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# A Note from the EDITOR



This week saw the launch of the Killarney Rotary Club Wine & Art Night, an event which heralds the beginning of the Christmas social season in town, the Listry community is coming together to support a young lady recovering from spinal surgery and the winners of the Public Speaking Competition have been announced.

The Killarney Memory Tree is set to shine bright again in 2025, Killarney Musical Society are "All Shook Up" and Rowing Masters were celebrated in Killarney at the weekend.

Pride of Place this week goes to Rathmore Social Action Group, dancers celebrate success at the Munster's and a Killarney Singer/Songwriter is preparing for his upcoming concert to celebrate his 18th Birthday.

There has been a call for a permanent base for the Killarney Water Rescue Unit, a Killarney man has developed a podcast for the maturing man and Anne Lucey revisits the Venison story from last week!

In sport, Jimmy takes a look at the Kerry senior football players' fantastic performance at the All-Stars at the weekend, the basketball season is in full swing and Killarney Pickleball Club has celebrated its first anniversary with a mini tournament.

All this and lots more in this week's Killarney Outlook - Enjoy!

*Aisling Crosbie*



Gap of Dunloe hikers.  
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# Rotary Unites for Good at the *Annual Wine & Art Night*



The Killarney Rotary Club will celebrate their 22nd Annual Wine & Art Night on Wednesday, 26th November, at the Great Southern Killarney. The Club will hold this fundraising event in conjunction with Daly's SuperValu, Cronins Cider, and Killarney Credit Union.

"I think most of all, what I want to say is thank you. Thank you to our Rotarians, who help make this event happen every year. Thank you to our host hotel, The Great Southern Killarney, for always going over and above and for taking such good care of us, ensuring everything runs

perfectly. You are so good at what you do. Thank you to the Scally Collection for our grand prize this year, it's a really brilliant one and people will be excited for it!"

President Sherry O'Callaghan told Killarney Outlook.

A heartfelt thank you to our partners who come on board year after year; it is your support that makes this event possible. We could not do it without you and we appreciate you so much. And thank you to our wonderful community, who turn out in such large numbers every year to support us. Your participation ensures the continued success of our event and the contributions

we make back into the community. We are forever grateful to the town of Killarney and to everyone involved."

Tickets cost €25 and are now on sale through this year's beneficiaries. These include local schools, Faha, Fossa, Gaelscoil Faithleann, Knockanes, Loughquitane, and St. Brendan's College, as well as Kerry Stars, Killarney Athletic AFC, Killarney Valley AC, Killorglin Family Resource Centre, and the Rise & Shine Trust (formerly Irish Pilgrimage Trust). All money raised on the night will support projects for these groups as well as other Rotary initiatives the local club is involved with.

Tickets will also be available at the door on the night. Doors open at 7:15 p.m., and all patrons will be entered into a draw for fantastic prizes by completing their details on the door tickets in advance. Door prizes are sponsored by The Scally Collection, MD O'Shea's, and O'Callaghan Town & Country Real Estate. Even if you cannot attend, you can still support one of the beneficiaries by completing your ticket and being in with a chance to win one of these fabulous prizes.

Artists and crafters enjoy the opportunity to network with each other and showcase their work to so many people in one place on one night every November. Many have been involved since the start, and some are new, but everybody is welcome. A few artist spaces remain, so anyone interested in exhibiting can email [killarneyrotarywineandart@gmail.com](mailto:killarneyrotarywineandart@gmail.com)

The Kerry Stars will run the cloakroom, the Rise and Shine Trust (formerly the Irish Pilgrimage Trust) will host a raffle with great hampers up for grabs, and the Hospice will have their Christmas cards on sale at the event. The night is one of the biggest social events in the Killarney calendar, attracting hundreds of attendees. There is always a wonderful buzz as people support their local schools and community groups while buying from artists and crafters. Mike Neeson will once again sing his heart out and entertain patrons from early to late.

The Club looks forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday, November 26th. The theme for Rotary International this year is "Unite for Good", and the Killarney Rotary Club is certainly doing just that — working together with beneficiaries to achieve positive change and make a lasting impact. The Killarney Rotary Club runs many successful events in the area that benefit countless people. The Club is made up of a wonderful group of volunteers who dedicate a huge amount of time and effort to ensure everything runs smoothly. All of the work is done on a voluntary basis, and while it involves significant preparation, it is all worthwhile when you see how the charities, schools, and community groups benefit and achieve their goals.



Sherry O'Callaghan, President of Killarney Rotary Club pictured with Dolores Croke Daly, Daly's SuperValu (Sponsors) at the launch of the Killarney Rotary Club Wine & Art Night. They are pictured with members of the club along with a stunning painting by Tetiana Teslyeva who will be exhibiting at this event and a framed Kerry jersey which will be raffled on the night and has been framed compliments of John Treloar, The Killarney Framers.







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# Listry Community Rallies to Support Isabella

The team at First Step Childcare, Listry Community Centre, is coming together to support their valued colleague Crystal Gleeson, who has been facing an incredibly difficult time in recent months.

Crystal's daughter, Isabella, has spent the past eight months in hospital and rehabilitation following a major operation. Throughout this challenging period, Crystal and her family have shown extraordinary strength, courage, and resilience.

Thankfully, Isabella has recently been able to return home, though she will continue to require ongoing medical treatment and support.

To help the family during this time, First Step Childcare is hosting a Coffee Morning on Saturday, 22nd November at 11 a.m. in Listry Community Centre. The event aims to raise funds for Crystal and her family, with all proceeds from the morning and the accompanying GoFundMe going directly to them.

Everyone is warmly invited to come along and enjoy tea, coffee, cakes, and good company, as the community gathers to show kindness and care for one of its own. Contributions of baked goods are also most welcome.

For those unable to attend, donations can still

be made via the GoFundMe link or QR code provided. Every contribution, big or small, will make a real difference to Crystal, Isabella, and their family.

This is a family-friendly event, and all are welcome to attend.

The organisers expressed their heartfelt thanks to everyone for their generosity and support:

"It truly makes a difference, and we know Crystal and her family are deeply grateful for the kindness shown by our community."

To donate scan the QR Code or follow the following link:

<https://gofund.me/6b48a08ce>



## Winners Announced at Soroptimist Public Speaking Competition in Killarney

The Soroptimist Public Speaking Competition took place in Killarney this week showcasing the outstanding talent, confidence, and social awareness of local students.

Following a series of impressive speeches, two participants were selected to go forward to represent the area at the Regional Final in Cork.

Lily Ann Reen, from Killarney Community College, won with her thoughtful and engaging address on "Life in the Fast Lane - Is It Worth It?"

Emma O'Sullivan, representing Pobalscoil Inbhear Scéine, Kenmare, also secured her place in the regional round with a powerful speech on "If Not Us, Then Who? If Not Now, Then When?"

The reserve winner was Anna Roche from St Brigid's Secondary School, Killarney, who impressed judges with her insightful presentation on "Fashion's Dirty Secret."

The competition, organised by the Soroptimist International of Killarney, aims to encourage young women to develop their public speaking skills, build confidence, and engage thoughtfully with issues that affect society today.



Participants in the Soroptimist Public Speaking Competition pictured with President Teresa Irwin and members of the club.



President of the Soroptimist Club, Teresa Irwin pictured with the winners of the public speaking competition.





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# Mayor Calls for a PERMANENT BASE FOR KILLARNEY WATER RESCUE UNIT

At the last Killarney Municipal District meeting, Mayor Of Killarney Cllr Martin Grady raised a notice of motion calling on the Council to write to National Park and Wildlife Services requesting that a suitable location be identified for a base for the Killarney Water Rescue Unit.

This is a matter of real importance for our community. The Killarney Water Rescue Unit provides a vital service to the people of Killarney and the surrounding areas. Our town is surrounded by lakes and rivers, and in recent years we have seen a notable increase in the number of incidents where their assistance has been required.

Despite their crucial role, the unit currently has no permanent base within Killarney town. Their boats and equipment are stored outside the area, meaning valuable time can be lost in emergencies when every minute counts. Having their resources housed closer to the high-risk areas would significantly improve response times and operational efficiency.

Killarney Municipal District Cllrs were in agreement with the Motion it was seconded by Cllr Brendan Cronin to engage with Killarney National Park in the search for a suitable site. We believe it is essential that the unit be provided with a secure and practical location where they can safely store their boats and equipment, ideally close to the lakes and rivers, where there's risk.

The Killarney Water Rescue Unit have dedicated active members, all of whom give their time voluntarily to help others. They provide an invaluable service, often under challenging and dangerous conditions, to ensure the safety of residents and visitors alike.

Their dedication and professionalism deserve the full support of the local authority and community. Providing a proper base for the unit is not just a matter of convenience, it's a matter of public safety.



## Striking Minimalism Earns Runner-Up Spot for Maryann Heidtke in Killarney Camera Club Competition



The Killarney Camera Club kicked off its first competition of the season with an impressive showcase of creativity and technical skill. Last week, we published Ann Kelly's Batik Lesson, the winning photograph in the Open Theme in Colour Competition, which took first place in both the Novice and Unrestricted categories.

Maryann Heidtke claimed the runner-up position in the Novice category with her striking photograph titled Sand Dune "Big Daddy."

Captured in the vast Namib Desert of Namibia, Maryann's image embodies minimalism. The photograph features the sweeping red curve of a towering sand dune set against a vibrant, cloudless blue sky. Three small figures stand near the ridge, gazing over the edge, their presence giving a powerful sense of scale and solitude to the scene.

Maryann said: "Whilst on a photographic holiday in Namibia, we visited Namib-Naukluft National Park where one of Namibia's biggest sand dunes, named Big Daddy, can be found. It was a particularly busy day with tourists making their way to the summit. I saw through my zoom lens this simple composition, three people standing on the edge, tiny against the scale of it all, one of them on their knees peering over the side. I was lucky to capture that moment of curiosity on a golden mountain of sand under Africa's amazing blue sky."

Check out the club's website <https://killarneycameraclub.ie>. All new members very welcome.

Congratulations to all our winners.

### Results

1st Anne Kelly 'Batik Lesson'

2nd Maryann Heidtke 'Big Daddy'

3rd Marie Barton 'Marrakesh Munchies'





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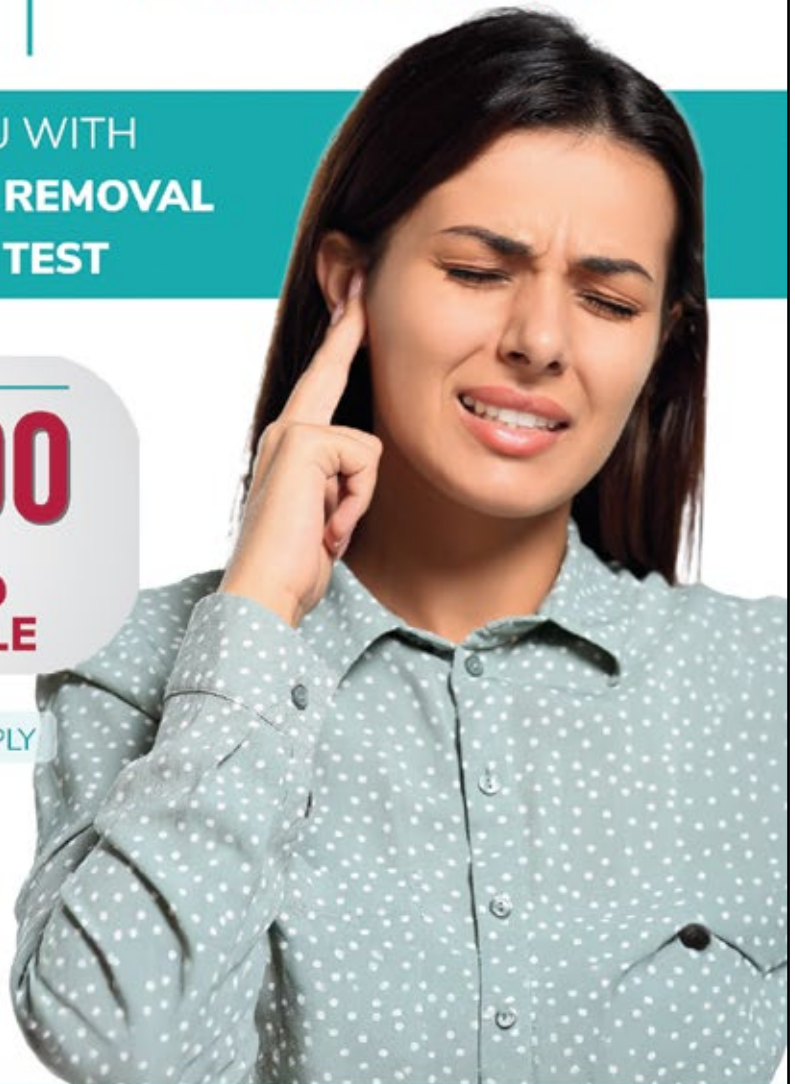
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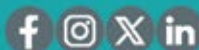
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# Killarney Memory Tree to Shine Bright Once Again This Christmas

The Killarney Memory Tree at Holy Cross Mercy School will once again light up the town this Christmas season, continuing a cherished tradition that holds deep meaning for the community. The school extends heartfelt thanks to all who have supported this important fundraiser in previous years, as it remains a vital source of support for school initiatives.

The lights on the Killarney Memory Tree will glow throughout the festive season in remembrance of loved ones. The holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for all those being commemorated. The official "Switch On" ceremony will take place on Tuesday, December 2nd at 7pm, led by Fr. Vitalis Barasa. The evening will feature prayers and festive carols by candlelight, creating a warm and reflective atmosphere for all who attend.

A special Mass will also be celebrated for those remembered on the tree on Tuesday, December 16th at 1.10pm in St. Mary's Cathedral. Everyone is welcome to attend in person or to join online through the Killarney Parish webcam at [www.killarneyparish.com](http://www.killarneyparish.com)

The Memory Tree will remain lit nightly until January 6th, the Feast of the Epiphany, serving as a beacon of hope and remembrance throughout the Christmas period.

Lights for the Memory Tree can be purchased from the staff and pupils of Holy Cross Mercy School or directly from the School Office on New Road. The school community expresses sincere gratitude for the continued generosity and support of all who contribute to this meaningful tradition.



Kevin Dundon recipient of the Listowel Food Fair 2025 Lifetime Achievement Award. Photo: Julien Clemot

## 'CELEBRITY CHEF KEVIN DUNDON IS RECIPIENT OF THE 2025 LISTOWEL FOOD FAIR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD'

As the 2025 Listowel Food Fair proudly celebrates its 30th Anniversary this year, beloved Irish Celebrity Chef, TV Personality, Managing Director of Dunbrody Country House and Food Author Kevin Dundon was recognised for his significant contribution to Ireland's food sector on Saturday, November 8th, 2025 at the Listowel Food Fair Gala Awards Banquet hosted at the Listowel Arms Hotel. The evening brought together artisan producers from across the island of Ireland, food lovers, and industry leaders to celebrate three decades of culinary excellence in North Kerry's historic food town.

During Kevin Dundon's visit to the Listowel Food Fair he attended various events including a 'Feast of Poetry and Stories about Food' at John B. Keane's Pub. He then spoke at the Samhain Food Grower's Seminar at St. John's Theatre, Listowel. In the afternoon Kevin visited Garvey's SuperValu to meet and greet with the team, customers and local food producers who were offering tastings. Kevin then went on the Food Trail with fellow Chef's John Relihan and Lizzie Lyons starting at Lizzie's Little Kitchen, John R's Food Hall, Pad Thai Restaurant and Listowel Garden Centre. Before he left Listowel on Sunday Kevin attended the historic Listowel Food Hall at the Listowel Arms Hotel where he engaged with all of the trade stands and met with local food producers.

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



## DEER, OH DEAR.

I may need to eat out more in the High Street. Which is fast emerging as the hub of fine dining. Two chefs - from Harrow and Treyvaud's, both neighbours of Bricin - Harrow is next door it said - have been in contact wishing to say they too serve venison.

But the bottom line remains venison is not as popular or as standard as it might be, and is still rather niche given the number of deer we have in Kerry and elsewhere. And need to get rid of. Documents from the national deer management strategy group released under the Freedom of Information Act to the Irish Deer Commission set out the difficulty in the following words:

"Irish people don't eat venison - seen as expensive, elite meat, difficult to cook and very strong tasting."

A marketing campaign for the domestic market was necessary, the strategy group feel, and

Bord Bia must also research how it could be promoted as a premium product in export markets.

Jerome Cahill of Kerry Wild Game, a venison supplier business in Killorglin since 2020 says the wild venison market is ready to be developed and supported more.

The media are slow to be interested in venison and an event last year did not attract the press attention it deserved, Jerome felt.

His is a fully licensed wild game operation inspected by the Department of Agriculture.

Often our idea of venison comes from being given whatever the hunter does not want and the impression is venison is tough, and strong, Jerome said.

His venison - sika from Kerry, fallow and reds from elsewhere in Munster- is hung and aged and that is the secret.

The saddle and loin of venison are the most popular cuts but other cuts are used in stews.

Sika is definitely the most popular, he said.



And it is sika who are the main source of annoyance as well as meat in Kerry.

Meanwhile the Irish Deer Commission are warning venison must not go to the dogs. They are concerned that venison is high value meat and will complement our existing meat industry, and any attempt to downgrade venison as a secondary meat for the dog food industry will have negative consequences for deer management.

## JIM FINUCANE - FEAR UASAL AND A FRIEND TO KILLARNEY.

Jim Finucane, a major figure in Fine Gael in Kerry was as the Tanaiste described him probably the best Oireachtas member Fine Gael never had. The former Tralee Fine Gael councillor and chair of the ETB who died unexpectedly last week was an enormous figure in Tralee, and in education circles across the county and might have represented Kerry at the height of Government.

A native of Tarbert he strongly supported plans for Shannon LNG managing to rise above the at times very negative attacks by opponents of the project.

Jim was also that rare thing in Tralee: a friend to Killarney.

We don't often find friends in Tralee for Killarney at council or at any level whether official or representative. But when the Killarney hospitality college gets going, it will be thanks to Jim who powered ahead with the idea and to Simon Harris who as higher education minister listened to Jim and gave the preliminary go ahead.

(This column played a small role in it too - something acknowledged by Mr Harris and the late Jim).

The Tanaiste, mayor of Kerry and Fine Gael councillors including the chairman of Kerry County Council were prominent at his funeral mass on Saturday, occupying the front seat on the right hand side of the aisle opposite the family in Tralee's stately St John's Church.

Another leading member of Fine Gael, Killarney MEP Sean Kelly was also present, albeit seated at a distance on the left aisle away from the main Fine Gael front bench as it were.

I met minister Michael Healy Rae there too as well as leading figures from the Kerry media, education, local history, councillors and officials past and present from Tralee and Kerry County Council.

It took over an hour for the mourners to express their sympathy such was the genuine outpouring to Jim's wife Sheila, daughters and son and to his wife's family the Sheehys.

The Ukrainian ambassador who was in Tralee just weeks ago to appoint Jim the first honorary Ukrainian counsel for the south of Ireland, a historic occasion, was present as were many of the Ukrainian Kerry community.

Then on Monday at the meeting of Tralee MD, Councillor Anne O'Sullivan, (FF) assistant to Norma Foley and councillor in Tralee put it well: "Fear Uasal" best described Jim, Anne said.



## MILLIONS PAID OUT LEASING BUILDINGS BY HSE IN KERRY

The new health forum for the south west seems to be efficient and Kerry is at last getting a look in.

We recall that as health minister Taoiseach Micheál Martin got rid of the old health boards and replaced them with the dinosaur Dreadnoughtus Titanosaurus. Otherwise known as the HSE. We are now back to Cork and Kerry once more.

One of the most riveting pieces of information was elicited by Deirdre Ferris. Deirdre (SF) has been pursuing empty and vacant buildings across the council and the HSE. In June she found out there were 14 vacant buildings owned by the HSE in Kerry alone.

At the same time as it spends close to Euro 2.5 million a year on leasing 21 properties.

Responding to the information provided to her, Deirdre asked if HSE buildings could be "repurposed" and if for instance HSE's own services could be "decentralised" into the large and historic Dingle Hospital. Tralee town centre buildings in Pembroke Street and Denny Street should also be

"repurposed" and used to retain footfall in the town, she said.

Maintaining the empty buildings cost the HSE over Euro 186,423 in the past 12 months alone, Deirdre was told.

Meanwhile, Maire Moloney and Jackie Healy-Rae both had questions down about the Killarney Nursing Unit.

A number of final technical matters - commercially sensitive and so not divulged - is holding the whole thing up, the councilors were told.

In other words, we learn nothing much because if it is not data protection it is commercial sensitivity when it comes to State bodies not giving out information.

The new unit will be handed over by the end of the year but that doesn't mean it will take in patients. There will be more red tape by bodies other than the HSE.

Just as the structure of the health boards had to be rowed back decades to the old Cork and Kerry, is it not time to dispense with the HIQAs etc and roll it all into the one Department of Health?





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# The week through the eye of the lens....



St Brendan's College students with members of staff gather to celebrate the Stand Up Awareness week in the Sem - celebrating Belonging, Kindness and Respect.  
Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Members of Retired Nurse Associate /Kerry Branch Eilish Meehan, Mary O Shea and Denis O Donoghue who attended the Annual Conference in Rivercourt Hotel Kilkenny recently



Pictured at the Department of Culture, Communication and Sport (DCCS) on New Road, Killarney for the launch of the Creative Boardroom: Collaborate4Climate exhibition which takes place from 4th to the 14th of November on Thursday were Roberta Renno, Maura Kerrisk, Beverley Marchi and Rachael Hayes. Photo: Don MacMonagle



Pictured at the Department of Culture, Communication and Sport (DCCS) on New Road, Killarney for the launch of the Creative Boardroom: Collaborate4Climate exhibition which takes place from 4th to the 14th of November on Thursday was Pace Borza Butterly from the the Creative Futures Academy, Michael Moore, Department of Culture, Communications and Sport and Adele Mealy, Creative Ireland and staff at the dept offices visiting the exhibition. Photo: Don MacMonagle



Pictured at The Sliabh Luachra Music Trail Gala Concert at The Scartaglin Cultural and Heritage Centre on Saturday night Aidan Connolly Musician in Residence Kerry County Council and Kate Kennelly Arts Officer Kerry County Council, Ian McDonagh Arts officer Cork County Council at The Sliabh Luachra Music Trail Gala Concert at The Scartaglin Cultural and Heritage Centre on Saturday night, The concert was organised by Aidan Connolly to mark the renewal of his role of Musician in residence in Kerry County Council for 2026. The concert was part of The Sliabh Luachra Music Trail in conjunction with Kerry, Cork and Limerick County Council Arts offices. The concert was recorded by RTE Radio 1 for inclusion in an upcoming episode of The Rolling Wave. Photography by Michael G Kenny





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# Don't Let The Old Man In

## Killarney Native Develops Important Podcast Series for the Maturing Man

Killarney native, Padraig O'Sullivan (or Hank as he was more commonly known when growing up here) has recently developed a timely and important podcast series for the maturing man.

Don't Let The Old Man In is a weekly podcast for men who are navigating the transitions of midlife - from career shifts and health priorities to evolving relationships and discovering what comes next.

The series, which is hosted and directed by Padraig, addresses the universal question many men face in their forties and beyond: "Now what?"

Padraig, who is currently undertaking a

doctorate at Oxford University on the same topic, explained the concept behind the series saying:

"For many of us approaching midlife and beyond, huge questions surface:

'Now what? If I don't want to continue my current job, what do I do? Where do I get joy from, going forward?'

These are normal but profound questions. For some, the idea of embracing reinvention in the second half of life is scary and foreign. Yet the invitation is firmly extended to us".

Each episode hears Padraig having real and candid conversations with experts, celebrities and ordinary men about navigating midlife. The ups, the downs, the surprises, the opportunities, the secrets and how to do it on your terms, gracefully or even disgracefully!

"Through stories, tools, and honest conversations, our hope is

that these podcasts will move beyond midlife crisis clichés to offer practical tools and real perspectives, thereby helping you unlock what really matters!" said Padraig.

Originally from Loreto Road and former student of St Brendan's College, Padraig emigrated to Australia in the 90's where he established a number of successful executive coaching businesses working with global clients such

as Johnston & Johnston, Coca Cola, Nestle, BHP, SHELL, and Eli Lilly amongst many others,



Padraig pictured in his Video recording studio in Sydney



Padraig pictured in his recording studio in Sydney in front of a specially commissioned 5m high mural featuring his late father, the very popular Killarney based detective 'Mick D-tec'



Padraig on a recent visit home

gaining him a reputation as 'one of Asia's top leadership experts' (INSIGHT Publishing). He has been fascinated with transitions and personal reinventions for most of his life. His career has seen him in the medical industry, in sales and marketing, consulting industries, self-employed, an entrepreneur who successfully sold businesses, an educator at Sydney Business School, an author, an Executive Coach to 100's of CEO's all over Asia, a podcaster, the owner of a 'failed' tech start up and now the co-founder of The Wisdom Vault (an Australian educational platform for men in midlife) and host of this podcast.

Padraig, who currently lives in Sydney with his wife Carole and family, firmly believes that mid-life, while tough on many levels, lonely on others, and downright confusing on still more, can also include the best stages in life.

Don't Let The Old Man In is hosted by The Wisdom Vault, an Australian educational platform for men in midlife, and is available to download on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, and YouTube.

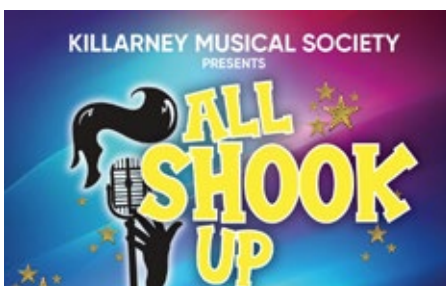
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curator, Miss Sandra, who starts developing feelings for "Ed"! Meanwhile, a classic Romeo-and-Juliet-style romance blossoms between two young lovers forbidden to be together by the town's strict Mayor who also happens to be the boy's mother. Will true love win out in the end? There's only one way to find out!

So, buckle up, sit back, and let us take you on a joyful, music-filled journey with timeless classics such as 'Hound Dog', 'Heartbreak Hotel' and 'Jailhouse Rock' amongst others. All Shook Up runs

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## Celebration for World Champion Masters Rowers at Tig Mary Donals

A surprise party was held for the champions at Tig Mary Donals, where family and friends gathered to congratulate the Masters Rowers on their remarkable achievement.

The crew from Muckross Rowing Club, guided by their experienced coach Noel Casey, achieved an outstanding victory at the World Rowing Championships in Banyoles, Spain, in September. Competing in the Men's C 4+ category, the team delivered a powerful and composed performance to secure the gold medal.

The winning boat featured a mix of seasoned rowers, John Hurley from Fermoy Rowing Club, Paul Kennedy, Brendan O'Neill, and John Buckley, with Siobhan Galvin steering as coxswain. Together, the crew demonstrated exceptional teamwork, rhythm, and determination, overcoming strong international opposition.

This triumph marks a significant milestone for the athletes and their clubs, highlighting the depth of talent within Irish rowing. For many of the competitors, the championship was not only an opportunity to showcase their skills on the world stage but also to bring home a proud and memorable victory for their local communities and supporters.



The winning team pictured at the World Rowing Championships in Banyoles, Spain, in September.

## Killarney Library to Host Green Transition Workshop with Paul O'Raw

Killarney Library will host a Green Transition Workshop led by Paul O'Raw on Tuesday, 18th November 2025, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The half-day session aims to promote meaningful discussions on climate change among individuals and organisations alike.

The workshop will provide a space for participants to explore environmental issues, share their concerns, and express their hopes for a more sustainable future. With the growing urgency of climate action, the event encourages community

engagement and collaboration in the transition towards greener living.

This event is part of the Skills for Life initiative, which supports lifelong learning and personal development through Ireland's public libraries.

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# RATHMORE SOCIAL ACTION GROUP HONoured at All-Island IPB Pride of Place Awards

The Social Action Group Rathmore CLG has been recognised for its outstanding community work, winning the Age Friendly Communities category at the prestigious All-Ireland Pride of Place Awards held in Limerick on Friday evening.

The group, celebrating 50 years of service to the Rathmore area, was praised for its exceptional commitment to fostering community spirit and supporting older people through its wide range of initiatives. Westmeath Community Development and the AgeWell group in Meath were named as runners-up in the same category.

Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr. Mike Foley, congratulated the Rathmore Social Action Group on their success, describing the award as "well deserved and fitting for an organisation that celebrates 50 years of service to the community in Rathmore and the surrounds." He highlighted the central role of Teach Íosagáin, noting that "the activities that take place there are testament to the efforts of the group in bringing together the community, particularly older members, in a very meaningful way." Judges commended the group's remarkable longevity and dedication, noting that what began as a youth project has evolved into a significant service provider, particularly for older people, including the provision of social housing. They described Teach Íosagáin as "the beating heart of the community," offering youth facilities, a canteen for the local secondary school, a gym, and meeting rooms for wider community use.

Residents spoke warmly of their experience living in the group's housing, praising the independence and sense of community it provides. The facility supports independent living while offering access to services at St. Joseph's Day Care Centre. Judges observed a lively atmosphere filled with music, bingo, and social activities during their visit.

The awards ceremony, hosted by comedian and broadcaster Dermot Whelan, took place at Limerick's Strand Hotel, attended by over 400 community volunteers. Sponsored by IPB Insurance, the Pride of Place competition was established 23 years ago through a Co-operation Ireland programme to celebrate the invaluable work of community volunteers across the island.

Two other Kerry projects, Cúnamh Iveragh CLG and Cromane Community Council CLG, were also nominated for awards.

Mayor of Killarney Municipal District, Cllr. Martin Grady, paid tribute to all the participants, offering "massive congratulations to Rathmore" and commending their "hard work, dedication and consistent determination" in serving their community.

The Pride of Place Awards have grown to become the largest competition recognising community development achievements across the island of Ireland.



Kerry Mayor Cllr. Mike Foley, Kenmare MD Mayor Cllr. Norma Moriarty, Cllr. Martin Grady, and Denis Costello of Kerry County Council were pictured with representatives from the three nominated Kerry groups.



Limerick Mayor John Moran presents The Social Action Group Rathmore CLG with the Age Friendly Communities category award. Also pictured, far right, are IPB Pride of Place Chairman Tom Dowling and IPB Insurance Chairman John Hogan.

## HUNGER STRIKE OVER AS AGREEMENT IS REACHED

Minister Michael Healy Rae, TD has welcomed the fact that a meeting took place on Monday night between the Taoiseach, Minister Helen McEntee and the 3 of the 4 amazing campaigners which saw an agreement being reached which brings the hunger strike to an end.

"Over the past number of weeks, I met with the two Mary's, Maurice and Miriam on several occasions outside the Dáil and kept in regular contact with them. I saw first-hand their determination, their suffering, and their incredible resilience. The group were calling on the government for health supports and a State contributory pension for those who

suffered residential abuse

"It should never have had to come to this, but the strength and resilience shown by those involved was remarkable. They stood up for what they believed in, and they did so peacefully and with great dignity.

"The Government has listened, and a mediator will now work directly with the group to move things forward in a fair and respectful way. I'm very glad to have played my part in helping to get this situation resolved."

My thoughts are with each of them as they now receive medical care and return home. I sincerely hope this marks the start of genuine progress and lasting recognition for all





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## Hegarty Irish Dance Academy Celebrates Success

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Isabelle Hindle Munster Champion 2025



Isabelle Hindle and Máire Lynch

The Munster Irish Dancing Championships 2025 took place over the weekend at the Towers Hotel, Waterford, where dancers from the Hegarty Irish Dance Academy delivered outstanding performances and achieved remarkable success.

Among the weekend's highlights was Isabelle Hindle being crowned U14 Munster Open Championship Winner, earning the prestigious title of Munster Champion. Isabelle's success reflects her dedication, hard work and talent!

Under the guidance of teachers Maureen and Lisa Hegarty, the academy's dancers competed taking home a variety of awards across multiple age categories. The teachers expressed their pride in their students' performances and results, noting the hard work and commitment shown by every dancer.

Based in Killarney and Cork, the Hegarty Irish Dance Academy offers both competitive and non-competitive classes, providing opportunities for dancers of all levels to develop their skills in a supportive and encouraging environment.

"We are absolutely delighted with the results from this weekend," said Maureen and Lisa Hegarty. "Our dancers represented the academy with pride and professionalism, and we couldn't be prouder of their achievements."

The academy now looks ahead to upcoming competitions and performances, continuing to build on this weekend's success and foster a love of Irish dance among its students. Isabelle and Máire will both continue on to represent the academy at the World Irish Dancing Championships in the INEC at Easter 2025.

## Santa's coming to Killarney Outlet Centre

Oh you better watch out and you better be good for goodness sake – because Santa Claus is coming to town.

And excitement will reach fever pitch when his sleigh touches down in the car park of Killarney Outlet Centre which is one of big man's favourite places in the lead up to Christmas every year.

He has made his list. He has checked it twice. And the great news is that a visit to Killarney is right there at the very top of his priorities.

After he makes the long journey from the North Pole to Killarney, children – and the young at heart – will have a golden opportunity to meet and greet Santa in his cosy corner at Killarney Outlet Centre from 1.00pm to 5.00pm on the following dates:

Saturday/Sunday, November 29/30

Saturday/Sunday, December 6/7

Saturday/Sunday, December 13/14

Saturday/Sunday, December 20/21

Even better news is that there will be no charge to meet and greet Santa, no booking is necessary and there will be an opportunity to take a selfie as a souvenir of the great occasion.

Families are encouraged to bring their own cameras to capture the moment. They are assured that there will be gifts galore in the local stores – at fabulous prices and all under one roof – during their visit and centre gift vouchers will be available for use in all stores.

"We are absolutely delighted that Santa accepted our invitation to spend every Saturday and Sunday afternoon with us between now and Christmas because we know just how busy he must be at this time of the year," said centre manager Paul Sherry.

"Luckily, he is very familiar with just how magical the town is at this time of the year so he was only too delighted to get a chance to meet all the boys and girls and their families and friends," he added.





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# John Lonergan Inspires at Killarney Well-being Event Hosted by Torc Community and Family Resource Centre

An evening of inspiration, insight and laughter filled the Killarney Avenue Hotel on Wednesday, 5th November, as John Lonergan, former Governor of Mountjoy Prison, delivered a powerful talk on "Mental Health and Well-being – Reflections from his Life and Work."

Hosted by Torc Community and Family Resource Centre, in partnership with its Social Prescribing Service supported by the HSE, the event drew a large and attentive audience from across the Killarney area.

John Lonergan's talk blended warmth, humour and deep humanity as he shared lessons from his long career in the Irish Prison Service and his ongoing engagement with communities across Ireland.

He spoke candidly about the mental health challenges faced by inmates, the importance of empathy, understanding, and resilience, and how these lessons extend to all of us in our daily lives.

"Happiness and contentment aren't about what we own or achieve, they're about our relationships, our sense of purpose, and the kindness we show to others," John reflected, drawing on decades of experience working

with people at their most vulnerable.

Attendees praised the evening as informative, insightful and entertaining in equal measure, with John's unique ability to connect real-life stories to broader reflections on personal well-being and social responsibility.

Speaking after the event, Derek O'Leary, Manager of Torc Community and Family Resource Centre said:

"We were delighted to host John Lonergan, once again for what was a truly memorable evening. His message about empathy, resilience and connection resonates deeply with our work at Torc CFRC and within our Social Prescribing Service, where we support individuals to enhance their well-being and strengthen their sense of community."

The event forms part of Torc CFRC's ongoing commitment to promoting mental health awareness, community engagement and social inclusion throughout Killarney and the wider region.



Derek O'Leary, Manager Torc Community & Family Resource Centre, John Lonergan former Mountjoy Prison Governor & Motivational Speaker and Deirdre Nagle, Social Prescriber Torc Community & Family Resource Centre.

## Meals on Wheels and Community Laundry Service Officially Launches in Killarney

Meals on Wheels Tralee has officially launched its expanded services in Killarney, bringing nutritious meals and essential laundry supports directly to local residents who may benefit from extra assistance at home. Since May 2025, the service has helped households across the Killarney area through its community laundry initiative and regular meal deliveries designed to promote dignity, independence, and wellbeing.



Across Tralee and Killarney, Meals on Wheels has delivered 20,499 dinners so far this year, marking a significant increase in demand and demonstrating the importance of community-based supports for older people, individuals living alone, and those with additional needs.

The launch was attended by representatives from the HSE, community partners, and volunteers who have supported the initiative's development as part of Meals on Wheels' wider expansion across Kerry.

This Christmas, Meals on Wheels Tralee & Killarney will also be delivering Free Christmas Day Dinners to individuals and families in the Killarney area who may be unable to attend community events in person, ensuring everyone has the chance to enjoy a festive meal and feel connected on the day. The initiative runs alongside the annual sit-down Free Christmas Day Dinner in Tralee, which is open to all members of the community.

Speaking at the launch, Paddy Kevane, Director of Meals on Wheels Tralee & Killarney, said:

"We are proud to see Meals on Wheels now reaching Killarney and surrounding areas. This expansion ensures more people can receive home-delivered meals and access our new community laundry service, particularly during the winter months when isolation can hit hardest. The Free Christmas Day Dinners are an extension of that same spirit, no one should feel forgotten at Christmas. Our volunteers, local partners, and supporters make this all possible."

Anyone wishing to avail of the Meals on Wheels or Community Laundry Service can call (066) 716 5071 or visit [www.mealsonwheelstralee.ie](http://www.mealsonwheelstralee.ie) for more information.



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# CIVIL WAR IN KERRY AND ITS LEGACIES EXPLORED IN NEW EDITED COLLECTION

The Civil War in County Kerry and its many impacts and legacies feature in a new book which is published this week by Four Courts Press and edited by Bridget McAuliffe, Mary McAuliffe and Owen O'Shea.

'The Civil War in Kerry and Beyond: Histories, Memories and Legacies' is a compilation of essays from a range of academics, historians and researcher who spoke at the highly acclaimed Kerry Civil War Conference which was held in Tralee in February 2023. It will be launched at the Kerry County Museum later this month.

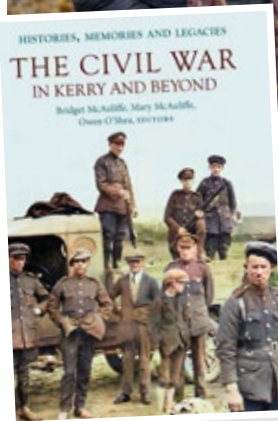
The conference was devised and organised by Bridget McAuliffe, Mary McAuliffe and Owen O'Shea who had previously worked together on an edited collection on Kerry and the 1916 Rising. Over three days, a range of experts presented the events of 1922-1923 to a wide audience by analysing, debating and embracing the complexities, contradictions and nuances of this extremely turbulent, divisive and traumatic period.

"The conference was part of the Decade of Centenaries Programme and was very well received. After the conference, many of those who attended, including the late Dr Martin Mansergh, suggested that we publish the papers presented so that the research could be shared with a wide audience," said Bridget McAuliffe, one of the editors.

"We are grateful to have received support from the Department of Culture, Communications, and Sport as well as Kerry County Council and Kerry Library to enable the book to be



Editors of The Civil War in Kerry and Beyond, Bridget McAuliffe, Dr Owen O'Shea, and Dr Mary McAuliffe.



published. We hope that it will serve not only as a reminder of the excellent contributions made to the conference but also as a definitive collection of research on this important period," she said. The chapters in the book deal with the events of the war itself – in Kerry and elsewhere – as well as themes and topics of gender, trauma and loss, politics, social and economic impacts, and the many legacies of the Civil War a century

later. It also features a chapter based on the innovative creative media exhibition on the conflict which was presented at the conference by students of Kerry College and MTU Kerry Campus.

The new book will be launched at Kerry County Museum on Friday, 21 November at 6.00pm. Guests speakers will be Minister Norma Foley and the Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr Michael Foley. The book is available now in bookshops and from the Kerry Civil War Conference website.

## Comhghairdeas mór le seanchaí óg!

Congratulations to Nancy Ní Chonchúir, a Sixth Year student at Presentation Secondary School, Castleisland, who recently achieved outstanding success by winning the All-Ireland Scéalaíocht (Storytelling) competition at Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann.

Nancy impressed the judges with her engaging performance of "An Cat agus an Choinneal" by Seán Ó Conaill, a humorous tale that showcased both her storytelling talent and her deep appreciation for the Irish language and oral tradition.

Having triumphed at county and Munster level, Nancy went on to claim the All-Ireland title, a remarkable achievement that reflects her dedication and skill. A long-time member of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann, Tralee Branch, Nancy is a shining example of how young people continue to keep our rich Irish cultural traditions alive and thriving.

"We are extremely bródúil of Nancy's achievement," said Annette Leen, Irish teacher at Presentation. "It serves as a wonderful reminder of the ways we can all help preserve our language and traditions outside of the classroom." Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh sí!







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# Hennebery's Sports Tralee Launch 60th Anniversary Charity Raffle For Signed Winning-Kerry Jerseys

HENNEBERY'S Sports Tralee has launched a high-profile charity raffle offering GAA fans the chance to win five Kerry jerseys signed by the All-Ireland winning teams of 2007, 2009, 2014, 2022 and 2025.

The fundraising campaign will support three Kerry charities, Kerry Mental Health Association, Kerry Cancer Support Group and Kerry Hospice Foundation, with the draw taking place on New Year's Eve.

The raffle was officially launched at the Ashe Street store with new Kerry Minor Football Manager and five-time All-Ireland winner Marc Ó Sé, who has signed three of the jerseys included in the prize pool.

Tickets cost €10 each or three for €20 and will be available from Hennebery's Sports Shop, Ashe Street, Tralee and volunteers who represent each of the three charities.

The late Michael Hennebery first opened the doors in 1965 and soon began supplying boots, jerseys and equipment to generations of athletes, from schoolyard beginners to All-Ireland champions.

Today, the family business is run by his sons Brian and Ciaran Hennebery, who say the anniversary is a moment to give back to the community that has supported them for six decades.

"Little compares to the joy of seeing a child



Front L to R: Ciaran Hennebery, Marc Ó Sé and Brian Hennebery; Back L to R: Siobhán Murphy (Kerry Mental Health Association), Catherine O'Halloran (Kerry Hospice Foundation), Maurice Laide (Kerry Cancer Support Group), Breda Dyland (Kerry Cancer Support Group), Maura Sullivan (Kerry Hospice Foundation)

walk out with their first pair of football boots or their first Kerry jersey," said co-owner Brian Hennebery.

"Our customers have been the past, present and future stars and supporters of sport in Kerry. This raffle is our way of saying thank you and helping three incredible local charities that

care for people across the county."

With the festive shopping season approaching, all three charities are encouraging the public to "add a raffle ticket to the gift list", reminding supporters that every entry directly funds vital local services.

## Jonas Häkkinen makes the switch from the Rebel County to the Kingdom for 2026



Kerry Football Club are delighted to confirm the signing of defender Jonas Häkkinen, who has put pen to paper on a multi-year contract with the Kingdom.

Kerry FC have signed the full back from Cobh Ramblers, where he made 34 appearances in all competitions in a campaign where the Rams finished narrowly second to eventual champions Dundalk FC. Before last season with Cobh, Jonas previously lined out for Cork City, where he made

68 appearances in total, including 17 in the Men's Premier Division.

The 26-year-old holds dual citizenship in both Canada and Finland. Born in Canada in 1999, Jonas moved to Finland, where he played for FC Haka and Vaasan Palloseura before his move to Cork. He also represented Finland on 4 occasions at Under 21 level in the 2019/2020 season. Jonas Häkkinen becomes Colin Healy's first new signing ahead of the 2026 campaign and joins

Niall Brookwell, Matt Connor and Ewan Lee in committing to Kerry FC ahead of the 2026 season. Speaking to kerryfc.com after he arrived in the Kingdom, Jonas Häkkinen said, "I'm really excited to sign for Kerry FC. Having worked with Colin previously, I know the standards he sets, and I'm looking forward to getting started, meeting my new teammates and connecting with the fans in the new year!"

Also speaking after securing Jonas' services for the new term, First Team Manager Colin Healy said, "Thrilled to have Jonas here in Kerry ahead of the 2026 season. He's a name that will be familiar to our supporters, having played against Kerry for both Cork City and Cobh Ramblers over the last couple of years. He's a fantastic player, a strong defender and works really hard for those around him, which is exactly the quality we are looking for in our players. I worked with Jonas previously in my time in Cork, and I've no doubt he will prove to be a really important player for us in 2026. I look forward to seeing him in a Kerry jersey and getting going in the pre-season campaign."



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# Kerry IGC celebrates College Awareness Week 2025!

Kerry Branch of the Institute of Guidance Counsellors organises Careers Fair and Parent Information Talks to mark College Awareness Week

The annual College Awareness Week (CAW) is taking place from November 17th to November 23rd 2024. The campaign promotes the benefits of a post-secondary plan for all and supports students to become 'college ready'.

Kerry Branch of Guidance Counsellors will celebrate College Awareness Week by holding a Careers Fair on Thursday, November 20th in the MTU Kerry Sports Academy, North Campus, Tralee which is open to the public and all second level schools from 9.30am to 1.30pm and admission is €3.00. Universities and Technological Universities from throughout Ireland will have stands at the event as well as some colleges from the UK and Europe. Agricultural colleges, the National Learning Network, the Defence Forces, an Garda Síochána and organisations providing apprenticeships, traineeships and further education, such as Kerry College of Further Education & Training will also be present. Representatives from SUSI Grants, HEAR (Higher Education Access Route) and DARE (Disability Access Route to Education) will also attend. Information talks for students on PLCs and Apprenticeships will take place at various times during the day.

Several Information talks for parents will be held on Wednesday evening, the 19th of November also in the MTU Kerry Sports Academy. Parents are invited to attend whatever talks are relevant



Kate Ní Shúilleabháin, Sophie Ní Mhuíneacháin, Lianna Ní Chroimín, Emily Rose Ní Mhurcmú and Rachel Ní Fháilbhe students and Iwíun Ní Mhuirheartaigh (Guidance Counsellor) from Gaelcholáiste Chiarraí Secondary school in Tralee are all set for the 2025 College Awareness Week. Photo: Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD

to their son/daughter. Admission is free and they provide parents with the opportunity to support their son/daughter at this important time.

**The times are as follows:**

**7pm: HEAR (Higher Education Access Scheme)**

**EUNICAS: Information about studying in Europe.**

**8pm: DARE (Disability Access Route to Education)**

**UCAS: Information about studying in the UK**

CAW aims to inspire and inform all students about the importance of having a post-secondary education plan. It advocates for students to have the choice to pursue the course best suited to their interests, abilities and dreams, whether that is a FE qualification, an apprenticeship or a university degree.

## Applications Open for Kerry Students for 2026 Entry to No-Points Tertiary Bachelor's Degree Courses

As students begin to consider their options for the 2026/2027 academic year, the National Tertiary Office is encouraging prospective students to explore an expanded offering of Tertiary Bachelor's Degree programmes. There are no points needed and no college fees for the first 1-2 years while studying in your local Education and Training Board (ETB).

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just 13 courses, the pathway has grown rapidly, with over 40 courses to be available nationwide for 2026. Entry is based on students' potential, interests, and ability, with programmes available in high-demand areas such as

Animation, Visual Effect, and Motion Design, General Nursing, and Mental Health Nursing. When courses begin in ETBs around the country, students will be able to start their studies close to home, reducing the cost and

pressure of relocating. ETBs offer smaller class sizes and tailored support for those starting out or returning to learning. From day one, students will be registered with both the ETB and the Higher Education Institution (HEI), giving them full access to libraries, sports, academic, health and wellbeing services, and campus facilities at both locations.

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# Castleisland Nursing Home Team Honoured at NHI Care Awards

A Kerry nursing home team has been recognised among Ireland's best at the 2025 NHI Care Awards, the premier national celebration of excellence in nursing home care. The Connect Café team at Willow Brooke Care Centre, Castleisland, received the Team of the Year Award, sponsored by the Irish Hospice Foundation.

The Connect Café initiative was created to bring residents, families, and the wider community together through shared experiences and meaningful conversations promoting inclusion, emotional wellbeing, and connection.

The team was honoured at a gala ceremony held on Thursday, 6th November 2025, in the Round Room at the Mansion House, Dublin. The event was attended by Minister for Older People, Kieran O'Donnell TD, who presented one of the awards on the night. The ceremony celebrated the exceptional care delivered every day across nursing homes throughout Ireland. More than 250 nominations were submitted from across the country, with 34 finalists chosen by an independent judging panel representing nursing, academia, and the wider health and social care sectors. The evening brought together staff, families, and representatives from every corner of Ireland,



Representatives from Connect Café who were winners of Team of the Year.

with an atmosphere of celebration, positivity, and pride filling the Round Room as winners were announced.

"The NHI Care Awards celebrate the extraordinary dedication of those who provide compassionate, person-centred care every day," said Tadhg Daly, CEO of Nursing Homes Ireland.

"The Connect Café team at Willow Brooke Care Centre exemplify creativity, teamwork, and innovation in supporting residents' quality of life. Their work reflects the community spirit and compassion that lie at the heart of nursing home care."

## KWD RECYCLING WIN AT REPAK RESOURCE AWARDS 2025



Photographed at the Repak Resource Awards are Jack, Séan, Abigail and Luke Murphy from KWD Recycling, winner of the Waste Recovery Operator and Facility Award, alongside Des Crinion, Chair of The Irish Waste Management Association, the award sponsor. Picture: Robbie Reynolds

KWD Recycling has been honoured at the Repak Resource Awards 2025, Ireland's national environmental awards celebrating excellence in waste prevention, recycling, reuse, circular design, and community-led sustainability initiatives.

The Killarney-based company received the Waste Recovery Operator and Facility Award, recognising its leadership in advancing recycling and waste recovery standards across the region. One of Ireland's largest family-owned recycling groups, KWD Recycling recently invested in a state-of-the-art facility in Killarney designed to recover valuable materials from general waste. The operation is already achieving significant results, diverting over 10% of plastics and 50% of organics from disposal.

The Repak Resource Awards highlight outstanding efforts from individuals, businesses, and communities driving Ireland's transition to a circular economy. Winners were selected for their innovation, environmental impact, and commitment to sustainability.

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# Kerry HR Consultancy aims to partner with over 2,000 companies with rollout of New AI Software

HR Buddy, which has offices in Killarney, Cork, Limerick and Dublin is aiming to cut admin time for HR managers with new solution. Kerry based human resources consultancy firm HR Buddy has announced that it has expanded with the launch of a new AI software tool. The aim of the tool is to help HR managers better deal with day to day HR admin issues, freeing them up to spend more valuable time on people management. The software can manage things like annual leave management, payroll, clock in and clock out functions and generating gender pay gap reports.

The new software is called HR Buddy Manager and the company expects to roll this out to over 2,000 companies in Ireland by the end of 2026. The software was designed by HR experts and IT specialists with the aim of making HR processes within businesses as seamless as possible. HR Buddy Manager software uses AI reader to cut through endless hours of admin and documentation. It looks after several tasks including:

**Generation of employee contracts**  
**Annual leave**  
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**Payroll and overtime data**  
**Rostering**  
**Clock in / clock out function**  
**Secure Geolocation tracking**  
**Document storage**  
**Generation of gender pay gap reports**  
**Workplace training in anti-bullying**



Damien McCarthy, Founder and MD of HR Buddy. The company aims to partner with over 2,000 companies with the rollout of new AI software, HR Buddy Manager. Photo: Alison Miles

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Commenting on the new software platform, Founder and MD of HR Buddy Damien McCarthy said: "Our most popular services include HR documentation, employment contracts, training programmes, managed HR services and outsourced payroll services. Through delivering these solutions to clients over the past number of years, we identified an opportunity to create a bespoke software system that carries out multiple functions for

HR professionals. The idea behind HR Buddy Manager is to remove the stress and hassle of day-to-day HR, payroll and people admin, which in turns frees up time for busy managers and business owners to focus on other tasks. We're very excited to roll this out as part of our journey of expansion."

**More details can be found at [www.hrbuddy.ie](http://www.hrbuddy.ie) or to book a free demo, email [info@hrbuddy.ie](mailto:info@hrbuddy.ie)**

## Killarney Jaunting Cars join Tourism Ireland at world's largest travel fair



Tourism Ireland, together with tourism businesses from across the island of Ireland – including Killarney Jaunting Cars / Tangney Tours, mounted a significant presence at World Travel Market (WTM) in London this week. WTM is the largest B2B event in the global travel and tourism calendar and heralds the beginning of Ireland's promotional drive overseas for 2026. While taking place in London, WTM is an excellent opportunity to meet tour operators and travel trade from around the world, including those serving nascent markets like China, India and

the Middle East, as well Great Britain, Mainland Europe and North America. 2025 has been a year of change in tourism, but with opportunity ahead, including +12% growth in air connectivity to the island of Ireland this winter. Tourism Ireland's message at WTM is that the island of Ireland has so much to offer across regions and seasons. The organisation's focus remains on marketing the island effectively overseas, giving visitors compelling reasons to choose this destination.

Pictured are David Wood, Tourism Ireland (left); with Laura Tangney and Louise O'Mahony, both Killarney Jaunting Cars / Tangney Tours, at World Travel Market in London.



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# Anomis Beauty Studio to Host Fundraiser for Kerry Hospice

Anomis Beauty Studio in Killarney is set to mark its first anniversary with a special fundraising event in aid of Kerry Hospice Foundation, celebrating community, care, and compassion.

The Palliative Care Fundraiser will take place on Saturday, November 30th, 2025, at The Brehon Hotel, Killarney, beginning with a Prosecco reception and finger food from 6:30 p.m. till late.

Guests can look forward to an evening filled with live entertainment, raffle prizes, and Golden Envelope instant wins, with all proceeds going directly to Kerry Hospice.

Tickets are €15, which include five raffle entries, and are available online, in-salon at Anomis Beauty Studio, and on the night of the event. Additional raffle tickets can also be purchased during the evening.

"All profits will be donated to Kerry Hospice, so every ticket truly makes a difference," said Simona at Anomis Beauty Studio.

The night promises to be an unforgettable celebration of community spirit and generosity, honouring the studio's first year in business while supporting vital local palliative care services.

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John Finnegan, Coolgarraive

Sean O'Callaghan, Upper Park Road

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Noel O'Mahony, Kilcummin

The Gleneagle Hotel, Muckross Road

Anita Cronin, Muckross

Sheila Dobbins, Gneeveguilla

Margaret Daly, Scarteen

Juilette & Sean Kelly, Fossa

Leonna Murphy, Rookery Road

Congratulations to all winners, and thanks to all who supported, promoted and sponsored the draw this year. Tickets are still available from the Sacristies and Parish Office

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# RADIO KERRY'S 12TH CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

The 12th annual Radio Kerry Christmas Jumper Day fundraiser for St Vincent de Paul will take place on Thursday 11th December. Over the past 11 years almost €200,000 has been raised to support the invaluable work of St Vincent de Paul in Kerry thanks to the generosity of individuals, school communities and businesses across the county.

Christmas Jumper Day is about FUNdraising. We encourage and enable everyone of all ages to take part in their own local environment simply by wearing a Christmas Jumper and making a donation to St Vincent De Paul Kerry. Then share a photo or video via social media, email, text and WhatsApp so that we share them on Radio Kerry Social channels. Private individuals, families, school and university students, teachers, lecturers and administration teams, colleagues in small, medium and large enterprises – whether working from the office or home can all participate. Register to let us know you are taking part in Radio Kerry Christmas Jumper Day 2025.

Sinéad Donnelly, Area President, SVP Tralee and West Kerry said, "Last year in the Tralee and West Kerry alone, SVP spent €364,000 supporting local families and individuals in need. That level of help is only possible thanks to the generosity shown through initiatives like Christmas Jumper Day. Go raibh míle maith agaibh to everyone across Kerry for standing with us — your support keeps hope alive at Christmas".

Donations may be made directly to the St Vincent de Paul Kerry bank account, their shops around the county or to Radio Kerry. Online donations can be made via [www.radiokerry.ie/jumperday](http://www.radiokerry.ie/jumperday) and through Payzone. There is also a dedicated phone line for donations (066) 712 8021 (Extension 1) with 100% of the money going to St Vincent de Paul Kerry.

The money raised via Christmas Jumper Day is used to fund a number of St Vincent de Paul projects right across Kerry including Christmas food hampers, Santa gifts for children who are homeless and in direct provision, Christmas Day Meals on Wheels and the Kerry Education Fund. St Vincent de Paul operate a donation centre in Tralee and eight stores across their Conference areas in Tralee, Castleisland, Listowel, Killorglin, Killarney, Dingle, Kenmare and Abbeyfeale.

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# Castleisland Community College Football Team Storms into County Final

The sporting spirit is alive and thriving in Castleisland Community College, as the Under-15 Gaelic football team has powered its way to the Brendan O Shea Cup County final, continuing a proud tradition of athletic excellence.

Their journey to the final has been nothing short of impressive. In the quarter-final, they overcame local rivals St. Pat's with a commanding 4-9 to 2-7 victory, showcasing both grit and flair. The semi-final saw them face Coláiste na Sceilge, Cahersiveen, where they delivered a thrilling performance to win 7-8 to 4-7, securing their place in the county showdown.

This team's success is no surprise to those familiar with the school's sporting pedigree. Many of these talented players were part of the squad that clinched the U14 FAI National Soccer Championship last season, a landmark achievement that brought national recognition. Their versatility doesn't end there, several team members also starred in the basketball arena, helping the school capture both the U14 Basketball Ireland National Cup and the 1st



Back L-R Connie o Connor, Michael O'Connell, Tom O'Neill, Olly O'Shea, Cillian Murphy, Emmett O'Grady, Seán Kerin, Kealan Burke, Fionn Browne, Luke Murphy, Darragh Lyons, Adam Walsh, James O'Donoghue, Front L-R David Fealey, Eugene Mamontov, Reuben O'leary Griffin, Aidan O'Connor, Leo Flynn, Conor O'Donoghue, Brian McShane, Ryan O'Connor, Charlie Tarrant, Rion O'Sullivan, Jack O'Sullivan, Billy Moriarty.

Year Basketball Ireland National League titles. Such accomplishments reflect the school's deep-rooted commitment to sport, with football, soccer, and basketball forming the backbone of a vibrant athletic culture. The Under-15 Gaelic football team now stands on

the brink of another historic moment, and the entire school community is rallying behind them as they prepare for the county final.

'Win or lose, this group has already etched its name into the school's sporting legacy,' stated Máiréad Corridan (Principal).

## Huge Kerry effort helps shoebox appeal break 3million barrier

Locals in Kerry have generated 39,551 Christmas shoebox gifts for children affected by poverty over the last three years – and helped a charity pass the 3million mark nationally in time for Christmas. Since 2010, Team Hope has delivered over 2.8million shoebox gifts from Ireland to countries across Africa and Eastern Europe – and will ship off its three-millionth in the coming weeks.

The charity's figures show that in the last three years, kind-hearted donors in Kerry have created almost 40,000 gifts.

And there is still time to increase that total – with drop-off points open around the county until November 15.

"The support we have received from the people of Kerry since 2010 has



been incredible," said Team Hope CEO, Deborah Lowry.

"But there's always a need for more shoeboxes so it would be great if schools, parents, businesses and community groups across the county can come together for one

last push to create their own.

"They are often packed by children for children and carry not only toys and treats but also the invisible gifts of love and hope. "That kindness, travelling across oceans, reminds a child that they are not forgotten

– that someone, somewhere cares about them." Surpassing the magical 3million shoebox mark ties in with the charity's 15th anniversary of bringing happiness to children in some of the poorest parts of the world, many of whom have never experienced the joy of Christmas. Everyone in Kerry is urged to continue the effort – filled shoeboxes can be dropped off until November 15 at these locations in Kerry and nationwide: [teamhope.ie/christmas-shoebox-appeal/drop-off-points/](http://teamhope.ie/christmas-shoebox-appeal/drop-off-points/)

Donors, if they prefer, can choose to send a personalised €25 shoebox online through Team Hope's website, right up until Christmas Eve. **To get involved, see [www.teamhope.ie](http://www.teamhope.ie)**

## K.W.O.T.E. MEETING

Killarney Women's Organisation for Training and Empowerment.

Our monthly meeting is on Wednesday the 19th of November at the Parish Centre next to the Church of the Resurrection V93WN32.

**THE TIME OF THE MEETING WILL BE 2PM.**

## FOSSA TWO MILE CCÉ

Senior Dancing classes - please note that due to demand our beginners class will now commence at 8.10pm on Tuesdays.

Our Annual Christmas Ceili will be held at Fossa Community Hall on Sunday Dec 14th 3-6pm. Music by Neily O'Connor.

Following our AGM held on Nov 3rd our branch would like to thank all who supported Fossa Two Mile Comhaltas over the past year.

Our Junior Set Dancing classes continue every Wednesday 5.30-6.30.



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## KILCUMMIN PARISH

Written by: Helen Moynihan

### KILCUMMIN CHURCH NOVEMBER MASSES

Dates for November Masses for the Holy Souls. Especially for our dearly departed and all the names on our November list and Memory Tree.

Tue 18th Nov @ 9.30am.

Thur 27th Nov @ 7.30pm.

### KILCUMMIN RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Kilcummin Rural Development would like to extend their thanks and appreciation to Kerry County Council for funding received from the Community Support Fund 2025 to update its website and establish a social media presence in order to promote Kilcummin.

### KILCUMMIN LOOKING GOOD

Kilcummin Looking Good would like to express its gratitude to Kerry County Council and the Department of Rural and Community Development for providing financial support under the Local Enhancement Programme 2025. It helped with the Biodiversity Park basic upkeep and tree care.

### JINGLE & MINGLE CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Rehearsals for the Kilcummin Christmas Jingle & Mingle Children's Choir continues every Tuesday at 7:00pm in the Rural Development Office. All children are very welcome to take part! The choir will perform at the Jingle & Mingle Christmas event on Sunday, 14th December — a wonderful way to share some festive cheer and community spirit. Come along, bring your enthusiasm, and help us make this year's celebration extra special!

### KILCUMMIN BABY AND TODDLER

Kilcummin Baby and Toddler Group continues on Monday's, 9.30 am – 11.30 am at the Recreational Hall. Caitríona's 6 week language course and play programme continues for ages 0-3 years. The programme consists of songs, nursery rhymes, hand puppets, play, advice on local services in the area, etc. Playgroup is drop in with no pre – booking needed, the fee is €3 each Monday, tea/coffee, snacks included. Everyone welcome. Group contact is Orla 086 3628335.

### KILCUMMIN GAA NOTES BY DONAL BARRY

#### UNDER 16'S

Our Under 16's are through to the East Kerry Division 1 final having dispatched Killarney Legion 0-22 to 2-8 on Sunday morning in a game they controlled throughout with an eye-catching display by Darragh Keane who ended the game with 0-16. Keane opened the scoring inside the opening minutes and with early scores by Eamon O'Donoghue and Dean Moynihan ran into a 0-6 to 0-1 lead before Legion stuck for the game's opening goal to narrow the gap after a quarter. A two pointer by Keane kick started Kilcummin once again and they took a 0-12 to 1-2 lead with them to the break. The pace of the contest dropped somewhat into the second half as Kilcummin held the upper hand 0-16 to 1-4 by the end of the third quarter. Cian Stack, Conor Finnegan, Mark Fleming and Joe O'Connor continued to work hard dominating most of the possession. Into the final quarter and Liam O'Mahony in his second game since returning after a long layoff from injury began to find a few nice scores while Conor O'Leary coming off the bench added another fine point as Kilcummin clinched their place in the final with Listry, a game that will take place in Listry in 2 weeks' time. Well done to all the players and management.

#### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Rhea Kate Devane who captained the East Kerry Under 15 ladies who defeated South Kerry 1-14 to 2-8 in the county district under 15 Shield Final v South Kerry.



Guest Ticket seller Muiris Healy, Kilcummin Post Office, Lotto committee members Kathleen Devane, Kathleen O'Leary, David Fleming Treasurer and Ciara Nagle Chairperson winners Noah & Freddie O'Leary

Ailbhe O' Callaghan, Ella Murphy, Katie Brosnan, Rebecca O' Connell, Michelle Doolan (inj) and Melissa O' Connor (inj) were all part of the East Kerry team as well as John O'Callaghan who was part of the team's management.

#### GYM MEMBERSHIP

Membership to Kilcummin Fitness Centre is available from now until the end of 2026 for €250. You can contact John on 087 6168449 or call into Shane O' Sullivan at the gym to join.

#### AGM

Kilcummin GAA AGM will take place on November 28th, 2025, at the Club house. All Motions and Nominations must be returned to the Secretary by Friday 21st of November next.

#### LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Monday 03rd November for the Jackpot of €4,750. Numbers drawn were 04,13,18,30. Consolation prizes of €50 went Aoife O'Connor, Scartaglen, Seán Leahy, Brosna, Vincent Roddy, Dunrine, Ger Lenihan, Rathanane. Our next draw will be on Monday 17th November for Jackpot of €5,000.

#### MASTERGEEHA FC

##### U12 Division 2; Mastergeeha C3 – 0 Killorglin C

Mastergeeha U12 C Team played Killorglin at home on Saturday morning. Goals from Finn Murphy and Ryan Dewhurst secured victory for the boys. The game saw fantastic performances from all involved, in particular Michael O'Connor, Darragh O'Connell, Rory Leane, Ryan Dewhurst and Finn Murphy. Player of the Match – Finn Murphy.

#### LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Friday, 7th November for the Jackpot of €2,000. Numbers drawn were 07,10,11,21. Consolation prizes of €50 went Neilus McCarthy, Kilbrean; John Gerard O'Leary, Glounonea; Paul O'Rourke, Rathanane; Joe Collins. Our next draw will be on Friday 14th November for Jackpot of €2,200.

Seamus Murphy Head of Department MTU (second from left) with David Grebowiec, Jamie Crowley Pobalscoil Inbhearr Sceine Kenmare, Réaltín O'Donoghue St Brigid's School, Teacher Haulie Clifford St Brendan's College and Cara Lyne St Brigid's Secondary School Killarney at the St Brendan's College Apprenticeship Careers Fair organised by the transition students at St Brendan's College as part of their Young Scocial Innovators project "The Road Not Taken" on Tuesday.  
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## BEAUFORT PARISH

By Bridget Hartnett

### LOTTO

Lotto Draw for a Jackpot of €8,600 was held on Sunday night last. Numbers drawn were 4, 7, 13, 27. There was no winner. Consolation Prize winners - €80 to Pdraig O'Connor, Cahirciveen. €50 each to Mike Curran, Carnahone, James O'Shea, Shanacloon and Lisa Ferris, Dunloe. Next Draw for a Jackpot of €8,800 will be on Sunday, 23rd November. Tickets available from usual sellers, bars and shops. Lotto can also be done online on <https://beaufortgaa.clubforce.com/products/lotto/beaufort-gaa-club>

### SENIORS

Well done to our Senior team who beat Cromane comprehensively in the Mid-Kerry Championship semi-final in Beaufort on Sunday. Final score: Beaufort 8-23 to Cromane 1-9. They now play Milltown-Castlemaine in the Final on Sunday next. Time and venue to be confirmed.

### MIKE BREEN

Well done to Mike Breen who received a nomination for an All-Star recently. Though not successful on the night, the club is so proud of all his success to date and without a doubt his day will come.

### SCOR NA NOG

Congratulations to Chloe O'Connor who represented our club in Scor na nOg held in Dromid last weekend. Chloe came 2nd in the Solo Singing. Well done Chloe, the club is very proud of you.

A huge congratulations and well done to our Scor na nOg Quiz team who retained the title they won last year. The team was Cormac and Fionan O'Sullivan, Calum Galvin and Darragh Doyle. Great win boys, the club is very proud of you.

**MID KERRY U15S LADIES** came up against a very strong Tralee District team in the County Final on Saturday, Final score: Tralee District 3-8 Mid Kerry 1-7. Beaufort were represented by Chloe Coffey, Lauren McEvoy and Laoise O'Keeffe. Diarmuid O'Keeffe was also on the management team.

**MID KERRY U13S** were successful in the Final of the Championship Silver Final on Saturday, Final score: Mid-Kerry 8-7 to South Kerry 8-6. Beaufort were represented by Lile Bourke, Caolainn O'Riordan and Chloe Coffey. Brian Coffey was also on the management team.

### U13 GIRLS

U13 girls are due to play on Tuesday evening at 6pm in Spa v Spa, Killarney. Best of luck girls.

### HEALTHY CLUB RECYCLING DRIVE

Now is a great time for an Autumn Clean Out! Items such as Women's, Men's and Children's Clothes, Shoes, Handbags, Belts, Curtains and Sheets can be recycled.. Collection is on 27th November. Bags may be dropped off at the Clubrooms during the next few weeks. Any queries to Mary on 086-0640065.

### RAMBLING HOUSE

Beaufort Pioneer Council will hold a Rambling House on Saturday next November 15th in Beaufort Community Hall. Doors open at 8pm, a great evening of music, song and dance is assured. Refreshments will also be served.

## GLENFLESK PARISH

Written by: Sean Daly

### SAVE THE DATE

Friday 5th of December at 7pm in the Killarney Avenue Hotel. Honouring the Millenium Cup Winners of 2000 and to Celebrate the Achievements of our Senior Ladies. More information to follow.

### COMMUNITY ALERT

Public Meeting Invitation. Monday 17th November at 7pm in The Kerry Way. Join us for an important Community Alert Meeting to discuss safety, communication and neighbourhood updates for the Glenflesk Area. All welcome!

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT

It's that time of year again! The Glenflesk CCE Xmas Concert is just around the corner. Join us on Sunday, 30th November at 3pm in Glenflesk GAA Hall for a FABULOUS family fun filled afternoon of music, laughter and festive cheer! Come support our youngest stars and some of our seasoned performers as they take the stage! We hope to see you all there!

### MASS

Jerry and Bina O'Leary and family are having a Thanksgiving Holy Mass for everyone that has supported them on their journey over the past two years. They would love to have you all join them on Friday the 14th of November at 8:15pm in The Sacred Heart church in Barraduff.



Glenflesk u14 East Kerry League medal presentation last Friday. Photo: Seamus Healy



Garda Majella Lynch and Garda Aaron Brady Killarney with St Brendan's College students Diva Lucie and Ryan Lynch at the St Brendan's College Apprenticeship Careers Fair organised by the transition students at St Brendan's College as part of their Young Social Innovators project "The Road Not Taken" on Tuesday.

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Congratulations to Killarney Community College 5th year student Mark O'Brien on receiving an NTEA Award. Mark received the National Education Achievement Award. Mark is pictured with teachers at the school who are thrilled with his achievement.



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## RATHMORE | GNEEVEGUILLA PARISH

By Michael O' Mahony

### COFFEE MORNING FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported our recent Coffee Morning for Breast Cancer Awareness Month in aid of the Irish Cancer Society.

The event was held recently at White Raven, Old Chapel, Rathmore, and was a wonderful success thanks to the generosity, kindness, and good company of all who attended.

Together, we raised an amazing €3,439.60 to help fund vital breast cancer research, patient care, and support services. Whether you baked, poured a cup, donated, or simply stopped by for a chat, your contribution truly made a difference.

It was inspiring to see our community come together in such a positive and supportive way. Thank you all for making this event so special.

### GNEEVEGUILLA COMMUNITY FACILITY – SHARE THE BUCKET

The Share the Bucket draw takes place every Friday evening at 8:30 p.m. in Teach Fáilte and can be viewed live on the Gneeveguilla Community Facility Facebook Page. This week's jackpot winners were Jack and Oisín O'Leary, who won €208. Tickets cost €2 each or three for €5 and are available in Teach Fáilte, local businesses, or online at <https://tinyurl.com/y2ade5om>

Your continued support is greatly appreciated, with all proceeds going towards the new proposed community facility. A sincere thank you to all our local businesses, shops, and pubs for their ongoing support, and to everyone who purchases tickets each week.

### POP-UP GAELTACHT – TÚIRÍN CHATHAIL

An bhfuil suim agat sa Ghaeilge? Maybe you have cúpla focal, Gaeilge líofa, or would simply like to improve your spoken Irish. Why not come along for some comhrá, cupán tae agus craic at Tureenchahill Community Centre? Every first Thursday of the month, from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. All levels are welcome – even if you are a beginner. Students are especially welcome to practise for oral Irish exams. Donations appreciated. Contact: 086 3159744

### CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD WISHES

Best of luck to Ian O'Connor and Daragh Desmond as they set off on their travels to Australia.

Congratulations also to Shane Ryan on his All-Star Award – a fantastic achievement.

### FIXTURES

East Kerry Senior Championship – Dr. O'Donoghue Cup Semi-Final Rathmore v Kenmare, Sunday, November 16th, Fitzgerald Stadium, 2:15p.m. throw-in

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### 301 CLUB DRAW RESULTS

€500 Mary Sheehan, Rathmore. €100 Tadhg Noynihan, Rathbeg, Rathmore. €100 Kate Wilson, Rathmore. €100 Hickey's Central, Rathmore. €100 Michele & Fintan Twomey, Rathmore. €100 Cian O'Keeffe, Rathmore. The Rathmore Community Council appreciates your support



Pictured is Shane Ryan with All Star award in RDS with his father Sean & his mother Patricia last Friday night

### RATHMORE BRANCH OF THE KERRY PARENTS FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

In recognition of Michael John Dinneen's lifelong commitment to Kerry Parents Friends Association through his Fundraising activities especially at Christmas, the branch wishes to continue this tradition in his memory, Bingo will take place in the Rathmore Community Centre on Sunday 7th December at 3pm. Sponsorship and donations are being sought for each game and a Raffle at half time. The proceeds will be donated to Kerry Parents & Friends Association

### RATHMORE POST MAN RETIRED AFTER 20 YEARS

John Foley retired on Friday 31st OCTOBER 2025 we wish John Best of luck on his retirement

### KERRY PARENTS RATHMORE BRANCH

Bingo in memory of Michael John Dineen, Sunday 7th December @3pm at Community Centre Rathmore

**RATHMORE SOCIAL ACTION GROUP** has won the Age Friendly Communities category for providing vital services for the elderly at the National Pride of Place Awards - a fitting recognition on the year of their 50th Anniversary. Well done to all involved in this truly wonderful community organisation

### NOTES

If you would like to include an item in next week's notes, please email Michael O'Mahony at [momahony14@gmail.com](mailto:momahony14@gmail.com) or call/text 087 6676817 before 6p.m.

## SPA PARISH

By Leanne Cronin

### DR. O'DONOGHUE CUP – SEMI-FINAL

Best of luck to players and management when they play Dr. Crokes in the Fitzgeralds Stadium on Saturday 15th November at 2:15pm.

### SPA LOTTO IS 10/11/25 RESULTS

Numbers drawn: 2, 6, 17 & 28. No jackpot winner; Lucky dips €50 each: Eileen Moloney, Online; Mark O'Connor, c/o McSweeneys;

Eileen & Mariya Casey, Castle Park; Donnacha O'Sullivan, Rathmore; Next week's draw will be Monday 17 Nov for a jackpot of €4,500

### NOTES

Any items for our notes please contact Leanne 085-7762411

Ciara Treacy of Ross Hotel and Killarney Park Hotels with St Brendan's College Liam Breen, Luke McCan and Jack Teahan at the St Brendan's College Apprenticeship Careers Fair organised by the transition students at St Brendan's College as part of their Young Social Innovators project "The Road Not Taken" on Tuesday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin







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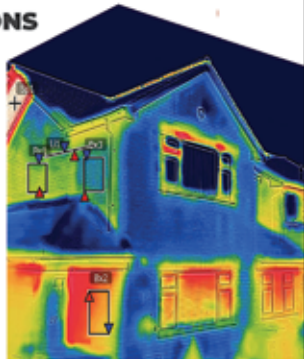
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Every single person has had days when they struggle or find it hard to cope. And, on those days they simply did their best, no matter what this might have looked like to someone else. Sometimes your best is just getting up in the morning.

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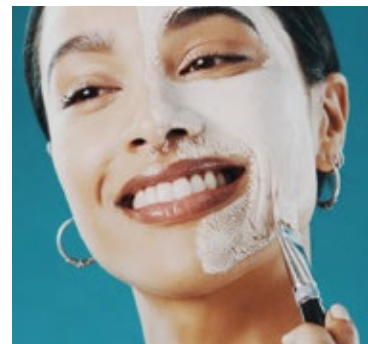
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  - Light jogging or step workouts (if joints allow)
  - Jump rope or low-impact plyometrics for those without joint issues
- Mix up impact levels — even short bursts (like 30-second hops) are beneficial for bones.

Also focus on **Flexibility, Balance & Mind-Body Work**

Reduces stiffness, stress, and fall risk.

- Yoga or tai chi: improve balance and reduce anxiety
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# KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL – Killarney Municipal District Meeting

## *Cllr. John O'Donoghue Highlights Importance of Killarney's Laneways and Urgent Road Repairs*

At the recent meeting of the Kerry County Council – Killarney Municipal District, Cllr. John O'Donoghue raised several key issues of importance to the local community.

**Restoration of Killarney's Historic Laneways**  
Cllr. O'Donoghue called on the Council to formulate and implement a multi-annual restoration project for Killarney's laneways, citing their deep historical and cultural significance.  
"The laneways of Killarney are of enormous historical and cultural significance as they represent the 'Old Killarney', the heart of where the town's early residents lived and worked. They are an integral part of our heritage and tell the story of how Killarney grew into the

thriving town it is today," said Cllr. O'Donoghue. He noted that while the laneways remain functional and safe, many have become tired and in need of renewal. He proposed that a structured restoration programme could revitalize these areas, enhance their tourism potential, and contribute to Killarney's Tidy Towns efforts.  
"With the right resources, our excellent outdoor staff could completely rejuvenate these laneways. Many already host cafés and restaurants and could become an attraction in their own right, similar to the charming side streets and laneways found in great cities abroad."

**Urgent Works on Muckcross Road**  
Cllr. O'Donoghue also addressed the urgent need for repairs along Muckcross Road, extending as far as Flesk Bridge. He described the road's condition as "deplorable in parts,"

particularly near Woodlawn Cross, and called for emergency funding and engagement with the NTA/TII to support the works.  
"This is one of the main arteries into our town and a heavily used tourist route. For too long, its poor condition has been both an eyesore and a hazard, especially during the winter months."  
Cllr. O'Donoghue welcomed the commencement of works along the stretch, praising the decision to carry out the repairs at night to minimize traffic disruption.  
"I commend the Council for finally tackling this long-overdue issue. I trust that proper drainage works are also being included, as water lodging has been a major problem for both motorists and pedestrians in recent years."  
He emphasised the importance of maintaining the presentation and safety of Killarney's key routes, which form the first impression for visitors returning to the town after exploring the wider region.

## Minister Healy-Rae criticises Social Democrats for failing to back Irish farmers in nitrates debate

Minister of State for Forestry, Horticulture and Farm Safety Michael Healy-Rae TD has criticised the Social Democrats and Deputy Jennifer Whitmore for their comments following last week's meeting with European Commissioner for the Environment Jessica Roswall. Minister Healy-Rae said he was glad to be part of the Irish delegation that met with Commissioner Roswall on Friday last, where he made it clear that the Nitrates Derogation is absolutely vital for the survival of Irish family farms and the rural economy.  
"The Social Democrats' position is completely out of touch with the realities on the ground," Minister Healy-Rae said. "To suggest that we can simply do away with the Nitrates Derogation shows a total lack of understanding of how Irish agriculture works and how many livelihoods depend on it. Will the Social Democrats face down the over 2,000 farmers who turned up to hear Minister Martin Heydon address them in Cork last Monday? Those farmers spoke with one clear

voice, the derogation must be retained."  
Minister Healy-Rae added that farmers have made enormous environmental progress over the past 20 years through improved nutrient management, water protection measures, and investment in technology, but they cannot continue to be unfairly blamed for every environmental challenge.  
"Our farmers are custodians of the countryside. They've invested heavily in better slurry storage, buffer zones, and nutrient plans, and they're continuously improving. What they need is support and partnership, not condemnation," he said.  
"The Social Democrats do not represent the farmers of this country, and their position does nothing to protect either the environment or rural Ireland. If they had their way, they would destroy family farming and the communities that depend on it. I will continue to stand with the farmers who feed our nation, protect our landscape, and sustain our rural way of life."

## Cahill Welcomes Funding Boost for Kerry under 2025 LGBTIQ+ Community Services Fund

Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry, Michael Cahill, has warmly welcomed the announcement by his party colleague Minister for Children, Disability and Equality, Norma Foley T.D., of €1.7 million in national funding under the 2025 LGBTIQ+ Community Services Fund, including significant allocations for Kerry.  
Deputy Cahill said he was particularly pleased to see funding directed to the Listowel Family Resource Centre, which has been awarded €75,687 for its LGBT+ Community Support Worker project.  
"This is a very positive announcement for County Kerry," said Deputy Cahill. "The funding provided to the Listowel Family Resource Centre will support valuable community-based work promoting inclusion, equality and wellbeing. This project will make a real difference in ensuring that all people, regardless of background or identity, feel supported and included in our local communities."  
Deputy Cahill also welcomed funding for national and regional organisations whose work will benefit people in Kerry, including:  
• The Gay Project CLG (€100,000) for its Strengthening the Rainbow initiative, which supports services across Cork and Kerry, and  
• Conscious Connections (€9,900) for its Well Connected wellness hub for women and non-binary people, reaching Donegal, Kerry, Longford, Wexford and Waterford.  
"These projects together underline the Government's commitment to inclusion, equality, and supporting wellbeing at every level," Cahill continued. "I'm particularly proud that Kerry continues to feature strongly in national initiatives that protect rights and strengthen community life." Minister Norma Foley announced the €1.7 million fund as part of the Government's National LGBTIQ+ Inclusion Strategy II 2024–2028, which aims to promote inclusion, protect rights, and enhance quality of life and wellbeing for LGBTIQ+ persons across Ireland.  
"This funding ensures that local and national organisations can continue their vital work in promoting equality and providing frontline supports. It's about building communities that are welcoming and inclusive for everyone," Deputy Cahill concluded.





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#### 3rd Friday

7.30 PM  
8.00 PM  
8.15 PM  
9.00 PM  
9.30 PM

#### Castleisland Area

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The Kingdom Bar, Castleisland  
The Crown Hotel, Castleisland  
Hughes Bar, Cordal  
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#### 1st Wednesday

8.00 PM  
8.30 PM  
9.00 PM  
9.30 PM

#### Killarney Area

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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  
9.15 PM  
9.45 PM

#### Killorglin Area

Golden Nugget, Fossa  
Galvin's Bar, Beaufort  
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Larkin's Bar, Milltown  
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#### 1st Thursday

8.30 PM  
9.00 PM  
9.30 PM  
10:00 PM

#### Glenflesk & Barraduff

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#### 4th Friday

8.30 PM  
9.30 PM  
10.00 PM  
10.45 PM

#### Kenmare & Sneem Area

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## Minister Michael Healy-Rae Opens Irish Self-Catering Conference and Calls for Urgent Action on Short-Term Letting Rules

Minister of State for Forestry, Horticulture and Farm Safety, Michael Healy-Rae TD, opened the Irish Self-Catering Federation (ISCF) Conference this week in Spanish Point, Co. Clare, using the opportunity to strongly highlight his ongoing concerns about Government proposals on short-term letting (STL) and their potential impact on rural Ireland.

Speaking to operators from across the country, Minister Healy-Rae described the self-catering sector as "a proud tradition, a thriving family business network, and a vital part of the rural economy." He highlighted that according to Fáilte Ireland, over 40% of Ireland's tourism beds are provided by the self-catering sector, most of which are located in rural towns and villages.

"I was proud to open this important conference today and to stand with the people who have kept rural tourism alive through decades of change," he said. "But I am deeply concerned

that current Government proposals on short-term letting could undo decades of good work and destroy viable family-run businesses in towns and villages across the country."

The Minister reiterated his strong opposition to the proposal that would require all STL operators to apply for full planning permission and would effectively block new permissions in towns with populations over 10,000.

"This one-size-fits-all approach makes no sense. Places like Killarney, Dungarvan, Ballina and Tramore will be hit hard and the reality is that these properties will not return to the long-term rental market. They were never part of it to begin with," he said.

Minister Healy-Rae called for:

- The 10,000 population threshold to be raised to 15,000, to protect tourism-dependent towns.
- A grandfather clause for operators who have been in business for 7 years or more, to allow them to continue operating without requiring

new planning permission.

• A greater role for the new Fáilte Ireland Register for Short-Term Tourism Letting (STTL), with clear and fair guidelines instead of blanket restrictions.

"The people I met today didn't create the housing crisis and they won't solve it by shutting their doors," Minister Healy-Rae said. "We need regulation that works with rural Ireland, not against it."

He confirmed that he has met Government Leadership on this matter over the last number of months and with Minister for Housing James Browne last week to raise these concerns directly, and reiterated that that Government cannot punish rural businesses.

"We need to see sense. We need to protect jobs, preserve bed nights, and support rural tourism, not dismantle it."

## Cahill Welcomes Historic Space Mission by Dr Norah Patten and Calls for Government Support

Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry, Michael Cahill, has warmly welcomed the remarkable achievement of Dr Norah Patten, who is set to become the first Irish person in space, following her selection by the International Institute for Astronautical Sciences to fly aboard Virgin Galactic's next-generation "Delta" spacecraft in 2026/2027.

Deputy Cahill, together with Kerry County Councillor Tommy Cahill, had the pleasure of meeting Dr Patten in Killarney last Thursday.

"Both Tommy and I were absolutely delighted to meet Dr Norah Patten in Killarney. She is an inspiring and truly amazing young woman, an Aeronautical Engineer and STEM advocate whose work and determination have brought her to the very frontier of human achievement," said Deputy Cahill.

"Norah's story is one of passion, education and perseverance. She is not only making history for Ireland but also inspiring young people, especially girls, across the country to dream big and pursue careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. She is a tremendous

ambassador for our nation."

Dr Patten, who hails from Ballina, County Mayo, has been preparing for her mission for several years, undergoing astronaut training including high-G flights, microgravity research, and hypoxia exercises. Her upcoming sub-orbital flight, known as Mission Delta, will conduct vital research in microgravity, marking a proud milestone in Ireland's growing role in space and science innovation.

To ensure the Government supports this landmark achievement, Deputy Cahill has submitted a Parliamentary Question to the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, James Lawless TD, asking that every possible assistance be provided to Dr Patten in her mission.

"Dr Patten will undoubtedly represent Ireland with pride and distinction," Deputy Cahill added. "This is a unique opportunity for Ireland to stand behind one of our own as she literally reaches for the stars."



Cllr. Tommy Cahill, Dr. Norah Patten and Deputy Michael Cahill,

## Minister Foley welcomes over €65,000 in funding for integration projects in Kerry

Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Kerry T.D Norma Foley has welcomed confirmation of over €65,000 in funding for integration projects in Kerry.

The 2025 Integration Fund helps enable community organisations across Ireland to play a greater role in promoting the integration of migrants. The Kerry community groups receiving funding include South Kerry Development Partnership, Ballybunion/ North Kerry Environmental Forum, the Kenmare Family Resource Centre, the South West Kerry Family Resource Centre and the Tralee International Resource Centre.

**List of Kerry services being funded under the 2025 Integration Fund:**

: South Kerry Development Partnership CLG Integration Course - "Welcome-Connect" €25,920 Kerry

: Ballybunion/ North Kerry Environmental Forum - "Stepping Stones to Integration." €9,980

: Kenmare Family Resource Centre - Music Therapy for People living in Atlantic Lodge, Kenmare €1,600

: South West Kerry Family Resource Centre - Interculture Awareness & Support South West €8,000

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## KILLARNEY JUDO CLUB

### KILLARNEY JUDO COMPETES IN PARIS AND GALWAY

Head Coach Tadhg Kelly represented the club at the World Veterans Championship in Paris, one of the largest judo events in the world, attracting more than 2,500 competitors. Tadhg delivered a strong performance but narrowly missed out on a medal in his division.

Closer to home, 18 of the club's junior members travelled to Galway for the West of Ireland Championships, where they faced stiff opposition in categories featuring up to 13 competitors. Despite the tough competition, the Killarney contingent impressed with skilful throws, determined hold-downs, and a display of teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the day.

There were standout performances across the team, with several judoka returning home with medals. Cliona Hegarty and Robin Bowler Hegarty also made their competitive debuts, showing great promise for the future.

Gold: Cliona, Carolina, Danielle, Rian

Silver: Michelle, Sarah

Bronze: Robyn, Cúan, Emily, Patrik, Ciara, Caoimhe, Roman

## KILLARNEY PICKLEBALL

Last Sunday, Killarney pickleball club held a mini tournament to celebrate their 1st anniversary.

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## GLENEAGLE SQUASH CLUB

### DOWN TO THE CAPTAINS

Gleneagle Squash Club's October Finals took place Thursday 6th November kindly sponsored



Killarney Pickleball club held a mini tournament to celebrate their 1st anniversary. They used the event to showcase their new tops modelled by left to right, Marco Regosa, Eoin O'Sullivan, Vladimir Sirotiak, Mike Lyne, Max Regosa.



Killarney Judo Club Members



Rian Horgan (Gold) and Ciara Forde (Bronze)



Danielle Walsh (Gold) and Michelle Walsh (Silver) on the podium

## KILLARNEY GYMNASTS ON THE NATIONAL STAGE

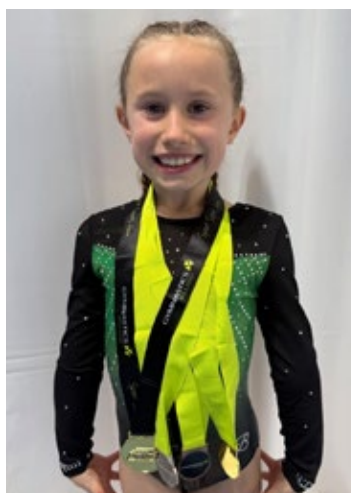
There was great success at the recent Gymnastics Ireland National Series for three Killarney gymnasts over the recent bank holiday weekend.

Daniel Smith competed at Level 1 in the boys section and won an impressive 4 Golds medals (Rings, Vault, Pommel and Team) and 2 silver medals (horizontal bars, and second overall individual).

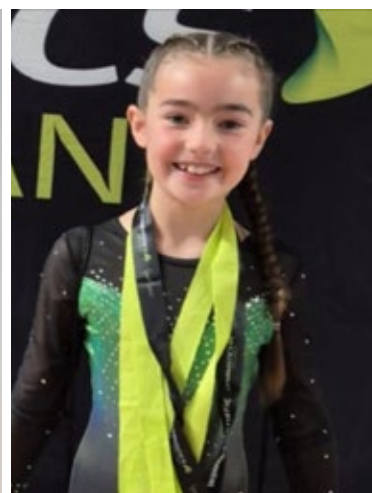
Grace O Donoghue competed at level 1 in the U9 girls section and won 2 golds (Balance Beam and Team), a silver (Overall Individual) and a bronze (vault).

Nell Kiely competed at Intro level in the U9 girls section and won a silver (Team) and bronze (overall individual) medal at the event.

The competition took place at the National Sports Campus and all three gymnasts were competing in the championships for the first time. Daniel represented Douglas gymnastics club while both Grace and Nell represented Aerials gymnastics club. Well done to all three.



Grace O Donoghue



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by O'Keeffe's Rathmore who have supported the monthly club competition for over 35 years. Team captains Paul O'Brien and Tim O'Leary set out for an evening of great challenges. In Division Five, Mary O'Callaghan stepped up against David Kearney. Mary got off to a flyer and went ahead in the first but David keeping his cool took the first game. Mary was not having it and took the second game to level the match. David then found some rhythm and won the match out 3-1.

Noreen Tobin was next up to the 'T' against Robbie O'Sullivan. Two great players with years of experience, and Rob was caught out in the first with Noreen's elegant squash technique. Rob upped his game and won out 3-1. Team Tim were now on the road to victory with two wins already.

Next up for Team Paul was Ray O'Callaghan against Stephen Moore. The pressure was on as Team Paul desperately needed a win. The first game was a tight affair but Ray came good and won the match 3 games to nil. Eddie 'Edo' Sabic was next up against Barry O'Sullivan. Another tight affair. Barry's powerful squash was testing Edo from the start but Edo Settled and Barry could not hold him back from winning 3 games to nil on the night.

The final match between the captains was once again the decider. Paul and Tim stand together in The Munster Leagues for the club, but on this occasion they stood apart. They put on a great spectacle of what our members strive to achieve. Paul started the strongest and won the first game with a good lead from the start. Tim battled hard in the second and was a much closer affair, but Paul still nicked it. The third game was tit for tat again, but Paul's skill and determination took the night for his team.

Another fantastic night of Squash and as always, Our greatest thanks to Gleneagle Leisure staff, O'Keeffe's of Rathmore and the Squash Club Committee who make these nights happen. Entry for Christmas Competition are now open and all Details can be found in the Squash Club within Gleneagle Leisure.

## KILLARNEY RFC CLUB

### U18.5 GIRLS

Our Killarney / Iveragh / Killorglin / Listowel amalgamation travelled to Dolphin-Mallow on Saturday and came away with a superb 45-37

Killarney Swimming Club members Mairead McElligott, St Brigid's Principal, Aoibhinn Heinemann, Raegan Browne, Lily Larkin, Aoife Coffey, Beibhinn Kiely, Aoibhinn O'Leary, Natalia Spodymek, Hannah O'Connell, Ayla Keogh, Kate Kissane and Orlaith Mackey.



victory after an action-packed game. Both sides played some great rugby, but our girls' teamwork and determination shone through to secure a well-deserved win. Congratulations to all players and coaches on a brilliant performance on the main pitch at Virgin Media Park.

### U16 GIRLS

The Castleisland-Iveragh-Killarney-Killorglin U16 girls were in action against a strong Skibbereen-Bantry Bay side. Despite some great attacking phases and strong defensive work, the visitors proved too strong on the day, with the final score 17-43. A solid effort from all involved, the team continues to grow and improve each week.

### U14 BOYS

Our U14 boys faced the West Munster League Boys Clubs side at Ballymalis on Saturday morning, losing 20-7. The boys showed great energy, skill, and teamwork throughout the game, with plenty of positives to take forward. Well done to the players and coaches for their continued hard work and dedication.

### U18.5 BOYS

The U18.5 boys were away to Kanturk RFC in another competitive fixture. It was a physical encounter, but the lads put in a committed display and showed encouraging signs of progress as the season continues. The final score was 43 - 7 to Killarney.

### SENIOR MEN

Our senior men faced Dungarvan RFC away in the Munster Junior League Division 3 on Sunday. After last week's excellent home win over Scariff, the team were eager to maintain momentum and delivered another strong, high-intensity performance, winning 39 - 17. Thanks to all the travelling supporters for their fantastic support once again.

### MINI RUGBY

Our Mini Rugby section was back in action on Saturday morning at Aghadoe. With smiles all around, our youngest players continue to impress with their energy and enthusiasm. A big thank you to all the coaches and parents who give their time every week to support the next generation of players.

### MONSTER TABLE QUIZ

Don't miss our Monster Table Quiz, taking place on Wednesday, November 19th, at the Killarney Avenue Hotel.

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Entry: €40 per table of four Adults or €20 per table of four Youths

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## KILLARNEY SWIMMING CLUB

Killarney Swimming Club had 26 swimmers competing in the Munster Senior Schools Championships on Sunday at UL. Swimmers represented their respective schools for this competition.

Huge Congratulations to our medalists:

The Girls Relay Team, representing St Brigid's Secondary School, came 3rd in the 200 Medley Relay, Aoife Coffey, Aoibhinn Heinemann, Lily Larkin & Raegan Brown.

Evan O'Donoghue, representing St Brendan's College, came 3rd in the 200 IM.

Divo Lucic Kovacevic, representing St Brendan's College, came 3rd in the 100 Fly.



Killarney Rugby Club girls' U18.5 team after the match in Virgin Media Park last Saturday.



At the presentation of prizes of the Gleneagle Squash Club first monthly competition of the season sponsored by O'Keeffe's Oil Rathmore were seated from left, Ray and Mary O'Callaghan, Noreen Tobin, Neil Kavanagh presenting first prize to Paul O'Brien (Captain of winning team) and Eduard Sabic. Standing from left are Maree Molan, Mike Crowley, Stephen Moore, Ryan Kavanagh, Barry O'Sullivan, Tim O'Leary, Connie Doyle, Tony Mackey, Micheal Jordan, Hannah and Joanne McCarthy. Picture: Eamonn Keogh





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# Newmarket Motors Powers Ahead with XPENG and Mercedes-Benz Vans

Newmarket Motors is entering a new chapter with the arrival of XPENG, a next-generation electric vehicle brand that has quickly gained recognition across Europe and is now establishing a presence in Ireland. As the first XPENG dealer outside Dublin, the North Cork dealership is introducing the brand's flagship model, the G6 Coupé SUV, to local motorists. Fully electric and equipped with advanced driver-assist systems, the G6 combines sleek design with strong performance credentials. It has also been shortlisted for Irish Car of the Year 2026, in association with Continental Tyres — a notable milestone in a year where electric vehicles make up the majority of contenders, reflecting Ireland's accelerating shift toward sustainable transport.

Among this competitive field, the G6 stands out for its innovation, range, and value. Now available from €38,950, the G6 offers a compelling entry point into premium electric driving.

To mark the launch, Newmarket Motors will host an Electric Vehicles Information Night on Thursday, November 27th. The event will give attendees the opportunity to explore the G6 and other electric models, speak with the dealership team, and gain insights into the latest EV

technologies. Derek Reilly (Founder Nevo EV Review, Ireland's #1 EV YouTube Channel and organiser of Ireland's largest ever motor show) will also be present to provide expert guidance and insights for both new and experienced EV drivers. The evening promises a closer look at the innovations behind modern electric vehicles — and what they mean for drivers in Ireland.

XPENG joins an established lineup at Newmarket Motors, which includes Volkswagen passenger and commercial vehicles. The dealership has also recently expanded into the light commercial segment with the addition of Mercedes-Benz vans, including the Sprinter, Vito, and Citan — strengthening its support for local businesses and fleet operators.

Dealer Principal Annette Browne said the new partnerships reflect the dealership's long-standing commitment to innovation and customer choice.

With a reputation built over decades and a focus on future-ready motoring, Newmarket Motors continues to evolve — offering a broader range of vehicles and technologies to meet the changing needs of Irish drivers.



Newmarket Motors and Mercedes-Benz Light Commercial Vehicles celebrate their new partnership, which will provide Cork, Kerry and Limerick tradesmen and businesses with access to outstanding commercial vehicles backed by trusted local support and servicing. From left to right: Fergus Conheady - Sales Manager Mercedes-Benz Commercial Vehicles, Dave Smith - Service Manager at Mercedes-Benz Commercial Vehicles, Paddy Finnegan - Chief Executive Officer at Motor Distributors Ltd, Annette Browne - Dealer Principal Newmarket Motors, Bernard Dennehy - General Manager Newmarket Motors Denis Scully - Sales Manager Newmarket Motors



Newmarket Motors Cork have been appointed as the first XPENG dealer outside of Dublin by MDL Motor Group, one of Ireland's most established motor distributors. Introduced to Ireland earlier this year, XPENG is a global leader in smart electric vehicles powered by cutting-edge technology and innovation. Left to right: Newmarket Motors' Dominic O'Riordan, Service Manager; Cathal Browne, Director; Denis Scully, Sales Manager and Bernard Dennehy, General Manager with the XPENG G6.

## RSA Welcomes Learner Permit Changes –

# A Step Towards Safer, Fairer Driving

The Road Safety Authority (RSA) has welcomed new regulations signed by the Minister for Transport to address repeated learner-permit renewals, calling the move a positive and necessary step to support safe progression to a full driving licence.

The changes, which take effect from 1 November 2026, will ensure that learner permits continue to serve their intended purpose, to help people learn to drive safely, build real experience behind the wheel, and develop the skills needed to pass the driving test.

Under the new rules, the following will apply: Learner drivers will need to have taken a driving test within the previous two years to renew a third or fourth learner permit. A fourth permit will be valid for one year only. After seven years or four permits, a learner

wishing to continue must restart the learning-to-drive process, including the theory test, lessons, and driving test.

The new measures apply to cars (B), tractors/work vehicles (W), motorcycles (A, A1, A2) and mopeds (AM).

Currently, over 64,000 learner drivers in Ireland have held three or more learner permits meaning they have been learning to drive for six years or more. This change is intended to encourage progress through the licensing system and reduce long-term reliance on

learner permits.

Among these figures: Over 22,000 people are on their 10th to 20th learner permit. More than 1,800 are on their 20th to 30th permit. 14 individuals currently hold their 30th or more learner permit.

Geographic distribution: Two-thirds of these drivers reside outside of Dublin, with a notable concentration in rural counties.

Age profile: The average age of drivers in this cohort is 37 years. A significant majority (68%) are aged in their 20s and 30s, indicating that younger adults form the core of this group. Nearly one-in-five drivers are aged 50 years or older, reflecting a presence of long-term learner permit holders across age groups.







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## KILLARNEY GOLF & FISHING CLUB - LADIES

**18 & 13 Hole Single Stableford Club sponsored, played on Mahony's Point Course on 8th & 9th November 2025**

Overall, Winner: Lousie Langan 38pts (20)

2nd: Anita O'Sullivan 38pts (31)

Best Gross: Lisa Cullen 32pts

3rd: Eimear O'Donnell 36pts (10)

**13 Hole Competition Winner**

Dolores McSweeney 22pts (25)

**Next Fixture** will be 15th & 16th November 2025 is 18 Hole & 11 Hole Single Stableford on Killeen Course Club sponsored.

## ROSS GOLF CLUB - MENS

**On Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd we held the Maurice O'Donoghue Memorial Cup stableford competition kindly sponsored by The Gleneagle Group .**

The winners were :-

1st: Donie Broderick 35 (14)

2nd: Cormac O'Donoghue 35 (15)

**Division 1**

1st: Terence Mulcahy 33 (12)

2nd: John Cuskelly 33 (12)

**Division 2**

1st: DJ Hayes 35 (13)

2nd: Ivo O'Sullivan 33 (13)

**Division 3**

1st: John Hurley 34 (22)

2nd: Conor Corcoran 33 (29)

**On Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th we held the McSweeney Arms Hotel sponsored stableford competition.**

The winners were :-

1st: John Ivory 34 (15)

2nd: Dermot O'Connor 34 (17)

**Division 1**

1st: Niall O'Brien 33 (8)

2nd: Alan Flynn 33 (5)

**Division 2**

1st: Donie Broderick 33 (14)

2nd: Cormac O'Donoghue 33 (15)

**Division 3**

1st: Gerard Murphy 29 (21)

2nd: Jim Delaney 25 (23)

**On Thursday 6th our Seniors held a 10 hole stableford competition.**

The winners were :-

1st ... Dan O'Sullivan 21 pts.

2nd... Dermot O'Connor 20 pts.

3rd... Sean Hickey 18 pts.

4th... John Ivory 17 pts.

## DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT

**CHRISTMAS HAMPER**

Thanks to all those who took part in our Adult and U16 Christmas Hamper events on Sunday last as playing conditions thankfully held up on the day. Our thanks to our Adult Sponsors Daly's Supervalu for their great support of the event again this year along with our Club PRO Jason O'Connor for his sponsorship of the U16 event once more this year.

**RESULTS**

Adult- Overall Nett: Denis Duggan 81, Overall Gross: John McGrath 100, Second Nett: Bobby Kelly 86 (B18), Third Nett: Jerry Kelliher 86, +3-7.4 Nett: Brian McCarthy 91, 7.5-16 Nett: James Foley 87, 18 Gross: Michael Cronin 51. U16- Overall Nett: Daniel Quinlan 96, Overall Gross: Fionn O'Callaghan 112, Second Nett: Jack O'Leary 100.

**TURKEY SINGLES**

Scheduled for this Sunday with the usual Turkey draw times of 8.45am and 10.30am. Entry €5 per draw. Scores on best 18-hole card returned. This is a Player of the Year event. Our thanks again to Tim Jones Butchers for sponsoring the Turkeys again this year.

**SAVE THE DATE**

Our annual end of year get together in Murphy's Bar takes place on Friday December 12th. Prizes to be presented on night include: Club Strokeplay, Club Matchplay, Christmas Hamper (Adult), Player of the Year and Club Person of the Year will also be announced on night.

**CHRISTMAS GIFTS**

The club wishes to let its members know that the O'Neills website is updated with some new items in the club range. Anyone interested in Club Membership as a Christmas Gift is also asked to contact 0872954489 for more information.

**MEMBERS ONLY**

A reminder to the general public that as of November 1st until the end of next February the course is open only to members except in the case of a pre-arranged booking through the club phone on 0877823138.

## BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB - MEN'S

**RESULTS FOR SATURDAY 8 AND SUNDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2025**

**WINTER LEAGUE - ROUND 2 - YELLOW TEES - STABLEFORD. SPONSOR: KATE KEARNEY'S COTTAGE**

**STABLEFORD RESULTS**

1st: Jim Crowley, 41 points (19) Overall Winner

2nd: Denis J O'Connor, 40 points (14) Overall Runner Up - Last Nine Holes

3rd: Fergus Foley, 40 points (6) Overall 3rd - Last Nine Holes

**NEXT WEEKEND, MEN'S COMPETITION,**

Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th November

Winter League - Round 3 - Yellow Tees - Stableford

Sponsor: Kate Kearney's Cottage



Photographed at the presentation of prizes for the Larkfield House sponsored Fourball Betterball competition in the Ross GC are (l to r), Captain Elaine Casey, Mike O'Leary, John Ivory, Anthony O'Mahony, Kathy Ivory, Sponsor, Captain Peter Wickham, Derek McAllister, M J O'Sullivan President Betty O'Farrell.



Photographed at the presentation of the Autumn Sahara Cup in the Ross GC are (l to r) Sadhbh O'Halloran, Racecourse Cafe, John Ivory, Runner up, Sylvia Villena, Racecourse Cafe, Conor Brosnan, Winner, Padraig Bruton, Sponsor, Fionnan Bruton, Sponsor, Captain Peter Wickham, Abbie Maguire, Racecourse Cafe, President Betty Farrell, Captain Elaine Casey.

Sgt Tomas Sherry Defence Forces with St Brendan's College students Tadhg O'Donoghue, Sam Guerineau, Conor Lynch and Paithi Stackat the St Brendan's College Apprenticeship Careers Fair organised by the transition students at St Brendan's College as part of their Young Social Innovators project "The Road Not Taken" on Tuesday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin





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TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROADS**

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SECTION 75 OF ROADS ACT 1993**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 75 of the Roads Act 1993 and the Temporary Closing of Roads Regulations 1994, Kerry County Council **has decided to close** to public traffic, the roads / streets / car park described here under to facilitate the holding of the **Killarney Towers Hotel, Killarney Historic Stages Rally on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> November 2025.**

**Stages SS 1 Molls Gap**

**Roads Closing Times: from 06:45 to 20:00**

**Road Numbers: National Secondary Road, N71**

**Starting 100M beyond the entrance to Muckross house via Galway's Bridge, Molls Gap and finishing at Carrig East**

**Stages SS2, SS5 Lissyclearig**

**Roads Closing Times: from 08:15 to 14:45**

**Road Numbers: L-4051, L-11766, L-4052, L-7546, L-4053**

**Starting at Lissyclearig via Lissyclearig upper, Gowlane, Inchimore, Dromcahan East and Finishing at Kilmurry.**

**Stages SS3, SS6 Roughty River**

**Roads Closing Times: from 09:00 to 15:30**

**Road Numbers: L-3024, L-7061, L-4065.**

**Starting at Morley's Bridge via Kilfadda Beg, Gorthloughera, Kilbunow, Kilgarvan, Letter Lower, Kilgortaree, Dromatouk and finishing at Gortalinny North.**



### **Stages SS 4, SS 7 Sheen River**

**Roads Closing Times: from 09:30 to 16:00**

**Road Numbers: L-4055, L-7547, L-4063, L-11766.**

**Starting at Roughty Bridge via Sheen Bridge, Gortalinny South, Gearhadiveen, Dromagorteen and finishing at Gortnagappul.**

### **Stages SS 8, SS 9 Molls Gap (night)**

**Roads Closing Times: from 06:45 to 20:00**

**Road Numbers: National Secondary Road, N71**

**Starting at Knockrour East / Kilkeana Cross via Cappamore, Carrig East, Molls Gap Galways Bridge, Dinis and finishing before entrance to Muckcross House.**

In addition, all adjoining public roads will be closed for a distance of 205m from each junction with the above routes

### **Parc Ferme**

Lewis Road Car Park will be used as Parc Ferme and will be unavailable for parking purposes from 7.00 p.m. on Thursday, 27th November to 11.00am on Saturday, 29th November 2025.

### **Ceremonial Start**

Kenmare Place and Main Street, from the Killarney Plaza Hotel to the junction of Main Street and New Street (known as Market Cross) will be closed from 6.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. on Friday, 28th November 2025 for the holding of the ceremonial start.

### **Ceremonial Finish**

Kenmare Place, Killarney from Killarney Town Hall to the Killarney Plaza Hotel will be closed from 6.00 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. on Saturday, 29th November 2025 to facilitate the finish ramp and the holding of the ceremonial finish.

The laneway adjacent to Killarney Town Hall and Killarney Plaza Hotel, from its junction with the Upper New Street Car Park and its junction with Kenmare Place, will be closed from 6.00 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. on Saturday, 29th November 2025 to facilitate the holding of the ceremonial finish.

**Sean Scally,  
Administrative Officer,  
Corporate Services.**



## KILLARNEY ATHLETIC

### AFC

#### 60 YEARS

Killarney Athletic AFC are celebrating 60 years and are hosting a party night at the Gleneagle hotel on Friday November 14th. We hope that everyone who attended enjoyed their night

#### KERRY DISTRICT LEAGUE PREMIER A RESULT

**Killarney Athletic 1 - 1 Killarney Celtic**

*Will Courtney x 1*

A very tightly contested game saw us secure a point in Woodlawn today, courtesy of a 95th minute equaliser from an excellent Will Courtney free kick.

#### U14 A BOYS NATIONAL TROPHY

**Killarney Athletic A 5 - 0 Broadford Utd**

*Sean Quill x 3, Lucas Uchtyl x 1, Miron Svyrypa x 1*

The lads played a very good game today at home versus a big tough team from Limerick. Best team performance of the year by far. They hunted down the bigger stronger team like a pack of dogs flying into every tackle. Not giving their opposition a moment to breath. Each and every boy could have been man of the match today. Man of the match Lucas Uchtyl. Special mention to Sean Quill with another wonderful hat trick. Onto the next round. Well done lads! Thank very much to the Broadford players and coaches for a very sporting match.

#### U14 BOYS DIVISION 1

**LB Rovers 1 Killarney Athletic B 1**

*Goal: Harry Randles*

The U14 boys made the trip to Ballyduff on Saturday afternoon in wet conditions. The first half was close with chances few and far between. Athletic went up a gear in the second and scored early on through a well-taken finish from Harry Randles. We were unlucky not to double the lead minutes later when Leon Hebda struck the post with a fine effort. A lapse in concentration 10 minutes to go gifted a penalty to Rovers which they scored. Athletic finished the game on top and were unlucky not to grab a winner in the end. Overall, a good performance and a deserved point.

#### BOYS U12 DIVISION ONE

**Killarney Celtic 3 - 1 Killarney Athletic**

Unfortunately it wasn't our day, we are just abit off the pace today, some sharp passing by

Celtic proved the pivotal difference, we will regroup next week. Well done to lads there tried there hearts out & thanks to all our unwavering supporters

*Daniel Moloney x 1*

#### U-15 GIRLS PREMIER DIVISION

**Park 0-0 Killarney Athletic**

Our Girls made the trip to Tralee early this morning to play the Park and hit the ground running, a very close game ensued with some wonderful football played and though our girls had the better of the chances, they couldn't break the deadlock! It was a fantastic team effort and a credit to our girls for giving it everything until the final whistle, thanks to the Park for a very competitive sporting game and to Adrian for officiating

#### U13 GIRLS PREMIER LEAGUE

**Killorglin 0-1 Killarney Athletic A**

*Flora Walsh x 1*

At long last, we get our first league win this season. The girls dug deep, played well, fought well, and showed some great courage and commitment to get the goal, keep a clean sheet and eventually get the deserved win to get our three points. We started well in the first half and passed the ball well. First chances actually went to Killorglin but with some fine keeping from Jane Brosnan, Athletic kept them out.

Caitlin Hickey nearly broke the deadlock but the effort was well saved by the Killorglin keeper. The very next play, the ball was played in, Flora Walsh never gave up on it, wrangled it off the keeper, dribbled round her and got the shot off from the left hand side. 1 nil. Some massive pressure came on our defence in the next chapter of the game. But Captain Maebh Coughlan, with Holly O Connor beside her in defense had great games and kept Killorglin out. In the second half, conditions worsened with wind and rain, and it was hard on both teams. Both sides had their chances. Again with some great work by Jane Brosnan, we kept our clean sheet. Great work done today in the midfield by Clara O Donoghue and Alannah McGlynn who kept control, consistently helping their backs and feeding their forwards. Delighted for our girls, and we're delighted that they got their win. Plenty of work still to do. Special mention also today also go to: Lily Duggan. Worked tirelessly up and down the

right side. She pushed high in attack but got back when needed, never stopped working. Pure desire. Refused to accept anything less than a win. Constantly taking players on, battling for every ball, and showing the right attitude throughout. Well done to all, Anna, Julie, Rebecca, Erica, Sinead, Aoibheann. Thanks to Killorglin and ref Chris for a great sporting game.

#### GIRLS U13 DIVISION 1

**Killarney Athletic x 1 Fenit x 5**

Athletic fell short today against a strong Fenit side. Girls gave 100% and were unlucky not to grab a couple of more goals.

## BALLYHAR DYNAMOS FC

### LOTTO

No.s 9, 22, 23, 24. No winner of the jackpot. 5 x €25 - Shane Broderick, Farranfore. Trevor Fleming, Killarney. Niamh Clifford, Ballyhar. Helen O'Sullivan, Ballyhar & Nicola O'Sullivan, Ballyhar. Next draw for a jackpot of €2900 will take place on Sunday next 16th November at Henderson's Bar, Furies. Tickets available from committee members, Sheehans Filling Station Farranfore, Spar & Hendersons Shops, Furies & Butlers Bar, Furies.

### TEAMS

The Club U10 Boys had enjoyable outings last weekend against Killarney Athletic & Tralee Dynamos.

The U13 B squad were defeated By Killorglin FC B in Division 2 South at Murt Scott Park. On the day Jamie O Connor, Luca Mulchinock, Darren Foley & Dirmuid Sheehy played well.

The U14 Girls travelled west to Dingle where the locals took the points on a 5-2 win. Niamh O Sullivan with the two Ballyhar goals for whom Emma O Callaghan, Kate O Connor, Aoibhinn Daly, Faye O'Brien & Clara Dower played well. The U16 Boys advanced to the 4th round of the National cup after defeating Tralee Dynamos B away. Goals from Ryan Quilter, Brendan Allman, Odhran Leslie, Daire Cornally, Eoin Casey, Cillian Casey, Alan Morteck, Shane Edwards & Jamie O'Brien sealed the win.

The Seniors who were defeated 1-4 at home by Dingle Bay Rovers drew 1-1 at home to Classic B on Sunday last. Gerard Long was on the



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u16s who advanced to the next round of the National Cup Shield competition after defeating Tralee Dynamos B away on Saturday last.



Ballyhar Dynamos FC female social soccer squad who are participating in the KDL female soccer 7 a side blitz series which are being played at Mounthawk Park, Tralee.



scoresheet for Ballyhar with John Power, Declan O Connor, Niall Donohue & Padraig O Connor playing well on the day.

### BEST WISHES

Best Wishes & Congratulations to Killarney Athletic AFC on celebrating their 60th year in active football in Killarney.

### ROWING

Congratulations to local man Cillian Leslie representing Muckcross Rowing club on representing Ireland in Spain in a beach sprint competition as part of a squad of 16 rowers. Well done Cillian.

## KILLARNEY CELTIC

### CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 1,10,21,23. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €40. Next jackpot €4,400 on Monday November 17th. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop ( Top of Ross Road), club members and online through clubzap.

### KDL PREMIER

**Killarney Athletic 1-1 Killarney Celtic**

*Padraic Looney*

This local derby finished all square after a dramatic finish last Sunday in Woodlawn. With the teams occupying the top 2 spots in the table, this game was always going to be tight and so it proved. The 1st half failed to produce any goals and it took until the 79th minute before the deadlock was broken. Padraic Looney netted after being set up by Cian Doe. Celtic looked like taking the points but the drama was not over yet. Deep into injury Athletic found an equaliser to share the honours.

### KDL CHAMPIONSHIP

**Killarney Celtic B 2-2 St Brendan's Park**

*Peter McCarthy, Finbarr Murphy*

Celtic B twice hit the front but were pegged back by St Brendan's Park B as they maintained their position at the top of the table. St Brendan's Park started with good play but it was Celtic who opened the scoring. 1-1 at half time Celtic hit the front again but St Brendan's Park bounced back to level and in the end the both teams shared the points in a fine contest.

### U16 SFAI NATIONAL CUP

**Moneygall 1-5 Killarney Celtic**

*Kiernan Kelly 4, Lachlann Scannell*

Celtic advanced to the next round and an all Kerry clash with Tralee Dynamos after a convincing win over Moneygall.

### U14 SFAI NATIONAL CUP

**Castleisland 1-3 Killarney Celtic**

*OG, Luke Clifford, Sean Doyle*

Celtic moved into round 4 of the SFAI National Cup after a good win away in Castleisland.

### U14 DIV 3

**Killarney Celtic D 4-1 Fenit**

*Oskar Kozub 2, Muhammed Gazal 2*

### U12 SFAI NATIONAL CUP

**Ballynanty 2-2 Killarney Celtic**

**Ballynanty win on penalties**

*Conall Favier, Finn Cronin.*

Celtic A went out of the SFAI National Cup on penalties after a hard fought encounter against Ballynanty. Celtic led twice but Ballynanty came back to level each time. Both sides gave their all but unfortunately Celtic were on the wrong side



KILLARNEY ATHLETIC U14 Boys Division 1

of the penalty shootout.

### U12 DIV 1

**LB Rovers 3-0 Killarney Celtic B**

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

*Fionn O'Sullivan 2, Cillian Murphy*

### U12 DIV 3

**MEK 7-1 Killarney Celtic D**

*Samir Cenaj*

**CONGRATS** to Kiernan Kelly U16 who made the KSBGL Team of the Week.

Congrats to Abbie Galvin, Ellie Clerkin, Alicia Byrne and Ryan Kizjalo who were winners of the recent Academy colouring competition.

## KERRY SCHOOLBOY/GIRL SOCCER

### NATIONAL

### MIXED RESULTS FOR KERRY GIRLS IN INTER LEAGUE

Three of Kerry's Inter-league teams were in action across multiple age groups this week with mixed fortunes.

The U12 Girls made a strong statement with a 5-0 win over Limerick County Green on the Killarney Celtic astro, their second win of the season thanks to goals from Gracie Maher, Natalia McDermott, Katie Foley, Sianna O'Sullivan, and Anni Mai O'Donoghue.

The U15 Girls followed up with a 2-0 victory over Clare, with the opener coming from an own goal off a Nessa Kirby corner and Isabelle O'Connor adding a second. A first run out for the group this year proved a fruitful one in Ennis.

The U16 Girls suffered defeat away to Cork, going down 4-3 in a tightly contested game, with Izzy Lyons, Saoirse Brosnan, and Leona Meaney all finding the net for Kerry.

### 12'S BATTLE IT OUT IN NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

There was plenty of Kerry interest across the U12 Boys National Cup and Trophy competitions over the weekend.

In the National Cup, Dingle Bay Rovers advanced after a dramatic 1-1 draw with Charleville AFC, winning 4-2 on penalties thanks to successful spot kicks from Lui Ó Sé, Jamie Murphy, Finn Mac Gearailt and Jack Brosnan, with Joey O'Connor scoring in normal time. Killarney

Celtic were unlucky to lose on penalties to Ballynanty Rovers after a 2-2 draw, with goals from Finn Cronin and Conall Favier.

Mastergeeha progressed with a superb 3-1 win over Kilavilla United, inspired by a hat-trick from Oliver Stachowiak, while St. Brendan's Park A also advanced as Igor Jasiński scored four and Dara O'Regan added another in a 5-1 win away to Croom United. Milltown suffered a 2-1 away at Adare United after extra time, despite a goal from Cian O'Leary, and Fenit Samphires went down narrowly 1-0 to Bridge United. Tralee Dynamos B lost 6-0 to Fairview Rangers, and St. Brendan's Park C were defeated 6-1 by Broadford United.

In the National Trophy, Castleisland had a 6-0 win over Tralee Dynamos A, with Kalum Brennan hitting a hat-trick and further goals from Cillian Cronin, Shea Matthew and Dylan Murphy. Camp Juniors also impressed, beating Lisnagry FC B 6-1 thanks to goals from Fionn Fitzgerald (3), Luke O'Brien, Rian Brosnan and Tommy O'Driscoll.

St. Brendan's Park B overcame Knigh United 6-3, while Mastergeeha B recorded a fine 4-0 win away to Knockainey FC with all goals coming from the in-form Adam Kelliher. Killarney Athletic received a walkover against Granagh United, and despite goals from Avery O'Sullivan and Aaron Murphy, Killorglin were beaten 4-2 by Charleville AFC.

### NATIONAL ACTION HEATS UP FOR U14 BOYS

It was another busy weekend of U14 National Cup and Trophy action for Kerry sides hoping to continue their campaigns in National competitions.

In the National Cup, Dingle Bay Rovers continued their fine form with a superb 2-1 away win against Fairview Rangers thanks to goals from TJ Ó hAinfein and Liam Mac Gearailt. Killarney Celtic also advanced, overcoming Castleisland 3-1 with goals from Luke Clifford, Sean Doyle and an own goal, while Yevhenii Mamontov netted for Castleisland.

St. Brendan's Park A were impressive 4-0 winners away to Adare, with William Duggan striking twice and Cameron Patterson and Conor McCannon also on target. Killorglin secured a strong 5-1 win on the road at Murroe AFC, as





Mastergeeha U12 C Team



Killarney Celtic U12C squad vs Killarney Athletic

Freddie Glinwood bagged a brace alongside goals from Fionnan Burke, Michael Flynn and Michael Heaseman. Mastergeeha bowed out after a 6-2 defeat to Regional United, with Evan Burke and Karl Thompson scoring for the hosts. In the National Trophy, Killarney Athletic produced a commanding 5-0 victory over Broadford, driven by a hat-trick from Sean Quill and further goals from Lucas Uchytal and Miron Svyripa. Inter Kenmare progressed with a walkover win against Kilmallock, while Iveragh fell 3-1 to Coole United. Tralee Dynamos also exited the competition after conceding a walkover to Ballymackey. In Round 3, Listowel Celtic edged a thrilling extra-time contest 5-3 against St. Brendan's Park B, despite a brilliant hat-trick from Park's Ostap Dubnik.

### HIGH SCORING ROUND 3 FOR 16 BOYS

The U16 boys were busy in National Cup and Trophy action this week with some commanding displays and plenty of goals along the way.

In National Cup Round 3, Castleisland AFC defeated Inter Kenmare A 4-1 with goals from Dean O'Donoghue (2), Harvey Leen, and Adam Griffin, while Listowel Celtic cruised to a 5-0 win over Kildysart Celtic thanks to Shane Mason, Fionn Doorley, John Carey, Michael Carmody, and Shane Costello.

Tralee Dynamos A edged Aisling Anacotty 2-1, with Eoin Tansley scoring both goals, and Killarney Celtic powered past Moneygall 5-1 with Kiernan Kelly netting four and Lachlan Scannell adding one. Ballynanty Rovers narrowly defeated Camp Juniors 6-5, while Killarney Athletic AFC recorded a 6-0 win over Abbeyfeale United.

In the National Trophy, Ballyhar dominated Tralee Dynamos B 6-0, with goals from Odhran Leslie, Daire Cornally, and Brendan Allman. Killorglin also impressed with a 3-0 victory over Shountrade, courtesy of goals from Kieran Patton, Luke Foley, and Cathal Clifford. Mastergeeha ran out 6-0 winners against Holycross, and Corbally United secured a 5-0 victory over MEK Galaxy.

### GIRLS UNBEATEN PARK HOLD NARROW LEAD AT 13'S SUMMIT

The Amber Killarney U13 Girls Premier action saw some tight contests and standout performances this week, with leaders St

Brendan's Park making it five wins in a row, followed closely by Iveragh and Mastergeeha. Park picked up a 2-1 win on the road against Castleisland, Isabelle O'Connell Wren scoring for the home side, while Park's goals came from Emily Savage and Caoimhe Field. Iveragh defeated MEK 3-2 in a thrilling encounter, with Katie Foley netting both goals for MEK. Mastergeeha ran out 4-0 winners over Listowel Celtic, with Gracie Maher grabbing all four goals. Meanwhile, Killarney Athletic secured a 1-0 win against Killorglin thanks to Flora Walsh's decisive strike.

### CAMP HOLD OFF CHALLENGERS IN DIVISION 1

Camp are a point clear at the summit of the Amber Killarney U13 Girls Division 1 table, with Inter Kenmare just behind in the race. Fenit are two points behind after their fine win away at the weekend.

Camp Juniors picked up three points with a 4-0 victory over Tralee Dynamos, with goals from Saoirse Laide, Ruth Kiely, Aoibhinn Lyne, and an own goal contributing to the win. LB Rovers secured a 3-1 win over MEK B, thanks to a brace from Seoda Barron and a goal from Lydia Lyne, while Teagan O'Sullivan scored MEK's lone goal. Fenit continued their strong form with a 5-1 victory over Killarney Athletic B, powered by a hat-trick from Saoirse Reen, plus goals from Sadhbh O'Donnell and Fiadh McElligott.

### MASTERGEEHA SET THE TEMPO IN 15'S DIVISION 1

Mastergeeha continued their unbeaten start in the Muckross Park Hotel U15 Girls Division 1, while Fenit are keeping the pace with them after another win at the weekend.

Mastergeeha secured a 5-2 win over Dingle, powered by a hat-trick from Anna Lenihan and two goals from Isla Cronin, while Cara Fitzgerald netted twice for Dingle. Fenit also recorded a strong 3-1 victory over Tralee Dynamos, with Fiadh Nelan scoring twice and Aoibhinn Corridon adding another, while Tia Falvey scored for Tralee Dynamos.

### SIX STAR LB WIN LOCAL DERBY

LB Rovers picked up another three points at the weekend as they defeated local rivals Listowel Celtic 6-1, giving them their second win of the season.

Eilidh Cregan starred with four goals, while Saoirse Brosnan added a brace to complete the

scoring for the hosts.

## MASTERGEEHA FC

### U16 BOY'S NATIONAL TROPHY ROUND 3

#### Mastergeeha 8 v Holycross 0

A fine win at home for our Mastergeeha U16 team as they progress to the round 4 of the National Trophy. Goal scorers on the day, Daragh Keane (2) Aidan Huggard (2) Dean Moynihan, Alan O Leary, Cian Kennedy and Dean Riordan all adding to an impressive score line.

### U15 GIRLS DIVISION 1

#### Mastergeeha 5 v Dingle 2

### U14 BOY'S NATIONAL CUP ROUND 3

#### Mastergeeha FC 2 v Regional United 6

### U13 GIRL'S PREMIER

#### Listowel Celtic 0 v Mastergeeha 4

Another Win on the road for our U13 Premier Girls

### U 13 BOYS DIVISION 1

#### Mastergeeha 4 v Ferry Rangers 3

Played on Sunday 9th November at Kilbreen Park. Scorers on the day for Mastergeeha were Callum O'Connor, Tom Hughes, Paul Mark & Matthew O'Riordan. MOTM David Fleming

### U12 BOY'S NATIONAL CUP ROUND 3

#### Mastergeeha FC 3 v Kilavilla United 1

A fine home win for our U12 A team in the National Cup with 3 goals from the MOTM Olivier Stachowiak.

### U12 BOY'S NATIONAL TROPHY ROUND 2

#### Knockainey FC 0 v Mastergeeha B 4

A comfortable win in the National Trophy for Mastergeeha with 4 goals from the MOTM Adam Kelliher, thanking Knockainey for their hospitality after the game on a wet afternoon.

### U12 BOY'S DIVISION 2

#### Mastergeeha C 3 v Killorglin C 0

The U12C team had back to back wins with MOTM Finn Murphy opening the scoring and 2 more first half goals from Ryan Dewhurst.

### CHURCH GATE COLLECTION

Mastergeeha FC will hold their annual Church Gate Collection next weekend 22nd and 23rd Nov at Our Lady of Lourdes Church Kilcummin. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.





## COMHAIRLE CONTAE CHIARRAÍ KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

### BÓITHRE A nDÚNADH GO SEALADACH TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROADS

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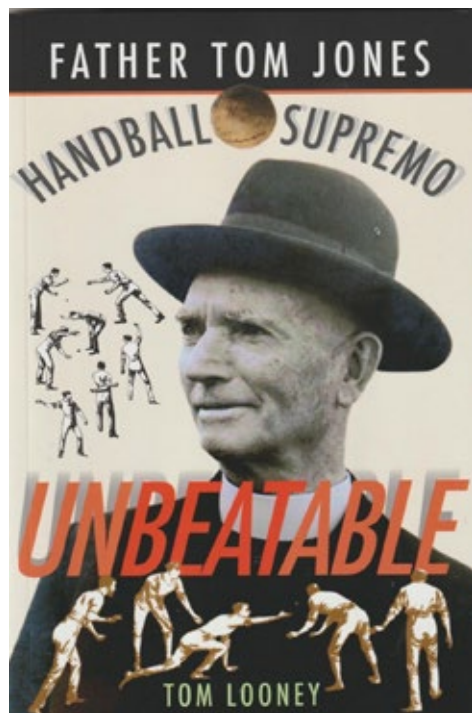


JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY

takes a look at all things sport...

## 'Unbeatable – Handball Supremo Fr. Tom Jones'

by Fr. Tom Looney, Red Stripe Press, 2025



Fr. Tom Looney's last book was about one of the most famous Kerry sportsmen of a generation. 'King of a Kingdom of Kings' was about Dick Fitzgerald of Dr. Crokes, a man who not only typified the Kerry of his time and shaped it for the next generation. Most famously, of course, in football – if Kerry had a Mount Rushmore of the name, Dick Fitzgerald's visage would most certainly be graven on it.

His latest book is about a Kerry sportsman of the generation before Fitzgerald, up among the greatest Kerry sportsmen ever, and in many ways an even more fascinating character. To say that he lived an adventurous life is an understatement. Calling him a prodigy is also an understatement. Remember when David Clifford scored 4-4 in an All Ireland Minor Final? To match Fr. Tom Jones achievements at the same age, David would have had to have scored it in the Senior Final. Now do you understand what I mean when I say that he was a prodigy? He was born in Castle Street, but that was a temporary residence; the family moved to Rock St. soon after and the Rockies (now Austin Stacks) still consider him as one of their own. Born in 1868, he was one of thirteen children (four siblings after his father remarried after the death of his first wife). It may be a coincidence (I very much doubt it) that he was always musical, eventually mastering thirteen musical instruments as well. He once famously regaled a visiting scout troop in later life on retreat by

blowing tunes on a leaf. One of the small but fascinating details in the book, for me, is that Fr. Tom notes that where written references of the time speak of 'bagpipes', they are actually talking about uilleann pipes.

This book obviously centres around the life of the protagonist, but because of the meticulous research and detail, it's equally as fascinating to me because this is a real snapshot of a Kerry and an Ireland that I wasn't familiar with. We think of Irish history prior to the 20th century in terms of the big events rather than ordinary realities for most people. The Land League, Conradh na Gaelge, the GAA, recovering from the Great Famine, Parnell....these were huge topics (and Fr. Tom played more than his part in terms of nationalism (he was a target of the Black and Tans at one period because he ministered to republicans), language (he was a noted scholar, author, and translator into Irish) and sport (more anon). We, or rather I, can be guilty of assuming a certain insularity about Ireland of that time. It's true that many people never strayed too far from their native hearth, but there were plenty of Irishmen who travelled far and wide, and priests were very much among them.

Another personal confession. I've never really thought of priests as storybook heroes. And that's already an obvious omission on my part. Think about it. Not only were priests the foremost community leaders of a people determined not to be suppressed by English colonialism (Fr. Murphy in 1798 being the most obvious but far from the only example) but Fr. Tom was raised by the first generation of Catholics who could even stand for election. Priests were at the very heart of the hardest issues of the day and champions of the poor when poverty was much more common. And quite frankly, you could think many things about Fr. Tom Jones from start to finish, but he could never have been described as a shrinking violet. He'd fit just fine into any Kipling poem or Robert Louis Stevenson or Mark Twain novel. The fictional Indiana Jones never met, but if he had, he would have doffed that famous fedora in salute.

I also never knew until I read this about the preeminence of handball in Irish sporting culture. I knew it must have been a big sport – the presence of so many handball alleys is a reminder. I had no idea just how big, or why. You must understand that very few sports were organised as we would understand it. There wasn't a Handball Association that arranged local, provincial, and national competitions. In athletics, for example, you turned up, entered, and would win a prize if you prevailed. The same in handball – except that in handball, as players made a name for themselves, there was a lot of money to be made with side betting. Consequently the prizes put up often amounted to serious money, and I do mean

serious amounts. The tradition developed, similar to boxing in particular, of public challenges being issued and these attracted huge attention.

Young Tom Jones was a noted exponent of the art by his mid-teens. His father Michael was good at the game, and in fact had built a handball wall at the back of his house in Rock St. where the children could practise. Jerry Casey, himself one of the best, coached the young Tom and before long realised his talent. Tom was nineteen when Casey issued a public challenge to Joe O'Leary of Kanturk. That was already setting the sights high indeed, but it was no problem for the young Jones. He was to go almost eight years unbeaten in the game, 1887 to 1895. Stories of his triumphs abound. O'Shea of Carrick-On-Suir....Tom didn't concede a single rubber to him. Imagine if Tipperary met Kilkenny in a hurling match, and Kilkenny didn't score a single point? His comeback against John Delaney, himself a world title contender.... Fr. Tom includes a full account of the contest from the time, and with good reason. He won the Doubles with his neighbour Jim Fitzgerald; to this day the Tralee Handball Club bears their names jointly.

There was only one regret. Tom Jones, widely acknowledged as the best around, never got to meet the Irish Champion of the time. Not for want of trying – John Lawlor, who would lose a challenge to the American Phil Casey for the World Championship title (Fr. Tom beat Casey a year later), would never meet with Fr. Tom in a match. Challenges were issued, but Lawlor's initial response was it was not his intention to take any notice of "fireside challenges such as Jones'; if he did, he would be getting them from all over the country, and if he accepted one, he would be expected to accept them all".

To which my own response would have been, g'wan away with that rubbish, lad, you have issued and accepted plenty of 'fireside challenges' and you know who Tom Jones is full well. Your problem is that you also know that you can't beat him.

I don't know; I'm reading between the lines. Lawlor did once accept a challenge from Jones, only to cry off at the last minute with a sore thumb.

You need to understand that this was closer to professional than amateur sport. Young Tom was earning good money, very good money. He was invited onto the American circuit while still a student in St. Brendans, Killarney, in 1890. Phil Casey was promoting a tour and would have given Tom a share of the profits if he would participate. Tom was tempted, but refused. He had earned enough to pay his fees to Maynooth and would not delay his vocation for even a single day for the sake of handball. Tom had played almost every sport with distinction in the Sem – boxer, gymnastics, athletics, weight-throwing....everything and



anything except golf. That one sport was played too slowly for him.

He entered Maynooth as a 21 year old (not unusual at the time) and he appears to have thrived. He certainly won awards and distinctions in several academic disciplines. Maynooth, though it did not compete against other colleges, had a huge internal sporting structure. Handball was big, and the central alley of three became known as the 'Kerry Alley' because of Jones' prowess. It seems almost certain that he would have played cricket (it could make a case itself for being the national sport before the GAA took firm hold) and rugby. He was ordained in 1896 and his first parish was Newtownards, his second was Glenarm, and then he was 'loaned' to Yorkshire. A year later he was on his way to Queensland.

He embraced the challenge. After travelling for a month, he arrived in the small town of Winton. On his way to the Bishops' house, he heard some cheering and made enquiries. It was the annual sports day....you can imagine the rest. Fr. Tom Jones entered as a competitor and when he actually arrived at the Bishop's residence a few hours later, he was laden with cups and medals.

This was the Australia of the outback. A colossal parish where journeys of over a hundred miles were common, sometimes much longer. Fr. Tom travelled alone on horseback, more like Ned Kelly than Mundy Prendeville. A man once grabbed his bridle and told him that he was taking his horse. "You can have it if you are a better man than me," said the priest. It turned out that the lad wasn't – Fr. Tom was talking about pugilism rather than virtue.

In March 1905 ill-health caused him to be sent back to Ireland, but first he took a four month tour of the US. Among many others he caught up with his old doubles partner and neighbour James Fitzgerald, who had beaten Lawlor but always stated that he could not have beaten Fr. Tom. After a pleasant four months, Fr. Tom returned to Kerry as curate in Ballyferriter. While there he ministered to all and sundry, including the Blasket Islands, and one of the saddest days there was the drowning of a local young man and a noted gaelgóir and suffragette, Eveleen Constance Nicolls, who was certainly a friend of Pádraig Pearse and was rumoured (without foundation) to be more. Even in those tougher times, it was an awful tragedy. In 1916 he was to be the central figure in another near-tragedy, but one with a much happier ending thanks to Fr. Tom. German u-boats were attacking shipping at this time. At one point a Norwegian crew had to abandon ship, with eight survivors ending up at the foot of the sheer cliff at Ard na Caithe. Their situation looked hopeless.... Fr. Tom ordered that he be lowered on a rope down that impassable cliff face and, with great difficulty in the wind and rain, managed to bring them up one by one. Even in a heroic life, this was spectacular, and was recognised as such by the King of Norway, who presented the brave priest with an inscribed silver cup. Again, the whole incident is documented faithfully and with meticulous research in Fr. Looney's book.

It was soon after that incident that he was sent

to Killorglin. The War of Independence was raging. Fr. Tom was not an active participant, but his sympathies were well-known and he had to take precautions not to fall into the hands of the Black and Tans, whose willingness to kill men of the cloth (or anybody else) was well established.

His next parish was Dingle, Lispolie, and Ventry. Subsequently Bishop Michael O'Brien (who had replaced Charles O'Sullivan) sent him to Cahirsiveen, straight across the bay, and in 1932 he returned to Glenbeigh.

His was a most extraordinary life, and he was peerless in many ways. This is no hagiography, though, Fr. Tom was certainly not without flaw. He was a strong personality and, like many priests of the time, could be very autocratic. He was also parsimonious, seemingly notoriously so. While there his curate was Fr. Mícheál Galvin – later President of Austin Stacks GAA Club, much-loved parish priest in Fossa, and for whom East Kerry's Fr. Galvin Cup is named. There are links that bind all our stories together down through the years. The two men had great respect for each other, but I cannot help noting that the Bishop, knowing of Fr. Tom's frugality, decided that Fr. Mícheál could have his dinner each evening in the Towers Hotel at Fr. Tom's expense. He knew his man well. In fact, Fr. Tom would leave enormous sums for the time in his will to religious orders, and I do mean enormous. There was some controversy and a court case regarding the Revenue – innocuous oversight, really.

Naturally, while there, Fr. Tom instigated the first handball alley in Glenbeigh in 1946, with Fr. Galvin establishing a new one in 1979. It is no surprise to find that many of the best modern exponents of the game, the likes of the Quirkies, especially John Joe, Dominick Lynch, and Jack O'Shea.

Fr. Looney's book is a superb documentary of an extraordinary man, and fascinating in that regard alone. But, for me at least, it is a glimpse into a Kerry that I never knew about. Remember, Fr. Tom lived through two great world wars and two more local ones, the switch from horse to cars, electrification, the State's foundation.....this book does not centre on any of those. It centres mostly on Kerry and a fascinating Kerryman, and is all the better for it..

## All Stars

For once, and thankfully, I have to say that there was no real controversy about his year's All Star selections. Yes, there is too strong an emphasis on the latter stages, leading to the scales being weighted in favour of the stronger counties rather than the best individuals. Kind of hard to avoid, really.

Davod Clifford being Footballer of the Year for a third time can't come as any surprise. Frankly, given his dominance this year, it would have cost the All Stars all credibility had it been otherwise. Joe O'Connor had a phenomenal year himself – I think it could genuinely be compared to Seán Cavanagh's 2008 tour de force – but David was untouchable. Michael Murphy – and again, I say this with great and genuine respect – should not have received



Kerry footballer David Clifford with his PwC GAA/GPA Footballer of the Year Award during the 2025 PwC GAA/GPA All-Star Awards at the RDS in Dublin. Photo by Brendan Moran/Sportsfile

the nomination ahead of Michael Langan. Yes, Langan did not have a great final, but you can't say that Murphy did either, and Langan had been imperious up to that stage.

Finbarr Roarty was also favourite to get Young Player of the Year, and rightly so.

Among the team selection, I would say that everybody who is there deserves to be there, while a few other players can feel unlucky, but there is nothing to inspire any real bursts of indignation.

As regards the hurling, I'm not going to claim to have seen enough games to be able to judge fairly.

## Football

Shane Ryan (Kerry)  
 Brendan McCole (Donegal) Jason Foley (Kerry)  
 Seán Rafferty (Meath)  
 Brian Ó Beaglaioich (Kerry) Gavin White (Kerry)  
 Finbarr Roarty (Donegal)  
 Joe O'Connor (Kerry) Michael Langan (Donegal)  
 Paudie Clifford (Kerry) Seán O'Shea (Kerry) Oisín Conaty (Armagh)  
 David Clifford (Kerry) Michael Murphy (Donegal) Sam Mulroy (Louth)  
 Footballer of the Year: David Clifford (Kerry)  
 Young Footballer of the Year: Finbarr Roarty (Donegal)

## Hurling

Rhys Shelly (Tipperary)  
 Robert Doyle (Tipperary) Huw Lawlor (Kilkenny)  
 Seán O'Donoghue (Cork)  
 Eoghan Connolly (Tipperary) Ronan Maher (Tipperary) Ciarán Joyce (Cork)  
 Darragh Fitzgibbon (Cork) Cathal Mannion (Galway)  
 Jake Morris (Tipperary) Andrew Ormond (Tipperary) Cian O'Sullivan (Dublin)  
 Martin Keogh (Kilkenny) John McGrath (Tipperary) Brian Hayes (Cork)  
 Hurler of the Year: John McGrath (Tipperary)  
 Young Hurler of the Year: Darragh McCarthy (Tipperary)

## East Kerry



## Championship Semi-Finals Preview

The Dr. Paddy O'Donoghue Memorial Cup is the most coveted prize in East Kerry football. In recent years current holders Rathmore and Dr. Crokes have dominated the competition, and look on course to contest it once again – but both face big semi-final snares in Kenmare Shamrocks and Spa.

### Dr. Crokes v Spa, Saturday, 2.15pm, Fitzgerald Stadium

Dr. Crokes avenged last year's defeat to Kilcummin in their quarter-final but had quite a battle to do so. A sparkling Tony Brosnan helped them into an eight point lead in the first half, only for a pair of Brendan Kealy two point frees to trim the gap to two points at the break. Once again Dr. Crokes forged ahead in the third quarter but Kilcummin still hung in there and it was only after Billy Courtney's fourth quarter goal that they pulled clear. It's no secret that Crokes are hurting after their defeat at the hands of Mid Kerry in their quest to retain the Bishop Moynihan, and they will want to retain a cup they have lifted 31 times previously. Kenmare Shamrocks, of course, are relatively new to the competition and have never won it, but are quite capable of doing so, having reached the County quarter-final themselves before losing to Austin Stacks. They had a real ding-dong battle with Glenflesk, coughing up a huge deficit but then settling with the wind and Paul O'Connor in peak form, they pulled it back to prevail by a single point in a thrilling finish. Stephen O'Brien is likely to return for the semi-final, but Seán O'Shea is a major doubt and his absence could just tip the scales in favour of Dr. Crokes.

### Rathmore v Kenmare Shamrocks, Sunday, 2-15pm

Rathmore have been something of a form team all year. Paul Murphy and the Ryan brothers have been to the fore, but the emergence of the likes of Ciarán Collins and Andrew Moynihan among others makes them a strong overall team and took them to a County semi-final against Austin Stacks. They dominated neighbours Gneeveguilla for long periods to lead by 1-12 to 0-4 at the break and had enough in the tank to see off a determined fightback by Gneeveguilla, but it was a close enough thing. Mind you, Spa got to a County quarter-final themselves and had an absolute rollercoaster of an East Kerry quarter-final themselves. In fact, it took a second goal from David Spillane in injury-time to finally see off a determined Listry. Spa played Rathmore in the Senior Club Championship, with Rathmore prevailing by 2-15 to 2-10, and Rathmore will be hoping for a similar result on this occasion.

## O'Sullivan Cup Final Tralee CBS v St. Brendans, Fitzgerald Stadium, Tuesday 18th November, 1.30pm

Football at all grades is throwing up new contenders in most competitions but in the O'Sullivan Cup, it's the traditional big two, the Green and the Sem, who will face off for this year's title.

Tralee are likely to go in as slight favourites. They won their quarter-final convincingly over S. Michaels Listowel and then saw off holders Mercy Mounthawk with no less than nine points to spare. Ronan Carroll has been the standout forward of the competition but Tralee also have the likes of Eoin Flaherty, Fionnán Ryan, the Hurley brothers, and Máirtín McKivergen in top form, while Nick Lacey and Dann Kingston oth impressed off the bench in that semi-final. With Gearóid White among others waiting to return from injury, the Green have a lot of cards to play.

St. Brendans looked home and hosed when they led by 2-7 to 0-0 at half-time in their quarter-final against PS Inbhearr Scéine, but that was with gale force wind and rain and it was a very different story in the second half, with the Sem actually fortunate enough to prevail in a very tight finish. They were more impressive in their semi-final against IS Killorglin, with their Kerry minor contingent of Liam O'Brien, Ben Kelliher, and Joey McCarthy amassing a 2-10 combined total. With Kacper Robak in goal and the likes of Cian Mulcahy and Jack Rudden in defence and Mark O'Carroll in midfield, St. Brendans won't have any fear heading into this one.

## Corn uí Mhuirí SEM HANG ON FOR VITAL WIN St. Brendans 1-12 Coláiste Choilm Ballincollig 2-8

The Sem were in real danger of failing to get out of the group stages after a chastening opening round loss to Clonakilty CC. For that matter, they aren't necessarily out of the woods yet and will still need a win against Skibbereen in the final round to be certain, but this win over Coláiste Choilm Ballincollig gives them breathing space. It was hard-earned and in fact the Sem could be thankful in the end that a careless breach and then some lose discipline cost Ballincollig the chance to equalise.

The sem were still missing some top players (to be fair, Ballincollig were missing their key forward Danny Miskella), but manager Kieran Herlihy will be much happier with the display. With Joey McCarthy giving a man of the match display as the attacking fulcrum and Liam O'Brien and Ben Kelliher able to turn it into profit on the scoreboard, the Sem showed much more cohesion and concentration. In fact, it was a good game of football by both teams especially when the torrential weather is taken into account – ducks would have started carrying umbrellas.

Ballincollig made the early running, with Kevin O'Leary absolutely outstanding around the middle. Luke O'Mahony opened the scoring the full forward drifted out subsequently as a third midfielder, and it certainly did pose problems for the Sem. Cian Ahern added a free before Liam O'Brien pulled one back for the Sem.

The Sem needed a spark and a good turnover

by Bryan Walsh found Joey McCarthy, who sent a brilliantly measured pass into Liam O'Brien for a cracking goal that nudged the Sem in front by 1-1 to 0-2. Even though Ballincollig got it back straight away with a goal of their own from Cian Ahern, the Sem seemed to grow in confidence, not least with Mark O'Carroll and Mark Kennelly starting to edge the midfield battle. Joey McCarthy had a two pointer tipped over the crossbar by Nathan Tait (reducing it to one point as the old rule is still in effect) and Tait made a superb save to deny Ben Kelliher a goal. Ben Kelliher did curl over from outside the arc just before the half-time whistle to give the Sem a commanding 1-7 to 1-2 lead at the break. However, it should be noted that they would be facing the elements in the second half.

Joey McCarthy teed up Liam O'Brien for the opening point of the second half. Joey Miskella kicked a beautiful two pointer to trim the gap. Cian Ahern added a free and Seán Murphy nipped in for a goal after Kacper Robak saved Cathal Murphy's initial effort. That left just a point in it, 1-8 to 2-4. Ballincollig were on top now, with impressive sub Rian Coakley firing over an equaliser. Entering the fourth quarter, a Liam O'Brien free nudged the Sem back in front and he added a point from play.

A well-worked move was finished by Joey Miskella to leave the minimum between them. However, a breach of the three up rule was to prove costly as it gave Ben Kelliher a handy free to stretch the gap.

To say that the finish was frantic was an understatement. Ballincollig had plenty of play but a bit of indiscipline (remember, these are young lads in a high pressure environment) was to cost them. They actually had a free brought forward for not releasing the ball, only for the referee to sport another breach, this time of three at the back. It was a big reversal, giving Ben Kelliher another free and putting two points between them, while Ballincollig also lost Cian O'Connor, their linchpin in defence, to a second yellow card. It was a big call by referee Cormac Dineen, but in all honesty he got it spot on. There was still time for Colm Herlihy to score a great point to leave the Sem sweating (only in the proverbial sense – it really was miserable weather) but the Sem (I think their greater experience in terms of last year's Corn uí Mhuirí and Frewen Cup campaigns stood to them; certainly, their discipline and focus were very impressive when it was most needed) held out for a narrow and crucial win. Unfortunately, a frustrated Ballincollig picked up another three red cards after the final whistle as they surrounded the referee, who quite rightly was having none of it. That could cost them in their final game.

The group remains finely poised, to say the least – Clonakilty have two wins, St. Brendans and Ballincollig have one each, and Skibbereen have none. The Sem will play Skibbereen in the last round, a Skibbereen side who gave Clonakilty a very tough game, and scoring difference may well come into play to decide the pair that qualifies for the quarter-finals. Still not the most desired scenario – but things were looking much better for the Sem at the final whistle than at the initial throw-in!



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Registrar - Fiona Ní Chonchubhair - outgoing / Staying

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County Delegate - Donal Culloty - Outgoing/ Staying

East Kerry Delegate 1 - John Hegarty - Outgoing/Staying

East Kerry Delegate 2 - Vacant - To be filled.

### REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

Well done to Claire Lyne, Beibhin O Donoghue, Mary Pierce, and coach Ian Bowler on East Kerry's U15 District championship shield win over South Kerry last Monday night in Glenflesk.

### LOTTO

Results Monday November 11th. Numbers were 6, 8, 12, 25. Bonus No 10. No Jackpot winner. Match 3s / Lucky Dips: 1. Ciara O Sullivan, 2 + 3. Joan Doran x 2

## FOSSA

### LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 09/11/2025 for a jackpot of €4,350 were 9, 13, 23, 28. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Brendan and Angela Lynch, Carmel Martin, John Cronin, Shauna Murphy, Stephen O'Shea.

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For the 1st time Fossa GAA are participating in the GAA National Club Draw and all the money from every ticket sold by Fossa stays in our Club. The easiest way to support this is buy your ticket(s) via Foireann. You can log into your own account and you will see on right "Enter Draw". The following executive members can also enter you to the draw via their own Foireann account: Pat Sheehan, Domhnall O'Sullivan, Peter O'Shaughnessy, Siobhan Kissane, Maria Vaughan, Katherine Butler, Karen McGlynn, Mike Cahillane, Amy Moriarty, Peter Kelliher, John O'Neill, Michael Talbot & Merry Talbot.

Physical tickets will also be available and will be in circulation next week.

Please support the draw and it is hoped members will buy and also sell tickets; there are great prizes to be won, see our Facebook page to view the prizes and all money stays in our Club.

### CHRISTMAS 2025

Excited news heading into Christmas 2025 - we have launched a new edition Paudie and David Clifford Jersey available to shop in our link, <https://6f06fc-2.myshopify.com/> FREE postage for Ireland & UK before the 23rd November.

### CONGRATULATIONS

History was made last Friday night when Paudie and David Clifford won their fourth and sixth All-Star, respectively and David made history by becoming the first player ever to win the Footballer Of The Year award three times. This is a phenomenal achievement by any standards, the parish of Fossa is extremely proud of them and we congratulate the Clifford family for the genius that is Paudie and David Clifford.

## EAST KERRY NEWS

### O'DONOGHUE CUP SEMI FINAL

Dr Crokes V Spa, Saturday Nov 15th @ 2.15 Fitzgerald's Stadium

Rathmore V Kenmare Shamrocks, Sunday Nov 16th @ 2.15 Fitzgerald's Stadium

### FR GALVIN CUP SEMI FINAL

Listry 1-18 Scartglen 0-06

### FINAL

Listry V Currow, Saturday 15th November at 1pm  
Venue: Legion

Extra time - result on the day

### O'SULLIVAN CUP (JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP)

### SEMI FINAL

Gneeveguilla V Glenflesk - Sunday 16th November at 11.30am

### EAST KERRY U16 CHAMPIONSHIP

Kilcummin 0-23 Killarney Legion 2-07

### ALL STARS

Congratulations to the Kerry players who were named on the 2025 All Star team, and to David Clifford on being named player of the year.

### SCOR NA NOG

Well done to the East Kerry Club's who were successful in the County Scor na nOg

## DR CROKES

AGM will take place on Tuesday 25th November at 8pm in the clubhouse.

CLUB MASS will take place on Tuesday 25th November at 7pm in the clubhouse.

LOTTO took place on November 10th. Numbers drawn were 4, 11, 20, 21. Jackpot of €14,300 was NOT WON. 17 patrons matched 3 numbers and receive €25 each. Jackpot for draw on November 17th will be €14,600. 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 continue on Wednesdays from 8pm in the clubhouse. All are welcome.

GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS with Kathleen continues on Tuesdays from 11am in the Clubhouse. Everyone is welcome.

GENTLE YOGA for both men and woman takes place on Thursdays from 6:15pm-7pm. It is €40 for 4 weeks, valid for 5 weeks.

### 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.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Shane and Amy Murphy on the birth of their baby girl Bowie  
Congratulations to Gavin White on winning his second All Star Award.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Pdraig O'Shea who celebrated a special birthday recently.

### 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)



Phena Mulligan Kerry Colleges (left) with students Nimah O'Connor, Caoimhe O'Sullivan and Ella O'Connell St Brigid's Secondary School Killarney at the St Brendan's College Apprenticeship Careers Fair organised by the transition students at St Brendan's College as part of their Young Social Innovators project "The Road Not Taken" on Tuesday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Niamh Sheahan, Daniel Guerin and Louise Burke with Jack O'Shea and David O'Donoghue St Brigid's at the St Brendan's College Apprenticeship Careers Fair organised by the transition students at St Brendan's College as part of their Young Social Innovators project "The Road Not Taken" on Tuesday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



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## Utility Trust St Pauls Lakers vs Tipp Talons Report

**Dominos Mens Division 1 National Cup  
Saturday November 8th**

**Tipp Talons 74  
Utility Trust St Pauls Lakers 86**

*Report by Enda Walshe*

Advancement in the cup for Utility Trust St Pauls Lakers with a repeat of their league win over Tipp Talons from two weeks ago. And while the scoreboard shows they won comfortably in the end it belies the fact that the home side were in firm control of the game for long stretches. In direct contrast to the league game it was the Talons who made the better start and led by as much as 16, 54-38 in the third quarter. But the Lakers came with a wet sail and surged past them with a power packed display in the last fourteen minutes of play. They did so without the injured Jack O Sullivan, a blow considering his recent form.

The key minutes in the final quarter were undoubtedly supplied by Pablo Murcia and Mark Sheehan. Murcia perfected two steals on his Talons counterpart to run in for two easy layups, thereby facilitating the easiest of four point swings. Sheehan hit two massive threes, one to give them his side the lead with three minutes to go and he followed that up with a similar effort to give the Lakers a 79-72 advantage with 1.18 on the clock. The Lakers were also successful in shutting down the impressive Emmanuel Kabengele. He had plundered 19 points in the first half but was held to 4 in the second half, aided no doubt by foul trouble. It now means the Lakers have a December 6th quarter final date with Templeogue in Dublin and that should keep spirits high in training this month.

The Talons started the game with great intensity, no doubt fuelled by their disappointment at the recent league showing. Kabengele stepped out to open the scoring with Pablo Murcia's free throws being the Lakers opening salvo. Matthew McHale was on form for the Talons alongside Rian Broderick and when Kabengele again hit from outside the lead was now 10-2. The aforementioned McHale then struck from distance with Stephen Kelly netting for the visitors trying to find their feet. McHale and Kabengele continued to combine but the Lakers were starting to get their mojo with Marko

Bencic making a welcome return. Despite a Kelly three and good work from Captain Eoin Carroll, a Sam Grant basket still had the Lakers trailing by 30-19 with two minutes to go in the quarter. Carroll found himself outside the arc to punish the Talons and with Grant following that up the board made better reading at quarters end.

Grant and Kelly carried that vibe into the second quarter but the Talons resumed their grip on proceedings with Niall Walsh, Kabengele and Aleksander Kovacevic driving it onto 41-29. Carroll and Rui Sariava tried to keep the Lakers in tow but Kabengele was rampant and when Michael Pierre netted the gap was now 16, 48-32. The only pebble in the Talons shoe at this point was they were committing fouls that led to points with Kelly, Saiava and Carroll all going 100% from the charity stripe. That facilitated a Lakers comeback of sorts, 49-38 in arrears at the interval.

There was little sign of a Talons back down in the opening stages of the third quarter with McHale widening the gap to 16, 54-38. But the worm started to turn for the Lakers with Carroll getting some joy inside, assisted by Sheehan and Kelly. The Lakers defence also affected some stops and the momentum of the game really started to shift. Grant was now starting to pick up the pieces in the paint as the Talons tried desperately to keep the energy of the game. A Steve Kelly three pointer cut the gap down to 2, 60-58 and it was the Lakers' stride that was bouncing heading for the end of third quarter team talk.

The Talons, feeling the Lakers breath on their necks, sprung into action with Broderick(3) and Kovacevic easing them eight clear again. The Lakers wasted some opportunities until Grant hit from downtown and with 5.21 to go it 70-61 to the Talons. Cue the Lakers comeback. It started with a Carroll basket, a three point play, and then Murcia picked the pocket of Kovacevic to race through. He followed that up when he cut out a pass intended for Pierre and it was now 70-69. Game on!! Carroll then put the Lakers ahead for the first time in the game but Kabengele soon wiped that stat away. Then came the first of the Sheehan daggers helping his side, 74-72 in front. Still buzzing from that effort he stretched it out to 76-72 and like a cold blooded assassin the next three applied the killers touch. Visibly reeling the Talons were now in free fall with Kelly and Murcia reading the last rites from the free throw line.

In an even scoring spread Steve Kelly had 21,

*Eoin Carroll, Team Captain*



Eoin Carroll 20, Sam Grant 15, Mark Sheehan 14, Pablo Murcia 13, Rui Saraiva 3. Emmanuel Kabengele had 23, Aleksander Kovacevic and Matthew McHale 14, Rian Broderick 13.

Captain Eoin Carroll felt the end of the second quarter gave them a foothold " We got four points at the end of the second quarter and it gave us a more relaxed feel in the dressing room at half time. In the second half we needed to emphasis our rebounding, eliminating their second chance scoring and improving. Our defensive intensity needed to be ramped up in the third quarter and Pablos two steals really quietened their crowd. We are now only one win away from a cup weekend and I'm really proud of the fight we showed to come out of here with the win."

## Utility Trust St Pauls vs Brunell National Cup Report

**Paudie O Connor National Cup  
Saturday November 8th 7.30pm  
Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre**

**Utility Trust St Pauls 74  
Gurranabraher Brunell Credit Union 78**

*Report by Enda Walshe*

If you wanted an advertisement for all that is great about Women's basketball the Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre certainly fitted the bill. Here you had two teams going hell for leather, that game played at an incredible pace and intensity and the hall packed to capacity. This was without a doubt the biggest occasion in Kerry Womens basketball for many a year and it will have left the two teams with contrasting emotions.

Brunell headed back over the County Bounds, absolutely delighted with the win, safe in the knowledge that their engines got the most rigorous of NCTs and passed the test. The 2024 National Cup champions know exactly what it takes to capture the crown and they delved into all that nous to pull out the win. Utility Trust St Pauls will be devastated after the defeat and rightly so because they gave it their all but when they are spooning through

*Pablo Murcia, Sam Grant and Steve Kelly*





their corn flakes in the morning they will know that they have what it takes to compete with the best in the land and will no doubt take the lessons from the defeat.

In the final analysis Brunell will be very thankful to Maddie Cluse and Edel Thornton for their contribution. Cluse was a handful inside in her forty minutes on the court while Thornton, used in clever cameos by coach Liam Culloty, pulled out some huge moments and gleaned 21 points in twenty three minutes. Lauryn Homan also chipped in with 12 points while Katie Walshe hit two big threes in the third quarter that gave them breathing space. Tara Cousins led the charge for St Pauls with 34 points and they did a great defensive job on Cluses compatriot Brailyn Joseph. They can also point to some refereeing decisions they may have felt went against them especially in the second half but their own conversation rate, in particular in the middle two quarters, was not what it usually is.

There was a crackling atmosphere just before tip off and a quick start from Lorraine Scanlon and Maisie Burnham, with a three, raised the level a few more notches. But Brunell got into their stride with Joseph and Lauryn Homan finding the mark. Tara Cousins was getting her eye in from outside and alongside Denise Dunlea they opened up a 17-11 lead. Thornton was on the bench at this stage so it was left to Cluse to keep up the fight as Brunell went inside often and early. They hit her sides last nine points of the quarter but Cousins, Burnham and Lovisa Hevinder ploughed on to ensure St Pauls had a 23-18 advantage.

Scanlon opened the second quarter as she did the first with a basket but you could see the Brunell screw was starting to tighten. Thornton was back in the box seat with Joseph starting to get some joy. Katie Walshes three pushed them closer and midway through the period it was tied up at 29 each, Burnham and Cousins keeping the home fires burning. But St Pauls were starting to struggle offensively, reliant on free throws and Cousins' accuracy, all the while Cluse punched away, leaving the teams tied at 36 each at half time.

The third quarter saw Cousins and Burnham give their side an early lead, Cousins getting joy from a fine Leah McMahon assist. The game was now at its most intense with neither side buckling but Thornton was starting to control matters. Scanlon was fighting hard inside and there was still parity at 45 each with the quarter

closing. But Brunell took a major step forward in the following minutes with Homan and the Walshes, Ava and Katie giving them their biggest lead of the night, 52-45. But a big three from the inform Denise Dunlea gave St Pauls hope, cutting the gap to four as the teams straightened for home.

But it was Brunell who stole the march in the home stretch with Thornton clipping in five points, and Homan and Cluse pushing the lead out to 11, 61-50. To their eternal credit St Pauls refused to die and five rapid points from Dunlea and Siofra O Shea reduced the deficit. But Thornton was now in her pomp and despite a Cousins three point play the gap was still six. Burnham was working hard, drawing fouls and profiting from the free throw line but a Thornton three almost felt like a fatal blow. But the drama was only beginning, as St Pauls mounted their own version of the charge of the light brigade. Cousins hit two threes either side of a Dunlea effort and Brunell needed Thorntons calm hand to still have a three point lead, 77-74 with 23 seconds to go. Crucially St Pauls would have possession and after calling a timeout they had a play in mind. Dunlea and Burnham both got looks for an equaliser but as had been the case all night it just wouldn't drop. Hevinder was unlucky not to be able to cut the gap with free throws she had earned from the resultant rebound and with that went St Paul's chance of redemption. It will be of little consolation to them now but they played their part in an epic struggle on a night where the real winner was Irish Women's Basketball.

Tara Cousins top scored with 34 points, Maisie Burnham had 14, Denise Dunlea 12, Lorraine Scanlon 8, Siofra O Shea 3, Lovisa Hevinder 3. For Brunell Maddie Cluse had 26, Edel Thornton was instrumental with 21, Lauryn Homan had 12 and Brailyn Joseph had 12.

#### **Basketball Ireland Domino's President's National Cup**

**Drogheda Wolves 86  
Killarney Cougars 51**

The Cougars made the long journey north to Ballymakenny College Drogheda to face the Wolves on Saturday evening and the hosts continued their impressive start to the season with a comprehensive 86-51 victory over Killarney Cougars in the Domino's President's National Cup.

Under the guidance of experienced former Irish coach Mark Keenan, the Wolves have been moving well and currently sit top of the Northern Conference with an excellent 5-1 league record, a momentum they carried into this Cup clash.

The home side's well-balanced offence and disciplined defensive structure proved too strong for a understrength Cougars outfit, who again sorely missed the influence of American guard Jackson Ryan, sidelined for a number of weeks after a recent injury versus Tipp Talons.

The Wolves led throughout and held a good lead 45-18 lead at halftime, with both defences working hard in the low scoring opening periods.

Francisco Antonio Cruz Dias led the way for the Wolves with a commanding 24-point performance, with sharp perimeter shooting. Franciszek Chmielecki added 16 points, while Lukas Saltmeris contributed 12 in another strong showing. Consistent scoring from Vernon Deshaun Jackson and David Chukwubikem helped Drogheda maintain control throughout the contest.

The Cougars were clearly missing Jackson Ryan in the opening stages, Kenny Shimwa once again led from the front with 16 points across the full 40 minutes. Simon Olanipekun added 13 points, and Paul Adedeji was effective in the paint with 12, while Adam Lenihan, Lucas Cronin and Josh Vermiglio battled to create opportunities against Drogheda's tight defensive coverage.

The Cougars stayed competitive early on, but the Wolves' depth and execution saw them pull away after halftime. Despite the result, Killarney showed plenty of resilience and effort on the road and will need to regroup ahead of their return to league action next Saturday with a home game versus Maree at 7.30pm at the Presentation Gym.

Top Scorers .....

Drogheda Wolves: Francisco Antonio Cruz Dias 24, Franciszek Chmielecki 16, Lukas Saltmeris 12, Vernon Deshaun Jackson 8, David Chukwubikem 8

Killarney Cougars: Kenny Shimwa 16, Simon Olanipekun 13, Paul Adedeji 12, Lucas Cronin 5.



St Paul's Mothers and Others welcomed Sliabh Luachra Lakers for a very sporting & competitive challenge game this week.





# 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.

## “ERRATIC PLANNING DECISIONS WITHOUT CONSEQUENCES FOR KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL”

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

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

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

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



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



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

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



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



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2. How exposed the garden is – i.e. what direction is it facing.
3. 2. The eventual height and width the hedge will be
4. 4. Does it need to be evergreen.

When you have chosen the type of hedge that you want, it's time to prepare the soil. Start preparing the soil by digging thoroughly and forking in some well rotted farmyard manure. Hedges can be planted all year around but the ideal time is between November and March as all hedging plants will be dormant at this time.

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## A TRAGIC FALL FROM GRACE

By Nicky Barry

We are a sporting nation, playing many games,  
With a high degree of skill, and international fame.  
We've scaled the heights at rugby, at soccer and at golf,  
At swimming and gymnastics, and on the running track.  
We've won Olympic gold at boxing, with heroic women,  
And Gold Cups over fences, for years at Cheltenham.  
Each county has its heroes, with big ball and sliothar,  
Who now are immortalised, in Dublin, Cork and Kerry.  
These heroes are role models, revered in verse and song,  
For they were pure icons, who could do nothing wrong.  
One county's hero, can be another county's villain,  
Like poacher Seamus Darby, who denied the Kingdom,  
Five All-Irelands in a row, just when history beckoned,  
For all sport is a romance, with passion and depression.  
DJ Carey was a star, who shone out like a beacon,  
In the stripes of Kilkenny, and was an inspiration,  
But he was flawed in business, incurring many debts,  
And conned his Cat devotees, with fables of ill-health.  
He made crazy decisions, which left his name in shame,  
And tarnished the legend, of his glory and his fame.





## A Word of Victory

*"But Ruth replied... 'don't ask me to leave you and turn back. Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you live, I will live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God. Wherever you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord punish me severely if I allow anything but death to separate us!"*  
(Ruth 1:16-17).

Welcome back dear student, last week our Scripture from Psalms forty rejoiced on how God rescues us from the mire of despair and sets us on a new path. Ruth was the daughter-in-law of Naomi. She was from a different nation and culture but chose to stay with her mother-in-law after both their husbands had died, for Naomi was all alone. The verse above is from a passage often read at weddings - signifying the devotion of the newlyweds to each other no matter what the future brings. In Naomi's time, the outlook for a widow was not favourable. Once her money was gone her future was starvation, unless someone took her in. So, Ruth staying with Naomi rather than going home to find a new husband, was a sacrificial act. Now the reality set in when they came to Naomi's home place: Bethlehem, which incidentally translates 'House of Bread'. They returned as beggars, causing Naomi (which means 'sweetness' in Hebrew) to want to change her name to 'Mara' - meaning 'bitter'. She had lost her husband, the breadwinner, and her two sons - her legacy, so she was desolate. To survive Ruth went to work in the fields gathering leftovers from those who were bringing in the barley harvest. The practice in Israel was to let the poor glean behind the reapers to feed themselves. God's plan of Redemption for Naomi and Ruth now kicked into action. "The steps of the godly are ordered by the Lord. He takes delight in their journey" (Psalms 37:23). This is how the Lord works - when all looks hopeless and lost 'light shines in the darkness' (John 1:5).

The field that Ruth was working in belonged to Boaz, who unbeknownst to her, was a close relative to Naomi. He saw Ruth and inquired who she was. Already a good report had gone out about her in the city - that she was the widowed daughter-in-law, who chose to look after Naomi. Friend, oftentimes we do things, or go through things that no one notices - but God knows everything! He knows the truth. The Lord Jesus sees you at your weakest - He knows what it feels like (Hebrews 4:15). He understands the sacrifices, the pain, and the heartache, and He is your Redeemer! (Job 19:25) This means He will bring healing for all that has been lost. God is the One Who restores the years the locusts have stolen (Joel 2:25). He rebukes the devourer for our sake (Malachi 3:11).

Things may not turn out like you had planned or imagined, but if you trust Him the Lord will bring redemption. To redeem means to buy back or rescue what was lost and restore with atonement. Because there is no time in eternity where God lives, we can ask Jesus to go back to that time when the enemy came in and destroyed, and He will bring redemption and turn around with healing for the pain. Life keeps going on friend, but if we trust God we can go forward into a new beginning. The book of Ruth, only four chapters long, foreshadows Jesus the Messiah redeeming our lives from sin, hopelessness, death, and destruction. Boaz was her Kinsman Redeemer. He ended up marrying Ruth, and they brought forth a grandson for Naomi called Obed, who later became grandfather to King David, in the ancestral line of Messiah Jesus!

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## NOVENA PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

O Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

O Saint Joseph, assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord; so that having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

O Saint Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me, and ask Him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath.

Amen

## NOVENA TO ST ANTHONY

O wonderful St. Anthony, glorious on account of the fame of your miracles, and through the condescension of Jesus in coming in the form of a little child to rest in your arms, obtain for me of His bounty the grace which I ardently desire from the depths of my heart. (State your intention)

You who were so compassionate toward miserable sinners, regard not the unworthiness of those who pray to you, but the glory of God that it may once again be magnified by the granting of the particular request (State your intention) which I now ask for with persevering earnestness. Amen

Pray one Our Father,  
one Hail Mary, and

Glory Be to the Father, in honor of Saint Anthony.  
Saint Anthony, pray for us!

## MEMORARE

Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day 11th February  
Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.  
Amen.

## 6TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
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He was never one to boast  
He just went on quietly working  
For the ones he loved the most.

His dreams were seldom spoken  
His wants were very few  
And most of the time his worries  
Went unspoken too.

He was there.... A firm foundation  
Through all our storms of life  
A sturdy hand to hold on to  
In times of stress and strife.

A true friend we could turn to  
When times were good or bad  
One of our greatest blessings  
The man that we called Dad.

**Sadly missed everyday by your loving  
wife Helena, son Danny, daughters  
Sinead & Deirdre. Daughter-in-law Sarah  
& Deirdre's Fiancé Derek.  
Grandchildren, twins Caelàn Dermot  
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IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
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DOONEEN, KILLARNEY,  
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WHO PASSED AWAY ON  
14TH NOVEMBER 2024.

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

*Your resting place we visit,  
Flowers we put with care,  
But no one knows the heartache,  
As we turn and leave you there.*

Always loved and sadly missed by your  
loving brother Gerard,  
sisters Kay (Kathleen), Mary, Sheila,  
sister-in-law Geraldine, Sheila's partner  
Donie and nephews Padraig,  
Diarmuid and Conall.

**1ST ANNIVERSARY**

*In Loving Memory of a beloved Wife,  
wonderful Mother and very kind Nana*

**BREDA LYNCH**  
(NEE O'MAHONY)



DOONEEN, KILLARNEY  
WHO PASSED AWAY ON  
14TH NOVEMBER 2024.

*God looked around his garden  
And found an empty place.  
He then looked down upon the earth,  
And saw your tired face.*

*He put his arms around you  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful,  
He always takes the best.*

*He knew that you were suffering,  
He knew you were in pain.  
He knew that you would never  
Get well on earth again.*

*He saw the road was getting rough  
And the hills were hard to climb.  
So he closed your weary eyelids  
And whispered, "Peace be thine".*

*It broke our hearts to lose you  
But you did not go alone,  
For part of us went with you  
The day God called you home.*

*Nana  
Your life was a blessing,  
Your memory a treasure,  
You are loved beyond words  
And missed beyond measure.*

Sadly missed and lovingly remembered by  
your husband Con, daughters Sinéad and  
Miriam, sons Conor and Shane, Sinéad's  
partner Gianluca, son-in-law David,  
daughter-in-law Noreen, Shane's fiancée  
Sorcha, grandchildren Oisín, Kelly, Maia,  
Íde, Kealan and Culann.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & 1ST ANNIVERSARY**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**BREDA LYNCH**



DOONEEN, KILLARNEY,  
FORMERLY COOLROE, FAHA  
WHO PASSED AWAY ON  
14TH NOVEMBER 2024.

As we lovingly remember Breda on her first  
anniversary, her husband Con, her children  
Sinéad, Miriam, Conor and Shane and their  
families and the O'Mahony family wish to  
express our heartfelt thanks and  
appreciation to all who supported us during  
this sad and difficult time, especially our  
extended family, friends and neighbours.  
A sincere thank you to all who attended  
the removal, Funeral Mass and burial. We  
appreciate the time involved where people  
stood and queued to attend the removal  
and Mass. Thank you to those who travelled  
long distances to be with us, joined the  
Mass online, sent Mass cards, messages of  
sympathy, online condolences, phone calls  
or thought of us on the day. Thanks also to  
all who donated to Palliative Care.

We wish to acknowledge and thank  
everyone who thought of Breda in any way  
throughout her illness (offering prayers,  
lighting candles, sending cards, text  
messages, flowers and gifts). She really  
appreciated all the goodwill she received.  
A special mention to her hairdresser Eileen  
Carolan who always looked after Breda  
so well, especially during her illness, also  
her cousin Bríd Lynch for her invaluable  
help and support. A sincere thanks to Fr  
Kieran O'Brien for visiting Breda and for  
celebrating her Requiem Mass. Thanks also  
to Fr Paddy, Deacon Thady, Fr Tadhg, the  
Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristan Tadhgíe,  
Helen Kerins and Denis Crowley for the

beautiful music.

Heartfelt thanks to everyone who paid  
tribute in the Guards of Honour from Sliabh  
Luachra and Annascaul Walking Clubs  
and current and retired staff from St  
Columbanus Community Hospital and all  
the Community Hospitals in Killarney. It was  
very moving to see so many send Breda on  
her final journey.

Thank you to Mike O'Shea and all the staff  
at O'Shea's Funeral Home for their kindness,  
professionalism and guidance in arranging  
the funeral. Thanks also to the gravediggers.  
Many thanks to Sean O'Mahony and staff at  
the Killarney Country Club for looking after  
us so well, Noel O'Donoghue and staff for  
the lovely food and everyone who brought  
food to the house.

For their compassion and care we would like  
to thank Dr Katie Frost and staff in Deenagh  
Medical Practice, Dr Bird and staff in the  
Bons Secours Hospital, Cork, the Palliative  
Care Unit UHK. Thank you to the Kerry  
Palliative Care Community team and the  
Irish Cancer Society who helped us to look  
after Breda in her home. Thank you to Nuala  
and the staff at Trant's Pharmacy for your  
kindness, advice and compassion.

As it would be impossible to thank  
everyone individually, please accept this  
acknowledgement as an expression of our  
heartfelt gratitude for your kindness and  
support. Your thoughtfulness will be forever  
remembered. A mass has been offered for  
your intentions.

Breda's First Anniversary Mass  
will be on Sunday, 16th November  
at 10.30am in St Mary's Cathedral, Killarney.

**1ST ANNIVERSARY**

IN LOVING MEMORY  
OF OUR DEAR FRIEND

**DEIRDRE GUERIN**



DOIRÍN ÁLAINN, TRALEE ROAD  
/GORTROE, FOSSA, KILLARNEY  
WHO JOINED THE ANGELS  
ON 13TH NOVEMBER 2024.

*Some people come into your life  
and go without any impressions.  
Dee, you left big huge footprints  
on our hearts.*

Never Forgotten,  
Mary, John A & Joshua O'Sullivan.

**GRATEFUL THANKS**

To the Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
Our Lady of Lourdes,  
St Roch, St Martin De Porres, Psalm 91,  
St Michael the Archangel for many  
favours received and that included  
health.

**NOVENA TO ST. JUDE**

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

Oh Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us.

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