen, Mary Backe, Kathleen and Mags Moriarty at the Killarney Branch Kerry Hospice Foundation celebrating Models in Recovery Autumn/Winter Fashion show in the INEC, Gleneagle Killarney on Wednesday.





Angie Palmer, May Horan, Cait and Margaret Looney and Joan Murphy at the Killarney Branch Kerry Hospice Foundation celebrating Models in Recovery Autumn/Winter Fashion show in the INEC, Gleneagle Killarney on Wednesday.



Sisters Joan Buckley and Margaret Ryan Killarney at the Killarney Branch Kerry Hospice Foundation celebrating Models in Recovery Autumn/Winter Fashion show in the INEC, Gleneagle Killarney on Wednesday.



Marion Joy and Aileen O'Sullivan at the Killarney Branch Kerry Hospice Foundation celebrating Models in Recovery Autumn/Winter Fashion show in the INEC, Gleneagle Killarney on Wednesday



Eileen Doherty, Joan Dilworth and Margaret O'Donoghue at the Killarney Branch Kerry Hospice Foundation celebrating Models in Recovery Autumn/Winter Fashion show in the INEC



Noreen Lyne and Anne at the Killarney Branch Kerry Hospice Foundation celebrating Models in Recovery Autumn/Winter Fashion show in the INEC, Gleneagle Killarney on Wednesday.



Saoirse O'Connor and family performing at the Killarney Branch Kerry Hospice Foundation celebrating Models in Recovery Autumn/Winter Fashion show in the INEC, Gleneagle Killarney on Wednesday.



Models in Recovery Cathal Walshe performing at the Models in Recovery Autumn/Winter Fashion show in the INEC



Oisín and Liam O'Connor and family performing at the Killarney Branch Kerry Hospice Foundation celebrating Models in Recovery Autumn/Winter Fashion show



Liam O'Connor and family performing at the Killarney Branch Kerry Hospice Foundation celebrating Models in Recovery Autumn/Winter Fashion show in the INEC



# Stars of the Show:

## Models in Recovery Shine for Kerry Hospice

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Models in Recovery  
Rose Colbert



Models in Recovery  
Aine O'Shea



Models in Recovery  
Noreen Jenkins



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Models in Recovery  
Elaine Burke



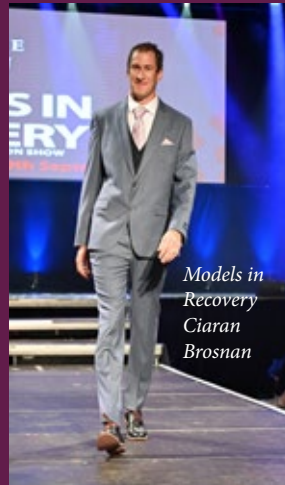
Models in Recovery  
Marion Favier



Models in Recovery  
Kathleen Forde



Models in Recovery  
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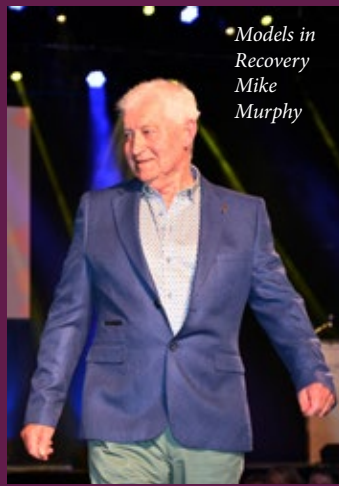
Models in Recovery  
Anne O'Shea



Models in Recovery  
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- Reduce glare from screens – adjust the screen position to reduce the glare from overhead lights
- Take regular breaks – be sure to regularly take time away from

your screen or near tasks, such as reading, during your day

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# Councillor Cahill Raises Critical Infrastructure and Housing Issues with Taoiseach During South Kerry Visit

Councillor Tommy Cahill has brought urgent local concerns directly to the Taoiseach during his visit to South Kerry on Saturday, in a focused and constructive conversation over a cup of coffee in Cahersiveen.

During the meeting, Cllr. Cahill highlighted the serious and ongoing deterioration of roads and footpaths throughout Cahersiveen town, stressing the need for immediate and sustained investment in local infrastructure particularly from TII. "Our roads and footpaths are not only a safety concern, they're a barrier to progress and pride in Cahersiveen town," he said. "This is a matter of basic respect for the people living here and for those visiting our community. Have no bones about it, large parts of the N70 Ring of Kerry road are of a third world country standard."

Cllr. Cahill, the youngest councillor in Kerry, also pressed the Taoiseach on the deepening housing crisis in South Kerry, with a particular emphasis on the lack of affordable housing options for families and young people in the region. He underlined the urgent necessity for more land to be zoned for residential development, and called for a review and relaxation of current planning regulations, which he says are overly restrictive and not suited to the needs of rural and coastal communities. "In towns like Cahersiveen and the wider South Kerry area, we're seeing people being forced to move away because they



Deputy Michael Cahill Mary Martin, An Taoiseach Micheal Martin and Cllr. Tommy Cahill.

simply can't find a home they can afford, or secure planning permission on land available to them to build one," Cllr. Cahill stated. "We need practical solutions tailored to our region, not a one-size-fits-all approach that ignores rural realities."

Cllr. Cahill welcomed the Taoiseach's visit as an important opportunity to raise these issues face-to-face, and said he would continue to push for meaningful action from both local and

national government.

"This was not just a photo-op. I made it clear that the people of Cahersiveen and the Kenmare Municipal District deserve answers, investment, and respect. I intend to keep the pressure on our local Fianna Fáil TD Michael Cahill and on the top brass in the Fianna Fáil party until we see real change," he concluded.

## Respect Older People



Private and Public Nursing placements for older people, the opening of beds/wards including Hospice beds waiting times in A&E Departments, daycare visits, temporary respite are among some of the issues that Kerry TD, Michael Cahill will be raising with Cabinet Ministers in the preparations

for the upcoming Budget. The Fianna Fáil Spokesperson on Older People for the party has previously highlighted these issues and expects them to be addressed as a matter of priority for the sector.

"Residential Placements are allotted in many cases, far from the patients homes and families by necessity, as suitable numbers of beds are not available or the particular care needed is not provided nearby. We need to invest more in bed numbers and the employment of additional staff numbers, covering a diverse range of skills" stated Deputy Cahill.

"Our Older People have served their families, communities and their country for many years now and deserve tender loving care, with dignity and comfort" added Michael Cahill TD.

## Minister Foley receives confirmation of €52,000 in funding for Kerry ETB

Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Kerry T.D Norma Foley has today received confirmation of €52,000 in funding for Kerry Education and Training Board (ETB).

The funding will support learners at risk of educational disadvantage in Kerry by providing them with skills and opportunities to progress to other areas of Further Education and Training and beyond. This includes community-based educational programmes and mentoring projects.

Minister Foley said:

"I am pleased to receive confirmation of this funding from my cabinet colleague, Minister for Further and Higher Education James Lawless. This funding will help to provide more educational opportunity for learners at risk of educational disadvantage and will strengthen community education in Kerry. I want to acknowledge the excellent work of Kerry ETB and their important contribution to education in the county."

The funding is coming from the Reach Fund provided by Solas, the state training agency. Key target groups for Reach funding include the long-term unemployed, learners under 25 years of age and people with disabilities.





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8.15 PM  
8.30 PM  
9.00 PM  
9.30 PM

#### Rathmore & Gneeveguilla

Top of the Hill, Rathmore  
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  
Helen's Bar Kilmacalogue  
The Lake House Tuosist

#### Last Monday

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

#### Farranfore Area

Ulick's Bar, Farranfore  
James Daly's Bar, Farranfore  
Cunniffe's Bar, Currow  
John Hendersons, Furies

#### 3rd Monday

8.30 PM  
9.00 PM  
9.30 PM  
9.45 PM

#### Knocknagoshel & Brosna

O'Connor's Bar, Knocknagoshel  
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## Cllr John O'Donoghue has raised the following Notices of Motion at the recent Kerry County Council Meeting.

### **To again ask that the centre line be reinstated from the Abbey Cross in Muckross towards Lough Guitane as far as is possible.**

This is an extremely busy road which is heavily used by tourists, many of whom get directed across here by sat navs which brings it's own problems. The lower section of the road in particular is quite wide and since the road markings were removed, it is not uncommon to meet cars driving on the wrong side of the road. This has resulted in numerous near misses and it is only a matter of time before there is a serious accident. I had this down as a NOM in January and as we now find ourselves still waiting for the job to be done 9 months later, I again ask that this be done immediately as a matter of urgency.

### **That we would write to the NPWS and ask that they review the various walkways and trails throughout the National Park and ensure they are signposted.**

The NPWS do a wonderful job maintaining our National Park but it has been brought to my attention that some of the walks which were previously signposted are no longer marked e.g. in the Blue Pool. I ask that they might review their walkways over the winter months and erect signs where suitable.

### **That we would write to Uisce Éireann requesting an update on the water quality of the River Folly and that as the River Laune was recently highlighted as being one of the 4 most polluted rivers in the country, to ask what additional measures they have carried out to identify the source of the pollution and if they have included any additional or different testing of the water in Lough Léin as the Laune drains from this lake.**

The recent Environmental Agency report which listed the River Laune as being in the top 4 most polluted rivers in the country, and most likely in the top 2 most polluted rivers was a stark reminder of the challenges facing us on the environmental front. The report states that agriculture is not the culprit, but rather waste water, or raw sewage entering the river. As the Laune drains Lough Léin, it is logical to assume that the waste water from Killarney is a part of the problem. At a previous meeting

all us Councillors has with Uisce Éireann where I was assured that the Folly stream, into which the Killarney waste water Treatment Plant discharges was of good water quality. I invited the Uisce Éireann engineer offering me the assurances to meet me there and drink a glass of water from the stream, an invitation he declined. We are in the midst of major rezoning of land around Killarney which will lead to a huge amount of development in the coming year or two. This additional housing is very welcome as we are in the midst of a well documented housing crisis, but I have grave reservations despite reassurances from Uisce Éireann about the ability of the Waste Treatment Plant to handle the increased capacity. It is simply inconceivable to think that a plant built over 30 years ago would have been designed with a capacity level when first opened to still be catering to the huge increase in houses without major upgrades. I would like to know what Uisce Éireann is doing to pinpoint the source of the Laune's pollution levels and what their investigation has revealed thus far. The EPA have stated they believe that is a sewage problem and as the banks of the Laune are not that heavily populated between Killarney and Kilorglin, I can only assume that some of it must be emanating from Lough Léin itself. The recent disaster in Lough Neagh has shown that even heavily monitored lakes are not immune from disaster, and as the Lakes of Killarney are the jewel in our towns tourist crown, something similar happening here would be disastrous. All of that pales in comparison when one considers the environmental damage to ecological habitats which would take years to right. Saying all is fine is no longer good enough and I am calling on Uisce Éireann to find the cause of this pollution and rectify the situation immediately. The line that all is fine and there's nothing to see is wearing thin. All is clearly not fine and we need answers before it is too late.

### **That we would receive an update on how the new, and very welcome bus service around Killarney town is doing in terms of how much it is being utilised and also to request that once a**

### **day fixed stops with set collection times could introduced at the entrances to the estates in the town to facilitate older customers who may not have the know how to operate the app. This would also have to include a return journey from town some time later.**

This new bus service is a very welcome addition to life in the town and I am curious as to how successful it is proving. A few people have mentioned to me that although it is a superb idea, were there to be one run per day into town with defined stops and times, and another one later on to do the return journey, it would make the service much more accessible to older people who struggle with the app. One loop calling to the entrances to all the major estates in the town with one or two drop off points in town, with a return journey from the same drop off points would greatly assist these people and I ask that it be considered despite it not exactly being in keeping with the idea behind the service. It would greatly enhance the experience for all and increase user levels which would in turn increase the chances of the service becoming a permanent fixture around the town.

### **That the Council would consider providing an island pedestrian crossing, similar to the one at the Gleneagle in the vicinity of the end of Loreto road to facilitate the large volume of people crossing the road at this point on a daily basis.**

This section of road, which I drive daily, is extremely busy, particularly during the summer months with people crossing the road to access the National Park or walk into Killarney along the jarvey path, or crossing in the opposite direction to go to the shop or walk up Loreto road. There is an estate at the end of Loreto Road, Rosdara which ensures many of these are young people crossing the road. I feel a pedestrian crossing of some description is badly wanted at this location, and feel one similar to the one at The Gleneagle Hotel would work well. I was delighted recently that the Council agreed to put in. It would make the area much safer for Active Travel and I ask that the Council agree to my request.

### **To again request an update on plans to tar and line the carpark adjacent to St Mary's Cathedral as the current situation is chaotic at busy times.**

This is a saga which is dragging on far too long now. Since beginning in the Council 4 years ago, I have been told that negotiations are ongoing with the landowner. I understand that the current landowner have no objection to the Council taking charge of the carpark so I cannot understand how it is taking so long. The carpark is chaotic during busy times, particularly when funerals are taking place with cars being abandoned throughout, and were it lined it would serve the dual purpose of both making the carpark safer, and also greatly increasing its capacity as were all cars parked neatly, far more could fit in. Could we please receive an update on negotiations thus far, and also was there a mention of acquiring additional parking from the same landowner adjacent to the carpark? If so what was the outcome of that discussion? I would like a commitment from the Council, if it is possible, that this situation will be resolved before the next tourist season.


### **That we would receive an update on the plans to provide a footpath from Páirc Chuimín to Kilcummin village.**

This is another very long running saga which goes back to when the estate was first built. I absolutely accept that this issue was not of the Councils making, but it is unfortunately up to the Local Authority to solve. Many in the Páirc Chuimín are of an age where they have young children and the footpath is urgently required to allow them safe passage from the estate to the nearby school, football field and village centre. While I appreciate it is not an easy fix, I had hoped we would have received an update with a concrete plan before now. The residents of the estate have been very patient up to now, but there is a growing sense of frustration at the lack of progress. Can I ask when are we likely to see physical work begin on this footpath and can we get a commitment from the Council to get this done as quickly as possible?



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# KERRY HOSPICE HERO AWARDED

## ahead of coffee morning fundraiser

A Kerry woman who began raising money for her local hospice after the death of two loved ones, has received national recognition for her fundraising efforts.

Mary Riordan, from Glenbeigh, South Kerry, will mark 27 years of hosting a Bewley's Big Coffee Morning for Hospice this month.

Her tireless work was recently honoured at the iconic Dublin café, where she was presented with a Together for Hospice Hero award.

And her dedication to Kerry Hospice Foundation continues - as she urges everyone to support her annual fundraiser on September 25.

Running right across Ireland, this year's Bewley's Big Coffee Morning for Hospice aims to raise over €2million and officially takes place on September 25 - but supporters can host or attend a coffee morning on a date that suits them, with every cent raised locally going to their local Hospice.

Mary first got involved in raising funds following the death 40 years ago of her brother-in-law Jeremiah Riordan, 37, and her friend Cris Ahern, 50, who passed away 28 years ago.

Through a range of fundraising events over the past 27 years, the Glenbeigh hospice fundraising committee - of which Mary is a member - has raised a massive €450,000 for Kerry Hospice Foundation.

Mary said she and Cris were as close as sisters and when she died, Mary helped raise her friend's children.

"I played a very close role in their lives and they're all grown up now and we still remain the same to one another," she said.

"I heard about Bewley's Big Coffee Morning when all this was happening and at the time I was running a B&B and decided to have it there and ask all my friends and neighbours."

For the last number of years, the coffee morning has been hosted in the local Centra Shop on Glenbeigh's Main Street, generously supported by owner Pat Sheahan.



Mary Riordan, second from right, receives her Together for Hospice Hero award at Bewley's Café in Dublin, alongside, from left, Cól Campbell of Bewley's, Mary Shanahan, Kerry Hospice Foundation, and Felix Campbell, Bewley's.

Picture: Robbie Reynolds.

Mary described the local hospice in Tralee as a fantastic unit and said she's very proud to be involved in helping to raise much needed funds.

When another friend of the family became ill and used its services, it allowed for him to be cared for at home.

"I think it's such a comfort at the end of your days," she added.

"When my friend was dying, the hospice nurses came out to him. He told me he had no problem in the wide earthly world going, that he had his time done and he was so comfortable. That's so comforting."

Mary believes people are keen to give generously when they understand how the money is spent.

"I think they are comforted by the fundraising and helping other people. It's the circle of life, really and truly."

Together for Hospice, The National Hospice Movement, represents 24 Hospice and specialist palliative homecare providers supporting patients and their families across Ireland.

Fundraised income is used by local hospice services to fund new buildings, refurbishment of existing buildings, staff, extra comforts for patients and their families, and innovative patient care projects nationwide.

Funds raised through Together For Hospice campaigns support some of the core services funded by the HSE.

Register to host a coffee morning on Thursday, September 25 - or on a date that suits you - at [hospicecoffeemorning.ie](http://hospicecoffeemorning.ie) or call 0818 995 996.

If you cannot host or attend a coffee morning, you can donate at: [hospicecoffeemorning.ie/](http://hospicecoffeemorning.ie/) donate

## Aoibheann's Pink Tie Cycle Rolls into Town



Mayor of Killarney Martin Grady with staff at Hotel Killarney and cyclists from Aoibheann's Pink Tie Cycle

Killarney MD Cathaoirleach Martin Grady joined firefighters from across Ireland, a group from the USA, and staff from Hotel Killarney, who generously supported the charity by offering reduced rates to cyclists, for the Aoibheann's Pink Tie Cycle.

The three-day event spanned three counties - Kerry, Cork, and Limerick, raising vital funds for a very worthy cause.

Mayor Grady, himself a Fire Officer and Local Councillor, is a strong supporter of cancer charities, personally donating 5% of his salary to the Kerry/Cork Cancer Bus, which helps transport patients to essential treatment. Aoibheann's Pink Tie, Ireland's National Children's Cancer Charity, was founded in 2010 by Mick Rochford and Jimmy Norman after the passing of Jimmy's daughter, Aoibheann. Since then, the charity has gained huge nationwide support and has become the go-to children's cancer charity in Ireland, helping thousands of families every year with compassion, care, and practical assistance.





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Castlerosse Lady Captain Finola Geary presenting 1st prize to Rose O'Connor and Mary Stapleton Foley, winners of the GIG September Scramble.



Lady Captain Finola Geary, PGA Coach and Chan Martin with the participants of the GIG September Scramble at the Castlerosse Golf Club.

## CASTLEROSSE GOLF CLUB - LADIES

### GIG SEPTEMBER SCRAMBLE

There was a good turnout for the GIG September Scramble. This was a great way to put the knowledge they had learned into practice and enjoy playing in a competition. After the competition, there was prize giving and a lovely supper in the Castlerosse Hotel. Spot prizes were the order of the day for answers to the quiz and riddles!! Congratulations to the winners Rose O'Connor and Mary Stapleton-Foley. Many thanks to Kieran Crehan and Chan Martin for helping to organise the event; Mark Bowe, General Manager and Tim, Bar Manager, Castlerosse Hotel, who looked after us very well on the night.

### RESULTS OF THIS WEEK'S COMPETITION: 18 HOLE STABLEFORD

1st: Mary O'Reilly 23pts (41)

2nd: Kay Malone 22pts (50)

### RESULTS OF THIS WEEK'S COMPETITION: 9 HOLE STABLEFORD

1st: Nuala Ward 23pts (26)

2nd: Margaret McCarthy 21pts (30)

**THIS WEEK'S COMPETITIONS** are 9 and 18 hole Stableford played over Friday and Saturday.

### SOCIAL GOLF

Social golf every Wednesday at 10.30am. Meet at 10.15am for draw. Book on BRS.

### MIXED SCRAMBLES

Mixed scrambles every Tuesday at 6pm. Visitors welcome.

### GOLF LESSONS

Kieran Crehan is available to give golf lessons. Contact Kieran directly on: 087 2748777.

## BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB - MEN'S

### BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB - MEN'S SECTION RESULTS FOR SUNDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2025

#### SPONSOR: LAKE HOTEL, KILLARNEY

#### White Tees – 18 hole Stableford

1st: Mark Coleman, 40 points (18) Overall Winner - Last 9 Holes

2nd: Daniel G O'Sullivan, 40 points (21) Overall Runner-Up

#### Yellow Tees – 18 hole Stableford

1st: Gerry O'Sullivan, 33 points (29) Overall Winner

2nd: Vincent Hussey, 31 points (19) Overall Runner-Up - Last 9 holes

### NEXT WEEK'S MEN'S COMPETITION, Sunday 14 Sept, Round 6 GOTY/Presidents Prize, Stableford - Yellow tees

Sponsor: Club President Irene McCarthy

## KILLARNEY GOLF & FISHING CLUB - LADIES

### LADIES 18 HOLE LADIES STROKE COMPETITION GOY, PLAYED ON MAHONY'S POINT COURSE ON 6TH & 7TH SEPTEMBER 2025. SPONSORED BY AHERNS.IE MOTOR GROUP

Overall, Winner: Julie Kelly 67 (13)

2nd: Carol Shanahan 70 (23)

Best Gross: Anne Moynihan 78

3rd: Maureen Creedon 72 (17)

4th: Sharon Ormonde 74 (13)

5th: Geraldine Collins 75 (18)

### FIXTURES

Next Fixture will be 13th & 14th September 2025 on Killeen Course 18 Hole Single Stableford & 11 Hole Single Stableford, kindly sponsored by Killarney Park Hotel and all proceeds will be donated to UNICEF's Gaza Emergency Appeal. On Thursday 18th September 2025 Ladies Open Day Team of 3 kindly sponsored by Adams Jewellers.

## ROSS GC - GENTS

### ON SEPT 7TH WE HELD A 12 HOLE STABLEFORD COMPETITION

The winners were :-

1st: Mark O'Donoghue 28 (16)

2nd: Alan Flynn 25 (5)

3rd: John Cuskelly 24 (10)

4th: John Ivory 24 (11)

### ON THURSDAY SEPT 4TH OUR SENIORS HELD A TWO MAN SCRAMBLE

The winners were :-

1st: John Ivory and Maurice Coffey

2nd: Mossie Cremin and Jim Larkin .

3rd: Mike O Leary and Colm O'Keeffe

### ON FRIDAY SEPT 5TH WE HELD OUR FRIDAY EVENING MIXED 10 HOLE SCRAMBLE

The winners were:-

1st: Peter Wickham, Darragh Wickham, Sheila O Mahony, Seamus McCarthy.

2nd: M J O'Sullivan, Sam Guerineau, Therese O Keffe, Brenda Kelliher

3rd: John Ivory, Frank Guerineau, Elaine O Mahony, M J Casey.

4th: Jim Morris, Karina Mulchinock, Rolandas Bendikas, Margaret Hickey

5th: Daniel Cronin, Anthony O Mahony, Patrick Gallagher, Elaine Casey

### FIXTURES

On Friday Sept 12th our Friday evening mixed 10 hole scrambles will continue, however please note the earlier start time.

Please get your name on the entry sheet before 5pm to enable us to be playing golf by 5.30pm . No Late entries allowed.

On Sept 13th and 14th we will hold The Keanes Jewellers Gold Medal Strokeplay final. The usual tee time bookings process applies for both days.

## ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB

### COMPETITIONS

Ladies 10 hole Scramble 13th September very kindly sponsored by Margaret O'Donoghue Meet at the club house at 10.00am.

### 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.

## DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB

### NATIONAL U16 MATCHPLAY

Well done to Fionn McMonagle on reaching the semi-finals of the Cup event last weekend in Fermoy as he followed on from his runners-up finish in the Munster event back in June with another encouraging performance. Thomas O'Sullivan also reached the quarter-finals of the Plate event in Fermoy last weekend.

### COUNTY U16 MATCHPLAY

Best Wishes to all those entered for this Saturday event. The County Board will release full details of the event nearer the weekend.

### SUNDAY DRAWS

First Nett: Daniel Kelly & Gerry Kelliher 36, Gross: Daniel Kelly & Denis Duggan 45, Second Nett: Bobby Kelly & Niall O'Loughlin 39 & Hole-In-One: Bobby Kelly (2nd Hole).

### FIXTURES UPDATE





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Contact Clive 0876565780



Please note the planned multi-card event for the weekend of September 28th has been scrapped and will be replaced by our Club Strokeplay which will be run over 36 holes this year on Sunday September 28th. An announcement on the current Player of the Year race will be made in due course.

## CLUB MATCHPLAY

We are down to the closing stages in the Murphy's Bar sponsored event. Championship Quarter-Final Draw: Nathan Cronin v Sean O'Mahoney, David Harnett v Sean O'Brien, Connie O'Sullivan Jnr v James Foley and Bobby Kelly v Daniel Kelly. Plate Semi-Finals: Brian McCarthy v Niall O'Loughlin and Shane Doona v John Murphy.

## NATIONAL INTER-COUNTY

Best Wishes to Damien Fleming, John McGrath, James Fleming (Mens Team Manager) along with Eileen McCarthy in representing Kerry in both the Mens and Ladies Inter-County events in Lakeside, Templemore, Co Tipperary this weekend.



Deerpark Pitch & Putt Club's Fionn McMonagle receiving his prize for reaching the semi-finals of last weekend's National U16 Boys Matchplay Championships in Fermoy Co Cork from Pitch & Putt Ireland President Davy Reddin and Youth Officer Liam Leahy.

# INAUGURAL MASS Held at Glubba Mountain Grotto



The group at the grotto with Reverend Mark Blakely

A large crowd gathered at Cnoc Póg Ríocht, more commonly known as Glubba Mountain, in Ballyledder, Beaufort for a very special occasion – the celebration of the inaugural Mass at the mountain grotto.

The grotto, which has stood for more than 50 years, is the lasting legacy of the late Tom "Tomásín" O'Sullivan, a local man whose determination and devotion left a remarkable mark on the community.

More than half a century ago, Tom decided that the people of Ballyledder and Kilgobnet should have their own grotto. Armed with little more than his own strength and faith, he set about the task after long working days, hauling stone, sand, and cement by hand in fertiliser bags from Keel and Kilgobnet up the mountain. After two years of tireless effort, he completed

the grotto.

Not stopping there, Tom then cycled to Knock and back to collect a suitable statue to place within it. His efforts were entirely selfless, he built the grotto not for himself, but as a gift to the people of the area. A year later, he went on to construct another grotto on Cruach Mhór, on the route to Carrauntoohil.

Since Tom's passing 25 years ago, neighbours and friends, Micheal O'Sullivan, Mary Duffy (O'Sullivan), and Roisín Duffy, have carefully maintained the grotto, painting it regularly and ensuring fresh flowers are always placed on the altar.

The inaugural Mass was celebrated by Reverend Mark Blakely, with many local people making the walk to the grotto for the special occasion. Among those in attendance were Mike

O'Sullivan, John Kelliher, John Joe O'Sullivan, Joanne Prendeville, Michelle Reynolds, Maeve O'Carroll, Mike Counihan, Christina Hayes, Joan McKenna, and Dolores Prendeville.

The Mass was a fitting tribute not only to Tom's devotion and hard work, but also to the continued dedication of the local community in keeping his vision alive.



The grotto at Glubba Mountain, in Ballyledder, Beaufort



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# CAOIMHE REPRESENTS IRELAND AT WORLD ROWING CONTEST

There was great excitement in Muckross Rowing Club last weekend as one of their own, Caoimhe O'Sullivan, raced for Ireland in the European Under 23 Rowing Championships. Ireland sent two crews to the two-day World Rowing contest held in Racice, Czech Republic and for the first time at the international event, Ireland was represented by two 'big boat' crews, with both a Womens Eight and Mens Eight competing. Caoimhe, currently rowing for her university club UL RC, was joined by fellow UL rower Alyssa Mannix, along with Amelia McAleer (Queens University BC), Emma Fagan (University of Galway BC), Sophia Young (Methodist College Belfast), Sibéal Ní Fhleathbheartaigh (Castleconnell BC), Moya Knowles (Skibbereen RC), Danielle Winter (UCC RC) and cox Mollyann Flynn (Methodist College Belfast).

Caoimhe's selection to the Irish U23 squad follows a number of successful years on the water, racing as a junior rower in top competition for Muckross RC and more recently with UL Rowing Club. In 2021, the Headford native was a silver medallist for Ireland at the European Junior Rowing Championships while in 2023, she was selected as part of the Senior Womens squad for Ireland at the Home International Regatta. Caoimhe has also won a number of Irish Championship titles racing with UL.

In last weekend's European U23 Regatta, five crews were entered in the Womens Eight event with a preliminary race held on Saturday to decide lanes for Sunday's final. In the preliminary race, Ireland were fourth ahead of Spain, with Romania taking a commanding win ahead of hosts Czech Republic and Austria in third. In Sunday's final, the Czech hosts found another gear to beat Romania to the gold medal with Austria again taking third place. Ireland



Caoimhe O'Sullivan, UL RC and Muckross RC (far right) pictured together with her crewmates in the Irish Under 23 Womens Eight that competed in the European Rowing U23 Championships, held in Racice, Czech Republic last weekend 6-7 September. l-r: Danielle Winter (UCC RC), Moya Knowles (Skibbereen RC), Sibéal Ní Fhleathbheartaigh (Castleconnell BC), Sophia Young (Methodist College Belfast), Mollyann Flynn (Methodist College Belfast), Alyssa Mannix (UL RC), Amelia McAleer (Queens University BC), Emma Fagan (University of Galway BC), Caoimhe O'Sullivan (UL RC).

made a stronger push in the final, knocking over nine seconds off their preliminary race time, however it was the Austrians who held on to the final podium position with Ireland in fourth and Spain again in fifth. The Irish Mens Eight also recorded a fourth place finish in their final, placing ahead of Spain and Poland with Romania first, Czech Republic second and Italy third.

As a successful rowing season for 2024/25 draws to a close, Caoimhe returns home from the Czech Republic as a new academic year begins in the University of Limerick. It will be another busy year for the talented Killarney oarswoman and student who is also taking

on the role of Club Secretary for UL RC for the new rowing season 2025/26. Everyone in Muckross RC is incredibly proud of Caoimhe's achievement in being selected to the Irish U23 squad and representing club and country so well once again. It was fantastic to see Caoimhe and the Irish Womens Eight competing among the best in Europe.

Back in Killarney, Caoimhe will be swapping her Ireland gear for club colours this weekend as she races for Muckross in the historic Killarney Regatta, which is set to take place this Sunday, 14th September at O'Mahony's Point, Killarney Golf and Fishing Club.

## Tom Doherty Clinches Silver at EDGA Presidents Cup

Killarney golfer Tom Doherty captured the silver medal at the prestigious EDGA Presidents Cup, played at Paultons Golf Club in Southampton in ideal weather conditions.

The biannual tournament is a flagship event on the EDGA Tour, drawing elite golfers with disabilities from across Europe. This year's competition featured a two-day net stroke play format, testing both skill and endurance on firm fairways in the South of England. Tom representing Killarney Golf Club and Golf Ireland, reflected on a packed season that included appearances at the Irish, Scottish, and Welsh Opens. His international experience proved invaluable.

"I played in the Presidents Cup two years ago in Italy, so I knew what to expect," Doherty said. "Competing abroad has really helped me prepare mentally and physically. After finishing day one in seventh place, I focused on taking it one shot at a time. I was over the moon to climb the leaderboard and take home the silver"

He extended heartfelt thanks to his home club Killarney and Golf Ireland for all their support throughout the season.

Tom's performance continues to inspire and elevate the visibility of disability golf across Ireland.





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## KILLARNEY VALLEY ATHLETIC CLUB

Training is well under way for the Cross Country Season. The first competition is on Sunday 21st September in Killarney for the Juvenile Even Age, Seniors and U20 categories. The following Sunday (28th September) will be for the Intermediate and Juvenile Uneven Age which will also be held in Killarney. The Novice and Juvenile Relays will be held on Sunday 5th October in Killarney while the Masters Cross Country will be held on 19th October in Banna, Ardfert.

Congratulations to Conor Kissane who won the first of three 5Km in An Riocht, Castleisland with a PB of 15 mins 15 secs and followed it with another PB of 15 mins 10 secs the second week. Please email the club on [killarneyvalleyac@gmail.com](mailto:killarneyvalleyac@gmail.com) if you would like to join the club. All relevant information on our club is on our website [www.killarneyvalleyac.ie](http://www.killarneyvalleyac.ie).



Max Kennedy with his catch and Mollie Kennedy with her granda Pat O'Callaghan at the Juvenile fishing comp at Barrafinny on Friday 5th of Sept.

## MUCKROSS ROWING CLUB KILLARNEY REGATTA

The historic annual Killarney Regatta takes on a new fixture for 2025 as final preparations get underway for this Sunday 14th September. The move from June to September follows a busy summer of flatwater and coastal rowing for the active rowing clubs of Killarney valley. Since late June through to the end of August, Killarney's rowing clubs have been involved in regattas around the country. Together with the revised fixture, the regatta is also trialling a revamped Festival Day format that includes a focused series of six club races, a Heritage mixed race celebrating the unique history of the Killarney Six rowing boat and mixed club races, as well as onshore fun for all the family. Racing is scheduled to get underway at 9.30am on Sunday. Wishing all our rowers and crews the very best of luck! Check our Killarney Regatta Festival on Facebook and Instagram for event

updates.

### WORLD ROWING MASTERS REGATTA

Best of luck to Brendan O'Neill, John Buckley, Paul Kennedy and Siobhan Joy who are competing this week in the World Rowing Masters Regatta, taking place in Banyoles, Spain.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Aoife Cooper and Tom McNamara on the birth of baby Teidi. Congrats also to our Chairwoman Sharon Cooper who welcomes her first grandchild and to the happy great grandparents Dan and Noreen. Wishing every health and happiness to all the family.

### KENMARE REGATTA

The Kenmare Endurance Regatta, originally scheduled for Saturday 6th September, was cancelled due to high winds.

## FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB

**AUTUMN BRIDGE** season has started on the 4th September and the results are as follows:  
N/S

1st: Phyllis O'Regan and Pauline Lyne

2nd: Anne Looney & Michael McHugh

E/W

1st: Marie O'Sullivan Kenmare & Horst Rosler

2nd: Finola Spillane & Ger Foley

Congratulations, well done

Great to see our bridge players back for the season and the committee have organised our calendar of events for the season ahead. The list is available from our secretary, Karen.

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

## Fond Farewell to Francis on Her Retirement

Staff at Killarney Community Hospital gathered recently to wish a warm farewell to their much-loved colleague, Francis O'Leary, as she begins her retirement after a lifetime of dedicated nursing. Throughout her career, Francis was known for always going the extra mile – showing care, compassion, and kindness not only to her patients, but also to her colleagues and the wider community. Her commitment to nursing has left a lasting impact, and she will be remembered with great admiration and affection.

As she steps into this new chapter, everyone at the hospital extends their heartfelt gratitude and best wishes to Francis. May her retirement be filled with health, happiness, and cherished moments with her family.

(Francis O'Leary is pictured in the front right.)





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## SSE AIRTRICITY MEN'S FIRST DIVISION

# ALL SQUARE V COBH RAMBLERS

### Kerry FC 1-1 Cobh Ramblers

by David Moriarty

On Friday night, Kerry FC took on Cobh Ramblers for the final time this season and for just the second time in three weeks after Kerry's impressive 2-0 win over the Cork side in the Sports Direct Men's FAI Cup. Each of the four games between the two sides this season has been quite an even affair, and this one would more than likely be no different.

For the visitors, their only loss since the eleventh of July was at the hands of Kerry FC in that cup game. Since then, they have gone on to win five, draw two and lose just once. A win for Cobh is just as important as a win for Kerry FC as they look to mount as much pressure as possible on league leaders Dundalk FC in the hope that the Ramblers can catch the Louth side for automatic promotion.

For Kerry FC, they are just six points off the playoff places, and at this stage of the season, every point matters. Many around the club and supporters alike felt that if Kerry FC could match their intensity over the past three weeks, it could be an exciting end to the season ahead. The game began in a lively fashion, although it lacked quality. Just three minutes in, Kerry FC's Ewan Lee found himself in the referee's book after what was judged to be a high challenge, but seemed harsh; however, it was a sign of the aggression and intensity that would characterise much of the early exchanges.

The home side nearly snatched an early advantage in the seventh minute when Sean O'Connell's in-swinging corner almost deceived Timothy Martin in the Cobh goal, sailing just over the crossbar. For a side often criticised for struggling to convert set pieces into genuine chances, it has been a part of their play that they have worked on a lot recently, and it has started to reap the rewards.

Yet, as the minutes ticked by, the game settled into a scrappy rhythm. Passes went astray, attacks fizzled out before truly threatening, and neither side established a foothold in midfield. After twenty-two minutes, the game was described as scrappy, and that summed up the first half perfectly: plenty of endeavour, little end product.

Kerry FC's most promising moment before the break came just before the half-hour mark. O'Connell, again instrumental, slipped a clever ball into Robbie Cleary on the edge of the area. Cleary's strike looked dangerous, but Niall O'Keefe was alert to block.

The first change of the evening came before the interval as Ronan Teahan was withdrawn through injury, replaced by Arran Healy in the thirty-ninth minute. Teahan got a knock to the back, which can always be a painful one. Healy's introduction brought energy down the right-hand side of the midfield three, but the half

looked set to finish goalless until Cobh finally carved out a big opportunity in stoppage time. Barry Coffey surged into the box and unleashed a shot from a tight angle, only to be denied brilliantly by Kerry keeper Matthew Connor at his near post. Connor's intervention kept the game scoreless at the break, much to the relief of the home supporters.

If the first half was characterised by caution, the second half quickly developed into an open contest. Within six minutes of the restart, Healy showed his attacking instincts with a burst down the right flank, creating space for a cross. Frustratingly for Kerry, no one was there to meet it.

Cobh soon began to assert themselves. Coffey, lively throughout, spurned a decent chance in the fifty-eighth minute when he met Samuel Bellis' delivery but headed over from a promising position. Just a minute later, the breakthrough came.

Cobh pressed Kerry high, forcing a turnover deep in Kingdom territory. The ball fell kindly to Rhys Gourdie, who demonstrated composure by sliding the ball past Connor to make it 1-0. The away supporters erupted, sensing that their side's patience and pressing had finally paid off. Kerry responded immediately with a substitution, bringing on the fresh in-form Cian Brosnan for debutant Daniel O'Connor. Brosnan's introduction injected urgency into the home side's attack, though tensions began to boil over shortly after. Cleary and Mujaguzi were both shown yellow cards in quick succession, reflecting the rising intensity.

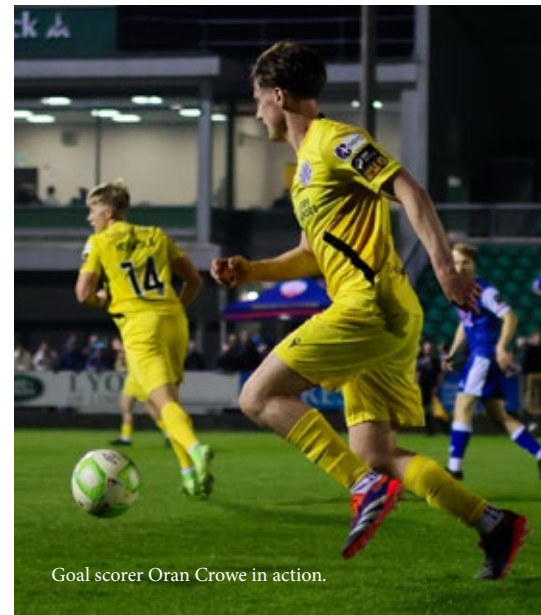
The sixty-ninth minute saw one of the game's defining passages. Brosnan, eager to make his mark, produced a dazzling solo run, skipping past defenders before unleashing a shot that forced a superb save from Martin. From the resulting corner, the home side found their equaliser.

O'Connell delivered another wicked ball into the box, and this time Oran Crowe rose highest at the near post to glance a header into the net. The eruption from the Mounthawk Park terraces matched the midfielder's passion as he wheeled away in celebration. Suddenly, the game was alive, and Kerry had belief.

The leveller nearly became obsolete just minutes later when Cobh's Cian Bargary burst into the Kerry area, only to be denied by another outstanding save from Connor. It was end-to-end football, with both sides sensing that a winner was possible.

Kerry, buoyed by their equaliser, grew stronger as the clock ticked down. In the eighty-first minute, Brosnan again caused havoc on the right wing, delivering a pinpoint cross to Joe Adams at the far post. Adams rose well but directed his header agonisingly wide of the far post.

As the game edged into its final stages, the tension was palpable. Cobh introduced Dylan



Goal scorer Oran Crowe in action.

McGlade, whose quick feet nearly won the match in the ninetieth minute. The winger ghosted past a couple of Kerry defenders before rifling a shot goalward, but Connor was again the hero, parrying the ball away.

Kerry almost stole it themselves in stoppage time. A frantic goalmouth scramble saw Joe Adams' effort blocked by Jonas Häkkinen before the ball was eventually cleared. The Kingdom fans had their hearts in their mouths, but it wasn't to be.

The final whistle confirmed a 1-1 draw, a result that both sides could take positives from, though each may also rue missed opportunities.

It was a tough battle that could have gone either way, but Kerry FC have now taken points from the top two in the division in successive weeks and look to be in top form before next week's Sports Direct Men's FAI Cup Quarter Final against Sligo Rovers.

**Kerry FC Team:** 16. Matthew Connor, 3. Sean O'Connell, 4. Oran Crowe (GOAL '70), 5. Christopher McQueen, 6. Carl Mujaguzi, 8. Ronan Teahan, 10. Joe Adams, 14. Robert Cleary, 19. Daniel O'Connor, 28. Niall Brookwell, 29. Ewan Lee

**Subs:** Darragh Foley, Arran Healy, Cian Brosnan, Luke Doolan, Finn Barrett, Sean McGrath, Luke Palmer, Kevin Williams, Ryan Perez.

**Cobh Ramblers Team:** 16. Timothy Martin, 3. John O'Donovan, 4. Niall O'Keefe, 6. Shane Griffin (C), 7. Cian Bargary, 8. Barry Coffey, 9. Cian Murphy, 11. Rhys Gourdie (GOAL '59), 14. Cian Coleman, 18. Jonas Häkkinen, 45. Samuel Bellis.

**Subs:** Oisín Barry, Lestyn Hughes, Dylan McGlade, Jason Abbott, Matthew Whelan, Nolan Evers, Mikey Carroll, Harvey Cribb, Faruq Adegboyega.



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- 5, Add 1 tablespoons of lemon juice and mix into the a smooth mixture
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## MEK GALAXY FC

### FIXTURES FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

**Wed 10th Sept.**

U13 Girls Division 1: Camp Juniors v MEK Galaxy B @ 6.30pm

**Sat 13th Sept.**

U15 Girls Premier: Camp Juniors v MEK Galaxy @ 12.30pm

U12 Boys Friendly: LB Rovers v MEK Galaxy A @ 11am

U12 Boys Friendly: MEK Galaxy B v Iveragh Utd @ 2pm

U16 Boys Division 1: MEK Galaxy v Inter Kenmare @ 3.30pm

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### KDL CHAMPIONSHIP

**St Brendan's Park 4-3 Killarney Celtic**

*Eoghan Crowley 2, Evan Cronin*

In very wet and windy conditions Celtic B came up short in a 7 goal thriller.

### U15 PREMIER

**Killarney Athletic 2-3 Killarney Celtic**

*Roan Clifford, Cormac O'Sullivan 2*

Celtic snatched a win in injury time in Woodlawn last Saturday. Athletic were ahead before Roan Clifford had Celtic level by half time. Cormac O'Sullivan put Celtic ahead in the 2nd half, Athletic equalised in injury time and the game looked destined for a draw but Celtic came again with Cormac O'Sullivan netting the winner.

### U15 DIV1

**Ballyhar Dyn 1-3 Killarney Celtic B**

*Luke Clifford 2, Jack Kissane*

Celtic B gained a fine win in Ballyhar. Celtic put on a dominant display which eventually yielded goals with Luke Clifford netting twice before Jack Kissane scored a 3rd to leave Celtic clear. Ballyhar pulled 1 back in the end.

### U15 DIV3

**Killarney Celtic C 1-3 Castleisland B**

*Eoin Murph*

### U13 PREMIER

**Fenit 0-3 Killarney Celtic**

*Dylan McCarthy 2, Sam Fleury*

A strong performance in Fenit saw Celtic A open their season with a fine win.

### U13 DIV 1

**Killarney Celtic C 1-8 Dingle A**



### GIRLS

#### U14 PREMIER

**Killarney Athletic 1-1 Killarney Celtic**

*Leah Mannix*

Celtic opened their campaign with a draw away to Athletic. It was Athletic who opened the scoring early on before Leah Mannix had Celtic level by the break. In the 2nd half Celtic began to dominate and had chances but were unable to convert these chances so the points were shared.

**CONGRATS** to Cormac O'Sullivan U15 and Fionn Clifford U15 who made the KSBGL Team of the Week. Congrats to Neil Casey U14 who made the Girls Roll of Honour.

**MANY THANKS** to all who sponsored teams and tee boxes for the Killarney Celtic Golf Classic. Many thanks to all who played on the day. Many thanks to all our volunteers who gave of their time to organise the event. 1st place went to the Dromhall Hotel, 2nd place went to MC Construction, 3rd place went to the Gleneagle Hotel Team. Many thanks to all at Beaufort Golf club for their help and hospitality.

## KILLARNEY ATHLETIC

### FIRST PREMIER A GAME FOR ATHLETIC SENIOR A TEAM

**Killarney Athletic AFC 2 Castleisland 1**

*Scorers Oisín O'Sullivan, Terry Sparling*

*Assist Ian Prendergast, Tadgh Doolan.*

### BOYS U15 PREMIER RESULT

**Killarney Athletic A.F.C 2 - 3 Killarney Celtic**

*Rory Moynihan x1 Sean Quill x1*

### U15 DIVISION 3 BOYS

**Park B 5 - 4 Killarney Athletic D**

*Sean O'Connor x3 Eric Reed x1*

The lads were unlucky to come out on the wrong side of a 9 goal thriller on a wet Saturday evening in Tralee. Despite a bright start with a few excellent chances, Athletic got caught on the break twice and found ourselves 2 down inside the first 30 minutes. Sean O'Connor managed to pull one back before half time. The lads came out strong in the second half scoring twice to take the deserved lead 3-2. Park managed to regain the lead and held on despite a late comeback from Athletic. A superb hat-trick from Sean O'Connor and goal direct from a corner kick from Eric Reed was matched by a strong Park performance in the end.

### U15 DIVISION 2 RESULT

**Killarney Athletic B 2 - 0 Tralee Dynamos A**

*Ronan Browne x1 MOTM Malachy Audley x1*

A solid performance by our young blues this afternoon as they welcomed Tralee Dynamos to Woodlawn. The lads had to be at their best as this Dynamos side are a big physical team but they didn't let that faze them. They started well, controlling the possession from the off and working hard to maintain their focus throughout the game. 2 great goals from Ronan & Malachy today to get us in front, both scoring half volleys from outside the box. Super start to the season with every player working hard for this win & the clean sheet Thanks to the ref & Tralee Dynamos for a very competitive game.

### BOYS U13 B DIVISION 1 RESULT

**Killarney Athletic 1 - 1 St Brendan's Park**

*Daniel Cremin x1*

The boys welcomed Park to Woodlawn today. The Park started the better team in the first 10-15 mins of the first half but the boys really dug in and fought hard. As we were coming back into it Park got the first with a deflected effort in to the top corner giving Evan Hereford no chance. After this goal our boys woke up and started to make inroads culminating in a fantastic strike by Daniel Cremin to bring the sides level going into the break. The second half was a real ding-dong with neither team being fully dominant but no goals were scored both teams will be disappointed they did not win this tie. But a draw seemed a fair result at full time.

Girls U16 Premier Result

### GIRLS U16 PREMIER RESULT

**MEK 4 - 1 Killarney Athletic**

*Roxy Wawro x1*

The girls made the trip to Fossa in tough conditions. MEK took the after 10 mins and quickly followed with a second we got one back from a great finish by Roxy Wawro. In the second half MEK got two more to take the points. It certainly felt like a game the result did not do justice to the effort and hard work the girls put in. The attitude and fight was brilliant to see. These girls will have better days a fantastic group who never give up.

### U-12 GIRLS DIV 1

Killarney B faced Dingle A in Woodlawn in a lively contest that saw several new players proudly don the Killarney colours for the first time. While the final score didn't quite mirror the effort and intensity on display, Dingle A came out on top.





Killarney Celtic U14 Girls Premier



Killarney Celtic U15 Boys Division 3

Both sides delivered a spirited performance in what was an exciting and competitive game, thanks to Dingle for a sporting game and to John Ross for refereeing Athletic Scorers: Lottie Moynihan x1 Rose O'Riordan x1

#### U12 GIRLS PREMIER

##### Fenit 2-3 Killarney Athletic

Our A team kicked off their league campaign away to Fenit in a stunning seaside setting, where blustery winds and driving rain added to the challenge. In a fiercely competitive encounter, Killarney showed grit and teamwork, super effort by all players in tough conditions and a winning start to the season. Goalscorers on the day: Fiadh O'Sullivan x1 Hollie Shevlin x1 Bella O'Connor x1 tell done girls

#### U15 DIVISION 3 BOYS

##### Park B 5 Killarney Athletic D 4

Goals: Sean O'Connor (3), Eric Reed

The lads were unlucky to come out on the wrong side of a 9 goal thriller on a wet Saturday evening in Tralee. Despite a bright start with a few excellent chances, Athletic got caught on the break twice and found themselves 2 down inside the first 30 minutes. Sean O'Connor managed to pull one back before half time. The lads came out strong in the second half scoring twice to take the deserved lead 3-2. Park managed to regain the lead and held on despite a late comeback from Athletic. A superb hattrick from Sean O'Connor and goal direct from a corner kick from Eric Reed was matched by a strong Park performance in the end.

#### KERRY SCHOOLBOY/GIRL LEAGUE

After a dramatic opening weekend last time out, the second installment of games to begin the 2025/26 season in the Kerry Schoolboys & Girls League failed to disappoint. With a host of competitions getting underway for the new season in the last seven days, early points on the board was the objective.

#### GIRLS

##### U12 PRE SEASON GETS OFF TO ENTERTAINING START

The U12 Girls Pre-Season kicked off with plenty of excitement across both the Premier and Division 1 competitions.

In the Premier, St Brendans Park started brightly with a 3-1 win away to Killorglin, Evie Griffin striking twice alongside a goal from Sadeigh Hennessy, while Meabh Clifford netted for Killorglin.

Iveragh got the better of Castleisland thanks to a single goal from Abbie Fitzgerald in a tight 1-0 victory. Meanwhile, Killarney Athletic A overcame Fenit 3-2 in a thriller, with Fiadh O'Sullivan, Hollie Shevlin and Bella O'Connor on target, while Eimear Lily O'Sullivan scored both for Fenit.

The highest-scoring clash of the round came as Mastergeeha defeated Camp 8-3. Gracie Maher led the way with an outstanding five-goal haul, supported by Lucy Devane with two and Annie Mai O'Donoghue with one.

In Division 1, Camp B overcame Inter Kenmare A 2-1, with Shauna O'Connor and Emma Kiely

providing the goals, while Mary O'Sullivan replied for Kenmare. Dingle A enjoyed a flying start, firing eight past Killarney Athletic B in an 8-2 win.

Aoibhin Ó Murchu and Brigie Nic Gearailt both struck hat-tricks, with Aoife Ó Shúilleabháin adding two more, while Lottie Moynihan and Rose O'Riordan hit consolations for Athletic. LB Rovers also made a strong start, running out 4-0 winners over Tralee Dynamos B, with Lexi Boyle, Maggie Dillane, Cianna Flahive and Millie Flavin all getting on the scoresheet.

##### KILLARNEY DERBY ENDS ALL SQUARE IN 14'S PREMIER

In the O'Sullivan's Bakery U14 Girls Premier, there was nothing to separate the Killarney rivals as Killarney Athletic and Killarney Celtic drew 1-1. Lucy Myles struck for Athletic, but Leah Mannix replied for Celtic to ensure the sides shared the spoils in a tightly contested encounter. Earlier in the week Killorglin started their campaign with a 3-1 win over Park. Niamh Murphy netted a brace, while Mia Robertson also found the net.

##### SIX STAR KENMARE OVERCOME MEK

In the O'Sullivan's Bakery U14 Girls Division 1, Inter Kenmare A began their campaign in style with a 6-2 victory over MEK. Goals from Laura Salak, Robyn Horgan, Lilly Murphy, Noonan, Laoisa Smyth, Gabija Knyzaite, and June McCarthy sealed the impressive win. MEK battled hard and were rewarded with strikes from Eve O'Halloran and Emila Reen Cronin, but Inter proved too strong on the day.



MEK Galaxy U15 Girls Premier



Killarney Athletic U15 Division 3 Boys





U12 Mastergeeha V Camp



MEK U13 Division 1 Boys

## MEK MAKE WINNING START IN 15'S GRADE

Having lifted the U14 Premier title last season, MEK Galaxy made a winning start to life in the Muckross Park Hotel U15 Girls Premier with a 4-0 win over Killarney Athletic on home soil.

Isabelle O'Connor struck twice to lead the charge, while Grace Ryan and Ava Harty also got on the scoresheet to secure all three points for the home side.

## HIGH SCORING OPENING WEEKEND IN 16'S PREMIER

It was a big opening weekend of action in the U16 Girls Premier, with plenty of goals across the county. Inter Kenmare A picked up a strong 3-0 win away to Listowel Celtic, with Saoirse Hussey hitting a brace and Alice O'Connor also on target.

MEK also got off to a flying start, overcoming Killarney Athletic 4-1. Izzy Lyons led the way with two goals, while Isabelle O'Connor and Ava Harty added one each. Roxy Wawro got the reply for Athletic.

Over in Fenit, it was all about Eilidh Cregan, who scored an incredible six goals as LB Rovers ran out 8-2 winners against Fenit. Leona Meaney and Saoirse Brosnan were also on target, while Erin Harty struck twice for the home side. Elsewhere, Park were awarded a 3-0 walkover against Camp.

## BOYS

## EXCITING OPENING WEEKEND IN 13'S PREMIER

The opening weekend U13 Boys Premier served up plenty of drama and goals this week, with standout wins for Killarney Athletic and Killarney Celtic.

Earlier in the week, Camp A got their campaign off to a positive start with a narrow 2-1 win away to Castleisland A. Amari Pabon was on the scoresheet for the home side, but strikes from Tommy O'Driscoll and Oisin Griffin sealed the points for Camp.

Over in Fenit, Killarney Celtic A were clinical in front of goal as they claimed a 3-0 victory. Dylan McCarthy netted twice, while Sam Fleury also got on the scoresheet in a solid team display.

The biggest scoreline came in Killorglin, where Killarney Athletic A proved too strong, running out 6-2 winners over Killorglin A. Lorcan Doyle and Séan Óg Costello netted for the home side, but Athletic responded in style with goals from

Ryan O'Donoghue, Harry Randles, Trey Hurley, Mark Clifford, Darragh O'Toole, and Conor Scannell.

## GOALS GALORE IN DIVISION 1

It was a weekend full of goals in the U13 Boys Division 1, with Dingle A, Ferry Rangers, and Mastergeeha A recording big wins.

In Tralee, Killarney Athletic B and Park B shared the points after a tight 1-1 draw. Daniel Cremin struck for Athletic, while Cody McKenna's goal ensured Park came away with something from the contest.

Over in Killarney, Dingle A were in free-scoring form as they hit eight past Killarney Celtic C, running out 7-1 winners. Conall Favier got Celtic's consolation, but Dingle's firepower proved too much with Lúí Ó Sé and Krystian Dudus both netting twice, while Daniel Murphy, Noah Eadie, Luke Evans, and Jamie Murphy all added their names to the scoresheet.

There was another big win for Ferry Rangers, who defeated MEK A 6-2. Finnian Swarbrick scored both goals for MEK, but a brace each from Cormac Kelly and Tamatea Charlie, alongside strikes from Mattie Fitzell and Noah Culhane, saw the visitors home.

Rounding off the weekend, Mastergeeha A recorded a 6-0 victory over Tralee Dynamos. Warren Boyle hit a double, with further goals from Matthew O'Riordan, Callum O'Connor, Leo Barry, and Adam Cremin in a commanding display.

## CELTIC AND PARK IMPRESS AS 15'S PREMIER GETS UNDERWAY

It was a high-scoring weekend in the TC Construction U15 Boys Premier, with Killarney Celtic, Listowel Celtic, and St Brendans Park all picking up crucial victories.

In the Killarney derby, Killarney Celtic overcame Athletic 3-2 in a thriller. Rory Moynihan and Sean Quill struck for Athletic, but Celtic proved sharper in front of goal as Cormac O'Sullivan bagged a brace and Roan Clifford added another to seal the win.

Over in Killorglin, Listowel Celtic ran out 5-3 winners in another goal-heavy clash. Mikey Copper's double and an Adam Fleming strike kept the hosts in touch, but a Joe Joy hat-trick, plus goals from Luke Walsh and Mason Sheehy Elston, ensured the visitors claimed the points.

At Christy Leahy Park, St Brendans Park turned

on the style to see off Castleisland 4-1. Daniel Diggins netted twice, with Shea Horan and Jamie O'Regan also on target. Alex Ryan replied for Castleisland, but it wasn't enough to prevent Park's comfortable win.

## ATHLETIC, LB ROVERS AND LISTOWEL CELTIC CLAIM KEY DIVISION 2 WINS

The TC Construction U15 Boys Division 2 produced a lively opening weekend of action, with Killarney Athletic, LB Rovers, and Listowel Celtic all picking up victories.

At home, Killarney Athletic B secured a 2-0 win over Tralee Dynamos A, with goals from Ronan Browne and Malachy Audley proving decisive.

LB Rovers A edged a five-goal contest against Fenit B, running out 3-2 winners. Adam Goggin, Anthony Doherty, and Adam Burns were on target for the Rovers, while Dara Griffin and Cody Dedy replied for Fenit in a spirited display. Meanwhile, Listowel Celtic B impressed in a 5-1 victory over Killorglin B. Tommy O'Connor led the way with a brace, supported by goals from Enrique Walsh, Ruairi O'Brien, and Callum England. Hugo Caballero found the net for Killorglin, but Celtic were too strong on the day.

## BOYS TEAM OF THE WEEK

1. Fionn Clifford (Killarney Celtic)
2. Kieran Sheehan (Castlemaine United U13)
4. Peadar Stack (Fenit Samphires U13)
5. Alex O'Riordan (Killorglin U15)
3. Patrick O'Connor (Killarney Athletic U15)
6. Daniel Diggins (St Brendans Park U15)
7. Joe Joy (Listowel Celtic U15)
8. Cormac O'Sullivan (Killarney Celtic U15)
9. Corey Kinsella (St Brendans Park U15)
10. Warren Boyle (Mastergeeha U13)
11. Aiden Fogarty (Iveragh United U15)

## GIRLS ROLL OF HONOUR

1. Saoirse Teahan (MEK Galaxy)
2. Nell Casey (Killarney Celtic)
4. Esme O'Sullivan (Killarney Athletic)
5. Ava McCarthy (Inter Kenmare)
3. Louise Gaynor (Fenit Samphires)
6. Roisin Diggins (St Brendans Park)
8. Hannah O'Connor (Killorglin)
7. Gracie Maher (Mastergeeha)
10. Aoibhin Ó Murchú (Dingle Bay Rovers)
9. Izzy Lyons (MEK Galaxy)
11. Eilidh Cregan (LB Rovers)



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# Uncertainty about marking the 2026 Leaving Cert exam must be an issue in the Presidential election

**DISADVANTAGE**

As the 2026 Leaving Cert class settles in for a very important year in their young lives, they still don't know how the exam will be marked. If Minister Helen McEntee continues in the same vein as the last academic year, the 2026 class will be at a huge disadvantage. It will be a year of worry and uncertainty for Leaving Cert exam candidates because no matter how diligently they study, their exam results will be lower than the results achieved by every Leaving Cert class from 2020 to 2025, inclusively. During those Covid-19 and post Covid-19 years, all of those candidates benefitted from predicted grades, calculated grades or post marking adjustment of raw exam scores which were substantially inflated.

**REDUCTION**

Last year, the Department of Education, in its wisdom, decided that there would be no cliff edge approach to reducing inflated grades back down to pre-pandemic levels, which were based on candidates' exam performance only. Instead, for the past six sittings of the Leaving Cert exam from 2020 to 2025, results have been artificially inflated resulting in a huge spiral in the points required for third level courses.

**ADJUSTED**

A post marking adjustment of the raw scores which were achieved by 2024 Leaving Cert candidates was employed last year as a first step in deflating exam grades. 68% of individual results were increased in the post-marking adjustment. The remainder were unchanged. No marks were adjusted downwards. So, the overall results in 2024 were adjusted up by an average of 7.5%, where the range of marking adjustment was from 12.1%, added to those at the bottom of the scale, to 4.8%, added to those at the top of the scale.

**CONFIRMED**

The recent Round One of CAO offers confirmed

that the 2025 Leaving Cert Class lost out due to their exam results being further deflated and having to compete with CAO applicants with inflated grades from the 2020 to 2024 Leaving Cert exams. The substantial increase of 4,605 (7.6%) from 60,839 to 65,444 Leaving Cert candidates this year was also a factor. This year's class also suffered because of the record number of CAO applicants, up by a whopping 5,804 (7%) from 83,543 to 89,347.

**PRESENTED**

71,137 applicants to CAO presented Leaving Cert results from 1985 to 2025. 51,342 of those sat the 2025 Leaving Cert exam. The remaining 19,795 presented Leaving Cert results from previous years. Most of that cohort had the advantage of inflated grades when CAO college offers were being determined.

**CONSEQUENCE**

The State Examinations Commission (SEC) reduced the post marking adjustment of Leaving Cert raw scores from 7.5% to 6.8% this year. This was done on a bottom to top sliding scale from 10.3% to 3.1%, with a consequential decrease in grades, particularly at the top level. If the reduction continues at snail pace, it will create havoc for years to come as the Leaving Cert results will always be less than in all the years back to 2020.

**BLAME**

In GAA parlance, the 2026 Leaving Cert cohort is playing against the wind not just for 35mins but for the entire 70mins. The Central Applications Office (CAO) is faultless in this matter. The blame lies squarely with the Government. Presidential candidates, particularly Fianna Fáil's Jim Gavin and Fine Gael's Heather Humphreys must insist that the Government base the 2026 Leaving Cert results on candidates' exam performance alone and that candidates who apply to the CAO with 2020 to 2025 inflated Leaving Cert results will have their results adjusted to

the 2026 marking scheme for that purpose. That approach will level the playing field for all CAO applicants and consign the infamous "post marking adjustment" to the bin where it belongs.

**ROUND TWO**

Meanwhile the CAO issued 3,370 offers in Round Two on Monday. 2,364 Level 8 offers, and 1,006 Level 7/6 offers, were made to 3,024 CAO applicants in that round. 1,226 applicants received an offer for the first time. Applicants who received an offer in Round Two had until Wednesday last to accept their offer.

**CHECKLIST**

- Tues., 16th Sept: CAO Round Three offers online at 10am
- Thurs., 18th Sept: Accept Round Three offers by 3pm
- Tues., 23rd Sept: CAO Round Four offers online at 10am
- Thurs., 25th Sept: Accept Round Four offers by 3pm
- Fri., 26th Sept.: Results of Leaving Cert appeals released at 11am
- Tues., 30th Sept.: CAO Round Five offers online at 10am
- Thurs., 2nd Oct.: Accept Round Five offers by 3pm
- Thurs., 2nd Oct.: CAO offer season ends
- Many Post-Leaving Cert (PLC) courses still have vacancies
- Tertiary Degree course applications accepted to late September
- Many schools cater for repeat Leaving Cert students

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**Killarney Community College Students Craft First Projects in Wood Technology**

First-year students at Killarney Community College have completed their introductory Wood Technology taster classes, marking a busy and productive start to the school year. Over the past number of sessions, students learned the fundamentals of marking, processing, and finishing woodwork projects. Their efforts culminated in the creation of personalised phone holders, each laser-engraved with the student's name. Teachers praised the students for their enthusiasm and effort throughout the classes, which provided a hands-on introduction to the subject.





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## FRC Final Recommendations

The Football Review Committee have done an incredible job, far more thorough and comprehensive than I or many others dared to hope. I will go so far as to say they have saved the game of gaelic football. The game was in decline. I see far more games than most people (admittedly, many of them on Clubber or GAAGO from the comfort of my own home) and last year it felt like a chore far too often. Sheer drudgery, and the declining crowds were reflecting that. The FRC have transformed that. And not just at inter-county or senior – the U16 County Championship is in full swing at the moment and it has been the best in several years, really gripping stuff. Players being encouraged to play.....it was always the mantra, but frankly more coaches were talking good games than playing them.

The success of the FRC might actually carry some-one as far as the Presidency. I'm not going into political discourse (except to point out that this is all very dramatic for the media, but not for too many others).

Last weekend they came out with their final proposals. And we did need for there to be final proposals. As good as they have been, there comes a time where rules need to be set in stone. Constant flux just creates confusion. Last weekend I was at two games where sidelines were convinced that the referee had exceeded the five second time limit on playing advantage. Yes, they had indeed, because that time limit was changed to 'at the referee's discretion'.

Just to touch very briefly on a separate issue, the introduction of the two pointer means that lining pitches is absolutely crucial, and that's been an issue a few too many times already.

These are the final tweaks proposed by the FRC.

### Final Recommendation

The hooter should signal the immediate end of the half, with play continuing only if the ball is in flight or a free, 45, or sideline is about to be taken.

Rationale: To prevent teams from retaining possession after the hooter to gain a free play, which has been blamed for generating slow gameplay and criticism (teams hoard possession until they have a sure shot for a score after the hooter, sometimes for several minutes).

### Two-Point Scores

#### Final Recommendation:

A two-point score will stand if the ball is kicked from outside the 40-meter arc and goes over the crossbar, even if an opponent touches the ball in flight.

Context: This is a tweak to the scoring system, which previously allowed for two points in

certain situations where the ball was kicked from outside the 20-meter line and a specific arc.

### Goalkeeper Rules

#### Goalkeeper Receiving Passes:

A goalkeeper can now receive a pass from a teammate from anywhere on the field, including inside their own large rectangle or in the opposition's half, promoting more dynamic play.

#### Goalkeeper Kickout Rule:

A player cannot pass the ball directly back to the goalkeeper from a kickout without another player having first played the ball.

#### Other Changes

##### Goalkeeper Passes:

The new rule no longer prohibits a player from passing the ball back to the goalkeeper within their own half.

##### Advanced Mark:

The advanced mark may be taken from a kickout on or before the 45-meter line.

##### Interference with Kickout:

A 50-meter penalty will be imposed if an attacking player interferes with a kickout up to the halfway line.

## SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

### SEMI-FINAL

Dr. Crokes 0-17

Kenmare Shamrocks 1-9

Dr. Crokes didn't look fully up to tempo in either of their group games, despite winning both. They definitely looked like they were playing in a higher gear here. With Gavin White driving from the back, Mark O'Shea and a very impressive Billy Courtney on top in midfield, and Tony Brosnan in razor-sharp form up front, they always looked in control here, opening up a 0-9 to 0-1 lead, Tony Brosnan with six of those. It was 0-11 to 0-4 at half-time. Tom Murnane did score a cracking goal for Kenmare on the restart

to breathe life into the game. Three points from the impressive Darragh O'Connor, Seán O'Shea, and Paul O'Connor made it 0-14 to 1-8, but Crokes don't rattle easily and soon took back control. It has to be said that Sean O'Shea did not look his usual dynamic self. Points from Cian McMahon and Micheal Burns pushed the gap out again with a brace each. Shane Murphy did have to be alert to deny Tommy Cronin late on but in truth, Dr. Crokes were very much deserving winners.

### SEMI-FINAL

Na Gaeil 0-16 Rathmore 2-9

Na Gaeil have definitely been the story of this year's Senior Club Championship. Goals from Ciarán Collins and John Moynihan meant that Rathmore led by 2-2 to 0-7 at half-time despite having played against that very strong wind. Alan Dineen with a two pointer and Collins with a point made that a four point lead early in the second half and Rathmore looked well on their way to a Club Final. However, Na Gaeil dug deep, especially around the middle, and Rathmore went 17 minutes without adding to their tally, while Na Gaeil, with Diarmuid O'Connor almost playing in a free role. Shane Ryan gave them hope with a two point free, but Na Gaeil nudged in front through Jack Sheehan and Rathmore just couldn't get an equaliser.

## INTERMEDIATE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

### SEMI-FINAL

Fossa 3-14 Kilcummin 0-20

Back in the days of Imperial Rome, successful generals were crowned with laurel and paraded through the city. Just in case any of them felt like becoming tyrants, there would be a lad stationed beside the hero of the hour to whisper to him "Remember, thou art mortal". If it was David Clifford these days, there would be another lad on the other side whispering "Don't mind that eejit. He has no clue what he's talking about".



Action from the Fossa V Kilcummin game at the weekend





Action from the Fossa V Kilcummin game at the weekend,

Okay, I exaggerate. The Cliffords were outstanding, but so were their cousins the O'Shea brothers Paul and Mark. In fact, Paul has been absolutely immense all through his competition. Kilcummin had beaten Fossa fairly comfortably in the group stage, but Fossa looked a lot sharper here, and not just the big guns. Kilcummin actually dominated possession in the first half but weren't as good at converting it into scores, and a much more clinical Fossa led by 0-10 to 0-4. An early two pointer from Paul O'Shea helped Kilcummin nail five on the trot to cut the gap to one, but David goaled after exchanging passes with Paudie and points from the impressive Paddy Sheehan and Emmett O'Shea had them back in the driving seat. Again Kilcummin came back with three two pointers in a row (Paul and Mark O'Shea and Cian Foley). Fossa always have a few stings left in their tale though, and Paddy Sheehan powered home a goal. Cian Foley made it 2-14 to 0-18 but Fossa grabbed a third goal through Emmett O'Shea. Even then, Eoin Talbot had to make a great block to deny Cian Foley while Shane O'Sullivan made a great save at the death to deny Paul O'Shea.

### SEMI-FINAL An Ghaeltacht 2-16 Killarney Legion 2-14

Two pointers from Cathal and Ruaidhrí Ó Beaglaíoch had An Ghaeltacht four to the good straightaway. David O'Sullivan (2f) got Legion off the mark but they were struggling on their own kick-outs. Eanna Ó Chonchúir set up Ruaidrí for a goal from one such and another two pointer from Cathal meant that An Ghaeltacht deservedly led by 1-9 to 0-6 at the break.

Early in the second half Brian Ó Beaglaíoch hared through to set up Éanna Ó Chonchúir for another goal before adding a point himself. 2-10 to 0-6. However, the introduction of James O'Donoghue electrified Legion. He wasn't long on the pitch before the gathered from Peter McCarthy to fire home a goal. Cian Gammell added a two pointer and McCarthy teed up Josh Bowler for a cracking goal. Fat sizzling in the fire now! An Ghaeltacht have a bit of steel about them now, though, and a brace from PJ Mac Láimh finally saw them close out the contest.

### PREMIER JUNIOR SEMI-FINAL

#### St. Senans 0-14 Keel 1-8

Cold, wet, miserable....but enough about me. I suppose I should talk about the game. The weather did have a huge impact on the game – the ball might as well have been coated with grease, given how slippery it was. St. Senans took early control thanks to Cillian Trant around the middle and Seán O'Connell's accuracy up front. A lively Keith Evans had two early points for Keel and they got the fillip of a somewhat lucky goal from David Couchman. In truth Couchman slipped as two defenders moved to intercept a long ball....only for it to skid past the defenders and straight into him for a soccer-style finish. They still trailed by 0-8 to 1-3 at the break.

St. Senans moved clear thanks to two pointers from Tomás Dillon and Cathal Kennelly. Keel were much more impressive, especially after the introduction of Gearóid Evans, and pressed very hard late on but two great blocks by Conor Kennelly denied them and it's St. Senans who go through to meet Ballymac in the final.

### SEMI-FINAL Ballymacelligott 3-11 Listry 0-18

Ballymac have been annual favourites for this competition for the past three years but have been caught in the latter stages each time. They looked the more dangerous side in the first half in Castleisland but left a lot of scores behind them, while Ruairí Murphy and the excellent Ronan Buckley powered Listry from midfield. Late in the first half it was 0-6 apiece, but a late penalty despatched by Jack Joy had Ballymac in front at half-time.

Mairtín McKivergen and Aidan Breen were much more competitive in the middle third on the restart and goals from Adam Sheehy and Darragh Broderick appeared to have wrapped up victory. Back came Listry, especially Ronan Buckley with two pointers. With just three points in it late on, Ronan Buckley blasted a free at goal....but it just drifted a few inches too high.

## JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

### QUARTER-FINAL Cordal 2-13 Knocknagoshel 1-9

I didn't give Cordal too much of a chance without Philip o'Connor, but they have quietly assembled a really good team and, in testing conditions, always had the edge on their fellow St. Kierans outfit. Killian Dennehy proved yet again that he is one of the best young footballers around, Sean O'Connell wasn't far behind him, and goalscorer Gerard Costelloe sparkled up front. His goal made it 1-4 to 0-2 and a two pointer from Jason Cronin gave Cordal a 1-7 to 0-3 lead at the interval. Seán O'Connell's goal in the second half was followed by a five point scoring burst. Knocknagoshel did get a late 1-2, the goal coming from Jack Brosnan, but it was too little and too late by then.

### QUARTER-FINAL Tarbert 1-11 Lios Póil 1-8

Tarbert are a coming team and led early on, but Marc Ó Mainnín and Cormac Ó Cinnéide kept Lios Póil in touch. Ó Cinnéide's goal made it 0-6 to 1-3, but Pádraig Carrig's fisted goal made it 1-7 to 1-4 just before half-time. Once again it was Tarbert who made the stronger start in the second half with three points. Ó Máinnín did notch a two pointer in response and they were unlucky to see an Ó Cinnéide effort rise a fraction too high, but in truth Tarbert were always that little bit better and had that better spread of scorers, with all of Lios Póil's scores coming from their full forward line.

### QUARTER-FINAL Beale 4-17 Kilgarvan 1-12

Kilgarvan battled bravely, with Daniel Casey giving a great display and Jimmy Kelleher not far behind him, while Jack Foley and the Murphy brothers tried very hard. Beale always had that little bit more, though. Rob Stack completely dominated midfield and scored eight points (7f) to boot. Moreover, they always threatened for goals, with Ian Mannix notching one in the first half. They added two more through Daithí Keane Tyrell and an Ian Mannix penalty (won by Stack) early in the second half, with Keane Tyrell soon adding another. Kilgarvan did get a goal through a Cathal Kelleher long kick, while Daniel Casey and Jimmy Kelleher kicked two pointers to finish strong, but the game was already beyond their reach.



## QUARTER-FINAL

Moyvane 1-17

St. Michaels/Foilmore 0-14

This one was a thriller all through. Ian O'Sullivan had an early two pointer for St. Michaels/Foilmore but it was point for point after that and Moyvane led by one at the break. St. Michaels/Foilmore went two up with ten minutes to go but Moyvane took over. A two pointer free from keeper Brendan Galvin had them three up in the dying minutes but there was just enough time left for Ian O'Sullivan to kick three points – the last a hotly debated free that curled just barely inside the post.

Extra-time, but Moyvane had all the aces now, with Darragh O'Keeffe in particular always looking dangerous. Moyvane did have a man sent off, but Shane Stack's two pointer and another score by O'Keeffe wrapped up a deserving victory.

## FIXTURES

### SENIOR CLUB FINAL

Dr. Crokes v Na Gaeil, Austin Stack Park, Sunday, 3.30pm

It would be incredible if Tralee's youngest club could pull it off, especially given that they have been relegation candidates more often than contenders in recent years. No-one could begrudge them. But Crokes have been the top club in Kerry for the bones of two decades now and they will rightly be unbackable favourites. I can only see one winner, and it's not Na Gaeil.

### INTERMEDIATE CLUB FINAL

Fossa v An Ghaeltacht, Austin Stack Park, Sunday, 1.00pm

Fossa are another fairytale. I remember when Lorcan, Fintan, the Cronins and the Falveys were all passing the ball to Donald O'Sullivan to keep them going in Division Five. Fossa was a hinterland of dreams, and now they are one game away from senior. But An Ghaeltacht.... they are quite a story in their own right. They aren't drawing on any big population either; there's a reason why the same surnames keep cropping up on teamsheets over the years. I fancied Beaufort to beat Fossa (with five minutes to go, I was spot on) and then I fancied Kilcummin (ditto). An Ghaeltacht have serious heft around the middle, Cathal Ó Beaglaíoch is shooting two pointers like he thinks he's from Fossa, and Ruaidhrí has restored a serious cutting edge to their scoring. If only to be ornery (I watch a lot of cowboy movies) I'll tip An Ghaeltacht.

### PREMIER JUNIOR FINAL

Ballymac v St. Senans, Saturday, 5.30pm

It'll be a cracker. Barry Mahony is a big absentee for Senans but Cillian Trant fills that void and they have strength in depth. Even so, I have to plump for Ballymac to finally get to the promised land. I think they have that little bit more accuracy in converting chances and they had a weekend break. That said, extra-time would not be a surprise to anybody.



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## JUNIOR SEMI-FINAL

Beale v Cordal, Duagh pitch, Sunday, 1.00pm

Cordal were outstanding against Knocknagoshel. Can they do it again? I'm not sure. Beale are a tougher proposition. I expect Rob Stack and Killian Dennehy to be playing together for Kerry for several years to come, I really do rate both that highly (of course, a lot of water has to flow under that bridge yet) and those two should be well worth the price of admission alone. I'll opt for Beale to advance.

## JUNIOR SEMI-FINAL

Tarbert v Moyvane, Frank Sheehy Park, Sunday, 3.00pm

Division Three versus Division Four, and I expect it to play out like that. Tarbert have a really good blend of experience and youth and I expect the likes of John Coolahan and Shaun Wren to do enough damage on the scoreboard to put them through.

## GOLF

Rory McIlroy opted for Holywood Golf Club rather than Hollywood when he was younger, but you'd have to say that he has a flair for drama. He started the final round of the Irish Open four shots behind. And bit by bit, he gradually hauled his way back. There was brilliance along the way, real brilliance, but there was a little bit of luck as well. Twice his ball held up on the wet ground where it would have sped away on dry ground.

Joakim Laegergren (no, I had never heard of him either) eagled the 16th. Once he birdied the last, that should have been deireadh an scéal. But Rory is Rory, and eagled the 18th to take it to a play-off. They each birdied. They each birdied again. McIlroy birdied again. Laegergren....didn't, and Rory was champion.

All that said, I did enjoy listening to a slightly over-dramatic radio commentator say that "winning a second Irish Open cements his status as a legend of the game". Yes, that's the golf tournament that he will always be remembered for. It reminds me of the delicious arrogance of the famous banner that once greeted Charles Stewart Parnell "Arise, Knocknagoshel, and take

your place among the nations of this earth!"

## SOCCER

Ireland 2 Hungary 2

I actually don't know how I feel about this one. I was tentatively hopeful going into it of coming away with a point. No, I never really expected that we could win it. I like the look of Heimir Hallgrímsson, I think he is pragmatically positive. We are, truth be told, a fairly limited outfit. England pretty much always developed our best young talent for us and they cast their nets on wider waters nowadays; that's not Hallgrímsson's problem or fault. I don't see any Irish wunderkinds luring in plain sight; we have what we have. Troy Parrott is a big absentee, I know Alkmaar aren't exactly Paris St. Germain but their in-form striker was brimming with confidence. Robbie Brady? I'm sorry, good footballer and scored some fantastic goals for us, but he's not exactly a dourly dependable defender, is he?

The key thing is to hold them, make it frustrating, bog them down in a dogfight. If we can snatch a goal against the run of play (most likely a set piece header), great, but don't concede. Get to the second half without conceding and then we can start to try opening them up. I'd be very happy with a scoreless draw, to be honest. Just hold them early on...

Jaysus. Two minutes. Seriously lads? It was a poor effort at clearing a relatively harmless ball in and Styles cleverly hooks it to Varga. One perfectly timed touch to glide it past Kelliher. Matt Doherty has been a tremendous servant to Ireland, but his mistake hung us out to dry there. That was far, far too easy. You could have just written 'RSVP' on that attempted clearance. A clever pass by Styles and a very well timed finish, not a lot Kelliher could do, but....

We are struggling. Of course we are; Hungary can sense more goals. Varga got in behind Collins to get on a Kerkez cross but couldn't quite direct the header on target – I thought he should have done better. Two minutes later it's 2-0, Sallai easily nodding Szoboszlai's corner home. Great ball in, to be fair, but again it was that bit too easy.

Ireland are huffing and puffing, but without the



slightest whiff of danger. The commentators are desperately trying to pretend that Ireland had a decent penalty call for a foul on Cullen – ah, lads, that's just embarrassing. Even Donald Trump might blush at trying that one. We are being thoroughly outplayed. Frankly, getting to the break without conceding more feels almost like an achievement. The idea of scoring one goal, let alone two, is ridiculous. We had a couple of toothless headers, but at no stage have we actually asked any questions of Hungary. Yes, Ferguson did hammer one good shot before the break, but frankly I thought the keeper was a bit over-dramatic about a bread and butter save. Kelliher's one minutes before had been more difficult – again, a perfectly weighted pass had sliced our defence to shreds. Ireland look a bit sharper as they come out for the second half. Arrah, stop throwing shapes, lads. As far as I am concerned, that horse has bolted long ago.

Except Jason Knight does well to pick out Evan Ferguson, who is fouled. Ryan Manning stands over the free and sends it in....keeper fists away (in hindsight, should he have caught it?) but Szmodics heads it back. Pinball in the box, basically, and Evan Ferguson manages to poke it home. Not exactly a great goal, but so what? You don't get points for artistic merit in this game.

It gets better for Ireland. Sallai, the goalscorer, gets sent off on a red card. I have zero sympathy, and I'd have less if an Irish player did it. Yes, Cullen was deliberately frustrating him (and deserved his yellow) but that was just petulant stupidity and I don't care how talented you are, picking up a silly red card like that will always cost your team. Self-control should be a very basic requirement, especially nowadays.

Ogbene and Taylor on. Honestly, with an extra man I'd have been tempted to throw Mikey Johnston in there and tell him to go for it (he'd go for it anyway; that's how he plays and why I'd be slow to start him in games like these). Ireland are looking the better side now and creating half chances. The goal just won't come, though. With two minutes of normal time Evan Ferguson's header actually deflected wide off O'Brien. We don't really deserve a draw. Who am I kidding? After that deplorable first half, we don't remotely deserve a draw. But again, 'deserve' is not in the game's vocabulary.

Manning has been putting in decent balls all night and just at the start of injury time, it pays off. This time it's Idah who is there to head home.

Was it a good performance? God no, it was brutal stuff altogether. That first half....ouch. And for that matter, we only improved to adequacy in the second; Hungary had that one in the bag and let it get away. But that's a great result against one of the top contenders.

A number of wise sages have pointed out that realistically we now need to beat Armenia twice to really be in the hunt. I don't know how they somehow imagined a world where we wouldn't have to beat Armenia twice to qualify. The odds are stacked against us, we aren't a great team. But we are moving in the right direction after that rocky start. I'll gladly take it.

## EILEEN GLEESON

If the FAI were to step onto a haystack, they'd pierce themselves with a needle. It always seems to be one step forward and two steps back....except without the step forward. Eileen Gleeson is the latest former employee to take a case against them. I'm not sure about the argument that she was paid less than the mens' manager. For one thing, the ladies' game simply doesn't generate the same revenue or come with the same public scrutiny. There is no question about the women getting far worse treatment than the men, and had to go on a publicly supported strike to even get that much. There could be an argument that it's the same role, but she wasn't bringing the same experience and she did sign a contract. Also that the FAI simply don't have a lot of revenue anymore, cutting back in the face of poor international results and an understandable distrust by Government after so many failures. Then again, when the FAI very carefully shafted Vera Pauw on extremely dubious grounds – an unsubstantiated story in *The Athletic* (it was once only second to *Le Monde*, but its standards have dropped like America's tariff economy since the 2022 takeover by the *New York Times*) about requiring fitness of club players and a rumoured belief by the players who managed one goal in a World Cup campaign, and that one direct from a corner, that they were secretly Brazilian in nature. It has since turned out that they...aren't. Eileen Gleeson did not want the job; her expertise was as Head of Women and Girls Football and she made very clear at the time that she wanted to stay in that role, at which she was considered excellent. I do remember her clear reluctance to leave a long-term and rewarding role for a more short-term focussed and high pressure one (especially given how Vera Pauw was treated) and the guarantee, much stated at that time on both sides, that she would be free to return to it at the end of her managerial tenure. That's a huge sticking point for the FAI. But when you add in the history of their treatment of the ladies' game....I can see that being a big topic of conversation. Also the ongoing investigation into allegations of abuse over the years and the multiple players' complaints about the FAI's response....well, their internal investigation has been in the air for quite some time. Chickens are not migratory birds and that one is waiting to roost – I doubt if the FAI would be comfortable with that discussion in court. I suspect that, much like Cathal Dervlan and plenty more before him, there will be a settlement here.

## ARMENIA 2 IRELAND 1

Let's not. There's no need or point in dissecting this one. I didn't really expect anything off Hungary; at best I thought maybe a scoreless draw. Scoring two goals, especially after that horrendous first half, felt like a bonus. Armenia? I'd have given Dundalk FC a fair chance of taking something off Armenia. They literally haven't won a game in two years. They conceded five to Portugal in their opening game.

We actually started well. Armenia looked like a



side shorn of confidence. One goal would open the floodgates. Except that we didn't have it in us to score that one goal. Not aggressive enough, not clinical. A lot of hit and hope and far too little linked up play. No cohesion, especially in midfield. I don't know if we had an attacking strategy.

By the end of the first half, it was Armenia who were scenting blood and going hunting. The penalty concession was unlucky, to be fair. He stuck a leg in but was a fraction too late, hard to be too critical. I didn't even think the ball in was all that dangerous. But there's no question about contact, clear penalty, and Armenia 1-0 up going in at half-time. At best, this is going to be a battle now.

But hey, Ireland were hugely improved in the second half against Hungary, the same again and we'll be okay.

2-0 early in the second half. Lovely through ball, but the defending was shocking. Textbook stuff.

Evan Ferguson, who tried hard all night – the service he got from midfield was shockingly awful – did pull one back. Was that going to spark an Irish revival?

Arrah stop. You couldn't spark this tepid lot with a blowtorch. If anything, Armenia could and probably should have won by a lot more.

There was a lot of criticism and complaints from the RTE panel. But I think the situation is even worse than we are pretending. I think Heimas Hallgrímsson is doing a decent job.

The players are trying. There isn't any hidden Messi or Mbappe who isn't being selected. We just don't have any quality midfielder and our players aren't good enough to play positive. Caution and timidity are our watchwords.

I've always said that Robbie Brady isn't good enough at actual defending to play full back. But it turns out that we don't have anybody better, and that's not changing any time soon. Would Troy Parrott have made a difference? Only in the sense that we'd have had two players up front not getting any ball to feet.

As for the World Cup? Well, they do say it's the hope that kills you. That's the one problem that we don't have now.



## KILLARNEY LEGION

### SENIOR MEN

Our Senior Men bowed out of the Kerry Petroleum Intermediate Club Championship but not without a rousing comeback which almost salvaged the game. Trailing by nine points on two different occasions in the second half, two cracking goals from James O Donoghue and Josh Bowler lit the fuse for a rousing finale and a late effort to tie up the game drifted across the goal. An Ghaeltacht had the benefit of the faster start with some accurate point scoring and a well worked goal. That served to put them into a 1-5 to 0-2 lead but after weathering that early storm, points from David O Sullivan, Darragh Lyne and Ryan O Grady steadied the ship. It left the halftime deficit at a manageable 1-9 to 0-6, with the strength of the wind being a significant factor. Ryan O'Grady hit an early second half point but another body blow was about to come in the shape of another goal for the Westerners. But the introduction of James O Donoghue and Josh Bowler put renewed fire in the Legion bellies and they combined to make it a two point game with the clock striking toward added time. But the late siege failed to bring an equaliser and when the final whistle blew the scoreboard read Killarney Legion 2-14 An Ghaeltacht 2-16. The O Donoghue Cup is next on the agenda with the commencement of that competition likely to be late Autumn.

### MINOR BOYS

Our minor boys had a stunning but deserved win over Dr. Crokes in the quarter final of the Keanes SuperValu County Championship. While you could argue that the match was a shootout between Oisín Fleming (0-10) and Dr Crokes Ben Kelliher (0-11), it would be unfair on the rest of the team who put their collective shoulders to the wheel in a power packed local derby. Leading by 0-7 to 0-5 at half-time, that advantage was wiped out by two two-point frees to put Crokes ahead for the first time. But the response was emphatic, as a Brian O'Shea 36th minute goal made it 1-7 to 0-9. Dr Crokes went ahead only once more in proceedings but never pushed on as Oisín Fleming gave us the lead again in the closing stages. Dr Crokes made a late charge for an equaliser but the defence held firm to make our first Kerry MFC semi-final

in five years. The draw sees us play St Kierans this Thursday, September 11th, at 6pm in Austin Stack Park. Final Score Killarney Legion 1-13 Dr Crokes 0-15.

### SENIOR LADIES

Our Senior Ladies travelled to Kenmare on Sunday to take on ISG in the Bon Secours Junior A championship with both teams knowing a win would secure a quarter final place. ISG playing with a strong breeze started the stronger with the opening points before Ciara Randles hit the back of the net with a well worked team goal to open the scoring for Legion. The hosts kicked the next two points before finding the net themselves to stretch the lead out to four. However the ladies tacked on two further scores through Laura Healy to halve the deficit. Further points were added by Andrea Murphy (2) and Laura Healy to leave the half time score at ISG 1-07 Legion 1-05. ISG got the ideal start to the second half scoring a rapid fire two goals in the opening minutes, and added two further points to now open up a ten point lead, leaving a steep mountain to climb. A bad injury and a yellow card for two ISG players halted their momentum somewhat and that served to mount a comeback. Points from Kate McCarthy, Ciara Randles and Chloe Hue closed the gap before further scores from Ellen Coffey & Laura Healy (3) brought the game down to the wire. Laying siege to the Kenmare goal they couldn't summon a game saving score as the hosts stood firm and would not be breached. Final score: ISG 3-10 Killarney Legion 1-12.

Best of luck to ISG in the quarter finals and wishing a speedy recovery to their injured player. It brings the curtain down on the senior ladies season which saw them get to the Donal Curtin semi final and win a Senior Club League for the second year running before bowing out of the Championship.

### U12 BOYS

Our U12 boys continued their under 12 East Kerry Go Games campaign with an away fixture to Glenflesk last Wednesday evening. Full credit to Glenflesk, whose fields were in very good nick after a lot of rain in the last week. Two excellent games of football transpired with plenty of skill on show by all four teams. The Legion's black-and-white team held their own for the

first half, with the home side getting the upper hand in the second half to run out winners in the evening. Our green and white team, on the other hand, put in a good performance and came away with a good solid win. Big thanks to Glenflesk for hosting us and to the referees for excellent refereeing. Up next, we have one more game at home this Wednesday night, and what will be the last game in this series.

### U14 GIRLS

There was no joy for our U14 girls on Wednesday night as they narrowly lost out to Dr. Crokes in a high-tempo and hard-fought East Kerry Division 2 semi-final. From the first whistle, both sides found scores difficult to come by in a tightly contested opening half. Legion gradually settled and finished the half strongly, taking a deserved four-point lead into the break. However, Dr. Crokes came out firing in the second half, quickly registering a goal and a point to swing momentum their way. Legion struggled to match the renewed intensity and pace, and as legs tired, it became more difficult to find the scores needed to claw back the deficit. It was a tough result for the girls, and ultimately, our composure under pressure and sharp execution of the basics proved decisive on the night. Congratulations to Dr. Crokes on their win, and thank you to the referee and all who supported the game. We now await a shield final fixture. Full time score Killarney Legion 2-9 Dr Crokes 4-7.

### LOTTO

Results Monday September 8th. Numbers were 4, 9, 12, 28. Bonus No 20. Match 3s/ Lucky Dips: 1.Sean O Grady 2.Moss O Keeffe 3. Noel Moloney

## EAST KERRY NEWS

### EAST KERRY U14 FINALS

Division 1B: Scartaglen 3-20 Rathmore 5-08  
Division 2A:: Kenmare 1-05 Kilcummin 5-10  
Division 3A Glenflesk 5-12 Currow 5-07  
Division 3B: Listry 5-11 Kilgarvan 1-12

### COUNTY U16 HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP PLATE

East Kerry 5-13 St Brendan's 2-14  
Congratulations to the East Kerry U16 hurlers on their superb win in County Championship U16 Plate Final.

### CONDOLENCES

Sympathies to the families of Jimmy O Connor,



FossaLotto jackpot winner, Colin Myers being presented with his cheque for €12,600 by club chairman Pat Sheehan. Congratulations Colin.  
L-R; John O'Neill PRO, Sheila O'Donoghue Lotto Cordinator, Merry Talbot Secretary, Colin Myers, Micheal Myers, Pat Sheehan Chairman.



Fossa U16 Girls who won the Division 3A County League this week.

Front Left to Right: Ava Harty, Emma O'Connor, Faye Lynch, Callie Cummins, Elise Brunner, Abigail O'Mahony, Kate Lyons, Isabelle Lyons, Naoise O'Connor, Zara McCarthy

Back Left to Right: Ada O'Leary, Kate Kissane, Ayla Keogh, Aoibh Ní Gearailt, Kelsey Cummins, Isabelle O'Connor, Doireann O'Connor, Rachel Clifford, Fiona Brunner, Tara O'Sullivan, Fleur O'Neill, Milly Spillane.





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Furies and John Murphy of Naas, Kildare and Rathmore. May they rest in peace.

## FOSSA

### LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 07/09/2025 for a jackpot of €3,000 were 10, 20, 23, 26. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; JK Kissane, Carmel Martin, M Fitzgerald, Claire Houlihan, The Cronin grandchildren.

Tickets are available from our sellers and can also be bought online with the following link <https://fossagaa.clubforce.com/products/lotto/fossa-gaa-club-lotto>

### INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI FINAL

There was much to admire in this rip roaring contest between Fossa and Kilcummin in Austin Stacks Park on Sunday, breasting two pointers, cracking goals and never say die attitude. Emmett O'Shea opened the scoring after thirty seconds but Kilcummin hit back with two points to lead after five minutes of play. With so much at stake both sides were probably a bit cautious at this stage, feeling their way into the game. Scores from Emmet and David pushed Fossa ahead again before Kilcummin drew level again with a Paul O'Shea point. Fintan Coffey was using all his experience to great effect, breaking up play and forcing turnovers and this allowed Fossa to use the possession well, a monster two pointer from David Clifford sandwiched by points from Paudie Clifford had Fossa ahead by four after 23 minutes of play. Another two pointer from David Clifford and an Emmett O'Shea point left Fossa with a healthy 0-10 to 0-04 lead at the break.

Kilcummin burst out of the traps at the start of the second half, the got two quick scores before Paul O'Shea landed a superb two pointer and he quickly followed this up with another score to leave just one between the teams after four minutes of play. Emmett O'Shea settled Fossa's nerves with a free, Paddy Sheehan fisted a point and in the 9th minute David Clifford showed blistering pace to race clear of several defenders after a clever pass from Paudie to crack home the opening goal of the game. Kilcummin replied with a point but Paudie Clifford maintained the

six point gap with a point. Kilcummin roared back into the game with a series of brilliant two pointers from Philip O'Leary and Mark O'Shea to leave the sides level again by the 20th minute, game on. Ted O'Gorman kicked a point but Kilcummin levelled matters again in the 25th minute. Paddy Sheehan, who had the energy sapping task of shadowing Kilcummin playmaker, Matt Keane all over the pitch burst forward and cracked home a brilliant left footed shot to the roof of the Kilcummin net to cap a fine individual performance. In the 29th minute another quick break saw Emmett O'Shea keep his nerve and hit a tremendous shot to the net to put Fossa five clear, however Kilcummin just wouldn't lie down. For the second week in a row, Shane O'Sullivan kept his team afloat with a couple of tremendous saves as Kilcummin pushed hard, Paul O'Shea hit a two pointer to leave just three between the sides. In a welter of excitement, Eoin Talbot put in a brilliant block that left him on his haunches for a couple of seconds to deny a goal chance and with the hooter gone Matt Keane hit the bottom of the post to leave the Fossa players and supporters relieved after an enthralling contest. The final score was Fossa 3-14, Kilcummin 0-20, they now face An Ghaeltacht in the Intermediate Final next Sunday in Austin Stacks Park at 1pm.

## DR. CROKES

### SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI FINAL

**Dr. Crokes 0:17 Kenmare 1:09**

We booked our place in the Senior Club Final with a hard-fought victory over Kenmare. It was Kenmare who opened the scoring before points from David Shaw and 2 from Billy Courtney (45's) edged us in front after just 7 minutes. We kept Kenmare scoreless for the next 10 minutes with further points from Tom Doyle, Tony Brosnan (3) and Gavin O'Shea. We finished the half strong and went in leading 0:11 to 0:04 at the break. Our opposition came out fighting in the second half, with their corner forward finding the back of the net in the opening play of the half. Our response however was immediate with points from Cian McMahon and Tony Brosnan (2) to re-establish control. David Shaw and Tony Brosnan continued to cause problems for the Kenmare

defense, with Micheal Burns also contributing to the tally. We now face Na Gaeil in the Club Final on September 14th in Austin Stack Park at 3:30pm.

### MINOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

**Dr. Crokes 0:15 Legion 1:13**

In an exciting and closely contested Minor Quarter Final, Legion edged passed us in a dramatic match that saw momentum swing back and forth throughout. Legion came of the blocks quickly, scoring an early 2-pointer to take the lead. Ben Kelleher responded with a free in the 6th minute of play. Another 2-pointer from the visitors saw us trail 0:05 to 0:07 at the break. We began the second half on the front foot with Ben Kelleher kicking 2 2-pointers inside the first 3 minutes of play. Legion however hit back quickly with a goal and a point to push them back in front. Points from Mark O'Carroll, Liam Hennigan and Ben Kelleher kept us within touching distance. In a heated closing phase, our boys threatened the legion goalmouth however it wasn't enough to catch the visitors.

**LOTTO** took place September 8th. Numbers drawn were 3, 4, 19, 23. Jackpot of €11,600 was NOT WON. 19 patrons matched 3 numbers and receive €25 each. Jackpot for draw on September 15th will be €11,900. 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))

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

**KERRY CAPTAIN'S HOMECOMING** will take place in the Clubhouse on Friday 19th of September. Gates open at 6:15pm.

### 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.

**SPEEDY RECOVERY** to Holly Power who is recovering from a recent injury.

### NOTES

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

## Captain Gavin White to Lead Celebrations as

# Sam Maguire Visits Dr. Crokes

Kerry supporters and Dr. Crokes club members are in for a special treat as the Sam Maguire Cup comes to Killarney for a night of celebration. The Captain's Club Night will take place on Friday, September 19th, at the Dr Crokes clubhouse on Lewis Road, with gates opening at 6.15 p.m. The event will be led by Kerry captain and proud Dr. Crokes player, Gavin White, who will proudly present the famous All-Ireland trophy to the local community. Supporters will also have the chance to meet members of the Kerry panel, making it an evening to remember for fans young and old.

There will be live music on the night with the Sam Maguire Cup taking centre stage.

The organisers have said that this is a unique opportunity to welcome Sam home, honour our captain and players, and share in the pride of Kerry football.







# KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL STOPPING HOUSE BUILDING IN KERRY

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

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PLANNING  
DECISIONS  
WITHOUT  
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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.*





Culture Night 2025 in Killarney will see a street spectacular with music, lights, magic, and larger-than-life street puppets performing in the very heart of Killarney. Friday, September 19th 8:00pm, come along to see, hear and feel the unforgettable street presentation of Celtic mysticism and magic as Aisling Ghobnait is brought to you by MOTHÚ Street Spectacle Performers from West Kerry.

MOTHÚ recently performed their award winning Peig Mor in the street of Killarney on the 23rd of August, drawing a crowd of over

400 enthralled spectators as the troop of light and magic moved through the town to make the end of summer.

So it is a huge treat to welcome this immensely talented collection of artists and performers that make MOTHÚ back to Killarney for Culture Night 2025, is what must be the marquee event for this year's festival in Kerry.

'Aisling Ghobnait' or 'Gobnait's Dream', a street spectacle that merges myth, movement and music is inspired by the legend and the folklore around this important figure in Irish culture

## Aisling Ghobnait in Killarney for a Culture Night Street Spectacle

and heritage. Ghobnait and her enduring legacy as warrior, patron saint of bees and interestingly also of ironworkers. A unique aspect of Ghobnait that often is forgotten – that skilled crafting, cleverness and secret knowledge where her aspect also – not only pastoral harmony and nurturing.

Believed to have lived in the 6th century, St Gobnait is the patroness of Ballyvourney in Co. Cork. Gobnait has a strong association with the Killarney region and Kerry generally. The nearby Kilgobnet Church in Dunquin, and also the Kilgobnet near Killorglin speak to that beloved connection. Ghobnait has always been one of the most potent female figures in Irish culture and is still revered today, not just in Ballyvourney but at many other church sites and holy wells in Munster. Her feast

day is typically celebrated on 11 February, during which patterns are still held in her honour.

Aisling Ghobnait promises to be an immersive performance celebrating her story through towering puppetry, ethereal dance, music and elemental fires. The fantastic MOTHÚ performers will channel the industrious and sacred energy of Gobnait's beloved bees and nine illuminated white deer will embody the vision that once led Gobnait to Ballyvourney. Don't miss it, come early!

Supported by the Kerry County Council Arts Office and Killarney MD, the spectacle will begin at College Square at 8:00pm, before Ghobnait leads her beloved bees and deer on a sound filled march through the streets of Killarney.

## Peace with Creation

The Diocese of Kerry is celebrating the annual Season of Creation, which opened on September 1st and continues until the 4th October with the feast of St Francis of Assisi, Patron saint of ecology, who loved every creature, plant and especially the poor.

The Season is a time set aside by Christian churches around the world to give thanks for the gift of creation and to act to protect and heal it.

All parishes are invited to take part in the exciting program planned and the wide range of resources available.

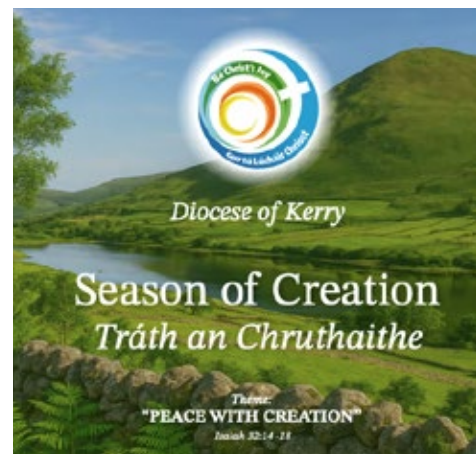
This year the Diocese of Kerry Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation or JPIC Committee with particular responsibility for coordinating the events, has drawn up a very informative and attractive leaflet but also created a documentary called 'Journey around the Diocese' to highlight actions for biodiversity in three schools, a parish and an individuals' garden knowing that this is just a sample of some amazing initiatives taking place in parishes from Millstreet to Tralee, Killorglin to Fossa. This year's theme is Peace with Creation, and the hope is that all church gardens, and green areas will be places of peace not only for us humans but for all creatures and plants with

whom we share this common home. This comes as a response to the late Pope Francis' message in his letter *Laudato Si'* and the call of the Irish Catholic Bishops for churches to set aside "30% of parish grounds as a haven for pollinators and biodiversity" and now Pope Leo XIV who wrote in his special message for The 10th World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on September 1st, the first day of the Season: "In a world where the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters are the first to suffer the devastating effects of climate change, deforestation and pollution, care for creation becomes an expression of our faith and humanity."

As Sunday 21st September is International Day of Peace, the Diocese is suggesting this date as a most appropriate day to celebrate the Season during weekend masses, in planting a tree or taking steps to set aside part of the church grounds for biodiversity.

As the Season draws to a close, some parishes hold a blessing event for pets on or around the 4th of October.

Another diocesan event planned is an afternoon workshop on September 21st in Fossa Parish in collaboration with the diocesan Justice Peace and integrity of Creation (JPIC) committee. All parish representatives and



interested individuals are invited to attend to share experiences, gather knowledge and resources and celebrate the Season of Creation. All parishes are asked to submit notice of their event, no matter how small, to be included on a calendar of events on the diocesan website: [www.dioceseofkerry.ie](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie)

The weekly Sunday morning Horizons program on Radio Kerry will host a series of related interviews and Just A Thought weekdays at 7am and noon will highlight it too.

As more parishes are actively involved in this initiative it's appropriate the Diocesan workshop, taking place on September 21st, International Day of Peace, will be in Fossa wherein is located Christ, Prince of Peace Church.



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### KYR re Free Energy Upgrades (Warmer Homes Scheme)

The Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) provides free home energy upgrades to homeowners who get certain social welfare payments. These upgrades help improve the energy efficiency and warmth of your home and are also known as the Warmer Homes Scheme.

The scheme prioritises the oldest and least energy efficient homes. You can apply for the free upgrades again if you've already had work done under the scheme, but your home would benefit from more upgrades. To access the scheme again you must still meet the qualifying criteria.

**The scheme covers these home energy upgrades:**

- Attic insulation • Wall insulation - including cavity wall, internal wall and external wall insulation • Draught-proofing • Lagging jackets • Energy efficient lighting • Energy advice

New central heating systems and replacement windows are also occasionally covered by the scheme. Your windows will only be replaced if your walls are being insulated at the same time and the existing windows are single-glazed windows. The SEAI decides if replacement windows are needed on a case-by-case basis.

Since 1 January 2025, if you qualify for a new central heating system, the scheme will not cover a new fossil fuel boiler, such as an oil or gas boiler. However, it will cover renewable heating systems such as a heat pump.

**Who qualifies for the scheme?**

You must own your home and be living in it. It must have been built and occupied before 2026. Your home must have a BER of C,D,E,F and you must be in receipt of a qualifying social welfare payment. The fuel allowance is one of the qualifying payments. You can contact your local Citizens Information Centre to check if you are on a qualifying payment.

If you don't have a BER for your home, the SEAI will do a free BER to check that your home meets the qualifying criteria of having a BER of C or lower.

**Are there any costs associated with the scheme?**

You will not be charged for work done under this scheme. However, if you sell your home within 5 years of getting the work done, you need to tell the SEAI. You should inform them in writing at least 30 days before your property is sold. The SEAI may ask you to repay some or all of the grant. This is at their discretion.

**How does the scheme work and how do I apply?**

There are 4 steps to this process:

- Apply for the scheme online or by completing an application form and sending it back to the SEAI. You must ensure you meet the qualifying criteria above when applying. You can use the SEAI online portal to check if you qualify. You can get an application form from your local Citizens Information Centre (CIC).
- Have an SEAI surveyor check your home is suitable for the works and recommend upgrades. The SEAI will do this if you qualify.
- Get the works done by a contractor appointed by the SEAI
- Get the works assessed by the SEAI once the works are completed. This will include a new BER assessment and may involve a quality inspection.

**How do I apply?**

You can apply online, download and complete the application form or ask the SEAI to post the form to you. You can also contact your local Citizens Information Centre (CIC) for an application form. You must meet the qualifying criteria. You can use the SEAI online portal to check this.

You need to provide evidence that you qualify for the scheme. Full details of the information needed are on the application form.

If you are getting a qualifying payment other than Carer's Allowance, you no longer need to get the Department of Social Protection to complete part of the application form. The SEAI will check your eligibility with the DSP.

If you qualify for the scheme because you are getting Carer's Allowance, you must also complete the Carer's Allowance Confirmation Form, which you can download or get from your local CIC

The address for SEAI is as follows: Free Energy Upgrades (Warmer Homes Scheme) Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland, P.O. Box 119, Caherciveen, Co. Kerry. Telephone: 01808 2100

**Are there other options for people who do not qualify for the free upgrades?**

If you do not qualify for the free upgrades, the SEAI provides other grants to help with the cost of upgrading the energy efficiency of your home. The National Home Energy Upgrade Scheme provides grants to bring your home up to an energy efficiency rating of B2 or above, using a private company to manage the work. Or, you can get individual energy upgrade grants, if you only want to do certain upgrades, and would prefer to manage the process yourself.

**If you need further information about any of the issues raised here or have other questions, you can drop-in to your local Citizens Information Service in Tralee, Killarney or Caherciveen – opening hours are listed on our website [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie)**

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# Minister for Health Encourages Public to Apply for GP Visit Card



The Minister for Health, Jennifer Carroll MacNeill TD, is today encouraging members of the public to consider applying for a GP Visit Card, an important initiative designed to ensure greater access to essential

healthcare services across the country.

As of 1 August 2025, there were over 750,000 GP Visit Card holders throughout the country who can visit their GP free of charge, removing a financial barrier for many individuals and families in accessing care.

To work out if you qualify for a GP visit card the (Health Service Executive) HSE look at your income, personal circumstances and expenses. It's possible that you may qualify for a GP visit card even if the amount of money you earn is high. If your expenses are also high, you could still qualify.

The Healthy Ireland Survey 2024 showed an average of over three private GP visits a year per person. Based on Healthy Ireland visitation data, annual savings of approximately €600 for a family of four, €300 for a family of two and €200 for an individual can be achieved.

Minister Carroll MacNeill said:

"Good health begins with good access. We know that the cost of GP consultations can sometimes discourage people from seeking help when they need it. For those eligible for a GP Visit Card, it removes this obstacle and helps support individuals and families in managing their health.

"GP Visit Cards for people age 8 to 69 are means tested. Your income, personal circumstances and your expenses are taken into account in the application to see if you qualify."

The GP visit card scheme is open to a broad range of applicants. For most, eligibility is based on income thresholds and family circumstances. Children under 8 years of age and those aged 70 or more are automatically eligible for a card.

Many people are not aware that they may qualify, and the Minister for Health urges everyone to review the criteria.

Minister Carroll MacNeill added:

"I'd particularly like to encourage students and parents whose children are pursuing third level education to have a conversation about applying for a GP Visit Card. Eligibility is determined based on the individual income of the applicant, and some students may not be aware that they qualify. The application process is accessible and can be completed on the HSE website."

To learn more, or to apply visit [GPVisitCard.ie](https://gpvisitcard.ie).

## KERRY CHARITIES BENEFIT FROM ALDI'S COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAMME

ALDI Stores in Kerry nominate eight charities and community groups to receive donations from ALDI's Community Grants Programme 2025

ALDI Ireland has today announced that eight Kerry charities and community groups have become the latest beneficiaries of ALDI's Community Grants programme, recognising their valuable contributions to communities across the county.

Receiving €500 per nomination in ALDI gift cards are: St. Michael's National School, BUMBLEance, St. Oliver's Pre-School Ballycashin, Pieta House Kerry, Valentia Hospital, St. Joseph's Nursing Home Killorglin, Recovery Haven Kerry, and Acquired Brain Injury Castleisland Resource Centre, donated by local ALDI Kerry employees as part of the retailer's ongoing support for communities nationwide.

The ALDI Community Grants programme helps fund local charities and community organisations that contribute vital work and a wide range of services – from supporting mental health and disability services to helping animal shelters, youth clubs, cancer supports and more. The recipients are nominated by ALDI Kerry team members, ensuring that the causes supported by the programme are meaningful to and directly benefit the communities where employees live and work.

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almost 280,000 meals to local charities, helping avoid more than 400,000 kgs of CO2e emissions. ALDI partners with Kerry-based food and drink producers, including Prestige Foods and Lee Strand Co-Op Creamery.

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# PAULINE BEWICK COLLECTION OF WORK

## INCLUDING UNSEEN WORKS UNVEILED IN KILLORGLIN

Kerry County Council launched the previously unseen works from the internationally renowned Kerry Artist Pauline Bewick with her 'Seven Ages' collection at Library Place, Killorglin on Thursday evening. The Artist gifted 250 artworks to Kerry County Council in 2006, and whilst the original intention was to rotate the collection, recently it was agreed with the late Artist's family to hang the full Kerry collection. Kerry County Council's Corporate Services Facilities Management Team worked with the Arts Office and local community representatives from Killorglin Chamber Alliance and Killorglin Tidy Towns, and Pauline's family to plan the extended exhibition. The official unveiling of the extended exhibition took place on Thursday September 4th, and was officiated by Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr. Michael Foley.

In his address to the gathering Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr. Michael Foley said, "Pauline Bewick's contributions go beyond her paintings. She was a storyteller, a pioneer, and a relentless advocate for the arts. Her legacy inspires artists across generations to explore boldly and express authentically. Here in Kerry, where the wild beauty of the landscape stirs the imagination and nourishes the soul, Pauline's work finds a special resonance—a testament to her deep connection to this place and its people."

Other speakers on the evening included Kerry County Council Arts Officer, Kate Kennelly who met Pauline on several occasions and spoke to the value of parents supporting creativity in their children as Pauline's mother used to praise her work from a very young age, instilling confidence and nurturing her talent. Pauline's granddaughter, Chiara Belluci spoke fondly of the fun and joy her late grandmother brought to all her grandchildren, as a fabulous storyteller whose imagination and creativity brought laughter and enjoyment to family over the years. A cake with the artist's unique Bewick signature added to the celebratory nature of the evening, which took place the week the artist would



L to R: Chiara Belucci, David Doyle, Kerry County Council's Deputy Director of Services for Capital Projects, Climate Resilience and Culture, Kate Kennelly, Arts Officer, Kerry County Council, Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr. Michael Foley, Poppy Melia, Holly Melia, John Purcell, Facilities Manager, Kerry County Council and Bridget Fitzgerald, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services, Kerry County Council

have turned 90 years. Guests travelled from across the country to join the family, community, and Council at this special event. As one of the early members of Aosdána, Pauline is celebrated as a prolific, talented Irish artist. On her passing in 2022, President Michael D Higgins said of Pauline, "Her work is expression in its truest form, unburdened by purpose or expectation, pulling us away from the everyday and towards alternate existences."



Geraldine and Orla O'Sullivan at The launch of The Pauline Bewick Collection in The Kerry County Council Offices in Library Place Killorglin.



Gerald McEnery and Katie O'Donoghue at The Pauline Bewick Collection launch in The Kerry County Council Offices in Library Place Killorglin.

## MEP Kelly condemns "enforced famine" in Gaza

Seán Kelly, MEP for Ireland South and Leader of Fine Gael in the European Parliament, has denounced the "enforced famine" being imposed on innocent Gazans by the Israeli Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu.

Speaking in the European Parliament, Strasbourg on Tuesday, Mr Kelly said: "Words cannot do justice to the human indignity that Netanyahu's enforced famine imposes on innocent Gazans. It is just heartbreaking to see young children with a bowl in their hands begging for food every day.

"Netanyahu has also created the deadliest period for journalists in contemporary history. A generation of accountability has been wiped out, granting Netanyahu carte blanche to starve, kill and destroy.

"As we speak, Gaza is on its knees and Israel bombards Gaza City. Meanwhile, activists like Kitty O'Brien face police brutality for standing against these atrocities.

We cannot give up on a two-state solution, we cannot stand idly against annexation and we cannot stand by violence when peace is possible.

"Free the hostages and free Gaza", Mr Kelly said

Following the debate entitled "Gaza at breaking point", Mr Kelly added that "Genocide is underway in Gaza". "Every day without a ceasefire means more lives lost". "Ending the bloodshed in Gaza is a moral responsibility," he stressed, urging world leaders to show unity and act decisively.



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Autumn is the ideal season for a thorough garden cleanup. Begin by removing any dead, dying, or diseased plant material. Not only does this tidy up your garden, but it also helps prevent pests and diseases.

Mulching is another key task in September. Apply a 2-4 inch layer of organic mulch around perennials, shrubs, and trees. This extra layer of insulation helps protect plant roots from temperature fluctuations and retains valuable soil moisture as the weather cools.

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HSE South West is advising that walk-in appointments will be temporarily unavailable at the Killarney Civil Registration Office on a number of dates this month.

The office will be closed to walk-ins on the afternoon of Wednesday September 17 (from 2pm to 5pm), and from Monday September 22 until Friday September 26.

Planned appointments and weddings are not affected on any of these dates, and will go ahead. This is because of staff training on the afternoon of Wednesday September 17, and planned building works from September 22 to 26.

However walk-in appointments, which are usually available at certain times each day, cannot be facilitated.

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## A Word of Victory

*"Then shall your Light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your Righteousness shall go before you; the Glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard" (Isaiah 58:8).*

Welcome back dear student, last week we spoke about the Glory of God which is God's Manifest Presence. The Godhead consists of the Father, His Son, and His Holy Spirit – three individual Persons, yet they are One. The Father is our Creator; the Lord Jesus is the Word of God made flesh – our Saviour; and the Spirit is the Presence of God given as a gift to live inside of every believer. Messiah Jesus gave His Life so that we could be forgiven and saved - washed in His Blood and made whole. Holy Spirit reconnects us to the Father and guides us onto the right path. He is God's Wisdom to us when we need direction. He is our Comforter when we are worried or in pain, He is our Helper when we are in trouble. He is our Advocate or Attorney when we need deliverance. He teaches us and disciplines us from the Word of God, for He is the Revealer (John 16:5-14). He is the Greatest Friend you will ever have. He never leaves us or forsakes us, so that God is constantly with us in every situation. He shares our joy and our sorrows. He sees it all and knows it all. He bestows the indescribable Love of God upon us and through us. The Lord Jesus said, 'out of your belly shall flow rivers of Living Water' (John 7:38). That's the Holy Spirit – He is the Life-Giving River of God's beautiful Presence.

Jesus promised that He would not leave us orphaned (John 14:15-27). This is what He meant – that God Himself would come to live inside of each one of us in the Person of His Spirit so we would never be alone or isolated. People often experience loneliness in this world. But those who know God's Holy Spirit never feel alone. Sure, there may be difficult circumstances - we live in a fallen world filled with brokenness, but there's a confidence that brings unshakeable trust, hope, and joy from the Presence of God's Spirit. These things are hard for the intellect to fathom. "The things of God are spiritually discerned" (1 Corinthians 2:14). The Word describes it as 'foolishness to the flesh' - meaning faith operates outside of our reasoning (1 Corinthians 1:18). That's what faith is: believing and trusting in One greater than ourselves. And the Bible tells us that the Greater One lives inside of us, and He overpowers the spirit of the world (1 John 4:4).

Satan and his demons are fallen angels. They have no bodies and so they're looking for dwelling places to inhabit. When people do awful and demented things, most folks wonder 'why would someone do something like that?' It is because of demon spirits oppressing that one's life and character. These have been given legal access through sin, sexual immorality, disobedience, bitterness, or unresolved anger, engaging in evil deeds, watching, or dabbling with the occult: witchcraft, satanic music or rituals, involvement in false god idolatry, or new age mysticism. All these are corrupt influences of Satan using the flesh to entrap people. The more one engages, the more demonic the impact. Oh, to be led by the Spirit of God! (Romans 8:5-17). The miracle of Salvation comes by calling upon the Lord Jesus, repenting for sin and turning from living to please the flesh (Romans 10:9-13; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21). Now washed in the Blood of Jesus, the believer is reconciled back to God: a new creation in Christ, filled with His Spirit, protected, empowered, and transformed – healed and set free. Hallelujah!

**Bible Study and Prayer every Sunday @ 11am and Thursday @ 7.30pm at Word of Victory Christian Fellowship Killarney V93V6X4**

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### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Church of the Resurrection 5pm - 9pm Tuesdays  
St Mary's Cathedral Wed 11.00am– 5pm Wednesday  
Church of the Holy Spirit Muckross 4pm–6pm  
Thursdays Franciscan Friary 2pm –7pm Fridays Holy  
Hour Sundays @ 6pm

**FRANCISCAN FRIARY: ST PADRE PIO TRIDUUM** on 20th to the 23rd September, daily masses 10.00am and 7.00pm. Devotions, prayers and blessing with the relic at each Mass. Fr Eamonn O' Driscoll OFM returns from Rossmore Friary to lead the Triduum. All Welcome

**LOG ON LEARNING PROGRAMME:** St Brendan's College Transition Year students are starting another term of their Log On Learning Programme. If you need any IT help, help with your phone: wish to learn how to text, use WhatsApp, Facebook, order your weekly shop online, use your laptop or take photos on your phone. Let the students know what you'd like to learn and learn at your own pace. Wednesdays from 11:30 to 1:00, running 10th of September to 26th of November (no class on September 24th, or October 29th). Complementary teas and coffees available. This is a drop in service, you do not have to attend all dates. If interested, please call 0646631021 to sign up.

### PARISH MISSION ANNOUNCEMENT -

Killarney Parish will be running a Redemptorist led mission from Sunday September 21st to Friday September 26th. This Mission schedule will be posted to individual households, on the Killarney Parish Facebook page, and in the parish newsletter in the coming weeks, so keep an eye out!

### MISSION PRAYER

Loving Father,

We ask your Blessing on us during our upcoming Parish Mission. Slow us down and make us thoughtful. Open our hearts through the Holy Spirit in your word and grace. May Our Mission give us: a new vision of your love, a new hope in your strength, a new faith in your mercy, and a new commitment to serve you. May we take the time to contemplate the values and treasures of our faith, to remember our loved ones that are gone, to heal our hurts, and give us a renewed strength to carry on.

May the Killarney Mission be for us, a time of blessing and thanksgiving, reconciliation and renewal, healing and peace. May your love grow among us to love as your witnesses with love and hope.

Amen

**KILLARNEY LOOKING GOOD;** Tidy Towns Litter Picking are still ongoing, we meet on Monday Evening at 6pm at the bottle bank in High Street, Car Park. Míle Buíochas to all our volunteers and hard working outdoor staff of Kerry County Council in keeping Killarney looking good.

**THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR ARE SEEKING NEW MEMBERS,** all ages welcome. If you are interested in joining please contact Paula Gleeson at 087– 3879733.



2ND ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
GERARD  
CRONIN



GNEEVGUILLA UPPER,  
RATHMORE, CO. KERRY  
WHO PASSED AWAY ON  
12TH SEPTEMBER 2023.

*Gone are the days we used to share,  
but in our hearts, you are always there.  
The gates of memory will never close,  
we miss you more than anyone knows.  
With tender love and deep regret,  
we who love you will never forget.  
A silent thought, a quiet prayer,  
for a special person in God's care.*

*"You never said 'I'm leaving'  
You never said 'goodbye',  
You were gone before we knew it  
And only God knows why.*

**Always remembered by your  
loving family.**

*Anniversary Mass for Gerard will take  
place on Sunday, 14th September 2025, at  
9:30am, in the Church of the Holy Rosary,  
Gneevguilla.*

PRAYER TO  
PADRE PIO

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

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
COLM KISSANE



PALLAS, BEAUFORT, KILLARNEY.

COLM, REMEMBERING YOU  
ON YOUR 30TH BIRTHDAY  
ON SEPTEMBER 14TH.

*Always in our thoughts,  
Forever in our hearts.*

Mom, Dad, Bríd, Fionn and Aoife.

2ND ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
DAN O'DONOGHUE



LISBABY, HEADFORD,  
KILLARNEY  
WHO DIED ON THE 14TH  
OF SEPTEMBER 2023.

*You had a smile for everyone,  
you had a heart of gold,  
you left sweetest memories  
this world could ever hold.*

Sadly missed by your  
brother in law Diarmuid, Noreen,  
Michael & Aileen.

2ND ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF A  
WONDERFUL HUSBAND,  
DAD AND GRANDFATHER  
DAN O'DONOGHUE



LISBABY, HEADFORD, KILLARNEY  
WHO DIED ON THE 14TH  
OF SEPTEMBER 2023.

*Our lives go on without you,  
But nothing is the same,  
We have to hide our heartache,  
When someone speaks your name.*

*Sad are the hearts that love you,  
Silent are the tears that fall,  
Living here without you,  
Is the hardest part of all.*

*You did do many things for us,  
Your heart was kind and true,  
And when we needed someone,  
We could always count on you.*

*The special years will return,  
When we are all together,  
But when the love in our hearts,  
You walk with us forever.*

Always remembered and forever loved by  
your loving wife Breda, daughter Louise,  
son Stephen, son-in-law Conor  
and Julianne.

*Granda  
If heaven had a number,  
I'd call you on the phone,  
To say how much I love you,  
And tell you to come home.*

*So rest in heaven dear Granda,  
And thanks for all you've done,  
We trust that God has given you,  
The crown you've truly won.*

Remembering and loving you always,  
Your grandchildren,  
Grace and Keelan xxx

Anniversary Mass for Dan on Sunday,  
14th of September at 11.00 a.m.  
in Sacred Heart Church, Barraduff.

Church of Ireland parishes encouraged to pray for  
peace in the Holy Land

People in parishes throughout the Church of Ireland are being encouraged to pray for a just and lasting peace in Gaza and the wider region of the Holy Land later this month. Archbishop John McDowell and Archbishop Michael Jackson are urging everyone in each parish and church community to join together in prayer and consider a time of fasting on Sunday, 21st September 2025 – this is the UN International Day of Peace. The Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem, the Most Revd Dr Hosam Naoum, has written A Prayer for the Holy Land (below) and the archbishops are asking that it be used during church services on the day:

A Prayer for the Holy Land for 21st September 2025

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: In your mercy, provide for all those in Gaza and beyond who suffer from hunger and starvation, that they may be given both physical bread to nourish their bodies and heavenly bread to sustain their souls. By the power of your Spirit, bring a speedy end to this cruel war, the release of all captives, care for the sick and wounded, comfort for those who have lost loved-ones, and the opening of a pathway for a just and lasting peace in the very homeland where your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ministered during his earthly life; Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.





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