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Welcome to this week's Killarney Outlook. We have a jam packed magazine for you with all the news sport and fantastic deals from our loyal advertisers.

The Marathon Brothers, Jordan and Cian Adams are hitting the roads around Killarney on Sunday, the Killarney Looking Good Competition has been launched and a pilgrimage to Innisfallen Island has taken place.

We have a moving story of grief and joy as a local mum shares her story, the girls at Salon B are taking on the Ring and Killarney Legion walked from Darkness Into Light.

Sunflower Day is returning for the 36th year, raising funds for the Kerry Hospice Foundation, Ducks & Dunks have raised thousands for charities and plans for Flesk Fest 2026 have been announced.

The 2026 Season at Killarney Racecourse got off to a flying start, Glenflesk NS enjoyed a trip to Spain and children from the parish celebrated their First Holy Communion.

In Sport, the Kerry Senior football team captured the Munster Final v Cork, while the Ladies did likewise in the opening game at the Fitzgerald Stadium, a commemoration has been planned to remember the late Tim Keogh and St. Brigid's Presentation first years have been crowned All Ireland A Shield Champions.

Hope you all enjoy this week's Killarney Outlook!

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MARATHON BROTHERS

to take on Killarney challenge



Two brothers who are taking part in a multi-marathon challenge across the country to raise funds for dementia awareness will be hitting the roads in Killarney on this Sunday, May 17, and locals have been urged to turn out in great numbers to support them.

Jordan and Cian Adams, who have become known as The FTD Brothers, are attempting a marathon a day, for 32 consecutive days, across the 32 counties of Ireland.

Their mum died, in her early 50s, in 2016, from frontotemporal dementia (FTD) and the brothers have been told they have the rare gene which sees them with a high chance of developing the illness in their 40s.

They will run in Killarney in between other marathon efforts in Limerick and Cork and, they said, they are doing so to try to help cure dementia before it takes their lives,

The Killarney leg of the adventure is due to start at 10.00am at Killarney House and Gardens.

The brothers will run along Muckcross Road, through the spectacular national park before emerging again on the streets, doing a complete loop of the town and its surrounds and finishing back at Killarney House and Gardens.

Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce



Jordan and Cian Adams, who have become known as The FTD Brothers

President, Johnny McGuire, has appealed to the public to keep an eye out for the brothers' exact schedule and to support them when they are passing through the streets and roadways of the town.

"Every donation will support families, fund research and drive real change.

"It's all about research and education and all profits will go directly to the FTD Brothers Foundation and the Alzheimer Society of Ireland," Mr McGuire said.



"Every donation will support families, fund research and drive real change", Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce President, Johnny McGuire said.

"Killarney has an unrivalled reputation for affording a great welcome to everybody and the two Adams brothers certainly deserve that given the enormous challenge they have undertaken for such a worthy cause so close to their hearts," he added.

Jordan, 30, and 25-year-old Cian grew up in the small town of Redditch, Worcestershire in England but they have strong family roots in Ireland.

Wordsmith Tim hopes town will sweep up awards

He has watched on proudly as his brilliant movie star daughter scooped all the top awards in the worldwide film industry but now it's accomplished poet Tim Buckley's turn to help sweep up the prizes.

The gifted wordsmith – dad to Oscar and Golden Globe winner Jessie – is a proud Killarney man and he would love nothing more than to see his native place make it to the victory podium alongside his golden girl.

With a sweeping brush in one hand and a book of poetry in the other, Tim has officially launched this year's Killarney Looking Good competition which is aimed at boosting the town's chances of success in the 2026 national tidy towns competition.

Fully aware of the importance of presenting the town at its best, having grown up in a family hotel and worked in hospitality all his life, Tim is urging everybody to make a special effort this year to ensure Killarney is in with a shot of the top prizes.

He would love to see the town he adores repeat its overall award

success of 2011 or emulate Ireland's tidiest large town accolade in 2023 and he insists that can be achieved with a little extra effort from all sectors.

The Killarney Looking Good Competition will see awards presented in 26 different categories and high achievers in the business and residential community will be honoured at a gala prize giving ceremony at the close of the tourist season.

In the business community, there will be awards for the best large

and small commercial premises, best newly painted premises, best signage and the best retail award with prizes also for the most impressive hotel, public house, restaurant, café, guesthouse and best public building as well as the most improved premises.

In the residential categories, awards will go to the best large and small estates, best private residence, best roadside garden, best floral display and best friendly planting award.

Other categories include a green

hospitality award, a corporate special responsibility award, a restoration award, best school and a special biodiversity award.

Several highly commended awards will also be up for grabs and the winner of the prestigious overall award will be announced at the prize giving ceremony.

Two special awards will be presented in memory of two remarkable people who played massive roles in keeping Killarney looking its best down through the years.

The Yvonne Quill Memorial Award will be presented to the volunteer of the year – a person who the adjudicators consider to be a standout contributor – in the overall effort to keep Killarney tidy. The memory of Fr Michael Murphy – affectionately known as Fr Tidy – will be honoured with a special Pride of Place award.

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



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Pilgrim Progress...

Cistercian Community Finds Reflection and History on Innisfallen Island Retreat



Members of the Monastic Cistercian Order on a retreat to Innisfallen Island, Lough Lein, Killarney National Park, lead by Sr Sarah Branigan, St Mary's Abbey, Glencairn, Co Waterford. Photos: Valerie O'Sullivan

Members of the Monastic Cistercian Order travelled to the tranquil setting of Innisfallen Island on Lough Lein in Killarney National Park this week for a spiritual retreat led by Sr Sarah Branigan of St Mary's Abbey, Glencairn, Co Waterford.

Surrounded by natural beauty of one of Kerry's most historic locations, the group gathered on the idyllic island, home to the ruins of an ancient monastery and once regarded as a renowned centre of learning.

Founded in 631 and dedicated to St Finian, Innisfallen Monastery played a significant role in Ireland's early Christian and scholarly tradition. Over seven centuries, the island became synonymous with education, spirituality and historical record-keeping.

Among its greatest legacies are the famed Annals of Innisfallen, a collection of medieval chronicles documenting Irish history, politics and religious life. The annals were compiled by generations of monks living on the island and

remain one of the country's most important historical sources.

The group were joined by Tracy Collins, Senior Archaeologist with the National Monuments Service, who specialises in medieval monasticism. Ms Collins shared her extensive knowledge of the island's remarkable past with the Cistercian community, offering insight into the daily lives, traditions and scholarship of the monks who once inhabited the sacred site.



Members of the Monastic Cistercian Order on a retreat to Innisfallen Island, Lough Lein, Killarney National Park.



Boatman, Diarmuid Griffin with Members of the Monastic Cistercian Order on a retreat to Innisfallen Island, Lough Lein, Killarney National Park.



Sr. Beatrice and Bro. Oisín, Members of the Monastic Cistercian Order on a retreat to Innisfallen Island, Lough Lein, Killarney National Park.



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"She Is My Miracle"

Mags Harty shares her story of heartbreak, hope and finally finding joy

For years, Mags Harty carried heartbreak quietly.

Behind the smiles, the busy working days and the determination to keep going, she was enduring unimaginable loss, eight miscarriages, repeated rounds of IVF, the devastating death of her beloved mother, and the emotional strain that nearly broke her. There were times she felt she could not continue.

But after years of grief, resilience and refusing to give up hope, Mags and her husband Bernard finally welcomed their daughter Isla into the world in December 2025. "She is my miracle," Mags says.

It is a story of loss, love, determination and the strength it takes to keep going when life keeps knocking you down and this week, Mags shared her story with Brenda Dennehy on her Podcast - The Comeback with Brenda Dennehy. Mags married Bernard Costello in 2018 after he proposed to her during the television show *Then Comes Marriage*...

Like many newlyweds, the couple looked forward to settling into married life and beginning a family together. Mags had always dreamed of becoming a mother. Wanting to prepare for pregnancy properly, she booked a full medical check-up. She had always been told by her mother that she was allergic to penicillin and wanted to confirm it before trying for a baby. But the phone call from her doctor brought completely unexpected news. Mags was pregnant.



The beautiful Miss Isla

At the same time, she was told she was already in the process of losing the baby.

Despite the devastating news, Mags still planned to go to work.

"That was just me," she says. "I never wanted to let anyone down."

Mags affectionately calls Bernard "Boo", and she immediately rang him and close friends to tell them what had happened.

The couple travelled to Cork to see a specialist and, for a brief moment, there was hope when they were told the baby still had a heartbeat. Days later, however, Mags lost her first baby.

Only days after the miscarriage, she started a new job, something she now realises she did far too soon while still processing her grief.

By the following November, Mags became pregnant again. Within six weeks, she miscarried.

At just 37 years old, Mags was then told by a doctor that she may be entering menopause. Further testing later confirmed that she was nowhere near menopause.

Doctors could find no obvious reason why she could not carry a pregnancy. She was producing healthy eggs and, medically, everything appeared normal.

Instead, attention began to turn towards her weight.

Having worked in the leisure industry for years, Mags understood health and fitness. She exercised regularly, ate well and did everything she could to lose weight, but nothing seemed to work. "It was incredibly frustrating," she says.

She underwent further testing, including procedures to check her fallopian tubes during the Covid-19 pandemic. Because of restrictions, Bernard had to wait alone in the car park while Mags attended appointments by herself.

It was after this that the couple began seriously considering IVF.

During her first IVF consultation, Mags finally felt reassured when specialists told her that her fertility struggles had nothing to do with her weight. With renewed hope, the couple began treatment.

Mags and Bernard had always dreamed of having three children together. But their IVF journey brought more heartbreak.



Happiness... Mags and Bernard pictured with their beautiful daughter Isla at her Christening

Their first round of IVF ended in miscarriage at six weeks.

The second round brought the joy of discovering they were expecting twins, but once again, the pregnancy ended at six weeks. By then, Mags had lost five babies. Still, they continued. The couple went through two more rounds of IVF, losing another baby and then twins again at eight weeks.

The final losses came during one of the darkest periods of Mags' life, shortly after the death of her beloved mother, Ita. "That broke me," Mags admits. "I couldn't keep doing it anymore, not to Bernard, not to my friends and not to myself." Years of fertility treatment had placed enormous strain on every part of their lives.

Mags and Bernard had put everything on hold. They stopped booking holidays. They avoided christenings and weddings. Much of their world revolved around appointments, medication, procedures and waiting for good news that never seemed to come.

The emotional, physical and financial toll became overwhelming. Eventually, the couple made the difficult decision to stop. "We needed to have a marriage again," Mags says.

Through it all, Bernard remained unwavering in his support. "He always put me first," she says. "Whatever decision I made, he stood by me."

But after losing eight babies and her mother, Mags found herself in an extremely dark place. The grief consumed her. Throughout her fertility journey, Mags remained convinced there was an underlying thyroid issue. Despite repeated reassurance from medical professionals, she could not shake the feeling that something had been missed. Eventually,

she ordered an online testing kit herself.

The results revealed thyroid problems, something Mags believes had been contributing to her miscarriages. A strong believer in natural medicine, she visited her local health store where she was advised to begin taking supplements and natural products to support her body. "Within two weeks, I felt like myself again," she says.

Although the couple had emotionally stepped away from IVF, they still had embryos remaining. They decided to speak with the clinic one final time. And then, something changed. Mags became pregnant again. This time, the pregnancy continued. Week after week, the baby grew stronger. And on the 7th of November, 2025, Mags and Bernard finally welcomed their daughter Isla into the world.

Mags chose the name because it reminded her of her mother, Ita. "She was with me through all of this," Mags says.

Today, Mags says she could never have survived the journey without the support of Bernard, her family and her close friends.

Now working as an SNA and teaching adults involved in the Special Olympics, Mags says helping people has always been at the centre of her life. She adores her work and the community around her. Most of all, she treasures the little girl she fought so hard to have. After years of heartbreak, loss and uncertainty, Isla brought light back into their lives.

You can hear more of Mags' powerful story on *The Comeback with Brenda Dennehy*, available wherever you listen to podcasts.




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Cycling for a charity close to their hearts...

Salon B Girls take on the Ring



Three colleagues from Salon B are taking on the challenge of the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle this July in aid of a cause very close to their hearts. Brenda O'Brien, Deirdre Leahy and Siobhan Hanrahan are busy clocking up the miles on their bikes as they prepare for the annual event, which takes place on Saturday, July 4.

The trio have chosen to raise funds for the Kerry Hospice Foundation, a charity dedicated to supporting professionally-led palliative care services throughout Kerry. The organisation raises awareness and funding while providing leadership and support for people living with advancing and life-limiting illnesses.

Established in 1990, the foundation originally focused on helping deliver palliative care services in patients' homes. Over time, it became clear that a hybrid model was needed, combining care at home with more specialised support that could only be provided in a dedicated facility.

Speaking to Killarney Outlook, Deirdre explained why the charity means so much to her and her colleagues.

"The reason we picked Kerry Hospice is because it is very close to our hearts, especially for me, as my late dad spent the last week of his life there. It is such a wonderful place and they make everyone feel so comfortable and special, and the nurses are angels," she said.

"It's so important to support such a wonderful cause. I don't think there is anyone out there who hasn't been touched by the work they do. We all work together in Salon B and wanted to do something meaningful together."

The girls have a donation bucket at the salon which is located in Deerpark Retail Park and welcome any donation, big or small.

Event registration for National Heritage Week 2026 is now open, with community organisations, volunteers and heritage groups across Kerry invited to contribute to the festival programme running from 15th – 23rd August 2026.

Now in its 26th year, National Heritage Week is Ireland's largest celebration of built, cultural, and natural heritage, with over 2,500 events taking place annually, attended by almost half a million people. This week-long festival is an all-island initiative, with the majority of events free to attend. This year's theme, Heritage at Risk, invites individuals and communities to consider the elements of our heritage that are vulnerable or under threat – from historic buildings and archaeological sites to natural habitats, traditional skills, folklore, language and ways of life. Through guided walks, hands-on workshops, talks, performances and heritage trails, events will highlight not only the richness of local heritage, but the importance of protecting and sustaining it for future generations.

Kerry County Council heritage officer Victoria McCarthy added: "National Heritage Week is a wonderful opportunity for communities in Kerry to celebrate the heritage that makes this county so special, while also recognising what is at risk and how it can be protected. From landscapes and historic places to traditions, folklore, language and craft, Kerry's heritage is deeply rooted in place. We hosted 78 events in 2025, an increase on the previous year which highlights the growing interest. I would encourage local groups, schools, volunteers and heritage organisations to register an event and help share that heritage with others."

Last year, Kerry included events such as The Rose of Tralee dresses through the decades and 'A Day In The Bog' event at Kerry Writers' Museum.

Organisers are encouraged to register their events for National Heritage Week 2026 at www.heritageweek.ie, where resources will be available to support event planning, accessibility, and promotion.

Communities in Kerry Invited to Register Events for National Heritage Week 2026



Minister of State for Nature, Heritage and Biodiversity, Christopher O'Sullivan TD (centre) with (l-r): Ronan Healy, Heritage Week Programme Manager, Martina Moloney, Chair, Heritage Council Ireland, volunteer Freddie Snowe, Jack Ross (4) and Eibhlin Ross (6), Virginia Teehan, Heritage Council CEO and volunteer Billy Dunne at the National Print Museum encouraging communities to register their events for National Heritage Week 2026, Ireland's largest celebration of built, cultural and natural heritage.

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Thank you, Peter & Mary O'Rourke, Rathmore.



Anne Lucey looks at the positive news happening in Killarney



REMEMBERING OUR PAST TO CELEBRATE OUR PRESENT

In a week when Fitzgerald Stadium never looked better, an appeal was made at the council chambers in Killarney Town Hall not to forget a great Killarney man.

Eugene O'Sullivan was a man of his time. Born in 1879 at a time of great hope, he straddled the worlds of business, politics, culture and sport. Not only was he an MP, briefly, (he was unseated after a court case on election antics) he was chair of Killarney Urban District Council where he served for many years. He died on May 19th, 1942.

He was a footballer and a member of Dr Crokes and combining all those roles, he was instrumental in getting the Fitzgerald Stadium built.

Such a shame then he is so forgotten. But



Cllr. Marie Moloney pictured with Der Brosnan Chair of the Fitzgerald Stadium Committee.

thanks to Der Brosnan, chair of the stadium committee, the council Eugene once served on are to begin to recall his memory.

In an address to the Killarney MD, Der told how he had been contacted by a relative of

Eugene's in the US to see if we could clean up his grave in Muckcross Abbey.

"To my dismay after we located the grave and cleaned off the moss, we discovered a slab of concrete. There was no indication as to who was buried beneath. A sad ending to a man who gave so much to Killarney and indeed to Kerry," Der said.

"We are here today because of the people who went before us and Eugene was a driving force for the town," he said.

Der referred to Eugene as "a bit of a rogue - but a good rogue". Der's remarks reminded me how the lovable rogue is a characteristic valued by Killarney people today as much as the 1900s. There is hardly a finer tribute in Killarney.

Marie Moloney, introduced the subject and invited Der to address the meeting.

There was wide acceptance and backing - Councillor Niall O'Callaghan saying it was important to remember Eugene especially, given the ambitious plans for the stadium.

DISCRETION IN PARKING TICKETS AND THE RETURN OF THE DUAL MANDATE BY THE BACKDOOR

An appeal for "discretion" when it comes to parking fines by Tralee Councillor Anne O'Sullivan (FF) reminded me of the shock we all get when we are a bit longer than we should be, chatting and spending our money and we return to find we are slapped with a parking ticket.

Anne, who is parliamentary assistant to Minister Norma Foley is a first time and an excellent councillor. She has her ear close to the ground while also keeping Norma in the picture with legislative and other matters.

At last week's meeting of Tralee MD, Anne referred to a particular case of a person "hit with a parking ticket" after being delayed returning to her car. Despite having a valid ticket earlier.

These people were spending money and might be delayed because they were supporting local business.

"A lot of people won't go to the appeals service. It's an extra job for them. People are busy."

I support Anne in her call on the council to exercise discretion.

I mention Anne's role as parliamentary assistant because the dire warnings and back bench revolt by Fianna Fail TDs prior to the ending of dual mandate in 2004 has come home to roost.

The dual mandate was where TDs would sit on both the council and the Dail. The guillotine waged by Martin Cullen was not one of the FF/PD government better ideas. There was

a buzz in the council chamber on a Monday when Government TDs like John O'Donoghue, or Jackie Healy-Rae were in their seats in Tralee and off to Dublin on Tuesday. There would be heads of steam between the rivals but there was parity of esteem between the two houses. A council with TDs with their feet on the ground had a direct influence.

The ending was a travesty; it was the beginning of the end of local democracy and the start of the centralising of all kinds of power from politics to media to health. A new layer of middle managers was added to local democracy, the HSE etc.

What the end of dual mandate did was emasculate local powers and cut off the regions. Lo and behold the dual role is back in another guise and three councillors now on Kerry County Council are "double jobbing" as parliamentary assistants.

None of our political commentators in the nationals or RTE - we have a dearth of good political reporters - have even noticed.

There is a vacuum with the lack of local news and even national issues now. You saw this last week when there's a lull in Trump, Gaza and the Ukraine and we get endless coverage of a small ship with a virus picked up in a rubbish tip in Argentina!

Meanwhile parking tickets in Tralee or in Killarney will affect far more of us than the Hantavirus!

HOMELESS IN KILLARNEY

Plenty of social housing is being built now in Killarney - but the the lists are not going down, the latest council meeting heard. People are facing homelessness in Killarney and are "literally begging" councillors to find houses for them. There was a problem with "the notice to quit" with houses being sold or reserved for owners' families and landlords did not want HAP tenants, Marie Moloney outlined.

I looked up DAFT.ie and just four houses were available for long-term rental in Killarney.

On social media a house in Woodlawn was advertised and no HAP and no couples was the criteria.

A record number of 82 presentations comprising families and single people had presented to the Homeless Information Centre of Kerry County Council last year.

Over 1,000 people are still on the housing list for Killarney Municipal District, and demand was not going down, despite great strides in social housing in the town, Maura Healy-Rae said. She has the results of a survey she asked for and infill sites for social housing are being identified.

But the real nugget for me came from John O'Donoghue. The lists would be shorter were there affordable houses available, John said quite simply. It was "an abomination" that two people working and paying their taxes could not afford a house in Killarney.

These were the people paying for everything and qualifying for nothing and some had told him they would be better off now not working, John said.

Meanwhile senior housing officer Ger O'Brien assured the council that no "stone" was being left unturned in Killarney to identify sites where houses may be built.



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Killarney Legion Walk from **DARKNESS INTO LIGHT**



The grounds of Killarney Legion GAA Club were filled with community spirit and support in the early hours of Saturday morning as the club hosted a hugely successful Darkness Into Light walk in aid of Pieta.

A large crowd gathered at Legion to take part in the annual event, creating a warm and uplifting atmosphere as people from across the community came together to support such an important cause. The event was described by organisers as a massive team effort, made possible through the dedication and hard work of many volunteers and supporters.

Special appreciation was extended to the club's Serious Support committee, led and spearheaded by Noelle O'Brien and Eamonn O'Shea, along with the executive committee and all those who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the morning was such a success.

Organisers said it was incredible to witness the fantastic turnout and atmosphere throughout the event, with the strong sense of community on display making the occasion especially meaningful.

Sincere thanks were also expressed to everyone who attended, volunteered, donated, and supported the walk in any way, helping to make it such a memorable and impactful morning for all involved.

A special word of thanks was also given to Cronin's Butchers, with Denis Cronin generously supplying breakfast for participants afterwards, while Liam was praised for doing a great job serving on the morning.

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SUPPORT KERRY HOSPICE FOUNDATION THIS JUNE DURING HOSPICE SUNFLOWER DAYS 2026

Kerry Hospice Foundation is delighted to announce that Hospice Sunflower Days is returning for its 36th year this June with the on-street collections running from Thursday, 11th June to Saturday 13th June 2026. Hospice Sunflower Days Ambassador, Miriam O'Callaghan visited St. Francis Hospice in Dublin this week to officially launch this year's campaign.

As well as the on-street collection, the public can also support Kerry Hospice Foundation by donating online at www.sunflowerdays.ie. Every euro raised locally, stays locally and the donation will go directly to the hospice.

Speaking about the launch of the 2026 Hospice Sunflower Days campaign, Jack Shanahan, Chairperson, Kerry Hospice Foundation, said: "Hospice Sunflower Days is one of our main fundraising campaigns and we rely on the public's support to raise as much funds as possible to allow us to continue to provide our vital services. We are calling on everyone from the area to give what they can during Hospice Sunflower Days to help make a difference to Kerry Hospice Foundation as everything raised locally, stays locally."

Hospice Sunflower Days Ambassador, Miriam O'Callaghan, commented, "I am delighted to be here once again to show my support for the Hospice Sunflower Days campaign. The work that hospices and palliative homecare services provide is so important. I have seen first-hand the huge impact that hospice care provides for families from all across Ireland and I would encourage everyone to support this vital campaign by donating to the on-street collections or donating online to help raise as much funds as possible for hospices and palliative homecare services

Miriam O'Callaghan along with Polly Plunkett (7), launch Together for Hospice's Hospice Sunflower Days 2026 campaign which helps to raise funds for Hospice & Homecare palliative services nationwide. The campaign returns for its 36th year. For further information log onto www.sunflowerdays.ie.
Picture Conor McCabe Photography.



from all over the country." Together for Hospice, The National Hospice Movement, represents 24 Hospice and specialist palliative homecare providers supporting patients and their families across Ireland. These services provide free-of-charge care and support to those living with a life-limiting illness, while also offering assistance to the patient's family members. Hospices nationwide need to raise approximately €20 million each year to provide their patient centred care and as our population ages, demand for specialist hospice and palliative homecare services continues to grow. Fundraised income is used by local hospice services to fund new buildings,

refurbishment of existing buildings, staff, extra comforts for patients and their families, and innovative patient care projects nationwide. Funds raised through Together for Hospice campaigns support some of the core services funded by the HSE. That is why fundraisers such as Hospice Sunflower Days are so important to hospices and homecare services throughout the country.

You can support Kerry Hospice Foundation by donating to the on-street volunteers on Friday, 12th June or Saturday 13th June 2026, or by donating online via the website, www.sunflowerdays.ie

CULTURE NIGHT PLANNING COMMENCES

The Arts Council is delighted to announce that Culture Night will return on Friday 18th September 2026 for its 21st edition, and organisers have officially launched an Open Call for event proposals. Individuals, community groups, and organisations are all invited to propose activities for this year's programme.

Culture Night engages one million people each year across live and digital events and television coverage. It is truly 'one night for all', with over 1,800 free events in 2025 nationwide. Everyone is invited to celebrate, discover,

explore and enjoy the vibrancy of cultural life of Ireland available to us year-round.

Further information on getting involved in Culture Night 2026 follow this link: culturenight.ie/get-involved/

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Minister Foley announces details of My Little Library 2026 for children in Kerry

Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Kerry TD Norma Foley has announced launch of the My Little Library Initiative 2026 for children in Kerry.

Each year in Ireland, children leaving pre-school and starting primary school are invited to visit their local library to pick up a free book bag on starting school and take the opportunity to join the library.

The focus of the My Little Library initiative is to build strong links between young children, their families and their local library and support children finishing pre-school and starting school.

From Friday, 8 May all children in Kerry completing the Government funded free pre-school programme (Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) programme) and starting primary school are invited to visit their local library and pick up a book bag. The bags will be available throughout the summer. All families are warmly welcomed to join the library if they aren't already members and a special My Little Library wallet is available for the children to keep their library card in.

Since the initiative was rolled out for the first time in 2022, tens of thousands of young children have picked up their book bags and joined their local library. Last year alone, 20,000 young children benefited from the initiative and became library members. This included over 1,000 children in Kerry.

The initiative, which is funded by the Department of Children, Disability and Equality, is run in association with the Local Government Management Agency and delivered by local libraries in every local authority.



Minister Norma Foley TD (Minister for Children, Disability and Equality) with Aileen Kelleher and Tommy O'Connor (County Librarian) launching the My Little Library Bag in the Tralee Library.

Minister Foley said:

"I'm really pleased to announce the launch of the free My Little Library book bags for all children in Kerry who will be starting primary school later this year. I really do encourage all their families to pick up their child's free book bag in their local library.

The books are available as Gaeilge and as Béarla. Tá rud ann do gach duine. The books are available in both English and Irish so there really is something for everyone. This is also a great opportunity for young people to join their local library and indeed enjoy the wonder and the gift of reading."

The books and resources in the book bag support parents and their children in the transition to primary school. The bag contains books for the children to keep, with topics such as starting school, making friends and big emotions. It also has some very useful information for parents on supporting that start in primary school and what's on offer at each local library.

My Little Library Book Bags are available in English and Irish.

Mayor Calls for Progress on Áras Phádraig Site at recent Killarney MD Meeting

The motion, tabled by Councillor and Mayor of Killarney Martin Grady, called on Kerry County Council to provide an update on the status of the redevelopment of Áras Phádraig, including details on any revised or updated plans for the site and clarification regarding funding under the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF).

In its official reply, the council stated that it is currently reviewing the scope of the Áras Phádraig project and is liaising with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage regarding a revised business case for the development.

A decision was made by all 7 Killarney Cllrs to retain sole ownership of the site last year. The Mayor told the outlook "It was a tough decision but collectively we made the right



decision to retain our assets for the people of Killarney" "The site has been lying idle for over 20 years and I do not want to see it lying idle for another 20 years going forward," he said. "Something has to be done with it. The

building is deteriorating and it is important that action is taken and funding is sought to finally move this project forward."

Councillor Grady said the redevelopment of the site would play a major role in revitalising that part of Killarney and bringing new life and activity back into the area.

"This is a key location in the town and its redevelopment would greatly enhance the surrounding area. It has huge potential and it is important that every effort is made to secure the necessary funding and see meaningful progress delivered,"

Councillors acknowledged the importance of progressing long-awaited regeneration project within the town.

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They had great quack in Killarney when they staged a fun-filled rubber duck dash on the River Deenagh – and the big winner on the day was Down Syndrome Kerry.

The dramatic flotilla of hundreds of plastic ducks cut quite a dash along the river running through the national park at Knockreer and tensions reached fever pitch on the riverbank as supporters cheered on their selected plastic partners who were given the opportunity to make the desired splash for their owners.

The novel event, organised by Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce as part of the annual St Patrick's Festival, raised a cool €4,465 for the Kerry branch of Down Syndrome Ireland and there was great delight this week when the cheque was presented to the charity.

Another bumper donation from the same festival went to the Kerry Stars Special Olympics Club which was the chosen beneficiary for this year's dunk tank spectacular.

It's not every day that one gets a chance to dunk some of the towns more prominent citizens up to their eyeballs in ice-cold water but, in Killarney, they do things differently.

Mayor Martin Grady bravely volunteered to be a victim in the festival zone on Beech Road and a star-studded line-up of local personalities and well-known business interests were dunked in the giant open air tub.

Others that took the plunge included hilarious father and son influencers Derry and Tadhg Fleming.

Members of the public purchased balls to try to knock the nervous personalities off their lofty pedestals and directly into the water and proceeds from the €10 per ball fee went to the Kerry Stars Special Olympics Club with a whopping €4,430 generated,



R The St. Patrick's Festival Killarney 'Dunk for the Stars' raised €4430 Euro for Kerry Stars Special Olympics Club. Pictured at the cheque presentation at The Great Southern Hotel were front from left, Caoimhe Brosnan (Kerry Stars Chairperson), Jason Clifford (St. Patrick's Festival Killarney Chairman), Geraldine Burke (Kerry Stars Secretary) and Joe Buckley. Standing from left are Madeleine Doyle, Jonathan Aber, Louise Daly, Aaron Doherty, Stella Maloney, Claire Frawley (Killarney Chamber Events Manager), Noreen Buckley and Jamie Power (GSH). Picture: Eamonn Keogh



The St. Patrick's Festival Killarney 'Great Duck Dash' raised €4465 Euro for Down Syndrome Kerry. Pictured at the cheque presentation at The Great Southern Hotel were front from left, Catherine Doyle (Down Syndrome Kerry), Jason Clifford (St. Patrick's Festival Killarney Chairman) and James Doyle. Standing from left are Madeleine Doyle, Jonathan Aber, Stella Maloney, Claire Frawley (Killarney Chamber Events Manager), Louise Daly and Jamie Power (GSH). Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Caoimhe Brosnan and Joe Buckley of Kerry Stars Special Olympics Club display a cheque for €4430 following the recent St. Patrick's Festival Killarney 'Dunk for the Stars' event. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



James Doyle of Down Syndrome Kerry displays a cheque for €4465 Euro following the recent St. Patrick's Festival Killarney "Great Duck Dash" event. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



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With extensive experience across luxury hotels and destination spas in Ireland and Europe, Jankovic brings a rare blend of strategic leadership and hands-on operational expertise to the role. Her career includes senior positions with The Shelbourne in Dublin, Corinthia Hotels International across the UK, Malta and Portugal, as well as wellness cruiseliner Steiner Transocean. Throughout her career, she has led complex spa operations, driven commercial performance, and developed high-performing teams across leading luxury brands.

"Our aim is to offer something that feels like a true reset," says Jankovic. "We want guests to step away from constant stimulation and reconnect — through touch, presence and thoughtful care. It's about creating space for intentional rest and holistic luxury. When guests leave The Spa at Aghadoe, they should feel lighter, clearer, and deeply restored."

Her appointment comes at a pivotal time for The Spa at Aghadoe, with a series of new developments set to be announced in the coming months. These include the introduction of new treatments, the expansion of bespoke therapies, and continued innovation in holistic wellness programming designed to meet the evolving expectations of today's spa guest.



Route Growth A Priority As Kerry Airport New CEO Hits Ground Running On First Week

Adrian Neilan, the new Kerry Airport CEO, will attend the Routes Europe Conference in Rimini, Italy (18-20 May) where he will meet with prospective carriers with the view to developing routes into Kerry

Already a week into his new role, he hit the ground running meeting the staff, management and Directors on site in Farranfore.

Three of the Kerry Airport Directors Kathleen O'Regan-Sheppard, Matt Horgan and Company Secretary, John O'Sullivan met Adrian at the new Arrivals Hall on his second day in the job.

Kathleen O'Regan-Sheppard expressed the best wishes of her colleagues to Adrian and assured him of the board's support in his new role. She also thanked Basil Sheerin (CFO), Howard Jones (COO), Tom O'Driscoll (Security Manager) and the staff of Kerry Airport for the smooth and efficient operation of the Airport over the past number of months having experienced record-breaking passenger numbers in 2025.

Routes Europe from 18-20 May will unite decision-makers from airlines, airports, destinations and aviation stakeholders that are invested in the future of European air connectivity.

Pictured in the new Arrivals Hall at Kerry Airport during Adrian Neilan's first week at CEO were L-R: Kathleen O'Regan-Sheppard (Director), Adrian Neilan (CEO), John O'Sullivan (Company Secretary) and Matt Horgan (Director).



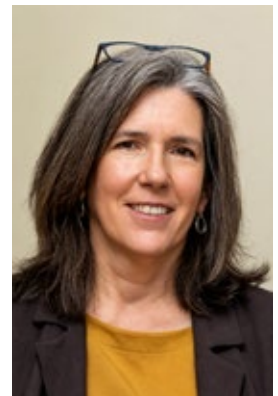
EMER FALLON IS KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL WRITER IN RESIDENCE FOR 2026

Kerry County Council, supported by the Arts Council, is pleased to welcome back Emer Fallon as Writer in Residence for Kerry in 2026. Emer has successfully developed a strong network of writers and groups across the county and will build on achievements to date to continue to promote access to, participation in and standards of practice in creative writing.

The Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr. Michael Foley said: 'Kerry County Council is a strong supporter of the arts and creative writing is an integral part of culture in Kerry. It is important that we continue to support opportunities for people to explore their own creativity and continue to foster new generations of Kerry writers.'

As Writer in Residence, Emer Fallon is hoping to connect with writers working on first collections of poetry or fiction or who may be planning to submit to journals and competitions and who would like detailed feedback on their work.

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Attendees are encouraged to watch for details of the Summer Soirée in the Marquee, a special ladies' evening of fashion, beauty, cookery, and live music taking place on Friday 19th June. This year's festival brings together an exciting mix of entertainment, culture, and community spirit, with something for every age group.

Thursday 18th June, "Dance Hall Thursday"

The festival opens with a lively evening of dance, music, and celebration. Line dancing with Bridie, followed by The Paudie Coffey Band. Gates open 7pm

Saturday 20th June, "The Big Stage"

A full day of outstanding performances featuring leading local musicians, The O'Donoghue Sisters, Hacksaw Céilí Band, Johnny Courtney & Friends, Abby Cronin, Noreen Kelliher, Paud, Molly & Aoise. Glenflesk LGFA will host their sell out G4MO blitz at 2pm. Evening Entertainment featuring The Byrne Brothers DJ Gav. Gates open 12.30pm.

Sunday 21st June, "Family Fun Day"

A day dedicated to families, children, and community friendships. Kids' entertainment, MACademy workshops, inflatables and lots more,



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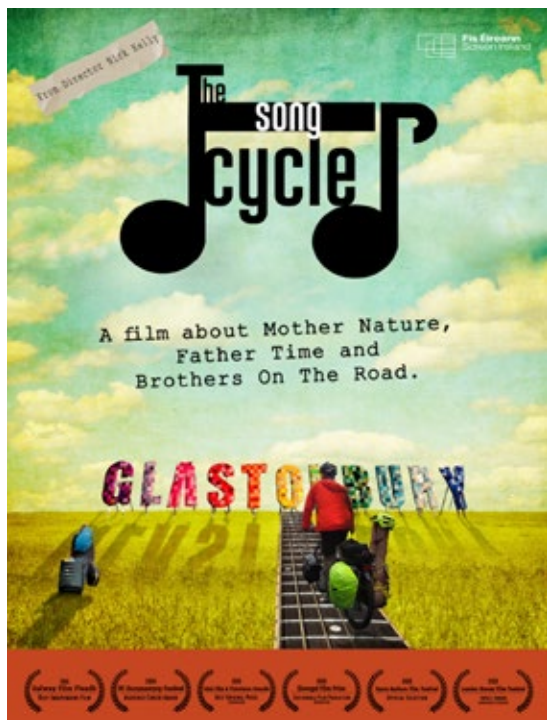
live sports on big screens, The Hairos (Wolfe Tones Tribute), and The Rising. Gates open at 12.30pm. Sensory Hour from 12.30-1.30pm General Kids' entertainment from 2pm

Tickets & Admission Under16s go free (accompanied by an adult). Weekend Pass €35 (online presale only until 17th June). Gate prices: €15 Thursday, €20 Saturday or Sunday. Tickets available via QR code, ClubForce app, <https://bit.ly/FleskFest> or contact 085 754

7586. Festivalgoers can enjoy a fully licensed bar, handcrafted cocktails, and a selection of food trucks throughout the weekend.

Flesk Fest brings the community together for a vibrant weekend of music, family fun, and local celebration.

KIFF FILM CLUB CLOSSES SEASON WITH AWARD-WINNING THE SONG CYCLE



The Kerry International Film Festival Film Club returns on Wednesday 20th May at 8pm for its final screening of the season, before taking a break until November. The Film Club is supported by Screen Ireland.

Closing the series is The Song Cycle - a warm and funny documentary following musician and filmmaker Nick Kelly as he cycles from Dublin to Glastonbury, carrying his gear and performing gigs along the way. Joining him are long-time collaborator Seán Millar, who arrives by bus to play each night's show, and cameraman Céin O'Brien, capturing every high and low of the journey.

Blending music, travel and storytelling, the film is both a celebration of sustainable living and a moving reflection on friendship, creativity and Kelly's relationship with his late father. Intimate and quietly inspiring, it's a story about perseverance, keeping the pedals turning, no matter the obstacles.

The Song Cycle has received major festival acclaim, winning Best Independent Film at the Galway Film Fleadh 2024 and the Audience Award at the IFI Documentary Festival 2024. Reflecting on the success of the Film Club series, Festival Manager Marie Linehan said: "It's been really heartening to see how the Film Club has taken off, with such a warm response from audiences here in Killarney. At its core, it's about giving Irish films a local screen and a shared audience, especially films that might not otherwise reach Kerry. We're very grateful for the support, and a special thank you to Screen Ireland and to our volunteers who have helped make each evening at the cinema run so smoothly."

Director Nick Kelly will attend a post-screening Q&A, followed by a live performance, making this a special one-night-only film club event.

Tickets are €8 plus booking fee at kerryfilmfestival.com. Free tea and coffee from 7.30pm at Cinema Killarney.



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Light Bites

Homemade Soup of the Day (1)(2)(4-wheat)(8)(10) <i>Served with a bread roll or gluten free bread.</i>	€8.00
Sham's Seafood Chowder (1)(2)(3)(4-wheat)(5)(6)(7)(10) <i>Selection of fish & shellfish in creamy soup with soda bread.</i>	€11.00
Vegan Superfood Bowl (4-wheat)(5)(9)(10) <i>Mixed leaves, Bulgur wheat, quinoa, butternut squash, pomegranate seeds, edamame beans.</i> <i>Add grilled chicken</i> €4.00 <i>Add poached jumbo prawns</i> €5.00	€12.00
Warm Goats Cheese Salad (1)(5)(9) <i>Grilled goats cheese with baby leaves, beetroot & honey salsa, balsamic reduction.</i>	€12.00
Classic Caesar Salad (1)(3)(4-wheat)(5)(8)(9)(10) <i>Baby gem lettuce, fresh parmesan shavings & croutons.</i> <i>Add Grilled Chicken</i> €4.00 <i>Add Crispy Bacon</i> €2.00	€12.00
Crispy Chicken Wings (1)(2)(4-wheat)(5)(8)(9)(10) <i>Breaded & seasoned chicken wings with ranch dip.</i>	€12.00
Salt & Pepper Calamari (2)(4-wheat)(5)(7)(9)(10) <i>Tender dusted squid with a sweet chili dip.</i>	€12.00
Baked Garlic Focaccia Flatbread (1)(4-wheat)(8)(9)(10)(11-cashew) <i>Mozzarella cheese, rocket & basil pesto.</i>	€10.00

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Slow cooked Irish Pork Belly (1)(2)(4-wheat, oats, barley)(5)(9)(10) <i>Champ potatoes, vegetables, mustard sauce, Hanleys black pudding crumb.</i>	€24.00
Salt & Chili Shredded Chicken (2)(4-wheat)(5)(8)(9)(10) <i>Seasoned chicken strips with fries, salad & garlic mayonnaise.</i>	€18.00
Irish Lamb Stew (2)(4-barley) <i>Local lamb, Root vegetables, pearl barley & potatoes.</i>	€24.00
Blackened Cajun Salmon (3)(9) <i>Sautéed new potatoes, steamed greens, sweet chili & citrus dressing.</i>	€26.00
Traditional Fish and Chips (3)(4-wheat)(5)(9)(10) <i>Fresh fish in crisp batter with salad & fries.</i>	€21.00
Cronin's Beef Casserole (1)(2)(5)(10) <i>Local beef & vegetables with creamed potatoes.</i>	€22.00
Cottage Pie (1)(2)(5)(9)(10) <i>Slow cooked ground beef, vegetables and mash topped with cheddar. Served with salad or fries.</i>	€20.00
Vegan Chickpea & Sweet Potato Kerala Curry (4-wheat)(9) <i>Baby spinach, basmati rice & poppadom.</i> <i>Add Chicken</i> €4.00 <i>Add Prawns</i> €5.00	€18.00
Roast Irish Chicken Supreme (1)(2)(5)(10) <i>Champ potatoes, stem broccoli, forest mushroom sauce.</i>	€24.00

Side Orders

Selection of Vegetables (1)	€4.00
Tossed Salad (6)	€6.00
Sautéed Mushrooms and Onions	€4.50
French Fries	€4.50
Scallion Mash (1)	€4.50
Coleslaw (8)(9)	€3.00
Onion Rings (4)(8)	€4.50

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Prime 10oz Irish Sirloin Steak	€35.00
Prime 6oz Irish Minute Steak	€26.00

All the above accompanied with scallion mash or fries, giant onion rings, grilled tomato and a choice of garlic & herb butter or pepper sauce.
(1)(2)(4-wheat)(5)(8)(10)

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Cajun Chicken Burger (1)(2)(4-wheat)(5)(8)(9)(10) <i>Seasoned chicken fillet butterfly, cajun mayo.</i>	€20.00
8oz Irish Lamb Burger (1)(2)(4-wheat)(5)(8)(9)(10) <i>Kerry 8oz lamb burger, harrisa aioli.</i>	€20.00
Vegan Burger (4-wheat)(5)(9)(10) <i>Plant Based patty, vegan cheese, beetroot bap, Eve's tomato relish.</i>	€20.00

Something Sweet

Cheesecake of the day (1)(4-wheat)(5)(9)(10)	€9.00
Warm Apple Pie served with Vanilla Ice-Cream (1)(4-wheat)(5)(8)(9)(10)(11-almonds)	€9.00
Triple Belgian Chocolate Mousse Torte with Chantilly Cream (1)(4-wheat)(9)(10)	€9.00
Vegan & Gluten Free Raspberry & Almond Frangipane Tart with Vegan Ice-cream (5)(10)(11-almonds)	€9.00
Vegan Sicilian Lemon Cheesecake (4-wheat) with fruit coulis	€9.00
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Lillie Foley Releases Debut EP

Emerging singer-songwriter Lillie Foley is set to release her debut EP, *In Between*, on all major streaming platforms this Friday, May 15th.

Originally from Killarney, the 23-year-old artist first began releasing music in 2025 with singles including *Someday* and *That's Life*. Now, following those early releases, Lillie introduces five brand new tracks that reflect a more personal and honest chapter in her songwriting.

In Between explores the uncertainty and emotions that come with being in your twenties, feeling caught between where you've been and where you're supposed to be going. Through heartfelt lyrics and intimate storytelling, the EP captures the experience of trying to figure life out while growing into yourself.

"This project is really about feeling stuck between stages of life," says Lillie. "At this age, there's so much pressure to know exactly what you're doing, and these songs came from not always having those answers."

In Between will be available on Spotify, Apple Music, and all major streaming platforms from May 15th.

Killarney-based Ukrainian Photographer to Showcase Kerry's Landscapes at Photo London

Two evocative works, 'Two Worlds' and 'Ether,' by Ukrainian photo artist Olga Derevyanko, have been selected for the prestigious Photo London 2026 international fair. Both pieces were captured at Poulgorm Beach in County Kerry and form part of her profound ongoing project, *Healing Land*.

Olga Derevyanko arrived in Killarney in September 2022 with her son after being displaced by the war in Ukraine. In the natural beauty of the Kingdom, she found not only a new home but a source of inspiration and healing. Her current project, 'Healing Land. Voices,' explores how women navigate displacement and recovery through their interaction with the natural environment. Olga is currently developing this body of work into both a book and an exhibition.

"Nature teaches us acceptance," Olga reflects. "It shows us that the world is imperfect and unpredictable, but even within that 'glorious uncertainty,' there is profound beauty."

Photo London is the latest milestone in Olga's flourishing career, following exhibitions in Paris, Glasgow, Belfast, Galway and Tralee. Her works are held in private collections worldwide. A dedicated student of her craft, she has trained at the Mykolaiv School of Photography (Ukraine), the International School of Photography (USA) and Form. Photography curatorial programme (France).

Locally, Olga is a well-known face in the community, frequently capturing moments for the Killarney Parkrun and volunteering for local development company NEWKD. Olga's work will be on display starting May 14th at the National Hall, Olympia, London. Following your participation in Photo London, Olga Derevyanko will present her work "Two Worlds" at the upcoming "The Wild Within" exhibition at Siamsa Tíre. On June 6th, she will also participate in an artist talk as part of this New Wave Wild Project initiative. For more information, visit: www.olgaderevyanko.com



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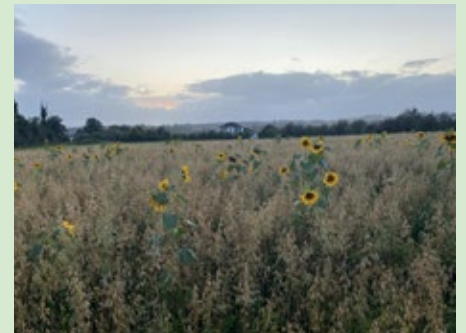
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“The Repair Shop” captures first prize

Last week we featured Killarney Camera's Clubs, winner in both the Novice and Unrestricted category, "The Shoemaker" by Maryann Heidtke. This week we feature the Runner-up in the Novice Environmental Portrait category.

Runner up was Anne Kelly with her striking photograph of a man repairing spectacles. Taken from the other side of a window, the image is a wonderful capture that immediately draws the viewer in.

At first glance, the photograph has an almost old-fashioned appearance, but a closer look reveals an intriguing collection of glasses, modern frames alongside vintage and costume eyewear. The image beautifully portrays a skilled craftsman at work, surrounded by his tools and the finished pieces of his trade. A wonderful example of Environmental Portrait photography. Congratulations Anne on a beautiful image.

Winners in the Novice Category.

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Lidl Ireland calls on Kerry entries for the chance to win a cut of €100,000 Green Fund

Lidl Ireland has issued a final call for entries from Kerry charities, primary and secondary schools, youth groups and community groups to its 2026 Green Fund. With only two weeks remaining until the May 18th closing date for applications, the retailer is urging local environmental champions to submit their projects to help safeguard Ireland's natural heritage.

The initiative, developed in partnership with Business in the Community Ireland (BITCI), is designed to empower grassroots projects that tackle climate change, promote biodiversity, and support sustainable living. The fund offers a flagship top prize of €25,000 for a standout national project, with a further €75,000 to be distributed among impactful regional initiatives across every county in Ireland.

Lidl Ireland invites applications from:

Registered Charities

Primary and Secondary Schools

Community & Youth Groups

Projects should focus on key environmental pillars, including Climate and Biodiversity, Circular Economy (waste reduction), and Sustainable Living.

The search for 2026's winners follows the success of last year's national champion, Clonakilty's "Kids' Food Revolution." The project utilised its €25,000 grant to scale a "Grow, Cook, Eat" programme, providing primary school children with hands-on horticulture



Lidl Kerry Green Fund Winners
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and culinary skills. Beyond the top prize, the inaugural fund supported a diverse range of actions, from repair cafés and community gardens to biodiversity support for therapeutic autism units.

In 2025, Castleisland Community College, Kerry was named the county winner of the inaugural fund. The school was awarded a €3,000 grant to spearhead its Sustainable School Library Restoration, a project that turned a past challenge into a shining example of the circular

economy. Using the investment to restore a vital resource that had been damaged by a leak, the school created a "green sanctuary" for students. The library now serves as a calm space for learning, offering access to literacy resources and audiobooks while prioritising student well-being and environmental responsibility.

For more information on the application process and eligibility, please visit: greenfund.lidltomorrow.com

STRONG SUPPORT FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE PERSONNEL DURING RECENT STRIKE ACTION

Mayor of Killarney and County Kerry Councillor Martin Grady has voiced strong support for ambulance service personnel during their recent strike action, describing them as "a vital front line service that's stretched, the government need to dialogue with the union and come to an agreement sooner than later."

Standing alongside frontline crews on the picket line, Cllr Grady praised the dedication and professionalism shown daily by ambulance personnel across Kerry and beyond.

"Our ambulance personnel do fantastic work, and their efforts should never go unrecognised," he said. "This is the very least of support they deserve from the community and from public representatives."

Cllr Grady highlighted the critical role paramedics and emergency responders play in providing urgent pre-hospital emergency care, often in the most difficult and demanding circumstances.

"These men and women are out on the roads, at accidents, in homes, and in moments of real crisis when people are at their most vulnerable," he said.

"They carry out lifesaving work with compassion, professionalism, and care."

He added that communities throughout Kerry deeply value the service ambulance crews provide every single day across the county in 6 bases.

"They are such a valuable service to have, and we owe them a huge debt of gratitude for the commitment they continue to show to the people they serve," Cllr Grady said.





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Killarney Racecourse's season got off to a flying start the week just gone, delivering three days of high-quality National Hunt and Flat racing action. Basking in beautiful spring sunshine, the May Festival proved to be a resounding success, drawing enthusiastic crowds from across the country and overseas to experience some great horse racing and the best of Killarney hospitality.

With significant local support, every single race of the May Festival was individually sponsored, reflecting the immense backing of the Killarney business community, in particular, the Monday evening local's day sponsored by Killarney Credit Union and Killarney Town Retailers Association drew great crowds. This was mirrored in the stands as hospitality completely sold out on Saturday. The Racegoers' Bar was at capacity for most of the week as the Racegoers' Club confirmed a record-breaking uptake of over 300 memberships – the highest in the club's history.

The festival began with a cracking start last Saturday. The opening day featured a top-tier National Hunt card headlined by Tote. Among the notable results on the day was a quickfire double from the powerhouse trainer-jockey combination of Willie Mullins and Paul Townend, with both Magico (2/1) and Sainte Lucie (Evs) justifying their favourite tags. One of the biggest roars of the day came from Magico's owners, Adriana and David Manasseh. David is well known in football circles as a top agent who recruited stars such as Gareth Bale and Jack Grealish. The VIPs flew out of Killarney by helicopter, but not before a great evening of celebrations at the track.

Henry de Bromhead's yard followed up with a double of their own, as Butch Cassidy (6/4 fav) and Miss Dovenne both stayed on to win. However, it was J.P. McManus that took pride of place in the feature race of the day. Trained by the popular Enda Bolger, Pride of



Nicole Lonergan performing on the Killarney Racecourse Lawn for last Saturday's opening meeting

Photo: Eric Jenkinson

Place (11/2) secured the €50,000 Tote Killarney National Handicap Steeplechase. Mullins later completed a hat-trick with Linford (9/4); making his debut at Killarney, he won the Hugh Mulryan Memorial (Pro/Am) Flat Race and is certainly one to watch for the future.

Beyond the track, the festive mood was bolstered by a diverse program of live music featuring standout performances from Nicole Lonergan and The Gallivanter, ensuring the season commenced with a celebration that extended well past the final post.

The feature race of the day was the Grade 3 BoyleSports An Riocht Steeplechase, worth €55,000. It was the 10/1 shot Senicia who landed the big prize; trainer Vincent Laurence Halley and jockey Philip Enright timed their run perfectly to finish just ahead of Three Card Brag to take home the spoils. Interestingly, in the same race, Henry De Bromhead flew in Harry Cobden to ride the 11/8 favourite, Gentle De Mee, but the J.P. McManus-owned horse finished in a disappointing sixth place.

The Killarney May Festival reached its grand conclusion on Tuesday, featuring a high-quality Flat racing card. Supported by generous sponsorship from Fexco, the final day saw favourites succeed in the first two races, with Alphonsus Liguori (2/5) and Glydfada (5/4) winning the openers. Later, the 33/1 shot Nibras Rainbow won the 6:40, completing a joyous result for his Galway connections, who won the same race last year. Henry De Bromhead's Factual File (15/8) won the Outlook Publications Handicap, while Joseph Patrick O'Brien's Kizlyar (11/1) claimed victory in the final race of the festival.

Speaking to media after the festival, General Manager Karl McCay noted that the glorious sunshine undoubtedly contributed to the festival's success, adding that the team is eager to carry this momentum into the upcoming summer festivals, scheduled for July 13th–17th and August 20th–22nd. Tickets can be purchased online via the Killarney Racecourse website.



Photo: Anastasiya Garbera



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"Viva España"...

Glenflesk NS Enjoys Spain in the Sun

A travelling party of 80 people from Glenflesk NS returned from an adventurous trip to the Costa Del Sol in Spain last week. The 80 people were made up of school staff, pupils, siblings, parents and grandparents. Pupils from Glenflesk NS swapped their normal routine of school work and homework for 6 days in Spain. "We started planning this trip last August but it was well worth the wait" commented a delighted Joanne MacGillicuddy, SNA in Glenflesk NS, who was one of the main organisers. "It's a great opportunity for our pupils to travel abroad with their family, friends and classmates and we think they will remember this trip for a long time. We were delighted to have parents and some grandparents with us and they were able to witness first-hand the benefits of such a trip". This is the third foreign trip the school has undertaken in the last three years since the school secured funding from The European Union through the Erasmus Plus Programme. This trip to Malaga follows on from previous trips to Rome in Italy and Cartagena in Spain. When asked about the trip one child said "it was the best holiday I ever had because I was with all my friends" while another child proudly boasted "it was the best week in school I ever had". The school the children visited was CEIP, Parque Clavero in Malaga City and both schools have become quiet friendly over the last year. Paul Favier, principal of Glenflesk NS revealed "It was a special visit for two of our pupils, Juan and Manuel, who got to meet some of their old class mates for the first time since they moved to Ireland". Along with the school visit the children enjoyed a visit to The Picasso Museum, cable car rides, trip to Aqualand, Gibralfaro Castle, Colomares Castle, Marine Park, boat trips, shopping, Irish dancing, Flamenco dancing, Spanish cuisine, go carting and an all inclusive hotel with a water park. There were also 3 birthday parties thrown in for good measure. Paul mentioned the Board of Management was "very grateful for all the support from our parents and staff, who helped to make the trip such a success." Schools in Ireland have seen a significant increase in requests from schools abroad to collaborate on EU projects since Brexit. The reason for this is there are only 2 EU member states that have English as their official language – Ireland and Malta. Glenflesk NS has developed relationships with schools in Cartagena, Murcia, and Rome and travelling to visit these schools is an important part of their projects. Glenflesk NS are planning another trip next year and after hosting teachers and pupils from Gran Canaria and Alicante recently the children and parents will have more destinations to choose from.





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Sophie Buckley celebrating her First Holy Communion Day with her mother Claudia.



Caolán Myers celebrating his First Holy Communion Day with his parents Karen & Kevin and his brother Eanna.



Zoey Doyle celebrating her First Holy Communion Day with her parents Christina & Pádraig, her brother Sean and sister brothers Kate and Cora.



Andy O'Leary celebrating his First Holy Communion Day with his parents Claire & Danny and his brothers Tadgh and Paddy.



Emily O'Leary celebrating her First Holy Communion Day with her parents Maeve & Aeneas, her sisters Kaylee and Melissa and her brother David and Alan.



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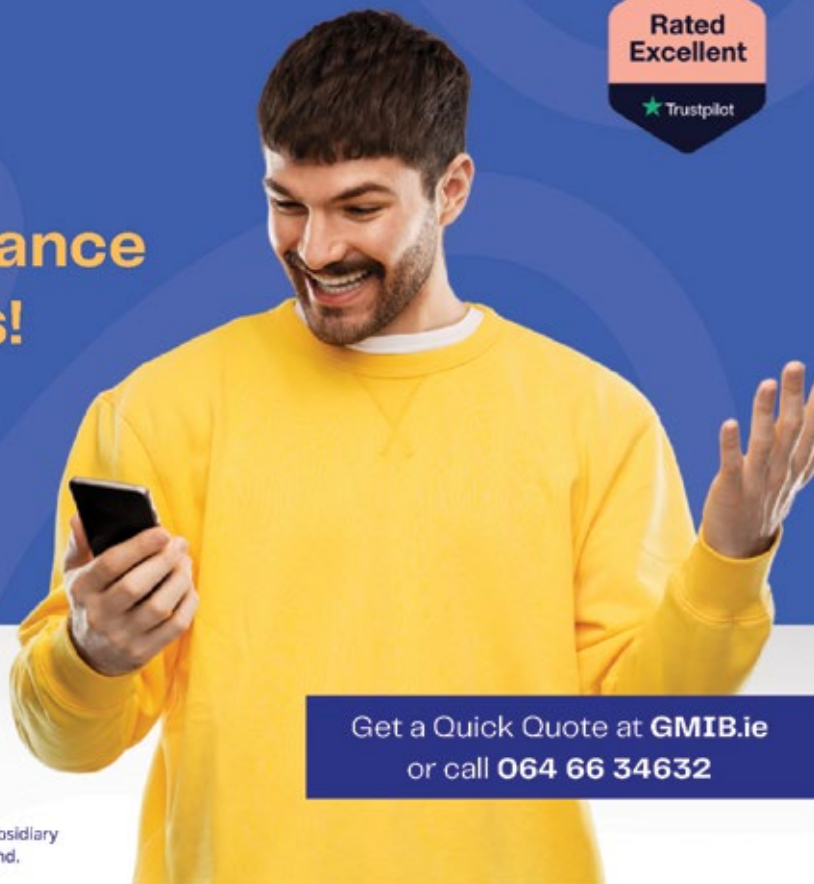
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KILCUMMIN PARISH

Written by: Helen Moynihan

STATIONS

Multi Area Station Mass for Mastergeeha/Glounonea area will take place at 7.30pm in the Mastergeeha Clubhouse on Monday, 18th May. Townlands include Knockancore, Toremore, Mastergeeha, Clydine, Glounnacopple, Glounonea, Lacca and Reenalougha.

MASS

Mass for Glounonea Grotto will take place on Thursday, 21st May @7.30pm.

KILCUMMIN GAA

LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Monday 4th May for the Jackpot of €8,000. Numbers drawn were 6,12,23,26. Consolation prizes of €50 went to M. Holland; Seamus O'Sullivan; Marie Lehane; Eamon Bowler. Our next draw will be on Monday 18th May for Jackpot of €8,250. Thank you for your continued support.

RATHMORE | GNEEVEGUILLA PARISH

By Michael O' Mahony

GNEEVEGUILLA ATHLETES

A big congratulations to all our athletes that competed in the County Championships at An Ríocht on May 2nd & 3rd. Maura O'Riordan 3rd in Shot U13, Suín Drew 3rd in 600m U11, Heidi Burchill 1st in 500m & 3rd in 60m U10, Sarah Ward 1st in Shot U13, Katie Quinn 1st in Javelin, 2nd in Discus & 3rd in high jump U16, Orlaith Cahill 3rd in Discus U16, Aine O'Riordan 1st in Hammer U16, Noinin O'Riordan 1st in Hammer and high jump U15, Ella Stack 1st in high jump U13, Holly Kelliher 3rd in 60m U9, Sean Quinn 1st in Javelin, 3rd in High jump and Discus U14, Ardan Gain 1st in Hammer, 2nd in Discus & Shot U14, Grace Quinn 3rd in Turbo Javelin U10, James Ewing 1st in Turbo Javelin U10.

Big congratulations to our Masters on retention of the Pat O'Riordan Cup for the second year running, a fantastic achievement, well done all ! Full results in next week's news.

LOTTO

No winner of last weeks Lotto, Jackpot for this coming Friday May 15th, €12,000 + Bonus draw for €1000

SHARE THE BUCKET

Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group reminds you that Share the Bucket takes place weekly. The draw is every Friday evening in Teach Fáilte @8 pm and can be viewed live on our Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook Page. Tickets cost €2 each or 3 for €5. They are available at Teach Fáilte and can be bought online at <https://tinyurl.com/y2ade5om>. or in local businesses where you see the Green Share the bucket.

Your support is greatly supported and all funds will go towards our new

proposed community facility. We would like to thank our local businesses, shops and pubs who continue to support our project and thanks too to everybody who purchases tickets every week. Congratulations to Breeda O'Donoghue who won this week €203

LADIES FOOTBALL

Congratulations to Kerry Ladies & Rathmore's Danielle O'Leary & Nora O'Connor on their great win over Cork on Sunday last.

CEMETERY MASS DATES FOR MONTH OF MAY

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CONGRATULATIONS to Matthew O'Riordan, Rathmore who played with the Kerry School boys at half time in Fitzgerald Stadium at the Munster Senior Final Kerry vs Cork. Congratulations to Kerry on their win in the Munster final

NOTES

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



Niamh Coffey, Muckross Killarney pictured on the podium in third place represented Killarney triathlon club in clonmel on Sunday. It was her very first triathlon and she came third female home overall. Niamh is a very strong swimmer and athlete. We would like to extend a huge congratulations to her from the club.

Muckross Music Group playing in the open at Muckross House restaurant last Saturday (May 9) afternoon.



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GLENFLESK PARISH

Written by: Sean Daly

SUPER LEAGUE

**Safeguard Security East Kerry Division 1 Final
Rathmore 6-12 Glenflesk 2-26 AET**

In an incredible game in Rathbeg on Friday night, Glenflesk had the game won, almost threw it away, before an astonishing burst of scores from Luke Crowley saw them come away with victory. Glenflesk, after back-to-back defeats, came out firing, with Crowley, Darragh Roche and Dylan Roche all sharp early on. Crowley got the game's first goal after six minutes, with Callum Cronin providing the perfect pass to send him through to find the bottom corner of the net. Both Roches then found the target, with Darragh's effort being a two-pointer, giving his side a healthy 10-point lead after 23 minutes. Rathmore were struggling to halt the Glenflesk charge. They got an important goal from a penalty by Dean Fitzgerald after Moynihan had been brought down. Glenflesk struck back with a second goal, Sean Doherty providing the finish this time after Darragh Roche's pass found him in space. Glenflesk held a strong lead at half-time. Rathmore came out strongly in the second half, with points from Eoin Lawlor and Darragh Nagle. Glenflesk replied with two more points from full-forward Roche. With Glenflesk in control, the game looked as if it would meander towards an easy win for them. The story would play out differently, however. A Darragh Rahilly goal after 50 minutes gave Rathmore a glimmer of hope. Mark Ryan quickly added two more well-worked goals. With Rathmore's intensity increasing, Glenflesk could not get on the ball. With a minute left, Sean McAuliffe goaled to leave just a point between the sides. Ryan then found space and fired over the equaliser to take the game to extra time. Rathmore then found the net again, with McAuliffe putting them ahead for the first time. Tommy Bowler's two-point score was Glenflesk's first score in over 20 minutes. Rathmore headed into the break with a two-point lead. Points from Alan Dineen, Lawlor and Jimmy Mahony continued to force the issue for Rathmore, giving them a four-point lead with three minutes to go. With Glenflesk badly needing something, Crowley was the man to drive them on. With time running out, his booming effort from outside the 45 dropped over. He brought the sides level with another outrageous effort soon after. He completed the hat-trick of late scores in the final minute, putting his side into an unlikely lead. A last-minute Rathmore

attack was thwarted and Glenflesk had won a scarcely believable final. Credit to both sides for producing a brilliant night of football. Well done to Rathmore for their determination in taking the game to extra time. Well done also to Glenflesk for regaining control, helped by Crowley's heroics. Congratulations to referee Fergus Clifford for helping the game to flow. On a night when football was the real winner, Wayne Quillinan saw his side claim the first silverware of the year, which is a huge boost with the latter stages of the County League and the Intermediate Championship fast approaching.

PRIMARY GAME

Congratulations to Ryan O'Donoghue, who lined out with the Kerry Primary Games team at half time in the Munster Final in Fitzgerald Stadium last Sunday.

KERRY U14'S

Well done to Kaitlin & Shauna O'Riordan on their win in the U14 All Ireland Quarter Final against Offaly in Nenagh last Saturday.

KERRY LADIES

Congratulations to Glenflesk's Kathryn Ryan and the Kerry Ladies on their win over Cork last Sunday in the Munster Championship.

KERRY MASTERS

Colm Casey, Gary O'Donoghue and Shane Dennehy lined out for the Kerry Masters in their first game of the year with a good win over Clare last weekend.

COMMUNION

Congratulations to the 14 boys and girls from Glenflesk Parish who made the First Holy Communion last Saturday.

FLESK FEST

Flesk Fest 26 Tickets are now live! Our 3-Day Pass is on pre-sale for €30 (Thurs/Sat/Sun), same price as last year!! That's a €25 saving compared to buying the days separately. Pre-sale ends midnight 31st May. Tickets available online through links on Glenflesk GAA Facebook and Instagram pages or through the club. Contact Emma (085) 7547586. Flesk Fest & Glenflesk GAA Club acknowledges the financial support of Kerry County Council through the Community Support Fund.

LISTRY PARISH

Written by: Colette Leslie

LOTTO

Jackpot €4,800. Numbers Drawn: 4,12,16,22. No Winner. €100 Paul Kennedy, Lahard. €50 Fergus & Frances Clifford. €50 Noel O Sullivan, Listry. €25 Nora Ferris, Ferriswheel. €25 Breda Tangney, Listry. Jackpot next weekend 17' May 2026 €4,950

SENIORS

Best of Luck to the Listry senior team who are Away v Duagh on Sunday 17th May at 2pm

MINOR'S

Well done to the Listry Minor team and management on their excellent win in Glenflesk on Saturday in the East Kerry Div 1 Final.

U14

The U14 B team play on Thursday, May 14th – Home vs Cordal (County

League Semi Final) at 6:00pm

U12

The U12's are out on Sunday, May 17th – Go Games (fixtures to be confirmed)

KERRY MINOR LADIES

Congratulations to Naoishe O Donoghue and the Kerry minor ladies team who won the Munster final.

KERRY MINOR'S

Best of luck to the Kerry minor team who play Cork in the Munster Final on Monday 18th mayEspecially Listry boys Captain Danny Murphy, Cillian O Donoghue, Killian Fitzgerald and Sean Clifford.

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Con Mulchinock (right) pictured with family and friends at his 80th Birthday Celebrations in Faha Court at the weekend.



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SPA PARISH

By Leanne Cronin



Josh Buckley & Daniel McNeer Representing Kerry Primary Schools

SPA PLAYERS REPRESENT KERRY PRIMARY SCHOOLS AT MUNSTER FINAL

Spa GAA was proudly represented at last weekend's Munster Final in Fitzgerald Stadium as Josh Buckley and Daniel McNeer lined out at half-time for the Kerry Primary School team. It was a fantastic occasion for both boys and a wonderful experience to play in front of a huge crowd with a great atmosphere. Everyone in Spa is extremely proud of Josh and Daniel on this special achievement.

KERRY V CORK CLASH AS U10 BOYS HOST GLANMIRE

Spa U10 boys welcomed Cork club Glanmire to Spa on Sunday morning for an excellent series of GoGames played in glorious sunshine ahead of the Kerry v Cork Munster Final in Killarney. Glanmire made the trip to Spa before travelling on to Fitzgerald Stadium for the big match, adding to a great occasion for all involved. Both clubs were represented by large numbers of players, coaches, and supporters, creating a fantastic atmosphere around the grounds. Glanmire brought a strong and skilful team, with the Spa boys responding brilliantly with great teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship throughout. A big thank you to Glanmire for making the trip.

SPA MOTHERS & OTHERS MEMBERSHIP RE-OPENS

Due to popular demand, membership for Spa Mothers & Others has now re-opened and all new members are very welcome to join. Training takes place every Monday night from 8pm to 9pm, with a football session available for those who want to get involved on the pitch, while a walking group option around the club grounds is also available. It's a great way to keep active, meet new people, and enjoy some fun and fitness in a relaxed and welcoming environment. For more information contact Susan Waters on 087-9010999.

HEARTBREAK FOR SPA BOY'S U16S IN THRILLING FINAL

Spa Boy's U16s fell just short in a gripping final against Fossa after a tremendous battle that went all the way to extra time. Despite trailing by seven points in the second half, Spa showed great resilience to fight back,



Spa U10 Boys Team who hosted Cork side Glanmire on Sunday

with goals from James Marshall and captain Adam Moynihan helping to edge them in front late on. Outstanding displays from Brendan McHugh, Torin Lyne, and Jack Gleeson helped drive the comeback, but Fossa struck a late decisive goal to claim victory by the narrowest of margins. While it ended in heartbreak for Spa, the team showed immense courage, determination, and character throughout.

SPA GIRLS U10 & U12 TEAMS IN ACTION

Spa's U10 and U12 girls were both in action recently in enjoyable evenings of Go Games football. The U10 girls travelled to Churchill with a panel of 20 players and lined out in two teams against Glenflesk, Dr Crokes, and Churchill, showing great determination, teamwork, and skill throughout all three games. Meanwhile, the U12 girls produced a fantastic display against Legion in Spa, with the squad split into two mixed-ability teams to ensure plenty of involvement for all players. Both sets of games were played in a terrific spirit, with excellent football, strong teamwork, and plenty of enjoyment on display. Well done to all the players involved

WEEKEND FIXTURES (SENIOR TEAMS)

Junior Men – McCarthy Insurance Group County League Division 7B, Austin Stacks C v Spa B, Saturday 16th May at 7:00pm, AWAY

Senior Ladies – Donal Curtin County League Division 2, Laune Rangers v Spa, Sunday 17th May at 12pm, AWAY

Senior Men – McCarthy Insurance Group County League Division 1, Kerins O'Rahilly's v Spa, Sunday 17th May at 2pm, AWAY

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CLUB LOTTO

Spa Lotto 11/05/2026 Results. Numbers drawn: 14, 15, 18, 21. No jackpot winner. Lucky Dips €50 each: Eileen Moloney, John Kearney, Carmen McCarthy, Ann McGillycuddy, Assumpta O'Donoghue.

Next week's draw will be on Monday 18 May for a jackpot of €6,300. Play online via www.spagaa.com/draws



Spa U16 Boys Team who just missed out in Division 1E Final



Spa U12 Girls Team in Action last week

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It is extremely important that you take your time and have all the options explained to you in plain simple English and that you understand all your options clearly before you make your final decision. As well as the above there is much more to be discussed about your pension. You should discuss your retirement options with a financial advisor who has access to a number of different pension providers before making any decisions, he or she will help you with the above options and any other queries you may have.

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STRATEGIC EXPANSION PLANNED for Business Support Centre Following 25 Years of Success

Killarney Innovation Centre, a leading not-for-profit business support centre in County Kerry is continuing with its plans for a critical new build project aimed at addressing growing demand from small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) across the region.

The proposed development will expand the Centre's capacity to provide high-quality workspace, innovation supports, and growth opportunities for indigenous businesses. The project comes in response to sustained demand for flexible, affordable enterprise space, as well as a recognised need to strengthen the local business ecosystem and support long-term employment growth.

Operating successfully for over 25 years on a not-for-profit, for-purpose basis, the Centre has played a pivotal role in nurturing enterprise development, supporting start-ups, and enabling SMEs to scale within the region. Its work aligns closely with national and local enterprise strategies, including the Irish Government's focus on regional economic development and the objectives set out in Kerry County Council's enterprise and economic development policies, which emphasise fostering innovation, supporting entrepreneurship, and creating sustainable employment.

Plans for this expansion have been actively in development for the past two years, reflecting both the clear demand for additional space and the Centre's considered, strategic approach to growth.

Mr Counihan, The Centre Chairperson stated:

"This project is not simply about bricks and mortar. It is about creating the conditions in which businesses can thrive, innovate, and contribute meaningfully to the regional economy. The demand we are seeing reflects the ambition and resilience of local enterprises, and it is essential that infrastructure keeps pace with that growth."

While the strategic need for the development is



clear and widely acknowledged, the Centre faces significant challenges in securing the capital financing required to deliver the project. Existing government supports for such developments remain limited and can be difficult to access, creating barriers for organisations seeking to invest in critical enterprise infrastructure.

Over the past two years, the Centre and its Board have actively engaged with a range of stakeholders, funding bodies, and agencies in an effort to secure the necessary financial backing. Despite these sustained efforts, progress has been constrained by the current funding landscape.

Mr Counihan commented:

"There is a growing sense of frustration, not from a lack of effort, but from the disconnect between recognised need and available supports. We have a proven track record over 25 years, and the demand for expansion is undeniable. However, the current level of accessible capital funding makes it extremely challenging to advance projects of this nature."

The Centre is now calling for renewed focus on targeted capital investment supports that recognise the role of enterprise centres as key enablers of regional development. It highlights that investment in such infrastructure delivers long-term returns through job creation, business sustainability, and enhanced regional competitiveness.

The proposed build is expected to significantly increase the Centre's capacity, enabling it to accommodate additional enterprises, support sectoral clustering, and provide enhanced services tailored to evolving business needs.

"This is an opportunity to invest in the future of our region," the spokesperson added. "With the right support, we can unlock significant economic potential and ensure that local businesses have the environment they need to succeed."

The Centre remains committed to progressing the project and will continue to engage with stakeholders and policymakers to explore all possible avenues for support.

Special Wedding Anniversaries To Be Celebrated At St. Mary's Cathedral



Couples in Killarney Parish who are celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2026 are being invited to take part in a special Wedding Anniversary Mass Celebration later this month.

Those marking milestone anniversaries such as their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th or 60th wedding anniversary are invited to renew their marriage vows during the 6.15pm Vigil Mass on Saturday, May 30.

The parish is also encouraging people to spread the word to family members and friends who were married in Killarney Parish but are now living elsewhere, so they too can take part in the celebrations. Couples wishing to participate are asked to contact Sheila or Betty at the Parish Office with the details of their anniversary before May 22.

National Student Enterprise “Shining Star” Award for Katie

Castleisland Community College is celebrating national success this week after secondyear student Katie Walsh was honoured with the prestigious Shining Star Award at the National Student Enterprise Awards 2026. The award, presented to only one individual or group across all three categories, Junior, Intermediate and Senior, recognises a student who demonstrates “that something extra” in creativity, impact and innovation. With 88 projects competing nationally, Katie’s achievement stands out as truly exceptional.

Her groundbreaking winning project, a pioneering educational booklet titled “Eyes for All”, is the first resource of its kind in Ireland, designed specifically to support visually impaired students in mainstream education. Written and designed entirely by Katie, the booklet offers practical guidance for teachers, principals and students, helping schools better understand the challenges faced by visually impaired learners and how to support them effectively.

The impact of her work has already reached far beyond her school community. Vision Ireland, Vision Sports Ireland, numerous teachers and principals have purchased the booklet, recognising its value as an accessible, thoughtful and much-needed resource. Its early success highlights both

the quality of Katie’s work and the national demand for clearer, student-centred guidance in this area.

Katie’s advocacy didn’t stop at the written page. Earlier this month, she was invited by the University of Limerick to take part in a podcast titled “Education on the Margins”, where she discussed inclusion in education alongside university professors. Her contribution was praised for its insight, clarity and the lived experience she brings to the conversation.

Castleisland Community College has expressed immense pride in Katie’s achievement, noting that her compassion, initiative and determination embody the very best of the school’s values. ‘Her work is already making a tangible difference in classrooms across the country and the Shining Star Award serves as national recognition of her remarkable contribution,’ stated Áine Culloty (Business Studies teacher & Student Enterprise Co-ordinator). ‘Katie’s success is not only a personal triumph but a moment of pride for Castleisland Community College and the wider community. Her project shines a light on the importance of inclusive education, and proves that one student’s idea can spark meaningful change,’ concluded Máiréad Corridan (Principal).



from left, Máiréad Corridan (Principal), Katie Walsh, Áine Culloty (Business Studies & Enterprise Co-ordinator), Paudie Fleming (Deputy Principal).

STUDENTS TAKE ON EXCITING PROJECT

Transition year students from St. Brendan’s College, St. Brigid’s Presentation Secondary School, and Killarney Community College recently took part in an exciting project aimed at reimagining and revitalising the laneways of Killarney. Working with their teachers and alongside architect Davide Mosca, the students explored creative ideas to rejuvenate the town’s laneways and restore the vibrant character and atmosphere they once held.

The students presented their innovative proposals to members of Killarney Municipal District Mayor Cllr Martin Grady and Cllr Niall O Callaghan, Matthew Farrell of Killarney Town Hall, Members of the Killarney Tidy Towns Committee Michael Gleeson, Julie Kelly Eillen Foley.

Their ideas focused on enhancing the visual appeal, accessibility, and community use of the laneways, while celebrating the unique heritage and identity of Killarney. The project provided students with a valuable opportunity to engage with local development initiatives, collaborate with professionals, and contribute fresh



Mayor of Killarney, Martin Grady pictured with students and teachers taking part in the project.

perspectives on the future of their town. Mayor Cllr Martin Grady, congratulated the students on their creativity, enthusiasm, and commitment to the project, describing the initiative as both positive and inspiring. “It is very encouraging to see students with such great ideas getting involved in projects like this,” the Mayor said. “They are the future of tomorrow and indeed the future of today. It is important that we

listen to their ideas, value their opinions, and take their suggestions on board.” The Mayor also praised the collaboration between the schools, the architect, and local organisations, noting the importance of involving young people in shaping the future of Killarney.



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Start Practicing today

Playing this game takes practice. You may have become so used to thinking of the worst outcome that even thinking of the best outcome can feel strange and awkward. Every morning upon waking ask yourself, "How great could today be?" And, "What if everything unfolded with ease and joy?"

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One of the biggest drivers of this trend is the growing awareness of how quickly muscle mass and bone strength decline as we age. Strength training has become the most effective tool we have to slow that process. Workouts that once seemed reserved for athletes — like power training, resistance work, and balance drills — are now being embraced by older adults who want to maintain strength, confidence, and mobility.

Low-impact resistance training is also gaining momentum, especially among those who want the benefits of strength work without the strain on joints. Bands, light dumbbells, bodyweight exercises, and controlled tempo movements are becoming staples in studio classes. These workouts are accessible, adaptable, and incredibly effective at building functional strength — the kind that helps you carry groceries, climb stairs, or play with your kids without discomfort.

It's clear that strength training for longevity isn't just a trend — it's a cultural shift. This new approach to fitness is empowering, sustainable, and deeply practical. Whether you're in your 20s or your 70s, it's never too early — or too late — to start building the kind of strength that supports you for life.

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Cataract

A cataract happens when either all or part of the lens in the eye becomes cloudy. There are different types of cataract, but the most common is age-related cataract.

Cataracts are very common, being the main cause of impaired vision in the world. If left untreated they can lead to partial or total sight loss. Cataracts are very easily diagnosed by optometrists.

Age-related macular degeneration

Age-related macular degeneration (AMD) affects the central part of the vision and is caused by damage to the macular region of the eye, which is the part of the retina that provides high-resolution, central vision.

There are two main types of AMD – dry and wet. AMD is the most common cause of sight-impairment that affects older people.

Dry Eye

Dry eye syndrome is a common condition that occurs when the

eyes do not produce enough tears or they evaporate too quickly.

Dry eye can lead to the eye becoming red, swollen and irritated, and in certain cases cause considerable discomfort for the sufferer. In very rare cases dry eye can be a sight threatening condition.

Red eye

Red eye comprises a number of conditions such as conjunctivitis or burst blood vessels in the eye and are usually nothing to be unduly concerned about.

However, if the eye is painful this could be a sign of something more serious such as iritis (inflammation) or acute glaucoma.

While the majority of red eye conditions are short-term issues, they could be a symptom of other more serious conditions, such as acute glaucoma which is medically urgent and could result in loss of sight in that eye.

Watery eye (epiphora)

Watery eye is a condition that is usually caused either by tears not draining correctly from the eye or, paradoxically, as a result of an underlying dry eye condition which results in irritation.

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PHYSICAL FITNESS WILL STAND TO YOU AT STATE EXAM TIME

FITNESS

With the state exams around the corner, keep an eye on your physical fitness as study and revision are demanding. The pressure, which some candidates feel around exam time, is a good reason to maintain a level of physical fitness. In the context of an exam, physical fitness is every bit as important as mental alertness. A regular exercise programme is a great way to burn off tension. It relieves stress and is good for the self-confidence. Exercise is a welcome break from the demands of regular study. Set aside an hour two or three times a week to exercise in order to keep in good physical shape. The amount of active exercise you take depends on yourself. Strenuous, competitive exercise is not advisable before and during the exam period as it causes fatigue. An aerobic exercise programme results in a feeling of well-being. It helps you to sleep soundly, to build up stamina and endurance and leads to improved concentration.

RELAX

Counteract any nervousness by using a few simple relaxation techniques. Stress and anxiety are related to muscular tension. So, by using a relaxation technique to reduce tension in the muscles you will also reduce stress and anxiety. An effective one is to close your eyes and inhale a few comfortable deep breaths. Hold each breath for a few seconds. Then breathe out, slowly and quietly. As you breathe out say 'relax' to yourself and you will feel the tension flowing out of your body. Open your eyes and then carry on with your study. This simple but effective physical relaxation technique can be done in about two minutes and can also be used for periodic breaks during the exam itself.

NUTRITION

A well-balanced nutritious diet is important

around exam time when you need high reserves of energy. Ensure that your mind is clear and alert with a diet that is high on protein, carbohydrates, unsaturated fats, vitamins, minerals and energy. Take three substantial - but not too heavy - meals each day. Enjoy a high-fibre breakfast to keep the digestive system functioning normally. Eat a healthy dinner, which contains constituents such as vegetables, potatoes, rice, pasta, salads, chicken, fish or lean meat. Take a regular evening meal of brown bread, eggs, cheese and related high protein-based foods. Rather than having three very heavy meals you might prefer to supplement your main meals with a few nutritious snacks made up of yoghurt, fruit, cheese and the like. Don't over indulge in junk food. Drink at least two glasses of milk daily as well as plenty of cool fresh water to avoid dehydration and to keep the fluid levels high. Be moderate in your use of artificial stimulants such as tea and coffee, which contain caffeine. Keep a clear head by abstaining from alcohol before and during the exam period.

SLEEP

Aim to get eight or nine hours sleep each night. A tired mind, however brilliant, cannot perform at its best. So, the importance of an adequate amount of sleep cannot be over emphasised. Long hours of study into the night can be counter-productive and energy sapping. Rather than burning the midnight oil go to bed at a reasonable hour to ensure that you get sufficient rest.

HYGIENE

Be particular about your personal hygiene, especially in warm weather. If you feel fresh and comfortable your mind will focus better on the task in hand. Hang up your uniform after school and change into casual clothes before you settle down to evening study. As the tension

of the day often manifests itself in the feet, change from your school footwear to lighter more comfortable footwear. Always take the time to enjoy a regular shower or bath. A fresh effervescent feeling will help you to meet the demands of study and exams.

CHECKLIST

- Physical fitness is every bit as important as mental alertness
- A regular exercise programme helps to burn off tension
- Aerobic exercise induces a feeling of well-being
- Strenuous, competitive exercise before an exam may cause fatigue
- Build short relaxation exercises into your daily plan
- A well-balanced nutritious diet is a source of energy
- Keep fluid levels high to avoid dehydration
- Be moderate in your use of artificial stimulants such as tea and coffee
- Keep a clear head by abstaining from alcohol at exam time
- It's important to get eight- or nine-hours sleep every night
- Instead of burning the midnight oil go to bed early
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CELEBRATIONS AS GAELIGE AT KILLARNEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Killarney Community College is celebrating a major achievement after being awarded its Gaelbhrtach at the recent Gaelbhrtach Awards ceremony held in Mary Immaculate College. The prestigious award recognises the school's dedication and commitment throughout the year to promoting the Irish language as a vibrant, living part of everyday school life. Staff and students worked together to encourage the use of Gaelige beyond the classroom while strengthening Irish culture across the wider school community. Students and teachers from Killarney Community College travelled to Limerick for the awards event, where they enjoyed a lively and memorable day filled with entertainment, music and activities.

One of the highlights of the event was Biongó Lócó, which brought great excitement and energy to the celebrations. The event also featured interactive stands from organisations including Conradh na Gaelige, Raidió Rí-Rá, TG4 and KINIA. Students had the opportunity to engage with the organisations, learn more about Irish-language opportunities and enjoy the positive atmosphere throughout the day. The achievement marks a proud milestone for the entire school community, with congratulations extended to all students and staff who contributed to earning the award. The school says it looks forward to continuing to promote and



Pictured are Daniel O Donoghue, Hebe Gao and Anna Neeson

KERRY STUDENTS SHINE at National Innovation Awards

STUDENTS FROM ST. BRENDAN'S COLLEGE WERE AMONG THE STANDOUT WINNERS AT THE 2026 YOUNG SOCIAL INNOVATORS (YSI) AWARDS, HELD AT THE AVIVA STADIUM ON MAY 12.

The Killarney students claimed the overall Silver Award for their project, *The Road Not Taken*, a campaign challenging the stigma surrounding apprenticeships and skilled trades. The 27-member team organised a careers fair, launched social media campaigns on TikTok and Instagram, and created a children's character, "Voltage Vince," to encourage younger students to view trades as valuable and rewarding career paths.

Their efforts also earned them the Brighter Futures Award and one of the event's Advocacy Awards.

The overall Gold Award went to students from Killorglin Community College for *The Oasis Project*, a wellbeing initiative designed to support emotional regulation among students. The project introduced wellbeing and movement stations throughout school corridors and delivered sessions to almost 100 junior students, promoting a more proactive approach to mental health in the school community.

Killorglin Community College also secured the Sustainability for our Planet Award for Greener and Cleaner, a campaign that successfully introduced a ban on single-use plastics in the school, removing an estimated 500 disposable cups each week.

Students from Castleisland Community College were also recognised at the national awards ceremony, winning the Fun Raising Award for their project *Hearts and Hands*. The initiative focused on creating a more positive and inclusive school environment through student-led activities including kindness campaigns, Christmas markets and a whole-school Basketball Blitz. The students also raised funds for the Kerry Hospice Foundation and supported dementia awareness initiatives in partnership with The Alzheimer Society of Ireland.

The annual YSI Awards celebrate youth-led projects tackling social issues across Ireland, with finalists selected from hundreds of entries linked to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Minister of State Jerry Buttimer praised the students' work, describing the projects as "blueprints for a better Ireland." Meanwhile, YSI CEO Roger Warnock said the creativity and determination shown by students demonstrated that "social innovation is alive and thriving among young people."



Minister Jerry Buttimer TD with students from St. Brendan's College, Killarney who claimed silver for their project



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Kerry Showcases Sustainable Travel in Landmark Event Planner Programme



The group pictured at Ballygarry House Hotel. Photo: Don MacMonagle

Kerry Convention Bureau has hailed the success of an industry-first sustainable familiarisation programme that brought 13 leading UK event planners to Ireland by rail and ferry instead of flying.

The five-day "Ireland Overland" initiative, developed in partnership with Dublin Convention Bureau, Meet in Ireland and Evolve Events, saw delegates travel from London through Wales and on to Dublin and Kerry using rail and sea transport, before returning home via Cork Airport.

Designed to demonstrate practical sustainable travel for business events, the programme combined low-carbon transport with immersive cultural and wellbeing experiences across Kerry and Dublin.

In Kerry, delegates explored Killarney National Park, travelled by open boat to Innisfallen Island for a wellbeing session among the ancient monastic ruins, and experienced



Landscape painting class at Coolclogher House.

traditional jaunting cars, local food, craft workshops and heritage activities. Highlights included a watercolour class with artist Ronnie Moore at Coolclogher House, visits to Muckross Traditional Farms and Killarney Urban Farm, and evening entertainment featuring local music and storytelling.

According to carbon analysis carried out by FromNow, the rail and ferry journey generated approximately 27kg CO₂e per person, saving a total of 1.325 tonnes of emissions compared with flying.

Becky Cornforth, Manager of Kerry Convention Bureau, said the programme aimed to place Kerry firmly "on the planners' sustainable destination radar".

"As a county, Kerry is future-focused and leading the way in sustainable tourism," she said. "We are committed to growing Kerry's reputation as a premier destination for sustainability, community and responsible tourism."

The programme, which took place from April 21–25, also highlighted Kerry's strong sustainability credentials, with the county ranked Ireland's top destination in the Global Destination Sustainability Index for the past seven years.

38th Annual Golf Classic in Aid of Kerry Parents and Friends Association

The 38th Annual Kerry Parents and Friends Golf Classic, proudly hosted in partnership with Liebherr Container Cranes Ltd., will take place on Friday, 12th June 2026 at O'Mahony's Point, Killarney Golf and Fishing Club.

This much-loved annual event raises vital funds for Kerry Parents and Friends Association, which provides essential day, residential, respite, and outreach supports for almost 300 adults with intellectual disabilities across 31 service locations throughout Kerry.

Since Liebherr Container Cranes Ltd. became involved in 1991, the Golf Classic has raised more than €1.3 million for the association, thanks to the incredible support of sponsors, participants, and the wider community.



Funds raised this year will support the transport and housing needs of service users.

Participants can enjoy 18 holes of golf on one of Ireland's most scenic courses, along with pre-round refreshments, a hospitality tent, a two-course meal, and excellent prizes. The event will feature two shotgun starts at 08:30 and 13:30.

Teams and individual players are welcome. Sponsorship for a four-ball team is €650, while a two-

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DANNY HEALY-RAE TD



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Danny Healy Rae TD - Monthly Clinics

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1st Wednesday 8.00 PM 8.30 PM 8.45 PM 9.00 PM 9.30 PM 10.00 PM	Killarney Area Torc Hotel, Lissivigeen The Village Inn, Kilcummin The Club, Kilcummin Old Killarney Inn, Aghadoe The Golden Nugget, Fossa The Faha Court, Faha	3rd Friday 7.30 PM 8.00 PM 8.15 PM 9.00 PM 9:30 PM 10.00 PM	Castleisland Area River Island Hotel, Castleisland The Kingdom Bar, Castleisland The Crown Hotel, Castleisland Hughes Bar, Cordal Lyon's Bar, Scartaglen Flemings Bar, Scartaglen
1st Thursday 8.30 PM 9.00 PM 9:30 PM 10:00 PM	Glenflesk & Barraduff The Kerry Way, Glenflesk Spillane's Headford Murphy's Bar, Barraduff Corner Bar, Barraduff	4th Thursday 7:00 PM 7.30 PM 8:15 PM 8.30 PM 8.45 PM 9.15 PM 10.00 PM	Killorglin Area Golden Nugget, Fossa Galvin's Bar, Beaufort O'Grady's Bar, Killorglin Francie Sheahan's Bar, Killorglin Clifford's Tavern, Killorglin The Plough, Milltown Griffins Bar, Castlemaine
1st Friday 8.45 PM 9.00 PM 9:30 PM 10:00 PM	Kenmare, Tuosist & Lauragh Roughy Bar, Kenmare O'Connors Bar, Kenmare Sailors Bar, Killaha West Helen's Bar Kilmacalogue	4th Friday 8.30 PM 9.30 PM 10.30 PM	Kenmare & Sneem Area The Roughty Bar, Kenmare Riney's Bar, Sneem Blackwater Tavern
3rd Monday 8.30 PM 9.00 PM 9:30 PM	Knocknagoshel & Brosna O'Connor's Bar, Knocknagoshel Walsh's Bar, Knocknagoshel Kate Pat's Bar, Brosna	Last Monday 8:00 PM 8:30 PM 9:00 PM 10.00 PM 10:15 PM	Farranfore Area Ulick's Bar, Farranfore James Daly's Bar, Farranfore Cunniffe's Bar, Currow Butlers Bar, Furies John Hendersons, Furies

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Kerry Fianna Fáil TD raises anomaly that exists in respect of Capital Acquisition Tax in the Dáil with An Taoiseach

Kerry TD Michael Cahill raised an anomaly that exists with the current taxation system in respect of Capital Acquisition Tax when applied to partners in comparison to married couples with An Taoiseach.

Speaking yesterday afternoon in the Dáil, Deputy Cahill said:

"Taoiseach, I am calling on the Government to urgently address an anomaly that exists with the current taxation system in respect of Capital Acquisition Tax when applied to partners in comparison to married couples. Current legislation means a partner, even a lifetime partner is regarded as a stranger for Capital Acquisition Tax purposes, therefore, the current threshold limit of €20,000 applies and anything over that amount is taxed at 33%, whereas married couples, are exempted from tax.

"Taoiseach, current legislation discriminates



against partners. Partners are now entitled to a survivors pension, if they have been living together for at least 5 years or 2 years if they have children. This arose from a Court case where it was found that to deny them survivors pension would be unconstitutional" stated the Fianna Fáil Spokesperson for Older People and Tourism.

"In another recent case a Civil Servant passed away and his partner was refused the widows portion of his civil servant pension as they were not married. This was also found to be

unconstitutional. Contrast this with the current taxation system where partners are treated as strangers for Capital Acquisition Tax purposes. This is wide open to a constitutional challenge to the current legislation" said Deputy Cahill.

"There are other anomalies with the current tax system. Where a partner makes a gift to his or her partner, this will give rise to both Capital Gains tax and Gift tax. If they were married there would be no tax. Also, the tax rate bands for married couples are different to partners living together" stated the Kerry TD.

"This needs to be urgently addressed and it is a matter for the Minister of Finance to do so and the current legislation must be amended ASAP" added Michael Cahill TD.

In response, the Taoiseach said that Deputy Cahill had made a compelling case and that he will raise the matter with the Minister for Finance in the context of the upcoming budget.

LOCAL ISSUES RAISED AT KILLARNEY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING



At the recent Kerry County Council Killarney Municipal District meeting, Cllr. John O'Donoghue raised the following issues:

- To request flashing speed signs be installed on Mill Road as part of the improvement works planned there.

I have had the issue of Mill Road on the agenda previously, but as well as road surfacing issues, there are also problems with speeding, particularly on the southern end of the road. It is a road entirely unsuited for driving quickly, but unfortunately some motorists have scant regard for the safety of other road users, and it would appear little regard for their own vehicle. The walls and ditches along the road are becoming like the rails around the bumpers at Birds Bazar, with them getting tips on a daily basis. Residents on the road are becoming

increasingly concerned for their safety while driving home, and have said walking on the road is becoming impossible. These speed signs may not unfortunately slow everyone down but they do help greatly in other areas and I feel they also would do so here. I would be quite happy to use my Councillors Allocation, if required, to help with the costs of these lights.

- Have we any further update on the 3 submissions of interest for affordable housing developments within Killarney MD?

I realise this is a constant issue on the agenda but as I have said previously, it is in my opinion as pressing an issue as any other form of housing delivery in our MD. The current situation where households where two people are working yet cannot afford a house in Killarney, and indeed elsewhere around the county and country, is an abomination so I will keep affordable housing on the agenda for as long as is necessary. As I have said previously there is a feeling that those paying for everything in this country through their hard earned taxes receive very little in return for their efforts, particularly in relation to

housing and many are now wondering would they be better off not working and qualifying for social housing. This situation cannot be allowed to continue. Our housing team have done tremendous work around housing delivery in the last few years and I absolutely commend Ger and the others for all they have achieved, but we must now not forget to ensure affordable housing forms a significant portion of all housing delivery in this country.

- Does Killarney have its own biodiversity plan for the town? If not, that one would be created involving all relevant stakeholders.

I believe there is a statutory duty on public bodies to integrate biodiversity into policies and report annually on their progress. I believe Killarney MD does quite well in this respect and I would like to commend all our MD and in particular our outdoor staff for their efforts in this regard. I wonder do we have a specific policy or plan setting down our goals in this area. I note the reply and welcome the fact that we have a draft plan. Could I now request that we formalise this plan?

Deputy Danny Healy Rae Raises SUSI in Dail Eireann

Danny Healy Rae TD raised a priority PQ in the Dail this week with the Minister for Education in relation to the disregard of €8,830 for holiday earnings for students applying for SUSI grants stating that it is very unfair that only income from work carried out during the holidays is considered and students who work part-time at weekends lose out on the SUSI grant as these earnings are not disregarded, sometimes this can be by a very small margin but nevertheless if the income of a family exceeds the threshold they will not qualify for the SUSI, I ask that the disregard is given for work carried out at anytime during the relevant year which is usually the previous tax year to the year of application, it is very

important to encourage students to work and many students work to help their parents with the exorbitant and ever increasing costs of going to college, this is also having an impact on many businesses who have built up a work relationship with a student over the holidays and then find it difficult to get staff for weekends.

I am glad that Minister James Lawless promised he would give the utmost consideration to my request in allowing income from part time weekend work to be included in the disregard, the disregard will remain at €8,830 euros for the 2026/27 academic year.

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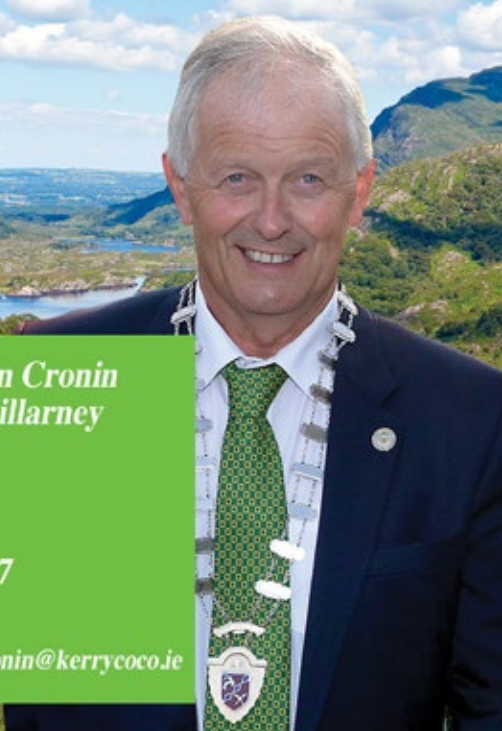
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DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB

MUNSTER MATCHPLAY

It was a proud day today for the club last Sunday as not one but two Munster Matchplay titles were won in Fermoy. Michael Cronin went to a playoff in both his semi-final and final encounters in the Intermediate Mens event today before coming out on top as he becomes the club's first winner of this event since Jason O'Brien did so back in 2015. This is Michael's biggest success since his third place finish at the National Intermediate Strokeplay back in 2017. Eileen McCarthy meanwhile won a tight all-Kerry Intermediate Ladies decider with Tralee's Lisa O'Connor that went to the penultimate hole as Eileen has now won Munster Matchplay titles at both Girls and Ladies level. Congratulations to both from all in the club. Damien Fleming (Senior) and David Harnett (Junior) also made the quarter-finals of their respective grades.

SCRATCH CUPS

We are happy to confirm that following confirmation that the Kerry vs. Donegal game will go ahead on Saturday May 23rd our Scratch Cups will proceed as normal on Sunday May 24th. Timesheet is now open and please contact John McGrath if you wish to arrange a tee-time.

UTILITY TRUST SCOTCH FOURSOMES MATCHPLAY

The draw for this event was made last week. All first matches to be completed by next Thursday May 21st. Full details on Club Noticeboard and Whats App Group.

NATIONAL MATCHPLAY QUALIFIERS

We host the Kerry Qualifiers for the Intermediate and Junior grades this Sunday as we wish those heading to Larkspur Park in Cashesel for the Senior Qualifier the very best of luck.

BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB (LADIES)

18 HOLE STABLEFORD COMPETITION PLAYED ON SATURDAY 9TH & SUNDAY 10TH MAY.

- 1st: Patricia O Connor (24) 35 pts
- 2nd: Mary Jo Coffey (43) 34 pts
- 3rd: Grainne McShortall (16) 34 pts

BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB (MEN'S)

RESULTS OF OUR MEN'S CHARITY FUNDRAISER COMPETITION - HOLMPATRICK CUP HELD ON SAT 9/SUN 10 MAY IN AID OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE BLIND OF IRELAND Sponsor - The Men's Club Pairs - 4B Better Ball Stableford format - White Tees

- 1st: Alfie Giles & Kieran Flynn 45 points
- 2nd: Maurice Fitzgerald & Dennis J O'Connor 44 points

NEXT WEEKEND'S COMPETITION

Men's Competition on Sat 15/Sun 16 May - 18 Hole Stableford White or Yellow Tees



Deerpark Pitch & Putt Club's Eileen McCarthy and Michael Cronin pictured after their wins in the Munster Intermediate Womens and Mens events in Fermoy, Co Cork last Sunday. Eileen defeated Tralee's Lisa O'Connor in an all-Kerry Intermediate Womens Final.

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SATURDAY 9TH MAY IN MAHONY'S PT.

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1. Liam McGuire (29) 46pts.
 2. Dermot O Connor (8) 37pts.
 3. Alan Flynn (7) 35pts.
 4. Conn O'Connor (3) 35pts.
 5. Tom Colman (12) 34pts.
- 1st Nine: Brendan Keogh (10) 18pts.
 2nd Nine: Mick Leahy (23) 21pts.
 Longest Drive: Conn O'Connor
 Nearest the Pin: Brian Clarke

ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB COMPETITIONS

Saturday 16th May 2026m 9 & 18 - hole single Stableford competition. Enter via the BRS App

WOMEN'S GET INTO GOLF

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MEET AND PLAY EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING

Meet in the Club House 10.00am tee off 10.30am. Enter via the BRS App. All Members welcome.

GOLF LESSONS

New PRO Jonathan Clery is available to give golf lessons at Ross Golf Club. Please contact Jonathan directly on 086 2143510

ROSS GOLF CLUB (GENTS)

ROSS SENIORS

On Thursday May 7th the Ross seniors held their weekly competition

The winners were :-

- 1st: Sean Hickey 23 pts
- 2nd: Pat Mitchell 22 pts
- 3rd: John Joe Healy 19 pts.
- 4th: Mike O'Leary 18 pts

On Sunday May 10th we held a mixed scramble

The winners were:-

- 1st: John Cuskelly, Lucas Cronin, Bridget McGuire, Mona Looney
- 2nd: Daniel Cronin, Elaine Casey, Eoin McGivernan, Kay Cremin.
- 3rd: M J O'Sullivan, Emer Coffey, Mary B, Miriam Hickey.

SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to Cormac Bonnar and all The Bonnar Family on the recent death of his mother, Maureen . R.I.P.

KILLARNEY GOLF CLUB LADIES BRANCH

THE FIRST LADIES OPEN DAY OF 2026 WAS HELD ON O'MAHONY'S POINT COURSE ON THURSDAY MAY 7TH

It was a team of 3 with 2 scores to count and 3 scores on the 18th. Kindly sponsored by Aherns Group, Castleisland.

Overall Winners: Tina Moriarty, Joan Cantillon & Patricia Goodwin, Castlegregory 94pts

Runners-Up: Mary Geaney & Geraldine Rosney, Killarney & Helen Mackessy, Kanturk 93pts

3rd Place: Elizabeth Kelliher, Grace Dennehy & Kathleen Brosnan 91pts

18 HOLE STABLEFORD COMPETITION HELD ON O'MAHONY'S POINT SUNDAY MAY 10TH

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Winner: Geraldine Rosney 40pts(35)

Runner Up: Kay O'Connor 39pts (13)

Best Gross: Tracey Eakin 37pts

3rd Place: Sandra Chute 39pts (30)

4th Place: Pat Collins 39pts (29)



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Remembering Tim Keogh....

Commemoration Planned for Fitzgerald Stadium



Tim Keogh, back row on left, with a Dr Crokes senior football team in Fitzgerald Stadium. Photo: macmonagle.com

A special commemoration will take place next Wednesday evening at Fitzgerald Stadium in Killarney to mark the 50th anniversary of the death of former Dr Crokes player, officer and selector Tim (Timmy) Keogh.

Mr Keogh died suddenly while watching an East Kerry Under-12 final between local rivals Dr Crokes and Legion on 24 May 1976.

The match was abandoned after 20 minutes as a mark of respect.

His sons Tim and Frank (RIP) were on the Dr Crokes team on the night while his nephew, Tadghie Fleming, was the team manager.

To honour his memory, a memorial plaque will be unveiled at the stadium on Wednesday May 20th at 7.00 PM.

Timmy Keogh played senior football with Dr Crokes in the 1930s and 1940s and served as club treasurer, financial secretary and senior selector throughout the 1950s and 1960s.

He was a well-known figure in the Killarney community through his involvement with Dr Crokes, the Fitzgerald Stadium committee, St Vincent de Paul, The Franciscan Friary, St Mary's Cathedral and Hilliard's.

Married to the late Kathleen MacMonagle, they lived in Upper Sunny Hill and raised five sons, Sean, Don, Tim, Frank and Eamonn.



Dick Fitzgerald Team 1946

The Dick Fitzgeralds/Dr Crokes team of 1946. Front from left are Dan O'Keeffe, Brendan Kelleher, Donal MacMonagle, Tom Lynch, Dan Kavanagh, Teddy O'Connor, Timmy Keogh and Jimmy Joy. Back from left are Paddy Moynihan, John F O'Sullivan, Jim White, Billy Myers, Paddy Burke, Derry Burke and Gerald Teahan. Photo: macmonagle.com

Amber Flag retained at St. Brigid's

Well done to our Amber Flag Committee who have successfully retained our Amber Flag for another year.

The Amber Flag promotes positive mental wellbeing across our whole school community and recognises the work being done to create a supportive, inclusive and caring environment for all students and staff.

Throughout the year, the committee organised a variety of fundraising events in support of Pieta and Kerry Mental Health Association. They also organised a whole school wellbeing day and worked closely with other student committees to run coffee mornings and lunchtime activities to encourage connection, positivity and wellbeing throughout the school.

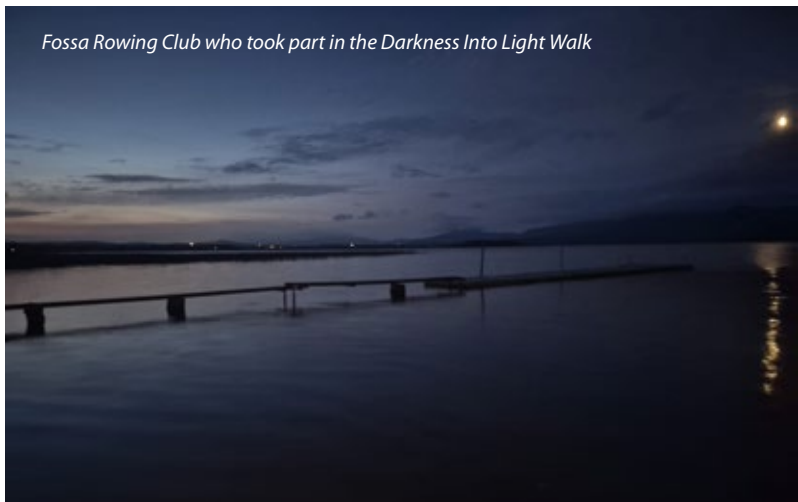
A huge thank you to all students and staff who supported and participated in the many initiatives during the year. Your support helped make this another very successful year for Amber Flag in our school community.



Fossa Rowing Club who took part in the Darkness Into Light Walk



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FOSSA ROWING CLUB

DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

Last Saturday morning we held our Darkness into Light event at the lakeshore. A truly fantastic turnout, it was great to see so many of our members come out and support this worthy cause with all funds raised going towards Pieta House. Thank you one and all for making this morning so special.

FLESK VALLEY TIKE TRIALS

This Sunday we will be taking part in the Flesk Valley Tike Trials with all crews taking part. This is always a fantastic event and a great season opener so be sure to be there early and keep an eye on our socials for race times etc. Wishing our crews the very best of luck!

KILLARNEY VALLEY ATHLETIC CLUB

It's been a busy two weekends for KVAC athletes with the Kerry Athletics Senior and Masters Track and Field County Championships held over the weekend in An Riocht, Castleisland which followed on from the U9-U16 & U20 Track and Field County Championships which had been held at the same venue on the previous weekend. The Killarney Valley AC Senior Men's team had the honour of winning the Quill Cup for best club for the 6th year in a row and the Senior Women's team won the Chris O'Shea Cup for best club for the 3rd year in a row. This

was due to individual and team performances too numerous to mention but there were many outstanding performances over the two weekends from young and old.

Meanwhile many of our road runners were in action at the Run Killarney Half marathon and 10k with strong performances and new PBs gained. Congratulations to all.

For anyone wishing to join the club please email us at killarneyvalleyac@gmail.com

PICKLEBALL

On the 1st Thursday in May Killarney Pickleball Club started a free 4 week beginners course for over 60s. There was a lot of interest as the course was over subscribed well before the start date. The attendees were coached by existing senior members in the basics of the game. Some beginners had a tennis background, other badminton but most were trying a racket sport for the 1st time. Within a short space of time they were playing competitive games. Such was the enjoyment that many were surprised when the hour was up. The course continues for the remaining Thursdays in May. Hopefully when the course is finished they will join the regular 10am Wednesday morning session at the Leisure Centre.

KILLARNEY JUDO CLAIMS 25 MEDALS AT THE

MUNSTER

Killarney Judo Club enjoyed a hugely successful outing at the Munster Closed Championships in Cork City on Sunday, May 10, returning home with an impressive haul of 25 medals following a superb day of competition.

One of the largest groups in attendance at the event, the club travelled with 25 competitors ranging from experienced athletes to five judoka making their debut appearances outside of local club competitions. The club's strong presence extended beyond the mats, with four members officiating as referees while another represented the club as Tournament Director.

The younger members of the squad produced some of the standout performances of the day, displaying excellent technique, determination and composure throughout the competition. Special praise was reserved for Devon Koen, who produced a spectacular ippon seoi nage in his first competition in two years, earning admiration from coaches and spectators alike.

By the end of the tournament, Killarney Judo Club had secured an outstanding tally of nine gold medals, six silver medals and ten bronze medals in a remarkable all-round team performance.

Club coaches were particularly encouraged by the performances of the younger competitors and debut athletes, highlighting the continued growth and development within the club. The club now turns to the Interpros where several members will represent the Munster Team and a



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trip to Bath for the West of England International Training Camp in July.

FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB

RESULTS FOR 07TH MAY

N/S

1st: Marie Moloney & Joan Lenihan
2nd: Phyllis O' & Ron Carron
E/W

1st: Karen O' Keeffe & Imelda Healy
2nd: Mary Gleeson & Evelyn O' Leary
Well done to all.

SUMMER BRIDGE continues every Thursday morning at 10am at The Castlerosse Hotel. All

bridge players are very welcome.

KILLARNEY BRIDGE CONGRESS

Reminder: The Killarney Bridge Congress is returning for a second year to The Castlerosse Hotel on the 12th, 13th & 14th June. There is a full program of events for all levels of bridge players. Please contact any of the organising committee: Marie Moloney (Congress President), Ciarán Broadbery, Joan Lenihan, Therese McCarthy and Anne Wrenn.

KILLARNEY BRIDGE CLUB

RESULTS MONDAY 11TH MAY

North/South

First: Therese McCarthy and John O'Shea

Second: Phyllis O'Regan and Joan Culloty

Third: Ursula Daly and Maureen Culloty
East / West

First: Eileen Brosnan and Hugh O'Connell

Second: Doreen Brosnan and Mary O'Connor

Third: Maura B Moynihan and Anne Clerkin

Congratulations to All the Winners

It was great to see so many Beginners at the Club and we wish you all many happy years of playing Bridge.

SUMMER BRIDGE continues on Mondays at The Monastery Boys School New Road at 7.00 pm and All are Welcome



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KILLARNEY CELTIC

CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 17,21,23,24. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €75. Next jackpot €9,600 on Monday May 18th. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through Clubzap.

BOOKING FOR THE KILLARNEY CELTIC SUMMER CAMPS are now open. Week 1 is Monday June 29th - Friday July 3rd. Week 2 is Monday July 13th - Friday July 17th. Early Bird Offer if booked by May 31st via clubzap.

FAI JUNIOR CUP

Rathkeale AFC 3-1 Killarney Celtic

Liam Carey

Celtic exited the FAI Junior Cup last Sunday after defeat in Rathkeale. Celtic were behind early on but were back on level terms on 21 minutes when Liam Carey netted. However Rathkeale were awarded a penalty in the 41st minute which they scored to lead at the break. Rathkeale netted again on 63 minutes and despite Celtic's best efforts they could not get back on level terms and so exit the competition.

U17 PREMIER

Mastergeeha 2-4 Killarney Celtic

Jack Culloty, Jack O'Grady, Mark Looney, OG.

Celtic U17 defeated Mastergeeha on Monday night. Celtic were on the scoreboard after a Lachlann Scannell freekick was turned into his own net by a Mastergeeha player. Celtic went further ahead when Jack Culloty netted. Mastergeeha responded with a goal but Celtic came again and a Jack O'Grady penalty had Celtic 3-1 up at the break. Celtic had a 4th goal when Jack Culloty set up Mark Looney to volley home. Mastergeeha pulled a goal back but Celtic held firm after that to run out winners. Next up for the team is the U17 Cup Final vs Killarney Athletic.

U15 PREMIER

Killarney Celtic 2-4 Castleisland AFC

Emmanuel Itheme, Cormac O'Sullivan

Celtic finished off their league campaign against the Cup winners last Saturday. Celtic led 1-0 when Emmanuel Itheme goaled after good work by Charlie O'Neill. Castleisland were back on terms by half time and gained the initiative in the 2nd half before Cormac O'Sullivan reduced the arrears.

CONGRATS to Cormac O'Sullivan U15 who made the KSBGL Team of the Week.

MASTERGEEHA

BOY'S CUP

U12 JOHN MURPHY BOY'S SHIELD S/FINALS

Mastergeeha D 2 V Park D 1 4/5

BOY'S LEAGUE

12 BOY'S DIVISION 1

Mastergeeha B 1 v MEKA 3

Mastergeeha U12 B team hosted neighbours MEK in our final home game of the season, on Wednesday evening. Mastergeeha started quickly and scored an early goal when Dara Sheahan finished well after a strong run by Jake Kelly. Mastergeeha dominated the first 20 minutes and were unlucky not to extend our lead with Jake Kelly and Kyle Morrissey creating several good chances.

MEK settled and started to gain some possession around the Mastergeeha box and were rewarded when they scored with 20 minutes on the clock. This left the half time score finely balanced at one all.

MEK took the lead mid-way through the second half with a fine individual goal. Mastergeeha pushed on strongly to find an equalizer with John Leahy, Jake Kelly, Dara Counihan, James Buckley and Kyle Morrissey all trying their hardest to get us back in the game. MEK made sure of the points with five minutes remaining when their centre forward scored his second goal of the game.

Captain: Daniel O'Keeffe

Goal Scorers: Dara Sheahan

Assists: Jake Kelly

Player of the game: Cillian O'Dwyer

Thanks to the referee Tom Kerrisk and to MEK for a sporting and competitive game.

Best of luck to MEK as they compete for the league title in their final game.

U15 BOY'S PREMIER

Park 1 v Mastergeeha 2

Goal Scorers: David Fleming and David O'Mahony

Our u15 premier division squad travelled to Tralee to take on St. Brendan's Park. In perfect conditions all present were treated to a very competitive and entertaining game. Both sides had chances in the first half, with one of the best coming from Park. Mastergeeha had the out stretched leg of goal keeper Adam Carroll to thank for keeping it at nil all at half time. The second half saw both teams play some excellent football when Mastergeeha got the

break through a David Fleming goal. It was a lead that was not to last as Park struck back with a well taken goal. Both teams really gave their all to push for a winner but it looked that it would finish honours even until late drama would unfold and David O'Mahony was on hand to poke home a winner with the last kick of the game. A good 2-1 win from a cracking match

U15 BOY'S DIVISION 3

Mastergeeha B 3 v Killarney Celtic C 0 w/o

U16 BOY'S PREMIER

Mastergeeha 2 v Killarney Athletic A 4

MASTERGEEHA LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on 8th May 2026 for the Jackpot of €7,200. Numbers drawn were 12, 14,15,18. Consolations Prizes of €50 each to the following, Lisa & Laura Devane Mastergeeha, Denise c/o The Bar, Patrick O'Sullivan Knocknahoe and Fiona Gibbons c/o Mike Devane. Our next draw will take place on Friday 15th May 2026 at the Village Inn for a Jackpot of €7,400.

BALLYHAR DYNAMOS FC

LOTTO

No.s 2, 7, 21, 25. No winner of the Jackpot. 5 x €25: Sean Collins, Furies .Deirdre Moore, Thurles. Bridie Breen, Furies & Kathleen Breen, Killarney x 2 wins. Next draw for a Jackpot of €2,300 will take place on Sunday next 17th May at Butlers Bar, Furies. Tickets available from Committee Members, Sheehans Filling Station, Farranfore. Spar & Hendersons Shops, Furies & Butlers Bar, Furies.

TEAMS

The u12 A squad have qualified for the School Boy Trophy Final as a result of their 2-7 away win to Listowel Celtic B. Tadhg Fitzgerald with five goals & two by Darren Foley saw the squad qualify for the final. Pdraig Allen was a safe pair of hands in goals with Ethan O Sullivan, Matthew Hickey, Jamie O Connor, Noah McCarthy, Conor Ryan & Jack O Callaghan immense on the evening.

The U13 A squad have qualified for the John Joe Naughton Shield Final thanks to a hard earned 2-0 home win over Ferry Rangers. Goals from Jack Cooper & Aidan Barry sealed the win. Gavin Sheehan, Paddy Hurley, Cole Buckley, Diarmuid Keane, Dermot Nealon, Bryan Evans & Dara Flaherty were impressive on the evening.

The U16 boys have reached the Tucker Kelly cup



Mastergeeha U15A Team that played Park over the weekend



Killarney Celtic U17A vs Mastergeeha

final thanks to their 2-3 away win over Killarney Athletic after extra time. Goals from Ryan Quilter, Alex Finn & Jack Kelly saw Ballyhar reach the final with Dan Duggan, Jamie O'Brien, Shane Edwards, Cillian Casey, Dylan Fitzgerald & Alan Mrotek impressing throughout the game.

The Club youths lost 1-3 away to Castlegregory FC in the youth shield semi final. Cillian Slattery with the Ballyhar goal with Eoin O Mahony, Ross Lally, Conor Giles, Conrad Long, Aaron Moriarty & Eoghan O Sullivan all playing well.

The Seniors lost out to Inter Kenmare 1-7 at the KDL in a Division 2 league play off semi final. Pdraig O Connor with the Ballyhar goal who have now concluded their season with a third place finish in Division 2. Thanks to the Players & Management for their efforts over the season.

SYMPATHY

The club offers its condolences to the McCarthy & Kennedy Families, Furies & the O'Gorman Family, Ballyhar on their family Bereavements. May Patrick, Hannah & Peg rest in peace.

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC AFC

300 CLUB WINNERS APRIL

€500: Kevin Donovan

€100: Clare O'Shea, Mike Audley, Triona & Darragh Sheely, Pat Carroll, Conor Fitzgerald

KERRY DISTRICT LEAGUE YOUTHS FINAL WINNERS

Killarney Athletic 4- Killorglin 2

Played on a calm evening on a superb surface, the match began with Killorglin on the front foot. They enjoyed the better of the early exchanges, but Athletic's disciplined back line of Ryan Kissane, Kalen Browne, and Donnacha Vaughan stood strong in front of goalkeeper Dylan McAuliffe.

In midfield, Evan Doona, Luca Mosca, and Alex Doolan battled hard against a physical Killorglin unit, gradually growing into the game. On the wings, Darragh O'Sullivan and Jake Nash worked tirelessly both in attack and defence, while Leo Allen and Jayden Fennell ensured the Killorglin defence remained under pressure.

Athletic made the breakthrough just before half-time. After beginning to get a grip on proceedings, a dangerous delivery from Jake Nash caused confusion in the Killorglin box and found its way into the net, giving Athletic a 1-0 lead at the break. The second half took a turn when Killorglin were reduced to ten men. Despite the numerical disadvantage, they responded brilliantly, hitting Athletic with two clinical counter-attacking goals to turn the game around and lead 2-1. Athletic, however, showed great character. Regrouping quickly, they steadied themselves and began to dominate possession. The introduction of substitutes JJ O'Donoghue and Bryan O'Connor added fresh impetus, and it proved crucial. Athletic found their equaliser late in normal time when JJ finished superbly after an excellent pass from Evan Doona, bringing the sides level at 2-2 and sending the game into extra time.

With momentum now firmly in their favour and the benefit of fresh legs, Athletic took



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u16s who have qualified for the Tucker Kelly cup final following their extra time win over

control in extra time JJ struck again early in the period to restore the lead, before substitute Brian McCarthy put the result beyond doubt as he has done numerous times before with a composed finish to seal a 4-2 victory.

It was a fitting way for some members of the squad to bring their underage careers to a close, while others will look ahead to further success with a U17 cup final still to come. Credit must also go to Killorglin, who once again provided a sporting and competitive challenge in what has been a strong rivalry throughout the season. On this occasion, however, it was Killarney Athletic who emerged deserved winners.

BOYS U15 PREMIER RESULT

Listowel Celtic 3 - 1 Killarney Athletic A.F.C

Artem Dzhandra x 1

We travelled to Listowel Saturday afternoon in a must win game to keep our slim hopes of a league title alive. Our boys gave everything, but Listowel would not be denied and deservedly won the game to win the League.

Congratulations to Listowel on winning the league.

KERRY SCHOOLBOY/GIRL SOCCER

GIRLS

KILLORGLIN REACH BRID DEVANE SHIELD FINAL

Killorglin booked their place in the U13 Brid Devane Perpetual Shield Final with a solid 3-0 victory over Fenit.

Sophie Moriarty found the net with a deft flick from a ball in from the wing in the opening half to give the visitors a narrow lead at the break. In the second half Sienna Boyle starred with two goals to seal their passage.

Boyle took possession on the edge of the box before firing a shot into the far corner of the goal for her first of the half. The third arrived when Boyle placed a free kick from outside the box into the top corner. They now face Camp in the Final on May 17th in Celtic Park.

BARRETT-NEZIRI STARS AS FENIT ADVANCE IN EVE O'CALLAGHAN SHIELD

Fenit came out on top in an entertaining 6-3 victory over Camp in the U14 Eve O'Callaghan Perpetual Shield.

Hannah Barrett-Neziri was in sensational form,

scoring four goals, while Fiadh McElligott added two more in a superb attacking performance.

Camp battled throughout and got on the scoresheet through Kayleigh Crean, Robyn Flynn, and Aoibhín Lyon, but Fenit's firepower proved decisive in the end. Next for them is a Shield Semi-Final with Inter Kenmare on Wednesday May 13th to see if they can advance to a final.

TEN GOAL THRILLER ENDS ALL SQUARE IN U15 GIRLS DIVISION 1

There was nothing to separate Iveragh and Fenit after a remarkable 5-5 draw in the Muckross Park Hotel U15 Girls Division 1.

Amy Rose Shanahan starred for Iveragh with a superb hat-trick, while Zoe Gleeson added two goals in a thrilling attacking display.

Fenit were inspired by an incredible individual performance from Hannah Barrett-Neziri, who scored all five of her side's goals in a sensational outing.

PARK 16'S SECURE LEAGUE AND CUP DOUBLE

History was made in a sun-drenched Christy Leahy Park last Saturday evening, as St Brendan's Park picked up the LOL O'Leary Cup with a 4-0 win over MEK Galaxy. Adding to their league title

No team outside of Killarney had ever won this competition, and double history was made for the Park to secure two pieces of silverware, especially on home soil. After narrowly losing last year's final 1-0, this group were determined to go one better.

The game started tight before Park hit the breakthrough when Sofia Rybanska delivered a dangerous corner and Sophie Doona reacted quickest at the back post to smash home for the opener.

Park continued to grow into the game and Alannah Crossan produced a moment of magic, taking a touch outside the box before firing an unbelievable strike into the top corner.

Leading 2-0 at half-time, the Park girls kept pushing and Rybanska showed brilliant composure to chip the keeper for their third. The fourth was a special moment as Grace O'Regan, the park goalkeeper now playing outfield after returning after a bad arm injury, picked the ball up on the wing, drove to the



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u13s who qualified for the final of the John Joe Naughton Shield.



Ballyhar Dynamos FC Youth squad & Management who were defeated by Castlegregory FC in the Youth Shield semi final.

end line and squeezed it into the net to cap off a great final performance.

CAMP CROWNED LOL O'LEARY SHIELD CHAMPIONS

Camp were crowned U16 Girls LOL O'Leary Shield champions after a hard-fought 2-1 victory over LB Rovers in the final.

Camp made a superb start and were 2-0 ahead by half-time, thanks to goals from Meabh Kennedy and Órlaith Flynn, putting them firmly in control of the contest.

LB Rovers responded strongly in the second half, with Eilidh Cregan pulling a goal back to set up a tense finish, but Camp held firm under pressure to see out the win.

CAMP JUNIORS FINISH STRONG IN U16 PREMIER

Camp Juniors produced an excellent performance in the U16 Girls Premier Division, securing a 5-0 victory over Listowel Celtic.

Órlaith Flynn was in outstanding form, scoring a superb hat-trick, while Meabh Kennedy and Aoibhinn O'Callaghan also found the net in a clinical attacking display.

BOYS

DINGLE FIRE THEIR WAY INTO JOHN MURPHY CUP FINAL

Dingle booked their place in the U12 John Murphy Boy's Cup Final with a clinical 6-0 victory over Tralee Dynamos A in the semi-final. Goals were spread across the team, with Jamie Murphy and Malik Hegarty both scoring twice, while Luí Ó Sé and Jack Brosnan also found the net in an outstanding attacking display. A statement win for Dingle ahead of playing Killarney Athletic in the decider on May 17th.

BALLYHAR AND INTER KENAMRE REACH TROPHY FINAL IN STYLE

The U12 John Murphy Boy's Trophy semi-finals produced two impressive performances, with Ballyhar Dynamos A and Inter Kenmare A booking their places in the final.

Ballyhar A powered to a 7-2 victory over Listowel Celtic B, with Tadhg Fitzgerald in sensational form, scoring five goals. Darren Foley added two more to complete an impressive attacking display.

In the other semi-final, Inter Kenmare A secured a 7-1 win over Listowel Celtic C. Goals came from braces by Cillian Kelliher, Robbie Hussey along with goals from Hristian Kasparov, Colm Moriarty, and Adam Leonard in a strong all-

round performance.

Both sides now advance to the final on May 17th off the back of impressive semi-final victories making it an interesting Trophy Final clash.

BALLYHAR REACH JOHN-JOE NAUGHTON TROPHY FINAL

Ballyhar A secured their place in the U13 Boy's John-Joe Naughton Trophy Final with a solid 2-0 victory over Ferry Rangers.

Goals from Jack Cooper and Aidan Barry ensured Ballyhar controlled the semi-final and progressed with confidence. A disciplined defensive display also earned them a clean sheet, completing a strong all-round performance as they advanced to the final where they meet Mastergeeha later this month.

PARK WIN U14 TOM HAYES TROPHY

St Brendan's Park B delivered a clinical performance to be crowned U14 Tom Hayes Trophy champions after a 4-1 win over LB Rovers in Ardfert.

Gerry McDonald gave the Tralee side the optimum start, slotting to the back of the net in the ninth minute. McDonald added his second by the 17th minute, reacting well to squeeze an effort into the back of the net.

LB Rovers reduced the deficit to one by the interval. But after the break Park came out regrouped and redetermined to find the net. The first goal of the second half would go to Park, McDonald sending Shouvik Reza to race forward for goal, before a cool finish made it 3-1.

LB kept pressing as Park also had their chances, but the game's final goal arrived when Darragh Murphy had a shot at goal that was parried out toward Ostap Dudnik to finish to the back of the net.

LISTOWEL CELTIC CROWNED U15 PREMIER CHAMPIONS

Listowel Celtic sealed the TC Construction U15 Boy's Premier Division title with an impressive 3-1 victory over Killarney Athletic, completing a perfect league campaign.

Needing just a point to secure the championship, Listowel delivered in style with three second-half goals to make it 10 wins from 10 games and a maximum 30 points from 30. Luke Walsh, Mason Sheehy-Elston, and Diarmuid Lyons were all on target, with Joe Joy providing all three assists in a superb creative display. Artem Dzhandra scored for Killarney Athletic.

Elsewhere, Castleisland secured a strong 4-2 win over Killarney Celtic, with Se O'Donnell scoring twice alongside goals from Alex Guerin Ryan and Dylan Downey. Emmanuel IHEME and Cormac O'Sullivan replied for Celtic.

Mastergeeha edged a tight 2-1 victory over Park, thanks to goals from David Fleming and David O'Mahony, while Cody Hunt scored for Park.

BALLYHAR EDGE EXTRA-TIME THRILLER TO REACH FINAL

Ballyhar booked their place in the U16 Boys Tucker Kelly Cup Final after a dramatic 3-2 victory over Killarney Athletic following extra time, as the game finished 1-1 at the end of normal time.

In a closely contested semi-final, Shéa Driver gave Athletic the lead in the opening half, before Ryan Quilter found the net for Ballyhar to force extra-time. Goals from Alex Finn and Jack Kelly proved decisive in the additional period.

Driver kept Killarney Athletic in the contest with his second in the final minute, despite a nervy ending Ballyhar held firm to edge through after a hard-fought battle. Castleisland face Killarney Celtic on the 13th of May to see who will meet them in the final.

BOYS TEAM OF THE WEEK

1. Joseph Bruce (Iveragh United U13)
2. Cormac O'Sullivan (Killarney Celtic U15)
4. Dara O'Flaherty (Ballyhar Dynamos U13)
5. Alan Morteck (Ballyhar Dynamos U16)
3. Rory Moynihan (Killarney Athletic U15)
6. Cillian Kelliher (Inter Kenmare U12)
8. Bobby Kelliher (Dingle Bay Rovers U12)
10. Cian O'Donoghue (St Brendan's Park U14)
7. Se O'Donnell (Castleisland U15)
9. Tadhg Fitzgerald (Ballyhar Dynamos U12)
11. Joe Joy (Listowel Celtic U15)

GIRLS ROLL OF HONOUR

1. Aoife Fitzgerald (LB Rovers)
2. Mia Foley (Killorglin)
4. Ava Fealy (LB Rovers)
5. Sadhbh Dowling (St Brendan's Park)
3. Aislinn Clifford (Camp Juniors)
6. Ella Clerkin-Sayers (Fenit Samphires)
8. Niamh O'Callaghan (Camp Juniors)
7. Grace O'Regan (St Brendan's Park)
10. Sienna Boyle (Killorglin)
9. Órlaith Flynn (Camp Juniors)
11. Hannah Barrett-Neziri (Fenit Samphires)

DEFEAT TO FINN HARPS FOR KERRY FC

Finn Harps 1-0 Kerry FC

By David Moriarty

Kerry FC were back on the road on Friday as they made the 816km round trip to take on Finn Harps in Ballybofey.

The two sides last met in Tralee on the twentieth of March, where Kerry FC picked up their first win of the season. It hasn't been totally smooth sailing since then, but the Bank Holiday Monday win over Cork City has given a new sense of life in the Kingdom.

A dominant Kerry performance with ten men for the final twenty minutes showed true character that felt like the immediate future could only get brighter.

For Finn Harps, they also ended a long wait for a win after beating Bray Wanderers 2-1 on Monday. Two first-half goals ensured three points for the Harps, even after a late consolation goal from Bray.

Both sides enjoyed the previous Monday, so it ensured the game would have an added incentive for both teams to really push on a few weeks before the Summer break.

FIRST HALF

Kerry FC started brightly after kick-off in Ballybofey and settled quickly into the contest against a Finn Harps side looking to make home advantage count.

The hosts created the game's first opening in the third minute when Bernardo Monteiro fired an effort wide for a corner. Harps kept the pressure on from the resulting set-piece, but the Kerry defence dealt well with the danger.

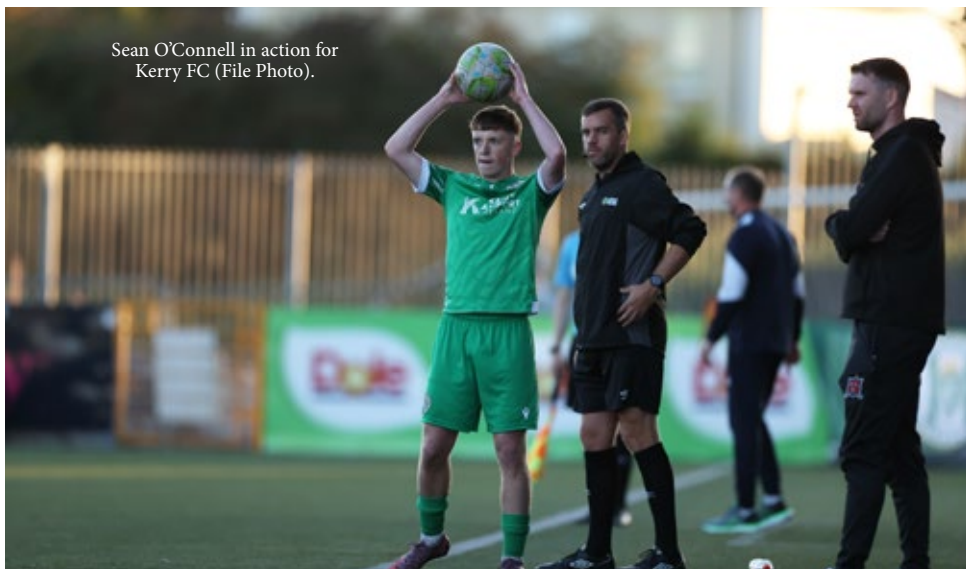
In the sixth minute, Matthew Connor was called into action for the first time and produced an excellent save to deny Nathan Lumingo from close range. It was an early warning from the hosts, but Kerry responded positively.

Ryan Perez looked lively in attack throughout the opening period and registered Kerry's first shot on target in the twelfth minute, although Corey Sheridan gathered comfortably. Three minutes later, Perez tried his luck again with a well-struck half-volley from outside the area, but the effort sailed over the crossbar.

Kerry continued to grow into the game and looked threatening going forward. In the twentieth minute, Alex-Mathis Tiego was shown a yellow card after conceding a free kick in a dangerous position. Ryan Kelliher stepped up for the resulting set-piece, but his effort drifted well wide.

Just two minutes later, Kerry came close again following some excellent approach play. Perez found space inside the area, but Sheridan reacted sharply to deny the forward with an important save.

As the half progressed, Kerry FC arguably



Sean O'Connell in action for Kerry FC (File Photo).

created the better opportunities and looked the more composed side in possession. Finn Harps remained dangerous on the counter-attack, however, and Nathan Lumingo fired over the bar in the thirty-sixth minute after a quick break forward.

Kerry thought they had found the breakthrough in the thirty-eighth minute when Sean O'Connell swung in a dangerous corner from the right that ended up in the back of the net. However, celebrations were cut short as the referee awarded a free kick to Finn Harps.

There was concern for Kerry FC in the closing stages of the half when Jonas Häkkinen was forced off in the forty-fourth minute following a clash of heads. Vince Borden was introduced in his place. Four minutes were added on at the end of the first half, but neither side could find a breakthrough before the interval. Connor comfortably claimed another Lumingo effort during stoppage time as the teams went in level at the break.

SECOND HALF

The second half began in scrappy fashion, with clear-cut chances at a premium during the opening stages.

Finn Harps threatened in the fifty-fifth minute, but Kilian Cantwell produced a superb block inside the area to prevent a certain scoring opportunity and preserve parity.

Two minutes later, Kerry almost struck at the other end. Cian Murphy cut inside onto his right foot and curled an effort narrowly wide of the far left-hand post.

Kerry came closest to breaking the deadlock in the sixty-second minute following a free kick in a dangerous position. From the resulting delivery, Cian Brosnan struck a brilliant effort against the crossbar, with the Finn Harps defence relieved to see the ball stay out.

Brosnan was booked in the sixty-fifth minute, and moments later, the game produced its major turning point. Finn Harps were awarded a penalty in the sixty-sixth minute after Ryan Kelliher was adjudged to have fouled Joel Bradley-Walsh inside the area.

Walsh then stepped up from the spot, but Matthew Connor produced a magnificent save high to his left to keep the game scoreless and

spark celebrations among the travelling support. Kerry FC continued to battle hard and introduced fresh legs in the seventy-first minute as Matthew Britton and Luke Palmer replaced Cian Brosnan and Cian Murphy.

The visitors remained disciplined defensively while still looking capable of snatching a winner on the counter-attack. In the eightieth minute, Oran Brogan received a yellow card for a high challenge that halted a Kerry breakaway, with the Harps defender perhaps fortunate to avoid stronger punishment.

Eric Koufie was introduced for Ryan Perez in the eighty-third minute as Kerry searched for a late winner.

At the opposite end, Sam Aladesanusi produced a superb last-ditch clearance in the eighty-eighth minute to deny Finn Harps as pressure from the hosts intensified in the closing moments.

However, heartbreak arrived in stoppage time. In the ninety-fifth minute, Gavin McAteer delivered a dangerous cross into the area, and Max Hutchinson rose highest to guide a header into the bottom-right corner beyond Connor.

It proved to be the decisive moment as Finn Harps claimed all three points, leaving Kerry FC frustrated after a disciplined and committed away performance.

The Kingdom now need to dust themselves down and look ahead again to next Friday night as they take on Wexford FC in Mounthawk Park in the hopes that they can put Friday night's result behind them in a positive manner.

Finn Harps Team: Corey Sheridan; Conor Tourish, Oran Brogan, Joel Bradley-Walsh, Bernardo Monteiro, Max Hutchinson (GOAL '95), Tony McNamee (C), Gavin McAteer, Daniel Ricardo Manita De Lacerda, Nathan Lumingo, Alex-Mathis Tiego.

Subs Used: Aaron McLaughlin, Shaunie Bradley, Odhran McHugh.

Kerry FC Team: Matthew Connor; Sean O'Connell, Kilian Cantwell (C), Ryan Kelliher, Cian Murphy, Jonas Häkkinen, Cian Brosnan, Samuel Aladesanusi, Ryan Perez, Niall Brookwell, Ewan Lee.

Subs Used: Eric Koufie, Matthew Britton, Vince Borden, Luke Palmer.

SENSATIONAL SECOND HALF SEALS IT FOR KERRY

Kerry 1-16 Cork 0-8

By Dan Kearney

A sensational second half performance where they outscored Cork by 1-9 to 0-2 points propelled Kerry to the Munster final at a sun-soaked Fitzgerald Stadium on Sunday in the curtain-raiser to the men's final between the two counties.

Siofra O'Shea struck 1-3 and Niamh Ní Chonchúir 0-3 as they put a shell-shocked Cork outfit to the sword.

Kerry played with a strong breeze in the first half and threatened early when a lightning move involving Ní Chonchúir and O'Shea saw Caoimhe Redmond produce a great save from Leah McMahon, although the corner forward did follow up with a good point.

It was then Cork's turn to slice open the Kerry defence and Mary Ellen Bolger got down smartly to save from Rachel Leahy although Emma Cleary did follow up to score the first of her two first half points.

Kerry popped over two points on the trot through Niamh Carmody and a Jadyne Lucey punch over. Katie Quirke replied for Cork, but Ní Chonchúir did the same for Kerry at the other end with a monster effort in the 15th minute.

Then Cork took over and started running at Kerry. Points followed from Emma Cleary, and two Quirke frees, although McMahon did force Richmond into her second good save in the 23rd minute.

Kerry rose again and with the wind strengthening hassled and harried Cork for all their worth, scoring the final three points of the half. Lucey with her second, and Kerry's first in 14 minutes, was followed by Ní Chonchúir and an Anna Galvin punch over to see the hosts take a 0-7 to 0-6 lead in at the half time break. A slender lead, it was felt, considering Cork would have the strong breeze for the second half.

The elements made no difference to the home side as they tagged on the first five points of the second half through the brilliant Ní Chonchúir, Emma Costello, and two O'Shea punch overs and substitute Danielle O'Leary with another, her side's eighth on the trot.

Then, in the 46th minute came Kerry's goal when O'Shea sliced through the Cork defence before confidently burying the ball to the back of the net. Aishling O'Connell, O'Leary, O'Shea from a free and McMahon raised further white flags before Cork finally troubled the scoreboard operator with two Quirke frees in the 57th minute.

It was all mere consolation though as Kerry strolled home to victory.

Scorers – Kerry: S O'Shea 1-3 (1f), N Ní Chonchúir 0-3, J Lucey 0-2, D O'Leary 0-2, L McMahon 0-2, A Galvin 0-1, N Carmody 0-1, E Costello 0-1, A O'Connell 0-1.

Cork: K Quirke 0-5 (4f), E Cleary 0-2, R Corkery 0-1. **KERRY:** ME Bolger; R Rahilly, D Kearney, E Lynch; A O'Connell, E Costello, A Dillane; A Galvin, M O'Connell; N Carmody, N Ní Chonchúir, C Evans;

J Lucey, L McMahon, S O'Shea. **Subs:** E Ní Laighin for E Costello (13-17), D O'Leary for J Lucey (half-time), E Ní Laighin for R Rahilly (half-time), L Boyle for E Costello (53), M O'Connor for N Carmody (57), N Quinn for C Evans (57).

CORK: C Richmond; M Duggan, S Callanan, S Kelly; A Corcoran, S McGoldrick, R Corkery; M O'Callaghan, A O'Mahony; R Leahy, K Redmond, E Cleary; L Hallihan, K Quirke, Á O'Sullivan. **Subs:** G Murphy for M O'Callaghan (38), R O'Regan for E Cleary (46), A Ring for R Leahy (50), K O'Driscoll for K Redmond (51), E Hurley for L Hallihan (57). **Referee:** David Grogan (Limerick).

LGFA RESULTS

Munster LGFA Senior B Championship R4

Kerry 1-11 - Tipperary 0-12

Munster LGFA Minor B Championship Final

Kerry 2-10 - Waterford 0-10

Kerry vs Laois in the All Ireland B Semi Final

Thursday 9th July - Venue & Time TBC

LGFA All Ireland U14 Gold Championship

Quarter Final

Kerry 6-14 - Offaly 2-05

Kerry Vs Sligo in the All Ireland

U14 Gold Championship Semi Final

Saturday 23rd May. Time & Venue TBC

Munster Minor B Championship Final Match Report

Kerry crowned Munster Ladies B Champions

Kerry 2-10 Waterford 0-10

By Anthony Newman

Kerry were crowned Munster Minor Ladies Football B champions after a highly competitive game at Banteer on Saturday.

The game could have gone either way to the end, and it was two early goals that made the difference for Kerry, who won this title for the first time since 2023. Both teams had plenty of impressive displays with Sibeal Ni Sheaghda, Jamie Lee O'Connor, and Muireann Teahan impressing for the winners.

For Waterford, Clodagh Power, Ruby Browne and Lauren Fagan led by example.

Kerry got off to the perfect start when they scored their first goal, after just 20 seconds.

Muireann Teahan picked up the ball from the throw-in to find Faye Lynch and her pass put Kelsey Cummins in to find the back of the net.

That start got even better three minutes later when they scored their second goal. Leah Griffin and Brid Cutin combined to put Seoladh Flynn through and she gave Gemma Corcoran no chance of saving.

Credit to Waterford they worked their way into the game with Niamh McGrath setting up Mide McCusker for their opening point.

Clodagh Power added a second and with 18 minutes played Alana Kirwan got their third, to

make it 2-0 to 0-3. Tara O'Sullivan replied for Kerry,



Action from the Kerry V Cork game. Photos: Fitzgerald Stadium PR

with Curtin also scoring, to make it 2-2 to 0-3 with five minutes to half time.

Teahan and Naoise O'Donoghue added two more to stretch their lead to 2-4 to 0-3.

Waterford kept moving forward in search of scores, with Power hitting to late points to see the Kingdom lead by 2-4 to 0-5 at half time.

Power got the first point of the second half, before she came close to scoring a goal, with her shot going just wide. Erin Evans replied for Kerry, before Waterford had another goal chance, this time Browne's effort going just wide.

Power scored from a point with Leah Griffin replying for Kerry. Sadhbh O'Halloran and Erin Evans were on target for the Kingdom, with Power replying, to make it 2-8 to 0-9 after 53 minutes.

Power scored again, before O'Donoghue get the final point as the Kingdom ran out winners after a close and entertaining game.

Scorers for Kerry: K Cummins, S Flynn 1-0 each, E Evans 0-3 (1f), N O'Donoghue 0-2, T O'Sullivan, B Curtin, M Teahan, L Griffin, S O'Halloran 0-1 each. **Waterford:** C Power 0-8 (4f), M McCusker, A Kirwan 0-1 each.

KERRY: C O' Mahony; R Daly, A Brosnan, S Ni Sheaghda; S Heasman, J Lee O'Connor, A Doyle; L Griffin, T O'Sullivan; S Flynn, F Lynch, M Teahan; E Evans, B Curtin, K Cummins.

Subs: N O'Donoghue for F Lynch (22 inj), S O'Halloran for B Curtin (41), E Dillane for A Doyle (48), I Wynton for S Flynn (57), A O'Sullivan for T O'Sullivan (60).

WATERFORD: G Corcoran; E Campbell, J Whelan, L Fagan; S Peters, R Browne, K Winkle; S Connolly, K Kelly; C Power, A Power, S Condon; N McGrath, M McCusker, A Kirwan.

Subs: A Lynch for M McCusker (ht), E Power for S Condon (45), S Mernin for N McGrath (55).

Referee: Michael Sheehan, Cork.

Bon Secours Hospital Tralee

to be new health partner to Kerry Camogie

Bon Secours Hospital Tralee (BSHT) is to be the new health partner to Kerry Camogie following the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding, it has been announced.

Under this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), Kerry Camogie and BSHT will collaborate across a range of mutually beneficial areas. This collaboration will include Kerry Camogie elite players having access to state-of-the-art body composition analysis, medical diagnostic services and other diagnostic testing.

The document was signed on behalf of Bon Secours Hospital Tralee by Mr TJ O'Connor, CEO, and on behalf of Kerry Camogie by Anne-Marie Russell, Chairperson Kerry Camogie. The hospital and Kerry Camogie are keen to see this partnership develop into a longer-term relationship.

Mr TJ O'Connor, CEO of Bon Secours Hospital Tralee, welcomed the agreement and said:

We in Bon Secours Hospital Tralee are delighted to be partnering with Kerry Camogie to support our elite women athletes. Through our partnerships with Kerry GAA, Kerry LGFA, Kerry FC, and Tralee Warriors, we have developed extensive expertise in supporting elite athletes, and we are thrilled to bring this expertise to Kerry Camogie. We are extremely proud of the women who represent our community and are delighted to be associated with them in this way. We look forward to sharing our diagnostic facilities over the coming weeks, months, and years, nurturing talent, raising the profile of women in sport, and supporting the continued success of our teams in Kerry.

Kerry Camogie Chairperson Anne Marie Russell welcomed the partnership, describing it as a significant development for the association in the county.

"We are absolutely thrilled to partner with Bon Secours Hospital Tralee. Player welfare and



Bon Secours Hospital Tralee announced as the new official health partner of Kerry Camogie. Pictured from left to right: Davina O'Connor (BSHT), Amy McCarthy, Rosin Quinn, Ann Marie Russell (Chairperson of Kerry Camogie), Sara Murphy, Rachel McCarthy, Aoife Behan, TTJ O'Connor (CEO of Bon Secours Hospital Tralee), and Cian McCarthy (BSHT). Photo by Domnick Walsh.

athlete development are central to everything we do as an organisation, and this partnership will provide our elite players with access to first class medical and performance supports.

The level of care and professionalism being offered through this agreement is exceptional and demonstrates the commitment both organisations share towards supporting athletes in Kerry. As our teams continue to compete and progress at the highest levels, partnerships like this are invaluable in helping our players perform to their full potential while ensuring their health and wellbeing are

prioritised.

The agreement has been entered into in a spirit of collaboration and good faith, with both Kerry Camogie and Bon Secours Hospital Tralee committed to developing and strengthening the partnership over time.

Kerry Camogie would like to sincerely thank TJ O'Connor, CEO of Bon Secours Hospital Tralee for their support and looks forward to working closely together in the years ahead for the benefit of players throughout the county.

First Years Crowned All Ireland A Shield Champions



St. Brigid's Presentation Secondary School Killarney First Year girls were crowned All-Ireland A Shield Champions in UL after a fantastic weekend of basketball against top school teams from across the country.

After impressive wins over Donegal in the quarter-final and Longford in the semi-final, Pres booked their place in the Shield Final against Monaghan. In a tightly contested final, the girls showed tremendous determination, teamwork and defensive intensity to secure the victory and claim the All-Ireland title.

Every player played their part throughout the weekend, making this a hugely memorable achievement for the team and school. A fantastic way to finish their first year of basketball in Pres Killarney. Well done to all involved on an incredible success.

LEGION GAA CLUB

DARKNESS INTO LIGHT WALK

Huge gratitude and appreciation to everyone who helped in the lead up to and organisation of our Darkness Into Light walk last Saturday morning.

It truly was a massive team effort, and a very special thank you goes to our amazing Serious Support committee led and spearheaded by Noelle O'Brien, Eamonn, and all of the executive for everything you did to make the morning such a success.

It was absolutely incredible to see such a fantastic crowd and atmosphere at Legion. Watching the community come together like that for such an important cause was really special.

Thank you to everyone who came along, supported, volunteered, donated, and helped make it such a memorable morning. We are so grateful to be part of such an amazing community and a big THANK YOU to Denis of Cronin's Butchers for supplying the Breakfast after (Liam did a great job)!

LOTTO

Lotto numbers: 1, 3, 10, 22. Bonus 28. Lucky Dips: Julie Foley, D. Clifford, Dan Foran

SENIOR LADIES

On a beautiful sunny Sunday morning last our senior ladies welcomed Finuge/St Senans to Direen for their Donal Curtin Co League R5 tie. The visitors started brightly with the first 2 points with Legion coming into the game as the half developed. A well taken Eve Coffey goal proved crucial with the home team leading at half time 1-05 to 0-04, points from Ciara Randles (3) & Chloe O'Connor (2)

The 2nd half was a tight affair but Legion got to grips with it to take a 6 point lead courtesy of another Eve Coffey goal and points from Ali Bowler (1), Lauren Horgan (1) & Ciara Randles (1) The visitors rallied to bring it back to a 2 point game but some solid defending saw Legion over the line on a score of 2-08 to 1-09.

Thanks to Finuge /St Senans for a sporting game and to referee Jason O'Brien for officiating well. Up next for our ladies is a trip to Glenflesk next Sunday.

MINOR BOYS

East Kerry League. Division 1 Round 4

Rathmore 2-05 Legion 3-13

We were the visitors to play Rathmore in round 4 of the east Kerry minor league last evening.

Our lads gave a solid performance to finish the east Kerry league with a win. This win was based on some very good defending, which led to turnovers from which the lads kicked some good scores.

We started quickly and built up a big lead of 2-05 to 0-2 by the 1/4 hour.

Rathmore grew into the game and scored 1-03 in the second quarter to give us a lead of 2-05 to 1-05 by 1/2 time.

Again we started the second half on the front foot and pulled away for a comfortable win.

SENIOR DIV 6 TEAM COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIV 6 - ROUND 7

Milltown C/maine 0-10 Legion 2-10

Our Senior B lads travelled to Milltown hoping to get their good season back on track and get into contention after a disappointing result against

Gneeveguila in the last round. Once again the squad was threadbare with college exams, injuries, weddings and soccer all reducing the playing panel available to Roman Carton and his mgt team but once the ball is thrown up, it's always about the lads who tog out!

Legion played with the dying breeze in first half and had lots of possession but lacked a cutting edge and the hosts were dangerous on the counter attack.

Legion raised the first white flag after 5 minutes and in the next attack Milltown had a goal chance excellently saved by Chips for a 45 which they scored from.

Milltown got the next two scores but Legions backs led by Dotts, Paudie & John were doing a great job on the inside forwards and Legion got the next two points including a lovely 45 from Finan.

The teams traded scores again before the half time interval - with defences very much on top at 4pts each.

A few positional changes were made at half time with a view to upping the tempo of the Legion attack. This worked well and within three minutes Legion had crafted a great turnover ball on the Milltown arc and two passes later Eoin Murphy rounded the keeper for a goal.

Legion got a second goal afterwards - a flowing move with two lovely kickpasses saw Eoin pick out Finans run into the 13 and he finished with aplomb.

Legion team defence was fired up and forcing good turnovers by Alan Murt, Sean Pierce and Darragh Moynihan which gave renewed energy to the team. Gav Moriarty had an excellent playmaker role in midfield with partner Callum O'Donoghue working unselfishly as always.

Tom Benson showed flashes of his talent with the ball and Tom Cronin, moved to corner forward had an excellent game.

Great link ups on a pacey left wing between Aaron and Luke created other scores and frees and Legion backs restricted Milltowns attack to frees and long range efforts in the 2nd half to close the game with the 2 goal cushion.

A really impressive team performance with special credit to the 4 minor players. The lads have a few weeks off now (bar the u21s) before three big games against St Michael's Foilmore, Glenflesk and Firies.

U16 BOYS

U16 East Kerry League Div 3

Killarney Legion B 4-17 Dr Crokes B 5-9

Our U16B Team travelled to Lewis Road in Round 3 of the East Kerry League. Crokes started much the better and led by 6 points early in the game. The boys improved as the first half went on and at half time the teams were level at 1-7 each.

A very strong opening to the second half saw us built up a good lead. Crokes narrowed the gap towards the end but the team held on for a good win.

U14 BOYS

Under 14 division 2 semi final

legion 5 goals 24pts rathmore 5 goals 23 pts

Well done to both sides on serving up a great display of football with this game going to extra time. The management are very proud of the lads the way they came back from a 10 point deficit in the 2nd half, they showed fantastic

guts, determination and skill to just edge out Rathmore in a thriller. We hope Joe, Harry and Ruairi will return soon from injuries. Thanks to referee Fergus Clifford who contributed to a fantastic game, we play Listowel in our final in two weeks time

BEST WISHES

Best wishes to senior player Tom Cronin who heads off on his travels shortly. The club wishes you safe journey.

SYMPATHIES

The club sends its heartfelt sympathy to Shane O'Neill and all the O'Neill and McKenna families on the sad passing of Shane's fiancé Adele. May she rest in peace.

Condolences to the family of Jim Crehan, whose grandchildren all play for the club. Jim was a regular at our club grounds to watch them play. We send Christene, Sean, Colene and John our deepest sympathies. Ar Dheis De go raibh a Anam.

FIXTURES

Senior men Div1 Away to Beaufort Sunday 2pm

FOSSA

LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 10/05/2026 for a jackpot of €8,250 were 10, 11, 26, 27. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Shane Kelly, Bridie Collins, Mary Kearney, Noreen Lesley, Susan O'Keeffe.

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

WELL DONE

Congratulations to the Kerry Minor Ladies team who were crowned Munster B Championship winners over Waterford and to the five Fossa girls involved Kelsey Cummins, Lily O'Shaughnessy, Anne O'Shaughnessy, Tara O'Sullivan & Faye Lynch. A fantastic achievement by these committed Fossa girls and an occasion to be remembered. Well done to all and a moment of immense pride for their parents, families, friends and for the wider club.

Also congratulations to Paudie and David Clifford and the Kerry senior team who retained their Munster title on Sunday against Cork, it is always a special occasion in Killarney and it was fantastic for David to captain the side in the absence of Paul Geaney.

U-16 BOYS

Fossa welcomed Spa on Thursday night for the Division 1 Final, and what unfolded was a thrilling contest that went all the way to extra time.

Fossa opened the scoring through a free from Luke Clancy before Spa responded to level matters. With Luke Clancy and Donnacha Vaughan controlling the middle third, Fossa hit an excellent spell with points from Josh Salvador, Luke Rennie and Oisín Cryan. Spa answered again before Fossa struck for the first goal of the evening, with Luke Rennie converting confidently from the penalty spot.

The game was fiercely competitive throughout, with both defences working tirelessly. Kevin Breen and Ross O'Gorman were dominant around breaking ball as Fossa closed out the

opening half strongly with scores from Johnny Myers, Luke Clancy and Donnacha Vaughan. Spa added three more points of their own to leave the halftime score at Fossa 1-7, Spa 0-6.

The second half continued at a relentless pace, with both sides trading scores. Fossa's points came from the lively Eoin Bennett, Luke Rennie and Johnny Myers, while Spa added four points to reduce the gap to just three. Fionn O'Donovan and Shea Driver were well on top during this period, making vital interceptions and driving the team forward.

Fossa struck for a crucial second goal when Ross Cronin finished superbly to the Spa net, before Ben O'Sullivan added another point to leave Fossa seven ahead. However, Spa mounted a dramatic comeback, scoring two goals in the space of two minutes before adding two more points to edge ahead for the first time with only minutes remaining.

Showing tremendous composure, the Fossa players responded brilliantly, with Johnny Myers landing the equaliser in the closing moments to send the game into extra time level at 2-12 apiece.

Fossa started extra time brightly and moved two points clear through scores from Eoin Bennett and Marc Sheehan. Spa narrowed the gap once more before Johnny Myers pointed again to leave Fossa two ahead at the interval.

With tired legs and darkness beginning to fall, Spa again cut the deficit to a single point before Donnacha Vaughan struck for a vital third goal after Eoin Bennett had rattled the crossbar. That score pushed Fossa four points clear, but Spa refused to give in and reeled off three unanswered points to leave just one between the sides.

Fossa's defence stood tall in the closing stages, with Cian Riordan and Charlie O'Meara battling heroically, while Gerry Moroney produced some outstanding saves in extra time to preserve the lead. In the end, Fossa held on for a one-point victory on a final scoreline of Fossa 3-15 to Spa 2-17.

It was a thoroughly deserved win for the Fossa boys, who showed great character and played some superb football throughout the campaign. A special mention also to Mateusz Golebicki, who lined out both in goal and outfield, and to our U14 players Sean Doyle, Mark O'Connor, Ryan Lynch and Aaron O'Sullivan, all of whom made valuable contributions throughout.

Best of luck to Spa in the county league campaign ahead, and thanks to Timmy O'Donoghue for officiating a fair and sporting contest.

DR CROKES

SHL

Dr. Crokes 4:13 Lixnaw 0:14

Our Senior hurlers travelled to Lixnaw on Tuesday May 5th.

After a fine display we came away with a convincing victory. Crokes 4.13 Lixnaw 0.14.

We had fine performances from Brian O Connor, Anthony Keogh and a special mention to Kevin Landers who scored 2.3 from play. He used a new pair of boots on the night and this must indicate that he has no notion of retiring anytime soon. Good wishes too to Conor O Hare who sustained a nasty but accidental eye injury.

Next game is away to Kilgarvan on Tuesday May 19th.

CROKES CUBS AND ACADEMY take place every Saturday. Hurling from 10am-11am and football From 11:15am-12:15pm. All new members welcome.

KATHLEEN'S GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS concludes on May 19th.

CHAIR YOGA with Hanne takes place every Thursday at 11am in the clubhouse. This is perfect for beginners. Stretch and relax from the comfort of your chair. Cost: €7. Contact 0871471592 for more information.

LOTTO took place on May 11th Numbers drawn were 3, 10, 14, 23. Jackpot of €5,600 was not WON. 10 patrons matched 3 and receive €45 each. Jackpot for draw on May 18th will be €5,900. Play online by following the link below <https://member.clubspot.app/club/dr-crok-es-gaa/fundraisers>

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 to Shane, Evan, Mark, Micheal, Gavin, Tony, Charlie and the Kerry footballers on winning the Munster Championship.

CONDOLENCES to Shane O'Neill, and the O'Neill and McKenna Families on the passing of Shane's fiancée Adele.

NOTES

If anyone has anything they want to add to



Listry minor captain David McCarthy receives the Donal Sheahan Cup from East Kerry Board Scor Officer Michael Aherne after his team defeated Glenflesk in a brilliant East Kerry Div 1 Minor League final last Saturday in Glenflesk.

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EAST KERRY GAA

EAST KERRY MINOR LEAGUE

Safeguard Security East Kerry Division 1 Final Rathmore 6-12 Glenflesk 2-25 AET

Killarney Medals and Trophies East Kerry Minor League Division 1 Final Glenflesk 2-18 Listry 2-19 AET

MUNSTER FINAL

Well done to the Kerry Team on their win in the Munster Final.

POST PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Sixteen teams representing schools across the country took part in the Super 9s competition in Tralee. The 9 a-side format created free flowing matches with all players developing and improving over the day. St Brendans College panel consisted of twenty players representing seven clubs. The standard of football was superb with all U15 teams performing well on the day. Panels of twenty players were needed during the course of the day with St Brendans College delighted to secure the shield trophy overcoming a well drilled Hamilton High School Bandon in the decider. Danny Healy (St Brendans College) was named shield player of the tournament. Frankie Doyle (Knockbeg College) was named Super 9s player of the tournament. Evan Horan (Glenflesk) was an excellent referee on the day. Congratulations to Tralee CBS on hosting such a well run event. Roll on 2027.

GOALKEEPING WORKSHOP

Brian Kelly hosted a practical coaching workshop in Currans during the week. This well attended event gave all players and coaches valuable training tips to work on during coaching sessions. Feedback was positive with all players delighted to work with Kerry Senior Goalkeeping Coach. Players and coaches asked lots of questions during the session with Brian Kelly giving lots of feedback to everyone going forward to develop all players goalkeeping talents.



Listry Minors who won the East Kerry Division 1 Final v Glenflesk after Extra Time

MUNSTER CHAMPIONS.....



Munster Champions..... the victorious Kerry Team with the Paidí O'Sé Cup following their win over Cork in the Munster Final on Sunday.
Photo: Lucy Shalmova, Fitzgerald Stadium PR

GALLIVAN FINANCIAL GET BEHIND KILLARNEY VALLEY AC IN NEW SPONSORSHIP DEAL

Gallivan Financial is proud to announce its sponsorship of Killarney Valley Athletics Club in Killarney, reinforcing the company's commitment to supporting local sport, health, and community initiatives. Speaking about the sponsorship, Founding Director Tadhg Gallivan said: "Killarney Valley Athletics Club plays such an important role in our community, bringing people of all ages together through sport, teamwork, and a shared sense of ambition. We are delighted to support a club that encourages healthy living, inspires young athletes, and contributes so positively to life in Killarney."

Chief Financial Officer Niall O'Mara also welcomed the sponsorship, saying:

"At Gallivan Financial, we strongly believe in supporting organisations that make a lasting impact locally. Killarney Valley Athletics Club has created a fantastic environment for athletes and families alike, and we are very proud to be associated with its continued growth and success." The sponsorship reflects Gallivan Financial's ongoing dedication to investing in the local community and supporting initiatives that promote wellbeing, participation, and community spirit throughout Killarney. By sponsoring Killarney Valley Athletics Club, the company hopes to help foster opportunities for athletes of all ages and abilities, while also encouraging greater community engagement and supporting the continued development of local sport in the region.



Front left to right: Timmy O'Donoghue (Financial Advisor, Gallivan Financial), Susan Waters (Financial Advisor, Gallivan Financial), Tadhg Gallivan (Founding Director, Gallivan Financial)

Back left to right: Niall O'Mara (Chief Financial Officer, Gallivan Financial), Jerry Griffin (Killarney Valley Athletics Club), Jean Courtney (Killarney Valley Athletics Club), DJ O'Sullivan (Killarney Valley Athletics Club), Chris Doncel (Financial Advisor, Gallivan Financial)

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MUNSTER FINAL
Kerry 1-23 Cork 1-15

There was a massive buzz around town. To be honest, that was the most anticipated Munster Final in around a decade. Cork have been edging closer to us all the time. They gave us two great battles last year and the year before without coming out on the right side. This year they won promotion to Division One. Players like Colm O'Callaghan, Chris Óg Jones, Brian O'Driscoll, and a returned Steven Sherlock with a point to prove have been really finding their ears. Kerry, meanwhile, were down a host of All Ireland winners, and the news that captain Paul Geaney had to withdraw with injury wasn't exactly going to boost our confidence either. That meant that a total of 32,691 paid in to the Fitzgerald Stadium and plenty more filled the town. Great to see it.

I have to say that traffic on the roads, thanks to the gardaí, and the Stadium, thanks to a well-managed cohort of stewards, were brilliantly managed. Yes, the Cork road was a bit slow in the morning – what kind of miracles were people hoping for?

Game on. Keith Evans with a well worked Kerry point. Daniel O'Mahony is picking up David Clifford and Maurice Shanley is taking up Paudie. I'd have switched those two, to be honest. At the other end Evan Looney is picking up Chris Óg Jones and Jason Foley is marking Steven Sherlock. I'd have been tempted to put Dylan Casey on Sherlock, who likes to roam out and shoot from distance. I always want my full back guarding the goal rather than following a man. Mind you, it's not like Jack O'Connor was ever likely to be consulting me!

Brian O'Driscoll surged up on a trademark run. That was a brilliant kick and an orange flag. The kick-out ended up before the sideline and



Action from the Munster Final Kerry V Cork at the Fitzgerald Stadium on Sunday.

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Sherlock sent it back over the crossbar with a beautiful kick. When Tomás Kennedy tried to burst into the Cork square, he was quickly swallowed up - Cork had the physicality to stand us up – and quick transition saw Chris Óg Jones dummy and swing over off his left leg. Mark Cronin raises an orange flag. 0-6 to 0-1. Cork came to play here.

David Clifford was on the end of a patient Kerry move to swing over with his left. He repeated the trick two minutes later. Ouch. Seán McDonnell landed a third two pointer for Cork. Five points in it now.

Kerry with a good break and Armin Heinrich scored his first ever championship point for Kerry at any grade. Kerry came again. I thought Keith Evans was trying to carry it too far under pressure; I was wrong. He found David Clifford, who sent a rasping shot over the crossbar – it wasn't a point he was looking for at the time.

Paudie Clifford brought Kerry back within two,

but Mark Cronin replied with a free won by Chris Óg Jones.

Tomás Kennedy teed up David Clifford for another goal chance, but championship debutat Patrick Doyle was equal to it. Kerry were beginning to win the breaking ball around the middle now – I wouldn't say that either keeper got great kick-out options overall. Micheál Burns fisted over – Micheál was one of Kerry's unsung heroes for me; I thought he got through a massive amount of hard work, particularly in shoring up the defence. Kerry back to within a point. Given that Kerry hadn't really started well at all, that felt ominous for Cork.

Luke Fahy won a brilliant ball, diving in where lesser (or arguably wiser) men would have hesitated (I'd have been running away; I do all my hurling on ditches). Unfortunately, Brian O'Driscoll's resultant two point attempt curled wide. At the other end Paudie Clifford was just millimetres outside the left hand post with his



Flying high.....Action from the Munster Final Kerry V Cork at the Fitzgerald Stadium on Sunday. Photos: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans



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own effort.

The lively Keith Evans brought the teams level at 0-9 apiece. Chris Óg Jones replied after a fast build-up by Cork. Colm O'Callaghan rose high to gather the kick-out and burst through some tackles before exchanging passes and putting it over. Great point, the likes of Dinny Long or Denis Coughlan would have liked that one.

Great Kerry turnover on Seán Meehan, and suddenly Kerry had a three on one with the Cork keeper. Armin Heinrich opted to go himself and blazed it just over – maybe a little rush of blood to the head? A pass to either side would surely have resulted in a goal. Ah, look, easy to be calling it from the terrace; the man earned his right to make that decision. Tomás Kennedy spun comfortably and loosed a shot off his left. It didn't curl in enough, but the attempt struck me as a young player who is starting to really grow in confidence.

At the other end clever play by Ruairí Deane gave Chris Óg Jones a chance – great effort, but Micheál Burns managed to deflect it away. Steven Sherlock slotted the '45, again, a very stylish kick. Mark Cronin dummied the ac (a little too easily, I felt) to send over the last score of the first half.

Half-time Cork 0-13 Kerry 0-10. With Kerry having that strong breeze in the second half, I seriously doubted if it would be enough. But this was a fairly bruising game already. Referee Paul Faloony tends to keep a light enough touch on the reins. I have no problems with it, if anything more calls went our way than otherwise, but it did mean that the subs' benches were going to be needed sooner rather than later.

One of the first subs to emerge after the break was Tony Brosnan, and he was to have an immediate and dramatic impact. With his first touch, he jinked neatly and curled over with his left leg. Two minutes later he measured a beautiful pass in to Davd Clifford. Daniel O'Mahony just slipped a tiny fraction, just milliseconds.....but that's fatal when it's David. He cut in along the endline, dummy soloed, and hammered it into the net. Tony then sold another dummy and fired over again. Three touches, two points and set up a goal. Off the bench. If I was from Cork, I think I'd hate us.

David with an incredible two pointer. That really is stunning. It's also a bit inexplicable that the referee didn't whistle for a Kerry breach, because there was a clear one. Cork have every

right to be aggrieved at that one; that was a poor call and a big moment.

Mark Cronin finally got Cork's opening score of the second half, but Mike Breen quickly cancelled it out. Tomás Kennedy won and converted a free. 1-16 to 0-14. Kerry weren't exactly in cruise control, but Cork weren't exactly toe to toe with them either. Gavin White, very obviously ack to full speed, made it a six point game.

It felt as if the game was petering out. Brian O'Driscoll had other ideas. He suddenly cut straight in at Kerry and found a gap. It was tight angle, but he sent an absolutely blistering shot into the roof of the net. Nothing that Shane Murphy, or any other goalkeeper, could have done about it. Suddenly there was just three points in it and the scene was set for a grandstand finish.

Cork had possession but for me, they played a bit too much pass the parcel. I felt that better shooting opportunities had ended in a handpassed switch instead before Sherlock finally had a go but it was a weak effort and easily gathered. David Buckley did bring the gap to two points. Cillian Trant won a free – I thought he had been outmuscled fairly, to be honest about it. All of these things were eating into the clock.

Conor Corbett was unlucky with a good effort that fell just short. Corbett looked lively on his introduction.

Dylan Geaney restored the three point gap. Tony Brosnan kicked his third point and once again made it look easy. Killian Spillane did well to pick off a point. Kerry were finding another gear and pulling away again now. Cork were caught for a breach and David Clifford took his point. Just before the final whistle, it was that man Tony Brosnan again, with a two pointer to seal victory.

The first presentation of the Corn Pháidí Ó Shé, fittingly, was to his son-in-law Paul Geaney, his daughter Siun, and his little grandson Páidí. Look, it was a lovely moment, and I'm delighted for Paul (genuinely, a very nice guy). But does it feel a bit like a PR job to anybody else? Like there was a meeting of the Munster Council where some-one stood up and said "Lads, with the All Ireland draw already made – which we all know was a bit nonsensical, exactly when did Central Council care all that much about logistics within a fortnight – we need to do

something to plug the Munster Final, so let's name the cup after somebody popular". I'm sure that sounds cynical, but I absolutely am cynical about these things.

Good game. Not – and I am saying this respectfully – a great game. Cork made a great start, and I was glad to see it. A battle on our hands, grind it out. Great, this is the kind of crucible that forges footballers. Except that Kerry's defensive system – I'm not sure people fully realise how much hard work in dropping back to cut out those options it requires – absorbed Cork's threat, and once the pendulum swung in our favour. My only concern would be Paudie Clifford (precautionary, I'm told), Seán O'Brien, Armin Heinrich, and Mike Breen coming off with knocks. I still say that the playing season is too long and too crowded and both ends, club and county. In a way, I'm glad that the likes of Seán O'Shea, Joe O'Connor, Graham O'Sullivan, Paul Geaney, Shane Ryan, Tom O'Sullivan and more are getting a chance for running repairs now. Hopefully they will be that bit fresher later on. What's that old Barack Obama political slogan prior to the rise of imperialist fascism? A lot done, more to do....

Kerry: Shane Murphy, Evan Looney, Jason Foley, Dylan Casey, Tadhg Morley, Mike Breen (0-1), Armin Heinrich (0-1), Mark O'Shea, Seán O'Brien, Micheál Burns (0-1), Paudie Clifford (0-1), Diarmuid O'Connor, David Clifford (1-6, 1tp, 1f), Tomás Kennedy, Keith Evans (0-2). Subs: Gavin White (for Dylan Casey (bs, 26-half-time), Gavin White 0-1 (for Armin Heinrich, half-time), Tony Brosnan 0-5, 1tp (for Paudie Clifford, half-time), Killian Spillane 0-1 (for Tomás Kennedy, 54 mins), Dylan Geaney 0-1 (for Seán O'Brien, bs, 55), Eddie Healy (for Mike Breen, bs, 60-65 mins), Cillian Trant (for Micheál Burns, 62 mins), Eddie Healy (for Tadhg Morley, 65 mins)

Cork: Patrick Doyle, Maurice Shanley, Daniel O'Mahony, Sean Meehan, Brian O'Driscoll (1-2, 1tp), Tommy Walsh, Luke Fahy, Colm O'Callaghan (0-1), Ian Maguire, Paul Walsh, Sean McDonnell, Ruairí Deane, Mark Cronin (0-5, 1tp, 1f), Chris Óg Jones (0-2), Steven Sherlock (0-2, 1'45, 1sl). Subs: Seán Brady (for Seán Meehan, 48 mins), Conor Corbett (for Ruairí Deane, 48 mins), David Buckley 0-1 (for Paul Walsh, 59 mins), Seán Walsh (for Seán McDonnell, 63 mins), Rory Maguire (for Seán Brady, 65 mins), Referee: Paul Faloony (Down)

EASY WIN IN ASP FOR KERRY HURLERS

CHRISTY RING CUP SEMI-FINAL

Kerry 8-25 Wicklow 0-17

In the end, it was easy for Kerry, possibly too easy, to see off Wicklow with plenty to spare and without having to dig too deep. To be honest, I always think you are better off with a battle in a semi-final, and this can't qualify as that.

Michael Slattery, one of two hat-trick heroes, was the official man of the match. He was superb, a brilliant target-man all day, but I have to say that my own vote would have gone to Michael Leane. I thought the big man was at his very best here and central to everything. He teed up Pádraig Boyle for an early score after Liam Óg O'Connor's opener. Pádraig slotted a long range beauty off his left. Jason Diggins set up Gavin Dooley for a score. James O'Connor sent down the wing to Michael Slattery for his first point. Tom Doyle spotted Liam Óg O'Connor unmarked to make it 0-6 to 0-0.

Tommy Collins finally got Wicklow on the scoreboard but a foul on Gavin Dooley saw Ronan Walsh post an instant riposte. A minute later Michael Slattery made a superb catch and cut in – the goalkeeper got a good touch on it, but not enough to stop it trickling over the line. Tom Doyle almost got another, but his shot clipped over the crossbar. Fionn Darcy (he was very good, which will tell you if nothing else that he is no relation to me) got Wicklow's second point, but in truth whatever slight chance they had was already receding into the distance.

I don't think anyone will be too interested in a score by score narration here. Suffice to say that the likes of Darcy, Collins, John Henderson, and Sam O'Dowd picked off the occasional Wicklow score, Kerry always had a bit more cutting about them and led by 1-12 to 0-7 with just two minutes left in the first half. It was a long two minutes for Wicklow, as Kevin Goulding swooped in to hit the net twice and put fourteen points between the sides.

Kerry actually hit three wides on the trot at the start of the second half, but normal service resumed pretty quickly. Pádraig Boyle split the posts and added a free won by Liam Óg O'Connor. Wicklow were still battling against the tide, and in fairness Darcy was a bit unlucky when his goal effort strayed a fraction too high. A minute later Michael Slattery showed him how it's done with another Kerry goal. In fact, Ronan Walsh set up Pádraig Boyle for another goal chance but he settled for the point. Wicklow closed the gap a little bit – let's face it, it was all a bit meaningless at this stage. Kevin Goulding completed his hat-trick – arguably the best score of the day, a fantastic drive and finish. Michael Slattery set up sub Luke Rochford for a goal before claiming his own hat-trick, and Pádraig Boyle, who finished on double figures himself, teed up Rochford for a last goal before the final whistle. The plain fact is that the disappointingly small crowd was already dwindling by then.

Kerry are now guaranteed a place in the Christy Ring Cup Final with a game to spare. That one is away to Derry, and with a Derry victory seeing the two teams meet again in the final, I'd be surprised if John Griffin was to play his full hand next weekend.

Kerry: Conor Bohane, Eric Leen, Seán McGrath, Kyle O'Connor, James O'Connor, Jason Diggins, Michael Leane, Kevin Goulding (3-0), Hugh Lenihan (0-1), Tom Doyle (0-2), Ronan Walsh (0-3, 1f), Liam Óg O'Connor (0-2), Gavin Dooley (0-3), Pádraig Boyle (0-10, 6f), Michael Slattery (3-2). Subs: Jordan Conway (for Gavin Dooley, 50 mins), Luke Rochford 2-2 (for Liam Óg O'Connor, 50mins), Adam Segal (for James O'Connor, 53 mins), Séamie Foran (for Eric Leen, 60mins), Dara Kearney (for Sean McGrath, 64 mins)

Wicklow: Conor McNally, Ian Clancy, Andrew Kavanagh, Bryan Kearney, Sam O'Dowd (0-2), John Henderson (0-2), James Boland, Kenneth Cullen, Pádraig Doran, Tommy Collins (0-1), Fionn Darcy (0-4), Luke Evans, Jack Doyle (0-1), Pádraig Doyle (0-4, 3f, 1 '65), Seánie Germaine. Subs: Conall Byrne (for James Boland, 36 mins), Willie Cash 0-1 (for Seánie Germaine, 44 mins), Jack Phelan 0-1 (for Jack Doyle, 44 mins), Luke Byrne 0-1 (for Sam O'Dowd, 52 mins), Andrew Lynch (for Andrew Kavanagh, 58 mins)

Referee: Matthew Farrell (Offaly)

CONFIDENT LADIES SEE OFF CORK

MUNSTER ROUND THREE Kerry 1-16 Cork 0-8

I was fairly worried coming into this one. Straight up, I thought we huffed and puffed an awful lot before managing to hold off Tipperary. We had a tough enough National League; from a long way out we were talking about relegation more than winning it out. And then we got well beaten by Waterford. Yes, we left a lot of goal chances behind us...I don't ever listen further to sentences that start with 'if'. So I was worried.

Decent crowd, to be fair, on both sides. And a great buzz, both in town and in the Stadium. Kerry had the wind and used it well, racing down the field to give Leah McMahon a chance to test the Cork keeper – Caoimhe Richmond stood up well to parry. Notice served, though, with Leah picking off a point. Cork responded with a goal chance of their own, Mary Ellen Bolger doing well in her turn to deny Rachel Leahy. Emma Cleary did follow up with a score. Kerry were doing well around the middle – I thought Mary O'Connell was outstanding, and Niamh Carmody and pacy Jacy Lucey picked off points. Katie Quirke pointed for Cork but Niamh ní Chonchúir replied with a great long distance kick.

Cork were beginning to get on more ball now and run at Kerry. Emma Cleary picked off a point – her father would be hoping for a lot of Cork points in The Fitzgerald Stadium last Sunday! Katie Quirke calmly fired over two frees. For me, Quirke and Melissa Duggan at the back are two very under-rated players nationally. Mind you, Leah McMahon did cut in for another goal chance, only for Richmond to make another good save.

Kerry finished the first half strongly. Jacy Lucey once again took on the defence and did well to take her point. Niamh ní Chonchúir scored her second point and Anna Galvin on a good burst took the wise option and fisted over.



Danielle O'Leary in action for Kerry at the Fitzgerald Stadium on Sunday.
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Action from the Kerry V Cork game at the Fitzgerald Stadium.
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Half-time Kerry 0-7 Cork 0-6. And if you had asked me, I'd have said that was definitely a three point wind at minimum. Except that Kerry came flying out of the blocks in the second half, and Cork....didn't. Niamh ní Chonchúir landed her third point of the day. Emma Costello, who was scintillating all through, came up for a point of her own. Siofra O'Shea fistted over twice. Sub Danielle O'Leary, looking back to full fitness, got on the scoreboard. I liked seeing Kerry content to take their

points. I felt that with players like Siofra O'Shea, Danielle O'Leary, Rachel Dwyer, Leah McMahon, Jacyd Lucey that we were a little bit too inclined to go for goal. There were a few games against waterford in particular where they mostly outplayed us but we got goals at crucial times. Great to get them, but it's not a realistic strategic approach overall. That said, there's nothing wrong with going for goal when it's on, and Siofra O'Shea is one of the best in the business. Her clinical strike made it 1-12 to 0-6. Aishling O'Connell, Danielle, Siofra (f) and

Leah kept the scoreboard ticking over. Kerry's intensity was impressive, but Cork will be disappointed with their level of resistance. I know that the likes of Aoife Healy and Hannah Looney are big losses, but Kerry have the likes of Kayleigh Cronin and Emma Dineen in Australia too. Katie Quirke got Cork's first second half score with a free in the 57th minute and she added another one. But their hopes of reaching a Munster Final are gone, with Kerry getting a rematch against Waterford instead.

DRAMATIC SCENES IN RATHMORE AS GLENFLESK CAPTURE THE FINAL

Safeguard Security East Kerry Division 1 Final Rathmore 6-12 Glenflesk 2-25 AET

In an extraordinary game in Rathbeg on Friday last, Rathmore produced an astonishing comeback from 14 point's to take the game to extra time, take a 4 point lead with only 5 minute's to go, only to see late brilliance from Luke Crowley, steal victory for Glenflesk.

After a Glenflesk score from Killian O Sullivan, was answered quickly by Darragh Rahilly, Glenflesk began to dominate, with Crowley and Darragh Roche leading the way. Crowley grabbed the games first goal after 6 minute's. After collecting a superb pass from Callum Cronin, Crowley held off his marker, and found the bottom corner of the net. Roche followed up with 3 well taken score's the last one a 2 pointer, giving his side a healthy 10 point lead after 23 minute's.

Rathmore had only registered a point from Andrew Moynihan since Rahilly's opening score. They needed a score badly. They got it from a penalty by Dean Fitzgerald, after Moynihan had been brought down. Glenflesk struck back with a second goal. Sean Doherty the man the find the net this time, after Roche's pass had put him in the clear. This left Glenflesk with a well deserved 2-13 to 1-02 half time lead.

Rathmore started the second half well with point's from Eoin Lawlor and Darragh Nagle. Glenflesk replied with 2 more point's from full forward Roche. There was a lull in the game then with Glenflesk still looking like they would close out the game with ease. This would all change over the next 10 minute's.

When Darragh Rahilly got Rathmore's second goal after 50 minute's, it didn't look it would unduly worry Glenflesk. From her though, Mark Ryan followed up with 2 more well worked goal's. Glenflesk could not get the ball up the field. A fourth Rathmore goal in just 9 minute's from Sean McAuliffe, left just a point between the side's. They then completed the unlikely comeback, with the inspirational Ryan taken the game to extra time.

Rathmore continued the momentum into the extra period, with McAuliffe

getting a second goal with a clever finish. With Glenflesk reeling, a Tommy Bowler 2 point score was badly needed. Rathmore responded again though with a Cian Dineen point, giving them a 2 point lead, at the break.

Rathmore again pushed on when play restarted with point's from Alan Dineen, Lawlor and Jimmy Mahony pushing them 4 ahead. With 3 minute's to go, it looked as if they would claim an unbelievable victory. Luckily for Glenflesk though, Crowley would answer the call, and drive his side to victory. With light fading, he smacked over the first of his late 2 pointer's, from behind the 45. He repeated the trick again within a minute. With 1 chance left, Glenflesk once again worked the ball to him outside the arc. He once again took on the shot, clearing the post's, to win his side a dramatic final, on a night that will remain long in the memory.



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Roisin O'Sullivan, Aaron Byrne, Kate O'Neill, Alan Malec and Rachel Malone who made their First Holy Communion in the Christ Prince of Peace Church, Fossa on Saturday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Anthony, Oliver and Mia Troci pictured at Barraduff Primary School First Holy Communion. Photo: Jamie O'Neill

Children Celebrate First Holy Communion Across Kerry

Children and families from parishes across County Kerry are continuing celebrations for First Holy Communion ceremonies throughout the month of May.

The special occasions mark an important milestone in the lives of young pupils, with schools and parish communities gathering together to celebrate the sacrament.

The next Communion ceremonies taking place across the county are:

- St Oliver's National School - 10.30am on Friday, May 16, at the Church of the Resurrection.
- Loughquittane National School - 10.30am on Friday, May 16, at the Church of the Holy Spirit.
- Gaelscoil Faithleann National School - 10.30am on Friday, May 23, at Séipéal na hAiséirí.
- Loreto Scoil Bhríde National School - 10.30am on Friday, May 23, at the Church of the Holy Spirit.

Families, teachers and parish communities come together to support the children as they celebrate their special day.



Taking a break and enjoying the moment following their First Holy Communion at Gaelscoil Aogáin Castleisland are Left to right is Oliver Horgan, Ríadh Horgan and Daniel Buckley. Photo: Jamie O'Neill



Fossa National School pupils who made their Communion

(front left to right) Caolán Myers, Cara McElroy, Liam O'Brien, Lucia O Mahoney, Daragh O Rahilly, Sophie Buckley, Seán Scanlon, Niamh Fenelly, Fionn Doyle
 (Second row from left) Conall McSweeney, Max O Connor, Zoey Doyle, Oliver Maloney, Ava Hartnett, Ruadhán Hogan, Scarlett Brennan, Max O Doherty, Mona Breen, Michael Coffey, Alex Myers

(Back from left) Fitz Nagle, John Dennehy O'Sullivan, Luke Dennehy, Mark Fitzgerald, Robbie McCormick, Peter Clerkin, Louis McElligott with John Burke principal, Jackie Coffey SNA, Sarah Dromey teacher, Elaine Cronin SNA, Father Tom Looney, Fiona Kissane teacher, Brigid Flynn teacher, Aisling Mahoney teacher, Sharon Dennehy SNA and assistant dog Zazu at Christ, Prince of Peace Church, Fossa, Killarney on Saturday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

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St Mary's Cathedral Parish Choir Welcomes New Members

The choir at St Mary's Cathedral is inviting new members to join as preparations continue for a busy year of music and liturgical celebrations.

The parish choir rehearses every Tuesday evening at 7.15pm and sings at the Parish Mass each Sunday at 10.30am. Organisers say new members are welcome across all voice parts, and no previous choir or singing experience is necessary. The choir offers an opportunity for people to improve their singing ability in a relaxed and supportive environment while also becoming part of the cathedral community and making new friends along the way.

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By Nicky Barry

There are many addictions, out there in the world,
For with some guys it's alcohol, and with others girls.
Some get hooked on cannabis, and others sniff cocaine,
While some gamble recklessly, and try to quit in vain.
Some smoke forty fags a day, and cannot give them up,
Although they've tried everything, but still have to puff.
Some addicts try hypnosis, while others try cold turkey,
But this can make them fidgety, and socially quite jerky.
So far I've been lucky, in avoiding the afore mentioned,
But lately I find I'm giving, far too much attention,
To snooker in The Crucible, for I watch it every day,
And think I'm being addicted, to endless snooker play.
Although I've never played the game, I appreciate the skills,
As these cool dude warriors, go in for the kill.
They can make the cue ball talk, after potting red,
So that they can kiss the black, and put it to bed.
I now know the colour sequence, and the value of them all,
For I'm an armchair expert, in the baize game of balls.
God help me I'm an addict, as I cannot get enough,
For when it was all over, I found withdrawal tough!





A Word of Victory

"Have this same attitude in yourselves which was in Christ Jesus: looking to Him as your example in selfless humility" (Philippians 2:5 Amplified Bible).

Welcome back dear student, when a baby is born people try to figure out 'who does he or she look like?' Some folks are literally the image of a parent, or they might talk or walk just like them. It can be more than just genes; from spending time with someone we can grow to be like them too – both good and bad! "When God created mankind He said, 'let Us make man in Our image' . . . so God created man in His Own image, in the image and likeness of God He created him, male and female He created them." (Genesis 1:26-27). God's plan was to replicate Himself in us. Sin got in the way though, creating a terrible breach between God and man, for God is Holy and Righteous. So, He sent His Son Jesus to bridge that gap by paying for our sins on the Cross with His sinless, perfect Blood. Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life and no one comes to the Father except through Him (John 14:6). Now, because the sins were taken care of, anyone who believes in Jesus, and repents of sin, and acknowledges Jesus as Lord and Saviour can be restored into relationship with God the Father (Romans 10:9). That's the Gospel in a nutshell – it's Good News! Then begins a new way of life for the believer. The lead Scripture above advises us to have the same attitude as Jesus had. He humbly served the Father, giving Him Glory in all He did. The Lord Jesus laid down His divine rights and privilege to empty Himself, taking on the likeness of man - but not the sin nature, so that man could take on the likeness of God through faith in Him. (Philippians 2:5-11).

We become more like Jesus by learning His ways (Ephesians 4:22-24). This means that we leave behind our old self – old habits and patterns - and instead live in obedience to God's Word - glorifying Him in all we do and say. It's a lifestyle. "For Barnabas was a good man (privately and publicly, his godly character benefitted both himself, and others), and he was full of the Holy Spirit, and full of faith in Jesus the Messiah, through Whom believers have everlasting life. And a great number of people were brought to the Lord" (Acts 11:24). The same in public as in private! John wrote that those who live in God should live their lives as Jesus did (1 John 2:6). Many call themselves Christian, but they don't live Christ-like. In a world obsessed with 'followers' choosing to follow Jesus is not just words or a trend. Faith without works is dead (James 2:14-26). But our faith is not based on good works alone, for if it was, then Jesus would never have had to suffer and die for our sins. Denying self is the cross Jesus spoke of taking up (Luke 9:23). Putting to death the flesh: over-riding one's own wants, for God's. Jesus only did and said what He saw the Father do (John 5:19; John 12:49). Submission is living yielded, to the Spirit of God.

So, what was Christ like? He was Righteous, humble, and accountable to God. He healed people. He told the Truth – 'go and sin no more' (John 8:11). He came to Love and not judge. He redeemed and reconciled – seeking out the lost. He had compassion for others, and met them where they were at, whilst not becoming defiled by how they lived. Jesus lived outside of the opinions and fears of others, fearing only the opinion of God. Lord, may we become more Christ-like.

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Killarney Burial Ground Mass: Monday 29th of June 7pm.

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

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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

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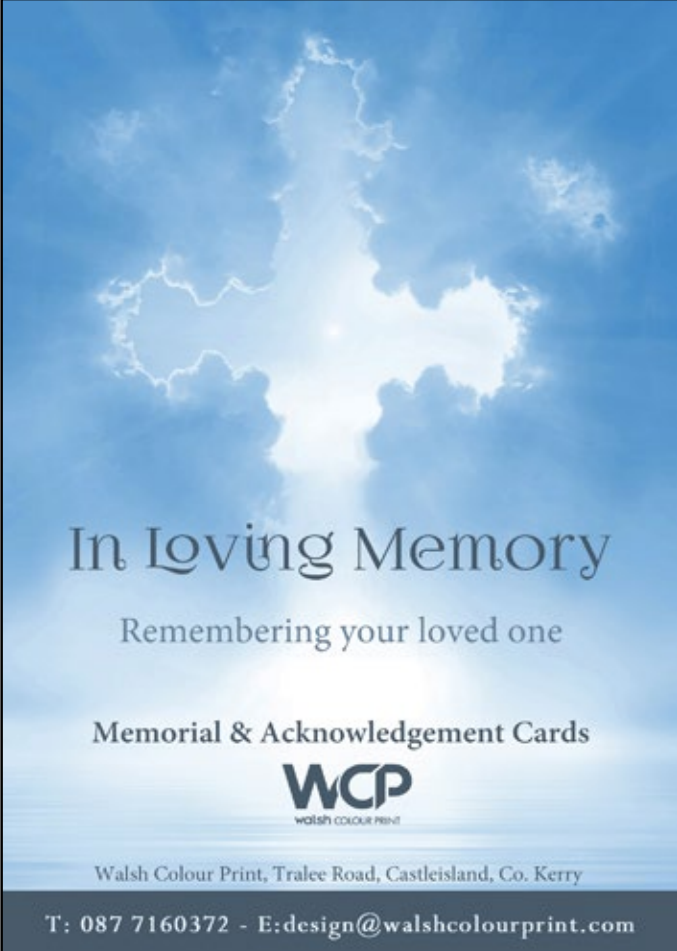
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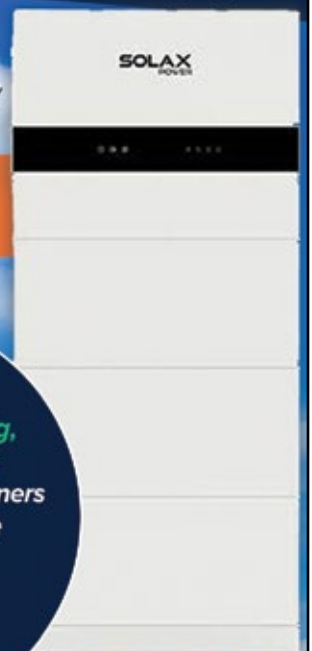
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