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The Kilcummin GAA Ladies Committee's annual Pink Night went ahead last Saturday night and proved to be another resounding success. Pictured enjoying the night are Teresa Casey, Kathleen Ryan, Eileen O'Leary, Mary O'Leary, Siobhan Duggan and Geraldine Piggott.



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A Note from the EDITOR



In the week when Kilcummin turned pink in aid of a fantastic cause, we have a jam packed magazine for you to enjoy!

The eyes of the world were on Killarney native Jessie Buckley as she picked up a Golden Globe for her role in Hammet, with all attention now turning to the Oscar nominations next week.

Killarney clubs are going head to head in a novel new Town Champions event, the 2026 South Kerry Jobs Fair has been launched and plans are in place for Fossa Community Sustainability Fair.

A talented designer has gone viral with her amazing Christmas Tree, the Hugh O'Flaherty Exhibition has been extended at the Library and Anne Lucey asks Is it time for a Sulky Track?

A fundraiser for Palliative Care is planned for The Failte Hotel next week, a popular cafe on High Street is set to close it's doors and the Rathmore community came together for a memorial walk to remember one of their own.

Thousands were raised by a mother and daughter who did a sky dive for the Hospice, the Mon handball team are county champions and Listry GAA Club will hold their annual awards tonight.

In sport, Dingle head to Croke Park for the All-Ireland Senior Club Final, Killarney Valley AC is poised for an exciting 2026 season with Sarah Leahy recording a personal best this week in Switzerland and East Kerry stars were honoured at the annual banquet.

Something for everyone in this week's Killarney Outlook!



Aisling Crosbie



A stunning sunset captured and enjoyed at Rossbeigh Beach by Catriona Hughes



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From a very young age,

Jessie had that star quality



Chamber President Johnny McGuire.

It was always only going to be a matter of time before the incredible talent and sheer brilliance of Jessie Buckley was recognised on a worldwide stage, Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce has said.

Congratulating the Killarney woman on her Golden Globe success, the business organisation said it is wonderful to have somebody so gifted and so absolutely modest and unassuming representing the town, the county and the country on a world stage.

"We all rejoice in the celebrations that have marked Jessie's success. The recognition and

the adulation is richly deserved and everybody in Killarney congratulates the wonderful Jessie and her family on this great achievement," said President Johnny McGuire.

He recalled that when Jessie first came to prominence on the BBC talent show *I'd Do Anything* in 2008, Chamber organised a rousing homecoming reception for her with a huge celebration in the field adjoining St Mary's Cathedral.

"Even back then it was so obvious that she was something very special. From a very young age, Jessie has had that star quality and we look forward to the next glorious chapter in her fantastic career," Mr McGuire said.

The Chamber President said Jessie's Golden Globe win also marked the most perfect start imaginable for the 100th anniversary celebrations of the Arbutus Hotel in Killarney which marks a landmark year for the Buckley family, Jessie's great-grandparents and her grandparents, Pat and Dr Norrie Buckley, ran the popular business for many years before passing it on to the next generation.

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Jessie Buckley pictured at her homecoming in 2008 in Killarney with her grandmother Norrie and mother Marina. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

Kilcummin GAA Ladies Turn Kilcummin

Pink for Comfort for Chemo

The Kilcummin GAA Ladies Committee's annual Pink Night went ahead last Saturday night and proved to be another resounding success. A wonderful night in aid of Comfort for Chemo was held in The Klub Bar, with a great crowd turning out to support this very worthy cause.

A night full of fun, entertainment and merriment was promised, and it certainly did not disappoint. Patrons were greeted with a glass of bubbly on arrival, setting the tone for a fantastic evening. Music on the night was provided by Rosie and Derry, while DJ Declan kept the dancefloor full until late, with guests quite literally dancing their socks off.

There were over 40 spot prizes up for grabs on the night, along with 14 amazing door prizes, including hotel stays and gift vouchers, all generously sponsored by local businesses.

The best dressed competitions were keenly contested. Noreen O'Neill took home the prize for Best Dressed Lady, wearing a beautiful pink and white polka dot dress, while Mike Moloney looked extremely dapper and was selected as Best Dressed Gentleman. Both winners were delighted to head home with lovely hampers.

The reason for the strong attendance and generous ticket sales was to support Comfort for Chemo. Mary Horgan from Comfort for Chemo spoke on the night, thanking the committee for their continued support and expressing her gratitude that this was the fourth year the Pink Night was held in aid of the charity. She also thanked the wider Kilcummin community for their ongoing fundraising efforts, noting that the charity will benefit people across the entire county of Kerry in the future.

The Kilcummin GAA Ladies Committee would like to sincerely thank all the local businesses for sponsoring such fantastic raffle and door prizes. Your generosity is truly appreciated. Thanks also to John O'Sullivan, proprietor of The Klub Bar, for hosting the event.

A special word of thanks is extended to the local media, who are always happy to help publicise the event.

Plans are already underway, and the ladies are very much looking forward to turning Kilcummin pink once again in January 2027.



Ladies enjoying Pink Night in Kilcummin



Flor O'Sullivan, Gearoid Moynihan, Kevin Fleming and John O'Connor enjoying Pink Night in Kilcummin



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"Unlike other financial institutions, the decision on your credit union mortgage will be made here by your local credit union team. We



Elma Culloty, Mark Murphy, Therese Buckley, Joe Lyne, Noreen O'Sullivan and Brendan Lynch launching the Mortgages up to €400,000 at Killarney Credit Union.
Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

have also made the application process as easy as possible, because we know buying a new home can be a stressful time and switching can be a hassle. Anyone applying to us for a mortgage will get a quick and considered decision on their application".

At the recent National launch Minister of State with responsibility for Financial Services, Credit Unions, and Insurance, Robert Troy, TD said: "As a trusted, community-based organisation Credit Unions have a unique place in Irish life. The recent decision of the Central Bank to increase lending limits for credit unions is welcome as it supports more competition in the market. The introduction of innovative credit union mortgage products will be welcomed both by those looking to purchase a first home, and by those looking to switch lenders. I warmly congratulate those credit unions involved in today's launch.

Further information can be found on www.killarneycu.ie.

Killarney Clubs Set to Go Head-to-Head in New Town Champions Event



A major night of sport, entertainment and community fundraising will take place in Killarney next month when local clubs compete in the inaugural Killarney Town Champions event.

The live competition will be held on Friday, February 6, at the Gleneagle Arena (INEC) and will see sporting clubs from across Killarney and its surrounding areas go head-to-head in a series of fast-paced, crowd-friendly challenges.

Organised in support of Killarney Rugby Football Club's new clubhouse development at Aghadoe, the event also offers a shared fundraising opportunity for all participating clubs, with organisers aiming to unite different sporting codes under one roof for what is being billed as one of the town's biggest nights of the year.

Clubs confirmed for the lineup include Kilcummin GAA, Dr Crokes, Glenflesk, Killarney Athletic FC, St Paul's, Emerald Eagles FC and Killarney RFC.

Each club will be represented by a team of four competitors, who will take part in a mix of physical challenges, elimination rounds and bonus events. A pre-recorded kicking challenge, filmed at Aghadoe, will also form part of the overall competition.

Described as a blend of a "Fittest Club"-style contest with the atmosphere of "Tops of the Town", the event will feature a live audience, a running leaderboard and a substantial cash

prize for the winning club. Organisers have promised a high-energy show with strong crowd interaction throughout the night.

Tickets are priced at €20, with €10 from every ticket sold going directly back to the selling club, ensuring all participating teams benefit financially. Tickets will be available online via Eventbrite and through the clubs themselves.

Event organiser and MC Brendan Fuller said the aim is to create an inclusive and entertaining event that benefits the entire sporting community.

"This isn't just about Killarney Rugby, it's about Killarney town," he said. "It's clubs backing clubs, supporters backing their teams, and everyone getting behind a night that's fun, affordable and genuinely meaningful for local sport."

Doors at the Gleneagle Arena will open at 7.00pm, with the show getting underway at 8.00pm. Further announcements, including player reveals and previews of the challenges, are expected in the coming days.

With excitement already building, organisers are confident Killarney Town Champions will become a standout fixture on the town's sporting and social calendar.



Event organiser and MC Brendan Fuller



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- Becoming a Priest
- The Rome Escape Line
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On display will be many personal items from his time in Rome, including one of his treasured golf clubs, his amazing Rome Guidebook for pilgrims, his Breviary & Roman Missal and many other items, some exhibited for the first time.

It is aimed very much at a student audience and schools are encouraged to visit the exhibition before it closes at the end of the month. It is vital that future generations are kept aware of how Hugh O'Flaherty and his Rome Escape Line colleagues did not concern themselves with the nationality, race, colour or creed of those it helped. Without question they offered refuge to all who were in danger, Allied POW escapees, Anti-Fascist Resistance and Jews. Hugh followed the very simple motto of "God Has No Country".

The Exhibition will be open during scheduled library opening hours until January 17th 2026.



Hugh O'Flaherty pictured in the Holy Office

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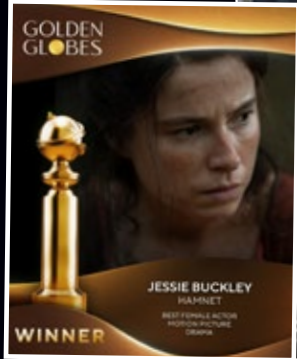


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Golden Globe Glory for Killarney's Jessie Buckley as Hamnet Claims Best Picture



Killarney was celebrating with pride this week as local actress Jessie Buckley won the Golden Globe for Best Actress (Drama) for her acclaimed performance in Hamnet, on a night that also saw the historical drama secure the coveted Best Picture (Drama) award in Los Angeles.

Jessie had been widely tipped as the favourite going into the ceremony at the Beverly Hilton. Hamnet is an adaptation of the bestselling novel by Coleraine-born author Maggie O'Farrell and tells the story of Agnes and William Shakespeare's lost son, whose death inspired the playwright's later work.

Accepting her award, Jessie paid tribute to director Chloé Zhao, co-star Paul Mescal, Maggie O'Farrell, and the cast and crew behind the production, highlighting the international nature of the project.

"It was such an extraordinary set to be part of because we were telling the story of probably the most famous Brit that ever lived, and we had a Chinese director, a lot of Irish, a mostly Polish crew, beside our British family," she said. News of the win prompted an outpouring of congratulations across Killarney, where Jessie

first developed her talent on local stages.

RTE were in town on the night of the awards, broadcasting from The Arbutus Hotel, which is owned by the Buckley Family.

Killarney Musical Society confirmed that she was a past member, appearing in the children's chorus before playing the lead role of Julie Jordan in its award-winning 2008 production of Carousel. That performance earned her a Best Actress award at the Association of Irish Musical Societies awards in the same year.

Gleneagle Arena also offered its congratulations, recalling Jessie's appearance on its stage as part of Carousel, and noting that her journey from local performances to the world stage continues to inspire young performers throughout the town.

Fiona Crowley of the Fiona Crowley Stage School, where Jessie helped out as a teenager, spoke warmly of her former student and her early ambitions. "When she joined Killarney Musical Society, we used to drive home together after most rehearsals and would often discuss a career in the arts, never imagining this huge dream would come to fruition," she said. "She was always lovely and kind to our students, always willing to help in any way. When she

appeared on the Andrew Lloyd Webber show, I had the privilege of being invited to the BBC studios to watch her perform, and she carried herself with such grace and humility among the titans of the industry."

President Connolly led national tributes to the Killarney actress, congratulating her on what he described as a wonderful achievement and praising the continued success of the Irish film industry. He also extended his best wishes to Paul Mescal, Maggie O'Farrell, Element Pictures and Wild Atlantic Pictures on their Golden Globe nominations.

Following her Golden Globe success, Jessie has now emerged as a red-hot favourite to win the Academy Award for Best Actress next month. Bookmakers Boyle Sports have installed the Killarney native at odds of 1/20 to lift the Oscar for Hamnet, with attention now turning to the Oscar nominations, which will be announced on Thursday, 22 January.

Jessie is the daughter of harpist Marina Cassidy and Tim Buckley and is the eldest sister of Killian, Eva, Julia and Lily. She grew up in Killarney, attending Loreto National School before completing her secondary education at Ursuline Secondary School in Thurles.



An overwhelmed Jessie Buckley couldn't believe the reception she received in Killarney in June 2008 when she arrived at the open air party flanked by her minders from Killarney Musical Society, Sven Knolke, Rory Ward, Nick Power and Fergal Cleary following her participation in Andrew Lloyd Webber's BBC Production of *I'd Do Anything!*
Picture: Valerie O'Sullivan



Jessie Buckley pictured playing the role of Julie Jordan in its award-winning 2008 production of *Carousel*. She is pictured with Finbar Coffey and Gerry Adams.



Killarney's Sean Hurley, Radio Kerry, chatting with Dr Norrie Buckley, Jessie's late grandmother on stage at a special Homecoming at the Cathedral Field in June 2008. Also in the photo are Jessie's parents, Tim and Marina, sister Lily, uncle Mike and cousin Pat. *Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan*



Jessie with Fiona Crowley and Stella O'Shea from Fiona's Stage School, Killarney at Kerry Airport. *Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan*



Family affair. Jessie's sisters Eva and Julia with their first cousin Roisin Buckley in 2008
Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Jessie pictured with her mother Marina at the Oscars in 2022.



Jessie's cousins Brendan and Pat Fuller with best friend Tom Lucey (centre) at the homecoming in 2008. *Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan*



Jessie's home..Jessie Buckley greeted by her little sister, a very happy Lily Mae at Kerry Airport in 2008.
Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Anne Lucey
looks at the positive news
happening in Killarney



Time for a Sulky Track?

The law can differ even when it comes to animals, not to mind humans.

Can I race through Fossa in a sulky and not expect to be fined, pulled up and maybe even hauled before the courts. And then what about the horse I am racing to exhaustion?

Well, I can always just leave the horse by the side of the road, can't I? In the certain knowledge the State - the council and the Guards - will pick him up, now I am finished with the race.

Last week we highlighted the paltry number of deer culled in Killarney National Park. And how deer are allowed "free rein" with more rights than humans and cows when it comes to road safety. There has been a huge reaction with some good ideas put forward. We'll come back to it.

Back to this week's "sulk": How is it that the situation with these horses - exhausted and underfed in many cases - being raced along



Mayor Martin Grady said both the council and the Garda in Killarney need to "tackle" the sulky problem.

roads and being tied up in estates is allowed? Where are the animal cruelty people, the vets, the guards and the council?

Would the horses in Killarney Races be raced along the Ross Road, does anyone think?

Fair dues to the mayor of Killarney Martin Grady who has stuck his neck out.

This was after an exhausted horse drawing a

sulky carriage was abandoned on the public road. The poor animal was thought to have died at first.

By the way it is no coincidence that this flogged horse incident occurred near Fossa. Bad enough the new road through the village is so narrow. Now beleaguered motorists have to contend with horse racing.

"There are long tail backs with the racing. And there is no place to pass now. And the kerbs are too high to pull into. Motorists are becoming irate and blowing the horn which in turn risks spooking the horses," is how one concerned - and cornered - Fossa woman described what is happening.

Martin said both the council and the Garda in Killarney need to "tackle" the sulky problem. But I want to ask if it is time too for the Chamber of Commerce, and Killarney MD and maybe even the race course people to come together and make provision for a sulky track and stables.

COST OF NOT SPEAKING ENGLISH

While there is much jumping up and down about the growth in Irish, little attention has been paid to the huge sums of money being invested in the language. There are so many Government funded Irish language bodies now, it is confusing. Not only that, but there is a private PR agency too working with them. I was "to-ed and fro-ed" for about two weeks between all of them, before I could get fairly basic comments for a feature I was working on.

Meanwhile €159 million will be available in 2026 for the Gaeltacht, Irish Language and Islands Programme, Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht told me. This is up from €123 million last year and "demonstrates Minister Calleary's deep interest in the language".

I wish them well but I also wish there was a similar commitment to encourage speaking English.

Whether the Irish movement likes to be told it or not, English is the basic lingua Franca of this country. And more than

ever, English, not Irish, is the common language now, we have so many nationalities.

There is a cost to not speaking English. I looked for figures from our public hospital in Tralee, after noticing a parade of interpreters at bedsides at UHK. This is for patients, I was told. Staff are supposed to have good English to work in health care, I was also told.

Anyway, this is what the HSE for Cork and Kerry told me before Christmas.

"Overall costs for interpretation services at UHK were €156,378 in 2024 and €212,497 for 2025 (January–November). Monthly costs in 2024 ranged from €7,526 to €27,551, while 2025 monthly costs (Jan–Nov) ranged from €13,032 to €26,037."

Interpretation services are for Arabic, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Spanish, Ukrainian, Urdu. Other commonly requested languages are as Albanian, Bengali, Cantonese/Mandarin, Farsi/Persian, Hindi, Lithuanian, Somali, and Slovak.

PLENTY OF LAND ZONED FOR HOUSING IN KILLARNEY. BUT WHERE ARE THE HOUSES?

There will be plenty of land shortly for housing and for commerce in Killarney when zonings agreed by the local council last week are allowed. They include a fairly controversial zoning of around 3.2 hectares, over seven acres at Cahernane.

The lands used for grazing are outside the main settlement, south of the Flesk, the meeting was told.

Council Planners, the Department of Housing and Heritage and the dreaded Office of the Planning Regulator are all up in arms.

But while the councillors did not challenge the current designation of visually sensitive, they are asking how it can be designated historic and classed as a demesne when the historic demesne is long since broken up. There is huge need for private housing and the intention by the landowner is to provide high quality housing. And councillors say this site is ideal as it is near services.

I checked with the planners and between 30 and 50 houses a hectare is the yardstick, generally in key towns.

Hours were spent on Cahernane and other zoning issues at the meeting in the town hall - for the second time in six months. But where are the private houses on land already zoned? There are planning permissions already - some hard won - for zoned land for housing within the town boundary, all along Port Road, St Margaret's Road and other places. Despite this, I don't see very many bricks and mortar and new roofs. Zoning is one thing, but building is another.

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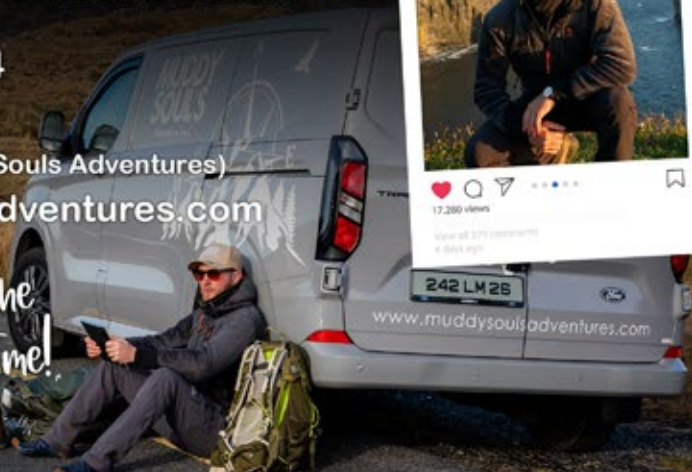
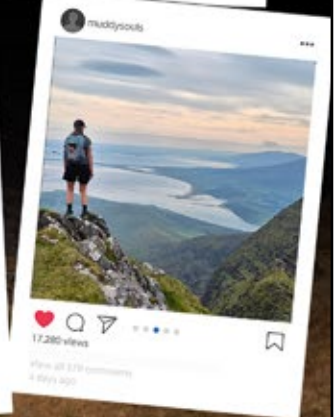
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CAHILL DEMANDS IMMEDIATE OPW APPLICATIONS FOR ROSSBEIGH AND CROMANE as Coastal Crisis Deepens

Fianna Fáil Councillor Tommy Cahill has said he was shocked and angered to learn at the December Kerry County Council meeting that no applications have been submitted to the Office of Public Works (OPW) for coastal protection and flood relief works at Rossbeigh or Cromane, despite both areas facing escalating and immediate threats. Speaking during the meeting, Cllr Cahill made his feelings very clear to council officials and demanded that applications be submitted to the OPW as a matter of urgency. "I am genuinely shocked to learn that no applications are in place for Rossbeigh or Cromane. These communities are at crisis point and it is completely unacceptable that no formal submissions have been made to seek funding for protection works. I urge to get your act together and submit application as soon as possible," he said.

"The message from the Minister on his recent visit could not have been clearer, the money is there but the local authorities must apply for it. If applications are not submitted, communities are left completely exposed," he said.

The councillor warned that recent high tides and severe storms have battered coastal areas, particularly Rossbeigh, Incharee, Dooks, Glosa and Lower Cromane, pushing the situation to a breaking point. "These areas have taken a hammering in recent weeks. This is no longer a future risk, it is happening now," he said.

Highlighting the human impact, Cllr Cahill said



Deputy Michael Cahill, TD, pictured with Minister Kevin 'Boxer' Moran and Cllr Tommy Cahill at Rossbeigh.

livelihoods and homes are now under serious threat. "People are going to bed at night specifically in Incharee and Cromane genuinely wondering if they will wake up to water coming in the front door of their homes. That is the reality on the ground and it underlines just how serious this situation has become."

"In Rossbeigh's case, it looks as if someone has come along and taken a huge clump out of the area where the lifeguard hut is generally located. If the hut had been there, it could very



well have been washed away. The access road at Rossbeigh Beach is now under immediate and real threat."

Cllr Cahill concluded by urging Kerry County Council to act without delay. "We cannot afford any more inaction or box-ticking exercises. Applications to the OPW must be submitted immediately. These communities deserve protection, and they deserve urgency."

440,367 Passengers Make 2025 Record-Breaking Year For Kerry Airport

OVER 440,000 passengers travelled through Kerry Airport in 2025, the highest in history.

The actual number peaked at 440,367 for the year, marking an increase of 22,958 (5.5%) on the total for 2024 and shattering the previous record total for a year of 423,000 back in 2008.

Chief Financial Officer at Kerry Airport, Basil Sheerin, said, "We are proud to announce record passenger figures after our busiest ever year at Kerry Airport. All routes performed well, the UK and Dublin in particular. It's an ideal springboard as we look forward to another year of growth in 2026."

221,814 people travelled on flights between Kerry and the three UK destination airports – Manchester, London Luton and London Stansted – representing a 7.4% jump from the previous year.

The domestic route linking Kerry to Dublin was another huge success story in 2025 with 122,506 passengers availing of the excellent fares on



Chief Financial Officer at Kerry Airport, Basil Sheerin.

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offer from www.Ryanair.com on the twice-daily return service, showing 7% growth on the 2024 numbers. The sun destinations in Spain and Portugal with Ryanair were marginally up while

the additional French destinations with Chalcir from June to September were popular.

The German route to Frankfurt-Hahn continues its popularity bringing over 30,000 passengers to the region in 2025.

Kerry Airport's 2026 Spring/Summer schedule has been launched offering increased frequency on routes to Spain, Portugal and the UK with <https://Ryanair.com>, while <https://en.Chalcir.fr> will serve Brive as a summer destination in France once again.

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2026 South Kerry Jobs Fair is Bursting with Opportunities

Employers from the Construction, Hospitality, IT, Finance, Retail, Manufacturing, Healthcare and many more will again be seeking new recruits at the 2026 South Kerry Jobs Fair. The event, organised by South Kerry Development Partnership CLG (SKDP), takes place at The Great Southern Hotel in Killarney on Thursday, 12th February. In addition to the many employers in attendance, jobseekers will also get the opportunity to attend free workshops covering elements such as drafting the perfect cover letter, CV preparation, undergoing job interviews and employer relations supports information for job seekers.

SKDP's Enterprise Officer Joanne Griffin said that this event has grown significantly since its inception and has now become established as one of the key recruitment events for a broad range of employers from across South Kerry. "Employers have been very satisfied by the numbers and quality of the potential employees attending the event and are anxious to secure their place at the event well in advance" Joanne said. "It is a great opportunity for both employees and employers to meet each other in an informal setting and for both to ask questions of each other to see if the position on offer is suitable" she added.

SKDP's CEO Noel Spillane said that it is very important that employers across South Kerry are provided with an opportunity to connect with potential employees in the area, particularly given the demand that is out there for employees. "This event is crucial to some employers ensuring they have sufficient staff for the upcoming tourist season in particular but it is also very important for many other employers to access potential staff" Noel said.

This year's event is being supported by The Great Southern Hotel, Intreo, Local Link Kerry, South Kerry Skillnet and Morgan McKinley, and buses will be available to bring people to the event from across the South Kerry region.



Pictured at the launch of the South Kerry Jobs Fair at the Royal Hotel this week were front row from left: Gretel O'Sullivan, Noel Spillane, Joanne Griffin and Mary Murray. At back: Siobhan O'Keeffe, Niamh Randles, Padraig Moynihan, Ciara Enright and Caoimhe Spillane.

Kerry projects and amenities shortlisted for national awards

Five Kerry projects, amenities, festivals, and services have been shortlisted for the All-Ireland Community and Council Awards 2026. The nominations which were put forward by Kerry County Council will go forward to the national award ceremony in Dublin next month.

Now in their 20th year, the All-Ireland Community and Council Awards, held in partnership with LAMA and IPB Insurance, showcase outstanding local initiatives, honour unsung heroes, and acknowledge the remarkable contributions that enrich and strengthen our communities.

This year 31 local authorities across Ireland nominated over 533 projects in 24 categories. Kerry County Council associated initiatives have been shortlisted in five categories

Best Irish Festival - Féile Thrá Lí-Tralee Street Festival

Best Inclusive Community Wellbeing Initiative - Tralee Bay Wetlands Eco & Activity Park

Best Tourism Initiative - Kerry Dark Sky Reserve

Best Sustainable Infrastructure & Climate Action - Dingle Sustainable Energy Community (SEC)

Community Wellbeing Initiative - Social Action Group, Rathmore

Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr Michael Foley, congratulated the finalists saying: 'I'm delighted to see the LAMA Awards once again recognising the hard work of community initiatives which are led or supported by Kerry County Council. The Council undertakes, supports, and funds a wide range of initiatives across the county, working closely with staff, partners, and community groups to deliver real and lasting benefits for local people, and all those involved in delivering these important projects deserve this recognition. Best of luck to all who have been shortlisted.'



*Pictured Malachy Kelly, The Tall Man with Kids David Browne and Clodagh Lambie taking part in Féile Trá Lí, the Tralee StreetFest
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CSG Strengthens Presence in Kerry with ORM Merger in Killarney

CSG Accountants & Advisors, one of Kerry's fastest-growing multidisciplinary advisory firms, has announced a strategic merger with ORM Accountants in Killarney. The combined firm will operate under the CSG name, strengthening its footprint across Kerry and expanding access for local businesses to specialist expertise across tax, audit, accountancy and advisory services, while maintaining a strong personal, relationship-driven approach.

Following the merger, CSG's team will grow to 70 staff across its offices in Tralee and Killarney, with a client base of approximately 2,250 businesses across Kerry and the wider Munster region.

Chris Murray, Managing Partner at CSG, said existing client relationships will remain unchanged. "ORM clients will continue to be supported by the same trusted team in Killarney. What this merger does is strengthen the offering behind those relationships, giving businesses access to highly skilled specialists to support growth, succession and investment," he said.

Founded in 2017, ORM Accountants Limited has grown under the leadership of John Mannix and Michael Brouder into a modern, forward-thinking practice, combining cloud-based technology with a continued commitment to personal, relationship-driven service for both local and international clients. John Mannix, now a Director at CSG, said the merger represents a natural progression for the firm. "Our clients value the fact that we understand their businesses, their families and



L-R Chris Murray (Managing Partner- CSG) and John Mannix (ORM) Back Standing - Edel Broderick, Michael Brouder (ORM), David Moran, Laura Dillon, Damian Clifford.

communities," he said. "By joining CSG, we are further enhancing our ability to support clients in a rapidly changing business environment. Along with maintaining our strong personal service locally in Killarney, clients will benefit from deeper specialist expertise and a forward-looking advisory approach, including helping them identify and leverage opportunities arising from the evolving artificial intelligence and technology landscape. This ensures our clients are not only successful today, but well

positioned for the future."

With offices now in both Tralee and Killarney, CSG is well positioned to support corporate groups, family businesses, hospitality and tourism operators, agri-businesses, professional services firms and sole traders across Kerry and the wider Munster region. The merger forms part of CSG's broader growth strategy to build a strong regional network while maintaining its commitment to accessible, local service.

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Louise Ní Mhuircheartaigh is widely considered one of the greatest ever ladies footballers. Her career is studded with individual honours: she earned five TG4 All-Star Awards and was named TG4 Senior Players' Player of the Year in 2023. Her crowning achievement came in 2024 when she helped Kerry end a 31-year wait for the Brendan Martin Cup, delivering a standout performance in the final and finally claiming the All-Ireland senior medal she had long sought. Beyond the accolades, Ní Mhuircheartaigh became a symbol of dedication, resilience, and leadership, someone whose influence transcended the pitch and inspired

a new generation of players across Kerry and beyond.

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Brain cancer Diagnosis tool takes top prize as Aoibheann Daly wins the 2026 stripe young Scientist and Technology Exhibition

Aoibheann Daly, a 4th year student from Mercy Mounthawk Secondary school in Kerry, has been announced as the winner of the 2026 Stripe Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition, with her project "GlioScope: Multi-task Deep Learning and Causal AI for Glioma & Glioblastoma Profiling".

The winning project "GlioScope" helps doctors improve the treatment of brain cancer. The treatment and prognosis for brain cancer depends on the specific genetic mutations present, but there are currently no good methods for identifying these mutations. Doctors rely on taking samples of brain tissue, which is expensive, slow and carries a high risk of bleeding in the brain. GlioScope allows a doctor to predict what genetic mutation is likely to be present from a simple MRI brain scan, so they can make quicker treatment decisions and reduce risk for the cancer patient. Professor Catherine Darker, Head Judge for the Health & Wellbeing category: "Brain cancer is a devastating condition for people. GlioScope,



Stripe Young Scientist winner Aoibheann Daly pictured here with her mentors and science teachers!

developed by a fifteen year-old student, is an extraordinary achievement. Aoibheann has brought together scientific areas of medicine with computer science to improve the chances

of early intervention for people with brain cancer. She is a worthy winner of the Stripe Young Scientist & Technologist 2026."

Kerry house prices up 6.1pc in twelve months

The price of the average second-hand three-bed semi in county Kerry rose to €375,000 in 2025, up 6.1pc from €353,500 at the end of 2024, according to a national survey by Real Estate Alliance.

Across the county, the average time taken to sell this quarter was six weeks, the Q4 REA Average House Price Index shows.

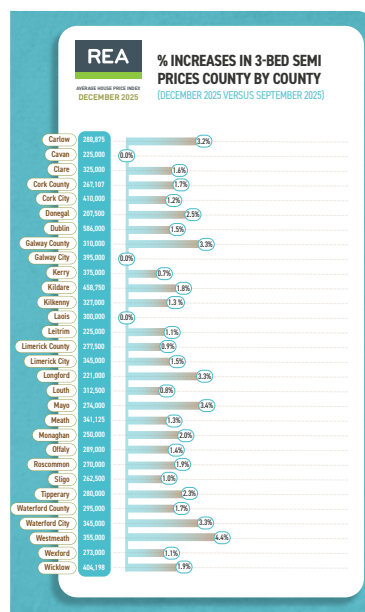
Average Killarney prices increased by 2.5pc in 2025 to €405,000, while Tralee prices were up 11.3pc to €345,000.

"We are seeing a large number of landlords now selling and a big increase in notice to vacate to tenants," said Donal Culloty of REA Coyne and Culloty, Killarney.

The survey shows that across the county this quarter, 55pc of purchasers were first-time buyers, while a total of 55pc of sales in the county were attributed to landlords leaving the market.

The REA Average House Price Index concentrates on the sale price of Ireland's typical stock home, the three-bed semi, giving an accurate picture of the second-hand property market in towns and cities countrywide.

A recent rise in landlords exiting the housing market is set to sharply increase in the first months of 2026, according to agents. The impending nationwide rent pressure zone at the



end of February has seen a 38pc annual increase in landlord sales in many areas now included in the legislation.

The actual selling price of a three-bed, semi-detached house across the country rose by 1.6pc in the past three months to €359,417.

This represents an 8.7pc overall rise annually – a gradual slowing from the 10.3pc increase registered six months ago.

Loreto NS among schools to welcome new classes

Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Michael Healy-Rae TD, has warmly welcomed the sanctioning of six new special classes for schools across County Kerry, confirmed today as part of the first national tranche of special class allocations for the 2026/27 school year.

A total of 168 new special classes have been approved nationally in this initial tranche, with further announcements to follow in the coming weeks.

The Kerry schools approved for new special classes are:

- **St. Joseph's Secondary School, Ballybunion**
- **Killynny National School**
- **Loreto NS, Killarney**
- **Coolard Mixed National School, Listowel**
- **Moyvane National School, Moyvan**
- **Dromclough National School, Listowel**

Welcoming the announcement, Minister Healy-Rae said:

"This is very positive news for Kerry families, parents and children who need access to appropriate special education supports close to home. These new special classes will make a real difference on the ground and will give reassurance to parents who are planning ahead for the coming school year."

The Minister acknowledged the work of school principals, boards of management and staff who continue to step forward to provide additional special education places.

"I want to sincerely thank the schools involved for their willingness to expand provision and support children with additional needs. It is a significant commitment by school communities, and it is one that deserves recognition."

Minister Healy-Rae also noted that today's announcement represents only the first tranche, with further special class sanctions expected nationally in the weeks ahead.

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Kerry Education and Training Board (Kerry ETB) was delighted to welcome Minister of State at the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, Marian Harkin, to Kerry College's Monavalley Campus. During her visit, the Minister met with learners and staff, toured the facilities, and gained first-hand insight into the breadth of educational opportunities available across the campus. Throughout the visit, Minister Harkin engaged directly with learners to hear about their experiences of further education and training (FET), including how programmes at Kerry College are supporting their personal, academic, and professional development. She also met with staff delivering programmes across a wide range of disciplines, reflecting the campus's commitment to high-quality teaching, learner support, and inclusive education.

The visit formed part of ongoing engagement between Kerry ETB and the Department, focused on strengthening skills provision, expanding access to lifelong learning, and supporting workforce development across the region.

Kerry College, the College of Further Education and Training of Kerry Education and Training Board, supports over 6,000 learners and apprentices in 2025 across five campus locations throughout the county. With over 195 fulltime and 140 part time programmes on offer, the college provides clear pathways to employment, apprenticeships, further study and third-level progression. From the busy campuses in Tralee to Campuses in Listowel and Killorglin, Kerry College plays a central role in helping people of all ages and backgrounds to gain skills, build careers and access new opportunities close to home.

Kerry ETB thanked Minister Harkin for taking the time to visit Kerry College Monavalley and engage with learners and staff. The organisation noted that continued collaboration with the Department supports the delivery of programmes that respond to local skills needs, promote lifelong learning, and contribute to a resilient and future-focused regional education and training system.

Countdown to All Shook Up is On!

Meet the Cast:

Killarney Musical Society presents 'All Shook Up' for their 40th anniversary on the 10th, 11th and 12th of February in the Gleneagle Arena. Each week we will be introducing you to our lead cast members. Jaidon Ward Barrett- Dean Hyde Dean Hyde is the son of the town's conservative mayor (played by Orna Cleary O'Shea) and has spent most of his youth at various military boarding schools. As a result, he is initially a well-behaved young man who has never once disobeyed his overbearing mother. His storyline involves meeting and falling in love with Lorraine, (played by Caoimhe Murray) the daughter of Sylvia, (played by Lily McMonagle-Shannon) who owns the local honky-tonk.



Jaidon Ward Barrett.
Photo by Lisa Campbell.

Jaidon has been acting since a very young age and he greatly enjoys it. Jaidon began his acting age 7 in the Oliver Hurley School of Performance right up to the age of 15. Jaidon has been involved in many societies in the county such as Tralee Musical Society, Light Opera Society Tralee and most recently Killarney Musical Society. Over the past three years, Jaidon has received the great opportunity to play many leading and supporting roles such as 'Prince Charming' in Tralee's annual Christmas panto, 'Action' in L.O.S.T's production of West Side Story, and is now looking forward to stepping onto the Gleneagle Arena stage in Killarney to play Dean Hyde in the highly anticipated 'All Shook Up'. Tickets are available for 'All Shook Up' on Ticketmaster or the Gleneagle Box Office.



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Plans in place for Fossa Community Sustainability Fair 2026

Tree planting will be represented by Local Roots and Iveragh Woodlands Project.

The annual Community Sustainability Fair returns to Fossa Community Hall on Sunday 25th of January from 3pm to 5pm. Now in its third year, Fossa Climate Action Group is making sure that the eco fair 2026 will be as fresh as the winter weather we are experiencing. New exhibitors this year include two Transition Year Student groups: Shoreline Shapers and Go Wild. Both of these groups are participating in the Young Environmentalist Awards, which is like the Young Scientists Exhibition but with a sharper focus on environmental protection and awareness. Upcycling is a subject that these groups will demonstrate whereby waste is reused as part of the circular economy.

Another very interesting stall that will be demonstrating for the first time is Luachra Formulation. Darragh from Luachra.ie will demonstrate a groundbreaking and ground nourishing solution to farmers who wish to find an alternative to spreading expensive artificial fertilizers. Even natural fertilizers like slurry can be improved by Darragh's methods.

Along with improvement of soil, we cannot neglect our own bodies. Wild Weeds will be back and will be joined by Flourish Organics as a new exhibitor. Flourish Organics create skincare that doesn't cost the earth!

This time of year is perfect for tree planting and will be represented by Local Roots in Cromane

and the Iveragh Woodlands Project in South Kerry. After all, the best time to plant a tree was twenty years ago. The second best time is now! Come along to see what supports are there for your patch of land. Killarney National Park Education team, Beaufort Beekeepers. and many other organisations will also be there on the day.

Admission is free and everyone is welcome. The Sustainability Fair is partly funded by the Community Foundation through the Dept. of the Environment. Donations are welcome on the day and will be put directly in environmental awareness and protection for the year ahead.

Fundraiser at The Fáilte for Palliative Care

A community fundraising event in support of palliative care is set to take place on Thursday, 22 January, at The Fáilte Hotel on College Street, Killarney, promising an evening of theatre, music and entertainment.

The event will feature two one-act plays, *The Flesh Game* and *The Fag*, which will take to the stage from 8.00pm. The performances are expected to offer audiences an engaging and thought-provoking theatrical experience, delivered in an intimate setting.

Following the drama, live music will begin at 9.30pm with performances by Bugzee and Eddie, adding to what organisers describe as a lively and enjoyable night for all in attendance. Food will be provided on the night, and a raffle will also take place, with



all contributions going directly towards palliative care services. The fundraiser is a free event, with donations welcomed on the night, and all proceeds will be donated to support palliative care, a cause that continues to play a vital role in the community.

Organisers are encouraging members of the public to arrive early to secure a seat, as demand is expected to be high. With a full programme of drama, live music, food and a raffle, the night is being billed as a fantastic evening of artistic fun while supporting an important local cause.

The event takes place at The Fáilte Hotel, Killarney, and is open to all who wish to support

palliative care while enjoying a memorable night of entertainment.

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Sadness as Marguerites Bakery set to Close it's Doors

A long-established and much-loved café in Killarney is set to close its doors at the end of January marking the end of nearly three decades at the heart of the town's social and culinary life.

Marguerite's Bakery and Restaurant has announced that it will officially close on 24 January 2026. The decision brings to a close a business that has been part of daily routines, family celebrations and community life since it first opened in June 1996.

Over the years, Marguerite's became known as a popular meeting place for locals and visitors alike, earning a reputation for its welcoming atmosphere and loyal customer base. For many in Killarney, the café has been a familiar stop for coffee, conversation and shared moments, woven into the fabric of the town.

In a statement on social media, the owners reflected on the privilege of serving the community for almost 30 years and expressed their gratitude to customers for their continued support and loyalty. Special thanks were also extended to the many staff members who wore the Marguerite's apron over the years, acknowledging their hard work, dedication and the role they played in making the café what it was.

The announcement has been met with a sense of sadness locally, as news



of the closure spread among customers who have frequented the café for generations. Many are expected to visit in the coming months to say their goodbyes and to enjoy one last visit before the final closing date.

The Condon family, who run the business, have thanked the Killarney community for the memories created over nearly three decades, describing the journey as one they could not have made without the support of both staff and customers.

As Marguerite's prepares for its final year of trading, its legacy as a cornerstone of Killarney's café culture is likely to endure long after the doors close for the last time.

CROKE PARK BECKONS AS THE AIB FOOTBALL ALL-IRELAND SENIOR CLUB FINAL TAKES CENTRE STAGE

The build up to the biggest day of the club championships, the AIB GAA All-Ireland Senior Club Championship finals is underway.

The AIB GAA Football All-Ireland Senior club final will throw-in after the hurling at 3:40pm when Dingle and St Brigid's go head-to-head. An epic semi-final contest between Dingle and Ballyboden St Enda's (Dublin) needed extra time to decide the winner. Dingle came out on top despite trailing by ten points early in the second half to reach their first All-Ireland final. The comeback was spearheaded by their captain Paul Geaney who was introduced at half time. He scored eight points in total including two crucial two-pointers which helped Dingle on their way to a 1-26 to 1-24 victory. St Brigid's booked their place in the final with a hard-fought 1-16 to 1-12 victory over Scotstown (Monaghan). Their win was underpinned by an outstanding defensive performance, which effectively contained Rory Beggan's influential kick outs and saw crucial goal-line blocks from Ruaidhrí Fallon and Seán Trundle. Paul McGrath delivered a tireless and commanding display, guiding his team to another All-Ireland final - their first since 2024.



Pictured are AIB ambassadors Michael Geaney (Dingle) and Ruaidhrí Fallon (St Brigid's) ahead of the AIB GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Club Championship Final between Dingle and St Brigid's. The eagerly anticipated AIB GAA All-Ireland Senior Club Championship finals will provide a fitting culmination to a season of thrilling encounters, nail-biting action, and sensational skill on Sunday, January 18th in Croke Park. Photo Credit ©INPHO/Morgan Treacy

COUNCIL MATTERS

AT THE JANUARY MEETING OF KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL, KILLARNEY MUNICIPAL AREA, CLLR. JOHN O'DONOGHUE RAISED THE FOLLOWING ISSUE

• That the surface at Lissivigeen Roundabout be repaired immediately as it is a danger to both motorists and particularly cyclists at the moment as there is a trough in the road as you enter the roundabout from the Killarney side.

I have raised this issue previously and remedial work was carried out which I am grateful for. However, this proved to be a very temporary fix and before long the problem emerged again. There is now a trough in the roundabout when travelling eastwards from Killarney that has become very dangerous to both motorists, and in particular cyclists. As it is such a busy road, any slip could be fatal and it is not befitting the standard one would expect on a National route. I ask the Council and the TII to rectify the

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Global Passport Award for Castleisland Community College

Castleisland Community College are celebrating a significant milestone this year, having been officially awarded the Global Passport from World Wise Global Schools (WWGS). This national accreditation serves as an EU-recognized quality mark, honouring schools that actively integrate awareness of global justice issues and sustainable solutions into their daily learning.

To achieve this "passport," the school community undertook a series of intensive initiatives aimed at understanding the complex problems-and potential solutions-facing developing nations.

A cornerstone of the school's success was the leadership shown by Transition Year students of 2024/2025. In a series of peer-led workshops, these students presented to CSPE (Civic, Social and Political Education) classes on critical global themes. Their sessions explored the ethics of Fairtrade, the stark reality of food availability versus population distribution, and the increasingly urgent impact of climate change on vulnerable communities.

The learning journey also extended beyond the classroom through collaboration with the Hope Foundation. Transition Year students participated in specialized workshops focused on the foundation's work in India, gaining a profound understanding of the extreme poverty and challenges many children endure. These workshops moved students beyond statistics, fostering a sense of solidarity and empathy with their peers across the globe.



In the photo from left Máiréad Corridan (Principal), Johnathan Galvin, Jasmin Moran Tobin, Doreen Killington (Geography, Irish & CSPE teacher), Emma Browne, Ben Brosnan, Paudie Fleming (Deputy Principal).

The Global Passport award assesses schools across six "stamps," including curriculum, student engagement, and school leadership. By achieving this award, Castleisland Community College joins a network of schools dedicated to fostering critical thinking and active global citizenship.

"This award is a testament to our students'

dedication to making a difference," said Máiréad Corridan. "By exploring the root causes of global inequality, our learners are developing the skills and values needed to act ethically in an interconnected world".

Irish Wheelchair Association announces recruitment drive in Kerry and nationwide to strengthen frontline services

Irish Wheelchair Association (IWA), one of Ireland's largest disability organisations is starting the new year with a recruitment appeal in Kerry to strengthen frontline services in the county as part of a nationwide campaign.

The organisation has nearly 2,500 employees across the country, the majority providing at-home assisted living support for people with disabilities, as demand for their services increases.

"Our services are rooted in a social model of support, so that people with disabilities can

live their own lives, as they wish, in their own communities" according to Michael Doyle, National Director of Assisted Living Services at IWA. "However, it is undeniable that the demands on our staff far outweigh supply. We are hoping this January people will learn more about the positive benefits of working for IWA and decide to work for an organisation that values them."

Learn more about job opportunities in Kerry with IWA at www.iwa.ie/careers



Michael Doyle, National Director of Assisted Living Services at IWA

KWOTE Monthly Meeting

KWOTE: Killarney Women's Organisation for Training and Empowerment monthly meeting will be held Wed. Jan. 21st at 2pm in the Parish Centre, Church of the Resurrection. Park Road.

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Renowned Designer Norma O'Donoghue Creates Stunning Christmas Tree at The Brehon Hotel & Spa



Renowned for her exquisite design work, Norma O'Donoghue of Amron Displays & Visual Merchandising has once again dazzled Killarney with her creation of the spectacular Christmas tree at The Brehon Hotel & Spa.

Speaking to Killarney Outlook, Norma reflected on the conclusion of the festive display: "And that's a wrap at the stunning The Brehon Hotel & Spa, Killarney. The mother of all Christmas trees has left us, and I have to admit I walked away a few times yesterday just to watch her disappear. I took the first bauble from the tree myself yesterday, and it was the last bauble to leave the site today. But we will do it all again in just over nine months, with some more additions next Christmas, as we continue the 'Christmas At The Brehon' journey. Some more ideas are already in the pipeline for other parts of the hotel to make it even bigger and better, as we add to the magic of Christmas."

Norma shared that the tree has attracted widespread attention online:

"The management called me aside this week and said it went viral. TripAdvisor and other review platforms were all over it. Someone even told them it was the most photographed tree in Ireland! The Brehon staff are over the moon", she said.

Reflecting on the tree's removal, Norma added with emotion, "I have to be honest, I was a bit teary watching her come down."

The annual lighting of The Brehon Christmas Tree, held in aid of St. Francis Special School in Beaufort, has become a beloved tradition over the past 20 years. Families and members of the local community gathered at the hotel for the event, enjoying festive music and carols performed by St. Brigid's Presentation School Choir and The Gleneagle Concert Band. Santa Claus himself joined in, leading the crowd in a sing-along and the countdown to illuminate the incredible 20-foot tree.

Norma's artistry and dedication have once again brought the magic of Christmas to life in Killarney, leaving both visitors and locals in awe.



Organisations based in County Kerry receive a total of €927,000 in Arts Council funding for 2026



Siamsa Tíre Theatre and Arts Centre will receive €310,000 in funding.

The Arts Council has announced its most recent funding decisions as part of its 2026 development programme, awarding grants nationally totalling €72.3 million to 148 arts organisations, arts centres, local authorities and creative initiatives.

As part of this, organisations based in County Kerry receive a total of €927,000 in Arts Council funding for 2026. The four organisations in County Kerry which will be receiving funding are:

National Circus Festival of Ireland: €100,000

Teac Damsa: €430,000

Siamsa Tíre Theatre and Arts Centre: €310,000

Kerry County Council: €87,000

Ealain na Gaeltachta, which has administrative bases in Gaeltacht regions in Galway, Meath, Donegal and Kerry also received funding of €750,000, which will provide additional benefit to Co Kerry.

This funding represents more than half of the Arts Council's annual investment, benefitting organisations and partners that provide the local and national infrastructure for the arts. This framework enables individual artists to deliver on their creative vision for the benefit of audiences around the country.

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€1.77 million paid to Kerry forest owners in latest forestry premium payments

Minister Michael Healy-Rae

Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine with responsibility for Forestry, Michael Healy-Rae TD, has welcomed the issuing of forestry premium payments this week, with €1.77 million paid to forest owners in County Kerry alone from his Department.

The Kerry payments relate to over 4,430 hectares of forestry, highlighting the significant role forestry continues to play in supporting farm and rural incomes across the county.

Nationally, almost €23.5 million has been paid out to more than 6,500 forest owners, with payments issued through the Department's online services system.

Speaking this week, Minister Healy-Rae said: "This is very welcome news for forest owners right across Kerry. €1.77 million going directly into rural Kerry communities makes a real difference, particularly at a time when costs remain high for farm families."

"Forestry continues to provide a reliable,

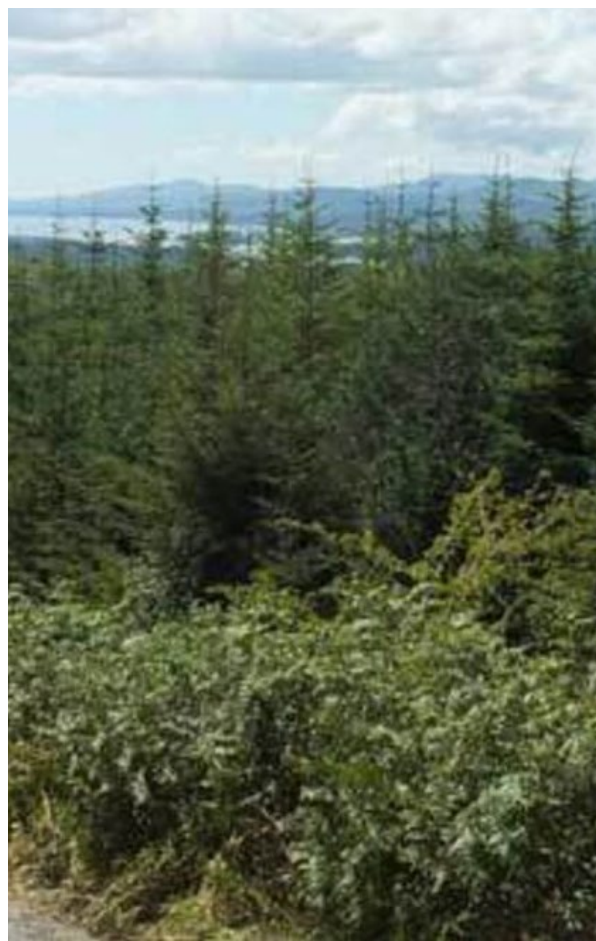
long-term and tax-free income stream for landowners, and these premium payments are a key part of that. The figures for Kerry show clearly that forestry is delivering for our county.

Minister Healy-Rae said that many Kerry landowners are already seeing the benefits of forestry and encouraged those considering planting to look at the options now available under the current Forestry Programme.

"We now have the highest forestry premiums ever available, with real flexibility from native woodland and agro-forestry to continuous cover forestry. There is something there to suit different farm types and land parcels, including smaller farms."

He also reminded forest owners that applications for annual premiums can still be submitted online.

"Anyone in Kerry who has not yet submitted their application can still do so through agfood.ie. Applications are processed on an ongoing basis, with payments continuing to issue weekly."



Killarney Valley AC Poised for an Exciting 2026 Season

The team at Killarney Valley Athletics Club (AC) is brimming with optimism about the club's prospects in 2026. A major addition to the club's facilities-the installation of a pole vault runway and equipment at the Killarney Valley AC Arena-has been complemented by homegrown talent now in full training. This development is expected to yield significant results in 2026 and beyond.

The club boasts some of Ireland's most recognizable athletics stars, including Sarah Leahy, Keely O'Connor, Jason O'Reilly, Jordan Lee, Jack O'Leary, Oisín Lynch, Jer O'Donoghue, and Conor Kissane. With such talent, exciting times are ahead for both athletes and supporters alike.

Three Killarney Valley AC athletes-Mollie O'Riordan, Jack O'Leary, and Oisín Lynch-are currently on scholarships in the United States. Maria Murnane is set to compete in Boston this February, hoping to emulate her clubmates and secure her own scholarship.

Given the high standards of Irish athletics, the club's 2025 achievements are particularly impressive and a testament not only to the athletes but also to the excellent coaching team. Highlights from last year include:

National medals: 46

Munster medals: 96

International medals: 3

National records: 2

International caps: 5

National podiums for relay teams: 2

Kerry Cross Country Club Champions: 1st place

Kerry Road Race Club Champions: 1st place

Kerry Track & Field Club Champions: 1st place

The 2026 indoor athletics season is already underway at provincial, national, and international levels, with all eyes on Sarah Leahy as she aims for her third national indoor 60m title in the coming weeks. Leahy is also a member of the Irish women's relay team that recently broke the national 4x100m record.

Meanwhile, Jordan Lee will expand his repertoire to include the shot put, and Oisín Lynch, training at Adams State College in Colorado, is targeting

the sub-4-minute mile barrier over the next couple of months.

With a combination of world-class talent, top-tier coaching, and upgraded facilities, Killarney Valley AC is set for a thrilling 2026 season and looks ready to continue its tradition of athletic excellence.



Sarah Leahy Killarney Valley AC International Athlete

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AMEND

You may use the online facility to amend course choices, fee €10, from 5th February to 1st March. Registered applicants may use this facility to add any restricted courses not already listed on an application or by mature applicants who need to add or make changes to their course choices.

HEAR/DEAR

Completed online Higher Education Access Route (HEAR)/Disability Access Route to Education (DARE) forms must be submitted by 1st March. HEAR/DARE supporting documentation must arrive in CAO by 10th March.

LATE

Late applications, fee €65, will be accepted from 5th March to 1st May. From 5th May, you may register a change of course choices online at www.cao.ie. Check that your courses have been updated by using the "My Application" facility before 1st July. Before the end of May, you will be emailed "Statement of Application Record." Inform CAO if you do not receive it.

CHANGE

Course choices and preferences may be changed as often as desired, free of charge, between 5th May and 1st July. If you submit

a Change of Mind, it cancels all the previous course choices, which you have submitted. The two categories (Level 8 and Level7/6) are completely separate from each other for this purpose. Any restricted application course, added for the first time via a Change of Mind won't be considered unless it shares the same assessment procedure with a course you had applied for by 1st Feb.

ROUNDS

In early July, offers of places (Round A) are issued to deferred applicants, mature applicants and to those who need to make visa arrangements. In early August, offers of places (Round Zero) are issued to certain non-standard categories of applicants such as FET/QQI and graduate applicants. Round One, the main body of offers, will be issued shortly after the Leaving Cert results.

STATISTICS (2025)

CAO has release details of the finalised 2025 offers and acceptance summary. Last year, 71,236 applicants received at least one offer in 106,726 offers made by CAO in its various rounds of offers. The offers consisted of 68,641 at Level 8 (Honours Bachelor Degrees) where demand is always strong and 38,085 at Level7/6 (Ordinary Bachelor Degrees/Higher Certificates) where interest continues to decline. CAO always issues more offers than there are places available in anticipation of a level of refusal by applicants. Offers are issued independently in respect of the two lists (Level 8 and Level 7/6), so it's well worth filling in both lists. The net applicant acceptance figure in 2025 was 54,032 – 47,634 at Level 8 (Honours Bachelor Degrees) and 6398 at Level 7/6 (Ordinary Level Degrees/Higher Certificates).

CAO 2026 APPLICATION TIMELINE

- 16th Jan: closing date at 5.15pm to register for HPAT (Under Graduate Med.) test
- 20th Jan: apply to CAO, www.cao.ie, by 5pm to avail of online discount rate of €35
- 26th Jan: closing date at 10am to register for GAMSAT (Graduate Medicine) test
- 1st Feb: online change of course choices (free) closes at 5pm
- 1st Feb: normal closing date, at 5pm, for applications (€50 fee)
- 5th Feb: online facility to amend course choices opens at noon (€10 fee)
- 13th/16th Feb: HPAT-Ireland test takes place
- 28th Feb/1st March and 20th/22nd March: GAMSAT test window
- 1st March: closing date, at 5pm, for amending course choices
- 1st March: completed online HEAR/DARE forms must be submitted by 5pm
- 1st March: closing date, at 5pm, for completion of mature student application form
- 5th March: late application facility opens at 12.00 noon (€65 fee)
- 10th March: HEAR/DARE supporting documentation must arrive in CAO by 5pm
- 1st May: closing date, at 5pm, for late CAO applications
- 5th May: online change of mind facility (free) opens at 12.00 noon
- 31st May: Statement of Application Record sent to all applicants before this date
- Late May: GAMSAT test results released
- Late June: HPAT-Ireland test results released
- 1st July: change of mind facility (free) closes at 5pm

Billy Ryle is a Career Guidance Counsellor and Educational Commentator
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KILLARNEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS SERVE UP ITALIAN DELIGHTS

Students from the 6LCA Hotel, Catering and Tourism class at Killarney Community College successfully completed a key assignment this week by preparing and serving a three-course Italian meal for teachers. Under the guidance of their teacher, Ms Keane, the students cooked and baked a delicious menu, showcasing their culinary and hospitality skills. The meal began with a flavourful Bruschetta starter, followed by a classic Spaghetti Bolognese for the main course, and concluded with a mouth-watering Italian Tiramisu for dessert. The assignment provided students with valuable hands-on experience in menu planning, food preparation, presentation and customer service, all essential skills within the hospitality industry. The teachers in attendance thoroughly enjoyed the meal and praised the students for their hard work, teamwork and professionalism throughout the event. This practical exercise highlights the excellent opportunities available through the LCA programme at Killarney Community College, allowing students to develop real-world skills in a supportive learning environment.



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KILCUMMIN PARISH

Written by: Helen Moynihan

KILCUMMIN COMHALTAS

Kilcummin Comhaltas are delighted to announce that we will be holding Comhrá Gaeilge classes for 4 weeks in Kilcummin N.S from 4.30pm to 5.15pm on Thursday's (22nd Jan, 29th Jan, 5th Feb, 12th Feb). These classes are aimed at Primary School children who wish to improve their oral Irish skills and conversational Irish. €5 per child per class and a concession rate is available for siblings. For more information please contact 087-0938946 or 087 – 6764368.

JUNIOR SET DANCING

Registration for junior set dancing will take place on Friday 16th January from 7 to 7.45pm in Kilcummin Recreational Hall. Dancing will commence on Friday 23th January from 7 to 8pm for beginners and intermediates and 8 to 9pm for advanced. These classes are also open to children from outside Kilcummin parish. Further information contact Mary on 087 9620135.

KILCUMMIN COMMUNITY GAMES

Anyone interested in Community games and would like to know more, please go to Kilcummin Community Games Facebook page where all upcoming events & activities will be posted. Please note you must reside in Kilcummin parish to participate.

KILCUMMIN MEN'S SHED

Kilcummin Men's Shed continues to meet in Mastergeeha F.C. Kilcummin, Killarney V93 T276 every Friday 10am-12pm, aligns with the Gneeveguilla-Killarney TFI R 57 bus schedule. Please contact 0872422299, www.kilcumminmensshed.ie kilcumminmensshed@gmail.com

KILCUMMIN GAA

Ireland Lights Up & Irish Life GAA Healthy Clubs Steps Challenge is back

for 2026. The hugely popular 'Ireland Lights Up' walking initiative returns on January 7th, 2026, in partnership, with the Irish Life GAA Healthy Clubs Steps Challenge, and Get Ireland Walking. Kilcummin GAA and LGFA will be joining GAA clubs across the 32 counties once more to ensure 'Ireland Lights Up' by turning on their lights and hosting community walking groups for a period of 5 weeks. Members of the public are welcome to join us at the Kilcummin GAA Walking Track each Wednesday night between 7.30-8.30pm to walk safely with the flood lights on. You don't have to be a member of the club to take part. All welcome. Please note - On health and safety grounds, only therapy or assistance dogs are permitted on the walking track and GAA grounds. Healthy Club Steps Challenge €30,000 in prize funding is up for grabs for clubs and you don't have to be a member of any GAA Club to get involved. Kicking off on 7th January 2026 – participants are asked to track a combined 4000km over 5 weeks up until 11th February. Any club hitting the 4000km on the finish date will be entered into a draw to win a share of €30,000 funding for their club. We're encouraging all club members and supporters to download the Irish Life App, sign up to the GAA Healthy Clubs Challenge, find Kilcummin GAA & LGFA and track your steps over the 5 weeks! Just tap on the following link: https://web.mylife.irishlife.ie/resources/challenges/691de227d54844331b08b10b?lc=en_IE

GAA LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Monday 12th January for the Jackpot of €6,000. Numbers drawn were 01,08,19,25. Consolation prizes of €50 went Cillian O'Gorman, Katie Crowley Knockanore, Sean Finnegan Cockhill, Fr. Donie Sheahan USA. Our next draw will be on Monday 26th January for Jackpot of €6,250.



Teresa Casey and Elaine Coffey enjoying Pink Night in Kilcummin



Anne McCarthy and Sheila McCarthy enjoying Pink Night in Kilcummin



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RATHMORE | GNEEVEGUILLA PARISH

By Michael O' Mahony

SHARE THE BUCKET

The Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group reminds you that Share the Bucket takes place weekly. The draw is held every Friday evening in Teach Fáilte at 8.30pm and can be viewed live on the Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook page.

This week's jackpot was €201, and the winner was Pádraig O'Sullivan. Tickets cost €2 each or three for €5. They are available at Teach Fáilte, can be bought online at <https://tinyurl.com/y2ade5om>, or in local businesses where you see the green Share the Bucket sign.

Your support is greatly appreciated, and all funds will go towards our proposed new community facility. We would like to thank our local businesses, shops and pubs who continue to support the project, and thanks also to everyone who purchases tickets each week.

SYMPATHIES

Sincere sympathies to Jennifer, Fia and Eve (partner and daughters), parents Michael and Imelda, sisters Michelle (Murphy) and Edel (Lucey), brother Pádraig, Jennifer's parents Denny and Sheila and family, aunts, uncles, work colleagues and friends on the death of Brian Cronin, Old Road, Rathmore. Brian's funeral took place on Wednesday, 7th January, in Rathmore.

Sympathies to Bridie Dinneen and extended family on the death of her brother John Dinneen, Knocknacopple. John's funeral took place on Thursday, 8th January, in Rathmore.

Sympathies to Eileen, Mary, Breeda, Sheila, Andrew and Máiréad Sheahan on the death of their mother Sheila Sheahan, Main Street, Rathmore; also to her brother Jeremiah, extended family, Lucy and Joe, and neighbours. Sheila's funeral took place on Friday, 9th January, in Rathmore.

Sympathies to Mary Murphy and Eileen on the death of their brother Pete (Ben) Murphy, Nohovaldaly; also to nieces, nephews and extended family. Pete's funeral took place on Monday, 29th December, in Rathmore.

May Brian, John, Sheila and Pete rest in peace.

DIOCESAN COLLECTION

The annual collection for the Needs of the Holy Land will take place next weekend, 17th/18th January. Donations can be made online via the Donate tab on the parish website www.rathmoreparish.ie, or dropped into the Parish Office.

KNOCKNAGREE GAA & LGFA

Knocknagree GAA and LGFA will celebrate their County Victory Social this Saturday, 17th January, at 6.30pm in the Ballygarry Hotel, Tralee. Music by Neily O'Connor and his band, with DJ Mike Fitz. Tickets available locally.

RATHMORE TEXT ALERT



MUTINY IN RATHMORE

Diane O'Sullivan who joins a gallant crew under director Brian Hickey points the way to Treasure Island, the spicy and exciting new panto presentation in Rathmore commencing on Saturday Jan 24th Full information from 0852031730

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Full swing ahead for Rathmore Panto 'Treasure Island' at Rathmore Community Centre from January 24th. The office open adjacent to the hall will be open from 1-30pm to 5pm Monday to Saturday from Thursday January 15th onwards will have booked tickets ready for collection otherwise they can be collected at hall door before show time. More Details next week. Booking office no.0852031730.

NOTES

If you would like to add to the notes, please email Michael O'Mahony at momahony14@gmail.com, or ring/text 087 6676817 before 6pm.

LISTRY PARISH

Written by: Colette Leslie

LOTTO

11th Jan 2026. Jackpot €14,500. Numbers Drawn: 3,14,21,23. €100 Margaret McLellan. €50 AJ Clifford faha. €50 Rachel McNally. €25 Patrick Fleming. €25 Anthony Sweeney Beaufort. Jackpot Next Week 18/01/2026 €14,650

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By Dermot Cronin
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GLENFLESK PARISH

Written by: Sean Daly

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MUSIC & SET DANCING CLASSES

Glenflesk CCE music and set dancing classes will resume this Friday the 16th of January in Glenflesk GAA Hall. Times are the same as last term. If anyone is interested in joining, please contact Martina on 087 2966644 or Margaret on 087 2706390 for more information. We love to see some new faces!

LOTTO

There was no winner of Glenflesk Lotto which took place on 6/1/26. Jackpot €5,000 The numbers drawn were: 5, 6, 10, 17. Consolation Prizes of €50: Breda O'Donoghue, Lisbaby, Dan Murphy, Lisbaby, Arthur Moynihan, Rusheenmore, Lizzie Spillane, Headford. Next draw will take place in Glenflesk Hall on Monday 19/02/26. Thank you to all who support our Lotto, our sellers and to Diarmuid Lynch Plumbing and Heating Ltd for sponsoring the tickets.

DANCING WITH BRIDIE

Back to basics line dancing classes in Glenflesk GAA Hall. Thursdays 6 to 7pm. Text Bridie 087 6988492 to register interest.

ALL IRELAND

Congratulations to Ballymacelligott and An Ghaeltacht on their All Ireland wins. Best of luck to Dingle this weekend in the Senior Final.

SPA PARISH

By Leanne Cronin

EAST KERRY ALL STAR BANQUET

Spa GAA members were well represented at the East Kerry All Star Banquet of Friday night. We had two players up for a place in the East Kerry All Star Team – Gary Vaughan and Mike Foley, with Mike being selected in the final team.

Club Member John O'Leary was also honoured on the night for his tireless work and commitment to the organisation by being inducted into the East Kerry GAA Hall of Fame. A proud moment for John, his family, friends and indeed Spa GAA and is due recognition of his work & dedication to the GAA.

BOYS U14S MEDAL PRESENTATION

Spa celebrated a successful 2025 season for their U14 A and B teams with a medals presentation held on Saturday evening in the clubhouse. Medals were presented by Jim Gleeson and Cait O'Sullivan Darcy, with a strong turnout of players, families and club members. The U14 A & B teams both won their respective County Leagues in 2025. With thanks extended to coaches and management for their commitment throughout the year.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Club membership for the 2026 season is now open and available to purchase via our club website www.spagaa.com

WALK UNDER THE LIGHTS AT SPA GAA – EVERYONE WELCOME

Spa GAA is inviting club members and the wider community to get active together, with the club floodlights on every Tuesday night from 7.00pm until 10th February. Everyone is welcome to come along with family and



Spa Boys Under 14 team: Photo Credit – Anne Holland

friends and enjoy a walk around the club's walking track in a safe, relaxed and friendly environment. Whether it's a brisk walk, a chat with neighbours, or simply getting some fresh air, it's a great opportunity to meet others, feel good and stay active together over the coming weeks.

LOTTO

Spa Lotto Results 12/1/26: Numbers drawn 2, 6, 14, 17. No jackpot winner; Lucky dips €50 each: Peg O'Mahony, Online; Norrita & Louis O'Connor; Eileen & Mariya Casey; Mike & Carmel O'Riordan, Rathanane; Next week's draw will be on Monday 19 January for a jackpot of €7,200



John on the night, surrounded by his large contingent from Spa and many family members

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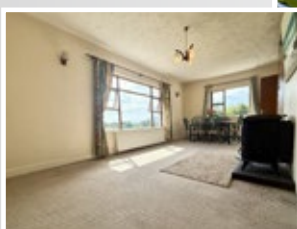
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A large crowd gathered on New Year's Day to take part in the Bridge Bar Walk, held in loving memory of local man Shane O'Keeffe. The walk, which began at the Bridge Bar, brought together family, friends, and members of the wider community to honour Shane's memory and show solidarity at the start of the new year. The event was marked by a strong sense of togetherness, with many attending to offer support and remembrance.

Organisers have confirmed that all proceeds raised from the walk will be donated to Pieta House, the national organisation that provides vital support services for people affected by suicide and self-harm. The family of Shane O'Keeffe and the event organisers expressed their sincere gratitude to everyone who participated, donated, and helped in any way to make the walk such a meaningful occasion. They also thanked the Bridge Bar for its support in hosting the event. The walk served not only as a tribute to Shane's life, but also as a reminder of the importance of community support and mental health awareness.

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- * **Better Posture:** Helps correct muscular imbalances and promotes proper alignment.
- * **Enhanced Performance:** Increases efficiency and effectiveness in other physical activities, such as strength training, running, or sports.
- * **Reduced Muscle Tension:** Alleviates stiffness and soreness, promoting relaxation and recovery.
- * **Increased Blood Flow:** Promotes circulation, delivering nutrients to muscles and aiding in recovery.
- * **Greater Functional Movement:** Improves your ability to perform daily tasks with ease and safety.

It is especially important for people who are new to the gym in 2026 to include flexibility and mobility exercises in their routine. Apart from the benefits mentioned above it also helps:

1. **Establishing Good Habits:** Developing flexibility and mobility early helps create a balanced fitness foundation, reducing the risk of developing poor movement patterns.
2. **Enhancing Learning and Technique:** Improved mobility allows for better execution of exercises, which is crucial for learning proper form and avoiding injuries.
3. **Supporting Long-Term Progress:** Building a flexible and mobile body can improve workout quality and sustainability, making it easier to progress safely over time.
4. **Adapting to Future Trends:** As fitness technology and understanding evolve, incorporating mobility exercises aligns with a holistic approach to health that emphasizes longevity and functional movement.

In summary, starting with flexibility and mobility exercises sets a strong foundation for safe, effective, and sustainable fitness progress, especially for those new to the gym, as well as the more seasoned campaigners!

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WINTER EYE HEALTH

Here are some of the ways winter can affect your vision, or worsen an eye condition, and tips for prevention.

Driving in winter

In winter you may have more difficulty seeing clearly because of darker evenings. When it is dark your pupils become larger to let in more light. However this can result in your vision becoming more blurred. This is why you may be more reliant on your glasses at night.

The glare of a low-lying sun can also make it more difficult to see, so make sure your windscreen is clean, both inside and out. It is useful to have a pair of polarised sunglasses in the car to help with the glare from the sun, even in winter.

Dry eyes

If you already have dry eyes, central heating may make them worse. Here are some simple steps you can take to minimise the discomfort caused by dry eyes in winter:

- Lower the temperature in rooms when possible.
- Blink more often.
- Use a humidifier. Opening windows for a few minutes on cold days will also help.
- Lubricants. Certain lubricating eye drops may be helpful for you.

Increased screen time

People tend to stay in and

watch more television and spend more time using computers during the winter. Using a screen will not damage your eyes but prolonged use can make your eyes tired and dry.

Remember to take breaks and operate the 20:20:20 rule; every 20 minutes, take a 20-second break and focus your eyes on something at least 20 feet away.

Watery eyes

In cold and windy conditions, many people complain that their eyes water more than normal. Wearing glasses will provide protection against the wind, even if you don't usually wear them outdoors.

Winter sun

Snow and ice are reflective, so the sun's damaging UV rays can reach your eyes from below as well as above. UV exposure is cumulative, so although you may not feel any immediate effects, you could be putting yourself at risk of long-term damage and risk cataracts and age-related macular degeneration (AMD) if you don't wear good quality sunglasses or goggles.

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HSE South West will host **FREE WALK-IN FLU VACCINATION CLINICS FOR CHILDREN** in Kerry



As families begin the New Year, the HSE South West is encouraging uptake of the children's nasal flu vaccine (LAIV) by attending free walk-in clinics in Kerry. The LAIV (Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine) nasal spray is a quick and painless vaccine administered into each nostril. It provides strong and effective protection for children aged 2–17 years, helping to reduce illness, prevent the spread of flu within households, and support families during the busy winter period.

Dr. Rebecca Marshall, Specialist Registrar in Public Health Medicine, said: "Flu can be serious for children and those around them. These walk-in clinics offer an accessible way to ensure children are protected and to help reduce the spread of flu in our communities."

Clinic Details:

Friday January 16: 10am–3pm Kerry Vaccination Centre, Tralee, Kerry (V92 V30E)

Monday January 19: 10am–3pm Kerry Vaccination Centre, Tralee, Kerry (V92 V30E)

Tuesday 20 January: 10am–3pm Killarney South DOC, Kerry (V93 CVF9)

Visitor restrictions at University Hospital Kerry

HSE South West remind the public that visitor restrictions are in place at University Hospital Kerry as part of efforts to reduce the spread of influenza.

The restrictions include:

One visitor per patient, per day, for a maximum of 15 minutes.

Visitors must wear surgical masks and use hand sanitiser (provided at the entrance to the hospital)

There is no visiting outside of visiting times (2pm to 4pm or 6pm to 8pm).

As always, the public are reminded not to visit if you feel in any way unwell – for example a temperature, runny nose, cough or any diarrhoea or vomiting.

These measures will be lifted as soon as possible when clinical circumstances allow. Certain compassionate exceptions will be made on case-by-case basis, by contacting ward staff in advance.

In the maternity ward, one birthing partner/visitor will be facilitated. This includes in the antenatal ward, delivery suite, postnatal ward and gynaecology ward. Children are not allowed to visit. Both parents will be facilitated on the neonatal ward.

Hospital Manager Mary Fitzgerald said:

"Unfortunately, flu rates in the community continue to increase and we need to continue visitor restrictions at UHK as part of our efforts to keep patients safe. We thank the public for their continuing co-operation and understanding, as we work together to keep patients and staff safe at the hospital."

Ms Fitzgerald thanked the public for their help in stopping the spread of flu.

"It is not too late to get your flu vaccine. We continue to see patients hospitalised with influenza, and presenting at the emergency department. Our strong advice to those groups is to get vaccinated, even at this late stage, and get the protection they need."

LEAP OF FAITH RAISES THOUSANDS FOR THE HOSPICE



Popular medical receptionist at Cahernane Medical Centre, Doreen O'Shea, and her daughter Shauna Jarvis took a leap of faith recently to raise vital funds for Kerry Hospice's Palliative Care Unit at University Hospital Kerry (UHK).

The cause was incredibly close to their hearts. In June of this year, they lost their beloved Nan and Mom, Noreen, to Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. In her final days, she was under the exceptional care of the palliative care team at UHK, as well as the staff of Muckross Ward. The family said they would be forever grateful for the compassion, dignity, and support shown to Noreen and to them during such a difficult time.

They described the kindness and professionalism of the staff as going beyond anything they could have hoped for. The team ensured that Noreen was comfortable, respected, and surrounded by love right to the very end. Seeing firsthand how essential the work of the palliative care service was inspired Doreen and her daughter to give something back.

To support the service, they undertook a daring skydive, jumping from a plane in an effort to raise funds so that other families could receive the same level of care and support they had experienced.

This week, they presented representatives of Kerry Hospice's Palliative Care Unit with a cheque for €5,236.69.



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Cahill Welcomes Reopening of Chinese Market for Irish Beef

Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry, Michael Cahill, has warmly welcomed confirmation that the Chinese market has reopened to Irish beef, describing the decision as a major boost for beef farmers, processors and the wider agri-food sector in Kerry and across the country. The reopening follows an announcement by the General Administration of Customs in China (GACC) confirming renewed access for Irish beef producers, after the market was temporarily suspended in September 2024. Deputy Cahill said the announcement is particularly significant for Kerry, where beef farming is a cornerstone of the rural economy. "This is extremely positive news for Irish agriculture and especially for Kerry's beef farmers and agri-food businesses. China is a hugely important international market and its reopening will provide renewed confidence and opportunity for producers who have faced considerable uncertainty in recent years," he said.

Deputy Cahill praised the Taoiseach Micheál Martin and the Government for the sustained political and diplomatic engagement that led to the decision.

"The Taoiseach's direct engagements in Beijing, alongside the intensive work carried out by officials and Ireland's diplomatic service, have



clearly paid dividends. This decision reflects the high regard in which Ireland's animal health, traceability and food safety systems are held internationally."

"Ireland's reputation for producing safe, sustainable and high-quality beef is second to none. The reopening of this market is an endorsement of that reputation and of the rigorous standards that Irish farmers meet

every day."

Deputy Cahill concluded by saying he looks forward to seeing the benefits of the decision flow through to farm families and rural communities throughout Kerry.

"The resumption of beef exports to China will strengthen our agri-food sector and support jobs and livelihoods right across Kerry. It is welcome and timely news for rural Ireland."

TD Congratulates Jessie Buckley on recent success

Killarney-born Jessie Buckley has been named best actress, at the Golden Globes awards in Los Angeles in the US this week in what is an amazing achievement for this young lady from the Arbutus Hotel in College Street, Killarney according to Michael Cahill TD.

"Anyone who followed her career on TV from the BBC talent show 'I'll Do Anything', when Andrew Lloyd Webber picked her out at that time, are proud of her Kerry roots and we can feel a little reflected glory from that" said the Kerry TD.

"When the film 'Wild Rose' came along and that performance of the 'Boulder to Birmingham' track on the 'The Late Late Show' truly blew many people away. What an all round performer in the true sense of the phrase" stated Deputy Cahill.

"Tá Jessie tar éis an-bhród a chur orainn go léir ar fud na hÉireann" a deir sé.

"We are all delighted for Jessie and her family and on behalf of Kerry people here at home and all over the globe, we salute you and wish you every success going forward" added Michael Cahill TD.



Carbon copy...Jessie admires one of the posters on her arrival at Kerry Airport after her appearance on "I'll Do Anything"

Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

Cabinet approves €15 million per annum to support Post Office Network

Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Michael Healy-Rae, has welcomed today's Cabinet decision approving an enhanced €15 million per annum in Government funding to support the nationwide post office network.

Minister Healy-Rae said the decision demonstrates the Government's clear and ongoing commitment to protecting post offices as a vital part of Ireland's economic and social infrastructure, particularly in rural and island communities.

"Post offices are at the heart of towns and villages across Ireland. They provide essential services, social connection and local employment. Today's Cabinet decision to approve €15 million per year is a strong statement that Government is serious about safeguarding the future of the post office network," Minister Healy-Rae said.

The funding, which will be provided through the Department of Culture, Communications and Sport under the National Development Plan and related budgetary allocations, builds on previous Government support of €10 million per annum over the 2023-2025 period. That funding benefitted all contractor post offices nationwide and helped to underpin the stability of the network.



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A Year In Politics

Cllr. Tommy Cahill Looks Back on his first year in politics

On 13 December 2024, I was selected at a Fianna Fáil party convention to be co-opted onto Kerry County Council, filling my father's (Michael Cahill TD) seat. Four days later, on 17 December 2024 a special meeting of Kerry County Council formally confirmed that decision. It was a proud moment for my family and for those who had supported my father over many years but it was also the moment when my life changed direction very suddenly. That change was perhaps best symbolised by the fact that I was not even in the council chamber in Tralee when I was co-opted. In fact, I was the first Councillor ever in Kerry to be co-opted online. Instead, I followed proceedings from a small coffee shop just off St Peter's Square in The Vatican City, hastily finding a quiet corner while history, my own at least, unfolded. And in fact, I am probably the first ever Councillor in Ireland to be co-opted while in the Vatican City. Maybe, the divine intervention one needs entering political life! Upon completion of the meeting (and the Pistachio Croissant and Iced Vanilla Latte), my then girlfriend and I went about our day visiting St Peter's Square, Basilica Di San Pietro and other attractions in the Vatican City where we bumped into a Dubai Celts teammate of mine, Aidan O'Dwyer and his girlfriend. It was an unusual beginning to public life and, in hindsight, a fitting one. Politics, I have learned, rarely begins neatly or predictably.

Later that evening, I flew home to attend the first sitting of the 34th Dáil, which took place the following day. Witnessing my father take his seat as a TD at the first sitting of the 34th Dáil was a truly special moment. A moment he had waited 35 years for. It was a reminder that if you look after your people, do the work and persevere, anything in life is possible (even when every possible avenue seemed to be shut). Looking back now, it is hard to reconcile how calm those early days felt compared with the pace and pressure that have followed since. One year on, as the youngest public representative in Kerry, I have learned that returning home after time abroad is not as simple as nostalgia suggests. Moving from a fast-paced city like Dubai back to rural Irish life requires patience, adjustment and perspective. I was advised to give it time and that advice proved sound. While challenges remain, I now feel settled, grounded and grateful to be serving in the place I call home.

What has struck me most over the past year is the character of the people of Kerry. They are warm, direct, courteous and honest, sometimes uncomfortably so. This is not sentimentality or cute Kerry hoorism, it is reality. People will tell you exactly what they think, whether you



want to hear it or not, and often they have formed their views long before you arrive. That honesty is humbling but it is also essential. It keeps you grounded and reminds you who you are accountable to.

Politics can be deeply rewarding when you see progress, when a long-standing issue is resolved or a project finally delivered. But it can also be intensely frustrating. Timelines stretch, processes slow and expectations often exceed what is realistically possible. Over the past year, I have gained a new respect for council and departmental officials who work within strict legislative and policy frameworks, yet still strive to find solutions wherever they can. Much of the real work of public service happens quietly, far from headlines or social media.

Housing, without question, is the defining issue of our time. Whether social, affordable or private, the system is under enormous strain. Restrictive planning policies and a lack of basic infrastructure, particularly wastewater infrastructure, are stifling growth in towns and villages across Kerry and beyond. This does not only affect young people trying to build and live locally. It also affects those who have left for Dublin, Dubai or Australia and would like to come home. Too often, the door is effectively closed to them. That is a failure which must be addressed with urgency, realism and long-term thinking. Above all else, it is what this government will be judged on come the next election.

One of the most personal lessons I have learned is that politics is relentless. Between phone calls, messages, meetings and social media,

accessibility is constant. In many respects, the role is a 24-hour, seven-day-a-week commitment. Switching off is difficult. There is always another issue to follow up on, another person waiting on an answer, another motion to submit, a press release to be sent or a social media post to be posted. Time management is absolutely essential.

I have also come to understand the importance of protecting your own health. Over recent months, I have made a conscious effort to build exercise into my mornings, whether that is getting out for a run or getting into the gym. It may seem small, but it has made a significant difference. It leads to more productive workdays and better energy and morale throughout the day. Politics demands a lot from you, and without balance, it can take more than it gives.

That balance comes with sacrifice. It can mean less time with friends, fewer spontaneous plans and missed social occasions. Even simple things, sport, family events or downtime, sometimes have to give way to competing responsibilities. Managing those trade-offs is one of the harder realities of the role and it is something I am still learning.

There is also, unfortunately, a somewhat negative perception about living in Ireland, particularly online and often from those who have moved away. I will admit there were moments early on when I questioned whether I truly would be able to settle back in Kerry. Over time, that uncertainty has eased. Much of it comes down to mindset and perspective. As the year has progressed, I have become more open-minded and more appreciative of the small things again. Maybe life was just too easy in Dubai having everything on your doorstep and I was in my comfort zone. Living rurally means relying on existing relationships, building new ones and making a conscious effort to stay in touch with people. You realise how important it is to have friends and family nearby, and how powerful that sense of belonging to a community really is. It is, I believe, one of the most special aspects of living not only in Kerry but Ireland.

And yet, despite the pressure, the frustration and the long days, I remain convinced that politics and public service matters. A year in, I understand far better the weight of responsibility that comes with the role and the privilege of being trusted to represent others. Politics may not be glamorous but when it is done with sincerity, humility and purpose, it is worthwhile.

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DEPUTY DANNY HEALY RAE TD RASIES IMPORTANT LOCAL ISSUES IN DAIL EIREANN

Deputy Danny Healy spoke on a number of issues in Dail Eireann this week.

Among the issues he spoke about were Irish Water where he highlighted the two housing applications being held up for the past number of months in the Kenmare area.

They are waiting on written confirmation from Irish Water that they would have water to supply the 170 houses which are to be built. These houses are badly needed in the Kenmare area where there has been no housing development since 2006 some 20 years ago.

He also spoke on the two housing estates in Aghadoe - Birch Hill and Old Killarney Village - looking down on the lakes of Killarney. They are waiting for their treatment plant to be replaced.

Deputy Healy Rae also spoke on the Mercosur Deal and how many people are dissatisfied and disappointed with the vote on Mercosur. People are worried about their health and so on. I



asked what control do the Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael parties have over the MEPs and Can they insist they vote against Mercosur for the good of our consumers and farmers?

I also asked what can the Government do and what will it do for the fishing industry? It is practically decimated.

Here is what he had to say in Dail

Eireann this week.
Danny Healy Rae

There is a vote coming up. A lot of people are dissatisfied and disappointed with the vote on Mercosur. People are worried about their health and so on. A vote is coming up in Europe where the MEPs will have a vote. We understand from assertions by certain MEPs from both parties that they intend to vote for the

Mercosur agreement.

What control do the Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael parties have over these MEPs? Can they insist they vote against Mercosur for the good of our consumers and farmers?

I was in an establishment in Cork city yesterday evening and I met a man from Eyeries. I started asking him about lads I knew from along the Beara Peninsula and how they were getting on with the fishing. He frightened me when he told me the number of fellas who had got out and that more fellas were contemplating getting out of it. In light of the fact we have not seen a mackerel on our side of the country for three years, what is going on? What can the Government do and what will it do for the fishing industry? It is practically decimated. I hope it will do something for these good-living people who have to contend with everything, the dangers of the sea and the weather and everything else. Are we going to lose them altogether?

Cahill Welcomes Broadband Progress for Kerry



Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry, Michael Cahill, has welcomed confirmation that a further 4,100 premises in the county will be passed by National Broadband Ireland's (NBI) high-speed fibre network by the end of the deployment programme.

Deputy Cahill raised the matter with the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport through a Parliamentary Question seeking an update on broadband coverage in Kerry under the National Broadband Plan.

The Minister confirmed that over 23,870 premises in Kerry are now passed by the network, with 24,940 available to order or pre-order, and more than 6,700 already connected. Premises in the Ballingeary, Glencar and Kells areas are currently in the build phase, with connections expected between July and December 2026.

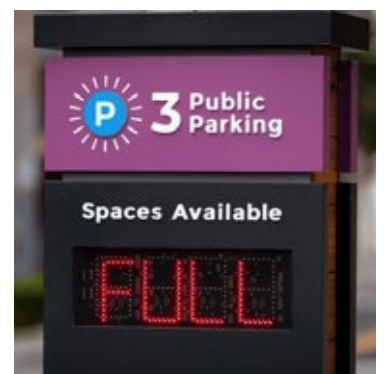
"This is very positive progress for communities across Kerry," Deputy Cahill said. "Reliable, high-speed broadband is essential for rural households, farms and businesses, and this update is extremely welcome."

He added that fibre broadband will be transformative for rural Kerry, supporting enterprise, remote working and access to services. Deputy Cahill also noted that commercial operators continue to expand broadband networks across the county as part of the Government's target of nationwide gigabit coverage by 2028.

AT THE JANUARY MEETING OF KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL, KILLARNEY MUNICIPAL AREA, CLLR. JOHN O'DONOGHUE RAISED THE FOLLOWING ISSUE

To request that electronic signs stating availability of parking be put at the entrance of each our town carparks to eliminate the needless driving around aimlessly looking for a parking spot. If feasible, these would also be very useful on the approach roads to Killarney Town.

The traffic congestion in Killarney is well aired at this stage, and I am happy to know that there are a variety of projects plans which will help alleviate the problem a little. I am convinced that the congestion is not helped by motorists having to drive into the centre of town during summer months, only to find the carpark they have arrived at is already full. They then spend the next few minutes in a line of cars slowly circling the carpark waiting for someone else to pull out, all the while the traffic at the entrance to the carpark gets blocked up. The Glebe carpark is a particularly good example of this. In our cities, there are notice boards advising motorists of the available spaces in each of the carparks. Killarney has the traffic congestion of a city, and to find a solution we have to start thinking of it in these terms. The quicker we can get the cars that do drive into the town parked up and off the streets, the better it will be for everyone and I feel these electronic noticeboards would greatly help with this. I ask that my proposal would be examined and if possible, implemented ahead of the high season in the summer.





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Opel has revealed the new Opel Astra and Astra Sports Tourer at the 2026 Brussels Motor Show, held at Brussels Expo from January 9 to 18. Opel CEO Florian Huettl opened the brand's press conference by reflecting on a successful 2025 before unveiling the latest evolution of Opel's

compact-class bestseller, which makes its world premiere at the first major international motor show of the year.

Following a strong year in which the Opel Corsa once again led German registration charts and the refreshed Grandland, Frontera and Mokka were launched across Europe, Opel enters 2026 with growing momentum. Around one third of orders for the new Grandland and Frontera are fully electric, highlighting the brand's accelerating shift towards electrification. Nevertheless, the spotlight at Opel's stand in Hall 5 is firmly on the new Astra.

Marking the next chapter in Opel's 90-year compact-car history, the

new Astra brings advanced technology and a bold design update. A key innovation is the class-leading Intelli-Lux HD lighting system, now introduced to Astra after debuting on the Grandland. Featuring more than 50,000 individual light elements, the system delivers highly precise illumination of the road, traffic signs and pedestrians without dazzling oncoming drivers.

Lighting also defines the Astra's redesigned Vizor front end, which now features a permanently illuminated Opel Blitz logo and Compass lighting signature. In line with Opel's sustainability strategy, exterior chrome has been completely eliminated. The interior follows the same approach, with all seats made from 100% recycled materials and Opel's ergonomic Intelli-Seats fitted as standard from entry-level models.

Customers benefit from a broad choice of powertrains, ranging from efficient combustion engines and 48-volt hybrids to plug-in hybrid options and a fully electric Astra offering up to 454km of range (WLTP).

In addition to the new Astra and Astra Sports Tourer, Opel is showcasing several other highlights in Brussels, including the Mokka GSE, the fastest battery-electric production Opel and a 2025 Golden Steering Wheel award winner. Also on display are the new Grandland Electric AWD, an extended-range Frontera Electric, and the Corsa GSE Vision Gran Turismo concept, underlining Opel's continued commitment to the small-car segment.

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KILLARNEY VALLEY ATHLETIC CLUB

Congratulations to club members who received awards and recognition at the Kerry Athletics awards night held at the Rose hotel, Tralee. Club members who received awards included James Doody, Muireann Breen, Jer O'Donoghue, Conor Kissane, Conor Duffin, Kieran Moloney, Babatunde Smith, Oisín Lynch, Sarah Leahy, Alan Delaney and Con Lynch. These awards recognise those who have had an exemplary season in 2025.

Congratulations to Natalie Breen who was the second female finisher in the Tom Kelly 8k last Sunday. Natalie's time was 00.33.06 in the race hosted by St Brendan's AC in Ardfer.

Tickets for our Streets of Killarney 5 Mile are selling well. This race has sold out in the previous two years so go to <https://eventmaster.ie/event/EWvBi4EF74> to secure your ticket.

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

KILLARNEY RFC CLUB

THE KILLARNEY TOWN CHAMPIONS COMPETITION

The excitement is building for the biggest event of the year! We are thrilled to announce the Killarney Town Champions 2026, taking place on Friday, February 6th, at the Gleneagle Arena (INEC).

This high-energy night will see Killarney's sports clubs go head-to-head in a "Fittest Club" style challenge mixed with a "Tops of the Town" atmosphere. Organized to fundraise for our new Clubhouse Development at Aghadoe, the event also allows every participating club to raise money for their own causes.

The Lineup: Kilcummin GAA, Dr. Crokes, Glenflesk, Killarney Athletic FC, St. Paul's, and your very own Killarney RFC.

The Challenges: Teams of four will battle through fitness challenges, eliminations, and a pre-recorded kicking challenge held at Aghadoe.

Tickets: Priced at €20 (selling clubs retain €10 for their own funds). Available online via Eventbrite or through participating clubs.

MC: Our very own Brendan Fuller will be keeping the crowd entertained throughout the night.



Doors open at 7:00 PM, with the show starting at 8:00 PM. Don't miss out on the chance to see who will be crowned the ultimate Killarney Town Champions!

LATEST RESULTS & MATCH REPORTS

It has been a busy and challenging start to 2026 for our youth and senior sides across Munster competitions.

U18.5 Boys – Munster Cup (Group 2): In a high-scoring thriller at Aghadoe on January 4th, our U18.5s fell just short against a strong Waterpark RFC side, finishing 26–38. Despite the loss, the lads showed incredible heart and attacking flair. A follow-up fixture on January 10th in Ballinakill also proved difficult against a clinical Waterpark team.

U16 Boys – Munster Plate (Group 2): The U16s hosted Garryowen RFC recently, putting in a massive shift in a physical contest. While the visitors took the win 12–27, the coaching staff were delighted with the defensive work rate and set-piece improvement.

U14 Boys – Munster Shield: A tough road trip to Ballina Killaloe/Scariff on January 11th saw our U14s battle hard in Clarisford, though the result ultimately went to the hosts (24–5).

KILK Girls (Amalgamation): Our U18s girls continue to impress! Huge congratulations to the KILK U18s on their fantastic performance in the Munster League Quarter-Final recently. The team's development and synergy continue to be a highlight of the season.

UPCOMING FIXTURES

Sunday, Jan 18: Men's Seniors (J1) away to Douglas RFC in the Munster Junior League Division 3 (KO 2:30 PM).

Saturday, Jan 24: U14 Boys host Newport RFC in the Munster Shield at Aghadoe (KO 12:00 PM).

MINI RUGBY RETURNS

It was a "Beautiful Saturday Morning" at Aghadoe last weekend as our Minis returned to training! The pitches were buzzing with energy as David Hickey and the coaching team welcomed back the future stars of the club. Training continues every Saturday morning—new players are always welcome!

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FOSSA ROWING CLUB

INDOOR ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

We would like to wish our club members the very best of luck as they participate at the Indoor Rowing Championships at the University of Limerick this Saturday. Safe travels to all our rowers, coaches and supporters.

MEMBERSHIP

Please note that club membership is now due. To pay membership simply download the Clubzap app, search for Fossa Rowing Club and pay your membership there. Any queries please get onto any committee member.

FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB

RESULTS FOR THE 8TH JANUARY

1st: Patricia Lynch & Ann Clerkin

2nd: Mary Murray & Maureen Culloty

3rd: Finola Spillane & Get Foley

Well done everyone

Bridge continues every Thursday morning at 10am at The Castlerosse Hotel.

The final of the Denis Michael Dennehy Memorial Pool Tournament took place in the Corner Bar Barraduff on New Year's Day.

The Tournament has taken place every Christmas since 2011 and to date has raised €36,500 for local charities.

The defending champion David O Donoghue overcame Alan McSweeney in the final frame of a tremendous battle between both Glenflesk men.

The Border Boys provided the entertainment and were followed by a presentation of prizes to the finalists and a raffle of spotprizes which were generously donated by local businesses and individuals.

A total of €3260 was presented to the Killarney South Kerry Branch of the Irish Wheelchair Association which will go towards their pilgrimage to Lourdes in September.



Left to right: Eileen Mayse, Secretary & Joan Dennehy, Treasurer Killarney South Kerry Branch Irish Wheelchair Association, Jack O Donoghue, the Corner Bar, Niall Dennehy, Sean Dennehy O Shea & Elaine Dennehy.

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Killarney Goal Mile Raises Over €1,400 for Charity



Organisers of the Killarney Goal Mile have extended their heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to making this year's event an overwhelming success. Goal Ireland has most gratefully acknowledged the sum of €882.50, along with additional online donations of €535 received on the day. In a message of appreciation,

Goal highlighted the real and lasting impact of this generosity.

Thanks to the support shown, refugees and displaced people across Africa, Latin America and the Middle East now have access to food, shelter and safety. Street-living children in Ethiopia have a safe place to turn to for help and support, while infants and young children at risk of malnutrition are being given the chance to grow strong and healthy. The funds raised are also helping thousands of farmers and young entrepreneurs gain access to seeds, tools, training and expert advice, enabling them to grow their own food and support their families and communities.

Kerry Cancer Support Services have likewise expressed their deep gratitude to participants and supporters for the impressive sum of €882.50 raised in their support. Their Transport Service, described by



Participants all decked out for the Goal Mile which took place on Christmas Day.

users as a "travelling support group," provides not only transport but also comfort, understanding and companionship during what can be an extremely difficult time.

A sincere Mile Buíochas has been extended from both organisations, as well as from the Killarney Goal Mile organisers, to everyone who took part and donated so generously.



A special presentation was held on Friday, January 3rd, in the Beaufort Bar to honour past and present players of Beaufort GAA Club who hold All-Ireland Senior Football medals.

Pictured from left are medal holders Paudie Lynch, Donal Hartnett, Sean O'Brien, Mike Breen and Brendan Lynch.

Representatives of the late Kevin Coffey, also an All-Ireland medal holder, were unfortunately unable to attend.

Swiss Venue for Sarah Leahy's New National Record

Sarah Leahy from Killarney valley ac has set a new national record for the indoor 50m in a time of 6.41 seconds.

The international meeting was held in Locarno in Switzerland tonight.

The previous record was held by Ailish Mc Sweeney who set the record in 2005.

Sarah who is a member of the national women's 4x100m relay team who last year set a new record for the distance at the London Diamond league meeting in front of a crowd of 70,000 spectators on a great night for Irish athletics. Sarah a noted powerful fast starter has opened the 2026 indoor season with style, determination and class. Sarah will be racing on the circuit in preparation for the national indoor championships in seven week's time in Abbotstown where she will be aiming to retain the title she won for the second time last year.

Sarah may be going on this year to have her best season yet with major championships in her horizon.

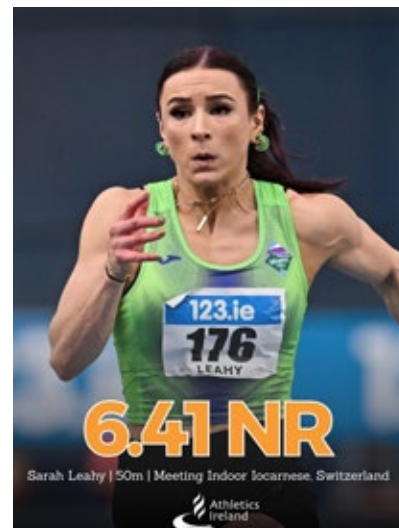
All eyes also are on Club member Maria Murnane races in Boston next week over 800m hoping to secure a scholarship in the USA.

2025 was a very successful year for where club members secured 46 national medals and 96 Munster medals and everyone is upbeat about the club's prospects in 2026.

Killarney Valley AC will again host the streets of Killarney 5mile on Good Friday April 3rd.

Athletes and runners have entered from far and wide with strong entries already.

The proceeds from the event help to fund the track known as the Killarney Valley AC arena.



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DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB

SUNDAY DRAWS

Two Ball Scramble- First Nett: James Foley & Denis Duggan 36, Gross: John McGrath & Denis Duggan 42 and Second Nett: Gearoid Cronin & Sean O'Brien 36½. Hole-In-One: James Foley (7th Hole).

CONGRATULATIONS to James Fleming on his engagement to his partner Sinead over the Christmas period. We wish them every happiness together in the future.

DEEPEST CONDOLENCES

The club offers its deepest condolences to the family of the late Patsy O'Flaherty on his death recently. Patsy served as Club Secretary between 1996 and 1999. Ar Dheis de go raibh a anam dilis.



Sean Murphy (sponsor) pictured with the prizewinners from the 2025 Murphys Bar sponsored Deerpark Pitch & Putt Club Matchplay events at the Club's pre-Christmas gathering in Murphys. Included are James Foley (Championship Winner), Brian McCarthy (Plate Winner) with David Harnett (Championship Semi-Finalist) and Nathan Cronin (Championship Runner-Up) at back.



Photographed at the presentation of the Golfer of the Year in the Ross GC are:- Golfer of the Year Barry O'Grady accepts his prizes from Captain Peter Wickham.



Sean Murphy (sponsor) presenting the Murphys Bar sponsored Deerpark Pitch & Putt Club Player of the Year Award to John McGrath (winner) at the Club's pre-Christmas gathering in Murphys. Also included in photo is Club Chairman Sean Kelly.

Presentation Monastery rise to new level as Handball champions

The Presentation Monastery National School were crowned Kerry Olympic Handball Champions following a thrilling 6-5 win in Extra Time over defending champions Gaelscoil Mhic Easmainn Tralee.

The finals which were hosted in the Killarney Health and Leisure Centre saw 16 National Schools compete across 4 different age groups with both boys and girls section. The event which is facilitated by (KRSP) Kerry Recreation and Sports Partnership has become a huge success in recent years with numbers participating growing each year.

The Presentation Monastery National School took the Juvenile (5th and 6th class) title having defeated Firies NS and Cullina NS to reach the final following an opening game loss to Gaelscoil Mhic Easmainn Tralee.

In an exciting final the sides were tied 4-4 at the end of regulation time but two crucial goals in Extra Time proved enough to send the Killarney School to the Munster championships which will take place on March 4th at Neptune Stadium in Cork.

Following the win School Principal Mary Brosnan paid tribute to the team of 10 players who have trained hard to hone their skills. "The boys have trained really hard over the last number of weeks and it is a massive credit to them to what they have achieved in winning a county final.



The Presentation Monastery NS Team who were crowned Kerry Olympic Handball Champions



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Basketball Ireland National League Division 1

Killarney Cougars 49
Moycullen 81

Killarney Cougars first outing of 2026 at the Presentation Gym last evening ended in disappointment as a dominant third-quarter performance from Moycullen saw the visitors take the win in the National League Div 1. Moycullen were inspired by a superb double-double from Grant Olsson, who finished with 32 points and 12 rebounds, and had a significant influence on the game at both ends of the floor. The Cougars came into the contest in good form after December victories over Talons and the Eagles, but the seasonal holiday break may not have come at the best time with a disappointing performance on Saturday evening.

The opening quarter was highly competitive, with Killarney showing good energy and intensity early on. However, Moycullen began to assert themselves through the inside dominance of Olsson, who poured in 18 first-quarter points to give the visitors a 25-18 lead at the end of the opening period. Joshua Phillips and Simon Olanipekun kept Killarney in touch with five points apiece.

The second quarter saw both teams trade baskets in an even spell of play. Adam Linehan was influential for the Cougars, scoring seven points in the period as Killarney reduced the gap to 40-36. However, late scores from James Loughnane and Ivan Bašić ensured Moycullen went into halftime with a 45-37 advantage.

The game was effectively decided in the third quarter as Moycullen raised their intensity and punished Cougars turnovers with a series of fast-break scores. Ivan Bašić (12 points in the quarter) and Antonio Molina Calvente (7) led the charge as the visitors stretched their lead to 70-43, putting them firmly in control.

While Killarney tightened up defensively in the final quarter but continued to struggle through the quarter offensively against the determined aggressive Moycullen defence as they comfortably closed out their third consecutive away win.

Despite the result, the Cougars had bright spots, with Simon Olanipekun, Adam Linehan and Joshua Phillips leading the effort. The Cougars will look to bounce back when they travel to Malahide in two weeks' time, before returning home to face Titans at the end of January.

Top Scorers**Killarney Cougars**

Simon Olanipekun – 20, Joshua Phillips – 9, Kenny Shimwa – 8

Adam Linehan – 7, Paul Adedeji – 5

Moycullen

Grant Olsen – 32, Ivan Bašić – 22, Antonio Molina Calvente – 14, Dylan Cunningham – 7



National League Div 1 Killarney Cougars v Moycullen.

**DOMINOS MENS
NATIONAL LEAGUE
SATURDAY, JANUARY 10TH
BALLINFOYLE COMMUNITY CENTRE
TITANS 72
UTILITY TRUST ST PAULS LAKERS 74**

Report by Enda Walshe

Utility Trust St Pauls Lakers picked up their sixth win in a row and in the process laid down the hoodoo of Galway side the Titans. The Westerners have been a tough nut for the Lakers to crack in recent years but they came to Ballinfoyle Community Centre in good form and ultimately brought home the spoils. The win moves the Lakers onto nine wins and they entertain the top team in the league, the Dublin Lions, on Saturday January 24th, in what is going to be the game of the season so far.

Much of the trouble they have got in the recent past from the Titans has been the height and physicality of the Galway side. With Fortune Igbokwe and Declan Gbinigie they possess twin towers but the secret to this success was undoubtedly the way they negated the influence of Gbinigie and also won the battle under the boards, albeit by one, 49-48. What that stat does not tell you is the amount of second chance points the likes of Mark Sheehan, Jack O Sullivan and Co. got and that was a huge helping hand along the way. Amazingly as well the Titans only led in the game once, early in the fourth quarter, and that only lasted the bones of thirty seconds.

The Lakers were fast out of the blocks with Eoin Carroll netting with an early baby hook. Steve Kelly, who was outstanding again, netted, book-ended by another Carroll bucket. Matthew Sweeney got Titans up and running but Sam Grant demonstrated early that the Lakers were going to be ultra competitive under the boards. That gave them the springboard to forge 15-4 ahead, with Kelly, Mark Sheehan and Grant with a three all on the mark. That forced the Titans into an early time out but Oisín Spring demonstrated great defensive resolve

to keep them at bay. But they eventually found some rhythm with Fortune Igbokwe and Umar Rachid prominent. Despite some lovely finishes by Kelly and Grant, the gap was trimmed to four, 21-17.

Darragh O'Callaghan made an appearance for the Lakers at the start of the second quarter as Mark Sheehan profited from a rebound. He again made a nice move and the scoreboard now read 26-19. The Titans had their feet firmly in the door now with Rachid accurate inside and out. Kelly did answer one of his threes and his drives to the board were a threat to the home side. Carroll and Grant too picked off some nice baskets from rebounds and all that helped the Lakers into a 34-31 interval lead.

A sublime Kelly pass to Jack O Sullivan opened the scoring in the second half and Captain Eoin Carroll was enjoying his battle in the paint. Igbokwe was effective for the Titans but when Mark Sheehan was found in the corner he dispatched a three to ease the Lakers six clear, 41-35. Rachid was a constant menace but O Sullivan picked off a rebound to again pounce. The Kelly drives to the basket were still reaping dividends, this time drawing a foul but the rest of the quarter was tightly fought. By the end of it the gap was down to the minimum, 56-55 with O Sullivan and Carroll impressing for the visitors. Joe Coughlan was lively for the Titans and alongside Rachid they were those responsible for the fightback.

Kelly struck early and incisive with another drive while Gbinigie found his range. A big call was made against the Titans for unsportsmanlike behaviour with Kelly snapping up the three resultant free throws. But Rachid with a three and Coughlan with his own drive to the basket gave the Titans the lead, temporarily. That's because Jack O Sullivan hit a superb three and Kelly followed that up with points from the charity stripe. The next few minutes saw both sides miss opportunities before Mark Sheehan stopped the rot from downtown. Rachid replied in kind but Sheehan again struck.

He was fouled in the act of scoring and even though he missed the free throw, the ball was recycled to Grant who hit what looked like a match winning three. Perhaps worryingly the Lakers failed to score again as some sloppiness let the Titans back in. Coughlan, Rachid and Gbinigie cut the gap to 74-72 with fourteen seconds on the clock but the Lakers just about managed the rest of the game, despite Rachid missing a chance to level. Their performance deserved the win but I'm sure they would have preferred it to be more comfortable.

Steve Kelly led the way for the Lakers with 25, Jack O'Sullivan and Mark Sheehan had 14 each, Samuel Grant 11 and Eoin Carroll 10. Umar Rachid was Titans best with 25, Fortune Igbokwe had 18 and Joseph Coughlan 16.

The Dublin Lions head to the Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre on Saturday January 24th in what is sure to be a mouth watering clash between the two form sides in the league. Tip off is at 7.30pm.

DOMINOS WOMENS SUPERLEAGUE SATURDAY JANUARY 10TH KILLARNEY SPORTS AND LEISURE CENTRE UTILITY TRUST ST PAULS 69 PORTLAOISE PANTHERS 44

Report by Enda Walshe

As games go this was about as comfortable as you can get with the result hardly in doubt even after the first quarter. Portlaoise Panthers, to be fair to them, did not perform to anything like their potential but Utility Trust St Pauls were ruthless and efficient when they had to be. The win moves St Pauls onto eight wins and with three of their next four games again at home they are nicely placed to grab an advantageous home playoff berth. The team make the short trip to Cork on Saturday January 24th to face Fr Matthews while McEvoy Cavan Eagles, Trinity Meteors and Flomax Liffey Celtics all make the journey south thereafter. A trip to Killester for what is sure to be the litmus test is the last engagement in February.

This win was forged early on with Tara Cousins very productive and it was also achieved without the influential Leah McMahon who had to sit out the game with a concussion. But those who lined out in the St Pauls vest wasted little time getting into their stride with the usual suspects Maisie Burnham and Lorraine Scanlon to the fore. Even though she didn't



Grant Olsson Moycullen in action against Kenny Shimwa Killarney Cougars on Saturday evening.

register on the scoresheet the newly crowned Kerry Ladies GAA captain Siofra O Shea was also prominent as was Denise Dunlea who was celebrating a milestone birthday also this weekend. Lovisa Hevinder looked sharp again and with the game in hand it afforded Clodagh O Sullivan and Naoise O Connor some valuable game time.

Maisie Burnham and Lorraine Scanlon were both on target inside the first minute but the imposing Christina Ojide soon had the Panthers off the mark. It didn't hamper the St Pauls momentum as Tara Cousins smoothly converted from beyond the arc to open a 10-2 lead early on. Ojide was effective for the visitors but she soon ran into foul trouble as Burnham and Cousins continued to torment. Jessica Fressle did hit a three for the Portlaoise side but the St Paul's machine continued to roll with Denise Dunlea and Deirdre Geaney now on the mark. Megan Dunne and Cousins exchanged points to leave the first quarter score at 23-13 in the home side's favour.

The second quarter continued in the same vein

but the Panthers were struggling offensively, thanks in the main to some stout and aggressive defence from the hosts. Scanlon was also doing Scanlon things, grabbing rebounds at one end, and converting sharply at the other. With Burnham also accurate and Alyssa Velles the only one offering resistance the advantage was soon extended to 33-15 midway through the quarter. Lovisa Hevinder then announced herself to the game with a three soon followed by a Cousins bucket. Shauna Dooley was now on the floor for the Panthers and she threw in a three to give her side a bit of half time respectability at 38-20.

The Panthers needed to make a quick start to the second half to get into the game and they succeeded with that as Fressle, Lynn Tunnah and Ojide all converted. But Cousins and Hevinder awoke their side from their slumber with Scanlon and Burnham following suit. Any hopes the Panthers were entertaining were soon quenched though as Burnham struck from outside and the evergreen Lynn Jones made it 50-27 late in the third. Ojide added some late points but the gap was maintained at 18, 50-32.

Hevinder and Burnham were quick into action in the final quarter with Ciara Byrne trying hard for the Panthers. It was 57-37 when Hevinder landed two trademark threes and with the game totally in hand it allowed Coach James Fleming the opportunity to run the bench. The Panthers did likewise but all the while Burnham and Geaney added to the total on the breakaway. The highlight of the game was about to appear for young Naoise O Connor as she collected her first Superleague points. With basketball in her DNA, her aunt Bernice Dowling starring for Tralee back in the day, she will hopefully be adding to that collection in the years ahead. Clodagh O'Sullivan, another young prospect, was also on court and she helped her side see out the game, winning on a 69-44 scoreline.

Maisie Burnham gathered 20 points, Tara Cousins 16, Lovisa Hevinder 13, Lorraine Scanlon 10, Deirdre Geaney 4, Denise Dunlea 2, Lynn Jones 2, Naoise O Connor 2.

For the Panthers Christina Ojide and Jessica Fressle were best with 9 each, Ciara Byrne had 8 and Shauna Dooley 5.

A trip to the Fr Matthews Arena is next in the offing for St Pauls with the game taking place on Saturday January 24th at 5pm.



St. Paul's U12 boys who recorded a hard-fought and well-earned win against Ballymacelligott Bobcats. Bobcats started strongly but the boys showed great determination to work their way back into the contest. As the game wore on, the boys began creating good scoring opportunities to eventually edge ahead in the last quarter to secure a 25-22 victory.

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC AFC

OUR ANNUAL STREET COLLECTION takes place this Saturday the 17th all support would be appreciated contact Martin if you'd like to help out 083 1229008

UNDERAGE AWARDS NIGHT AND BINGO will take place on Wednesday the 18th of February at The Killarney Oaks Hotel from 7.30pm so come along and support our young players and have a great night as well.

BOYS U16 DIVISION 2

Tralee Dynamos 1 - 2 Killarney Athletic

Brendan McHugh x 1, Rob Murphy x 1

Our first game of 2026 saw us travel to Tralee and put in a super team performance in a cracking game of soccer.

Athletic controlled the first half with some lovely passing moves and combination play particularly between Daniel Fennelly, Rob Murphy and Sam O Donoghue and deservedly went in 1 nil up through a super Brenden MCHUGH strike from the edge of the box. Dynamos came at us hard as expected in the second half in a real end to end battle with Athletic's defence holding firm with the superb Borys Januzzyk keeping the home team at bay. The blues had a couple of chances to finish the game with Martin Villa coming closest hitting the post with a strike from distance. Dynamos grabbed a goal with 5 minutes to go but the blues hit right back with Rob Murphy scoring the winner.

Good performances by the back four, Sam O Donoghue, Rob Murphy and man of the match Brendan McHugh midfield

BOYS U14 NATIONAL TROPHY

Killarney Athletic A 4 - 0 BT Harps (Tipperary)

Sean Quill x 4

The boys had a tough game today at Woodlawn at in the National trophy against a strong team from Tipperary. The first half was back and forth with a few good chances from both teams. Sean Quill broke the draw with a very well finished strike to put Athletic up 1-0 at half with the well-deserved lead. The lads came out strong in the second half with constant pressure and controlled the game. Sean Quill beat 2 defenders and scored an amazing goal from 25 yards out from his left foot with a booming curling shot to the top corner which could have been the goal of the month on match of the day in the

premiership. The great team work ethic and pressure provided Sean with two other fabulous finishes. One from a free kick from 30 yards out and another great left footed strike. All the lads played a part in the well-deserved win against a strong BT Harps team. Thanks to BT Harps for the sporting game and the referee. On to the last 32 of Ireland now. Well done boys. Man of the match Sean Quill.

U14 BOYS DIVISION 1

Killarney Athletic B 1 Ballyhar A 0

Goal: Harry Randles POTM: Alex Kissane

Athletic earned a hard fought win Saturday morning in Woodlawn. It was a tight game from start to finish with both sides creating chances. There were strong performances all over the pitch, the centre back duo of Alex Kissane and Ruairi O'Brien particularly stood out with dominant displays and a superb game between the sticks from Ewan Marshall. Going forward, Athletic threatened consistently and were duly rewarded in the last minute of the game. Harry Randles latched on to a long ball, showed great strength and pace to carry the ball into the box, hold off the centre back and finish emphatically into the top corner to secure a well deserved win. Thanks to Ballyhar A for a sporting match.

BOYS U14 DIVISION 3

Killarney Athletic 3 - 2 Fenit B

In a thrilling game of football Athletic eventually came away with the 3 points. A superb first half saw us going in at the interval with a two nil lead courtesy of a William Sjorgen and an individual piece of brilliant by Jakub Slowakiewicz. As expected Fenit were not going to give up and after a few missed chances to extend our lead Fenit scored twice in a ten minutes. With time running Jakub Slowakiewicz got to the end of corner to get the winner with a super finish. Thanks to Fenit for a great game and to the ref would officiated excellently.

BOYS U12 PREMIER

St Brendan's Park A 2-0 Killarney Athletic A

A top of the table clash this morning produced a great game of soccer in Tralee. The first half was an even enough affair with The Park having the better of the chances. We were dealt a blow when our CB Daniel O Donghue was forced off with injury but we adapted well and went into half time at nil all. Fionn Herlihy was in great form in goal and made a number of impressive saves throughout both halves to keep the sides

level. Rian O Reilly had a very good shot saved in the second half but with 14 minutes to go it took a real moment of quality from our former Athletic academy player Igor Jasinski to make the breakthrough with an excellent goal which was worthy of winning any game. We conceded another toward the end as we pushed for an equalizer and the Park deservedly took all three points. Best on the day for Athletic were Tiernan Kavanagh, Sean O'Brien and MOM Fionn Herlihy. Well done to both teams on a cracking game and thanks to Adrian Quirke the ref who officiated the game brilliantly.

UNDER-13 GIRLS PREMIER LEAGUE

Killarney Athletic A 0-3 Killorglin

Killarney Athletic captain today, Erica O'Sullivan took up position in goal in place of the injured Jane Brosnan, and got off to a strong start. In the early stages, she produced an excellent one-on-one save to deny Killorglin an early opener and keep her side in the game. Despite Athletics' efforts, Killorglin broke the deadlock in the 12th minute with a well-worked team goal, leaving little the Killarney defence could do to prevent it. Killorglin continued to apply pressure, but Athletic showed great determination at the back, with a special mention to Holly O'Connor who was immense today. On the 23rd minute, Sinead Coleman made a superb goal-line clearance, saving the ball off the line in what was one of the standout moments of the first half. At half-time, Killorglin held a 0-1 lead. They started the second half strongly and soon doubled their advantage to make it 0-2. Killarney Athletic responded with renewed energy and pressured well but just couldn't find the back of the net. Midway through the second half, Killorglin struck again to extend their lead to 0-3. To their credit, Athletic never gave up and pushed hard in the final 10 minutes in search of a consolation goal. Despite their best efforts, it was not to be. Thanks to Killorglin and the referee for a good game.

U15 PREMIER GIRLS

Killorglin 0 Killarney Athletic 4

Lilian Slattery x 1, Ella Crowley x 1, Ellie Mae O'Sullivan x1, Evie Doolan x 1

Our girls dusted off the cobwebs with what only can be called a scintillating performance. A person best from our Captain Ellie Mae O'Sullivan who scored the 3rd. What was most enjoyable for coach and spectator that it was a brilliant panel



Killarney Athletic AFC U14 Boys Division 1



Ballyhar Dynamos FC U10 Blue squad (non competitive league) who travelled away to Mastergeeha FC, where both squads put on impressive performances.

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Killarney Athletic U15 Girls



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u16s, Premier league winners over Mastergeeha FC at Murt Scott park on saturday last.

performance with each player getting loads of time on the ball. They were calm, composed and up for the challenge that we knew Killorglin would give. The scoreline would suggest an easy victory but it was anything but. Killorglin put the girls through their paces. Both their goalkeeper and backline constantly blocking play and putting pressure on our girls. Each player played with tenacity and conviction knowing the end result had to be a victory.

Thanks to Killorglin for a very sporting game and the referee for a very fair game.

KILLARNEY CELTIC

CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 13,17, 18,25. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €150. Next jackpot €6,200 on Monday January 19h. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through clubzap.

KDL PREMIER

Tralee Dynamos 1-2 Killarney Celtic

Cian Doe, Matt Keane

Celtic A remain on course for a League Final place after this vital win in Tralee. Celtic led 1-0 at half time after Cian Doe netted midway through the half. Matt Keane doubled the lead before Dynamos pulled a goal late in the game. Celtic held firm in the last minutes to claim the win.

U17 PREMIER

Killorglin AFC 2-2 Killarney Celtic

Sean Collins, Nikita Tkachenko

Celtic led 2-0 before Killorglin came back to share the points.

U17 DIV 1

St Brendan's Park 3-6 Killarney Celtic

Garvan Collins 2, Ryan Moloney, Adam Counihan, Mark Bartlett, Tristan Murphy

Celtic B gave a fine spirited performance in tough conditions last Sunday. Celtic led 3-0 but Park stormed back to level it. Celtic regrouped and finished strongly to claim the win.

U16 PREMIER

Killarney Celtic 0-2 Tralee Dynamos

Celtic went down to Dynamos despite a spirited effort.

U14 PREMIER

Fenit 2-5 Killarney Celtic

Cillian Scannell, Luke Clifford, Paul McGrath, Sean Doyle, Conor Doherty

Celtic A stayed in touch with the league leaders after this win.

U14 DIV 3

Killarney Celtic D 4-7 Killorglin AFC

Sean Looney 2, Oskar Kozub, Muhammet Gazal

Celtic battled hard in this goalfest but Killorglin were just that bit stronger.

U12 PREMIER

Killarney Celtic A 3-2 Killorglin A

Cian O'Connell 3

Celtic came from behind to claim the win as Cian O'Connell struck for a hatrick.

U12 DIV 1

Killarney Celtic B 1-1 St Brendan's Park

Adam O'Riordan

Honours were shared in this well contested

game.

U12 DIV 3

Killarney Celtic D 5-2 LB Rovers C

Liam Myers, Joseph Cronin, Samir Cenaj, Buhle Schreurs, Misha Onishenko

Celtic D claimed their 2nd win in a row with this win over LB Rovers.

SYMPATHY

Killarney Celtic extends its deepest sympathy to our coaches Natasha and Alan and family following the recent passing of Natahsa's father. Congrats to Conor Doherty U14 who made the KSBGL Team of the Week.

MASTERGEEHA SOCCER

U12 BOY'S PREMIER

Mastergeeha A 8 v Camp A 0

Goals scorers for Mastergeeha FC: Olivier Stachowiak (3), Dara Burchill (2), Thomas O'Sullivan (2), Ronan O'Neill (1)

Mastergeeha got off to a great start with opening game of the 2026 Kerry Schoolboys and Girls Season. A wet and windy Sunday morning in Kilbreen Park with torrential rain against Camp. Mastergeeha made a flying start in opening minutes with Thomas Corkery very unlucky not to score from a header that rattled the post with a great ball from Sean Breen. Few minutes later Dara Burchill with great cross from left and Dara O'Keeffe very unlucky not to finish. Olivier Stachowiak got our 1st goal 10th minute for Mastergeeha with a super break away ball by Dara Burchill over the top to Oliver with a clinical finish. 2 mins later Thomas Corkery with great build-up play in Midfield found Oliver with a ball over the top and Oliver finished it home for his 2nd goal.

On the 16th minute Nathan Cronin was fouled and took the free from Mastergeeha own half, went for distance and launched it to Olivier to put him in a 2 v 1 with Goalkeeper and defender with Oliver finding the back of the net to set him up for his hat-trick. On the 25th minute Oliver Stachowick took to the wings on the right side of midfield switching play with a long ball to the left putting Dara Burchill in a 3v1 and Dara taking on 2v defenders and goalkeeper to put us up 4-0 at half time.

A minute into second half 31st minute Mathew Cahill, Ronan O'Neill and Thomas O Sullivan all fantastic in the build-up with Mathew Cahills assist for Thomas O'Sullivan to put us up 5-0 on



Killarney Celtic U12D squad vs LB Rovers

31st minute. 36th minute Sean Breen moving out from right back played brave ball to Ronan O'Neill in midfield with Ronan powering the finish into the back of the net to put us up 6-0. 38 minutes Mathew Cahill with another great assist to Thomas O'Sullivan to put us up 7-0. Dara Burchill finished the game out for us on the 39th minute with a left legged strike to find the bottom right corner. Game closed out early at 8-0.

Overall great team performance by everyone. Big thanks to Dylan O'Sullivan in goal today Solid performance by our defence of Sean Breen, Josh O'Sullivan and Nathan Cronin. Dara O'Keeffe. Ronan O'Neill, Conor McCarthy, Mathew Cahill, Dara Burchill and Thomas Corkery midfield. Our strikers outstanding today Thomas O'Sullivan and Oliver Stacchowick.

Assists, work rate, recovery runs and goals. Today's Man of the Match goes to Dara Burchill Special mention to today's referee Tom O'Sullivan for a very fair sporting game, physical game. Great communication throughout in tough weather conditions. Best wishes to Ronan O'Leary our Goalkeeper playing with Kerry u12s.

U12 BOY'S DIVISION 1

Mastergeeha B 1 v LB Rovers A 4

Mastergeeha B produced a very encouraging display at home despite a 4-1 defeat to LB Rovers. The team controlled large spells of the game showing excellent work rate. Several well-constructed attacks were created, but the breakthrough goal proved elusive.

The second half followed a similar pattern, with Mastergeeha continuing to play on the front foot. However, LB Rovers were more clinical with their chances, scoring at key moments. Mastergeeha responded with a well-taken goal and continued to push forward, before being caught late on.

U12 BOY'S DIVISION 2

Tralee Dynamos A 5 v Mastergeeha C 1

Mastergeeha U12 C Team had an evening game under lights on Dynamos new astro turf pitch on Saturday evening. Mastergeeha started slowly and Dynamos took advantage to take an early lead. Mastergeeha regrouped and started to put some good attacks together. Rory Leane was unfortunate when his well struck shot cannoned back off the cross bar.

Mastergeeha worked a good equaliser following good defending by Michael O' Connor who played the ball to Ryan Dewhurst who put Rory Leane through on goal to finish well. We conceded from a harsh penalty before half time to leave the score 2 - 1 to Dynamos at the break. Dynamos had the better of proceedings in the second half and added four further goals.

A tough day for the Mastergeeha boys but to their credit they never gave up and kept fighting until the final whistle. Special thanks to Shane O' Boyle for stepping up from the Under 11's to help us out.

Best on the day for Mastergeeha were Darragh O'Connell (Capt.), Ryan Dewhurst and Rory Leane. Captain: Darragh O'Connell

Goal Scorer: Rory Leane

Assist: Ryan Dewhurst

Thanks to the Referee and to Dynamos for a very sporting game.



Kerry u14 Boys



Kerry U15 Girls

U12 BOY'S DIVISION 3

MEK B 1 v Mastergeeha D 2

U14 BOY'S DIVISION 1

Camp A 5 v Mastergeeha A 3

U14 BOY'S DIVISION 2

Mastergeeha B 1 v Tralee Dynamos B 2

U16 BOY'S DIVISION PREMIER

Ballyhar 3 v Mastergeeha 1

U16 BOY'S DIVISION 2

Mastergeeha B 2 v Fenit A 6

LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Friday 9th January for the Jackpot of €3,800. Numbers drawn were 10,11,13,19. Consolations Prizes of €50 each to the following, Kevin Healy Online Albert Kelly Online, Darragh Brosnan & John & Margaret Lenihan. Our next draw will be on Friday 16th January at the Village Inn for Jackpot of €4,000.

KERRY SCHOOLBOY/GIRL SOCCER

NATIONAL:

KERRY SIDES MAKE MUNSTER FINAL AS OTHERS SUFFER ALL IRELAND SETBACK

It was a busy and dramatic weekend of Inter-League action for Kerry across both the Boys and Girls competitions, with plenty of memorable moments, strong performances, and fine margins deciding several knockout ties.

Kerry's U14 girls saw their All-Ireland journey come to an end after a 3-1 defeat to Kilkenny, with Amy Rose Shanahan on the scoresheet in a hard-fought quarter-final. There was better news for the U15 girls, who produced an excellent display to overcome Clare 4-1 in their Munster semi-final

in Killarney. Eilidh Cregan and Orlaith Flynn were in outstanding form, each scoring twice to send Kerry through in convincing fashion.

The U12 boys showed great composure in their Munster semi-final against Clare, battling to a 1-1 draw before advancing on penalties. Igor Jasinski scored Kerry's goal, and the team held their nerve from the spot to book their place in the final. Kerry's U14 boys also enjoyed success at All-Ireland level, edging past Galway 2-1 after extra time in a tense quarter-final. Goals from Sean Quill and Luke Clifford proved decisive in a tightly contested encounter.

Heartbreak followed for the U15 boys in their Munster semi-final against Waterford. Kerry showed tremendous character to fight back from 2-0 down, with Joe Joy scoring twice to level the match at 2-2, but Waterford ultimately edged the penalty shootout 6-5 to deny Kerry a place in the final.

QUILL FIRES ATHLETIC INTO NATIONAL STAGES

Killarney Athletic produced a superb performance in the U14 Boys National Trophy, cruising to a 4-0 victory over BT Harps to book their place in the National Stages of the competition. Sean Quill was the star of the show, scoring all four goals in a dominant display as Killarney Athletic controlled the game from start to finish and progressed in the competition in emphatic style.

GIRLS:

PARK REMAIN UNBEATEN IN PREMIER

It was a competitive round of fixtures in the Amber Killarney U13 Girls Premier, with important wins for leaders Park, Killorglin and first for MEK.

Park recorded a strong 3-1 victory over Iveragh, thanks to goals from Natalia McDermott, Faith Breen, and Caoimhe Field, as they showed attacking quality and control throughout the game to extend their unbeaten run and lead at the summit.

MEK defeated Listowel Celtic by the narrowest of margins, with Emma Foley scoring the only goal in a tight contest where chances were at a premium.

Killorglin rounded off the round with an impressive away win, defeating Killarney Athletic 3-0. Goals from Chloe O'Sullivan, Sophie Moriarty, and Sienna Boyle sealed a convincing performance and a valuable three points.

FENIT AND MEK PICK UP POINTS IN DIVISION 1

Fenit Samphires and MEK Galaxy took home the points from the latest round of action in the Amber Killarney U13 Girls Division 1, with tight games and plenty of effort on display.

Fenit picked up a valuable away win at Tralee Dynamos, edging the contest 1-0 thanks to a well-taken goal from Fiadh McElligott. The narrow scoreline reflected a closely fought match throughout.

In an entertaining encounter, MEK B came out on top against LB Rovers, claiming a 3-2 victory. Goals from Dearbhla Kiely, Erin Cronin, and Lily Kate Murphy proved decisive, while Laoise McCarthy and Kate Houlihan found the net for LB Rovers in a spirited performance.

FOUR GOALS THE ANSWER IN PREMIER AND DIVISION 1

Four goals helped Killarney Athletic, MEK, and Fenit to points at the weekend across the Muckross Park Hotel Premier and Division 1.

In the Premier Division, Killarney Athletic ran out 4-0 winners over Killorglin, with goals from Lillian Slattery, Ella Crowley, Ellie O'Sullivan, and Evie Doolan in a dominant team performance. Meanwhile, MEK produced a commanding 4-1 victory against Camp, with Isabelle O'Connor scoring a hat-trick and Elise Brunner adding the fourth to secure a comfortable win.

In Division 1, Fenit came out on top in a high-scoring 4-2 win over Iveragh. Hannah Barrett Neziri was the star, netting a hat-trick, while Fiadh Nelan added another to round off a strong attacking display.

SIX STAR PARK LEAD U16 PREMIER

St Brendan's Park produced another sparkling performance in the U16 Girls Premier, cruising to a 6-0 win over Listowel Celtic. Laura Heaphy starred with a superb hat-trick, while Taylor Kate Leane, Saoirse Moynihan, and Grace O'Regan added a goal each to complete the scoring. Park controlled the game from start to finish, showing excellent teamwork, clinical finishing, and defensive solidity to keep a clean sheet, the three points putting them top of the table.

BOYS:

U12 PREMIER ACTION RETURNS

The EBS U12 Boys Premier returned for 2026 at the weekend, with some high-scoring games and standout individual performances. Park, Dingle, Listowel Celtic, Killarney Celtic and



Kerry U12 Boys

Mastergeeha all secured wins.

St Brendan's Park secured a 2-0 victory over Killarney Athletic, with Igor Jasiński and Iarlaith Clifford finding the net in a controlled team display. Dingle recorded a 3-0 win over Castleisland thanks to goals from Jack Brosnan, Joey O'Connor, and Lui O Sé.

Listowel Celtic came from behind to defeat Fenit 4-1. Eoghan Gilligan scored for Fenit, but Eoghan Barrett and Abraham Newland (two goals each) ensured the win for Listowel Celtic. In a thrilling contest, Killarney Celtic narrowly beat Killorglin 3-2, with Cian O'Connell scoring a hat-trick, while Killorglin's goals came from Ben Mulligan and Sean O'Sullivan.

Mastergeeha produced a clinical 6-0 win over Camp, with Oliver Stachowiak and Darragh Burchill scoring two each, and Thomas O'Sullivan and Ronan O'Neill adding the remaining goals.

DINGLE GAIN GROUND IN 14'S TITLE RACE

Dingle Bay Rovers extended their unbeaten run and opened up a gap atop The Golden Nugget U14 Boys Premier, with high-scoring games and some standout individual performances in the latest round of fixtures.

Dingle secured a 2-0 win over Iveragh, with goals from TJ Ó hAinfein and Tommy Ó Shúilleabháin in a controlled display. Castleisland and Park played out a tight 1-1 draw, with Liam Quirke scoring for Castleisland and Tadhg Gilligan equalising for Park.

Killorglin produced a dominant performance away to Inter Kenmare, winning 4-0. Luke Twiss scored twice, while Freddie Glinwood and Cian McGillicuddy also found the net. In the highest-scoring game of the round, Killarney Celtic defeated Fenit 5-2, with goals from Cillian Scannell, Luke Clifford, Paul McGrath, Sean Doyle, and Conor Doherty. Fenit battled hard but were unable to contain Killarney Celtic's attacking firepower.

MILLTOWN AND KILLORGLIN NECK AND NECK IN DIVISION 3

Nothing separates Milltown and Killorglin at the summit of The Golden Nugget U14 Boys Division 3, as the pair both recorded big wins at the weekend, in what proved a high scoring round of action.

Killorglin C came out on top in a seven-goal thriller away to Killarney Celtic D, winning 7-4. Goals from Hugo Moriarty (2), Daniel Poff,

Joshua O'Donoghue, CJ Foley, Sean Óg Costello, and an own goal fired the visitors to victory.

Killarney Celtic stayed in the tie as Sean Looney scored twice, with Oskar Kozub and Muhammed Gazal also on the scoresheet. Milltown claimed a 2-1 victory against LB Rovers B, with Muiris Quirke scoring twice to overturn Harry Bennett's goal for LB Rovers.

Killarney Athletic C secured a narrow 3-2 win over Fenit B, with Jakub Slowakiewicz grabbing a brace and William Sjorgen adding the third, holding off a strong Fenit challenge.

DYNAMOS BUILD LEAD ATOP 16'S PREMIER

Another big win for Tralee Dynamos has opened up a slender lead from Inter Kenmare in the U16 Boys Premier, with Ballyhar recording their second win elsewhere.

Tralee Dynamos claimed a 2-0 victory over Killarney Celtic, with Adrian O'Connor scoring both goals to guide his side to a controlled and efficient win. Ballyhar overcame Mastergeeha 3-1 in another competitive clash. Cillian Casey grabbed a brace, while Ryan Quilter added the third goal to seal the victory, ensuring Ballyhar left with all three points.

BOYS TEAM OF THE WEEK:

1. Hunter Boyou (Iveragh U14)
2. Conor Doherty (Killarney Celtic U14)
4. Kian Skretney (Fenit U14)
5. Cillian Falvey (Milltown U14)
3. Cillian Casey (Ballyhar Dynamos U16)
6. Jack Harding (Listowel Celtic U14)
7. Dean O'Donoghue (Castleisland U16)
8. Albi Gaxha (Tralee Dynamos U16)
9. Sean Quill (Killarney Athletic U14)
10. Igor Jasiński (St Brendan's Park U12)
11. Dara Burchill (Mastergeeha U12)

GIRLS ROLL OF HONOUR:

1. Avril Lynch (MEK Galaxy)
2. Ciara Cronin (St Brendan's Park)
4. Zoe O'Neill (Killarney Athletic)
5. Rose Ahern (St Brendan's Park)
3. Orla O'Rahilly (Listowel Celtic)
6. Clodagh Buckley (Fenit Samphires)
8. April Kerins (Tralee Dynamos)
7. Daniele Jonikaite (Killorglin)
10. Eimear O'Sullivan (Fenit Samphires)
9. Isabelle O'Connor (MEK Galaxy)
11. Tierngah McGill (Iveragh)

Ramona Keogh Selected for Prestigious International Coaching Programme in Italy

Local football coach Ramona Keogh has been selected as one of just ten female coaches nationwide to take part in a prestigious international development programme through the FAI Coach Education and UEFA Women's courses, in partnership with Léargas and Italian club Como 1907.

The opportunity will see Ramona spend a full week immersed in the professional environment of FC Como in Italy, gaining first-hand experience of elite club operations, coaching methodologies and player development structures. The programme, organised by the FAI, is designed to support and advance female coaches through a combination of education, mentoring and practical observation.

Participants will engage in a comprehensive schedule that includes cultural experiences, an in-depth club visit covering FC Como's history and structure, presentations, workshops, practical coaching observations, match analysis, live first-team matches, and a series of structured tasks and assignments. The initiative aims to broaden coaching perspectives while encouraging the exchange of ideas and best practice between Irish and international football environments.

Ramona has acknowledged the support of Niall O'Regan and the FAI Coach Education team for facilitating the opportunity, as well as Léargas Erasmus+ for making the programme possible. The visit also marks a return to working with David Bell at FC Como, further strengthening existing professional coaching links.

Strong local support has been evident, with Ramona extending thanks to the committee, coaches and parents of Mastergeeha F.C. for their continued encouragement, along with colleagues in the Kerry Schoolboys and Girls League for their messages of support. While she will be away from her regular coaching duties for the duration of the programme, the experience is expected to have long-term benefits for players and coaches at grassroots level.

A significant element of the programme will focus on sharing learning outcomes. Ramona will contribute to an online community of practice during the visit, deliver workshops within her club environment on return, and present key insights at the 2026 Education and Development Conference at the Aviva Stadium.

The selection of Ramona Keogh for this initiative highlights the growing recognition of female coaches within Irish football and reflects ongoing efforts to provide meaningful international development pathways that strengthen the game at all levels.

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JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY

takes a look at all things sport...

I would normally start this column with the Kerry inter-county teams in action, follow up with Kerry sports people involved in international action (e.g. athletics, golf, etc. - if I was clever enough to slip in a mention of Jessie Buckley's phenomenal success this week, I certainly would) and follow on with the club action (basketball has much better PROs than anything I could do; hence they are in a different section of their own.

This week, for reasons that should be obvious, I think pride of place has to go to the Kerry clubs involved in Croke Park last weekend.

BALLYMAC CLAIM JUNIOR ALL IRELAND

All Ireland Junior Club Final:

Ballymac 1-16

Clogher Éire Óg 0-13

I was a bit worried coming into this one. Tyrone, for me, are the biggest threat to Kerry at senior intercounty, and their strong club base is a big part of their huge underage successes in recent years. We all know Ballymac's story. For the last four or five years they have been favourites for Kerry's Junior Premier title, being the only Division One team involved. And they went very, very close every year...without getting over the finish line. After the defeat to Listowel, I was beginning to question was it ever going to happen for them, especially when they finally got relegated from Division One this year. The only thing that gave me pause was that their younger players, especially the forwards like Keane, Collins, and Daly were getting that bit better all the time. I have genuinely always rated Jack Joy and Máirtín McKivergan, but they went from talented youngsters to full grown footballers this year in the space of about a week (McKivergan has probably been the best midfielder in this year's Corn uí Mhuiri so far)

The most worrying thing for me was Ballymac's form of late. In their last two games, for me they came flying out of the blocks at the start....only to begin to flounder, and they were hanging on by the finish. Could they bring that intensity for a full sixty minutes, like they had all through the Kerry competition?

It turns out that yes, they most certainly could. Jack Joy was absolutely superb from the off, superbly winning a two point free fired over by Darragh Broderick and then adding a superb kick from outside the arc. That one didn't count, though, with Ballymac caught for a three back breach that not only handed Clogher an easy opening score but negated that two points. It clearly didn't interrupt their concentration, though. With Donal Daly showing superbly as a target, Ballymac were playing most of the football and frees from Aidan Breen, Darragh



Broderick, and one from play by Daly himself restored that four point gap.

A brilliant two pointer from Ciarán Bogue – full credit, he was magnificent, finishing the half with five points – kick-started Clogher. Suddenly they seemed to be the ones taking control. I will say that a second three up breach by Ballymac that handed Ryan McCaughey another handy free....look, mistakes like that are costly, and with good reason. The Ulstermen could have taken two goals chances as well with a little bit more composure. Conor Shields kicked a two pointer and Marc McConnell notched a great point. As far as I was concerned, Ballymac needed to get to half-time and regroup. They were in trouble, struggling on kick-outs and missing their few chances. A '45 from Máirtín McKivergan interrupted the flow, thankfully, and Aidan Breen added a free after a Clogher three up breach to leave the Kerry side trailing by 0-10 to 0-8 at the break. It could have been a lot worse, to be honest.

Ballymac took control on the restart. Daire Keane opened the second half scoring, Aidan Breen added a free, the lively Joy got a point that did count this time, and Keane added his second. Did Daire Keane subsequently deserve the man of the match award? I thought Daly was superb – if anything, they could even have fed him more ball – but look, I wouldn't say there's too many in Ballymac or anywhere else that are too bothered about individual awards this week.

Marc McConnell took a good score for Clogher. I actually thought they were playing decent football....but not getting it on the scoreboard, and that's fatal. To be honest, my own theory is that the real difference between senior, intermediate, and junior is about a team's scoring efficiency, more than any other metric, even including population.

Clogher created loads, including two great goal chances. But 'created' is never a word that appears in a match report in a good context. I'll

borrow from Damian Stack of the Kerryman's stats eight wides, one dropped short, two goal chances left behind.

Ballymac were just far more clinical. Jack Joy took his second point – I was really taken with Joy, Daly, and Reidy in particular, but I thought that Ballymac all round brought everything they had to the table; I'm not sure that Clogher Éire Óg (exactly how many 'Éire Óg' clubs are there in Ireland? Almost every county seems to have one) can say the same.

The game was still in the melting pot, though. A goal could easily have turned the tide. Honestly, I thought Bogue was desperately unlucky, after doing everything right, to just barely skin a shot wide of the post. My moment of the game was Micheál Reidy calling for and claiming a dangerous high ball against two Clogher men. There's something gloriously raw about football like that. We all love to talk strategies and tactical evolutions and so on, but sometimes the game is just about who can win that kind of ball.

Daire Keane had a goal chance of his own narrowly flash wide as well, but a minute later Donal Daly gathered a good ball in space and cut inside to neatly drill home. A Niall Collins meant meant that they were effectively home and hosed.

Away back in the 19th century, a Ballymac man named Jack Hussey, son of a somewhat infamous factor (Sam Hussey wrote 'Reminiscences of an Irish Land Agent' in 1904 – it was witty, to be fair, but it was also astonishingly racist, and towards his own race) effectively fielded Kerry's first gaelic football team. I think it featured four Bailey brothers, including the long-serving future Kerry Secretary Den Joe.

Almost a century and a half later, that parish have an All Ireland of their own. In or out of context, it's no small thing.

Ballymacelligott: Christy Leen, Eoin Creedon, Daniel O'Shea, Eoin Moriarty, Cathal Dunne, Tadhg Brick, Micheál Reidy (0-1), Aidan Breen



Proud Ballymac team members who won the All Ireland Junior Final at the weekend raise the cup!



Mascot Rian from Junior Infants in Ballyfinnane National School is hoisted high in the air with the cup

(0-3, 3f), Darragh Broderick (0-4, 1tpf, 2f), Adam Sheehy (0-1), Máirtín McKivergan (0-1, 1'45), Jack Joy (0-2), Niall Collins (0-1), Donal Daly (1-1), Daire Keane (0-2). Subs: Dylan Dunne (for Daniel O'Shea, 25 mins), Darragh Regan (for Adam Sheehy, 60 mins), Josh O'Keeffe (for Niall Collins, 64 mins), Seán Rice (for Eoin Moriarty, 64 mins), Brian Cassidy (for Micheál Reidy, 64 mins).

Clogher Eire Og: Rory McElroy, Seán McCaffrey, Eoin Mellon, Ruairi McCaughey, Conor Shields (0-2, 1tp), Mark Bogue, Jamie Callaghan, Barry McKenna, Darragh Mellon, Sean Bogue, Ciaran Bogue (0-5, 1tp, 2f), Cillian Barkey (0-1), Ryan McCaughey (0-2, 2f), Marc McConnell (0-2), Vincent Lowry. Subs: Michael McCaughey 0-1 (for Vincent Lowry 34 mins), Finbarr McCaughey (for Barry McKenna, 51 mins), Eoin McCarron (for Cillian Barkey 55 mins), Dominic McKernan (for Seán McCaffrey 59).

Referee: Seamus Mulhare (Laois).

AN GHAELTACHT REACH PROMISED LAND

All Ireland Intermediate Club Final:

An Ghaeltacht 0-12 Glenullin 0-6

Again, I was on tenterhooks (apparently, it comes from 'tenters', which were wooden frames to keep cloth tense while drying out) about this one. An Ghaeltacht were beginning to resemble the Walking Dead from the TV show, given their walking wounded. Not quite as much as the current US Secretary of Health. I get why he doesn't think vaccines or pasteurizing milk are healthy pursuits; I'm just surprised that things like holy water and silver haven't been banned yet.

Ulster friends had told me that the Derry champions were good footballers. I still believe it. I think there is a general consensus that they didn't do themselves justice. Look, Croke Park is a huge step up for the majority of players; that can be a tough cauldron. And while we are at it, we may as well prod that elephant

in the room. Because Kerry allow divisional teams into their County Championship, it means that Kerry's Intermediate champions would almost certainly be senior in most other counties, including Derry. I wouldn't change our system, I think it is the best format for providing the highest level of football to players commensurate to their ability, but I do acknowledge the disparity.

None of that is to take away from Gaeltacht. In fairness, I don't know were they really on anybody's radar at the start of the Kerry Intermediate Championship. I was looking particularly at Beaufort, Laune Rangers, and Glenflesk, with Fossa and Kilcummin very much in the hunt. Listowel Emmets surprised me with their quality, to be fair. But An Ghaeltacht? Big men, brave footballers, hugely committed. They always produced great footballers but, as with so many rural areas down through the years, had to export them more often than not. A cold reality. Even nowadays, thanks to summer migration, An Ghaeltacht's championship team bears little comparison with their county league team.

But it was An Ghaeltacht who won it out. Cathal Ó Beaglaoich, a big man with an even bigger kick when it comes to two pointers, showed why he is on Jack O'Connor's radar. Ruaidhrí Ó Beaglaoich came back from a bad injury with his talent undiluted and resumed making scores look easy. Aodna Ó Beaglaoich has emerged as a defender of serious note. The addition of Aidan Walsh – ah, let us say Aodán Breathnach instead, but ye know full well who I mean. I first saw him win man of the match at midfield in a Duhallow U21 Tournament Final in Knocknagree in 2009, you really could see the quality. For me, his arrival has unlocked Éanna Ó Conchúir to the forwards and changed the balance of that team completely.

I'd say offhand that I'm the only person writing about the game that didn't have a problem with the vuvuzelas. That's because I wasn't there. I watched it on television with the fire on and a big dinner (pork steak, stuffing, roast potatoes, gravy...arrah, it'd only hurt ye if I gave

a full description). Ye know my thoughts on this time of year.

Vuvuzelas were basically popularized, if not outright invented, for the 2010 World Cup in South Africa. They were already banned in US ice hockey by then. I don't actually think they were invented around that time. I think thousands of musicians down the centuries, all the way back to the mammoth bone flutes from over 30,000 years ago, invented vuvuzelas. And then listened to them and thought "I better not inflict this hideous caterwauling on my tribe of hunter-gatherers. It's truly dreadful".

We will not dwell too long on the actual football. The result was absolutely brilliant; let that suffice.

Ruaidhrí Ó Beaglaoich opened the scoring with a free. Seán Ó Cuinn added a point from play. In the eighth minute Glenullin got off the mark through Chrissy Dempsey. That lone score had to last them for a very long time. Look, Glenullin opted to play very defensively. There was a time when that was the blueprint for how to win gaelic football matches, especially if you didn't like actual gaelic football. It reminded me of An Ghaeltacht's game against Moy many years ago. On that occasion I felt that negativity won out. But this is a different game, not least because of the new rules rewarding positive play. And An Ghaeltacht have always played positive football. Ruaidhrí Ó Beaglaoich kicked off the scoring and had six points to his name by half-time, two from play and a two point free. By that stage An Ghaeltacht led by 0-9 to 0-1 and the contest was over barring a complete tactical change by Glenullin for the second half. And, bizarrely, they didn't even try to change the script. Glenullin maintained a massed defensive line, waiting for turnovers in the Gaeltacht attack so that they could charge rugby league style into attack. And An Ghaeltacht, quite rightly, took one look at this and cheerfully kept possession away from those massed ranks of defenders. As far as they were concerned, neither side troubling the scoreboard in the second half would suit them just fine. Do you remember the last ten minutes of Dr. Crokes' All Ireland Final in 2017? It reminded me exactly of

that. The key component of the whole blanket defence philosophy is that you can punish a team who have to chase down a lead. If you are down on the scoreboard, why would the opposition risk coughing up turnovers and leaving space behind them? Why would they need to?

The truth – and jaysus, lads, I'm not being critical of a Glenullin side who put in massive effort all year and came a lot closer to an All Ireland than I ever will – is that while the result will rightly resonate in West Kerry forever, the game itself was disappointing. The biggest talking point was the bloody vuvuzelas.

An Ghaeltacht: Seán Ó Luing, Cian Ó Murchu, Adam Mac Amhlaoibh, JJ Mac Liam, Pádraig Ó Sé, Brian Ó Beaglaóich, Aodhna Ó Beaglaóich, Aodán Breathnach, Cathal Ó Beaglaóich (0-2, 1tp), Seán Ó Cuinn (0-1), Ruaidhri Ó Beaglaóich (0-6, 1tpf, 2f), PJ MacLaimh, Conor Ó Corrdúibh (0-1), Eanna Ó Conchúir (0-1), Seán Ó Gairbhí (0-1). Fir ionad: Tomas Ó Se (for Seán Ó Gairbhí, 54 mins), Gavin Ó Cinnéide (for Seán Ó Cuinn, 55 mins), Conn Ó Riagáin (for Conor Ó Corrdúibh, 62 mins).

Glenullin: Niall O'Kane, Eunan Boylan, Daniel O'Kane, Eunan O'Kane, Conor Rafferty (0-2), John O'Kane, Diarmuid McNicholl, Traglach Bradley, Neil McNicholl (0-2, 2f), Cathal Hasson, Chrissy Dempsey (0-1), Cillian Bradley, Conrad Mullen, Eoin Bradley, Ryan McNicholl. Subs: Willie John Bradley (for Cathal Hasson, 41 mins), Fearghal Close 0-1 (for Conrad Mullen, 44 mins), Cormac Hasson (for Diarmuid McNicholl, 49 mins), Joe McNicholl (for Ryan McNicholl, 49 mins), Dermot O'Kane (for Chrissy Dempsey, 55 mins).

Referee: Fergal Kelly (Longford).

NO CONTEST AS KERRY BEAT WATERFORD

McGrath Cup: Kerry 1-27 Waterford 0-1

Look, I have been fairly consistent and fairly adamant that the football season is too long. I have as much interest in watching games in January as I do in listening to Kristi Noem lecture on human rights or Nigel Farage talk about inclusivity. I wouldn't even use a McGrath Cup medal as ballast for a boat, that's the plain truth of it. My own belief is that the McGrath Cup is similar to the Kerry Juniors in yesteryear. You couldn't play yourself into the Kerry senior team, but you could play yourself out of contention. Play well and sure, it was only junior. Play poorly, and sure, he couldn't even cut it at junior.

This was never going to be a contest. I didn't go to it – are you kidding me? I wouldn't have paid to watch it on clubber except I have a yearly subscription. Even then, I didn't et around to it until Monday.

I have absolutely no takeaways. Tony Brosnan had a dozen points to his name by half-time and finished with 1-15, beating Mick O'Dwyer's old record of 0-17 against Tipperary (as always, I am indebted to the great Tim Slattery of Austin Stacks for his stats). He added another

1-2 on the restart. Tony was magnificent. Quelle surprise – for my money, Tony was quite possibly the best club player in Kerry last year, unbelievably consistent for Dr. Crokes. Cillian Trant had four points himself by the break. I wasn't a fan of Cillian being selected at wing back, he's a midfielder or half forward with license to roam.

Look, Kerry were nine points to the good before Waterford got their first and only score. I honestly don't think Jack O'Connor, Kerry, or Waterford learned anything from this. The All Ireland champions are better than a team who have been struggling badly in Division Four. You can't judge any Kerry or Waterford player from a mismatch like his. You could have put David Clifford up front for Waterford – how much ball was he going to get his hands on?

Congratulations to everyone. Now, let us never speak of this again.

Kerry: Michael Tansley, Darragh O'Connor (Kenmare Shamrocks), Jason Foley, Enda O'Connor, Armin Heinrich, Tadhg Morley, Joey Nagle, Liam Smith, Cillian Trant (0-4, 1tp) Donagh Shine O'Sullivan (0-1), Darragh Lyne, Cathal Brosnan, Tony Brosnan (1-15, 3tp, 2tpf, 2f), Ciaran Collins (0-1), Keith Evans (0-2). Subs: Seán O'Connell (for Armin Heinrich, half-time), Evan Boyle 0-1 (for Donagh Shine O'Sullivan, half-time), Gearoid Hassett (for Cathal Brosnan, half-time), Darragh O'Connor, Kerins O'Rahillys, (for Keith Evans, half-time), Cian O'Grady 0-1 (for Ciaran Collins, 36 mins), Paul O'Shea (for Liam Smith, 36 mins), Darragh O'Connor, Beaufort, 0-2 (for Joey Nagle, 36 mins), Dan Murphy (for Enda O'Connor, 36 mins), Liam Evans (for Darragh Lyne, 36 mins), Seán Broderick (for Michael Tansley, 36 mins)

Waterford: Paudie Hunt, Liam Mulligan, Adam Crawford, Billy Hynes, Donie Fitzgerald, Glen Power, Tommy Martin, James Walsh, Darach Ó Cathasaigh, Darragh Walsh, Conor Murray, Conor Ó Cuirrín, Michael Curry, Stephen Curry, Aaron Ryan (0-1). Subs: Caoimhín Walsh (for Tommy Martin, 18 mins), Michael O'Brien (for Conor Ó Cuirrín, half-time), Colin Foley (for James Walsh, 40 mins), Josh Farrell (for Darragh Walsh, 44 mins), Darragh Jacob (for Luke Mulligan, 51 mins), Josh Sheridan (for Paudie Hunt, 51 mins), Conor Fennell (for Stephen Curry, 55 mins), Cian Kiely (for Adam Crawford, 55 mins).

Referee: David Murnane (Cork)

MUNSTER SENIOR HURLING LEAGUE

Tipperary 1-16 Kerry 1-7

On an absolutely fabulous weekend for the cunty in general (Ballymac, An Ghaeltacht, Jessie Buckley, Aoibhinn Daly) Kerry's best result might actually be a game they lost. Now, lest I be accused of hypocrisy, I rate the Munster Senior Hurling League only slightly higher than the McGrath Cup. And that's because Kerry hurlers need it more. To be a good hurler requires constant hurling. The truth is that in Kerry, where most players are dual players and the hurling is squeezed to make room for the football championships (I'm not criticising; it

simply isn't possible to do it any other way), the Munster Senior Hurling League gives John Griffin a chance to test players while getting some competitive hurling in.

'Competitive' might be a bit too strong a word. Five Munster counties prioritise hurling the way that Kerry prioritise football. Last year was a tough year for Kerry hurling – we went down to the Christy Ring Cup with more of a whimper than a defiant roar. Not only did Kerry fail to put up a battle, we never even showed the heart for a battle. And in our opening game this year, an experimental Waterford side had 37 points to spare over us.

All Ireland champions Tipperary had nine current celtic cross holders take the field against us, and plenty more like Seamus Kennedy waiting in the wings. If I was a Kerry hurler, I'd have been careful to pull a muscle in our last training session. "Sorry, Tweek, I'd love to play, but...."

There's fellas across the water who will try to tell you that Macclesfield, managed by Wayne Rooney's brother John (I'd say Derby are thinking now that they called the wrong brother) beating holders Crystal Palace in the FA Cup was the shock result of the weekend. First time the holders were knocked out by non-league opposition since the Wright brothers were messing around in Kitty Hawk over a century ago.

I'd have given Macclesfield way better odds than the Kerry hurlers. I threw it on the television, just while I was waiting for the Ballymac game, and frankly I was surprised that it didn't come with a parental guidance warning.

Except that Michael Slattery swung over a gorgeous opening point. And somehow it became clear that Kerry were up for this one. More than up for it. Maybe they resented the lambs to the slaughter tag. The fact that even their own people were speculating about how bad it could be, given that Tipperary needed to beat us by more than 37 to be sure of reaching the final, might have drawn a response.

I don't know. I mean, Tipperary got the next five points and it looked like they were only warming to their task. Except that Kerry were getting stuck in. Legally? Not quite. Kerry weren't exactly flaking, but let's not pretend that all of the physical contact was accidental either. Kerry were snarling. Good. Dead right. It may not sound particularly gentlemanly, but I saw no harm in the lambs showing their teeth a bit. And it did seem to put Tipperary off their stride. I thought the defence in particular were superb. Yes, Tipp were unlucky to have a goal effort off the post and Conor Bohane made a brilliant penalty save after Michael Slattery got in for our goal late in the first half. You know why? Because God loves us and he despises them. I'm not saying that He told me that directly but it's a reasonable inference. Look, let's not get carried away. It's still the Munster League; Tipperary won't even remember this game a month from now. And they still pulled away to win with a fair bit to spare. Kerry only scored 1-2 in total from play. There's plenty to work on.

But given where we were and how low our

confidence was, I think this was a huge result. A line drawn in the sand. Kerry hurlers came off that field with their heads high. Honestly, I haven't seen that in a while, and it was great to see it.

Kerry: Conor Bohane, Eric Leen, Seán McGrath, Kyle O'Connor, James O'Connor, Jason Diggins, Michael Leane, Adam Segal, Kevin Goulding, Tom Doyle, Colin Walsh, Ronan Walsh (0-4, 4f), Michael Slattery (1-1), Liam Óg O'Connor, Jordan Conway (0-1). Subs Ivan Conway (for Liam Óg O'Connor half-time), Dara Kearney (for Eric Leen, half-time), Daniel Casey (for Jordan Conway, 45 mins), Cillian Litchfield (for Ronan Walsh, 50 mins), Luke Rochford 0-1 (for Michael Slattery, 55 mins), Hugh Lenihan (for Adam Segal, 58 mins), Jack Sheehan (for Colin Walsh, 59 mins).

Tipperary: Rhys Shelly, Conor Martin, Bryan O'Mara, Johnny Ryan, Joe Caesar, Brian McGrath, Eoghan Connolly; Willie Connors, Josh Keller (0-1), Jake Morris (0-2), Andrew Ormond (0-2), Sam O'Farrell (0-1), Darragh McCarthy (0-4, 4f), Oisín O'Donoghue (1-1), Paddy McCormack. Subs Seamus Kennedy (for Brian McGrath, 12 mins), Conor Stakelum 0-1 (for Willie Connors, half-time), Darragh Stakelum (for Sam O'Farrell, half-time), Jack Leamy 0-3, 2f (for Darragh McCarthy, 45 mins), Robert Doyle 0-1 (for Andrew Ormond, 60 mins).
Referee: Niall Malone (Clare)

EAST KERRY ALL STAR TEAM

2025 East Kerry SFC (Dr O'Donoghue Cup)

All Star team

Shane Murphy (Dr. Crokes)
Fionn Fitzgerald (Dr. Crokes)
Dan Murphy (Rathmore)
Dara Crowley (Kenmare Shamrocks)
Fionn Murphy (Rathmore)
Michael Foley (Spa)
Evan Looney (Dr. Crokes)

GAA Personality of the Year - Donie O Leary (Dr. Crokes) pictured with his family at the East Kerry Awards Banquet.



Cathal Ryan (Rathmore)
Mark O'Shea (Dr. Crokes)
Brian Friel (Rathmore)
Micheál Burns (Dr. Crokes)
Philip O'Leary (Kilcummin)
Tony Brosnan (Dr. Crokes)
Shane Ryan (Rathmore)
Paul O'Connor (Kenmare Shamrocks)
Player of the Year: Tony Brosnan (Dr. Crokes), third POTY Award, a record seventh All Star
Young Player of the Year: Fionn Murphy (Rathmore)
Hall of Fame: John O'Leary, Spa and Kerry County Board
GAA Personality of the Year: Donie O'Leary (Dr. Crokes)



Player of the Year - Tony Brosnan (Dr. Crokes), third POTY Award, a record seventh All Star pictured with his brother Stephen at the East Kerry Awards Banquet.



East Kerry Allstar award winners with Officers and sponsors at the Gleneagle last Friday night.

FOSSA GAA

LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 11/01/2026 for a jackpot of €5,700 were 2, 9, 25, 28. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Audrey Roche, Online; Jo Harty, Online; Mary Kearney; Paul Daly; Michael O'Callaghan.

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>

AWARDS NIGHT

A very successful awards night was held in the Golden Nugget on Saturday night to reward outstanding contributions on and off the pitch over the past year and this year, two new awards were created, The Gene Moriarty Club Person of the Year and the Pat Sweeney Hall of Fame awards. There were some very worthy winners with the full list as follows, Mark Kennelly won the Donie Kissane Minor Player of the year, Fiona Kissane won the Marie Murphy Ladies Player of the Year, Ted O'Gorman won the John Kelly Senior Player of the Year, Dermot Griffin won the Pat Sweeney Hall of Fame Award and Willie Buckley won the Gene Moriarty Club Person of the Year Award. Congratulations to them all.

NATIONAL CLUB DRAW - FOSSA GAA

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

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

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Fossa players who

have been selected for the Kerry Ladies Gaelic Football panels for the year ahead. A fantastic achievement by the girls, their families and club coaches. We look forward to following you on your journey in 2026 and wish you every success. U16 County Panel 2026- Emma O'Connor. Minor County Panel 2026- Anne O'Shaughnessy, Lily O'Shaughnessy, Kelsey Cummins, Faye Lynch and Tara O'Sullivan.

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FR. PADDY'S CARDS continues on Wednesdays at 8pm in the clubhouse.

LOTTO took place on January 12th Numbers drawn were 7, 14, 18, 19. Jackpot of €17,000 was NOT WON. 7 patrons matched 3 numbers and receive €60 each. Jackpot for draw on January 19th will be €17,300. Play online by following the link below and follow instructions attached <https://member.clubspot.app/club/dr-crokess-gaa/fundraisers>

BINGO

Dr. Crokes Bingo continues every Sunday in St. Mary's Parish Hall. Doors will open at 7pm with the first game commencing at 8pm.

CONGRATULATIONS to Brian and Gina Looney on the birth of their baby girl.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ballymac and An Ghaeltacht on winning their respective All Ireland Club Championships.

BEST OF LUCK to Dingle in the All Ireland Club Final on Sunday.

NOTES

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

EAST KERRY

AWARDS

On Friday last January 9th, the best of last year's East Kerry Championship were honoured at the Gleneagle Hotel Killarney in the 2025 East Kerry All Star night, sponsored by the Kerryman,

Gleneagle Hotel and Gleneagle Leisure.

The players selected on the first 15 were Shane Murphy (Dr Crokes), Fionn Fitzgerald (Dr Crokes), Dan Murphy (Rathmore), Dara Crowley (Kenmare), Fionn Murphy (Rathmore), Michael Foley (Spa), Evan Looney (Dr Crokes), Cathal Ryan (Rathmore), Mark O'Shea (Dr Crokes), Brian Friel (Rathmore), Micheal Burns (Dr Crokes), Philip O'Leary (Kilcummin), Tony Brosnan (Dr Crokes), Shane Ryan (Rathmore), Paul O'Connor (Kenmare)

The other nominated players were William Casey, Rathmore; Jamie Moynihan, Glenflesk; Neil O'Shea, Dr Crokes; Gary Vaughan, Spa; Paul O'Shea, Kilcummin; Andrew Moynihan, Rathmore; John O'Leary, Gneeveguilla; Jack Tangney, Kenmare; Ciaran Collins, Rathmore.

Tony Brosnan was named player of the year for the third time after his high scoring display's in the O'Donoghue Cup.

Young player of the year was won by Rathmore's Fionn Murphy, whose driving forward runs were a huge feature of Rathmore's play.

The award for intermediate player of the year, was won by Padraig O'Donoghue of Listry, whose scoring prowess proved crucial for his side.

Also on the night, 2 people who have given outstanding service to East Kerry GAA were honored. The Hall of fame inductee was former East Kerry PRO John O'Leary of Spa, who was also Kerry GAA PRO.

The person of the year, is Dr Crokes Donie O'Leary, who served as Chairman and Selector of the Club. Congratulations to all award winners on a superb night. Thanks also to the Gleneagle Hotel for hosting the brilliant night, that was fitting to honor the worthy winner's on the evening

AGM

The 2025 East Kerry AGM will take place on Friday 16th January. Venue: Killarney Racecourse. Mass: 7:30pm. AGM: 8pm

ALL IRELAND FINALS

Congratulations to Ballymacelligott and An Ghaeltacht on their win's in their respective All Ireland Final's.

LISTRY HOST ANNUAL AWARDS NIGHT

Listry GAA Club is set to celebrate a successful year on and off the field with its annual Awards Night, which will take place tonight, Friday, 16 January, at Faha Court, starting at 9pm.

The event will bring together players, supporters and members of the local community for an evening dedicated to recognising achievement, commitment and service within the club. Medals will be presented to teams across several age groups, including Senior, Junior, Minor and Under 16 panels, reflecting the depth of participation and progress throughout the club.

A number of individual awards will also be presented on the night, including Senior Player of the Year, Junior Player of the Year and Young Player of the Year (Under 23). In addition, long-standing dedication and contribution will be acknowledged through the Supporter of the Year award, Club Person of the Year and the prestigious Hall of Fame Award. The awards night is regarded as an important date in the club calendar,

offering an opportunity to reflect on the past season while strengthening the sense of community that underpins Listry GAA. It also provides a chance to thank players, volunteers and supporters whose efforts often go unseen but are vital to the club's continued success.

Club members and supporters are encouraged to attend what promises to be an enjoyable and memorable night, celebrating both sporting achievement and the strong community spirit at the heart of Listry GAA.



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 manholes 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 GAA Club Celebrates Achievements at Awards Night

Fossa GAA Club held a highly successful Awards Night in the Golden Nugget on Saturday night, celebrating the outstanding contributions of players and volunteers both on and off the pitch over the past year.

This year's event was particularly special with the introduction of two new awards: the Gene Moriarty Club Person of the Year Award and the Pat Sweeney Hall of Fame Award, both

recognising exceptional service and dedication to the club.

There were many deserving recipients on the night. Mark Kennelly was named Donie Kissane Minor Player of the Year, while Fiona Kissane received the Marie Murphy Ladies Player of the Year Award. The John Kelly Senior Player of the Year Award went to Ted O'Gorman.

The inaugural Pat Sweeney Hall of Fame Award

was presented to Dermot Griffin in recognition of his long-standing contribution to Fossa GAA Club, while Willie Buckley was honoured with the Gene Moriarty Club Person of the Year Award for his exceptional commitment and service to the club.

Congratulations are extended to all the award winners on a memorable and well-deserved night of celebration for Fossa GAA Club.



Ted O'Gorman being presented with the John Kelly Senior Player of the Year award by L-R, Shane Kelly, Ted O'Gorman, Teresa Kelly.



Mark Kennelly being presented with the Donie Kissane Minor Player of the Year award by L-R, Teresa Kissane, Mark Kennelly, Tim Kissane.



Mark Kennelly being presented with the Donie Kissane Minor Player of the Year award by L-R, Teresa Kissane, Mark Kennelly, Tim Kissane.



Willie Buckley being presented with the Gene Moriarty Club Person of the Year award by L-R, Amy Moriarty, Willie Buckley, Margaret Moriarty.

Dermot Griffin being presented with the Pat Sweeney Hall of Fame award by L-R, Merry Talbot, Patie Kelliher, Breda Griffin, Dermot Griffin, Margaret Sweeney, Pat Sheehan.



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A Word of Victory

"My son, keep your father's good command, and do not forsake your mother's teaching. Bind them always on your heart; fasten them round your neck. When you walk, their counsel will guide you; when you sleep, they will protect and watch over you; when you awake, their instruction will speak to and advise you. For this command is a lamp, this teaching is a light, and corrections for discipline are the way to life" (Proverbs 6:20-23).

Welcome back dear student, discipline is a word that can make one shudder. Perhaps long ago if a person was unjustly disciplined by those in authority, it left a rotten taste in the mouth. Abusive punishment was often disguised as discipline. Godly discipline instructs, corrects, and rebukes if necessary, but is never used as a destructive weapon of power. There's great value from discipline. It takes discipline to study for a career, discipline to save money for a house or car. We 'train our children in the right way to go so that when they are old, they will not depart from it' to protect them and teach them right from wrong (Proverbs 22:6). We train our bodies through exercise and control appetites to keep ourselves healthy and strong.

Some shy away from discipline because it takes effort to resist leaning on something or someone else for fulfilment. Self-control is personal discipline. Lots of people begin to take steps towards discipline in January. 'New year, new you' is a cliché often quoted. Sustainable self-control and discipline is learnt, and walked out in small, consistent steps, rather than one big drive at it. Having others walk alongside you helps with accountability. This takes teamwork and communication. In the lead Scripture above Solomon was advising his son with Wisdom for a good life. The discipline we learn and walk in not only affects ourselves but also can impact others greatly; depending upon what we hear and how we hear it. The Amplified Bible says it this way "He who learns from and heeds instruction and correction is on the right path of Life (and for others his example is a path towards wisdom and blessing). But he who ignores and refuses correction goes off course (and for others his example is a path towards sin and ruin leading them astray)" (Proverbs 10:17). That's serious - ignoring correction can lead others astray!

Discipline and self-control is a fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22; 2 Timothy 1:7). "For the time being no discipline brings joy, but seems sad and painful, yet, to those who have been trained by it, it yields the peaceful fruit of Righteousness: right-standing with God - a lifestyle and attitude that seeks conformity to God's will and purpose" (Hebrews 12:11). Discipline trains us to focus - requiring vision, consistency, and a goal. People meet goals when they write them down in a prominent place - a constant reminder. God told Joshua if he would meditate upon the Word, keep it in front of his eyes, and follow God's direction daily, he would have great success (Joshua 1:7-9; Habakkuk 2:2). This is a Biblical principle that the world has caught on to. "Without vision the people perish and cast-off restraint" (Proverbs 29:18). Writing the plan, and sticking to the plan, causes one to focus on the plan, and finish with success! Everything we need help with is already in God's Word, but if people don't know or study it, the enemy targets them taking them out in condemnation and defeat (Hosea 4:6; Philippians 4:13). Let Paul's words inspire you friend: "In a race everyone runs, but only one gets the prize - so run to win... I run with purpose in every step, not just shadow boxing" (1 Corinthians 9:24-27) Lord, train us, in Jesus' Name, Amen.

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KILLARNEY ACTIVE WILL RESUME WEEKLY MEETINGS on Friday, January 23rd - 2 to 4pm in the KCYS - back of Friary Mass Office & Bookshop. New members welcome.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Church of the Resurrection 5pm - 9pm Tuesdays St Mary's Cathedral Wed 11am - 5.30pm Wednesday Muckross 4pm - 6pm Thurs Franciscan Friary 2pm - 7pm Fridays Holy Hour Sundays @ 6pm

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE FOR THE DECEASED OF 2025

There will be a special concelebrated Mass on Monday 26th January at 7p.m. in the Cathedral in memory of all those who died in our Parish in 2025 (i.e. January 1st to December 31st 2025 inclusive) There is No 6.15 pm Mass that evening. We invite family, relatives, neighbours and friends to join us for this Mass. Parishioners whose loved ones have died, and whose funeral took place outside the parish and whose family would like them to be remembered, please submit their names to the Parish Office before Monday 19th January.

POLISH MASS

The Polish community would like to thank Fr. Szczepan for his service. Polish masses are celebrated every Saturday at 6.30pm in the Resurrection Church. More information about other services can be found on the Polskie Duszpasterstwo w Kerry page

ON BEHALF OF KILLARNEY ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE

we wish to Thank you for your generous contributions to the Christmas 2025 Appeal and for your continuing support throughout the year.. Wishing you a Happy, Peaceful and Healthy 2026 KILLARNEY MEMORY TREE at the Holy Cross Mercy School, New Rd: A word of thanks to all who supported the school this Christmas through the Memory Tree. Thanks to all the shops and outlets who promoted it, to all who worked to make it happen, and to all who came to the launch and to the Mass before Christmas to pray for the deceased loved ones remembered on it.

YOGA CLASSES

Suitable For Beginners 6 Weeks Course. Contact Breda 087 920 1550 to Book Your Place Venue at the Parish Centre Church Of The Resurrection Killarney

AL-ANON : Help and hope for the families and friends of alcoholics.

MEETINGS - Every Tuesday at 8.00pm commencing the 6th of January at St. Claire's House, Beech Road, Killarney (Enter via small gate on the left of Islamic centre) Website- al-anonuk.org.uk Helpline- 01-873-2699

KILLARNEY PARISH CALENDARS

The Killarney Parish Calendar is available at all the Churches and the Parish Office

BINGO IN ST MARY'S PARISH HALL: every Thurs at 8.30pm.

Sadness at the passing of the talented Sean O'Se

President Catherine Connolly has led tributes to the late Sean O'Se, who passed away this week.

Statement by President Connolly on the death of Seán Ó Sé She said it is with deep sadness that I have learned of the death of Seán Ó Sé, one of the most distinctive and cherished voices in Irish traditional song.

Seán's singing, rooted in the Irish language, rich in storytelling, and carried with rare warmth, brought generations of listeners at home and abroad closer to the beauty and power of our musical heritage. From his work with Seán Ó Riada and Ceoltóirí Chualann to his performances on international stages, he contributed immeasurably to the revival and renewal of Irish traditional music.

A proud Cork man and a devoted educator, Seán gave generously to the life of his native city, teaching for many years and concluding his career as principal of St Mary's on the Hill in Knocknaheeny, where he shaped young lives with the same generosity of spirit and quiet authority that characterised his artistry.

It was a privilege last week, on behalf of TradFest, to honour Seán's immense contribution to Irish traditional and Irish-language song with a lifetime achievement award. That award reflects what so many have long known: that audiences have been captivated by his voice since the earliest days of his career; that the gift of the seanchaí was ever-present in his work; and that the music of this island, and the song tradition in particular, are richer because of him. His recording of "An Poc ar Buile" remains a landmark: an Irish-language hit that captured attention at a time when traditional music too often went unrecognised, and a song that still lifts spirits today.

Sean passed away peacefully on January 13th, 2026, peacefully, in the presence of his loving family and in the exceptional care of the staff of Marymount University Hospital & Hospice, Cork, Seán, dearly beloved husband of the recently deceased Eileen will be greatly missed by his loving children Áine, Con and Íde, sister Maureen, daughter-in-law Caitríona, grandchildren Méabh, Seán and Ciara, sisters-in-law, relatives, neighbours and friends.

Following Requiem Mass in the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Ballinlough, Cork, today, Friday (January 16th) at 12 Noon Sean will be laid to rest Abbey Cemetery, Bantry, Co. Cork.

Ar Dheis De go raibh a anam.



4TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MICHAEL MCCARTHY



ARDSHANAVOOLY, KILLARNEY
WHO PASSED AWAY ON THE
22ND OF JANUARY 2022.

*No matter how life changes,
No matter what we do,
A special place within our hearts,
Is always kept for you.*

Lovingly remembered by your wife
Sheila, family Kieran, Paul, Eileen,
Mary, Micheál, Anna Marie and Martina,
daughters-in-law, sons-in-law and
loving grandchildren.

Anniversary Mass will be held in The Church
of the Resurrection, Park Road on Thursday
the 22nd January at 9.30am

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THANKSGIVING

For favours received from Sacred Heart
of Jesus, Our Lady of Lourdes, St.
Bernadette, St. Martin De Porres, St.
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Archangel, St. Perigrine for many favours
received and that includes health.

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ARDSHANAVOOLY,
KILLARNEY
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22ND OF JANUARY 2022.

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6TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

EILEEN O'DONOGHUE



WOODLAWN PARK AND LATE OF DROUMDUHIG, BALLYHAR

WHO DIED ON THE 15TH JANUARY 2020.

God called your name so softly,
That only you could hear,
And no one heard the footsteps
Of angels drawing near,
The Golden Gate stood open,
God saw you needed rest,
His garden must be beautiful,
He only takes the best.


Sadly missed and always remembered by
Your sister Bridie, brother in law Paschal,
niece Ciara and James, grand nephew and
niece James and Isabel.

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20TH ANNIVERSARY

WITH LOVE WE REMEMBER
OUR BROTHER

DAMIAN O'SHEA



LATE OF OAK HILL,
BALLYDRIBBEEN, KILLARNEY
& FORMERLY OF ST. BRENDAN'S
TCE., KILLARNEY.

WHO PASSED AWAY SUDDENLY
ON 22ND JANUARY, 2006.

A beautiful nature, A heart of gold,
Your loss to us can never be told,
We hold our tears when we speak your name,
but the pain in our heart will always remain.
No words we write will ever say,
how much we miss you day by day,
Simple words but very true,
we miss you Damian and love you so.

Until we meet again Damian.

Always in our hearts,
Finbarr, Patrick, Elaine, Darren, Karen,
Colm and David, Jackie, Karen M,
Brendan, Lucy, Darcie and Daniel. XXX

Anniversary Mass in St Mary's Cathedral
on Thursday, 22nd January.

4TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

ANNE O'SULLIVAN



BALLYDALY, RATHMORE,
CO. KERRY

WHO DIED ON THE
16TH JANUARY 2022

Loving are the memories
Precious they stay
No passing of time
Can take them away

You live in our hearts
And walk by our side
And from Heaven above
You are always our guide

Loved and missed by your son
Hugh and Carla xxx

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

Sadly missed
Cian, Oisín and Sórcha

5TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

JAMIE O'SULLIVAN



GEARHA CROSS, BEAUFORT,
KILLARNEY

WHO PASSED AWAY ON THE
15TH JANUARY 2021

We thought of you today
But that is nothing new
We thought about you yesterday
And days before that too
We think of you in silence
We often speak your name
Now all we have are memories
And your picture in a frame
Your memory is our keepsake
With which we will never part
God has you in his keeping
We have you in our heart.

Always missed by
Mom, Dad and Diarmuid.

Anniversary Mass will take place on
Sunday 25th January at 10am in
St Mary's Church, Beaufort

6TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

EILEEN O'DONOGHUE



WOODLAWN PARK AND LATE OF DROUMDUHIG, BALLYHAR

WHO DIED ON THE 15TH JANUARY 2020.

The flowers we place upon your grave,
May wither and decay,
But love for you who sleeps beneath,
Will never fade away.

Loved and always remembered
Your brother Jerry, nieces Maria and Eileen

NOVENA TO THE
SACRED HEART

Dear Heart of Jesus in the past I have
asked many favours.
This time I ask you this special one,
(mention favour).
Take it dear heart of Jesus and place
it within your heart where your Father
sees it.
Then in his merciful eyes it will become
your favour not mine.
Amen.
Say this prayer three times for three days
and your favour will be granted.
Thank you for favours received

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NOVENA TO
ST. CLAIRE

Ask St. Claire for three favours, one
business, two impossible and say nine
Hail Mary's for nine days with lighted
candle. Pray whether you believe or
not. Publish on ninth day. Powerful
novena.
May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be
praised, adored, glorified and loved
today and every day throughout the
whole world forever. Amen
Say six times daily for nine days. Your
request will be granted no matter
how difficult it may seem. Favour
publication must be promised.

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ST. CLAIRE

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