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There was a warm welcome at Deenagh Lodge in Killarney, where cyclists taking part in the Tour de Munster were greeted by members of Down Syndrome Kerry for a well deserved break and a few tasty treats before they went on their way to Kenmare. Photo: Down Syndrome Kerry. SEE PAGE 8



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A Note from the EDITOR



Welcome to another jam-packed edition of Killarney Outlook, filled with all the latest news, events, and stories from Killarney and the surrounding areas.

This week, Cllr. Martin Grady shares his views on the proposed car park development at the Green Lawn, while Down Syndrome Kerry welcomed the Tour de Munster to Deenagh Lodge and we also have the first details of the much-anticipated Killarney Regatta.

In community news, a Killarney teacher is making a big impact in Ballymun, White-Tailed Eagles are once again soaring over Killarney National Park, and a special Parish Mission is being planned for next month.

The annual Pedal for Grace returns to Fries on September 6th, and Kerry GAA marks a momentous milestone, welcoming GAA President to town to mark 100 years of the club.

On the cultural front, Kilcummin Comhaltas continues to shine, sweeping All-Ireland titles at the Fleadh. Rising singer-songwriter Lillie Foley releases her third single of 2025, and the O'Connor family, are preparing for their sixth performance at Electric Picnic.

In golf, Kilcummin GAA tee off for the Anthony "Skinner" O'Sullivan Perpetual Cup. Meanwhile, a golf classic in Beaufort has raised over €18,000 for Kerry Mountain Rescue, and Fries GAA Golf Classic in memory of Donie McCarthy has raised €3,000 for the Kerry Hospice Foundation.

In All Things Sport, Jimmy gives his take on the County Championship, Phoenix Powerlifting Club celebrates national achievements, and the Cannonball event is set to roar into Killarney.

Thanks for picking up this week's Killarney Outlook - hope you enjoy!

Aisling Crosbie



SWAN LAKE.... Cathal O'Connor captures a swan and her cygnets while working with Gap of Dunloe Tours on the lakes.



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GREEN LAWN CAR PARK GETS THE GREEN LIGHT

Councillors in Killarney have voted in favour of developing a car park in the Green Lawn despite objections from the residents and concerns from An Garda Síochána.

It is hoped that the 139 space car park will help with traffic problems in the town.

A number of conditions, including fencing the car park and the guarantee that no event would take place in the new car park have been attached to the development.

Councillors who voted for the development:

Niall Kelleher, Brendan Cronin, Maura Healy Rae, Marie Moloney Councillors who voted against the development: Martin Grady, John O'Donoghue, Niall O'Callaghan.

Speaking to Killarney Outlook, Cllr. Martin Grady, Cathaoirleach of Killarney Municipal District and one of the three Councillors who voted against the development said that undoubtedly Killarney needs additional parking.

However I want to make my views and reasons clear to the people of Killarney regarding Green Lawn and why I voted against the Car Park at this location.

As a Cllr it's my duty that I listen to the people's views and full-fill my role as a public representative as I was elected to do for the people of Killarney Municipal District, the Part 8 submission process is vital and serves a purpose, I want to admire Kerry County Council for taking the Submission process seriously, as we saw with

the Aras Padraig when valuable Council assets were retained for the people of Killarney Municipal District and visitors alike as a result of the online submissions not brought before the Cllrs, the Part 8 was brought back a second time before the council giving Cllr's a chance to vote again, which changed minds during that time, resulting in the council and the people of the District rightfully holding onto prime land in the Heart of Killarney for the people as intended by the Friars who sold the land in December 2019 for 225,000 euros a token payment at the time, to meet legalities regarding the charity regulator.

Of the 45 submissions made 38 were objections with majority of those being residents living within close proximity of the Car Park. Their views must be taken into consideration.

The Council Executive not Cllrs allowed on street dining throughout the Town, which

resulted in the loss of a massive amount of on street parking in the Town which I don't agree with, any area not utilised should be returned to car parking.

One of the 7 submissions made in favour of the Green Lawn Car Park was from the TII

(submission No. 2) where a company was hired named MHL Consultancy, To carried out a survey where it states within their submission "a Traffic and Transport Assessment was carried out on the Mission Road Junction and it will operate below capacity for all design years up to 2043" how this projection was made is beyond me as traffic is worsening in Killarney on a weekly basis particularly in the Mission Road and Beech Road Area.

This is private land rented the project has a current projected costing of 1.6 million euro as of August 2025.

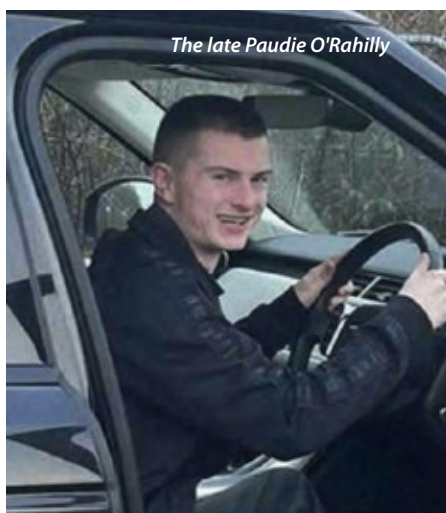
I don't believe this is the right location for additional parking



Cllr Martin Grady

as it will only worsen the existing traffic congestion in this area, and become a rat run through a car park which will be unsafe for pedestrians, I don't believe it's fair on the residents that live within metres of the Green Lawn site, which will soon become Black Lawn. It will provide Parking for those using the National Park no doubt which we are extremely privileged to have.

I fear the lengthy 15 year lease of the Private land will reduce the appetite for a permanent solution to the parking issue we have within the Town. There is unused Council owned ground between the Aras Padraig and the existing Car Park on Lewis Road that would accommodate 30 additional car parking spaces rent free.



The late Paudie O'Rahilly

Tragic Accident Claims Life of Young Man in Killarney

Tragedy struck in Killarney on Tuesday afternoon when emergency services were called to the River Flesk near the Killarney Athletic pitch following reports of a person in difficulty in the water.

Padraig O'Rahilly, from Calfmount in Headford, was recovered from the river at approximately 3:30pm but was sadly pronounced dead at the scene despite the efforts of emergency responders.

Gardaí are treating the incident as a tragic accident. A post-mortem examination has been

carried out, and a file is being prepared for the Coroner's Court.

Paudie, was the much-loved son of Margaret and Liam. He will be deeply missed by his sisters Valerie and Maureen, his brother Nathan, his godson Fionn and nephew Aaron, as well as his aunts, uncles, extended family, and many friends. The local community has been left shocked and saddened by the sudden loss of a young life, and tributes have poured in remembering Padraig's warm personality and kind heart.

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Killarney Regatta Festival 2025

"It's all about the Boat"



'Killarney Sixes' in action, with Martin Murphy coxing the 'Elizabeth Rose' racing boat. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

To celebrate and preserve the heritage and legacy of rowing the unique 'Killarney Sixes' traditional racing boat on the lakes of Killarney, honouring the 237th regatta, the oldest traditional regatta in the world.

Killarney Regatta will host the 237th Killarney Regatta Festival on Sunday, 14th September 2025, at O'Mahony's Point, Killarney Golf and Fishing Club, on the shores of Lough Lein. This year marks the 70th anniversary of O'Mahony's Point as the venue for the traditional regatta.

The first race of the day is the Juvenile Sixes at 9.30 am from the shoreline, races will also include specific club races and mixed club fun races throughout the day.

12.30 noon a special blessing of the boats and a time to honour Flesk Valley Rowing Club presenting their two 'Killarney Sixes' racing boats; 'The Patricia' - 102 years old, still raced today and 'The Deirdre' -103 years old.

Chairman of Killarney Rowing Paddy Cronin, Colm Ó Súilleabháin, Flesk Valley Rowing Club will be joined by Padruig O'Sullivan, National Parks and Wildlife Service and Sean Coffey, Killarney Regatta Festival.

1.00 pm Heritage Race: Last year's winning crew 'Dinis Cottage' will be hoping to defend their title in the Mixed Heritage Race; the coveted Trustees of Muckcross House Trophy. Last year's winning crew included Mike 'Kenmare' O'Sullivan, Cox, John Cronin, John Beazley, Kevin Tangney, Derry Doyle, Bill Lyne and Paschal Dower.

Racing continues throughout the day with plenty of fun and entertainment on the sidelines, including; Tug O' War competition, sack race, potato race, Irish music entertainment.

The launch of Killarney Regatta Festival will take place on Tuesday 2nd, September 2025, at Killarney Avenue at 8.30pm.

Today, there are five active clubs in the hinterland of Killarney, training from various boat houses along the shoreline. The older rowing clubs date back to the 1800's, and were aligned to the estates and business people. The type of boat raced is unique to the Lakes of Killarney and known as 'The Killarney Sixes' - wooden in structure, wooden oar, fixed seat, the boats were originally designed and built by Salters in Oxford.

- Muckcross Rowing Club, (Muckcross House)
- St Brendan's RC, (Kenmare Estate)
- Fossa RC (formerly Aghadoe -The McGillycuddy),
- Commercial's RC (Drapers & Business)
- In 1920 Flesk Valley RC, (Flesk Castle) and Workmen's RC, (carpenters plasterers), were formed.

Colm Ó Súilleabháin, Flesk Valley Rowing Club, left, with members of Flesk Valley Rowing Club, present one of the two 'Killarney Sixes' racing boats; 'The Patricia' - 102 years old, still raced today, which will be honoured and blessed together with 'The Deirdre' - 103 years old, at the Killarney Regatta Festival. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan





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Tour de Munster Marks 25th Year with Warm Welcome in Killarney and a Powerful Finish in Cork

The 25th edition of the Tour de Munster charity cycle wrapped up in thrilling fashion on Sunday, August 10th, as a wave of determined cyclists powered up Cork City's iconic St. Patrick's Hill, cheered on by enthusiastic supporters lining the steep route.

The four-day, 600-kilometre journey through the six counties of Munster Cork, Waterford, Tipperary, Limerick, Clare, and Kerry, brought together 130 amateur cyclists and longtime Tour supporter and cycling legend, Sean Kelly, who has ridden alongside participants for nearly two decades.

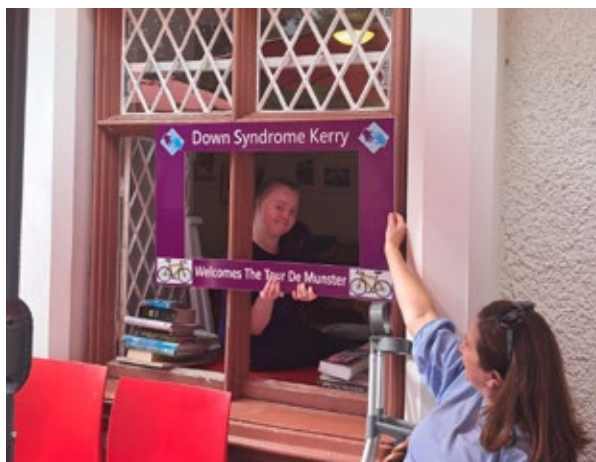
Among the many heartfelt moments along the route was a particularly warm and memorable welcome at Deenagh Lodge in Killarney, where cyclists were greeted by members of Down Syndrome Kerry. The meeting offered a chance for cyclists to connect personally with some of the individuals and families who directly benefit from the funds raised, a powerful reminder of the Tour's purpose and impact.

Since its inception in 2001, the Tour de Munster has raised over €5 million for the Munster branches of Down Syndrome Ireland (DSI), supporting critical services including occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, educational supports, and employment preparation for children and adults with Down syndrome.

This year's milestone event served as a celebration of resilience, community, and commitment. "It's not just a cycle it's a movement that has changed lives," said Tour founder Paul Sheridan. "Meeting the families and individuals at stops like Deenagh Lodge is what keeps us going, year after year."

Every euro raised stays within the province, ensuring local DSI branches can continue offering life-enhancing supports. As cyclists crossed the finish line in Cork, the emotion was palpable each pedal stroke a tribute to 25 years of unwavering support, friendship, and hope.

Photos: Down Syndrome Kerry





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White-Tailed Eagle Reintroduction Programme Concludes Successfully at Killarney National Park



The long wait...Regional Manager National Parks and Wildlife Service Eamonn Meskell, left, Duncan John Halley Norsk Institutt for Nature, Norway and Padraig O'Sullivan, Conservation Ranger, Killarney National Park, waiting for the White-tailed Eagle Chicks to fly.

The final release of four white-tailed eagle chicks at Killarney National Park marks the successful completion of the National Parks and Wildlife Service's (NPWS) White-Tailed Eagle Reintroduction Programme. Since its launch in 2007, the project has seen 245 eagle chicks released across Ireland, with strong support from Norwegian partners, local communities, and landowners.

Once extinct in Ireland, the white-tailed eagle has now re-established a breeding population across multiple counties, from Cork to Donegal, thanks to nearly two decades of conservation efforts. The final 26 chicks released this year complete the current phase of the programme. Minister of State for Nature, Christopher O'Sullivan TD, praised the project as a vital part of Ireland's biodiversity restoration, while Norwegian Ambassador Aslak Brun highlighted the success of Irish-Norwegian collaboration. NPWS officials noted that Killarney National Park, with its rich habitats and food sources,



Success....National Park and Wildlife Service with the Delegation from the Norwegian Institute, Norway's Ambassador Aslak Brun, The Minister of State for Nature, Heritage and Biodiversity, Christopher O'Sullivan TD, Regional Manager National Parks and Wildlife Service, Eamonn Meskell, today marked the successful end of the White-Tailed Eagle Reintroduction Programme with the release of four white-tailed eagle chicks back into the wild at Killarney National Park. Photos: Valerie O'Sullivan

continues to play a central role in the eagles' return.

All released chicks are fitted with satellite tags for monitoring, as they face threats such as avian flu, poisoning, and extreme weather. Despite these challenges, the reintroduction leaves a lasting legacy for one of Ireland's most iconic birds of prey.

White-tailed Eagles feed on a wide variety of prey, including fish, waterbirds and carrion. They settle on territories around the coast and large freshwater lakes to breed. White-

tailed Eagles are a protected species under the Wildlife Act. These magnificent birds, once a striking element of Ireland's natural landscape, were driven to extinction on the island in the 19th Century because of human persecution. Restoring this lost flagship species to Irish skies is a significant step in restoring Ireland's natural heritage and will bring great benefit to Irish biodiversity. It also has the potential to contribute significantly to local rural economies through eco-tourism opportunities.



Finola Spillane, right, Spillane's Seafood, Caroline Drummy with Minister of State for Nature, Heritage and Biodiversity, Christopher O'Sullivan TD, with Regional Manager National Parks and Wildlife Service, Eamonn Meskell.



First Flight...The Minister of State for Nature, Heritage and Biodiversity, Christopher O'Sullivan TD, with Regional Manager National Parks and Wildlife Service, Eamonn Meskell, today marked the successful end of the White-Tailed Eagle Reintroduction Programme with the release of four white-tailed eagle chicks back into the wild at Killarney National Park.

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Anne Lucey
looks at the positive news
happening in Killarney



TARMAC HAS WON THE DAY IN THE GREEN LAWN



The Green Lawn in Killarney.

The vote on the Green Lawn loomed as we went to press. As I have said before, the plan is to take the green out of this lower New Street part of town. New Street is a misnomer. This area is the oldest part of town and one of the oldest residential areas too.

The proposal to introduce a car park into a quiet walled area albeit on privately owned ground will have a direct impact on nearby residents. And unlike the Aras/Lewis Road, it is very difficult to see how it will not impact the car going public slowing them down even further on the Mission Road. The exit and entry onto the clogged Mission Road voted down two weeks ago is now to go ahead - against the wishes of Gardai and others. Apparently, according to Cllrs Cronin and Healy Rae both of whom strongly backed the proposal, the problem on Mission Road is really only in one direction. I had a suspicion the Green Lawn car park would be supported - when and maybe even because the Aras was shot down. The council couldn't be seen to shoot every plan down, I suppose.

Mayor of Killarney Martin Grady was strongly against it and retained his position. One of Mayor Martin's most persuasive arguments was how the car park which is merely being leased would undermine arguments longer term for a multi-storey. He also pointed out how the vast majority - 38 of 45 - of the submissions opposed the project. Brendan Cronin however questioned the provenance of some of the submissions. 12 could not be found on the electoral register for the area,

he said.

I wonder why the same forensic scrutiny was not put forward in the case of the 47 million euro Lewis road and Aras project. Or even an acknowledgement about car parks bringing extra traffic! I could see how a new theatre - given a few tweaks here and a few tweaks there - and a much needed health centre (children in Killarney are attending the same building I was brought to as a child and I brought my own children to) would suit the public good. Though some people might not like the look of it. One might expect that because the council voted down a project on the strength of the clear majority of submissions two weeks ago, they would act in accordance for the Green Lawn which is only a few hundred metres away!

The Mission Road is clogged already. The submissions said the public won't benefit and the local residents won't benefit; and traffic flow will not benefit. So who will benefit was the key question.

According to Cllr Cronin, the businesses in lower New Street will benefit; businesses all over Killarney were losing out because of the lack of parking, Cllr Marie Moloney said.

Councillors For : Niall Kelleher, Brendan Cronin, Maura Healy Rae, Marie Moloney

Against: Martin Grady, John O'Donoghue, Niall O'Callaghan.

WELCOME TO THE NEW BUS LINK BUT IT NEEDS BETTER OLD-STYLE COMMUNICATION

Record numbers are using public transport, rail, dart, Luas and rural buses, according to figures last week. We have to thank the Greens for making new public bus link routes as well as extra rail services a priority. Indeed even before the Greens, Killarney owed its economic life to the railway which brought Queen Victoria.

There was a combined effort all through the 1840s/50s with Protestant and Catholic, merchant, hotelier and cleric, landlord and tenant farmer in

Killarney to bring the line from Mallow. They are not thanked or remembered enough. We should have some kind of rail awareness day in Killarney and mark the men and women who achieved such a milestone. Alas, no such combined effort as of the 1840s takes place today. It seems that people unite mainly to oppose something. Which is a great pity.

The mayor of Killarney Martin Grady has made public transport and less clogged transport his priority and the new pilot Anseo local bus link around Killarney is getting a good showing thanks to him. But I found it difficult to get details and I was not the only one. Even local representatives were confusing it with the existing services.

TFI Anseo is very smart tech and there is a lot of jargon attached to the press release and very little concrete detail.

It took a good deal of effort to uncover the "designated Killarney zone" in the new scheme is the old urban Killarney town area ; the times at the moment are 7 am to 7 pm which may be extended to 6 am to 11 pm. Basically it goes from Lackabane to Cahernane and Tralee Road to Ballycasheen. There are three buses.

The idea is for people who want to do one or two miles within and around Killarney to leave the car at home.

A good deal of IT savviness is required and not everyone will have smartphones. (Some people are even getting rid of theirs as they are too invasive.) But Local Link manager Alan O'Connell says the service can be booked over the phone to the office in Castleisland.

I sometimes feel we over rely on technology. Tried and tested, simple press releases with basic facts leaving aside the jargon and laying out who, what, where, when and how would get the message across far quicker. Old style bus stops would be a good idea too.

Meanwhile, we need more trains between Killarney and Tralee. Tralee people are socialising in Killarney and vice versa. A later train, say at 11 pm to return to Tralee at 11.30 pm should not be beyond the capability of Irish Rail.

WHEN KILLARNEY DARED, EAGLES SOARED

One project that managed to get off the ground and soar in Killarney is the white-tailed sea eagle reintroduction. Two decades ago, the town and its representatives stood up against fairly strong opposition, including heavyweight political.

Up to 150 white-tailed sea eagles now take to the skies here, as the final year of a reintroduction programme kicks to touch.

It is a huge turnaround from the rain soaked June day in Farranfore airport in 2007 when the Air France plane from Trondheim in Norway touched down.

After an absence from Ireland of 100 years, the first white-tailed sea eagles had arrived.

More than 100 farmers protested outside the airport because they had not been consulted about the birds, which could prey on their stock.

The yellow beaked 15 eaglets were between four to nine weeks and project co-ordinator Dr Allan Mee accompanied them from Norway along with National Parks and Wildlife Service district conservation officer Frank McMahon.

Mayor of Killarney Sheila Casey greeted the arrivals, along with Killarney

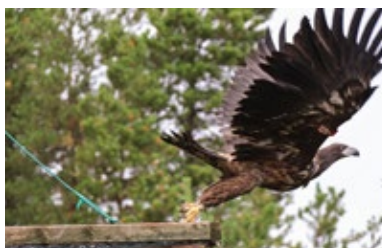


Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

town clerk Michael O'Leary and several tourism representatives and representatives of the NPWS.

The town council and local tourism bodies had heavily sponsored the project, staking their necks on the delivery for wildlife as well as tourism.

Chairman of the White-tailed Eagle Support Group Jerry O'Grady, had to battle for the project on several fronts including against fairly vocal and united opposition by the Healy-Rae dynasty.

Eamon Meskeel who was manager of Killarney National Park and was also on tarmac in Farranfore in 2007.

The then town council support was pivotal and vital as

the NPWS was not at all as strong a force back then. I covered a number of packed meetings where there was open antagonism in Killarney and Tralee. The late Jackie Healy-Rae TD was very much against it. He arrived into the Earl of Desmond of an evening waving a paper cutting about a baby stolen by an eagle near Glenflesk. The story was 100 years old.

Then a councillor, Michael Healy-Rae, weighed in strongly at county council meetings warning about eagles stealing lambs and saying Killarney Town Council for delivering 10,000 euro to the project was "away with the birds".

Now that Killarney's success with the eagles is the envy of Europe, might it be said the birds have come home to roost?



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Soul Talks Live:

Real Stories and Honest Conversations Coming to Anam Arts & Cultural Centre

A fresh new "live podcast" style event is set to launch at Anam Arts & Cultural Centre in Killarney this August, offering audiences a night of real stories, heartfelt conversation, and plenty of laughter, with creativity and the arts at its core.

Soul Talks Live is the brainchild of Killarney native Grace Foley, who will host the monthly event. Each night, she'll welcome a different guest, from well-known locals to visiting artists and unique personalities, to answer a thoughtfully curated set of questions exploring life, creativity, and what truly matters to us as people.

Described as having the spontaneity of The Tommy Tiernan Show and the warmth and humour of Doireann Garrihy's The Laughs of Your Life, Soul Talks Live is set to be an intimate and inspiring evening of unscripted storytelling.

"Even if someone isn't an artist by trade, the arts will always be the heartbeat behind these conversations," says Grace. "No scripts, just real answers and unexpected moments. The hope is people come along, hear something that makes them laugh, makes them think, and makes them want to come back every month."

The first two events are supported by the Kerry Arts Office, with tickets available at the door for just €5, offering exceptional value for a unique and engaging arts experience.

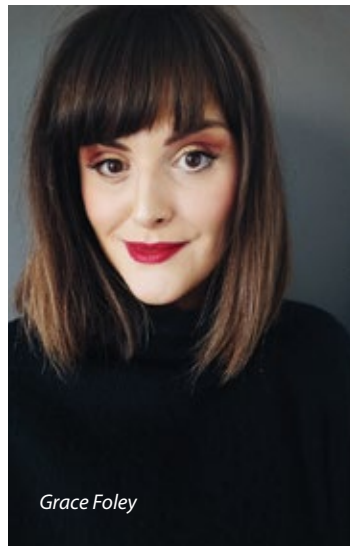
Event Launch Details

Location: Anam Arts & Cultural Centre, Killarney

Date & Time: Friday, August 22nd at 7.30pm

Tickets: €5, available on the door

Grace's first guest is Paul Rooney



Grace Foley



Paul Rooney

Paul Rooney, founder of Muddy Souls, is a nature-led guide and mental-health advocate who helps people reconnect with themselves through the outdoors. Drawing on his own life experiences, he creates immersive adventures and wellbeing journeys that inspire resilience, self-discovery, and renewed purpose. His work blends the restorative power of nature with practical tools for emotional wellbeing, offering a unique and transformative path for those seeking change. Irish Born, Leitrim Bred but Reared in Nature!

Soul Talks Live promises to be an evening that celebrates creativity, connection, and community, and it's all happening right in the heart of Killarney.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

PRIVATE/PUBLIC HEALTH

A Chara,

I have never written to a news paper/magazine before but I must write to agree with Anne Lucey's article last week on ditching public/private healthcare codology.

I believe we are being screwed by private health care. It's our own fault as we don't question enough, why does it continually increase in price a couple of times a year. A bigger issue is all the different plans they have which I believe are there to confuse us & the more the merrier.

In 2024 I had a bill of €2,500 on top of paying €3,500 for 2 people. I got back €115!!

I am raging and must now decide whether to cancel and take my chances.

We think it's essential but I know people who haven't private insurance and they are ok about it.

Maybe we need to stand up and stop paying. We need a public system that everyone contributes to within their income, I also believe there should be nothing for nothing.

Yours sincerely

Breda Doyle

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Endangered Natterjack Toads released into the Wild in Kerry

From left, Danny O'Keefe, Regional Manager NPWS, Marie Foley, Dingle Oceanworld, Aileen Tennant, Director at Fota Wildlife Park, Minister of State for Nature, Heritage and Biodiversity Christopher O'Sullivan, T.D., Martha Farrell, Maharees Community, back John McLoughlin Fota Wildlife Park and Aidan O'Connor, Chair Maharees Community.
Photos: Valerie O'Sullivan

Minister of State for Nature, Heritage and Biodiversity, Christopher O'Sullivan, took part in the release of over 2,000 endangered Natterjack Toadlets into the wild in Castle Gregory, Co. Kerry, marking another milestone in a long-running conservation project to save Ireland's rarest amphibian.

Unique to the Castlemaine Harbour and Castle Gregory coastal region, the Natterjack Toad has faced population decline due to habitat loss and changing agricultural practices. Since 2016, the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) has partnered with Fota Wildlife Park and Oceanworld Dingle to combat this decline through a conservation technique known as "headstarting."

Headstarting involves collecting spawn from the wild, rearing the toads in controlled conditions at Fota Wildlife Park, and releasing them back into their natural habitat post-metamorphosis. This method dramatically improves survival rates, lowering mortality to just 25%. Over 13,000 toadlets have now been released since the project began.



Minister of State for Nature, Heritage and Biodiversity Christopher O'Sullivan, T.D., on hand to release the toadlets.

Minister O'Sullivan praised the collaborative efforts, said, "this headstarting programme provides a much-needed boost to its small population... NPWS, Fota Wildlife Park, and local conservation groups like the Maharees Conservation Association are working together to steer the species towards recovery."

Danny O'Keefe, Regional Manager, NPWS said: "The Natterjack is a species unique to this area and the annual release of toadlets always generates huge enthusiasm among communities here around the coast of Kerry. The quality of the habitat is an important factor in the survival of the species long term. I would like to pay tribute to the Maharees Conservation Association, Oceanworld Dingle and other local groups for their efforts in conservation of the beautiful dunes and local biodiversity here in Kerry."

Kevin Flannery, Director of Oceanworld, Dingle, said: "I am delighted to be involved with this important conservation project. My colleagues and I at Oceanworld Dingle have a long association with NPWS and this vital conservation initiative and we look forward to that collaboration continuing. Its importance for the species and the local habitat cannot be overstated."

Oisín Lynch Finishes 5th in European U20 Semi-Final

Irish international middle-distance runner Oisín Lynch, representing Killarney Valley AC, delivered another strong performance at the European U20 Athletics Championships, in Tampere, Finland finishing 5th in his semi-final of the 800m on Thursday. Clocking 1:50.88, Oisín demonstrated consistency and class on the continental stage. Though just shy of qualifying for the final, the experience adds another valuable milestone in his international career while wearing the Irish vest. This season, the talented Kerry native has already clocked a personal best

of 1:48.00 over 800m, underlining his potential as he continues his progression toward senior competition.

Oisín is currently on an athletics scholarship at Adams State College in Colorado, where he will return following the championships. Looking ahead, he has set his sights on a major goal for the 2026 indoor and outdoor seasons - breaking the prestigious 4-minute barrier for the mile.

Oisín Lynch is certainly one to watch on Ireland's middle-distance scene.



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PARISH MISSION PLANNED FOR SEPTEMBER

This last week has seen St. Mary's Cathedral administrator, Fr. Kieran O'Brien, announce that a parish mission will take place in September. The Mission will commence on Sunday 21st of September and run until Friday 26th of September. It has been twelve years since there was a Mission in Killarney, and as the news broke, a bubble of excitement could be felt throughout the Parish! "An idea was put forward at a parish council meeting, that we as the Killarney community, should undertake a Redemptorist Mission. The council unanimously ran with this idea and have been busy putting plans in place to host this big event," said Fr. O'Brien "It is time for us to come together as a Killarney people, to pray, to reflect, to unite and to take time out to revive our own spiritual journeys".

The mission, which will be led by the Redemptorist team, headed up by Fr. Laurence Gallagher, will have a little something for everyone. "There will be time to remember our faithful departed, to celebrate the sacrament of Baptism, to reflect and heal from our own hurts and worries, and much more" said Fr. Kieran.

All of the schools in the parish will play a big part in the Mission, and in fact all of the local primary schools began some preparatory art work in June! All of the schools will have a Mass celebrated during the Mission, and pupils from St. Bridgid's and St. Brendan's will act as ushers at the nightly service. Sheila Goulding, who was

commissioned as a lay Pastoral leader at the beginning of the year reflected. "How uplifting it will be to have such involvement from our youth. The school staff and the pupils have all been so welcoming of any idea we put forward. The willingness to participate, the joy of the youth at the prospect of the Mission has been positively heart warming to say the least."

A full schedule of events will be distributed to each home in the Parish over the coming weeks, and there will be lots of information on the Killarney Parosh Facebook page - so keep your eyes peeled! The cathedral will have Mass at 7am and 10am, an evening session at 7pm and the Church of the Resurrection will have daily Mass at 9.30am. There will be a host of other special events - something for everyone! One of the highlights of the Mission is expected to be the final night, where the parish council is hoping that groups from all over the parish will be represented. "We are looking for groups from all walks of life" says Fr. Kieran. "We are calling you to action! If you are a group in our parish, perhaps it's a sporting club, a charitable organisation, a school, a music group, a volunteer group - we want you to get in touch! The final night will be centred on the theme 'Celebrating Community'. If your group would like to be included please email killarney@dioceseofkerry.ie before Tuesday August 19th, with community groups in subject title, and include the name of your group and what the



St. Mary's Cathedral Killarney.
Photo: Jason O'Sullivan

nature of the group is, and some one will be in touch from the parish team."

Fr. Kieran finishes with a little glint of mischief in his eye saying "Don't be shy! Come forward! Your community needs you! Like the Kerry people flocked to the homecoming of the Kerry team two weeks ago, I hope our community comes out united in a sense of pride and prayer. I am sure like always, our parish and our parishioners will rise to the occasion and make it a very special week - one to remember!"

KILLARNEY MARKET RETURNS THIS AUGUST

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The Killarney Market is making a welcome return this Saturday, August 17th, bringing with it an eclectic mix of local goods and handmade treasures. Taking place at the Arbutus Hotel from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., this lively market promises something for everyone.

Visitors can browse and shop a wide variety of items, including clothing, books, candles, handcrafted jewellery, 3D printed art, and many other one-of-a-kind pieces from talented local vendors. Whether you're looking to pick up a unique gift, refresh your wardrobe, or simply enjoy a weekend outing, the Killarney Market is the place to be.

The market not only supports small businesses and creators in the region, but also offers a great way for locals and visitors alike to connect and enjoy the charm of Killarney's creative community.

Admission is free, and all are welcome. Come support local and discover something special at the Arbutus Hotel on August 17th from 12 to 4p.m.

For updates or vendor inquiries, be sure to check the Killarney Market's social media pages.



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KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL HONOURS DESCENDANTS OF DANIEL O'CONNELL WITH CIVIC RECEPTION

Kerry County Council has honoured the descendants and family of Daniel O'Connell with a Civic Reception, marking the 250th anniversary of the Liberator's birth in his hometown of Caherciveen.

The ceremony took place on Wednesday afternoon at The Old Abbey, following a State-led commemoration earlier in the day at Derrynane House. The event served as a poignant moment of remembrance and reflection, celebrating O'Connell's enduring legacy as one of Ireland's foremost political leaders.

The Civic Reception, the highest honour that Kerry County Council can bestow, was symbolised through the presentation of official scrolls. Michael O'Connell, representing the custodians of the O'Connell family home at Cahran, and Daniel O'Connell, representing the wider family and descendants, each received the honour in recognition of their ongoing connection to O'Connell's heritage.

Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr. Michael Foley, led the ceremony alongside Cllr. Norma Moriarty, Cathaoirleach of the Kenmare Municipal District. Also addressing the gathering were Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport, Patrick O'Donovan, and Taoiseach Micheál Martin.

The event drew a significant presence of dignitaries and public figures, including Members of Kerry County Council, Minister Norma Foley, Ministers of State Kevin Moran and Michael Healy-Rae, Chief Executive of Kerry County Council Fearghal Reidy, members of the Council Executive, and Bishop of Kerry Ray Browne.

Earlier in the day, Taoiseach Micheál Martin and Minister O'Donovan laid wreaths at the O'Connell grave, followed by the unveiling of a commemorative Blue Plaque at the 18th-century Penal Chapel where Daniel O'Connell was baptised. The Civic Reception was a central highlight of O'Connell 250, a three-day programme of events commemorating the life and legacy of Daniel O'Connell, born on August 6, 1775. Known as "The Liberator," O'Connell played a pivotal role in Catholic Emancipation and the advancement of democratic ideals in Ireland.



Mike Foley Cathaoirleach of KCC to presents a scroll to Maurice, Daniel and Suzanna O'Connell
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Summer Youth Traditional Arts Concerts

As summer draws to a close, Spraoi Chiarraí returns for its 20th season. This Kerry-based youth collective celebrates Irish folk and traditional music, song, dance, and storytelling. For nearly two decades, it has provided a valuable platform for young local talent, offering rare experience in two of Killarney's most historic concert settings.

Thanks to continued support from sponsors, the entire concert series remains free and open to the public.

Upcoming Concert – Outdoor
Saturday, August 16, 2025 at 2pm
Killarney House & Gardens (National Park)

Featuring: Grace Angland (fiddle), Colleen Angland (flute), storyteller Joe Brennan, and Irish dancers. Directed by professional folk musician Tim O'Shea.

Final Concert – Indoor
Saturday, August 23, 2025 at 8pm
St. Mary's Church of Ireland (opposite the Town Hall)

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James Patrice and Lisa Jordan Judge Best Dressed Day at Killarney Races



The O'Donoghue Ring Collection, home to renowned hotels, bars and restaurants in Kerry including Killarney Plaza Hotel & Spa, Café du Parc and Pig's Lane, is excited to announce that two of Ireland's most prominent lifestyle personalities, James Patrice and Lisa Jordan, will be guest judging the collection's Best Dressed Day on Saturday 23rd August as it continues its proud partnership with the Killarney Races. Set against the backdrop of Ireland's most scenic racecourse, the three-day August Festival marks the final flourish of summer and welcomes in the autumn. All eyes are set to be on the Saturday with both the O'Donoghue Ring Collection Handicap Steeplechase and the Festival's sartorial showpiece - Best Dressed

Day.

This year's competition will be judged by the ever-elegant entrepreneur and founder of LUNA by Lisa, Lisa Jordan, and celebrated TV presenter and entertainer James Patrice, known for *Dancing with the Stars*, *The Today Show*, and *The Rose of Tralee*.

Together, Lisa and James will lead the search for the most stylish racegoers, with an incredible host of luxury prizes to be won.

"We're absolutely thrilled to be judging this year's Best Dressed Day," said Lisa. "Irish fashion has never been more exciting or expressive. We're calling on entrants of all ages and genders to showcase their true style with a strong emphasis on individuality, creative flair,

and a fresh perspective."

James, who was recently crowned Most Stylish Man at the VIP Style Awards in Dublin, added: "The challenge is set: dress with confidence, elegance, and imagination. We can't wait to see what the ladies and gents of Kerry have in store for us."

Gemma Ring, Managing Director at the O'Donoghue Ring Collection, shared her thoughts on the continued partnership:

"We're delighted to return as the official sponsor of the August Best Dressed Day at the Killarney Races. As long-time supporters of the festival, we experience firsthand the vibrant energy it brings to the town and the exciting atmosphere it creates in our hotels, bars and restaurants in the heart of Killarney. The Best Dressed Day adds an extra layer of sophistication to the occasion, and we're proud to be part of it once again. We look forward to another fantastic day of style, racing and festivity this year."

Adding to the glamour of the day, Café du Parc returns trackside with its exclusive pop-up bar, serving bespoke cocktails in collaboration with Veuve Clicquot Champagne and Cinco Patricio's Tequila.

Gates open at 11.55am, with the first race scheduled for approximately 13.55.

For all ticket details and festival programme information visit killarneyraces.com.

Community Gears Up for 'Pedal for Grace' 2025 in Support of Vision Ireland

The annual Pedal for Grace charity event will return to Fries on Saturday, 6 September 2025, with hundreds expected to take part in cycling and walking events to raise funds for Vision Ireland, a national charity supporting people living with sight loss.

Now in its fourth year, the event was established by the O'Sullivan family in honour of Grace O'Sullivan, a local girl living with Stargardt disease, a rare genetic eye condition that causes progressive vision loss. Despite her diagnosis, Grace has excelled as an Irish dancer, winning medals at both All-Ireland and World level.

This year, Grace has contributed a special design for a limited-edition cycling jersey, with only 100 available for purchase at €35. The jerseys can be ordered by emailing foundation@vi.ie and will be available for collection on the day.

The event offers three options for participants:

60km Cycle – begins at 9:30am (€30 entry)

14km Cycle – begins at 10:00am (€10 entry)

5km Molahiffe Walk – begins at 11:00am (€10 entry)

Registration will open at 8:30am at Fries Community Centre on the morning of the event.

Participants can also pre-register by contacting the Vision Ireland Foundation by email or by phoning Mary O'Sullivan (087 426 6844) or Canice O'Sullivan (087 369 5418).

The day will also feature entertainment and family-friendly activities at the Community Centre, including a BBQ, spot prizes, and live music by Jack Fitz & The Cavalry. The event will be hosted by MC Alan Finn, with music by DJ Jonathan Keane.

All proceeds will go to Vision Ireland, supporting vital services for people with vision impairments across the country.

More information is available on the event's Facebook page:

facebook.com/Pedal-for-Grace-100094668497420



Pictured at the launch of the cycle are From left to right: Farrah, Grace and Maisy O'Sullivan

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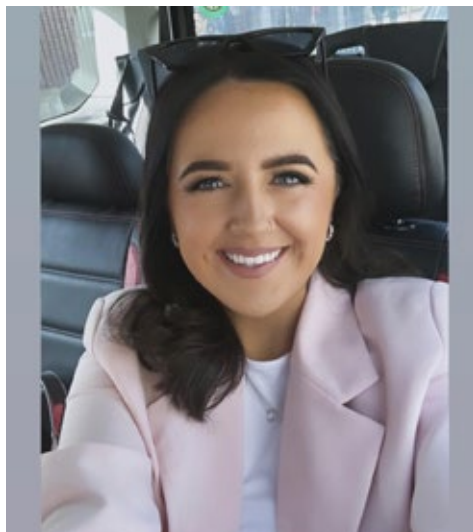
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Caoimhe Sets Up Project to Help the Ballymun Community



Killarney School teacher Caoimhe Lynch never rests on her laurels! If she isn't conducting the Kingdom Choir, she is involved in faith camp, but in recent years, Caoimhe who is based in Ballymun in Dublin has made an enormous impact on the community in which she now lives. In this week's Killarney Outlook, Caoimhe shares the story of The Light House Project in Ballymun, an organisation which she founded and which is becoming a lifeline for many residents in the northside community.

In 2022 I was placed in a secondary school in Ballymun for my teaching placement, teaching English and Religion. While Ballymun is such a beautiful, vibrant community with people with the biggest hearts, there is also so much trauma, poverty, addiction, and crime in the area, you can't teach in the community and not notice it. And for a lot of my students, that's their reality - that's their life. Some of those kids come into school to feel loved, to feel safe and to feel seen. When I was younger, music, singing and stage-school were my outlet. I went from activity to activity after school and I made so many friends and got to nurture my talents and what I was good at, in a safe and happy environment. These activities kept me busy and gave me so much joy, and a real sense of belonging. So I decided to bring that to Ballymun - to run activities to give people in the community a sense of purpose, in a space that they can come as they are and feel seen and valued. The main thing was that all the activities would be free of charge, so that fees would never be a barrier for anyone. So I set up an organisation called "The Light House Project". I didn't know what I was going to do with it, but I knew my mission was to love, and I knew anything ran by love would flourish. LIGHT stood for - Lead, Inspire, Grow, Help, Transform. And that is our mission!

The Light House Project is a place where we get to serve people in the community of Ballymun. The aim of the project is to show love to those



we encounter. We might not always know what people are going through, but I wanted everyone who comes, to feel seen, valued and loved. While we run many activities and events, these activities are only a tool that we use to fulfil our mission - our real mission is building relationships and connections with people. That is what is most important. We are here to be "one good person" in people's lives whether it is to the children, the teens, or the adults in the community and to remind each person of their worth.

I started off by setting up a teens "ballad group", then that led to setting up one for adults. Both ballad groups were so committed, and so talented, and we were asked to sing at so many local events and the name of the "Light House Project" began to be known in the community. Then I wanted to bring music to the young kids in the area, so I asked friends to help me and I set up a children's gospel choir that runs on a Friday after school.

In school, I teach English and religion, and in my English classes I do journaling and poetry writing with the teenagers. Where I give them a prompt and they journal based on the prompt, or write a poem about a certain theme or topic. I could see how much the kids were getting out of it - it was a space for them to express their feelings on paper and the feedback from the teenagers was telling me, this is something special. So I started a journaling club and a poetry group after school in IKEA restaurant. Then we saw interest by adults, so we started running journaling classes for adults.

People began to show interest in the mission of the project, and wanted to get involved. Fast forward two years, and I now have an amazing team of Volunteers who help me run activities and events in the community. We organise mental health workshops, an annual "Darkness Into Light" walk, and retreats for both teenagers and adults. We run 2 pilgrimages to Medjugorje each year - one for adults, and one for young

people aged 16-19. We run our adults trip at Easter, and the young people go as a part of Fr. Jim Linehan's group during the summer, with local Killarney people who show such love and kindness to the young people for the week. We are just back from our third summer pilgrimage, and the teenagers absolutely loved it, they always get so much from it - it really is such an amazing week led by two amazing priests - Fr. Jim Linehan and Fr. Mark Moriarty, and it is extra special for me, as it links the two communities I am part of. September 2025 will be a busy month as we have a teens book club, a youth choir, a rainbows group for people experiencing grief and family breakdown, and a volunteering programme all starting up. Our volunteering programme will be a 12 week programme getting teens to volunteer at 12 different charities and they will have to do a project on their volunteer work which they will present at their graduation at the end of the 12 weeks.

The most important part of The Light House Project isn't the activities we run - it's the connection and relationships we foster. I always smile when I see the kids, the teens, and the adults faces light up when they arrive to whatever we organise - because our whole mission is based on relationships. It really is magic, and it's magic that could not happen without the amazing and dedicated people I have around me that help me organise the events and activities in Light House Project.

So many people have so many stresses and upsets in their lives, and The Light House Project is something that brings a beacon of hope to people, a Lighthouse, where we empower people to believe in themselves and know their worth. To keep up to date with what we are doing, you can find us on instagram: @lighthouseprojectballymun and on Facebook also.



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Killarney Phoenix soars in the Nationals!

Phoenix Powerlifting Club had the honour of hosting the Irish National Drug Free Powerlifting Federation's National Full Powers on Saturday 9th August. The Killarney club, who previously hosted the same event last year, had 8 local lifters competing in multiple categories. Along with local competitors, lifters travelled from all over the country, including Cork, Monaghan, Wexford and as far away as Donegal. This competition brought out the best, with national and world record holders vying to be an Irish National champion. Studio 7 Fitness kindly offered their top-quality gym to host the event, which added to the spectacle of the day.

All lifters on the day were divided up into their respective age and weight categories. Lifting began at 10.30am and continued through until 5pm. For the uninitiated, a powerlifting competition consists of 3 different lifts, squat, bench and deadlift. Each lifter gets 3 attempts at each discipline, with their placings determined by a formula using their age, body weight and

best lifts in each discipline. Technique, power and concentration are vital to ensure a good lift, with months of preparation and work on the line.

Killarney's Phoenix Powerlifting team spent the last number of months preparing for this competition. And it paid off. The club can boast a very successful campaign, with all lifters placing in the top 3 in each of their respective categories.

In the men's section of the competition, Andrew Riordan fought hard to secure a 2nd place finish in his category. Meanwhile, in the woman's sections, there were category wins for Shari Murphy and Leen Qasim, while Brid Horgan finished a close 2nd behind Leen. There was another impressive Phoenix top 2 finish, with Georgina Apetrii taking 1st place in her first ever competition, followed up by Alex Stigas, who fought off an injury in the latter half of the day. Sisters Lucy and Sarah Murphy had an extremely solid display competing with older lifters, both claiming 3rd in their respective

grouping. To cap off a great day for the club, at 15 years old Sarah secured a national record on the bench press. Sarah, along with Leen & Brid also secured their places in the World Drug Free Powerlifting Federation Finals which are due to be held in November in the picturesque city of Paris. It's an amazing achievement for these 3 competitors who get the opportunity to represent Ireland on an international stage. Congratulations to all 8 local lifters and to Phoenix Team Manager Sean McCarthy, who is no doubt delighted with his team's performance this year. Their consistent training and hard work has paid off and all are enjoying a well-earned rest this week!

The event would not have been possible with the support of the clubs volunteers, who worked tirelessly to ensure the high standards of last years competition were maintained and surpassed. Well done to all involved.



Phoenix Team Manager Sean McCarthy with Lucy Murphy.



Phoenix Team Manager Sean McCarthy with Alex Stigas.



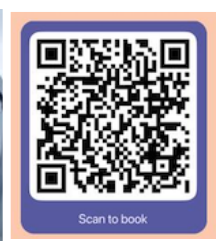
Phoenix Team Manager Sean McCarthy with Brid Horgan.

MEK GOLF CLASSIC PLANNED FOR SEPTEMBER

It's time to tee-off for the 3rd Annual MEK Galaxy Golf Classic which will take place on Saturday, 13th September 2025 at the stunning Beaufort Golf Club.

Thanks to the incredible support and success of the last two years, the tournament has already made a significant impact enabling the club to purchase a brand-new set of pitch dressings for the upcoming season. This marks the first major step in MEK Galaxy's pitch development plan, ensuring continued progress both on and off the field.

The club also hope to utilise of the playing surface in Lachabane by converting the area into 2



playing pitches. Due to the ever-expanding teams we cater for, this step will be an enormous help

to the club in catering for its 400 strong members and the wider community. On the day of the golf

classic, some fantastic prizes are on offer, including fourballs at some of Kerry's top courses. Each player will receive a meal and a goodie bag for the event. With €250 for a team of 4, it's guaranteed to be a fun day. There are also opportunities for non-golfers & businesses to support us and get involved. Tee sponsor of €50 and a push on our social is well worth it.

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Kerry Communities Urged to Walk 100km This September for Local Jack and Jill Families



Dr. Ciara Kelly steps up to join forces with Life Pharmacy and the Jack and Jill Children's Foundation to launch the "Walk 100km in September" campaign at Shannon's Life Pharmacy, Rathfarnham. Pictured are Ciofan Shannon, pharmacist, Life Pharmacy; Louise Garry and her sons Ross (aged 3) and Brady (aged 7); Deirdre Walsh, CEO, Jack and Jill Children's Foundation; and campaign ambassador Dr. Ciara Kelly.

Life Pharmacy is calling on communities across Kerry to take part in the "Walk 100km in September" fundraising challenge, with the goal of raising €100,000 to support families under the care of the Jack and Jill Children's Foundation.

Twelve families in Kerry are currently receiving support from the charity, which provides vital in-home nursing care for children with severe learning difficulties and complex medical needs. Since its inception in 1997, Jack and Jill has helped 95 Kerry families and over 3,100 nationally.

The campaign, supported by broadcaster Dr. Ciara Kelly, was officially launched this week and will see Life Pharmacy teams and their local communities stepping out across the country. Every €18 raised funds one hour of nursing care, with the campaign aiming to fund 5,556 hours in total.

Mairead Reen, Chairperson of Life Pharmacy, said "We've always believed in the power of community. Whether it's one step or one donation, every action counts. Together, we can turn kilometres into care."

Deirdre Walsh, CEO of the Jack and Jill Children's

Foundation, added "This support makes a real difference. We're thrilled to once again partner with Life Pharmacy to support 451 families nationwide."

Dr. Ciara Kelly is encouraging everyone to take part: "Walking is for everyone – and now, every step can help a child in your community. Lace up, step out, and make a difference."

Local Life Pharmacies across Kerry will be organising sponsored walks and are inviting the public to get involved by walking, donating, or both. **To register or donate, visit: jackandjill.ie/walk100km**

Kerry Farm Opens Its Gates to the Public as Part of 'Inside The Gate' Sustainable Farming Showcase

A nature-focused organic farm in Castlegregory will open its gates to the public later this month as part of a nationwide event aimed at promoting sustainable farming practices.

Reidy's Organic Farm is among 21 farms across 12 counties participating in the 'Inside The Gate' initiative, a one-day showcase organised by the non-profit group Farming For Nature, which supports Irish farmers working in harmony with nature.

The Kerry event takes place on Saturday, August 31, from 11am to 2pm, and will offer up to 30 visitors the chance to experience nature-friendly farming first-hand. Run by

farmer Tommy Reidy, the farm is home to pigs, sheep and Dexter cattle, and features practices such as conservation grazing, which helps optimise habitats and extends the grazing season naturally. Guests will enjoy a guided tour of the farm, including opportunities to pick blackberries and other wild edibles, observe active beehives, and explore diverse habitats like ponds, dune systems, sedge, and wet grasslands. Tickets to all 'Inside The Gate' events are free, but spaces are limited and must be booked in advance via www.tickettailor.com/events/farmingfornature. More details are available on the Farming For Nature website: www.farmingfornature.ie.



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HOMAGE TO TOMMY 'MULLACH' O'SULLIVAN – The Grotto Builder of Cruach Mhór

A quiet and poignant commemoration was held recently at Cronin's Yard, nestled at the base of Corrán Tuathail, honouring the memory of Tommy 'Mullach' O'Sullivan, known locally and affectionately as the Grotto Builder.

In 1975, Tommy singlehandedly built two mountain Grottos, one on Glubba Hill in Ballyledden and another high on Cruach Mhór as a tribute to his late mother. Hauling sand, cement, and water up steep, rugged paths after long days working with local farmers, Tommy's devotion was legendary.

Fifty years on, the people of Tuogh parish, a place rich in the dialect of "bog, hay and sheep," gathered to remember a man as "good as two men," whose work has become part of the mountain's quiet spirituality. The idea to honour Tommy came from Davy Leane, who knew him and the mountain well. During the commemoration, a rare photo of Tommy was unveiled by John Cronin, and poetry and song filled the air including, 'Tommy the Grotto Builder', a new poem recited by Thomas O'Sullivan, Coomapéiste, a haunting original song by Gail O'Donoghue, Blessings and reflections from Michael O'Sullivan and a special mention for another Michael O'Sullivan of Ballyledden, who still tends the whitewashed Grotto on Glubba Hill.

As dusk fell and fog wrapped the mountain, guests were welcomed into Cronin's Yard for blúiríní blasta, tasty morsels rounding off a night steeped in memory and meaning.

*Tommy 'Mullach' the Grotto Builder
ní bheidh a leithéid arís ann
Angels breathe, angels cry,
Awakening air on the mountain high
Clear hills of dew, thoughts anew,
You are there, splendid and true.
Coomapéiste*



Mary Shanahan accepting a cheque for €3,000 on behalf of Kerry Hospice in memory of Donie McCarthy

FIRIES GAA GOLF CLASSIC Honours the Memory of Donie

This year's Furies GAA Golf Classic was a special occasion, held in loving memory of our dear friend and club stalwart, the late Donie McCarthy. Donie's dedication, warmth, and friendship left a lasting mark on the club and community and it was fitting that the event celebrated his life while supporting a cause close to many hearts.

Mary Shanahan accepted a cheque for €3,000 on behalf of Kerry Hospice, with all funds going towards the extension of the palliative care unit at University Hospital Kerry. The project will add five new rooms, bringing the total to twenty, and provide specialised equipment, with work due to begin in September.

A highlight of the day was Bernie McCarthy's presentation of a trophy to Noeleen Mackessy for her outstanding hole-in-one on the 17th hole.

Furies GAA extends heartfelt thanks to Butler's Bar for their generous hospitality and to everyone who took part, sponsored, or supported the event in honour of Donie's memory.



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Wexford Wonders: Kilcummin Sweeps All-Ireland Titles at Fleadh Cheoil



Kilcummin Comhaltas 15-18 Ladies Set crowned All Ireland Champions - Sadhbh O Halloran, Alison Pigott, Andrea Counihan, Sarah Ni Sè, Coara Foley, Abbie McGuire, Naoise O'Leary & Rebecca O'Leary.

The streets of Wexford came alive last week as tens of thousands gathered for Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann, the world's largest celebration of Irish traditional music, song, and dance. Against this vibrant backdrop, Kilcummin competitors delivered a festival to remember, returning home with a haul of All-Ireland titles, podium finishes, and unforgettable memories.

In set dancing, Kilcummin swept the board in the senior competitions, claiming All-Ireland Champion titles in Over 18 Full Set Mixed, Over 18 Half Set Mixed, Over 18 Full Set Ladies, and Over 35 Full Set Mixed. Our ladies' set in the 15-18 category also danced their way to national glory.

At U12 level, our Mixed Set placed second, while the Ladies Set impressed with a polished performance, narrowly missing out on a placing this year but showing huge promise for the future. Brynn McCarthy also delivered a superb performance in the U12 Irish Singing competition, setting the stage for more success ahead.

In music, our members shone just as brightly: Michael Healy – All-Ireland Champion, 15-18 Melodeon

Eoin Foley – All-Ireland Champion, 12-15 Button Accordion & 3rd in the Melodin 12-15

Colm Fleming – All-Ireland Champion, U12 Melodeon; 2nd place, U12 Button Accordion

Sean Butler – 2nd place, 15-18 Mouth Organ

Across the weekend, every competitor played their part in what was a remarkable chapter for Kilcummin Comhaltas.

The club extend sincere thanks to the Moriarty School of Dancing for their expert preparation of our dancers, to the musicians who played for our sets, to the tutors who worked tirelessly with our musicians and singer, and to the families and supporters who travelled in such large numbers to Wexford. Your dedication and encouragement are the heartbeat of our success.



Under 12's Melodeon - Colm Fleming placed 1st & All Ireland Champion and also came 2nd in the under 12's Button Accordion.



Michael Healy who placed 1st in the 15-18 Melodeon and crowned All-Ireland Champion at Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann.



Eoin Foley who placed first and was crowned All-Ireland Champion in the Button Accordion 12-15 and who subsequently placed 3rd in the Melodin 12-15.



Adrian Moriarty, Annmarie Hickey, Mags Twomey, Marie O'Donovan, Marie O'Callaghan, David O'Riordan, Philip O'Connor, Timmy Lane.



Kilcummin Comhaltas Under 12's Mixed Set who placed 2nd at Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann - Michael O'Connor, Colm Fleming, Charlie J. Kelleher, Ian Condon, Ella Lawlor, Aine Enright, Elena O'Riordan, Ava O'Sullivan.



Kilcummin Comhaltas over 18 Half Mixed Set crowned All Ireland Champions - Adrian Moriarty (Trainer), Conor Coffey, Mary Murphy, Aislinn O'Donovan, Nathan Counihan.



Kilcummin Comhaltas under 12 Ladies Set - Sadie Supruc, Ella Lawlor, Ann-Marie O'Sullivan, Siun O'Callaghan, Aine Enright, Elena O'Riordan, Ava O'Sullivan & Iaye O'Connor.



Senior Mixed Set crowned All Ireland Champions - Bk: Adrian Moriarty (Trainer), Conor Coffey, Nathan Counihan, Adam O'Connor, James Williams. Front: Mary Murphy, Sarah Pigott, Clodhna Sweeney & Niamh O'Donovan.



Senior Ladies Set crowned All Ireland Champions - Adrian Moriarty (Trainer), Bk: Lorna Ní Sè, Kerri Ann Lenihan, Niamh Sexton, Niamh O'Donovan. Front: Mary Murphy, Aislinn O'Donovan, Clodhna Sweeney & Sarah Pigott.

Killarney's Lillie Foley

Releases Third Single of 2025, 'Last July'



Rising singer-songwriter Lillie Foley has released her third single of the year, Last July, today, August 8th. At just 22 years old, the Killarney native is making waves in Ireland's vibrant music scene with her distinct blend of heartfelt storytelling and modern pop-folk sound.

Last July follows Lillie's debut single Someday, which dropped in January, and her poignant April ballad That's Life. Her latest release presents a creative twist while the lyrics reflect on nostalgia and cherished memories from a past relationship, the track's upbeat production brings an energetic and refreshing contrast.

"This song is a juxtaposition," Lillie explains. "It's about reminiscing on a happier time and remembering good memories with someone, but the music puts a fun twist on it. I hope people enjoy this song as much as I enjoyed writing it!"

The single was produced by Dublin-based producer Hermann Ogulla and recorded in the iconic Windmill Lane Studios, adding another layer of prestige to the project.

From Killarney, Lillie has quickly emerged as a talent to watch in 2025. Known for her powerful, edgy vocals and emotionally resonant lyrics, Lillie draws on personal experience and contemporary influences to craft songs that connect with listeners.

A graduate of the University of Limerick with a BA in Voice, she now teaches music while building her artistic career. Her performances

have been praised for their authenticity and emotional depth, and her growing fanbase is eagerly anticipating what comes next.

With Last July now out on all major streaming platforms, Lillie's journey is only beginning. Fans can expect more music and exciting projects from the singer-songwriter in the months ahead.

HUGH O'FLAHERTY ORDINATION CENTENARY

TO BE COMMEMORATED BY AN POST

Having been proposed in 2023, The Hugh O'Flaherty Memorial Committee are delighted to announce that we have received confirmation from An Post that they will issue a special Commemorative Stamp to mark the Centenary of the Ordination of Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty.

The Official Issue Date is to be confirmed but is likely to be sometime in late October. The Stamp design has been finalised and will be unveiled just before or on the date of Issue.

What is known is that it will be a "W" Stamp for Worldwide mailing, in keeping with the global reach of the Monsignor's story. It will be available in selected Post Offices (list to be confirmed) for at least 3 months from the date of issue. Some Offices may opt to hold stocks



beyond the 3 months.

The stamp will also be available "online" at: <https://www.anpost.com/Shop/Special-issue-stamps> for a year from the issue date and a specially designed "First Day Cover Envelope" will also be available online from An Post.

This is the second stamp issue this year commemorating a Kerry man – the first one being the recent wonderful Stamp Issue to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the birth of Daniel O'Connell.

The Hugh O'Flaherty Memorial Society is delighted with the decision by An Post to commemorate the Monsignor's Ordination and we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all involved in An Post for honouring him in this way.

The Anam Sessions –

Free Early Evening Concerts of Irish Folk & Traditional Music

The Anam Sessions, a free summer concert series celebrating the rich sounds of Irish Folk and Traditional music continues at the Anam Centre on Monday evenings. Now in its 7th week, the series continues to shine a light on both seasoned performers and emerging local talent.

This week's session features renowned musician Tim O'Shea, joined by special guest Fiona Doyle – a gifted singer-songwriter and guitarist originally from Tralee and now based in Beaufort. Fiona, one half of the exciting new folk duo Riversiter, blends Irish roots with influences from Americana and acoustic traditions. After more than a decade in London as a professional creative writer, Fiona has returned to Kerry and is rediscovering her deep musical roots.

Set in the Anam Centre, this promises to be a wonderful evening of music, song, and storytelling. Expect heartfelt performances, new music, and a few surprises along the way.

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By Michael O'Mahony

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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.

RATHMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

301 Club membership now open for 2025/2026. Renew your membership now. New Members welcome. €10,000 worth of prizes won to date. Don't miss out - Contact a committee member. Details on Community Council Facebook page.

DIVINE MERCY HOUR

Join the Divine Mercy Hour in the Church of the Holy Rosary Gneeveguilla. It is streamlined on MCN Gneeveguilla on every First Friday at 3pm.

The Holy Rosary is prayed in the Church every Wednesday at 8pm.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

The Third Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Saturday 23rd of August 2025. Please note the date and consider taking part in this special time of prayer and reflection at Ireland's National Marian Shrine. Bus will leave from Rathmore Church @ 6.45am approx.. Please call the Parish Office to book on 064 7761669 or email rathmore@dioceseofkerry.ie

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East Kerry PRO Michael O'Mahony pictured with GAA President Jarlath Burns at the 100th Anniversary of East Kerry celebrations at the Gleneagle Hotel.

SPA PARISH

By Leanne Cronin

MATCH REPORT SENIOR CLUB FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND 1

They say goals win games and that was certainly the case in tonight's Senior Club Championship clash in Spa.

Dr Crokes welcomed back 6 of their Kerry Players in a marked difference to the starting lineup from the County League fixture a few weeks ago.

Spa saw the return of Dara Moynihan to their lineup fresh from his All Ireland win & also the return of the influential Dan O Donoghue home from Australia.

The first score of the game came in the 3rd minute from the boot of Evan Cronin, a point from play following a nice move worked by Dan O Donoghue, this was preceded by two wides by Dr Crokes Tony Brosnan & Brian Looney.

It didn't take Dr Crokes long to respond with Gavin o Shea netting a goal in the 4th minute with a super finish to the roof of the net.

Spa responded immediately with a good point from play by Daragh Moynihan, followed by 5 unanswered points 2 by Cian Tobin (frees) and Daragh Moynihan again from play in the 15th minute, David Spillane from play in the 16th minute & another free from Cian Tobin in the 18th minute to leave the scoreline Spa 0-7 to Dr Crokes 1-0.

Man of the match Tony Brosnan started to come to the fore for Dr Crokes with a point either side of a 2 pointed free followed by a point from David Shaw in the 24th minute to give Dr Crokes the lead 1-05 to Spa 0-7.

Evan Cronin pointed from play to level the score in the 30th minute but a pointed free by Tony Brosnan in the 32nd minute gave Dr Crokes the lead going in at the break Spa 0-8 Dr Crokes 1-06.

Dr Crokes opened the scoring in the second half with a point by Tony Brosnan in the 34th minute, Spa responded with a well taken point from play by Mike Foley.

Brian Looney pointed from play in the 38th minute & again Spa responded with a point from play by Evan Cronin in the 43rd minute. The score now Spa 0-10 Dr Crokes 1-08.

Alex Hennigan replaced Tom Doyle for Dr Crokes and Liam Spillane replaced Ciaran Spillane in the 44th minute.

The decisive period of the game occurred next, David Shaw pointed for Dr Crokes, Spa missed a goal opportunity & Dr Crokes netted a goal from Cian McMahon giving Dr Crokes a five-point lead in the 47th minute.

Tony Brosnan scored from play in the 48th minute & Niall McCarthy responded with a fine point from play for Spa in the 50th minute.

Dr Crokes followed with two points from play, Tony Brosnan in the 53rd minute & Micheal Burns in the 54th minute giving Dr Crokes a 7-point lead, Spa 0-11 Dr Crokes 2-12.

Spa responded with pointed free from Cian Tobin in the 55th minute followed by a point from play by Aidan Cronin in the 56th minute.

But the final two scores of the game came from Dr Crokes to leave the final score Spa 0-13 Dr Crokes 2-14.

Dr Crokes take the points in what has been a difficult week for the club duly marked on the night by an impeccably observed moment of silence for the late Jamie Doolan.

Spa, although defeated, will take a lot of positives from the game, dust themselves down and prepare for Rathmore in 2 weeks.

SPA LOTTO 11/8/25 RESULTS

Numbers drawn: 10, 16, 18, 27. No jackpot winner. Lucky dips €50 each: Brid Horgan, Online; Kitty Yeats, Tiernaboul; Sheila & Mike Moynihan, Ardaneanig, Rian Hayes c/o Assumpta. Next week's draw is on Monday 18 August @ 9pm for a jackpot of €5,400

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GLENFLESK PARISH

Written by: Sean Daly

INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Glenflesk 0-16 St Marys 0-15

For the second time at a Mid Kerry venue this year, a last gasp Mark Kelliher 2 point free, saw Glenflesk grab victory from a perilous position, and get the perfect start to the 2025 Intermediate Championship. St Mary's started the quicker, playing with real speed and purpose. Early points from Tadgh O'Connor and Ben O'Donoghue reward for their fast start. The evergreen Brian Sheehan was making himself available when his side attacked, moving into space and firing over a brilliant point in the ninth minute. Points from Alex Coffey and Darren Casey followed, giving St Mary's a 6 points to 2 lead after 15 minutes. Glenflesk had been sluggish up to this stage, with a rare highlight being Killian O'Sullivan's superb pass into Dylan Roche, ending with Roche beating his marker and fisting over. Callum Cronin added another after more good play, and then Cronin did brilliantly to keep the ball from going over the sideline, starting a move that ended with a John Kelleher point. Glenflesk's best goal chance fell to Dylan Roche who saw his close range shot brilliantly saved by Sheehan. St Mary's accuracy in the first half was highly impressive, only missing with 2 of their shots at goal. Never the less, a late Ian Roche free sent Glenflesk in level at half time, despite being outplayed for most of the half. O'Sullivan put Glenflesk ahead with a fine score with his left foot within a minute of the restart. It didn't lead to them taking over the game though. St Mary's responded with scores from Coffey and Casey, with Sheehan's long

kickouts putting Glenflesk on the back foot. A Darragh Roche free after 38 minutes brought Glenflesk level again. There then followed a period of scrappy play, as both sides turned the ball over cheaply. The crucial score of the game then looked like it had arrived when Sheehan hit over a 2 point free with superb accuracy. A fisted Coffey free increased the lead, but free's from Darragh Roche brought Glenflesk back to within 1, deep into injury time. With 1 kick out left, Glenflesk needed to win it. Sheehan went long again, and Ian Roche won the loose ball. A foul on Daniel Brien just outside the 2 point arc, allowed goalkeeper Kelliher the chance to repeat his heroics from Kilorglin, earlier in the year. Just as back then, he struck the ball beautifully, sending it straight between the posts with the last kick of the game. 2 hard earned points for Glenflesk, who after a draw between An Gaeltacht and Castleisland Desmonds in the other game, go top of the table on the back of 1 mighty kick of the ball. Thanks to Michael Healy for the match report.

COMMUNITY GAMES

Well done to Aoife McSwiney, Séimí Favier, Dylan O'Connor and Zara Nagle who competed very well at the Regional competitions on Saturday last.

LOTTO

Congratulations to Aeneas Sean O'Leary, Gneeveguilla Village on winning the Jackpot of €7,400 . The winning numbers were 8, 9, 21, 26.

LISTRY PARISH

Written by: Colette Leslie

LOTTO

Jackpot €11,200. Numbers Drawn 04, 14, 18, 22. Not Won. €100 Cathal & Pat c/o Faha Court. €50 Bart Buckley, Lahard. €50 Julian Weakley, Lahard (Annual Ticket) (online). €25 Richard Connolly, Ballybrack. €25 Tom & Teddy O'Regan, Laharn, Faha. Jackpot next week Sunday 17/08/2025 €11,350

SENIORS

Junior Premier Championship round 2 Listry play St Senan's Sunday 17th at home 4pm

U10

Listry U10 boys are playing a blitz in Fossa Saturday 16th .

Anthony "Skinner" O'Sullivan Perpetual Cup Up for Grabs at Kilcummin GAA Golf Classic

Kilcummin GAA Club is set to host its much-anticipated annual fundraising Golf Classic on Saturday, August 30th, at Beaufort Golf Club. This popular community event will once again bring together golf enthusiasts and supporters, while also paying tribute to the late Anthony "Skinner" O'Sullivan of Ballinamanagh. In his memory, the winning team will be awarded the Anthony "Skinner" O'Sullivan Perpetual Cup.

Event organiser Mike Riordan expressed the club's appreciation for the ongoing support, especially from those living abroad. "Kilcummin GAA Club are appreciative of support from abroad and are asking local clubs, businesses, families and individuals to come on board and support them in their efforts," he said.

All proceeds from the event will go toward the continued development of Kilcummin's facilities and playing surfaces, which are vital for the club's future growth and success.

Entry Details:

Team of 3 players: €180

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KILCUMMIN PARISH

Written by: Helen Moynihan

KILCUMMIN CCÉ

The long trip to Wexford for Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann resulted in life long memories for all our members these past days. We also had great success over the weekend. In set dancing we are All Ireland Champions in all senior competitions, Over 18 full set mixed, Over 18 half set mixed, Over 18 full set ladies and Over 35 full set mixed. Our ladies set in the 15-18 age category are also All Ireland champions. At u12 grade, our mixed set placed second and our ladies set performed magnificently and while not placed on this occasion, age is on their side and they will no doubt be back again in the near future. Another girl who will be back again is Brynn McCarthy who gave a superb performance in the Under 12 Irish Singing competition. In music more success was the order of the day with Michael Healy All Ireland champion in the 15-18 Melodeon, Eoin Foley All Ireland Champion in the 12-15 Button Accordion. Eoin also placed 3rd in the 12-15 Melodeon. Colm Fleming All Ireland Champion in the Under 12 Melodeon and Colm also placed second in the Under 12 Button Accordion. Sean Butler placed second in the 15-18 Mouth Organ. Fantastic performances right across the weekend from all of our competitors and superb results. Sincere thanks to the Moriarty School of Dancing for their great work in having our set dancers so well prepared. To the musicians who played brilliantly for all of our sets. To those tutors who had our musicians and singer so well prepared and finally to our families and supporters who travelled to Wexford in huge numbers to support our competitors, we are very grateful to you all.

GRAVEYARD MASSES

Huge thanks to all involved in our two graveyard Masses – Holy Cross & Old Kilcummin, caretakers Nicola & John O'Connor and Paudie Mangan, Kerry County Council, Graveyard Committees for all their work, to all families looking after their family graves, to Mary O'Sullivan for providing car parking spaces, to the Stewards and the Gardaí for directing traffic, to the O'Sullivan's for providing the Sound System, to Fr.Niall Geaney & Fr.Joe Begley and all other priests who concelebrated mass, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Choirs & Music. To everyone involved in any way it is very much appreciated. Mile Buíochas.

KILCUMMIN LOOKING GOOD

Kilcummin Looking Good website is now live and can be viewed at www.kilcumminlookinggood.com. The website has all the up to date information of what the group are involved in and also a wealth of information on the history of Kilcummin, complementing the information sign located in Kilcummin Village. If you have a contribution for the website please contact a member of Kilcummin Looking Good.

KILCUMMIN COMMUNITY CARE

Kilcummin Community Care will resume on Tuesday the 19th August. Community Care meet every Tuesday from 11am to 2pm in the G.A.A. hall. Hot dinner provided, free transport available. Anybody interested, please contact Mary Doyle on 064 663357 / 086 1550803.

KILCUMMIN GAA BY DONAL BARRY PRO

INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Kilcummin will take on John Mitchels in Group 1 Round 2 of the Kerry Petroleum Intermediate Championship next Saturday 16th August away to John Mitchels with a 6.30pm throw in time.

MINOR FOOTBALL

Congratulations to our Minor Footballers who were crowned Keane's SuperValu Division 4 Shield winners having defeated Knock/Brosna 6-14 to 1-9. First half goals by Colm Janot, Jack Ahern and Rory O'Connor saw Kilcummin take a 3-7 to 1-3 half time lead. Kilcummin upped the ante in the second half with Sean Cox hitting 3 points while Colm Janot added his second goal before Rory O'Connor hit a brace to see him end up with a personal tally of 3-4 in an impressive performance.

Well done to all the players and their management of Dave Kearney, Tommy Brosnan, Kieran O'Donoghue, Tom Cooper and John Herlihy.

UNDER 16 FOOTBALL

After a number of weeks of uncertainty our Under 16 footballers returned to the field of play taking on Killarney Legion in the opening round of a 3 way play off with a place in the Division 1 semi-finals at stake. A brace of early goals helped the winners to a 2-5 to 0-6 half time and despite Killarney Legion reducing the gap a number of times in the second half Kilcummin held out in no small way thanks a Joe O'Connor 2-pointer. Kilcummin ran out 2-13 to 1-13 winners.

DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP

Best of luck to a number of our under 16 team who have been selected to play with Eoghan Ruadh in the upcoming district championship which throws in with an away trip to Tralee District on Monday August 18th

UNDER 14 FOOTBALL

Our under 14As were defeated by Spa in Round 2 of the East Kerry League. Next up for the is a home game against Scartaglin

Meanwhile our Under 14B's had a thrilling 5-8 to 2-15 win over Rathmore as they get ready for an away trip to Spa

KILCUMMIN GAA SUMMER CAMP 2025

Our inaugural GAA Summer camp proved a massive success with 4 days of fun, football & friendship along with a surprise visit from the Sam Maguire Cup. The club wants to thank to Keane's Jewellers, Killarney for gifting every child their own football.

To all our incredible coaches and under 16s for making it all possible. For the time and effort everyone gave voluntarily each day, not alone the 3 hours of the camp but the work in preparing for each day. Special thank you to Donal Barry for coordinating the camp each day and keeping everything running smoothly. To Grace & Lorraine for all the help with registration

Shout out to the parents who stepped in during the week to help at short notice — We are so lucky to have people like this in our community, willing to give up their time voluntarily for the club and the kids. We are very grateful to everyone who played a part in planning and delivering the camp. From the boundless energy of our U6s & U8s to the epic U10 & U12 tournament finale

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KILCUMMIN GAA GOLF CLASSIC

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Congratulations: to Muiris Healy who won Mike Devane's Captain's Prize at the weekend in Kilcummin GAA's golf society outing in Beaufort G.C. He was also presented with the Gene Moriarty perpetual cup by the Moriarty family. Well done to prize winners and participants.

GAA LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Monday 11th August for the Jackpot of €3,250. Numbers drawn were 05, 17,25,27. Consolation prizes of €50 went Caroline Foley, Cockhill, Áine O'Donoghue, Coolbane, Paudie Horgan, Spa, Kenny Dwyer. Our next draw will be on Monday 25th August for Jackpot of €3,500.

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LOTTO

There was no winner on Friday 8th August 2025 of the Jackpot €9,600. Numbers drawn were 01,05,11,14. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Joan Doran, Killarney, Dan McGlynn, Glounonea, JD O'Sullivan, Mileen, Micheál Keneally, Tiernaboul. The next draw will be on Friday 15th August for Jackpot of €9,800.



Mileoidean / Melodeon (15-18 years), 1st place, Micheal Healy, CCÉ, Kilcummin, pictured with his family at the Fleadh.



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This will be O'Connor's sixth appearance at what has long been regarded as one of the premier musical festivals in Europe. He will play the Salty Dog Stage on Saturday, August 30 and the Hazel Wood Stage on Sunday 31.

As Liam himself says, "It's a terrific honour to be invited to perform twice at such a wonderful event as Electric Picnic. This will be my sixth year and I'm especially excited to announce that my band will include members of my own family, with Saoirse on vocals, concertina and keyboards, Oisín, who plays guitars, keyboards and percussion, and Cillian on drums. Electric Picnic is a terrific family day out as well as an opportunity to see so many Irish artists hold their own among some of the best artists in the world."

The man originally from Newmarket in Cork is no stranger to such supercharged musical talent. His own musical CV is littered with the top names he has worked with, including Michael Flatley's Lord of the Dance, Spandau Ballet frontman Tony Hadley, rock star Boy George, the famous Artane Band, the late Christy Dignam, actress Maureen O'Hara, actor Patrick Bergin, and many more.

Liam O'Connor has sold out tours in the United States, Scandinavia, Italy and Australia and performed in such hallowed music venues as the MGM Grand Las Vegas, Radio City New York, Sydney Opera House, Wembley Arena and performed for 170,000 people at All-Ireland Football and Hurling Finals and at Thomond Park Stadium for a Munster vs Australia rugby match.



The O'Connor Family, Cillian, Saoirse, Liam and Oisín



Liam O'Connor performing at Electric Picnic



Killarney Credit Union Announced as New Sponsors of Kilcummin Comhaltas

Killarney Credit Union has been confirmed as the new sponsor of Kilcummin Comhaltas. Pictured at the announcement are (left to right): Adrian Moriarty, Catherine McGuire, Geraldine Pigott, Nathan Counihan (Killarney Credit Union), Shane O'Callaghan (Chairperson, Kilcummin Comhaltas), Mary Murphy, Geraldine O'Driscoll, and Tony O'Connor.

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Q7: How do I stay motivated?

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What should I do if I scratch my cornea?

A corneal abrasion is a common eye injury.

If you are experiencing any eye pain or discomfort, or you suspect you have a corneal abrasion, you should always consult your optometrist for advice.

What causes a corneal abrasion?

A corneal abrasion normally happens after an accident or injury to the front of the eye. They are often caused by fingernails, or an accident in the home or while gardening. Sometimes, if a small piece of grit gets trapped in your eye, rubbing the eye or blinking may cause a corneal abrasion.

What are the symptoms of a corneal abrasion?

There are several symptoms associated with corneal abrasion, and you may only experience a few, but they can include:

- Pain, which may feel worse when you open or close your eye

- A feeling that there is something in your eye or irritation
- Your eyes watering far more than usual
- Redness
- Sensitivity to light
- Blurred vision or loss of vision

How long does it take to heal?

Corneal abrasions will normally heal completely within 48 hours. If the abrasion is in the centre of the cornea, your vision may be slightly blurred. It is also normal that your eye will be a little red and you may find bright lights uncomfortable until the abrasion has healed.

Treatment

You may be given lubricating drops (artificial tear drops, gel or ointment) to make your eye feel more comfortable and help to keep it moist.

You may be given antibiotic drops or ointment to stop the abrasion becoming infected. These aren't always needed.

The following may also help:

- Over-the-counter painkillers such as paracetamol will help with the pain
- Avoid rubbing or touching your eye as this may make the abrasion worse or slow down the rate of healing
- Wearing sunglasses may help if you are sensitive to light

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VODAFONE BILLS

The announcement of the withdrawal of payment facilities for Vodafone customer bills from the nationwide An Post network has been condemned by Kerry Fianna Fáil TD, Michael Cahill, as another snub to the residents of rural Ireland.

Deputy Cahill is a long time campaigner for the retention of services in country areas, particularly Post Offices, shops and pubs, which he believes to be a vital part of a living community and part of our social fabric.

"People living in country areas need to meet up with neighbours and friends and our Post Offices, shop and pub are where this now happens. The less services that are being carried by An Post network, the more likely quieter outlets will close down, leaving already isolated people in a near state of quarantine. We are a social animal and our health both physical and mental requires us to be out and about meeting other

human beings" stated Deputy Cahill.

"I am somewhat taken aback that such a large company as Vodafone, which has an enormous customer base countrywide, would pull out of An Post, leaving many of their clientele in the lurch and putting the future of our Post Offices in jeopardy" said Deputy Cahill, Fianna Fáil Spokesperson for Older People and Tourism.

"I am aware of a number of Post Offices that have sadly closed in recent times. Our Post Offices need to be and must be supported. I have attended many meetings with An Post in recent months and this is a hammer blow" stated a very annoyed Deputy Cahill.

"I will be pleading with Vodafone management to rescind this decision and I will also be in contact with the Communications Regulator to clarify the legality of the move" added Michael Cahill TD.

GOVERNMENT OWNED PROPERTY

A Kerry Fianna Fáil TD has submitted a number of Parliamentary Questions to the Taoiseach and all of his Ministers, requesting a list of all properties in the county, owned or in the control of each Government Department, which are unoccupied/unused at present. Deputy Michael Cahill seeks to unearth any sites or buildings that could reasonably be brought in to play for building or converting to badly needed homes for the people of County Kerry.

"I am aware and indeed I suspect there are a large number of sites and buildings that are available to Government Departments, that are quietly under the radar and would be more than suitable to facilitate an awful lot of badly needed affordable and social housing units, along with low cost sites in Kerry" stated Deputy Cahill, Fianna Fáil Spokesperson for Older People and Tourism.

"Every additional house that can be provided efficiently and affordably, would be a bonus and I believe we should leave no stone unturned to do so. Lands and properties around our towns and villages are at a premium and if we find there are a quantity of them already in Government ownership, that would allow a relatively smooth path to the construction of homes for the people of Kerry" said the Rossbeigh Teachta Dála.

"I believe this list could be a source of a good number of new builds for Kerry, all over the county and will bring homes and happiness to many people on our waiting lists" added Michael Cahill TD.

Minister Foley confirms €25,000 in additional funding for Kerry Recreation and Sports Partnership



Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Kerry T.D Norma Foley has confirmed additional funding of €25,000 for Kerry Recreation and Sports Partnership from the Dormant Accounts Fund.

Kerry Recreation and Sports Partnership has already received €284,000 for this year as part of the national funding package for local sports partnerships.

Minister Foley said Kerry Recreation and Sports Partnership would now get a further €25,000 in funding from the Dormant Accounts Fund to help boost disabled people's involvement in sport.

"This funding for sports inclusion disability projects will help Kerry Recreation and Sports Partnership to continue the great work it is doing throughout Kerry."

Uisce Éireann's Leakage Reduction Programme continues as Crohane, Dromkerry set to benefit

Uisce Éireann has recently commenced works in Crohane, Dromkerry to reduce high levels of leakage in the area and improve the resilience of the network, enabling the local community to thrive. The works will take place from the junction of the N72 at Crohane along the L-11012 Gortacollopa, Fossa and involve the replacement of 1.8 kilometres of aged water mains prone to bursts with new pipes.

Commenting on the project, Programme Manager at Uisce Éireann, Jack Cronin said: "The section of water mains in Crohane, Dromkerry was prioritised for investment and replacement by Uisce Éireann due to its age and deteriorating condition. These improvements to the water network are critical and we are delighted to progress these upgrades for the local community, providing them with a more secure and reliable water supply that will also reduce leakage and strengthen the water network for generations to come." "We would like to thank customers in advance for their support and patience while we complete these essential works," said Mr Cronin.

The project is being carried out by Ward and Burke Construction Ltd on behalf of Uisce Éireann and works are expected to be completed by the end of August 2025. The works may involve some short-term water interruptions, and the project team will ensure that customers are given a minimum of 48 hours' notice prior to any planned disruption. This project will be delivered as part of Uisce Éireann's national Leakage Reduction Programme which continues to deliver significant benefits to communities across Ireland, including improved water quality, provision of a more resilient and sustainable water supply for customers, and considerable water savings.



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Mandatory cardiac screening could save young people's lives – Kennelly

The National Screening Advisory Committee (NSAC) should seek the introduction of mandatory cardiac screening for young athletes aged 14 to 18, a Fine Gael Senator and Councillor have said.

Senator Mike Kennelly and Councillor Aoife Kennelly said early detection using ECG testing could prevent sudden adult death syndrome (SADS) and identify conditions in young people before they become fatal.

"In Ireland, about 100 young people die every year from SADS", said Senator Kennelly.

"Shockingly, heart conditions are among the leading causes of sudden death among young athletes.

"Many conditions remain undiagnosed in young people due to their silent nature. We don't expect young athletes to have hidden conditions and there are no symptoms or warnings, yet the consequences can be

devastating.

"We need to see mandatory screening introduced through schools and sports clubs to ensure we catch any issues as early as possible.

"NSAC must look into how a screening programme like this could potentially be carried out. If we can get local schools and sports clubs to arrange screening, we could save many young lives.

"We've seen the incredible work the Dillon Quirke Foundation has done in memory of Dillon who died from SADS. They have already screened more than 10,000 young people, identifying 243 who required further cardiac evaluation. But we can't leave all the work up to them, we need to play our part.

"The cost of inaction is measured in lost lives, grief-stricken families and communities devastated by preventable tragedies. We owe it to the families who have lost loved ones and

to those who could be spared the heartbreak to act now before another young life is lost.

"Proactive measures save lives, we need to see this introduced to ensure we give our young athletes a chance at a long and active life", said Senator Kennelly.

Councillor Aoife Kennelly said: "It is absolutely essential that we see a national cardiac screening programme for children aged 14 to 18. Screening our young athletes should be a right, not a privilege.

"Early detection can be the difference between life and death. We need to see everyone, the NSAC, sports clubs, and schools get on board to ensure this happens.

"Cardiac screening is quick and easy and I encourage all young people who have concerns to get checked out", concluded Councillor Kennelly.

Welcome for Funding and Contract Extension for Social Farming Initiatives in Kerry

Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry, Michael Cahill, has warmly welcomed the announcement by Minister of State Martin Heydon confirming the continuation of support and extension of contracts for the Social Farming model under the Rural Innovation and Development Fund (RIDF) for 2025 and 2026. In particular, Deputy Cahill has expressed his strong support for the extension of contracts for South Kerry Development Partnership (SKDP) and IRD Duhallow, two organisations that have played a vital role in the development and success of Social Farming projects across Kerry and the wider region.

"I am delighted that South Kerry Development Partnership and IRD Duhallow will continue to receive support under this model," said Deputy Cahill. "These organisations have been pioneers in delivering social farming in rural communities, offering meaningful and therapeutic farming experiences to individuals from a wide variety of backgrounds, including those with disabilities, mental health challenges, and other support needs."

Deputy Cahill has worked closely with Noel Spillane and Joe McCrohan of SKDP in progressing the Social Farming initiative and has seen first-hand the positive impact this model has had in rural Kerry. "We were proud to host Minister of State Micheál Moynihan in South Kerry to witness the transformative work being done through social farming," Cahill continued. "The evidence speaks for itself, this model changes lives and strengthens communities."

Councillor Tommy Cahill "This is a prime example of a community-based project that delivers tangible social and mental health benefits while supporting the sustainability of rural life and family farms," he said. "Both I and my father will continue to lobby and work with all the relevant stakeholders to ensure that this model not only continues but receives the increased investment it deserves."

Deputy Cahill concluded by stating, "This is a good day for Kerry, a good day for rural Ireland, and a good day for all those who benefit from the Social Farming model. I will continue to champion this initiative and ensure its future growth and sustainability."

Councillor Cahill Welcomes LIS Funding But Says It's Only a Fraction of What Kerry Needs

Fianna Fáil Kerry County Councillor Tommy Cahill has today welcomed the announcement of over €2.2 million in funding for local roads and laneways in County Kerry under the 2025 Local Improvement Scheme (LIS) but warned that the allocation falls well short of what's needed to address the growing backlog of rural roads across the county. The announcement includes an additional €1,202,000 in funding for Kerry, confirmed by Minister Dara Calleary, bringing this year's total to €2,225,479.

Councillor Cahill said that while the extra funding is positive, it only scratches the surface of the problem. "This funding is welcome, any investment in our rural road network is progress, but let's be honest - this is only a fraction of what we need to clear the long list of applications here in Kerry," he said. "There are still over 600 local roads and laneways across the county waiting for upgrade works. At the current rate, we're barely making a dent."

"My father has made this a top priority in the Programme for Government, and continues to press for greater investment in rural infrastructure like this," he said. "He knows, as do I, just how vital access is for people living and working in rural parts of Kerry.

Cahill concluded, "We have to get these works delivered on the ground before the end of the year, no delays, no excuses. But more importantly, I'll be continuing to call for increased LIS funding in 2026 and beyond. Rural families, farmers and communities in Kerry have waited long enough."

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1st: Donal Carroll, 36 points (24) Overall Winner

2nd: Gerry O'Sullivan, 35 points (29) Overall Runner-Up

NEXT WEEK'S MEN'S COMPETITION

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3rd: Mary O'Sullivan 38 points (21) Overall 3rd

NEXT WEEK'S LADIES COMPETITION

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Shane Treacy (second from left) and Captain Máire Murphy presenting first prize in the Killarney Golf Club Members-Guest Invitational sponsored by Muckross House Trustees and Weavers to winning team Mary MacMonagle, Kieran Kavanagh, Colm and Kathryn Leen at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

DEERPARK PITCH AND PUTT CLUB

NATIONAL MENS STROKEPLAY

What a day in St Annes last Sunday for our Secretary Mr. Damien Fleming! He claimed the Donnelly Cup for the second time in his career this time over no less than 72 holes with a 33 under par score as he won by four from a duo which included Tralee's Jason Cregan who finished in third on countback. After the success with the Irish team last month in Lucan things are only getting better and better for Damien. He wasn't the only prize-winner from the club for the weekend of course as there was also a silver medal won in the Intermediate event. Cillian Courtney has quietly gone about his business over the last two months since re-joining us but what a great performance to finish second in his grade after being the 36-hole leader overnight on Saturday. He fought back well in the last round to finish as runner-up as we hope to see more of him before the year is out. Cillian has replicated elder brother Creagh in finishing second in this event which Creagh did back in Stackallen back in 2014. Honourable mentions for the weekend also go to Robbie Harnett for making the Junior cut and finishing 12th overall, again we hope to see more of him before the year is out and let's not forget a certain Vice-Chairman of ours who was joint leader of the Intermediate event itself after 9 holes on Saturday!

SUNDAY DRAWS

Two Ball Betterball- First Nett: Sean Ashe & John Looney 38½ (B9), Gross: Connie O'Sullivan Jnr & Paddy Murphy 48, Second Nett: Colm O'Dowd & James Foley 38½

Hole-In-One: James Foley (4th Hole).

SUMMER SERIES

In association with Flesk Restaurant- August 6th Results- Winners: Alan O'Sullivan, Conor O'Riordan, Ronan Browne, Kyle Fleming & Robbie Paul O'Sullivan, Runners-Up: Niall O'Loughlin, Jean O'Shea, Luke Looney, Max Moynihan & Ryan Casey.

U16 COMPETITION

August 6th- Winner: Adam Twomey 31, Runner-Up: Sam O'Donoghue 32 and Gross Fionn McMonagle 53.

CLUB MATCHPLAY



Deerpark Pitch and Putt Club members Damien Fleming (right) and Cillian Courtney (left) pictured after receiving their prizes at the 2025 National Mens Strokeplay Championships in St Annes, Cork last Sunday. Damien won the Senior event for the second time in his career as Cillian was second in the Intermediate event last weekend.

The draw for the Murphy's Bar sponsored events has taken place and full details are now available on the noticeboard or in the club's competition Whats App Group.

CASTLEISLAND SCRATCH CUPS

These takes place on Saturday August 16th with cards from 8am-2pm (Last Card) at €10 per player. We encourage our members to support these events.

NATIONAL LADIES STROKEPLAY

Best Wishes to Eileen McCarthy as she takes part in the Intermediate event in McDonagh, Co Kildare this weekend.

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Sponsored by the Tatler Jack Bar, scheduled for the weekend of August 31st next. Further information in due course.

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Successful Golf Classic Fundraiser Supports Kerry Mountain Rescue

The presentation of funds raised at the recent Golf Classic took place at Beaufort Golf Club, marking a proud moment for all involved. A fantastic €18,400 was raised for the Kerry Mountain Rescue Team.

Pictured at the presentation were (L to R): John O'Sullivan (Kerry Mountain Rescue), Sheila McCarthy, Laura Furlong, Christy O'Mahony, Mick Ling (Kerry Mountain Rescue), and Gerard Lane.

The organisers would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who supported and contributed to this event, helping to make it an outstanding success in aid of Kerry Mountain Rescue.



1st: Bridget McGuire
2nd: Jennifer Nash
3rd: Brenda Kelleher

COMPETITIONS

Ladies 10 hole Scramble 16th August very kindly sponsored by Ailish Mulcahy. Meet at the club house at 10.00am.

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ON THURSDAY AUG 7TH OUR SENIORS HELD A 10 HOLE STABLEFORD COMPETITION.

The winners were :-

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2nd: Sean Hickey (9) 21pts
3rd: Dermot O'Connor (10) 20pts
4th: Gerard Murphy (13) 19pts

ON FRIDAY AUGUST 8TH WE HELD OUR FRIDAY EVENING MIXED 10 HOLE SCRAMBLE

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2nd: M J O'Sullivan, Cristine Griffin, Elaine Casey, M J Casey
3rd: Betty Farrell, John Ivory, Frank McGuire, Jack

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4th: John Cuskelly, Mary Nash, Joe Scally, Elaine O'Mahony

CONGRATULATIONS to Ross GC member, Jimmie Smith on winning the Captain's Prize in Killarney Golf & Fishing club.

FIXTURES

On Friday August 15th our Friday evening mixed 10 hole scrambles will continue. Please get your name on the entry sheet before 5.30pm to enable us to be playing golf by 6pm. No Late entries allowed.

On August 16th and 17th we will hold a stableford competition, the usual tee time bookings process applies.



Dáithí Ó Sé and Kathryn Thomas steer the ship at the launch of the 2025 Rose of Tralee International Festival as they meet this year's 32 International Roses at MV Cill Airne, North Wall, Dublin. The Rose of Tralee will air on Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 August from 8pm on RTÉ One and RTÉ Player. Picture Andres Poveda

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Killarney's Gallivan Financial Expands with Acquisitions in Kerry Dublin

Kelly O'Shea in Tralee & Mount Street Group in Dublin to join Gallivan Financial. Gallivan Financial's assets under management now more than €650m, with plans to exceed €1bn by year-end

Gallivan Financial, a leading financial planning and wealth management firm based in Killarney, has signed agreements to acquire Tralee-based Kelly O'Shea Pensions & Financial Services and Dublin-based Mount Street Group for an undisclosed sum.

These acquisitions will increase Gallivan Financial's total assets under management (AUM) to more than €650 million. With several additional deals currently in exclusivity, Gallivan is now on track to surpass €1 billion in AUM by the end of this year.

The acquisition of Mount Street Group brings Gallivan's wealth management business into the Dublin market for the first time and was Gallivan Financial's third major transaction in the past two years.

The acquisition of Kelly O'Shea Pensions & Financial Services, which was its fourth deal, strengthens Gallivan Financial's position in Kerry and further enhances its plans for significant growth in the Irish market. Gallivan Financial previously acquired the Killarney-based broker, Vincent Casey Life & Pensions, and the Limerick-based financial advisory company FJ Hanly & Associates.

Mount Street Group currently manages more than €150 million in assets, while Kelly O'Shea Pensions & Financial Services has €40 million in assets under management.

Fergal Smith, Gallivan Financial Managing Director, said: "We're excited to welcome the Mount



Gallivan Financial Managing Director Fergal Smith, Kelly O'Shea Managing Director Aidan Kelly, and Gallivan Financial Founding Director Tadhg Gallivan.

Street and Kelly O'Shea teams to Gallivan Financial. From the outset, it was clear that our shared values and commitment to client-focused advice were strongly aligned.

Our integration plan is centred around continuity - clients will continue working with the same trusted advisors, while benefiting from the broader resources, technology, and expertise of our combined teams.

These partnerships strengthen Gallivan Financial's national footprint while also preserving the personalised service that all

three firms are known for with their clients." Gallivan Financial is majority-owned by the Gallivan family, who previously sold Gallivan Murphy Insurance Brokers (GMIB) to U.S.-based Assured Partners in 2022. Gallivan Financial was not part of that transaction and has now embarked on a significant growth trajectory. Gallivan Financial has made four acquisitions since May 2023 and has other deals in the pipeline. "We see very significant opportunities for consolidation within the sector in the short to medium term," Mr Smith said.

"We are continuing to look for further expansion opportunities, as we seek to expand Gallivan Financial into a very significant player in the growing Irish wealth management sector. We are currently in exclusive negotiations with a number of parties and are hopeful of closing further deals before the year-end."

The acquisition of Mount Street Group and Kelly O'Shea represents another key milestone in Gallivan Financial's expansion strategy, deepening its expertise and extending its footprint beyond the Munster region. As the firm continues to grow, it remains focused on delivering trusted, personalised financial advice at scale - combining local insight with national reach.

The transactions, which are subject to the customary regulatory approvals, are expected to complete within the coming weeks. Following the acquisitions, Gallivan Financial will have offices in Killarney, Limerick, and Dublin. Gallivan Financial has expanded significantly over the past two years. In May 2023, the firm acquired Vincent Casey Life & Pensions, a Killarney-based broker, adding €80 million in AUM. This was followed by the acquisition of Limerick-based financial advisory firm FJ Hanly & Associates in September 2024, contributing an additional €100 million. Gallivan Financial will continue to strengthen its presence, actively pursuing further acquisitions both within its existing geographic footprint and in new markets.

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Office of Public Works Announces Over 100 Events for National Heritage Week 2025

Ross Castle among featured sites for this year's celebration of Ireland's rich cultural past

The Office of Public Works (OPW) has announced a diverse programme of over 100 events set to take place at heritage sites across the country as part of National Heritage Week 2025, running from tomorrow, Saturday, 16 August to Sunday, 24 August.

Organised annually by the Heritage Council, National Heritage Week is recognised as one of Ireland's largest and most engaging cultural events. The OPW's participation ensures that a wide array of its historic sites will host activities aimed at encouraging the public to connect with Ireland's past in informative and enjoyable ways.

The theme for this year, "Exploring Our Foundations," focuses on the enduring structures, landscapes, traditions, and cultural practices that have shaped Irish life through the centuries. Events will include family fun days, living history displays, traditional music performances, interactive workshops, and guided tours, with activities designed to cater to all ages and interests.

Among the highlights of this year's programme is Ross Castle in Killarney, which will offer a special historical tour alongside guided nature walks on Ross Island. These walks will explore the area's Bronze Age copper mining heritage and local biodiversity, providing visitors with a unique opportunity to experience both cultural and natural history in one setting. The OPW has encouraged the public to make the most of this opportunity to rediscover the rich and varied stories behind Ireland's heritage sites.

For full event listings and planning resources, visit heritageireland.ie.



Lough Caum Photo Scoops Top Prize in National Photography Competition

Tralee photographer captures stunning Kerry landscape to win LAWPRO's 'My Favourite Waterbody' competition



Winning photo Lough Caum Kerry: Overall winner of the 'My Favourite Waterbody' national photography competition, Raivis Rodenbikers, from Tralee in Co. Kerry with his photo of Lough Caum.

A breathtaking photo of Lough Caum in County Kerry has earned Tralee-based photographer Raivis Rodenbikers the top prize in the national My Favourite Waterbody photography competition, organised as part of the Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO) World Water Day celebrations.

Rodenbikers' winning shot stood out among 375 entries received from across the country, impressing both an internal shortlisting panel and external judge, environmentalist and author Éanna Ní Lamhna. His image, capturing the tranquil beauty of the Kerry lake, earned him a €500 voucher for Powerscourt Hotel Resort and Spa in Co. Wicklow, along with a framed print of his award-winning photograph.

Three runners-up were also selected, and all winning and shortlisted entries will be showcased in LAWPRO's 2026 calendar, due out later this year. Each winner will receive a copy of the calendar in addition to their prize.

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MICHELIN-TRAINED ALAN KEANEY APPOINTED EXECUTIVE SOUS CHEF

at Aghadoe Heights Hotel and Spa

Alan Keaney has joined the 5-star Aghadoe Heights Hotel and Spa in Killarney as Executive Sous Chef, marking an exciting new chapter for the hotel's dining offerings. From casual plates to refined tasting menus, Aghadoe is highlighting the best of Kerry's seasonal produce.

Originally from Leitrim, Alan brings over 25 years of culinary experience, having worked in three 1-star Michelin restaurants and five 5-star hotels. Most recently, he spent three years as Sous Chef at Cork's Michelin-starred Restaurant Chestnut. His journey began in a local pub in Manorhamilton, where he developed a passion for hospitality. He trained at the National Tourism College Killybegs and went on to work in top kitchens across Ireland and Scotland, including Belfast's Michael Deane's Restaurant and the Balmoral Hotel's Number One Restaurant, both of which maintained Michelin stars and multiple AA Rosettes during his tenure.

Speaking on his new role, Alan said: "I'm delighted to join Aghadoe Heights. Cedric Bottarlini and his team have created something truly special here. My cooking is classical in foundation, but with modern techniques, and I'm looking forward to working with the best of local ingredients to deliver standout dishes."

Alan joins an award-winning team driving innovation at Aghadoe. A newly launched Lounge Menu is winning praise for its locally inspired dishes, while the Lake Room Restaurant continues to offer one of Killarney's premier fine dining experiences, blending Irish tradition with modern flair. A summer highlight has been Plataí Beaga – Kerry Tapas,

served on the terrace every Friday and Saturday evening, small plates with big flavour, paired with lake views and wine. A family-friendly initiative has also been introduced: children under 12 eat free from the kids' menu when two adults dine from the Heights Lounge Sunday Lunch menu.



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CANNONBALL IS COMING TO KILLARNEY

In a scene fit for Her Majesty's Secret Service, Radio Nova's PJ Gallagher and Jim McCabe got to grips with a rare Aston Martin DB11 to announce that the Jack and Jill Children's Foundation is the official charity partner for Cannonball 2025 and Cannonball is coming back to Killarney on Friday September 12th for the first stage finish line at 6pm at The Brehan Hotel. Amid feverish Bond casting rumours and as debates swirl about 007's next Aston Martin, could Agents PJ, Jim and the DB11 be hiding in plain sight?

Cannonball founder Alan Bannon confirmed that Cannonball, the action-packed supercar spectacle is set to roll on September 12th-14th from Johnstown Estate in Enfield taking in Ballymaloe, Killarney, Clare, Sligo, Cavan and finishes in Naas, Co Kildare. Cannonball, fuelled by miles+ from Circle K, is the largest organised road trip in Europe featuring the finest cars on the planet from the awe-inspiring power of Ferrari, Lamborghini and McLaren to the grace and elegance of Porsche, Aston Martin, and Maserati. Over 200,000 spectators are expected with free festivals organised from coast to coast.

Cannonball has already raised €2,024,809 for Irish Children's Charities and brings an

electric atmosphere to host towns all over the country, making it a widely anticipated free family event for spectators. The Jack and Jill Children's Foundation is an Irish children's charity that funds and delivers in-home nursing care, respite support and end-of-life care for children from birth to six years of age with severe learning disability often associated with complex medical needs and is often described as a 'lifeline', giving exhausted parent carers a break from their 24/7 care

regime. Jack and Jill's service operates seven days a week, no means test, no red tape and no waiting list. 95 children in Cork have been cared for by the charity in Co. Kerry since its inception in 1997 and this year 12 children in Kerry are being cared for by Jack and Jill.

Cannonball was founded by Kildare businessman Alan Bannon and the benefit to the host towns for this event is estimated at €2,567,000 per year.



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KILLARNEY CELTIC

CADBURY KICK FIT in association with the FAI continues on Wednesdays at Killarney Celtic. Starting time is 7pm and the training runs for 1 hour until 8pm. It is open to women over 18 years of age and all levels of ability.

CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 3,13,15,21. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €75. Next jackpot €1,800 on Monday August 18th. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through clubzap.

THE KILLARNEY CELTIC GOLF CLASSIC will take place on Saturday September 6th at Beaufort Golf Club. Tee Times are from 7am-4pm. To book a tee time please contact Tim Jones on 087 9771302.

To sponsor a tee box please contact Mary Lyne on 086 648 5809.

KEANES JEWELLERS MUNSTER CHAMPIONS TROPHY QUARTER FINAL

Villa FC 4-0 Killarney Celtic

Celtic A opened their competitive season with a trip to Waterford to play Villa FC in Connors Park. Villa were 2 up at the break and 2 further late goals sent Villa through to the semi finals.

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC

The July draw took place recently
€500: Michael Stam O Donoghue
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€100: Lucas Wawro, Barraduff

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MEK Galaxy's annual Golf Classic is being held on Saturday 13th September in Beaufort Golf Club. With €250 for a team of 4, it's guaranteed to offer a fun day, with goodie bags and great prizes. Tee sponsor is also available (€50) for local businesses. For more information, please contact Maurice on 087 140 1327.

PITCH DEVELOPMENT

MEK are delighted to announce the purchase of a set of brand-new dressing rooms. Also, as part of our pitch development programme, we are hoping to utilise the playing area, with 2

playing pitches for the upcoming season. This a positive step, in which we couldn't have taken without the support of sponsors, local business and families.

If any sponsors/businesses are interested in assisting the club in this phase of our development, please contact Jo Harty on 087 064 6354

AGM

After our recent AGM, there are number personal changes in the MC. The club would like to thank outgoing members Maurice O'Meara (Chairman), Marie Vaughan (CWO) and Danny McClure (PRO) for the support over the years. We would like to welcome our first female chairperson, Jo Harty and Elaine O'Connor as CWO. Check out our socials for up-to-date news!

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HOME DEFEAT FOR KERRY FC

Kerry FC 0-1 Finn Harps

By: David Moriarty

Kerry FC were back at home for the second Friday of four weeks as they took on Finn Harps of Ballybofey in Mounthawk Park. Kerry FC looked like they were turning a corner in form with four points in the Bank Holiday weekend, with a win against Athlone and a draw against Treaty United on Monday evening. They started the same eleven in both games, so a few changes were expected for Friday evening to prevent burnout. For Finn Harps, they had managed just the one win since late June and see themselves slipping down the pecking order in the league table as of late. Both Kerry FC and Finn Harps were level on points going into the game, with seventh place up for grabs; it could be a tough battle in store. The first opportunity of the game came to the visitors from Donegal after nine minutes. A loose pass from Idir Yacine Zerrouck came all the way out to Oran Brogan, who took the shot on first time, but his fine effort was thankfully stopped by Matthew Connor.

The first chance for Kerry FC would come just eight minutes later, a free kick by the halfway line from Oran Crowe was delivered on top of Harps keeper Lorenzo Piaia Barbosa, who made a meal of his collection. The ball was eventually cleared, and a stop to play was made due to a head clash,

taking the sting out of the attack for Kerry.

A moment of surprise came a minute later as Robbie Cleary was judged to have fouled a Harps player with the possibility of a break on. The moment that referee Daryl Carolan blew his whistle, the moans could be heard from downtown Tralee. Had he not blown a big chance could have been on for the hosts.

Kerry FC's biggest chance of the half came in the twenty-sixth minute. A great delivery from the left wing from Ronan Teahan found the head of Robbie Cleary inside the six-yard box, but Barbosa saved it. His header was aimed at the ground and took away most of the challenge for Barbosa to save.

Just a couple of minutes after Cleary's effort, Conor Tourish was denied at the other end by Matthew Connor, who was putting in a fantastic performance inside the opening half an hour. Tourish was in on goal from close range, but Connor was on hand to keep the score level.

On the half-hour mark, Sean McGrath went off injured due to a tackle from Shaunie Bradley, who was very lucky to escape with just a yellow card. Referee Daryl Carola and his linesman did some deliberating but thought the yellow was the correct decision to the bemusement of the Mounthawk Park crowd.

Most of the action in the first half was in the opening half an hour, with the final fifteen minutes of the half being quite scrappy, with very

little going on for either side


Daniel Okwute replaced Kennedy Amechi at halftime and nearly made an instant impact just three minutes into the second half. A great piece of skill from Okwute opened up space for a shot for himself, but it unfortunately went over the crossbar.

Kerry FC would soon regret not capitalising at that stage because just five minutes into the second half, Finn Harps would take the lead. A corner whipped in from the left side found Kieran Cooney, who rose highest to head Harps into an early second-half lead.

The chances for Kerry FC for the majority of the second half were few and far between. The possession stat was the only one they were covering for the majority of the second half, to the dismay of the home crowd.

Deep into injury time, Daniel Okwute received a straight red card for a high foot. The decision was instant, as it had been all night for the visitors. Kerry FC tried late on to get back into the game, but nothing was working, and after six minutes of added time, the whistle blew with Harps taking the three points back to Donegal.

Kerry FC now look ahead to the next round of the Sports Direct Men's FAI Cup, where they take on Cobh Ramblers back home once again in Mounthawk Park next Friday night in what is sure to be a fantastic occasion, as it coincides with the Rose of Tralee festivities in the town.



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takes a look at all things sport...

EAST KERRY BOARD CENTENARY

Let's take a trip down memory lane. Well, not quite living memory, I expect. Let's scan through a few faded old photos and dusty records and try to draw a living, breathing picture of East Kerry back in 1925.

I know that vague image in your head. Indoor plumbing and electricity...yeah, the townies had some chance but God be with the culchies. Far more farming than commerce anyway, but Killarney was a busy town for the times. Mind you, plenty of townies kept pigs, I heard a story one time of people living in the cottages in Glebe Lane who kept cows and would walk it to eat grass on the road verges during the day – I don't know if that's true, but it's quite believable for the time.

There was a higher rate of literacy than you think. Secondary school was unaffordable for most, but the primary schools were genuinely excellent. Mind you, the history curriculum relied a bit too heavily on hoary celtic myths, there was a rush to revisionism in a fledgeling nation. Killarney was still dominated benevolently by the Earls of Kenmare, the Grosnevers. People devoured newspapers. Political allegiances were mostly inherited, but people were very much politically aware. De Valera, loved by many but despised by many more, had his famous idea of comely maidens dancing at the crossroads (he actually made that speech in 1941, even as dancehalls were beginning to take over). He got many, many things right, but his insular vision for Ireland would stifle us economically. Frankly, the vast majority of Ireland was poor, and support for the poor was woefully inadequate. The celtic revival had not really influenced popular music and dancing all that much, but East Kerry has always been blessed in that regard through Sliabh Luachra. The likes of Pádraig O'Keeffe, Denis Murphy, his sister Julia Clifford, Johnny O'Leary....music and laughter were more common staples than you think. For that matter, for those young people who could afford it, there was a new dance craze imported from the US that was all the rage. You think punk or hip hop had cultural ramifications when they emerged? Jazz was a riot of sound and colour that infuriated conservative elders – which, of course, made young people adore it all the more.

Killarney didn't have a cinema just yet, but local councillor Tom Cooper was thinking about it. He would open the Casino Cinema in 1930 before going on to produce and direct 'The Dawn'.

The topic of that movie was one fictional family's



The Sam Maguire took centre place at the East Kerry 100 Year Anniversary. Photo: Seamus Healy



Fr Tom Looney blesses the spot where East Kerry GAA was founded on the 100 Year Anniversary. Photo: Seamus Healy

involvement in the Fenian Uprising. Given the subject matter, he wasn't making that movie in 1925! Kerry and Cork had been enormously active during the War of Independence and the Civil War....it remains truly astonishing that the justified bitterness on both sides (awful things have been documented by far better people than me; I'll not narrate any of those stories just now, although I believe it's important that the history be remembered so that hopefully it will never be repeated) did not linger far longer. The GAA was a big reason why – the organisation was strongly pro-nationalist, but staunchly resisted IRA dominance despite several attempts to take it over – with the active participation of some prominent republicans in Kerry. They never succeeded, and Free Staters and Republicans in Kerry could (and did) discuss the Kerry team amicably. Sounds like a small thing? It really wasn't, not in that climate.

The GAA was beginning to really thrive in Kerry, having been in dire straits at the turn of the century. A lot of the credit has to go to the County Secretary, Din Joe Bailey. More has to go to John Joe Sheehy, arguably Kerry's most prominent republican, and Free State captain Con Brosnan. Both of them saw atrocities during the Civil War, but put their differences aside on the field of play.

In 1924 Kerry had invited a medical officer with St. Finians Mental Hospital, himself a noted athlete and son of one of Kerry's greatest, to train the Kerry team. Dr. Eamonn O'Sullivan wouldn't actually graduate until 1925, but he already knew his stuff. John Joe Sheehy famously emerged from the crowd, despite being on the run. Brosnan, who never allowed politics into the dressing room (a wise choice, most of the Kerry team were IRA supporters) had brokered a truce. Kerry beat Tipperary,

Cork, Clare, Mayo, and finally Dublin (that game actually took place in April, Kerry having lost the 1923 All Ireland Final to Dublin the previous September).

Which brings us to the 1925 All Ireland. Lads, I'd say fasten seatbelts for this one!

I'd argue that was as good a team as Kerry ever produced. Jack Sheehy in goal. Joe Barrett full back, Phil the Master in the corner. A half back line of Paul Russell, Jack Walsh, and Pluggy Moriarty. Brosnan and Stack in midfield. Up front Mundy Prendiville, only just ordained (he was expelled from All Hallows, allegedly for sneaking out to play in an All Ireland - All Hallows have a different version - only to complete his studies in St. Peters and eventually become Archbishop of Perth), with Tom Moriarty and John Joe Sheehy on either side. Jackie Ryan, the Baileys, the eldest of the Landers brothers....every one of them had football, and Dr. Eamonn knew how to bring it out.

Fine start. Goals from the Bailey brothers James and John and Bill 'Lang' Landers saw off Tipperary. Cork up next. That was a serious Cork team, but 2-4 from John Joe Sheehy and 1-2 from Tom O'Mahony gave Kerry a surprisingly comfortable victory. We need not say too much about an unfortunate Clare in the Munster Final - Kerry scored five goals and Clare couldn't raise a single flag.

On to the business end. This is where things get....interesting! Cavan were a serious power at the time - Jim Smith is almost definitely the greatest footballer that you have never heard of - and had real ambitions. They lorded Ulster and would win three All Irelands in the 1930s. Kerry eventually prevailed in a great contest by a single point, 1-7 to 2-3.

At which point, Cavan lodged an objection, stating that Phil 'The Master' O'Sullivan was illegal, having already played twice that year with Dublin clubs. It was true, of course, but it was true of half the players in Ireland. Kerry were unhappy about the objection. Central Council upheld the objection. Kerry decided the same sauce would do for goose as gander and pointed out that two Cavan players were illegal. It was a heated meeting, to say the least. Historian Dr. Richard McElligott notes that the Munster Secretary was supposed to have called Cavan 'a bunch of beggarmen' and that Dick Fitzgerald supposedly remarked that "Craig (Prime Minister of Northern Ireland) was not rubbing it in hard enough on us". Not so much oil on troubled waters as napalm!

Right, said Central Council, ye're both expelled. Mayo had beaten Wexford in the other semi-final, so Mayo were declared to be champions. Hold your horses, it gets even better. You see, gaelic football was not quite in tune with the calendars in those days, so Mayo had been representing Connaught as the 1924 provincial winners. The 1925 Connaught Final was yet to be played, and when it was, Galway defeated Mayo. Galway and Mayo were invited to a Central Council meeting. Mayo were anxious to make the train home that night; Galway had booked a hotel. Mayo left, probably assuming that President Paddy Breen would impose some semblance of common sense. Good luck



GAA President Jarleth Burnes at the East Kerry 100 Year Anniversary. Photo: Seamus Healy

with that - Mayo's delegates found out the next day that Galway were All Ireland champions by default. The first Connaught county to 'win' an All Ireland. Embarrassing all round. Poor Paddy Breen, a decent man and early opponent of the ban on foreign games, only lasted two years as GAA President. People in Kerry, Mayo, and Wexford (Breen had won All Irelands with both Dublin and Wexford) will say it was two years too long.

The Kerry Juniors, including Dicko Clifford and future Olympian Eamonn Fitzgerald, lost out to Cork in the Munster semi-final.

After a five year lapse, the Senior County Championship was started again. Only five teams entered, Tralee, Killarney, Cahirsiveen, Dingle, and Listowel. The Tralee Mitchels, unsurprisingly, beat Listowel in the final - Mitchels would dominate Kerry GAA so much that in three years time, they would be split into three strong clubs. I should say that the 1925 County Final took place in April 1927.

It was at local level that Kerry GAA was beginning a change that would prove seismic. I will quote the Laune Rangers website on the history of the matter. The Laune Rangers website, by the by, is quite possibly the most comprehensive history of Kerry football year by year that I have ever come across. It is more comprehensive - not equal to, more - than a search through the library records of newspapers at the time. A truly astonishing work. There is some talk that one of the club's most prominent stalwarts has been asked by the County Board to help compile a history of Kerry football - said individual is one of the giants of Kerry GAA in my honest opinion and I certainly hope it is true.

The Terrace Talk website of Alan Groarke, originally set up to archive Weeshie Fogarty's TerraceTalk radio programme, is another brilliant resource and contains Austin Stacks' man Tim Slattery's stats on Kerry teams.

"The Annual Convention of the Kerry Co. Board was held in the Courthouse, Tralee on Sat. 28th March. A Listowel motion to divide the county into four divisions (North, South, East and West), each area to form a Divisional

Board and be responsible for the running of championships, etc. was passed. It was decided to have sub-boards in Tralee, Killarney, Dingle, Cahersiveen and Listowel and that the selection committee for the Co. Senior Football team would be composed of a representative from each of those areas together with a chairman appointed by the Co. Board (Tom Costello)."

The inaugural meeting of the East-Kerry Divisional League was held in the Central Club, Killarney on Sun. 17th May. There were delegates from Killarney, Currow, Farranfore, Furies, Kenmare, Headford, Kilcummin and Killorglin. The following officers were elected: Chairman - Dick Fitzgerald (Dr. Crokes), Vice-Chairman - Humphrey Murphy (Currow), Hon. Secretaries - Paul Russell (Dr. Crokes) and Michael O Leary (do.), Treasurers - Con Healy, Killarney and Pat O Mahony (do.). Draws were made for the League/Championship.

Kilcummin would go on to win that first ever East Kerry Senior League. The whole reason why Listowel had proposed the motion was because they had established the first Town League in Kerry football and it had attracted a huge amount of people to keenly contested games. Realistically, with only five County Championship teams at the time and no county leagues, how many games could an ordinary enough footballer get? With the Town Leagues, plenty. Tralee - and to be fair, Tralee was both the crucible and heartbeat of Kerry GAA at the time - had adopted the Town League system and it had a remarkable, almost transformative effect. Tralee people absolutely loved the game - remember, Kerry had actually worn Mitchels' jerseys (green with a red trim) for their first All Ireland. Now a lot of people had to chance to play it for the sake of pride in their native place. Jerome O'Shea used to say that the dividing line used to be the water pump in the street between 'up the town' and 'down the town'. He was one of the great footballers to learn his craft through those games.

With the founding of the East Kerry Board and a keenly contested East Kerry League, it had the same transformative effect around Killarney. Kerry football was about to enter into a golden

age. Kerry had just played in three All Ireland finals, losing two of them. They were about to play in a lot more, and East Kerry were going to play a big part.

Last Wednesday Uchtaráin CLG Jarlath Burns and an East Kerry delegation were led by a piper along College St. (so named because it was the original location of the Pres. Monastery) to Lana Thai Asian Street Food restaurant to erect a plaque in commemoration. A hundred years ago it was the Central Club, and it was there that the East Kerry Board was formally founded. Little acorns....

Just think about today. Not the Sam Maguire, although it's great to have it back. Not the County Championships, even if East Kerry (4) or Dr. Crokes (4) have won eight of the last ten County Championships. That isn't the point of the East Kerry Board. It's about getting games in a good environment for kids, nurturing skills, fostering community spirit and celebrating community spirit. They have been doing it for a hundred years. I hope they keep doing it over the coming millenia.

OFFALY HOLD OUT TO SEE OFF KERRY CHALLENGE

Camogie Intermediate All Ireland

Offaly 0-14 Kerry 0-11

Offaly were a senior side and regularly contesting in the latter stages of the championship a decade ago, and only finally made the drop down to Intermediate in 2023. In fairness, they have blooded a lot of young players both last year and this year, but that core of experience counts when you get to Croke Park and it was no surprise to see the Faithful County make a blistering start. Clodagh Leahy made a deft pick-up and calmly fired the opening score on the turn before adding two frees in as many minutes. Patrice Diggin did open Kerry's account after Amy O'Sullivan was fouled, but Mairead Teehan was on hand at the end of a superb Offaly move to make it 0-4 to 0-1.

Good work by Jackie Horgan allowed Patrice Diggin to double her own and Kerry's tally. Kerry's front players were showing plenty of industry, but with Kerry's half forward line being forced to bail water in an enthralling midfield battle, it meant that they were too isolated for the most part.

Cleary, Leahy, and a roving Grace Teehan were giving Offaly the edge in that midfield battle, despite genuinely heroic work by Patrice Diggin and an outstanding Caoimhe Spillane. Offaly weren't putting it on the scoreboard, though, with four wides on the trot, largely a result of Kerry getting pressure on the shooters. In fact, just on the quarter hour mark another foul on Jackie Horgan that left her limping saw Patrice level matters from a tricky enough angle. 0-4 apiece – it wasn't a fair reflection of the balance of play.

Rachel McCarthy brilliantly managed to flick

the ball away from Clodagh Leahy as she started to cut in goal. It came at the expense of a '45 converted by Leahy, but it was well worth it.

Grace Teehan had already had a narrow wide for Offaly, but she made no mistake with her second attempt and they nudged two clear, 0-6 to 0-4.

Kerry had definitely found their feet after those initial nerves and were growing into the game now. Jackie Horgan laid off to Kate Lynch for a superb point from distance before winning another free for Patrice Diggin.

Offaly were stringing some superb passes together, though, and one such move helped Grace Teehan notch her second score. Aoife Liffey split the posts from distance and there were two points between them again. Kerry had the final word, though, with Patrice Diggin pointing from play just before the break.

Half-time Offaly 0-8 Kerry 0-7

There was some great defending on both sides early on the resumption, with the first score taking almost ten minutes to arrive. Great pressure by Jackie Horgan saw Offaly cough up a '45 converted by Patrice and Kerry were back on level terms. The irrepressible Grace Teehan soon hit back, though, and a foul on Mairead Teehan saw Clodagh Leahy make it 0-10 to 0-8 in Offaly's favour.

The pivotal moment arrived as we neared the 45 minute mark. Patrice Diggin's long ball in was cleverly batted down to Jackie Horgan who rounded the last defender and shot to her left, only for a well-positioned goalkeeper Emer Reynolds to parry. Shannon Collins swooped in to try and force the loose ball into an empty net but just couldn't connect cleanly and a defender got back to scoop it out. This time Ellen O'Donoghue won the rebound but with the goalmouth now well guarded, she wisely settled for a point. A good score, and an important score, but it could have been and so very nearly was so much more. As the saying goes, some days you'd have no luck at all if it wasn't for bad luck!

There was still just one point between them, 0-10 to 0-9. Clodagh Leahy soon turned that into two. Kerry's defence, especially Michelle Costello, Sara Murphy, and Rachel McCarthy in the full back line were doing trojan work to keep Offaly at bay.

Patrice Diggin, an absolute dynamo now for Kerry, won and converted another free. Caoimhe Spillane won another, but this time the distance was that little bit too much.

Grace Teehan found a fraction of space to split the posts for a crucial score, and then won a free for Clodagh Leahy. A goal between them now.

Kerry absolutely had to get the next score....but it was Grace Teehan again who drew the foul and tapped it over herself. Four points between them, and the last few grains of sand falling down the hourglass....

Patrice Diggin did pick off one last free for Kerry, but that was as good as it got, with Offaly celebrating the Jack McGrath Cup and with it their promotion back to senior ranks. A tough one for a Kerry side who have given it absolutely everything. It will sound like cold enough comfort at a time like this to say that

not only have they done themselves and their county proud, but that they aren't far away from the very top tier in their own right.

Offaly: Emer Reynolds, Sharon Shanahan, Amy Byrne, Megan King, Orlagh Phelan, Roisín Kinsella, Aoife Liffey (0-1), Christine Cleary, Clodagh Leahy (0-7, 4f, 1'45), Grace Teehan (0-5, 1f), Ciara Maher, Fianait Dooley, Ellen Regan, Mairead Teehan (0-1), Kate Pilkington. Subs Faye Mulrooney (for Ciara Maher, 32), Cathy Fogarty (for Megan King, 47), Orla Kilmartin (for Kate Pilkington, 49), Megan Kennedy (for Aoife Liffey, 57), Caoimhe O'Donovan (for Christine Cleary, 59)

Kerry: Aoife Fitzgerald, Michelle Cosello, Sara Murphy, Rachel McCarthy, Roisín Quinn, Niamh Leen, Aoife Behan, Patrice Diggin (0-8, 6f, 1'45), Caoimhe Spillane, Ruth O'Connor, Kate Lynch (0-1), Ann-Marie Leen, Ellen O'Donoghue (0-1), Jackie Horgan (0-1), Amy O'Sullivan. Subs Shannon Collins (for Ann-Marie Leen, half-time), Kathryn Ryan (for Amy O'Sullivan, 49), Emma Conway (for Ellen O'Donoghue, 59) Referee: Donnacha O'Callaghan (Limerick)

ELECTRIC IRELAND MINOR TEAM OF THE YEAR

It's always interesting. I wouldn't say it is always significant or meaningful – I honestly don't know who selected the Minor Team of the Year back in 2018, but literally anyone who had attended the games would have been better. Overall winners Kerry, understandably, had the most players named on that team, and even one or two in the right positions; that was as good as it got. But since then, there has definitely been more thought put into it. In any given year, you could quibble about one or two positions (we can quibble about anything; we are Irish) but the selections tend to be fair and merited.

Are they too heavily balanced in favour of the finalists? Ah, yes, absolutely. This year 13 of the 15 players played in the All Ireland Final. The losing semi-finalists have a player each. It was a more even distribution last year. Finalists Derry and Armagh had 9 players between them, semi-finalists Kerry (3 – Kacper Robak, Ben Murphy, and Gearóid White) and Mayo (3) made up the rest. In 2023? Winners Derry had 6 places, losing finalists Mayo had 5. Semi-finalists Kerry had 2 (Ben Murphy and Paddy Lane) and Dublin had 1. Lo and behold, quarter-finalists Mayo had a representative, Eoin McGreal at wing back. Fully deserved, too. But in three years, only one person selected played on a team that didn't reach a semi-final. It feels a little bit unbalanced to me. Players from a county with a strong 'tradition' (as in a populous playing population with a cultural emphasis on the sport, an ongoing commitment to development models, and strong club and school bases) are starting with a huge advantage. To say that there is an unconscious bias in their favour is an understatement.

And I get it, I really do. First of all, a player produces the goods in 7 or 8 games in a row

is going to get more recognition than one and done. Second, absolutely no player gets to feature in the latter stages without being good. If nothing else, there's a deep queue behind them right from the start, whereas for some counties they are mending and making do with what they have got. I'm not being critical, but in five Munster counties, if you are told you could make the hurling panel or the football one, but only one (as is the norm since Tipperary's dual losses in All Ireland minor finals in 2015), almost all players will be bringing their camán to training. That's just how it is.

The thing about it that irks me a bit is that it makes it that little bit harder for the special talents in weaker counties to blossom, and I just think in principle that the sport should be about equal opportunity at the starting level. Think about the Declan Brownes, the Mattie Fordes, the John Galvins....they had to come harder roads in football than any Kerry footballer with less chances of success or recognition. The converse, of course, is true for Kerry hurlers. I'd say few enough people reading this realise how good Michael and Brendan Hennessy or Christy Walsh were.

I'm digressing a bit, but that inclination towards the high profile teams and players continues at higher grades. On rare occasions, media reporters are asked as a collective to select the man of the match recipient (I won't lie; the impact of the ego boost in the press box is like scattering sweets among toddlers, God love us). Now, I always try to do it honestly and I try to select the most influential player over the course of the game. Not the most prolific scorer. Not the producer of the greatest highlight, no matter how spectacular. It can be a man marking job, a playmaker, a sheer dynamic worker that doesn't stop. It can be some-one from the losing side, absolutely. I don't understand why not.

But I want to paint you a possible scenario. I'll be covering club championship games over the next while (obviously; it's going to be all hands on deck. In fact, with so many games going on, we are dependent on PROs to do it justice). So I am likely to be watching county players in club games. Imagine watching Fossa, say, and David Clifford isn't man of the match (I wrote that bit before Fossa's game against Mitchels)? Ballydonoghue and Jason Foley? I could go on. The players themselves wouldn't mind, they really wouldn't.

Another factor is that high profile players make for high profile sports stories. If the likes of David Clifford or Jason Foley stand out in a club game, the national media outlets will buy that story (to be honest, a lot of the online sites that you see just copy them without paying) because their audiences will pay attention. So there's both incentive and pressure to pick the high profile player.

Look, I digress. I should probably have kept these thoughts to myself until the Senior All Star selection. And in the All Stars, by the way, there used to be a strong pattern of at least one wild card selection that would be highly criticised. Almost foment public fury, if you were to believe the media reports (mmmm.... don't). See, it's always been about attention;

that's why there are awards ceremonies in sport besides the medals. Criticism is still attention, and clickbait existed long before you 'clicked' on anything.

Ah, look, this is nothing to do with the players selected here. They did themselves and their counties proud and deserve that acknowledgement.

Incidentally – and this is just a statistical observation, I wouldn't draw any conclusions – Kerry have had three two-time winners in the past three years, Gearóid White ('24, '25), Ben Murphy ('23, '24) and Paddy Lane ('22, '23). All three play with Austin Stacks.

This is this year's Minor Team of the Year:

Goalkeeper: Ronan Donnelly (Tyrone)

Full Back Line: Elliott Kerr (Tyrone) Pádraig Goodman (Tyrone) Ronan Sheridan (Kerry)

Half Back Line: Danny Murphy (Kerry) David Sargent (Kerry) Aodhán Quinn (Tyrone)

Midfield: James Mulgrew (Tyrone) John Curtin (Kerry)

Half Forward Line: Dara Curran (Roscommon) Peter Colton (Tyrone) Gearóid White (Kerry)

Full Forward Line: Ben Kelliher (Kerry) Eoin Long (Tyrone) Ben Holmes (Mayo)

SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Group One, Austin Stacks 1-18 Templenoe 1-5

Austin Stacks are right back among the top of the pile in Kerry, making the transition from Intermediate to senior look seamless. They were missing a good few bodies, with the likes of Joe O'Connor and Daniel Kirby only playing a half or less, and they were still in control here throughout. Armin Heinrich burst forward for five points, while Paddy Lane had 1-4 from a roving role. Adrian Spillane got Templenoe's goal early in the second half, but they trailed by seven points at half-time and it always looked too steep a hill to climb.

Group Two, Kenmare Shamrocks



The crowding enjoying the Beaufort v Gneeveguilla game. Photos by Lucy Shalimova, Fitzgerald Stadium PR

2-20 Dingle 0-13

Dingle were hugely depleted but 0-6 from Conor Geaney had them in the driving seat, leading 0-10 to 0-5 at half-time. However, Kenmare brought on Paul O'Connor at half-time, allowing both Seán O'Shea and Donal Down O'Sullivan to drop a little deeper and Kenmare totally dominated after that, winning the second half by 2-15 to 0-3.

Group Three, Dr. Crokes 2-14 Spa 0-13

Tony Brosnan teed up Gavin O'Shea for an early goal but Spa took control to open up a 0-7 to 1-0 lead, with Dan O'Donoghue, Dara Moynihan and Evan Cronin leading the way. Dr. Crokes didn't get their first point until the 21st minute, but scorer Tony Brosnan had no less than six to his name by half-time. The third quarter was a cracker, Niall McCarthy making some superb catches for Spa. They trailed by 1-8 to 0-10 at that point, but Crokes put on the afterburners at that point, Cian McMahon goaling after more good work by Brosnan, while Spa couldn't deal with Gavin White's pace. There may have been a little bit of rust about their slow start, but the champions clearly aren't going anywhere, while Spa will take a lot of encouragement from a good overall display.

INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Group One, Fossa 2-19 John Mitchels 1-11

One particular Fossa forward caught the eye. Ted O'Gorman played Corn uí Mhuirí for St. Brendans last year and has really blossomed as a footballer, ending up with five points to his name. Oh yeah, a certain David Clifford did alright as well, kicking 1-6 from play in the first half alone. Look, practically every national newspaper had a photo of David on Monday morning. He finished with 1-8. Mitchels did what they could, they really did, but what can you actually do? Mitchels' Cian Holden gave



Action from the Beaufort v Gneeveguilla game.. Photos by Lucy Shalimova, Fitzgerald Stadium PR

them hope in the first half with a slightly lucky goal. Minutes later David was slicing in to drill to the net. He set up Matt Rennie for another one in the second half. I repeat, what can you actually do? I'd be amazed if Fossa don't qualify from here, and Kilcummin are obviously in pole position to join them.

Group Two, Laune Rangers 2-15 Killarney Legion 1-13

A tough one for Legion; a great win for Laune Rangers. Legion made a very strong start with Denis Sheahan's goal and Ryan O'Grady's accuracy giving them a 1-3 to 0-0 lead. However, Laune Rangers soon drew level, Gearóid Hassett outstanding and Ciarán O'Sullivan with the goal. John Tyther's penalty helped Laune Rangers into a 2-8 to 1-6 half-time lead and, with Eoin Clifford enhancing a growing reputation with every game, Laune Rangers were always able to pick off the crucial scores. They will rattle the doors again.

Group Two, Listowel Emmets 1-15 Ballydonoghue 1-15

A right tough North Kerry game by all accounts, and very good football. Jason Foley was the prime mover for Ballydonoghue and landed a great two pointer, while Joe Joe Grimes and Cormac Mulvihill stood out for Listowel. Ballydonoghue were down a lot of players, and only led by one at the break before turning to face a strong wind. With Jason Foley pointing and then setting up Kieran Lynch for a goal, Ballydonoghue led by four but were caught late on by points from Sam Tarrant and Joe Joe Grimes. One that got away, and it could prove costly for Ballydonoghue later on.

Group Three, Glenflesk 0-16 St. Marys 0-15

Talk about down to the wire! It was pretty much point for point in the first half, with Dylan Roche denied a goal by a superb save from Bryan Sheehan. The veteran's long kick-outs and frees were a key weapon for St. Marys and he also rove forward to score from play. He landed a great two pointer free late on as Marys pushed three points in front, but Darragh Roche slotted

two frees. With virtually the last play of the game, Marc Kelliher came forward to land a monster kick of his own for two points and a very precious win.

Group Three, An Ghaeltacht 0-13 Castleisland Desmonds 0-13

An Ghaeltacht stormed into a 0-6 to 0-0 lead thanks to Eanna Ó Chonchúir and Ruaidhrí Ó Beaglaíoch. It would have been more but for a great save by Stephen Bartlett from Ó Chonchúir. A brilliant two pointer from former Cork star Aidan Walsh made it 0-8 to 0-4. However, Luka Brosnan, Brian Leonard, and Ruairí Burke helped Desmonds back into it. The second half was a real role reversal. Adam Donoghue absolutely took over midfield, Thomas Hickey came on as a playmaker, and now it was Listowel who looked likely winners. Tomás O Sé (Pádraig's son) excelled for An Ghaeltacht in that second half, and in the end a draw was a fair result.

Group Four, Kerins O'Rahilly's 1-17 Glenbeigh-Glencar 1-15

Glenbeigh/Glencar trailed by 0-5 to 0-1 early on but were unlucky when Rahillys Rob O'Connor made a brilliant double save. Caolim Teahan brought Glenbeigh/Glencar back into it but free-taker Darragh O'Connor ensured that Rahillys led by 0-8 to 0-4 at the break. A brace from Barry John Keane and a goal by Darragh O'Connor put Rahillys ten points clear early in the second half. Glenbeigh/Glencar deserve credit for a brilliant fightback that saw them whittle that lead all the way back down to two, but Rahillys held on for the win.

Group Four, Beaufort 0-20 Gneeveguilla 0-11

Fergal Hallissey's accuracy and a Darragh O'Connor two pointer propelled Beaufort into a 0-5 to 0-1 lead. Gneeveguilla got back to level, but Beaufort kicked the next three points and they led at half-time by 0-9 to 0-7. With Hallissey and the O'Connor brothers looking dangerous, Beaufort led by three heading into the last quarter and they finished very strongly to wrap up an important opening win.

JUNIOR PREMIER

Group One, Ballyduff 2-13

Waterville Frank Caseys 0-7

A two pointer free for Kevin O'Connor pushed Ballyduff into a 0-7 to 0-3 lead after a closely contested opening twenty minutes. Staefáin Carrig's goal gave them a 1-9 to 0-3 half-time lead and Kerry hurler Dylan Moriarty's green flag in the second half wrapped it up. Cillian O'Shea at the back, Evan Boyle also impressed. Oran Clifford and Jack Curran tried very hard for Waterville.

Group Two, Listry 1-18 Churchill 2-13

That's a huge win for Listry in a cracking game of football. Churchill had an early goal from Jack Dolan but Cathal O'Donoghue cancelled it out midway through the first half to give his side a 1-6 to 1-4 lead. He already had a two pointer and Aaron O'Shea added another one to help his side into a 1-11 to 1-5 lead. Churchill closed out the half with a two pointer.

Listry, with the Murphy brothers and Pádraig O'Donoghue impressing, hit the opening two points of the second half but Churchill replied with 1-4 on the trot, including a goal from Ivan Parker. 2-10 to 1-13, game on! Listry got the next three points, but Churchill replied from play and a two pointer free. Pádraig O'Donoghue nudged Listry in front and a last free closed out a great win.

Group Two, St. Senans 1-20 Currow 0-23

Yeah, okay, I'm sure you have all heard about this one. Basically, St. Senans kicked a long range free to go ahead by one – according to the umpire's white flag. Currow came down the field and kicked an equaliser.

At which point it was made clear that St. Senans point had been outside the arc and had been, in fact, a two pointer. So it seems that both teams thought it was a draw, but Senans had actually won by a point....little bit bizarre.

Look, it's a mistake. It happens; I've made millions of them myself. But I wasn't slogging my

guts out for weeks preparing for championship, either. There are likely to be appeals etc. no matter what. Either way, let there be no furore. Both clubs are decent people who know that officials are as human as themselves. I'm sure there will be plenty try to stir the pot from the outside; there always is. Leave them off, you don't reward toddlers for being bold and you don't ever feed trolls.

Group Three, St Patrick's Blennerville 1-16 Dromid Pearses 2-13

Dromoda na Piarasigh had goals in either half. It was nip and tuck at half-time, 1-5 to 0-8, but a second goal had Dromid leading by six with seven minutes left on the clock. A superb late rally saw St. Pats Blennerville notch 1-3 in just the last four minutes to earn a vital point. Dromid will view this as one that got away.

Group 3, Ballymac 2-14 Castlegregory 0-15

With sharpshooters Cian O'Grady and Donal Daly impressing for either side, Castlegregory led by two at the break, 0-9 to 0-7. O'Grady extended the lead but Ballymac, profligate in the first half, hit a vein of form to nail six in a row, including Daire Keane's goal, to lead by five. Cian O'Grady kicked 0-4 from frees (1tpf) to leave just one between them but Donal Daly pointed and Vinny Horan's late goal wrapped

up a Ballymac victory.

Group Four, Keel 1-15 Ardferf 1-11

Keel had a blistering start, Micheál Byrne's goal and two points from centre back Liam Evans helping them into a 1-6 to 0-0 lead. Keel, especially the outstanding Keith Evans, simply had too much pace for last year's finalists. Nathan O'Driscoll did kick some good scores for Ardferf and Colin Walsh struck for a goal. At half-time it was 1-9 to 1-6. The third quarter was a very close affair, with Cian Flynn two pointer for Cian Flynn keeping daylight between them. They finished the stronger side for a bit of a statement victory.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP Group Two, Lispole 1-19 Cromane 0-13

It was 0-8 apiece after a closely contested first half and Lios Póil led by just two points, 0-12 to 0-10, at the three quarter mark. A supery struck Colm Hurley penalty put Lios Póil in charge. The outstanding Cian Ó Cinnéide really cut loose in the last quarter, with his brother Cormac and Declan O'Sullivan also kicking some very important scores on the way to an important win.

Group Two, Kilgarvan 2-17 Tuosist 1-11

Two wins for two for high-flying Kilgarvan. They led by 1-6 to 0-5 at the break and always had the upper hand thereafter. Kerry hurler Daniel Casey had 1-4, Corey Murphy with the other goal, Jimmy Kelliher had 0-4, Patrick O'Shea 0-3, and Cathal Kelliher, Jack Foley, and Tadhg O'Donoghue kicked a brace each.

Group Three, Sneem/Derrynane 3-14 Scartaglin 1-11

Sneem/Derrynane always looked in control here and led by 1-6 to 0-3 at half-time. Eddie Horan and Shay Walsh tried very hard for Scartaglin and Niall Casey found the net for them in the last quarter, but Sneem/Derrynane ended up as worthy winners. Scartaglin and Tarbert have a win and a draw respectively and their meeting in the final round should be an absolute cracker.

Group Three, Tarbert 1-14 St Michael's-Foilmore 1-14

St. Michaels/Foilmore had the best performer in the game in Ian O'Sullivan, and his penalty and long-range shooting had them in front by 1-9 to 0-7 at half-time. However, Tarbert rallied well, substitute Micheal Normile with the crucial goal and a sharp John Coolahan picking off five points on their way to securing a very precious draw.



The Glenflesk team who won the Eoin Moynihnan & Maurice 'Mottie' U14 Memorial Photo: Seamus Healy

KILLARNEY RFC CLUB

MUNSTER SENIOR DEBUT

A huge congratulations to Lily Morris who made her debut for the Munster Senior Women's team at the weekend in the Vodafone Women's Interprovincial Championship Round 1 clash against Connacht at Virgin Media Park. Lily and the Munster side produced a superb display, running in eight tries to secure a 44-5 victory. Everyone at Killarney RFC is incredibly proud of Lily's achievement – a fantastic milestone in her rugby journey.

Lily Morris



SENIOR RUGBY

Our Senior Men's team hosted Division 1 side Newcastle West RFC on Sunday in a tough pre-season friendly. The match gave our coaches the chance to test combinations and blood new talent, with three players proudly earning their first senior caps. Despite the challenge, the lads showed great spirit and determination ahead of the upcoming Munster Junior League campaign.

GIRLS RUGBY

Training for our U16 and U18 Girls teams resumes this Wednesday evening at 7pm at Aghadoe. All players are asked to be ready to hit the ground running as we prepare for another competitive season. New players are always welcome – no experience necessary, just bring boots, a gumshield and plenty of enthusiasm!

BEHIND THE SCENES

A big thank you to our dedicated volunteers who have been working tirelessly over the summer to prepare our pitches and facilities for the season ahead. From mowing and lining to general upkeep, their hard work ensures our players have top-class grounds to train and play on.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Killarney RFC welcomes players of all ages and abilities, as well as non-playing members, coaches and volunteers. Whether you're returning to rugby, trying it for the first time, or simply want to be part of a thriving community club, we'd love to hear from you. Membership is now open.

CONTACT US

For more information on training times, upcoming fixtures, or how to get involved, visit killarneyrugby.com or follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB

RESULTS FOR 7TH AUGUST

1st: Marie Moloney & Joan Lenihan

2nd: Marie O'Sullivan Kenmare & Horst Rosler

3rd: Phyllis O'Regan & Maura B Moynihan

Congratulations, well done.

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

MUCKCROSS ROWING

CLUB

EVENTS

On Saturday, September 6th, the club will compete in the annual Kenmare Endurance Regatta which is a long distance coastal event. We are also eagerly looking forward to the annual Killarney Regatta, which is taking on a new fixture for 2025 on Sunday, September 14th.

HER SPORT TRY ROWING

The HER Outdoors Week, supported by Sport Ireland, was held this week with the club running a successful Try Rowing series earlier this week for girls aged 11-15. HER Outdoors Week seeks to celebrate and encourage women in sport. From Sunday to Tuesday last, the club welcomed a number of first time rowers to the club to try out the sport. Well done to all those who took part and a big thank you to all our coaches who helped out over the three days.

NEW MEMBERS

As we approach the start of a new school year, a new flatwater rowing season also approaches. We will be welcoming new members once more in the coming weeks. Watch this space for further details and follow our social media pages.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Jonah Kirby of Kenmare Rowing and Boat Club and to his crewmate Jack Rafferty of St. Michael's Rowing Club in Limerick, who made history last weekend as the first Irish crew to win a gold medal at the U19 World Rowing Championships, which were held in Lithuania. Jonah and Jack enjoyed a sensational World Championships, dominating their heat, semi final and final races with a final winning margin of seven seconds.

All-Ireland Winners Paudie and David Clifford Join Star-Studded Pro Am line-up at Amgen Irish Open

The countdown is on for the 2025 Amgen Irish Open, returning to The K Club's Palmer North Course from September 4-7, with the Celebrity Pro-Am teeing off the action on Wednesday, September 3.

Taking part in the Celebrity Pro-Am on Wednesday, September 3 are All-Ireland winners – Tipperary Hurling Captain Ronan Maher and Kerry footballers Paudie and David Clifford. Also joining the line-up is influencer Dearbhla Silke (formerly known as Belle Azzure) who is known for her health, fitness & lifestyle content.

They'll be joining an already impressive cast of sporting legends including Ireland rugby star Josh van der Flier, and former internationals Johnny Sexton and Tommy Bowe. Additional celebrity names will be revealed in the lead-up to the event.

The main event sees Rory McIlroy return to the scene of his dramatic 2016 win, following a Grand Slam season and his triumph at the 2025 Masters. He'll be joined by a top-class field that includes: 2019 Open Championship

winner Shane Lowry, three-time Major Champion Pádraig Harrington, two-time PGA TOUR winner Séamus Power, Ryder Cup Captain Luke

Donald and 2024 Amgen Irish Open Winner Rasmus Højgaard. Further star names are still to be announced between now and September.

The Amgen Irish Open offers much more than world-class golf – it's a full festival experience. Across the Championship Village, fans can enjoy live music, family-friendly activities, great food, and more.

The Stunning will take to the main stage at The K Club on Saturday, September 6, bringing their high-energy show and fan favourites like Brewing Up a Storm for what promises to be another unforgettable night.

On Sunday, September 7, Simple Things will close the festival with their signature blend of pop, rock, soul, and modern chart-toppers. Known for rich harmonies and crowd-pleasing energy, they'll deliver everything from mellow acoustic numbers to full-throttle party anthems





KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL STOPPING HOUSE BUILDING IN KERRY

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

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

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

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

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



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



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

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



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

FOSSA

LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 10/08/2025 for a jackpot of €12,150 were 3, 8, 12, 16. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Damien Clerkin, Vera Murphy, Mary Gardiner, Ian Blake, The Talbots.

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>

COUNTY LEAGUE DIV.4 FINAL

Fossa produced a brilliant performance in their county league final against Cordal in Currow on Wednesday evening. Fossa had the aid of the wind in the first half and they made it count when Dylan O'Meara landed a monster two pointer in the second minute. Ryan Brady in goal made a couple of superb saves in quick succession before Karl James O'Neill pounced for his first goal of the game in the seventh minute and this was quickly followed by a beautiful Conor O'Mahony point from out near the sideline. Mark Kennelly and David Butler were winning great ball around the middle of the field, a brace of points from Dylan O'Meara as well as scores from Luke McCann and Fionn Doyle left Fossa with a healthy lead at the break 1-11 to 0-4.

Fossa put the result beyond doubt in the first minute of the second half when after a slick passing move Karl James O'Neill crashed home a brilliant goal. Mark Kennelly was lordling it at midfield with a towering display and with Fionn Doyle giving a man-of-the-match performance in defence, it allowed the team to play with great confidence. Cathal Breen kicked a point and Karl James O'Neill completed his hat trick in the seventh minute before Dylan O'Meara scored a fine individual goal in the 10th minute. With our defence dealing admirably with the Cordal attack our forwards had a plentiful supply of ball and they made it count with further scores from David Butler and Karl James O'Neill to leave the final score Fossa 4-16, Cordal 1-10.

This was a complete team performance and great credit must go to the management of Willie Buckley, Dermot Clifford, Mike Cahillane and Damien Clerkin who seem to get the best out of the players when the need is greatest.

INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Our seniors produced a very solid start to their opening group game in the Intermediate Championship against John Mitchels on Saturday evening. It was a tentative opening few minutes before Ted O'Gorman opened the scoring with a well taken point which was followed by a David Clifford point. Mitchels did respond with a free before Ted O'Gorman extended Fossa's lead, then David Clifford did what he does best and scored a brace of superb individual points which was followed by a Killian Buckley score to leave them with a healthy seven point lead midway through the half. On the 18th minute Mitchels struck for a goal but less than a minute later, Emmett O'Shea put David Clifford through for a goal to break Mitchel's momentum. Ted O'Gorman and David Clifford added further scores to leave Fossa leading at the break 1-13 to 1-04.

Emmett O'Shea kicked the first two scores of the

second half before Mitchels scored four without reply. However, points from Fintan Coffey and Cian O'Shea was followed by a cracking finish to the Mitchels net by Matt Rennie in the 20th minute to finish the contest and Fossa ran out comfortable winners on a score of 2-19 to 1-11. Aside from the obvious genius of David Clifford, a highlight of the game was the display of young Ted O'Gorman who gave a superb first half display of intelligent running and he kicked five points from play.

U-16 GIRLS

U16 Div 3 Quilter Insulation Ltd Kerry Ladies Gaelic Football County League Rd 3.

Our Arcon Contracting Ltd girls had a tough encounter against Annascaul/Castlegregory played in Fossa on Thursday 7th. At half time our girls were down 3-05 to 2-04, with the majority of our scores coming late in the half with Annascaul /Castlegregory piling on the pressure from early in the game. We got an early goal from a free which was punched to the A/C net by Izzy Lyons. Unfortunately, A/C took over for the next 20 mins and rattled us, scoring 3-05 (1 penalty 2f) without reply. While Ayla Keogh, in goals made crucial saves this allowed Fossa to stay competitive. On the resumption all our 15 girls knew they were going to have to give 100% and battle for every ball. At times our defence was under seige but with some heroic work by Zara McCarthy, Fleur O'Neill and Naoise O'Connor in the full back line we managed to gain momentum with our half backs of Fiona Brunner and Kate Kissane working hard. Emma O'Connor, Milly Spillane, Kate Lyons and Elise Brunner formed a formidable diamond. We held possession and worked ball in to scoring positions where Ava Harty, Faye Lynch, Aoibh Ni Gearailt, Doireann O'Connor, Emma O'Connor, Kate and Izzy Lyons obliged. Final score Fossa 6-13, Annascaul/Castlegregory 3-06.

KILLARNEY LEGION

KERRY PETROLEUM INTERMEDIATE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Despite racing into an early 1-3 to 0-0 lead our Senior Men eventually succumbed to Laune Ramgers in the opening round of the Intermediate Club Championship. The fast start was eclipsed almost as quick by Laune Rangers as they hit 2-4 without reply to lead by four with twenty minutes gone. Denis Sheahan had tipped a centre into the Austin Stack Park net to give his side the best possible start but the Launesiders took control to lead 2-8 to 1-6 at half time. A two pointer free from Brian Kelly and a point after a charge forward from Cian Gammell got their team back into the game and scores were exchanged at regular intervals and with the game heading for the final furlong it was up for grabs. But Laune Rangers finished the stronger, adding four further points with Brian Kelly hitting our sole reply from a 45. Final Score: Killarney Legion 1-13 Laune Rangers 2-15. Listowel Emmetts will be the visitors to Direen in the next round with the game pencilled in for Sunday at 3.30pm.

SENIOR LADIES

Our Senior Ladies team travelled to Ballyrickard on Tuesday for the Corrib Oil Senior League Final

where they faced Kerins O Rahillys. Having lost to the same opposition in the same venue three weeks previous, a tough game was expected. The first half was even with the home team playing with the breeze, but some resolute defending and some great team play saw the sides level at half time, 0-6 a piece.

The second half saw the ladies take the field early, lift the intensity and make life tough for the opposition. Despite scoring the first two points of the half, Kerins O Rahillys struck for a goal to see them lead by the minimum. The Ladies never panicked though and took control of the game from here, scoring the next 3 points. Keri Ann Hanrahan's introduction, after an absence through injury, saw her score the next point, quickly followed by a green flag. Now dominant, some great points from Laura Healy & Kate McCarthy extended the lead before Shania Costello came forward from corner back to score another goal. Rahillys came back with further points before Laura Healy netted again to put the tie to bed. The teams traded scores in the final minutes with all Legion substitutes contributing to a Legion win on a score of Legion 3-18 Kerins O Rahillys 1-11

U12 BOYS

Rathbeg was the venue, and Rathmore the opposition for the next round of the U12 East Kerry Go Games on Thursday evening. With numbers lower than usual, we played 2 games 11 v 11 and a 9 v 9. Both teams played into a stiff beeeze for the first half, and Rathmore was very dominant in both games while playing with the wind. The second half of both games Legion had more possession and started to make some inroads to the Rathmore lead, but at the final whistle, not enough scores were converted, and Rathmore deservedly were triumphant in both games. Thanks to the young whistlers who did a great job on the night, and thanks to Rathmore for hosting us.

EAST KERRY

EAST REGION U14 LEAGUE

Division 1A

Spa 5-12 Kilcummin 2-14

Division 1B

Firies 5-23 Rathmore 0-14

Kenmare 5-09 Fossa 5-06

Division 3

Beaufort 3-12 Glenflesk 5-27

Listry 5-17 Kilgarvan 5-14

Gneeveguilla 5-14 Beaufort 4-16

Division 4

Rathmore 2-15 Kilcummin 5-08

Firies 4-19 Spa 4-05

KERRY YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CAMP 2

This week in Kerry GAA Centre of Excellence Currans, camp focused on skill development, tactical awareness, Athletic Development and leadership and teamwork and nutrition.

Great to welcome winning Kerry Captain Gavin White and Kerry midfielder Diarmuid O'Connor with special guest Sam Maguire who also gave advice to players on rest and recovery session and enjoying playing Gaelic Football.

The camps are run in conjunction with Kerry GAA head of Athletic Development Jason McGahan, Padraig Murphy S&C and coordinated by Kerry



Showing off the silverware, from left, Fr. Tom Looney, Sean Kelly MEP, Gary O' Halloran (Chairman East Kerry Board), Jarlath Burns (President of the GAA), Patrick O'Sullivan (Kerry GAA Chairman), Fr. Paddy O' Donoghue, Donal Barry MC and Dermot Weeshie Murphy

GDCs PJ Reidy & Tom Joy. Coaches are Vince Copper and Morgan Madden, MTU Kerry GDC Micheal Quirke and Kerry Development squad coach Eoin Fitzgearld. Hydration & Nutrition advice from Kerry GAA nutritionist John Diony O Connor.

Thanks to Aileen Foley Kerry GAA Centre of Excellence manager and all the staff for making it an excellent week for the future of Kerry GAA.

ALL IRELAND INTERMEDIATE CAMOGIE FINAL

Commiserations to the Kerry Camogie team on losing the All Ireland Final. Well done though, on the tremendous achievement of qualifying for the Final.

SYMPATHIES

Condolences from all in East Kerry GAA to the families of Tom O Donoghue of Muckcross Drive, Killarney on his recent death.

100 YEARS OF EAST KERRY GAA

Wednesday evening, the 6th of August, was a very special one for East Kerry GAA, as we honored one hundred year's since the founding of the East Kerry Board. To mark the occasion,

we were delighted to be joined by Uachtarán Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, Jarlath Burns. After his arrival in Killarney, President Burns was greeted at Scott's Hotel by members of the East Kerry Board. From here, The President, joined by Sam Maguire and All Ireland winning Captain Gavin White, unveiled a plaque at the site where the first meeting of the East Kerry Board took place, the Central Club (Now LANA Asian food street market, College Street). Then it was on to the Gleneagle Hotel, for an evening of entertainment, anchored brilliantly by MC Donal Barry, and the brilliant staff at the Gleneagle Hotel, to honor all those who have done such tremendous work for East Kerry GAA over the last century, and the continuing on of their legacy well into the future. Thanks again to Scotts Hotel, LANA Asian food street market and the Gleneagle Hotel for use of their facilities, and to all who have put in such hard work to make this historic event such a tremendous success. Thanks also to President Burns for kindly giving his time to attend this special evening.

DR. CROKES

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Dr. Crokes 2:14 Spa 0:13

Dr Crokes marked the return of six Kerry stars with a gritty win over Spa in the Senior Club Championship. Gavin O'Shea set the tone early, rifling to the net in the 4th minute. Spa hit back with a run of points, but Tony Brosnan's accuracy and David Shaw's hard work saw Crokes edge ahead 1-6 to 0-8 at half-time. Tony Brosnan opened the second-half scoring before Brian Looney and Evan Cronin kept the scoreboard ticking. The game's turning point came midway through the half. David Shaw clipped over before Cian McMahon buried a superb goal to give us some breathing space. Tony Brosnan added another to cap a strong team performance, sealing an important victory on the road.

ANNUAL GAPTRIP takes place on Sunday 24th from Ross castle. Cost is €25, to confirm please contact Vince Casey 0872461599.

LOTTO took place August 11th. Numbers drawn were 2, 10, 22, 27 Jackpot of €10,400 was NOT WON. 10 patrons matched 3 numbers and receive €40each. Jackpot for draw on August 18th will be €10,700. Play online by following the link below and follow instructions attached https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=734#Anchor(https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=734#Anchor)

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.

CONDOLENCES to the family of Michael O'Connor on his recent death. Mike played underage with us in the 60s and was lifetime supporter of the club. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a ainm.

NOTES

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



Celebrating 100 Years of East Kerry in Killarney last week. Photo: Seamus Healy

100 YEARS OF EAST KERRY GAA

Wednesday evening, August 6th, marked a momentous occasion in the history of East Kerry GAA, as the community came together to celebrate the centenary of the East Kerry Board. To honour this historic milestone, we were proud to welcome Uachtarán Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, Jarlath Burns, to Killarney. Upon his arrival at Scott's Hotel, President Burns was warmly received by members of the East Kerry Board. The celebrations began with the unveiling of a commemorative plaque at the site of the Board's first-ever meeting the Central Club, now home to LANA Asian Street Food on College Street. President Burns was joined by the Sam Maguire Cup and All-Ireland winning captain Gavin White for this special moment, which honoured the origins of the East Kerry GAA story. Following the unveiling, the evening continued at the Gleneagle Hotel, where a packed room enjoyed a wonderful night of celebration and reflection. The event was expertly hosted by MC Donal Barry, with thanks to the outstanding staff at the Gleneagle who ensured the evening ran smoothly. This event paid tribute to the dedicated individuals and communities who have contributed to the growth and success of East Kerry GAA over the past century and looked forward with pride to the legacy being carried forward by future generations. The club extend sincere thanks to Scott's Hotel, LANA Asian Street Food, and the Gleneagle Hotel for their generous support and use of their facilities. Special thanks also to President Jarlath Burns for taking the time to join us for this unforgettable evening.



Relatives of first East Kerry Board vice chairman Humphrey Murphy, from left; Humphrey and Ted Murphy, Daragh McSweeney, Gavin White, Jarlath Burns, Rua McSweeney, Michael McSweeney, Jerome Fleming and Denis Shanahan.



Relatives of Dick Fitzgerald who was the first East Kerry Board chairman, from left; Una Fitzgerald, Dermot O'Sullivan, Michael O'Sullivan, and Geraldine Fitzgerald who attended the unveiling of the plaque in Killarney last Wednesday.



President of the GAA Jarlath Burns who unveiled a plaque to the memory of the original members of the East Kerry Board in Killarney last Wednesday.

PHOTOS: SEAMUS HEALY



Members of the current East Kerry Board, Michael Healy, Mike Piggot, Dermot O'Connor, Noel Kennedy, Matt O'Neill, Garry O'Halloran, Ger Galvin, Ann Holland, Denis McCrohan, Sean O'Sullivan and Johnny Brosnan.



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A Word of Victory

"Jesus healed every kind of disease and illness when He saw the crowds He was moved with compassion for them because they were harassed, confused, and helpless like sheep without a shepherd" (Matthew 9:35).

Welcome back dear student the humanity of Jesus in this verse is beautiful. He understood that people were suffering, and His compassion did something about it. He is the Good Shepherd Who laid down His life for the sheep (John 10:11). Sickness, disease, and heartache are works of darkness. Last week we saw how Jesus, the Light of the World exposes and extinguishes darkness when He is brought into a situation and when we consult and obey His Word His Light makes everything clear (John 1:4-5; John 8:12; Psalm 119:130). "From my earliest youth my enemies have persecuted me, but they have never defeated me. My back is covered with cuts, as if a farmer had ploughed long furrows. But the Lord is Good, He has cut me free from the ropes of the ungodly" (Psalm 129:2-4). I think many can identify with this verse for often it seem like one's life has been targeting practice for the devil. Going from one crisis to another constantly putting out fires, feeling vulnerable and weak. There's a root cause though – many get lured by medication and addictions to help them cope but have never considered that there is a spiritual answer. One of the ways the enemy gets in to harass and torment God's people is through fear, the other way is through unforgiveness. Trauma and wounds affect people more than we realise. The emotional fall out can give the devil a landing strip to bring all types of problems. These manifest as health difficulties, relationship problems, dependency upon substances, lack and failure – problems which can seem overwhelming and for which there is no answer. But the Word of God proclaims that we are not to fear for there are more with us than against us (2 Kings 6:16).

Torment and harassment are weapons the enemy uses to keep people imprisoned. Two things create torment – fear of punishment and unforgiveness. It's interesting – fear of punishment is for sin and wrongdoing. Sin separates man from our Holy God for sin cannot enter His Presence. So, Father God sent Jesus His Son to die in my place and yours to pay for our sins, so that we could be forgiven and washed clean. It was a price or ransom we could never pay. God has given us the gift of His Mercy and His Love so that we could receive the Righteousness of His Son (Romans chapters 5 + 6). We did not deserve this – He has freely given it to us – that's what Grace is. To believe that our sins have been forgiven and paid for and that we have each been reconciled to God through the life, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus is all one needs to do to receive. As we have been forgiven God expects us to forgive. People don't like to hear this. It's much easier to focus on the negative going over and over what they did/what they said/how they hurt us. But friend it is imperative for your freedom. And Jesus will help you. As you learn to know Him through His Word – how much He loves you, how He cares for you, and what a future He has planned for you, you will walk in the Light and in His Love. This gives you the grace to release others because He loves them too (1 John chapter 4). Even though they may have done bad things He desires that they be saved from hell too. Forgiveness frees minds and hearts from bondage and torment. Release all offence today and receive His Peace.

Bible Study and Prayer every Sunday @ 11am and Thursday @ 7.30pm at Word of Victory Christian Fellowship Killarney V93V6X4

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PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF KNOCK

Our Lady of Knock, Queen of Ireland, you gave hope to your people in a time of distress and comforted them in sorrow.

You have inspired countless pilgrims to pray with confidence

to your divine Son, remembering His promise, "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find". Help me to remember that we are all pilgrims on the road to Heaven. Fill me with love and concern for my brothers and sisters in Christ, especially those who live with me.

Comfort me when I am sick, lonely or depressed.

Teach me how to take part ever more reverently in the Holy Mass. Give me a greater love of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Pray for me now and at the end of my death. Amen



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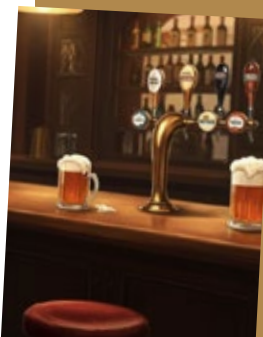
by Nicky Barry

When fellas get together, the big laugh is mandatory,
For they feel without it, things are not hunky-dory.
It could be in a changing room, or at a water-cooler,
Or around a dart board, or while playing snooker.
It could be did you hear the one, about this or that,
Or passing round a video, of line-dancing cats,
Or teasing the new barmaid, about her tattoos,
Or pumping the bar gossip, for more local news.
One way or the other, silence is anathema,
For laughter is a requisite, and the criteria,
Of craic in a bar room, where crafty balls are hopped,
By cute ole boys with cop-on, who are seldom caught.
But there always is a Trigger, who hasn't got a clue,

Of what they're all laughing at,
but to give him his due,

He bursts out laughing with the rest,
as if he got the joke,

For he feels he has to, as a bewildered bloke.
Now if you do not join in, you're out on a limb,
And a likely victim, of some wise guy's whim,
For fellas can be cruel, without meaning to be,
For they all love belonging, to a lad's fraternity.



NOVENA TO ST. JUDE

Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the Church honors and invokes you universally, as the patron of difficult cases, of things almost despaired of, Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone.

Intercede with God for me that He bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, particularly (Mention your request here...)

And that I may praise God with you and all the saints forever. I promise, O Blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor granted me by God and to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you.

Amen
P.P

NOVENA TO ST ANTHONY

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

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

Pray one Our Father,
one Hail Mary, and

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

NOVENA PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

O Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. O Saint Joseph, assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your Divine

Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord; so that having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers. O Saint Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me, and ask Him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath. Amen

3RD ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**PATRICK
(PA) O'RIORDAN**



ANNAGHMORE, HEADFORD
WHO DIED ON
12TH AUGUST 2022.

*It is sad to walk the road alone
Instead of side by side
But to all there came a moment,
When the waves of life divide.*

*You gave me years of love and happiness
Then came the sorrows and the tears,
But you have left me beautiful memories
I will treasure for all my years.*

*I lost my life companion
My husband and my best friend
When my life is true.
I pray that god will take my hand
And lead me straight to you.*

Forever loved and dearly missed by
Your loving wife Joan.

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

Sadly missed by your children
and extended family,
Sinead and Tom, Marie and Declan, Shane
and Mary, Grandchildren, Ryan, Josh,
Patrick, Darragh, Shauna and Kaitlin.

Anniversary Mass Sunday 17th August
at 11am in the Church of the
Sacred Heart, Barraduff.

POWERFUL NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART

O my Jesus, you have said:
"Truly I say to you, if you ask anything
of the Father in my name, he will give it
to you."

Behold, in your name, I ask the Father for
the grace of...

(Mention your Intention Here)

Sacred Heart of Jesus,
I place all my trust in you.

5TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF A
WONDERFUL DAD & GRANDAD

**DANIEL JOSEPH
(DANJOE) O'SHEA**



LATE OF 62 ST BRENDAN'S TCE.,
KILLARNEY
WHO PASSED ON,
21ST AUGUST 2020.

DAD

*"We miss you Dad, from your fireside chair
Your loving smile and oh so gentle air
Your vacant place, no-one can fill
We miss you Dad and ALWAYS WILL."*

*So deeply missed and forever
in our hearts, Dad.*

XXXXXXXXXX

Lovingly remembered by your daughters,
Elaine & Karen, sons Finbarr, Patrick, Darren
& Colm, son-in-law David, daughter-in-law
Karen M, Darren's partner, Jackie & Karen's
partner, Brendan, grandchildren Danielle,
Lucy, Darcie & Daniel, who will love you
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Dad's 5th Anniversary Mass is on
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12TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

DYLAN CROWLEY



REMEMBERED WITH LOVE,
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OUR BEAUTIFUL SON
DYLAN ON HIS 12TH
ANNIVERSARY.

*As we loved you, So we miss you,
In our memory you are near,
Loved, remembered,
longed for always
Bringing many a silent tear.*

Sadly missed and always in our hearts
Mom, Dad, Bryan and Emer.
xxx

*Anniversary Mass for Dylan will take
place on Friday 22nd August at 7pm in
Rathmore Church.*

12TH ANNIVERSARY

FOND MEMORIES OF

DYLAN CROWLEY



RATHBEG, RATHMORE,
CO. KERRY
WHO QUIETLY LEFT US ALL
ON 18TH AUGUST 2013.

*Though our hearts are broken,
And your life was far too short,
We thank you, sweetest angel
For the happiness you brought.*

Loved and missed everyday by your
grandparents Paudie and Mary and
the Linehan family.

12TH ANNIVERSARY

TREASURED MEMORIES OF

DYLAN CROWLEY



DYLAN WHOSE 12TH
ANNIVERSARY OCCURS
ON 18TH AUGUST.

*Dylan we miss you very much
Throughout every single day
But we take comfort in our lovely memories
That will never fade away*


Dylan, you are always in our thoughts
and forever in our hearts

Sadly missed by Kit, Sean and the
Crowley Family

10TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

TRISH CREAGH
MCLARNON



KNOCKNAGEEHA,
GNEEVIGUILLA
WHO DIED ON THE
17TH OF AUGUST 2015.

*If tears could build a stairway
And memories a lane,
We'd walk right up to heaven
And bring you home again.*

*Your memory is our keepsake
For which we'll never part,
God has you in his keeping
We have you in our hearts.*


Sadly missed and always remembered
By your Husband Tony, Daughter Tara
and The McLarnon Family.

Anniversary Mass on Sunday,
17th of August at 9.30am in the Church of
the Holy Rosary, Gneeveguilla.

2ND ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

MALACHY WALSH



KNOCKEENDUFF, KILLARNEY
WHO PASSED AWAY ON
12TH AUGUST 2023.


*Malachy the time we spent together,
meant the world to me.
I have many treasured memories,
as we grew up together happily.
I'm so grateful for the years we had
and the closeness that we shared.
Your thoughtfulness and loyalty
and the way you always cared.
You were a wonderful brother
and I miss you no end.*

Always in our thoughts
and forever in our hearts
Your loving sister Sheila and Jack.

2ND ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

MALACHY WALSH



KNOCKEENDUFF, KILLARNEY
WHO PASSED AWAY ON
12TH AUGUST 2023.

*Malachy of all the special gifts in life,
however great or small.
To have you as our uncle
was the greatest gift of all.
May the winds of love blow softly
and whisper in your ear.
We love and miss you uncle
And wish that you were here.*


Always thinking of and missing
you Malachy.

Your loving nieces Dorina, Elaine and
nephew Freddie and families.

2ND ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

MALACHY WALSH



KNOCKEENDUFF, KILLARNEY
WHO PASSED AWAY ON
12TH AUGUST 2023.

*Rest in Peace.
The world feels quieter since you've gone,
A light has dimmed, though life moves on.
A father's love, so deep, so wide-
Now echoes softly where you'd reside.
The void you left we feel each day,
In little things you used to say.
Your laughter filled the air with cheer.
We still reach out, hoping you're near.
You weren't a man who sought out gold,
But treasured moments, young and old.
The way you smiled at simple things,
Like a game of cards or playing rings.
Oh how you loved a football game,
Cheering for Crokes with heart aflame.
But for the joy, the ball, the play,
The grandkids running through the day.
You'd kick with them and cheer them on,
Like every worry had been gone.
Their tiny feet, your guiding pride,
Their shining eyes so open wide.
You gave them time- your greatest gift,
Their little hearts you'd always lift.
With humble hands and caring soul,
You made our broken pieces whole.
You were so kind, so deeply true,
No task too big, no job too few.
You cracked a joke, you shared a smile,
And made the darkest days worthwhile.
We miss you more than words can show,
Through every high, through every low.
But in our hearts, you still remain-
In love, in laughs, in joy and pain.
So here's to you, who gave us love,
Who watches now from far above.
We'll kick the ball, we'll share your name,
And know life will never be the same.
You left a void we can't replace,
But filled our hearts with warmth and grace.
And though we part, you're never far-
We carry you in all we are.
Loved with a love beyond compare
Your heartbroken daughter Stephanie,
son-in-law Michael and grandchildren Fionn,
Conor and Aidan Malachy. xxx
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