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Geraldine and Molly O'Mahony and Tim Buckley (Guest Speaker) presenting the John O'Mahony Perpetual Trophy Overall Winner Award to Deirdre Cremin, Woodlawn Park Residents Association, at the Killarney Looking Good Awards in The Great Southern Hotel on Sunday night. Picture: Eamonn Keogh

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A Note from the

EDITOR



The late John O'Mahony was honoured at the Killarney Looking Good Awards on Sunday night when the perpetual trophy in his name was presented to the overall winner at the Great Southern Hotel.

In other news, a Killarney Restaurant has been ranked No 4 in Ireland and Killarney Golf & Fishing Club is upgrading Mahony's Point and football legend Harry Redknapp is coming to town.

The inaugural Annals of Inisfallen Symposium took place last weekend, TY students from St. Brendan's are bringing smiles and friendship to the lives of older people and the Dr Crokes team of 1986 have reunited for their 40th anniversary.

Killarney Musical Society are holding their first open rehearsal for Sister Act, Samhain is taking place at Killarney National Park and Barleymount Apiaries has won gold at the Blas na hEireann awards.

Kilcummin Mothers & Others are holding a spooky halloween table quiz, the doors at St. Brendan's will open on Wednesday for the sixth spine chilling halloween show and Ross Castle are holding free events across the bank holiday weekend.

Killarney Valley Classic & Vintage Club held a great tractor show, Killarney Alzheimers Cafe will be open next Wednesday and Killarney Fire Station will be open to the public tomorrow from 12 - 4 offering advice during Fire Safety Week.

In sport, Tadhg Morley has hung up his county boots, Killarney Judo Club has made it mark at the Leinster Open and a young Killarney Celtic fan has met his hero! All this and so much more in this week's Killarney Outlook!

Aisling Crosbie

Picture PERFECT



Innisfallen Island, Loch Léin, Killarney National Park captured perfectly by Diarmaid Griffin

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Reconnecting to the Scholarly Island of Inisfallen...

Where it all began 1000 years ago

Killarney's place as an ecclesiastical centre of importance in Medieval Ireland and indeed Europe, was prominently endorsed at the inaugural Annals of Inisfallen Symposium 'Recording the Past' at Killarney House, at the weekend.

It was a chance to reconnect, celebrate and honour our scholarly monastic past, and the return visit and exhibition of the Annals of Inisfallen, currently on display in the Glucksmann Gallery, University College Cork.

Guest Speakers included Dr. Martin Kauffmann – Oxford Medievalist & Bodleian Library Head,Mike Webb, Curator of Early Modern Archives & Manuscripts at Bodleian Libraries with his wife Chrissie Webb, felt the enthusiasm, warmth and welcome from the Killarney people and visiting scholars. The highlight for them was the trip to the Island of Inisfallen, sitting in the silence and calmness of the ruins of the scriptorium and reimagining the Monks recording the diary-like entries of daily matters in Ireland and across the globe.Enormous gratitude was afforded for the work, generous sponsorship, 'behind the scenes' organisation and collaboration between all the stakeholders: Niall O'Donnchú, General Director, National Parks and Wildlife Service, University College Cork, Fexco - Brian McCarthy, Kerry County Council, Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, - James Knoblauch and Finbarr Kennelly.

Thank you to St Mary's Cathedral Killarney, Fr Pat O'Donnell, Adm, and Bishop of Kerry Dr. Ray Browne for lending the Inisfallen Crozier for display,

The Symposium will now become an annual celebration of our scholarly past, exploring - the importance of monastic chant, learning chant, heritage workshops, scholarly presentations, visits to ecclesiastical sites in Killarney and Kerry.

The Annals of Inisfallen - one of the most important surviving records of medieval Ireland, written on Inisfallen Island, Killarney National Park, are a chronicle of medieval history of Ireland, diary-like entries written in Latin and Irish of important events in Ireland. Written on vellum, scribed by 39 Monks over seven centuries.



Where it all began...James Knoblauch, Organiser, left, Dr. Martin Kauffmann – Oxford Medievalist & Bodleian Library Head, Finbarr Kennelly, Organiser, Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce and Mike Webb, Curator of Early Modern Archives & Manuscripts at Bodleian Libraries. On a historic visit to Inisfallen Island, Killarney National Park, to see at first hand the scriptorium where The Annals of Inisfallen - one of the most important surviving records of medieval Ireland were written . *Photos: Valerie O'Sullivan*



Carol Dempsey, Vice President, Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, Diana Fawsitt, Supervisor, Killarney House, Elaine Harrington, Library, University College Cork, Finbarr Kennelly, Organiser, Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, Cathaoirleach Killarney Municipal District, Cllr. John O'Donoghue, Honorary Professor Liz Jolly, University Librarian at University College Cork, James Nolan, Director of Active Land Management and Economic Development, Kerry Kerry Council, Niall O'Donnchú, Director General, National Parks and Wildlife Service, Catherine Evan, Senior Managment Fexco



Catherine Evans, right, Senior Management Fexco, receives gift from Muckross Weavers on behalf of Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, from left, Sandra Dunlea, incoming Chairperson Muckross House Trustees, Marcus Treacy and Finbarr Kennelly, Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce.



Where it all began, Mike Webb, (from left) Curator of Early Modern Archives & Manuscripts at Bodleian Libraries, John Fitzgerald, Librarian University College Cork, Kevin Tarrant, Historian, Finbarr Kennelly, organiser, Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, James Knoblauch, organiser, Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, Catherine Evans, Senior Management Fexco, Torsten Meissner, Máire Ní Mhaonaigh, Professor of Celtic and Medieval Studies at the University of Cambridge, Chrissie Webb, Oxford University, Dr. Martin Kauffmann – Oxford Medievalist & Bodleian Library Head, attending the inaugural Annals of Inisfallen Symposium 'Recording the Past', at Killarney House.

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Team Reunite for the Dr Crokes 1986 reunion



The Dr Crokes U-21 team that won the 1986 Kerry County Championship at a 40th anniversary reunion in The Dugout Bar at The Tatler Jack Killarney on Friday night .Front from left are Cathal O'Callaghan, John Foley, Niall Hickey, Tim Keogh, Ger O'Shea and Patrick Tatler O'Sullivan, Second row from left are Pat O'Shea, Declan O'Callaghan, Seamus O'Doherty, Connie Murphy (Captain), Paul Sheahan, Eddie Tatler O'Sullivan, Jackie Looney and Eamonn Fitzgerald (Manager). Back from left are Noel O'Leary, Sean Clarke, John Galvin, Peter Fleming, Vincent Casey, John O'Shea, Colm O'Shea, Justin Bennett, Padraig O'Shea, Der Brosnan (Chairman) and Tim O'Donoghue.

Picture: Eamonn Keogh

The Dr. Crokes U-21 team of 1986 that clinched the first-ever County U-21 title for the club, enjoyed a special 40th anniversary reunion in The Dugout Bar of The Tatler Jack on Friday night. It was on October 5th 1986 that this young Dr Crokes side defeated Castleisland Rangers on a scoreline of 1-11 to 2-4 in Austin Stack Park, Tralee.

The team also won the East Kerry crown that year and are remembered by many in Dr Crokes as a group that played a significant role in the club's history and helped pave the way for the senior successes of the 1990s.

The team was captained by Connie Murphy, who went on to play senior football for Kerry after that and received an All Star in 1989. Goalkeeper Colm O'Shea, who featured on the team alongside his brothers Padraig and John, was the main driving force behind the planning of the reunion and bringing everybody together. He even managed to source a video recording of the match that nobody in Dr Crokes ever knew about and it was relayed on the big screen for everybody to enjoy and relive the golden moments.

The team was trained by Eamonn Fitzgerald and other mentors were the late Donie Sheahan (RIP), Eddie Tatler O'Sullivan, Mike O'Grady, Jackie Looney and Der Brosnan (Chairman). Almost all of the players from 1986 attended the reunion with the exception of Boston based Donal Mangan and Chris O'Connor, who had a family wedding.

Dr Crokes: Colm O'Shea, Donal Mangan, Padraig O'Shea, John O'Shea, John Foley, Sean Clarke, Declan O'Callaghan, Noel O'Leary (0-1), John Galvin, Peter Fleming (0-5), Connie Murphy (Capt), Tim Keogh (0-2), Pat O'Shea (1-2), Cathal O'Callaghan (0-1), Vincent Casey. Subs: Paul Sheahan for C O'Callaghan.

Castleisland Rangers: Brendan Lane, Mike Cronin, Tommy Roche, Tim Galway, Moss Connor, Mike Brosnan, Jimmy Keane, Denis Browne, JJ Canty, Tony Leen (0-2), Tommy Horan, Adrian Browne, Sean McElligott, Martin Downey (2-2) Tommy O'Sullivan.

Referee: Maurice O'Sullivan, Ballyheigue



The Dr Crokes U-21 team that won the Kerry County Championship on October 5th 1986. Front from left are Pat O'Shea, Justin Bennett, Chris O'Connor and Tim O'Donoghue. Middle row from left are Niall Hickey, Declan O'Callaghan, John Foley, Connie Murphy (Captain), Donal Mangan, Paul Sheahan, Ger O'Shea, Donie Sheahan and Jackie Looney. Back row from left are Eamonn Fitzgerald (Manager), Cathal O'Callaghan, John Galvin, Peter Fleming, Vincent Casey, John O'Shea, Colm O'Shea, Padraig O'Shea, Tim Keogh, Patrick Tatler O'Sullivan, Sean Clarke, Noel O'Leary, Eddie Tatler O'Sullivan and Der Brosnan (Chairman).

Killarney Musical Society to Hold Open First Rehearsal for Sister Act

Killarney Musical Society will begin rehearsals for its next production, Sister Act, on Saturday, 17th October at 12 noon in KCYS.

The first rehearsal is open to all, and the society is encouraging new and returning members of every age and experience level to attend. Those interested in performing, singing in the chorus, dancing, or helping behind the scenes are all welcome.

Based on the hit comedy, Sister Act follows a disco singer who goes into hiding in a convent and transforms its choir. The society promises a production full of energy, humour, and big musical numbers. The show will run from 2nd to 4th March 2027.

Anyone wishing to get involved is invited to come along on the day. For any questions, contact the society on +353 85 730 0715 or at info@killarneymusicalsociety.ie.





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Killarney Golf & Fishing Club Announces Landmark Mahony's Point Upgrade Project

Historic Kerry course embarks on significant multi-year enhancement programme



Head of Business Development, Nicola O'Sullivan, Course Convenor, Harry O'Neill, Director of Golf, Colin Finlay, President of KGFC, Michael O'Donoghue, KGFC Team Lead on Mahony's Point, Peter McVicar. Photo: Ian Cronin

Killarney Golf & Fishing Club, established in 1893, is pleased to announce the commencement of the Mahony's Point Upgrade Project, a significant multi-year investment programme designed to enhance and preserve one of Ireland's most scenic golf courses.

A former host of the Women's Irish Open, Mahony's Point is home to the iconic 18th hole, widely regarded as one of World's finest par 3s and recently recognised by Golf Monthly to be among the greatest finishing holes in golf.

The project will focus primarily on the comprehensive redesign and reconstruction of all bunker complexes and teeing areas across the course. The improvements will enhance the overall golfing experience while carefully preserving the character and identity that have made Mahony's Point so admired.

The Mahony's Point Upgrade Project received member approval earlier this year, with the detailed design and planning work progressing in preparation for construction. The design team is led by golf course architect Jeff Lynch



of ReGolf, who has worked closely with the Club, the Mahony's Point Steering Group and Synergy Golf in developing the plans for the course.

Atlantic Golf Construction has been appointed as the preferred construction partner for the Mahony's Point Upgrade Project. Based in County Kerry, the company has delivered projects at several of Ireland's leading golf venues, including Adare Manor, the host venue of the 2027 Ryder Cup, as well as Ballybunion, Tralee and Lahinch. The project will be delivered over two phases. Phase One commenced on 5th October 2026 and is scheduled for completion by April 2027, when the upgraded holes will reopen for the 2027 season. Phase Two is scheduled to commence in October 2027, with all 18 holes of Mahony's Point fully reopened by April 2028.

Harry O'Neill, Chair of the Mahony's Point Steering Group, said:

"Mahony's Point is one of Ireland's truly iconic golf courses, and this project represents an important investment in its future. From the outset, our focus has been on enhancing the course while respecting the qualities that make it so unique. Working alongside Jeff Lynch and the wider project team, we believe the planned improvements will further strengthen Mahony's Point's reputation as one of Ireland's great golf courses."

Lead designer Jeff Lynch added:

"Mahony's Point is blessed with an exceptional natural setting and a strong golfing heritage. This project has been about identifying where meaningful improvements can be made while remaining faithful to the course's character. The redesigned tees and bunkers will enhance both presentation and performance, ensuring Mahony's Point continues to offer a first-class golfing experience for generations to come."

A spokesperson for Atlantic Golf Construction said: "We are delighted to be working with Killarney Golf & Fishing Club, Jeff Lynch and Synergy Golf and look forward to helping deliver this exciting new chapter for Mahony's Point."

As work commences, the Mahony's Point Upgrade Project represents an important investment in the future of one of Ireland's great golf courses. Upon completion, the project will further enhance the Mahony's Point reputation, while also preserving the character, heritage and natural beauty that have made it a favourite among golfers for generations.



Football Legend Harry Redknapp Comes to Gleneagle Arena

Football legend, much-loved TV personality and former King of the Jungle Harry Redknapp is coming to Gleneagle Arena, Killarney, on Saturday 9th January 2027 for a special evening of football stories, laughter and behind-the-scenes revelations.

An Audience with Harry Redknapp will see the former Premier League manager take to the stage alongside Off The Ball's Eoin Sheahan for a lively and entertaining conversation covering an extraordinary career in football and television. From the dressing rooms of Tottenham Hotspur, West Ham and Portsmouth to his unforgettable stint in the I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here!, Harry has no shortage of stories to tell. Known for his quick wit, straight talking and unmistakable personality, Harry will share the highs, lows and unexpected moments from a remarkable career, with Eoin Sheahan steering the conversation.

Whether you're a lifelong football fan or simply love a good story, this promises to be a hugely entertaining night with one of sport's most recognisable personalities.

An Audience with Harry Redknapp takes place at Gleneagle Arena, Killarney, on Saturday 9th January 2027. Tickets start from €39.20, with Meet & Greet packages available from €76.25. Tickets on sale Friday, October 16th at 10am. Tickets and stay-on-site packages are available at gleneaglearena.ie.

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Paralympian Jason Smyth with staff AIB Bank Killarney at 'An Evening with Jason Smyth', hosted by Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce and sponsored by AIB in The Killarney Plaza Hotel. Front from left are Branka Vladic Stankovic, Jason Smyth, Tomás Grffin (Manager) and Claire Allen. In second row are Karena Buckley, Casey O'Connor, Karen O'Dwyer, Mairead Sheehan, Zelie O'Donoghue, Alice O'Sullivan. Back from left are Maria Gorman, Ciara O'Donovan, Kristijan Krizan, Mark Donnellan and Stephen Roche. *Pictures: Eamonn Keogh*



Paralympian Jason Smyth with Mary, Liam, Jack, Paddy and Kate Buckley and Jordan Lee at 'An Evening with Jason Smyth."



Paralympian Jason Smyth with members of Killarney Valley AC at 'An Evening with Jason Smyth', hosted by Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce and sponsored by AIB in The Killarney Plaza Hotel. Front from left are Jerry Griffin, Jer O'Donoghue, Elieen Switzer, Jason Smyth and Tomás Griffin. In second row are Con Lynch, Kellie O'Connor, Brid Stack, Conor Kissane, Jason O'Reilly. In back row are Jordan Lee, Jack O'Leary, Alan Delaney.



Paralympian Jason Smyth with Marie and Mike Leahy .



Paralympian Jason Smyth with Shay and Eileen Switzer .

Recognise the Opportunity...

Killarney Audience Hears from Paralympic Champion Jason Smyth

Six-time Paralympic gold medallist Jason Smyth brought a message of resilience, belief and opportunity to Killarney on Wednesday, 7 October, when Killarney Chamber of Tourism & Commerce hosted a fireside chat at the Killarney Plaza Hotel & Spa, sponsored by AIB.

Living with Stargardt disease, a genetic eye condition that affects central vision, Smyth has gone on to become one of Ireland's most successful Paralympic athletes. He took the audience from his early sporting years in Derry to the world stage, and spoke warmly about the family support and the people who helped him see what was possible.

Sport was part of his life from the start, and soccer in particular, where his natural speed stood out. It was a PE teacher's encouragement at around the age of 15 that led him to join an athletics club. It was a small moment at the time, but one that changed everything, and a reminder to the room that opportunities do not always announce their importance. The trick, he said, is to recognise them and take them.

Smyth also spoke of his coach, Stephen Maguire, who encouraged him to look beyond his comfort zone and seek out places where he could grow. That took him to Florida for four years, training alongside some of the fastest sprinters in the world. He arrived as the slowest in the group, and he was refreshingly honest about the self-doubt that came with it. Through hard work and commitment, he earned the respect of his training partners, and in the process rewrote his sense of what he was capable of. Throughout, he stressed the value of surrounding yourself with the right people, both to reach the top and to stay there.

Among those in the audience was Irish Paralympic high jumper Jordan Lee, whose own path in sport was shaped by meeting Smyth at a Paralympic Ireland event. Inspired by what he saw, Lee tried different sports before going on to represent Ireland in para athletics, a powerful example of how one person's story can open doors for another.

Also present was Kerry Irish dancer Grace O'Sullivan, the force behind the Pedal for Grace fundraising initiative. Grace also lives with Stargardt disease, and her efforts in support of Vision Ireland have raised almost €90,000 in four years while shining a light on sight loss.

The evening closed with a lively audience discussion, with questions on leadership, resilience and personal development, and plenty of food for thought for everyone in the room.

Killarney Chamber of Tourism & Commerce thanked Jason Smyth for his generosity in sharing his story, AIB for its support, and everyone who came along to make it such an engaging evening.


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



OTHERWORLDLY INISFALLEN OVERLOOKED

There were so many takeaways from the packed conference on the annals of Inisfallen on Saturday at Killarney House, a small booklet with abstracts of the ten expert talks is required.
One scholar called the annals a mix of "world, Irish and local politics". She could have been describing this column or the Killarney Outlook itself.
More seriously, the conference is to be an annual event, Pat Dawson, regional manager with the NPWS announced.
But some of the more important revelations were not about the manuscript at all. They were about the physical island.
In the hands of the OPW for 50 plus years, it has never been excavated. Apart from the Tudor coin found two years ago, and one or two things difficult to identify, there has been nothing. At least nothing we know about.
Fossa archaeologist Nessa O'Connor - daughter of the late artist Seán said very little excavation had been carried out on Inisfallen. We don't know how many dignitaries are buried there.
And this brings me to what was the biggest revelation of the meeting: The island was "a royal church island", totally unlike the remote Skellig.
Inisfallen was in the very centre of the 7th century kingdom of the Eoghanacht Locha Léin. They were the rulers from south and east of the Maine, from Ballymacelligott to the Beara in west Cork. Until ousted by the north Kerry crowd, the Ciarraige, in the 9th century.
Inisfallen was at the heart of their kingdom. There was "an otherworldliness"associated with the sites of the Eoghanacht Locha Léín, historian Paul McCotter said.
Castle Lough (at the Lake Hotel) was most likely their ancient seat. The surname Kenny was one of the names of the Eoghnachta still in existence, I learned.
The conference marks a sop to Killarney on the loan of the annals to UCC from the Bodleian library in Oxford, where they have been held since 1755 apart from a brief visit home in 1983. We now have a facsimile copy in Killarney House and the expectation is that the exhibition from UCC is to be transferred to Killarney - sans the original. A great pity we haven't the original but still if the copy can be properly contextualised and honoured, it is something.
Oxford has preserved it all these years, Pat Dawson graciously acknowledged thanking the Bodelian. (I was tempted to be a lot less polite and demand a timeline for their return, perhaps in time for the 100th anniversary of the national park?).



Dr. Martin Kauffmann – Oxford Medievalist & Bodleian Library Head, Dr Nessa O'Connor, Killarney native, Irish Antiquities Division of the National Museum of Ireland, Anne Lucey, Journalist and Masters of Medieval Irish and History, at the inaugural Annals of Inisfallen Symposium 'Recording the Past', at Killarney House, to celebrate and honour our scholarly monastic past, and their return visit and exhibition in the Glucksmann Gallery, University College Cork. The Annals of Inisfallen - one of the most important surviving records of medieval Ireland, written on Inisfallen Island, Killarney National Park, are a chronicle of medieval history of Ireland, diary-like entries written in Latin and Irish of important events in Ireland. Written on vellum, scribed by 39 Monks over seven centuries. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

The distinguished speakers were presented with Valerie O'Sullivan's most recent lovely tome - itself an annal of Kerry.

A RARE WIN FOR HUMANS AND FOR TREES

When it comes to development, the battle lines are often between humans and nature. But the decision by An Comisiún Pleanala on the Dinis to Torc cycleway manages to combine concern for man and for mature trees.
Currently cyclists and walkers must take to the busy and dangerous N71 road to complete their loop of the lakes of Killarney.
The site is designated a special area of conservation (SAC), a special protected area (SPA), and a national heritage area (NHA) .
Kerry County Council gave permission in January 2025. An appeal was lodged by conservation consultant Peter Sweetman on behalf of Wild Ireland Defence, based in Allihies in West Cork.
The use of tonnes of concrete and steel material brought into the special area of conservation "could not but have an effect on the SAC", he argued.
And indeed, initially, the An Coimisiún Pleanala inspector recommended refusal. She - raised concerns about a lack of detail and the impact of the construction on mature trees as well as on the Kerry slug, the lesser horseshoe bat and the Killarney fern.
The decision was deferred and a Section 132 notice - seeking more detail - was issued in June 2025 by the appeals board.
In its lengthy response, the NPWS said 101 of the 129 oak, ash, hazel, birch and grey willow and other trees in the 3 hectare area to be retained, while 19 will have to be trimmed and nine trees removed.
There would be "no removal of mature trees", the national parks body said. Alongside the trees, the board also had regard to "the significant health and safety improvement" for pedestrians and cyclists, it said.
We suffer from a postcolonial hatred of trees. Captured by the line from Austin Clarke "For the house of the planter is known by the trees". It is a great pity.
Trees have too often been unwitting victims of development and fits of temper by town councillors. But there seems a new albeit latter day appreciation for how long it takes a tree to grow, for their innate beauty and how valuable trees are to habitat and our own shelter.
The bad news is I hear a judicial review is being pursued by Sweetman and the objectors. So it may be quite a while yet before we are altogether off-road at Dinis.

THE UNSOLVABLE TRAFFIC

Councillor Martin Grady rightly raises the worsening traffic on the Muckross Road.
He is calling for a review into the operation of lights and other obstructions and traffic management issues contributing to the delays.
He refers to severe delays at morning rush hour. Many of us experience unnecessary delays all day.
The Ross Road junction is problematic and most of the time I try to avoid it altogether and take the rat run through Woodlawn.
On the other side, the N22 Lissivigeen Cross and onto the Dalys Roundabout is every bit as bad. Rat runs are being developed all over the place to avoid Lissivigeen. The obvious solution is to advance the southern link of the N22 and take the pressure of this part of town.
The distance as the crow flies, between the N71 Muckross Road (near the Woodlawn junction area) and the Lissivigeen Roundabout on the N22 is approximately 2.4 kilometres (1.5 miles).
The shortest driving route on existing roads through Killarney town is roughly twice that.
Could we not progress the Southern Link of the N22 bypass. I can't get a proper steer on what is going on right now. But it seems the council and Jacob's Engineering are carrying out technical and environmental assessments here over the 30 km or so new route from Farranfore. This is for the planning application to An Coimisiún Pleanala.
Would it not be a good idea to concentrate on one section and get that section over the line? We are fighting a traffic war on the N71/N22 Killarney. Just Just saying.

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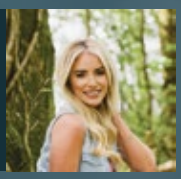
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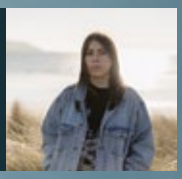
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KILLARNEY LADIES
Swim in Pink for Breast Cancer



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Participants gathered at Dundag Beach, Killarney, on Sunday morning for the annual 'Swim in Pink' charity fundraiser in aid of breast cancer research.



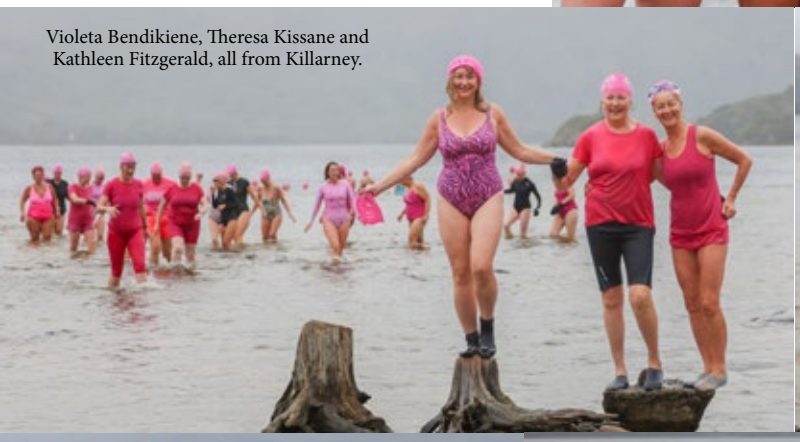
Maureen Mahony, Mauread O'Sullivan and Mona Keane at the annual 'Swim in Pink' charity fundraiser for breast cancer research at Dundag Beach, Killarney, on Sunday morning.



Fiona O'Brian, Anna Pappa Murphy and Bernie Coppinger.



Sadie and Sophie Lucey with Sarah Garnett (centre).



Violeta Bendikiene, Theresa Kissane and Kathleen Fitzgerald, all from Killarney.



Mary Turner O'Brien and Sheena B.



From left: Violeta Bendikiene from Killarney, Mona Keane and Maureen O'Mahoney from Ballybunion.



Eileen Kelleher and Orla Healy, both from Killarney.





James Glynn, Ciara Glynn, their aunt Caitriona Shanahan and Laura Glynn.



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TY STUDENTS BRING SMILES AND FRIENDSHIP
to Holy Cross Day Care Centre



Snap.... card games are enjoyed by people at the day care centre and TY students from St. Brendan's College who visit weekly.



Teacher, David Clifford with TY Students and ladies who attend the centre.

Transition Year students from St. Brendan's College are making a special difference to the lives of older people at Holy Cross Day Care Centre in Killarney, where their regular visits have become a much-loved part of the week.

The intergenerational programme brings the students together with service users for games, music, conversation and plenty of laughter, creating valuable connections between younger and older generations.

For the older people attending the centre, the visits provide an opportunity to share stories, enjoy the company of the students and build friendships, with the enthusiasm and energy of the young visitors helping to brighten their days.

Holy Cross Day Care Centre has been providing a vital service to older people in Killarney and the surrounding areas for almost 25 years, helping them to remain living independently in their own homes.

The nurse-led centre operates from Monday to Friday, offering hot meals, social activities, gentle exercise, personal care and transport to and from the facility. Its work also plays an important role in tackling loneliness and keeping older people connected to their community.

While the visits from the four TY students bring a welcome social dimension to the service, the centre is also appealing for financial support as it looks to improve its facilities and meet growing demand.

The Board of Directors has launched a fundraising campaign to upgrade bathroom facilities, provide an outdoor storage unit and install a ceiling hoist. A key priority is the purchase of a wheelchair-accessible 16-seater bus to ensure service users can continue to access the centre safely.

Almost €94,000 in funding is expected towards the bus, but approximately €24,000 is still needed to meet the remaining cost.

The centre is appealing to individuals, local businesses and community groups to help bridge the funding gap and support the continuation of its services.

Anyone wishing to contribute or find out more about supporting Holy Cross Day Care Centre can contact the centre on 064 6635005.

Halloween in the Sem Returns for a Sixth Spine-Chilling Year

St Brendan's College, Killarney is set to open its doors once again for Halloween in the Sem, the school's hugely popular Halloween show.

What began as a school project has grown into one of the most anticipated events of the Halloween season in Kerry, with more than 1,000 guests making their way through the school each year. Visitors find their way through the corridors, classrooms and grounds of "the Sem", where actors and scarers bring the old building to life in the most unsettling way possible.

This year's show is bigger than ever. More than 170 students are involved, taking on roles as actors, scarers and backstage crew.

Guests will have four mazes to explore this year, each with its own brand-new spooky play. Every maze tells a different story, so even those who have visited before can expect plenty of surprises.

The show gives students the chance to act, design, build and organise a large live event, while giving families and friends a night of fun and frights.

Halloween in the Sem runs on the 21st to 23rd of October from 6-9pm. There is an Autism Friendly Slot on Thursday 22nd from 5.15pm to 6pm, during which there will be no jump-scares or loud music. Tickets are €8 and are available from the school website, www.StBrendansCollege.ie.

Guests are advised that the show is not for the faint-hearted!



Alex Clifford and David O'Mahony in the Halloween in the Sem on Wednesday 21st to Friday 23rd from 6-9pm at St Brendan's College, Killarney. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



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The Late John O'Mahony honoured with local award

The late John O'Mahony was remembered on Sunday night at the Killarney Looking Good awards ceremony in the Great Southern Hotel.

John was remembered for his dedication to and promotion of the Killarney Looking Good initiative in the town. John was involved in the very first Killarney Looking Good awards in 1991 and, over three decades after it was first initiated, John was to the forefront of reviving the competition in 2023 and he was described as the rising tide that boosted the whole thing when it was starting to struggle. He was passionate about his hometown and he understood that a community is built by the everyday contributions of ordinary people, whose extraordinary work was on display at the awards on Sunday night.

The John O'Mahony perpetual trophy was awarded to the overall winners of this year's Killarney Looking Good awards, Woodlawn Park, who were also named best large estate. The award was presented to Deirdre Cremin and other members of the Woodlawn Park residents' association by John's wife Geraldine and daughter Molly and the residents were recognised for their dedicated work and commitment to maintaining and improving their homes and communal areas in the past year.

The special guest, who presented all the awards, was local poet Tim Buckley, who scribed a fitting poem, The Quiet Heroes, which was a big hit with the packed attendance. Tim spoke about "amazing people doing amazing jobs who are not looking for awards like these but are taking internal pride in the town that they were brought up in".

The other big winners on the night were Tim and Barbara Sayles who were awarded the Yvonne Quill Memorial Volunteer of the Year Award – presented by the late Yvonne's husband John, daughter Sandra and granddaughter Anna and Holy Cross Gardens, Oakwood and Coill na Darach which won the Fr Michael Murphy Memorial Pride of Place Award presented by Fr Michael's brother, Bishop Emeritus Bill Murphy.

The keynote speaker on the night was Mayor of Killarney Cllr John O'Donoghue and the master of ceremonies was Killarney Looking Good Committee Chairman Michael Gleeson. Both spoke about remembering John O'Mahony as "our very dear friend, publicity manager and lover of all that was best about Killarney".

Cllr O'Donoghue highlighted the "huge void left in the community by the passing of John O'Mahony". He described him as "a proud Killarney man who understood the importance of telling the stories of his town and its people through KillarneyToday.com" and spoke of how he encouraged local people to take pride in their surroundings.



Molly and Geraldine O'Mahony, and Tim Buckley (Guest Speaker) presenting the John O'Mahony Perpetual Trophy overall winner award to Deirdre Cremin ,Woodlawn Park residents association, at The Killarney Looking Good Awards in The Great Southern Hotel on Sunday night. Also included are Donal Mangan, Michael Gleeson (Killarney Looking Good Chairperson), Mossie Cremin, Cllr John O'Donoghue (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council), and Juliette Kelly. *Picture: Eamonn Keogh*

He spoke of how John understood that a community is built by the everyday contributions of ordinary people and the extraordinary work of these people was on display at the awards on Sunday night. Cllr O'Donoghue highlighted that, "despite how involved John was in reporting in our town, he always succeeded in keeping himself out of the news story. If he's looking down, I'm sure he'll have a very ironic smile at the new trophy being honoured in his name".

Mr Gleeson voiced his appreciation for the Killarney Men's Shed for bringing their talents and their gifts to designing and creating the John O'Mahony perpetual trophy. The trophy was crafted from materials sourced from Killarney National Park and represented the wonderful natural resources that surround the town in the park.

The Killarney Looking Good Competition is organised by Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce and Killarney Municipal District Council. MD O'Shea & Sons are the overall sponsors of the competition and O'Mahony Media Ltd is the media sponsor.

The competition runs throughout the tourist season and businesses and residential areas are monitored on an ongoing basis.

Killarney Looking Good Competition Winners 2026

Best Large Commercial Premises: 40 Main & The Laurels, Market Cross
Best Small Commercial Premises: O'Sullivan's Cycles, High Street
Best Newly Painted Premises: MacBee's, New Street
Best Public House: Hussey's, High Street
Best Hotel: Dromhall Hotel, Muckross Road
Best Restaurant: Cronin's Restaurant, College Street
Best Café: Ross Castle Garden Café
Best Retail: Caragh Jewellers, Plunkett Street
Green Hospitality Award: Great Southern Hotel
Corporate Social Responsibility Award: M.D. O'Shea and Sons
Restoration Award: Deenagh Lodge, Knockreer
Best Signage: Marcy's Bar, High Street
Best Guesthouse: Killarney Lodge Guesthouse, Countess Road
Best Private Residence: Three Oaks, Ballycasheen
Best Large Estate: Woodlawn Park
Best Small Estate: Torc Terrace
Best Roadside Garden: Mar Lodge, St Anne's Road
Best Floral Display: Charlie Foley's, New Street
Best Landscaping: Killarney Municipal District Outdoor Staff
Best Primary School: Holy Cross Mercy School
Best Secondary School: St Brigid's Presentation Secondary School
Most Improved Premises: Anam Cara Healthstore, Old Market Lane
Biodiversity Award: KASI Garden, Ballycasheen
Best Public Building: Killarney Garda Station
Bee-Friendly Planting: 11 Park Drive
Fr Michael Murphy Memorial Pride of Place Award: Holy Cross Gardens, Oakwood and Coill na Darach, Rock Road
Yvonne Quill Memorial Volunteer of the Year Award: Tim and Barbara Sayles

Highly Commended Awards:

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St. Brigid's Presentation Secondary School, winner of Best Secondary School Award with Tim Buckley (Guest Speaker) and Cllr John O'Donoghue (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council) and Juliette Kelly at The Killarney Looking Good Awards in The Great Southern Hotel on Sunday night. *Pictures: Eamonn Keogh*



Susan and Bernadette Randles, Dromhall Hotel, Best Hotel Award with Michael Gleeson (Killarney Looking Good Chairperson), Tim Buckley (Guest Speaker) and Cllr John O'Donoghue (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council) and Juliette Kelly at The Killarney Looking Good Awards in The Great Southern Hotel on Sunday night.



Killarney Asylum Seekers Initiative, winner of the Biodiversity Award at The Killarney Looking Good Awards in The Great Southern Hotel on Sunday night. Included are Marilyn Counihan, Sheila Casey, Michael Gleeson (Killarney Looking Good Chairperson), Tim Buckley (Guest Speaker) and Cllr John O'Donoghue (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council)



Holy Cross Mercy, winner of the Best Primary School Award. Included are Paul O'Shea (MD O'Sheas, sponsor), Cllr John O'Donoghue (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council), Tim Buckley (Guest Speaker), Triona Sheehy and Juliette Kelly.



Tim Buckley (Guest Speaker) with Killarney Tidy Towns volunteer Margaret Curtin and friends.



James Cahill, Three Oaks, Ballycasheen, Best Private Residence Award, with Michael Gleeson (Killarney Looking Good Chairperson), Tim Buckley (Guest Speaker) and Cllr John O'Donoghue (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council).



Padraig O'Sullivan, Deenagh Lodge, Restoration Award, with Kathleen Foley, Cllr John O'Donoghue (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council) Tim Buckley (Guest Speaker) and Juliette Kelly.



Roisin and Nathan Murphy and Antoinette Moloney, Torc Terrace, winner of Best Small Estate Award, with Tim Buckley (Guest Speaker) and Cllr John O'Donoghue (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council).



Tina Gormley, Resident Housing Officer, and residents of Holy Cross Gardens, Oakwood, Coill Na Darach, Rock Road, winner of the Fr Michael Murphy Memorial Pride of Place Award at The Killarney Looking Good Awards in The Great Southern Hotel on Sunday night. Also included are Kathleen Foley, Cllr John O'Donoghue (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council) and Tim Buckley (Guest Speaker).

KILLARNEY LOOKING GOOD AWARDS 2026



Katy Jacobi, West End Acting School, Highly Commended Award, with Tim Buckley (Guest Speaker) and Cllr John O'Donoghue (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council).



Catherine Treacy, Killarney Lodge, Best Guesthouse Award, with Tim Buckley (Guest Speaker) and Cllr John O'Donoghue (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council).



Mary McBride, MacBees, Best Newly Painted Premises Award, with Tim Buckley (Guest Speaker) and Cllr John O'Donoghue (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council).



John Cronin, Cronin's Restaurant, Best Restaurant Award, with Tim Buckley (Guest Speaker) and Cllr John O'Donoghue (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council).



Josephine and Alan Coleman, Rock Road, Highly Commended Award, with Tim Buckley (Guest Speaker) and Cllr John O'Donoghue (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council).



Barbara Lenhard and Tim Sayles, recipients of the Yvonne Quill Memorial Volunteer of the Year Award with Tim Buckley (Guest Speaker) and Sandra Quill Dunlea (seated). Back from left are Paul O'Shea (MD O'Sheas, sponsor), Kathleen Foley, Cllr John O'Donoghue (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council), Anna Dunlea, John Quill and Juliette Kelly.



Olivia O'Carra, 11 Park Drive, Best Friendly Planting Award, with Tim Buckley (Guest Speaker) and Cllr John O'Donoghue (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council).



John Kerrisk, Belleville Grove, Highly Commended Award, with Tim Buckley (Guest Speaker) and Cllr John O'Donoghue (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council).



Harold Clifton and Derick McMahon, Ross Castle Garden Cafe, Best Cafe, with Cllr John O'Donoghue (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council) and Tim Buckley (Guest Speaker).



Sgt Dermot O'Connell, Killarney Garda Station, Best Public Building Award, with Kathleen Foley, Cllr John O'Donoghue (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council), Tim Buckley (Guest Speaker) Juliette Kelly and Paul O'Shea (MD O'Sheas, sponsor), at The Killarney Looking Good Awards in The Great Southern Hotel on Sunday night.



Tina Tynan, Anam Cara Healthcare, Most Improved Premises, with Tim Buckley (Guest Speaker) and Cllr John O'Donoghue (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council).



Sarah Dineen, Caragh Jewellers, Best Retail Award, with Tim Buckley (Guest Speaker) and Cllr John O'Donoghue (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council).

Rozzers Celebrates Tripadvisor Award

as One of Ireland's Finest Dining Destinations

Killarney restaurant ranks fourth nationally and first outside Dublin in Tripadvisor's Best of the Best Awards 2026

Rozzers Restaurant at Killeen House Hotel in Aghadoe, Killarney, has earned impressive national recognition after being ranked fourth in Ireland for fine dining in the Tripadvisor Travellers' Choice Best of the Best Awards 2026, making it the highest-ranked restaurant outside Dublin in its category.

Owned by the Eviston family, the achievement is a proud moment for the Killarney establishment, which has built a reputation for exceptional food, warm hospitality and a distinctive dining experience in one of Kerry's most scenic locations.

At the heart of the restaurant's success is local head chef Chris Scully, a Beaufort native whose connection with Rozzers stretches back to his teenage years, when he worked there as a commis chef. Having returned to the kitchen in a leading role, Chris has helped shape the restaurant's culinary identity, combining modern Irish cooking with classical French techniques.



Head head Chris Scully, pictured with Egli and Xhersi Bahiti, the restaurant's two managers

The menu showcases quality local and regional produce, with dishes featuring Kerry lamb and Dingle Bay lobster, alongside freshly made homemade bread and desserts. The emphasis on carefully prepared ingredients and attention to detail has helped establish Rozzers as a destination for diners seeking a memorable fine dining experience.

The achievement also reflects the work of brothers Egli and Xhersi Bahiti, the restaurant's two managers, whose contribution to the guest experience and day-to-day running of the establishment has been instrumental in its success.

Set amid the beautiful surroundings of Aghadoe, Rozzers offers diners an opportunity to enjoy high-quality cuisine in a welcoming setting just outside Killarney town.

The Tripadvisor Best of the Best recognition is particularly significant, as the awards celebrate businesses that receive consistently excellent reviews from travellers. The accolade places Rozzers among Ireland's leading fine dining destinations and highlights the talent, dedication and teamwork behind its continued success.

For Killarney, the achievement is another welcome endorsement of the town and its surrounding area as a destination for outstanding food and hospitality.

BUSY WEEK FOR KILLARNEY TOWN TWINNING

It was another busy week for Killarney Town Twinning Association (KTTA) who greeted a delegation from our sister city association in Springfield, Illinois. We are extremely grateful to Mayor John O Donoghue who took time out of a very busy schedule to meet with President Natalia Galica and Vice President Collin Chiaro and other members of the sister city association. This year Killarney & Springfield share 30 years of friendship, and many connections were re-initiated on this visit, to again strengthen ties with our two associations.



Pictured from left Sheila Dickson, KTTA, Natalia Galica, President of Springfield Sister City Association, making a presentation to Mayor John O Donoghue with Vice President of Springfield Sister City Association Collin Chiaro and Denis Counihan KTTA

FOSSA TWO MILE CCÉ

Junior Set Dancing returned on Wednesday and will continue until the 17th of December from 7-8pm @ Fossa Community Centre. Still space if you would like to join in.

Adult Set Dancing continues every Tuesday night - 8.15pm for beginners, improvers and advanced 9-10.30pm All very welcome

AGM - Fossa Two Mile CCÉ AGM will take place on Monday 19th October @ 8.30pm Fossa Community Centre. If you are interested in getting involved or would like to offer your support or ideas for the year ahead then please come along. Everyone is very welcome.

Killarney Comhaltas AGM

Killarney Comhaltas AGM, will take place on Tuesday 20th October at 8pm at Hotel Killarney, Park Road. Everyone welcome, you will get to experience what Comhaltas is all about. Be apart of keeping Irish music, dance and comhrá alive in Killarney. You don't need to be a performer or already involved with Comhaltas - just bring your self, your ideas and interest in being apart of the community. Come along, have a chat meet the people involved and see how you might like to be a part of it

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Killarney Women's Organisation for Training and Empowerment. Our monthly meeting is on Wednesday 21st October at 2PM in the Parish Centre next to the Church of the Resurrection V93WN32.

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Samhain - Autumn Gathering 2026 takes place at Killarney National Park

The annual rutting season is underway, the Irish Red Stags are bellowing while the Sika are whistling. Autumn is a glorious time in Killarney National Park - the changing colours, those primal bellows and early morning fog.

This years 'Samhain' Autumn Gathering takes place from Saturday 18th October and Sunday 19th October 2026.

The Autumn programme of events are free and no booking required. The guided talks are presented by the Conservation Rangers and Killarney National Park Education Centre, National Parks and Wildlife Service, (NPWS).

The Native Irish Red Deer are a firm favourite with people traveling from all parts of Ireland to get a glimpse of the activity during the rutting season and witness the largest Irish Native Red Deer species with a continuous presence in Ireland since neolithic times.

• Autumn Deer Watch: Saturday October 17th: @ 7.30 am:

Guided Walk with Tricia Beecher & Conor Rowlands, Conservation Rangers, NPWS.

Meeting Point: Knockreer Gates (Opposite St Mary's Cathedral)

No booking required Observing native Irish Red Deer, Flora and Fauna during the Autumn season.

NPWS Conservations Rangers & Killarney National Park Education Centre Staff will be on hand during the weekend to help you spot and observe Irish Red Deer and Autumn vibes

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Tricia Beecher, Conservation Ranger, National Parks and Wildlife Service, Killarney National Park, presenting this years Samhain Autumn Gathering Deer Walks - Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th at 7.30 am, meeting at the entrance to Knockreer Estate- Opposite St Mary's Cathedral. The guided walks are free and no need of booking. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan





Pat McGrath, General Manager of Killarney Royal Townhouse, right, pictured with Michael Jacobi Hayfield Family Collection

Killarney Royal Townhouse Named No. 2 Hotel in Ireland

Killarney Royal Townhouse has been named the No. 2 Hotel in Ireland in the prestigious Condé Nast Traveler USA 2026 Readers' Choice Awards, based on votes from travellers.

Located in the heart of Killarney, the hotel offers personalised luxury hospitality, combining townhouse charm with warm service and easy access to Killarney National Park.

General Manager Pat McGrath said the recognition was particularly special because it came directly from travellers. He praised the team's dedication to providing a warm welcome and memorable guest experiences, while thanking guests and travel partners for their continued support.

Part of the family-owned Scally Hotel Collection, Killarney Royal Townhouse joins Great Southern Killarney, Hayfield Manor in Cork and St Helen's Hotel in Dublin, all renowned for their commitment to Irish hospitality.

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Barleymount Apiaries Wins Gold and Best in Kerry at Blas na hÉireann 2026

Killarney beekeeper Denis O'Sullivan and family celebrates national success as award-winning honey business continues to grow.

There was great excitement for Barleymount Apiaries Ltd. at the 2026 Blas na hÉireann Irish Food Awards in Dingle, where the Killarney-based honey producer achieved extraordinary success, winning Gold Award in the Sweet Pantry Category (Honey) and being named Best Taste in Kerry 2026 (Best in County Kerry).

For Denis O'Sullivan, owner of Barleymount Apiaries, the recognition is the culmination of a lifelong connection with beekeeping, a passion that began in childhood alongside his father.

"As a family we were absolutely thrilled when we heard we had made it to the finals," said Denis. "To reach the finalist stage at Blas na hÉireann is an achievement in itself because the standard of competition is incredibly high. With more than 3,000 entries from producers all over Ireland, you are competing against some of the best food businesses in the country. Never in our wildest dreams did we think we would come home with both a Gold Award and Best Taste in Kerry. It was a very proud and emotional moment for all of us."

Blas na hÉireann is recognised as Ireland's largest and most respected food awards programme, and the quality of this year's entries was exceptional. That makes the achievement more special for a small family-run business that began simply as a hobby.

"I've been around bees all my life," Denis explained. "My father was a beekeeper and I developed a love for bees from an early age. When we settled in Bernie's home place Barleymount East just outside Killarney, the 4 boys were at a good age, and it seemed like a good time to expand the hobby. What started as a few hives and selling a small number of jars to help pay for the hobby has gradually grown into something a little bigger. Today, there is real momentum behind the business, and these awards will help us continue to grow the Barleymount Apiaries brand."

Despite the recent success, Denis remains grounded. By profession, he is a Post Primary Woodwork Teacher at Killarney Community College, while beekeeping remains his passion outside of the classroom.

"I don't see beekeeping as a job," he said. "It's rewarding in so many ways. Working with bees brings you close to nature and there is something almost therapeutic about it. Every season is different and there is always something new to learn. You meet some great people with genuine interest in bees, honey and our environment. The honey is obviously the final product, but for me the real enjoyment comes from caring for the bees and seeing them thrive."

Denis is quick to acknowledge the incredible support he receives from his family.

"There is no doubt that these awards belong to the whole family. I have tremendous support from them and without their help it would be very difficult to do what we do. Running an apiary, requires a lot of hours during the Summer. Then there is managing stock, deliveries and promotion, it all takes time. Their encouragement help and support mean everything."

Barleymount Apiaries honey is produced from hives located in some of the most beautiful parts of the Killarney area. Denis also paid tribute to the many local businesses and landowners who have supported the venture.



"I am fortunate to keep bees in some fantastic locations around Killarney. I would like to thank Aghadoe Heights Hotel, The Great Southern Hotel, Lakeview Estate in Fossa and several local farmers who have generously allowed me to place hives on their land. Their support has played an important role in our success."

The awards also come at a significant time for the Irish honey industry following the introduction of new honey labelling regulations, which now provide consumers with much greater transparency regarding the origin of honey products.

"The new regulations are a very positive development," Denis said. "If you're paying a good price for a product, you deserve the truth about that product. In the past, honey labelling could be quite vague and open to interpretation, making it difficult for consumers to know exactly where their honey came from. The new rules give people clearer information and allow them to make informed choices."

According to Denis, the impact of the new regulations is already being felt.

"We have definitely seen a positive effect on sales in our retail outlets. Consumers are becoming more conscious of supporting local producers and they appreciate knowing exactly what they are buying. Transparency builds trust, and trust is very important in food production."

Barleymount Apiaries honey is currently available in Killarney from Centra The Reeks Gateway, Centra The Rock, Horan's Health Stores and in Waterville from Skellig Meats in Waterville.

Reflecting on the future, Denis believes the awards represent both recognition and opportunity.

"These awards are a fantastic endorsement of the quality of our honey and of the work that goes into producing it. Winning Gold and being named Best taste in Kerry gives us confidence to continue growing the business while staying true to our values. We are passionate about producing pure local honey and sharing the story of Irish beekeeping. This success gives us a platform to bring that story to even more people."

For Barleymount Apiaries, what began as a hobby has become a National award-winning business, but at its heart remains a simple passion for bees, nature and producing exceptional local honey for consumers to enjoy.

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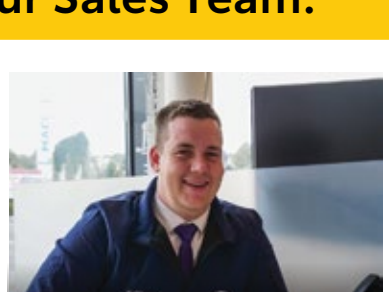
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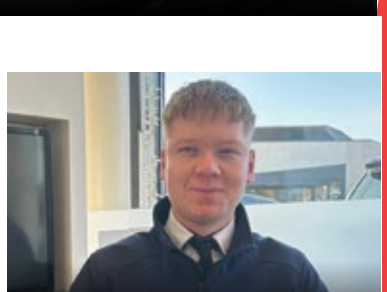
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CASTLEISLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Celebrates Outstanding Junior Cycle Results

Castleisland Community College is celebrating another year of excellent Junior Cycle results. The 77 students who sat their exams in June 2026 performed well above the national average.

Across all subjects, 42.6% of the grades awarded to the school's students were Distinction (85-100%) or Higher Merit (70-84%), compared with 38.9% nationally for the same subjects. More than three quarters of all grades were Merit (55%-69%) or higher, and 95% were Achieved (40%-545) or above. Students earned 64 Distinctions in total, and one student achieved a Distinction in every subject they sat.

The school's practical subjects were particularly strong. In Engineering, 93% of students achieved Distinction or Higher Merit, double the national rate. In Wood Technology, 43% of students achieved a Distinction, more than four times the national figure. Business Studies students also excelled, with 28% earning a Distinction against 9% nationally.

The Principal Máiréad Corridan congratulated the students on their hard work and thanked staff and parents for their support. "These results reflect the dedication of our students and the commitment of our teachers," she stated. Enrolment is open for first year students 2027/2028 from 7th October to November 6th. Application forms available from the school or on the school's website. They have also being distributed to 6th class pupils attending local primary schools.



Castleisland Community College is celebrating another year of excellent Junior Cycle results.

Kilcummin Halloween Table Quiz
to Support Two Worthy Causes



Kilcummin mothers and others group
Back left to right - Katie O Neill, Ruth Murphy, Aisling Scanlon, Emer O Sullivan, Aneta Augustynkova, Helen Duggan, Lisa McNally
Front left to right Noreen O Neill, Colette Curran, Ann Marie O Leary, Ann Marie O Sullivan and Elaine O Leary

A Halloween table quiz will take place in the Klub Bar at Kilcummin GAA Hall on Friday, October 23, at 8pm, with proceeds supporting Temple Street Children's Hospital and Kilcummin Mothers and Others.

Quizmaster Derek O'Leary will put teams of four to the test in what promises to be an enjoyable night of fun and friendly competition. Tables cost €40 for adults and €20 for children, with a €100 cash prize up for grabs. Prizes will also be awarded for the best-dressed adult and child, while a mega raffle will add to the excitement on the night.

Everyone is welcome to attend, and teams can book in advance by contacting Ann Marie on 087 904 7274. People are also welcome to turn up on the night.

Organisers are looking forward to a great evening of Halloween fun while raising funds for two worthwhile causes, and are grateful for the continued support of the local community.

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Kerry Fire and Rescue Service is urging people to take simple steps to protect themselves and others as National Fire Safety Week runs from October 12 to 18.

As part of the campaign, Killarney Fire Station will open to the public on Saturday, October 17, from 12 noon to 4pm, offering advice and information on fire safety.

This year's North/South campaign, "Know the Room, Know the Risk, Know the Person", encourages people to identify fire hazards, ensure smoke alarms are working and know the safest escape routes from their homes and workplaces.

The campaign also highlights the importance of checking on older people, those living alone and others who may need additional support to stay safe.

Householders are advised to pay particular attention to kitchen hazards, heaters, open fires, electrical appliances and charging devices. Chimneys and flues should also be properly maintained, while escape routes should remain clear.

Working smoke alarms on every level of the home are essential and should be tested regularly to provide early warning in the event of a fire.

People are encouraged to check that vulnerable family members, friends and neighbours have working alarms and can safely leave their homes in an emergency.

The Community Smoke Alarm Scheme also provides free smoke alarms to vulnerable households. For further information, contact communityfiresafety@kerrycoco.ie.

Kellihers Toyota 271 Roadshow Comes to Killarney



Kellihers Toyota will host its 271 Roadshow at The Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney, this Sunday, October 18, from 11am to 4pm. Visitors can explore the latest Toyota models, including the new Toyota C-HR+, featuring a 58kWh battery and a million-kilometre battery warranty, alongside the new Hilux, facelifted Yaris Cross and RAV4 Plug-in Hybrid.

The event will also showcase Toyota's extensive hybrid, plug-in hybrid and fully electric ranges, with a selection of new and used cars to suit different budgets.

As part of the ongoing Buy & Fly used car sale, 90 used cars have had their prices reduced. Visitors can also chat with finance expert Kieran about available finance options.

The roadshow offers motorists an opportunity to discover the latest models, special offers and options ahead of the new 271 registration. Whether you are planning to change your car now or looking ahead to the new 271 registration, Kellihers Toyota encourages motorists not to make any decisions without first visiting the roadshow at The Gleneagle Hotel this Sunday.

The Kellihers Toyota 271 Roadshow takes place at The Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney, from 11am to 4pm on Sunday, October 18th.

Killarney Alzheimer Café
Welcomes Community for Monthly Support Gathering

A welcoming community event aimed at supporting people living with dementia, their families, and carers will take place in Killarney later this month.

The Killarney Alzheimer Café, organised by the The Alzheimer Society of Ireland, will be held on Wednesday, 21st October 2026, from 11am to 1pm at Coill na Darrach Community Room Eircode V93 VXY8

The café takes place on the third Wednesday of every month, offering a regular opportunity for people affected by dementia to meet, share experiences, and access helpful information in an informal setting.

The event is open to everyone, including individuals living with dementia or cognitive impairment, family members, carers, and healthcare professionals. Organisers say the café provides a warm and welcoming space where attendees can connect with others facing similar challenges while learning more about available supports.

This month's guest speaker will be Norah Forde, Support Coordinator with Alone.

The Soccer Memories Cafe also runs on the last Saturday of every month from 11am to 1pm. The contact for that is soccermemoriescafe@gmail.com

Representatives from the Alzheimer Society say events like the café help reduce isolation and provide valuable support for families navigating dementia.

Anyone interested in attending or learning more can contact Lynda Phillips on 087 355 6508 or via email at lynda.phillips@alzheimer.ie.

More information about dementia support services is also available on the Alzheimer Society of Ireland website.


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Bring a Friend and Get Creative This Halloween at the Toy Soldier Factory





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Choose from a vampire, Frankenstein's monster, a pirate skeleton, a black cat, a flying witch, a Jack O'Lantern or a ghost. Watch as the staff cast your chosen figure in metal, then settle down with brushes and paints to give it a personality of its own. Will your ghost be ghostly white or glow with colour? Will your witch wear traditional black or something a little more unexpected? The choice is yours.

The painting workshop takes around an hour, and you can take your finished creation home — ready to join your Halloween decorations or become a souvenir of a creative day out. It's an indoor activity for families, friends and adults who fancy trying something different.

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Killarney Valley Classic & Vintage Club Tractor Show a Great Success

Over 60 tractors, popular attractions and generous public support help make the club's 2026 tractor show a memorable day in Farranfore.

The Killarney Valley Classic & Vintage Club would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who helped make its Tractor Show, held on Sunday, 11 October, at 4 Park Business Centre, Farranfore, such a success.

The event attracted a fantastic display of machinery, with over 60 tractors on show, bringing together enthusiasts, families and members of the local community for a day celebrating agricultural heritage, machinery and family entertainment.

The club was delighted with the public turnout and would like to thank everyone who attended and contributed donations on the day. The generosity of the public will help support three very worthwhile local causes: Firies National School, Recovery Haven Kerry Cancer Support House and Killarney Valley AC. All three charities are delighted to benefit from the event, and the club is proud to be able to support organisations that make such a positive contribution to the local community.

One of the major attractions was the dyno testing, which proved extremely popular with owners bringing along a wide variety of tractors. There was great interest throughout the day as different machines were tested, giving spectators an opportunity to see how tractors of various ages and types performed. The club would like to thank everyone who brought a tractor for testing, as well as the team who worked hard to make the dyno testing such a success.

The Digger Challenge was another popular feature, attracting plenty of attention from spectators. There were some very impressive operators taking part, demonstrating their skill and precision at the controls. The challenge provided great entertainment and was enjoyed by both participants and those watching from the sidelines. There was also plenty to keep younger visitors entertained, thanks to Tim Carey, who provided a fantastic selection of family-friendly amusements. These proved very popular with the younger crowd and helped make the show an enjoyable day out for families.

Of course, the tractors themselves were the real stars of the show. The club was delighted to see such a strong turnout, with machinery spanning different generations. Some of the vintage tractors on display looked even better than the day they first left the factory, reflecting the time, effort and dedication invested by their owners. Keeping these machines in such excellent condition is no small undertaking, and the club believes their owners deserve enormous credit for preserving an important part of our agricultural history.













The club would also like to express its sincere appreciation to all the businesses that supported the event. Their sponsorship and generosity played an important role in helping the show go ahead.

Our main sponsors were Tricel; Reens Rathmore Jeep and Fiat; SAMCO Agri Sales; C. Wharton Tool Hire Ltd.; The Warehouse Café; and Noel C. Duggan Structural Steel Ltd.

We are extremely grateful for their support and encourage the public to support these businesses in return. A huge thank you must also go to the club members and volunteers who put in many hours of work behind the scenes and on the day itself. Organising an event of this size takes considerable planning, teamwork and commitment, and the success of the show is a testament to the dedication of everyone involved.

The Killarney Valley Classic & Vintage Club would like to thank every tractor owner who brought machinery along, every business that supported the event, the dyno team, the Digger Challenge operators, Tim Carey and his team, and everyone who helped in any way.

Most importantly, we thank the public for turning out, supporting the show and contributing so generously to the charities.

The club is delighted with how the day went and proud that the event can combine a shared passion for tractors and vintage machinery with family entertainment and support for local causes.

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BY BILLY RYLE

Budget 27 brings cold comfort for college students and their families

DAMP SQUIB
Budget 27 was a bit of a damp squib for financially hard pressed college students who gained very little in the round. The budget reduced the third level student contribution fee by only €150, so it now stands at €2,350.

MAINTENANCE
SUSI maintenance grant rates are being increased by 4.5% from the 1st January 2027. From September 2027, families with income below €150,000 and with more than one child in college can get a €500 student contribution grant for each eligible student. From September 2027, students in those families who previously qualified for a 50% student contribution grant will instead get a 75% student contribution grant.

CLAIM
The Government statement claimed that Budget 27 measures will benefit over 150,000 students and their families. It went on to say that a €34m package of student supports unveiled in Budget 27 will make third-level education more affordable and accessible. It said the measures were designed to ease the real strain being experienced by students and their families amid continuing cost-of-living pressures.

MIXED
However student representatives gave Budget 27 a mixed reception. The students' union welcomed the reduction in the student contribution but said that a 6% drop was extremely disappointing. The students called for more substantial reductions in the student contribution in future budgets, with the ultimate aim of abolishing it.

NOTHING
The students union said Budget 27 did nothing to support thousands of students across the country who get up early every morning to travel long distances to college due to the shortfall of about 50,000 student accommodation beds.

COMMUTING
It's not easy integrating into college life if you're making a daily return commute from home to Tralee, Limerick or Cork. But that's the only option facing many students who can't afford to meet the cost of accommodation. Rental accommodation, alone, has increased by 75% during the past five years, putting most of it beyond the reach of students. With rent spiralling out of control more students are struggling to pay for college.

EXPENSIVE
Further and third level education is very expensive. The financial burden is eased a little for students who qualify for a partial or total SUSI grant. Even so, many college students have to work part-time or depend on their parents to make ends meet. Thousands of students who are ineligible for funding must come up with about €13,000 annually if they are living away from home or about €5,000 if living at home. The student contribution, now down from €2,500 to €2,350, must also be paid.

RATES
The maximum standard non-adjacent maintenance grant payable in the 26/27 academic year is currently €4,722. For students who live less than 30km from their college, the standard maximum adjacent grant is €1,774. The gross annual income level for grant eligibility is €47,010 (less than four dependent children), €51,520 (between four and seven children) or €55,850 (between eight or more dependent children). Income thresholds increase by €4,950 for each additional family member in college. The amount of non-assessed holiday income that a student can earn per annum is €8,830. The Budget increase of 4.5% in maintenance grant rates from 1st January will increase the maximum standard non-adjacent grant by €215.50. Their minimal gains in Budget 27 won't overexcite students.

CHECKLIST

- The student contribution has been reduced from €2,500 to €2,350 in Budget 27
- SUSI maintenance grant rates are being increased by 4.5% from the 1st January
- Families with more than one child in college will get a reduction in student contribution
- Third level education is very expensive
- Many college students have to work part-time to make ends meet
- Many college students depend on their parents to make ends meet
- Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI) is the grant authority for further/higher ed.
- 77,262 from 108,550 applicants qualified for a full or partial SUSI grants in 2026/27
- The gross annual income level for standard grant eligibility is currently €47,010
- The minimum distance to college for the higher grant is 30km
- The higher or non-adjacent grant payment is currently €4,722
- The smaller or adjacent grant payment is currently €1,774
- Grant information can be found on www.susi.ie

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Pictured are members of St. Brigid's Presentation Secondary School Student Council 2026/27. The Student Council plays an important role in school life, giving students a voice and ensuring their ideas, opinions and suggestions are heard. The council works together to promote positive change, organise initiatives and help make St. Brigid's an even better place for everyone. Back Left to Right : Clodagh Flanagan, Abbey Keane, Ruby Greene, Tessy Ajibre, Liliana Firek, Kate O'Toole, Abbie McGuire, Roisin O Mahony, Ella Kumah, Amy Keating, Niamh O'Connor, Anna Roche, Mehrin Khan, Kate Kissane and Eliza Ababkova. Front Left to Right : Erin Abbeygayle Ocampos, Jane Brosnan, Tahirah Zaman ,Evie Guerin, Sarah Spellman, Elsi-Mai O'Connor, Lori Rujevcan, Susanna Dineen, Nellie Cullinane, Lexi Stack, Beibhinn Kiely, Emily O'Shea and Emma Quirke. (Missing from photo Emily Kavanagh)



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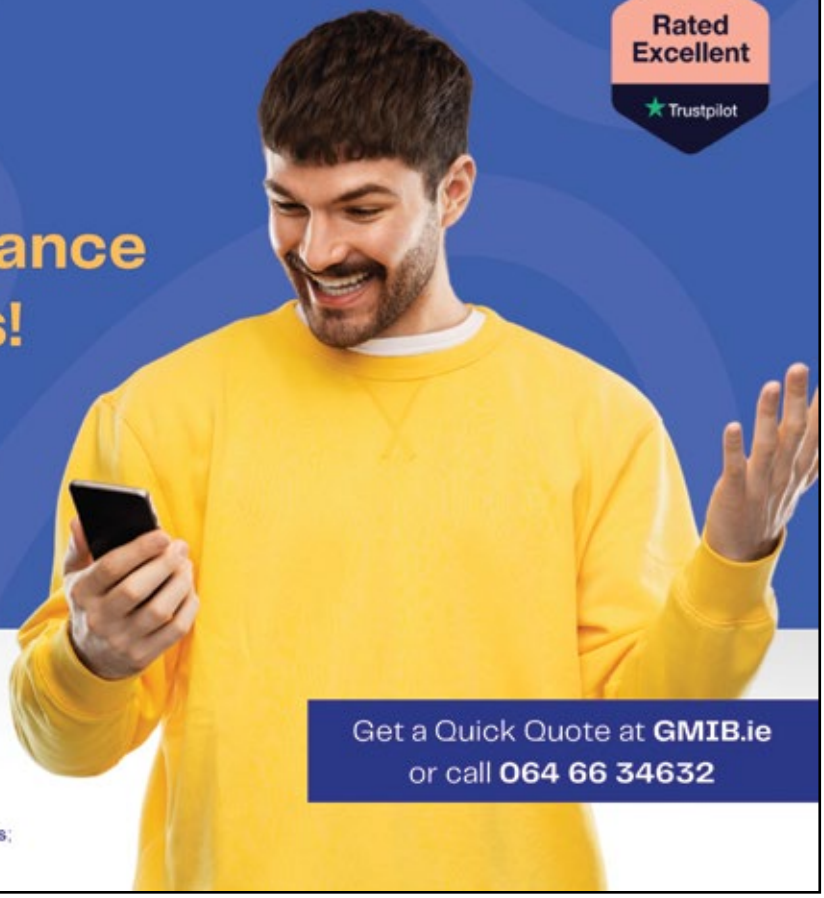
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KILCUMMIN PARISH

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JINGLE AND MINGLE CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Rehearsals for the Kilcummin Christmas Jingle & Mingle Children's Choir continues every Wednesday, from 7pm to 8pm in the Parish Office (beside the church). All national school children are very welcome to take part. The choir will perform at the Jingle & Mingle Christmas event on Sunday, 13th December, in Kilcummin N.S. Sports Hall. A wonderful way to share some festive cheer and community spirit.

KILCUMMIN COMHALTAS

Kilcummin Comhaltas will hold their AGM on Wednesday, 21st of October at 9pm in the Parish Centre. All members welcome.

STATION MASS

Station Mass for the Coolick School Area will take place on Wednesday, 21st October at 7.30pm. Townlands include Coolick, Coolbane, Dooneen, Dunrine, Lisroe, Dromadeesirt, Knocklebede, Coolnagarrihy, Knockeenalicka, Ardagh, Cloonteens, Ballydunlea, Buddihans and Gortnatona.

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KILCUMMIN GAA

Division 1 East Kerry Final; Kilcummin 0-16 Firies 0-10.

Congratulations to our U16 Boys who defeated Firies in the Division 1 East Kerry Final last Sunday morning in Spa GAA grounds. Well done to all the players and coaches.

Lotto

There was no winner of our lotto on Monday, 5th October 2026 for the Jackpot of €10,750. Numbers drawn were 08,15,22,29. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Sean Kelly, Ballydesmond; Nora Riordan; Flor O'Sullivan; John Canavan. Our next draw will be on Monday, 19th October for Jackpot of €11,000. Thank you for your continued support.



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ROSS CASTLE TO HOST SPOOKY HALLOWEEN EVENTS FOR ALL AGES

Ross Castle in Killarney is preparing for a frightfully fun Halloween, with ghost hunts, children's tours and a special after-dark experience bringing centuries of eerie history to life.

The Office of Public Works (OPW) has announced a series of Halloween events at heritage sites nationwide, with Ross Castle offering activities for families and a spine-tingling experience for those brave enough to explore its darker history.

The popular Ghostbusters Halloween Hunt will challenge visitors to find nine escaped castle ghosts before they cause mischief and mayhem. Participants can collect a worksheet from reception and, once all the ghosts have been found, return it to receive spooky stickers. They can also enter a draw to win one of five Halloween-themed art packs.

Children aged five and over can enjoy the free Tours for Trainee Ghouls and Goblins, taking place on October 28, 30 and 31. The entertaining 30-minute tours will explore how Halloween was celebrated in the past, with traditional games from the days before the internet. The tours involve climbing an uneven spiral staircase, and pre-booking is essential. Organisers ask that just one adult accompany each child or



group of children booked into a time slot.

For those seeking a more chilling experience, If These Walls Could Scream will take place on Halloween evening, October 31, from 4.50pm to 5.30pm. The special tour will uncover tales of hauntings and murder said to have taken place within the castle's walls over the past 600 years. The tour is free but is not suitable for young children. Numbers are limited, and advance booking is essential.

All events are free of charge, offering an opportunity for families and visitors to enjoy the history and atmosphere of one of Killarney's best-known heritage attractions with a Halloween twist.To book the children's tours, email rosscastle@opw.ie. Advance booking is also required for If These Walls Could Scream.

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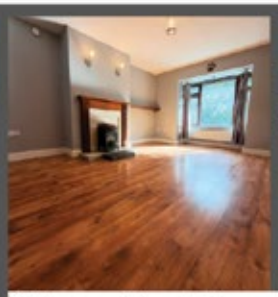
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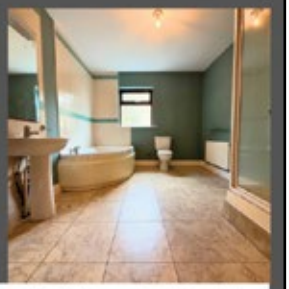
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The property has four generous double bedrooms, including a master bedroom with its own ensuite. The main bathroom is well equipped, featuring both a double shower and a separate Jacuzzi corner bath.

On the first floor, a partially converted loft is currently divided into two large storage rooms. This additional space presents considerable potential for further development.

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By Michael O' Mahony

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Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group reminds you that Share the Bucket takes place weekly.. The draw is every Friday evening in Teach Fáilte @8 pm and can be viewed live on our Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook Page. This week's jackpot was €205and the winner was Billy Keane won this week .

Tickets cost €2 each or 3 for €5. They are available at Teach Fáilte and can be bought online at https://tinyurl.com/y2ade5om.or in local businesses where you see the Green Share the bucket. Your support is greatly supported and all funds will go towards our new proposed community facility. We would like to thank our local businesses, shops and pubs who continue to support our project and thanks too to everybody who purchases tickets every week.

RATHMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL 301 CLUB

301 Club memberships and renewals now opened. Last few days to join.

If you haven't joined our 301 Club this year, now is the perfect time to get involved! Your membership helps support the work of Rathmore Community Council and gives you the chance to be part of our monthly draw. To be in with a chance to win please contact a member of Rathmore Community Council to sign up. Contact of member Niall Kelleher 0876694101, Timmy O'Brien 0879048086, Donal O Connor 0873552021, Denis Mc Crohan 0877530072, Therese Higgins 0861716712, Marie Cleverley 0876562388, Siobhan Dennehy 0872224118, Jacentha Murphy 0877044176. Thank you for your continued support, and best of luck

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NOTES

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

BEAUFORT PARISH

By Bridget Hartnett

LOTTO

Lotto Draw was held on Sunday 11th October for a Jackpot of €5,800. Numbers drawn 11, 18, 22, 24. No Jackpot winner. €80 Padraig McMahon, Cromane. €50 each Eamon O'Sullivan, Beaufort Bar, Liam Carey, Carnahone and Ciara and Ruairi O'Sullivan, Brookhill. Next Draw for Jackpot of €6,000 will be held on Sunday 25th October. Tickets available from usual sellers, local shops, bars and restaurants. It can also be done online https://beaufortgaa.clubforce.com/products/lotto/beaufort-gaa-club It's quick and easy, with options for Quick Pick, buying for a friend and more. Your support is greatly appreciated.

RESULTS

Mid-Kerry Minor Championship

Beaufort 1-9 Laune Rangers 2-14

O'Sullivan Cup

Beaufort 2-14 Milltown/Castlemaine 1-8

Our U10s brought their season to a close with a final training followed by pizza… they had a very successful season competing very well in all their Go Games and winning the Shield at the Fossa Blitz in August. A big thanks to the coaches, Andrea Coffey, Gary Kerrisk, Niall Kavanagh, Anthony O Shea, David Breen and Ger Coffey who put in a great effort with these boys. This is definitely a bunch of boys to watch out for in the future.

Our U8 boys finished off there season last Sunday with a fun filled parents v kids Skills competition. It was a close encounter but the kids training all year paid off in the end!! These are a very talented group of boys. Thanks to the coaches involved with this group all year, Danny Breen, John Bowe, James Breen, John Kelliher and Steven Sheehan

Well done to Leah O'Malley, Ruby Coffey, Avril Lynch, Emily Coffey, Amélia Breen and Emily Prendeville who played for Mid Kerry U13 girls on Saturday.

Also Well done to Clionagh Coffey, Laoise O'Keeffe and Aoibhinn Reid who lined out with Mid Kerry U15s.

FIXTURES

Beaufort are drawn against the winners of Keel and Cromane in the Mid Kerry Senior Championship. Date, time and venue to be confirmed.

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SPA PARISH

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SPA ACADEMY ENDS IN STYLE

The Spa Academy brought another fantastic season to a close last Saturday with a final session to remember.

All children in the ABCs and U6s received a medal, while the older age groups were presented with certificates in recognition of their efforts throughout the season. Members of both the Senior Men's and Ladies' panels were on hand to present the medals, making it a special occasion for the young players.

The Box Seven coffee dock also provided complimentary tea and coffee for parents and coaches as a thank you for their continued support throughout the year. Meanwhile, blue and yellow flags were handed out to all the children ahead of the Senior Men's County Championship quarter-final against East Kerry on Sunday!

It was a fitting end to a hugely enjoyable season, with excellent numbers attending throughout the year and great progress made across all age groups. A sincere thank you to all the coaches, volunteers, parents and everyone who contributed to another successful year at the Academy.

The Spa Academy will return in March 2027.

SPA HANDBALL UPDATE

Spa will host a university wall ball competition this Saturday, 17th October, as universities from across the country battle it out for top honours. Some of the best handballers in the country will be in action throughout the day, with free admission for all spectators. Be sure to call in and enjoy what promises to be a great day of handball!

CLUB LOTTO

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Evan Cronin Prepares for his match winning score v East KerryThe victorious Spa Men's Junior Team in last weekend's Cahill Cup Final



Shane Cronin celebrates as his goal takes the match level v East Kerry



Senior players Evan Cronin, Shane Cronin and David Spillane handing out medals to our younger players

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They say a picture tells a thousand words, and if that is the case, this lovely snapshot says there really is something for everyone in the Killarney Outlook magazine!

Seven-year-old Aoibhinn Cronin was pictured engrossed in last week's edition while patiently waiting for her mum, Gráinne, to finish work at Who's 4 Shoes on High Street in Killarney.

It seems the Killarney Outlook has found a reader of every age, with Aoibhinn proving that you are never too young to enjoy a good read!

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Money Matters



By Dermot Cronin
Financial Advisor

WHEN CAN YOU ACCESS YOUR PENSION & WHAT ARE YOUR OPTIONS WHEN YOU WANT TO RETIRE?

You can normally get access to your pension from age 60, a lot of the rules depend on whether you are an employee or self-employed. If you are coming close to retirement then you are probably wondering what options you have when you want to get access to your pension. It depends on what type of pension you have but generally there are four options:

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

To discuss the above or any other matter Dermot Cronin QFA can be contacted at 0646622775 or info@dermotcronin.ie



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Common symptoms include:

- Painful, swollen or warm joints
- Morning stiffness, often lasting more than 30 minutes
- Symptoms affecting both sides of the body, such as both hands or wrists
- Persistent tiredness or fatigue
- Reduced movement or difficulty with everyday activities

Early diagnosis matters

If RA is suspected, your GP may arrange blood tests and other investigations and may refer you to a Rheumatologist. Blood tests can include inflammatory markers, rheumatoid factor and anti-CCP antibodies, although no single blood test can confirm or rule out RA.

Treatment has come a long way

There are several effective treatments available. Treatment aims to control inflammation, relieve symptoms and prevent or reduce joint damage.

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imagine you have an energy bank account. Each day, you begin with 100% of your energy, and throughout the day, you can make deposits by choosing things that nourish, inspire and energise you. Whenever something drains your energy or takes a little too much out of you, look for a positive way to replenish it. This might mean taking a few moments to breathe deeply, or simply shifting your focus to something that makes you feel good.

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How we feel during and after exercise has less to do with willpower and more to do with fuel. Learning the basics of simple, practical nutrition timing can help you sidestep the brain fog, keep your energy vibrant, and recover with ease.

Before Your Workout: Fuel the Engine

Your pre-workout goal is to provide your body with easily digestible energy so your blood sugar stays stable.

The Timing: Aim for a small snack 30 to 60 minutes before you train.

What to Eat: Focus on simple carbohydrates—your body's fastest-burning energy source. Keep it low in fat and fiber so it digests easily.

Quick Ideas: A banana, a slice of toast with honey, or a small bowl of oatmeal.

After Your Workout: Rebuild and Restore

Once you finish exercising, your muscles need the right nutrients to repair and rebuild stronger.

The Timing: Eat a balanced meal within 1 to 2 hours after your workout.

What to Eat: You need protein to repair muscle tissue and complex carbohydrates to replenish your energy reserves.

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WINTER EYE HEALTH

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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 results 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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Young Musicians Of The Year Announced Ahead Of 34th Patrick O'Keeffe Festival



Special honour for Festival President Pats Brouder, who helped keep Sliabh Luachra music alive in Castleisland during his years running The Shoemakers.

Two young Cork musicians to take centre stage at Sliabh Luachra Concert as festival also announces special honour for Castleisland's Pats Brouder

The Patrick O'Keeffe Traditional Music Festival has announced its 2026 Young Musicians of the Year, with Eoin O'Driscoll from Newmarket and Mikaela Ní Mhurchú from Turner's Cross, Cork, selected for this year's awards.

The two talented young musicians will be honoured at the festival's flagship Sliabh Luachra Concert on Saturday 24 October, where they will each perform alongside their chosen tutors.

Eoin O'Driscoll will perform with renowned accordion player Bryan O'Leary, while Mikaela Ní Mhurchú will take to the stage alongside celebrated Sliabh Luachra fiddle player Matt Cranitch.

The awards recognise outstanding young traditional musicians and reflect one of the central aims of the Patrick O'Keeffe Festival: encouraging the next generation to carry forward the rich musical traditions of Sliabh Luachra.

The announcement coincided with the 139th anniversary of Patrick O'Keeffe's birth on 8 October, making it a particularly fitting occasion to celebrate the next generation of musicians.

Festival Chairperson Conor O'Mahony said:

"Patrick O'Keeffe was not only a remarkable fiddle player but a great teacher who dedicated so much of his life to passing on his music. I think it's particularly fitting that we're announcing our Young Musicians of the Year on the anniversary of his birth.

"Eoin and Mikaela are two wonderful young musicians, and we're delighted to recognise their talents. Having them perform alongside Bryan O'Leary and Matt Cranitch at our Sliabh Luachra Concert is a lovely way of bringing different generations of musicians together.

"In just two weeks, thousands of people will descend on Castleisland to celebrate Patrick O'Keeffe's legacy and play the music he helped preserve. It's remarkable to think that 139 years after his birth, his music continues to bring so many people together."

SPECIAL HONOUR FOR FESTIVAL PRESIDENT PATS BROUDER

The festival has also announced that Festival President Pats Brouder will receive a special honour recognising his longstanding service to the Patrick O'Keeffe Festival and his contribution to traditional music in Castleisland.

A dedicated member of the festival committee for many years, Pats has played an important role in the festival's development.

During his years running The Shoemakers in Castleisland, Pats was instrumental in keeping Sliabh Luachra music alive in the town, providing a welcoming home for musicians and countless memorable sessions.

Conor O'Mahony said the recognition was richly deserved.

"I'm absolutely delighted that we're honouring Pats this year. He's given tremendous service to the festival, but his contribution goes well beyond his work on the committee.

"When Pats was running The Shoemakers, he kept the flag flying for Sliabh Luachra music in Castleisland. People like Pats, who made sure the music always had a home in the town, deserve enormous credit for keeping the tradition going.

"We're delighted to have the opportunity to recognise everything he's done."

GERRY HARRINGTON TO RECEIVE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

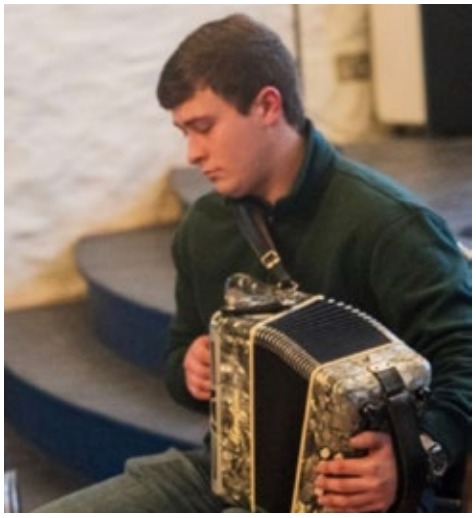
As previously announced, renowned fiddle player Gerry Harrington will receive the festival's Lifetime Achievement Award at Saturday night's Sliabh Luachra Concert.

The award recognises his outstanding contribution to the preservation and promotion of Sliabh Luachra fiddle music.

The concert will also feature a special reunion of the Smokey Chimney Trio, alongside performances by Jackie Daly, Matt Cranitch, Paul de Grae, Leonard Barry, Caoimhe and Éimhear Flannery and many more.

FESTIVAL COUNTDOWN UNDERWAY

With less than two weeks remaining, preparations are well underway for the 34th Patrick O'Keeffe Festival, which takes place in Castleisland from 22–26 October.



2026 Patrick O'Keeffe Young Musician of the Year. Eoin O'Driscoll from Newmarket and Mikaela Ní Mhurchú from Turner's Cross will perform with their chosen tutors at the festival's Sliabh Luachra Concert on Saturday 24 October.



The five-day programme includes headline concerts from Dervish on Friday, the Sliabh Luachra Concert on Saturday and the Trad All Stars Concert on Sunday, featuring Noel Hill, Pauline Scanlon, Danny O'Mahony, Liz Kane and other leading traditional musicians.

The festival's renowned Session Trail will once again bring traditional music to pubs throughout Castleisland, alongside instrumental workshops, the Sliabh Luachra Fiddle Recital, singing concerts, the Céilí Mór, Festival Clubs and a special RTÉ 100 celebration.

Festival Chairperson Conor O'Mahony added:

"The festival has grown enormously in recent years, but what makes it special is that it remains firmly rooted in Sliabh Luachra. Our fiddle recital, workshops and Saturday night concert are all about celebrating the music of this region.

"We want the festival to continue growing and attracting people from all over the world, but Sliabh Luachra will always be at the heart of it."

The 34th Patrick O'Keeffe Traditional Music Festival takes place from 22–26 October 2026.

Full programme details and tickets are available at www.patrickokeeffefestival.com.

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Minister Foley welcomes funding for three Kerry schools from Safe Routes to School Programme

Minister for Children, Disability and Equality and Kerry T.D Norma Foley has welcomed confirmation of funding for three Kerry schools from Safe Routes to School Programme.

The Safe Routes to School programme provides funding for improvements to slow traffic and make walking and cycling safer for children on their way to school. The measures include pencil shaped bollards, colourful road markings, upgraded footpaths, and enhanced pedestrian crossings.

Minister Foley said:

"I welcome the inclusion of three Kerry schools - Firies national school, Muire na Mainistreach national school in Killarney and Scartaglen national school– in the latest round of the Safe Routes to School Programme."



Firies National School is part of the Safe Routes to School Programme

Pa Daly Criticises Government Over Rising Energy Arrears



Sinn Féin spokesperson on Climate, Environment and Energy, Pa Daly TD, has criticised the Government over rising household energy arrears, following a Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU) update on consumer protections for 2026 and 2027.

Deputy Daly said electricity bills remained 83% higher than before the energy crisis, while gas bills had increased by 107%, leaving many households struggling to keep up with costs.

He said electricity arrears had risen by 20% in a year, while the number of gas customers in arrears had increased by 17%. One-parent families were among those experiencing some of the sharpest increases.

Deputy Daly accused the Government of failing to address Ireland's high energy prices and criticised the withdrawal of temporary energy supports, despite the ongoing financial pressure on households.

He said the CRU's measures focused on managing debt rather than reducing bills, calling for energy credits to be reintroduced, a social tariff, fairer network charges and stronger consumer protections.

While acknowledging that the new measures could help protect vulnerable customers from disconnection, Deputy Daly said they did not address the underlying affordability crisis.

"Irish families are exhausted. They have endured years of price hikes, years of financial strain and years of being told relief is just around the corner," he said, adding that households needed lower bills rather than debt management schemes.

He called on the Government to take stronger action to reduce energy costs and ensure families were not left struggling with mounting arrears.

Kerry arts and cultural groups urged to apply for new €6m funding scheme

Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry Michael Cahill is encouraging arts, cultural and community organisations across Kerry to apply for a new €6 million capital funding scheme aimed at improving facilities and supporting greater participation in the arts.

The new Arts Capital Investment Fund will provide grants for equipment, refurbishment and development works, offering local organisations an opportunity to invest in facilities that benefit communities across the county.

Deputy Cahill said: "Arts and culture are at the heart of communities across Kerry. Our local arts centres, drama groups, music organisations and community facilities provide valuable opportunities for people to come together, develop their talents and participate in cultural activities."

"This €6 million fund is a welcome opportunity for eligible organisations to improve their facilities, purchase essential equipment and expand the services they offer to their communities. I would strongly encourage groups throughout Kerry to examine the scheme and see whether they have a project that could benefit from this investment."

The fund has three funding categories, with grants of up to €200,000 available for eligible capital projects. Smaller grants are also available for equipment and improvements to community facilities.

Deputy Cahill added: "We have fantastic arts and cultural organisations right across Kerry, many of which rely on volunteers and limited resources to deliver activities for their communities.

"Providing these organisations with better facilities and equipment can help them reach more people and ensure that arts and culture remain accessible to communities throughout the county. I encourage interested groups to review the eligibility criteria and prepare their applications ahead of the closing date."

The closing date for applications is 18 December 2026 at 5pm. Further information on the scheme and application requirements is available from the Department of Culture, Communications and Sport at gov.ie

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8.45 PM	The Club, Kilcummin
9.00 PM	Old Killarney Inn, Aghadoe
9.30 PM	The Golden Nugget, Fossa
10.00 PM	The Faha Court, Faha
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8.30 PM	The Kerry Way, Glenflesk
9.00 PM	Spillane's Headford
9:30 PM	Murphy's Bar, Barraduff
10:00 PM	Corner Bar, Barraduff
1st Friday	**Kenmare, Tuosist & Lauragh**
8.45 PM	Roughty Bar, Kenmare
9.00 PM	O'Connors Bar, Kenmare
9:30 PM	Sailors Bar, Killaha West
10:00 PM	Helen's Bar Kilmacalogue
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9:30 PM	Kate Pat's Bar, Brosna
9.45 PM	Sportsfield Bar, Brosna
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9:30 PM	Lyon's Bar, Scartaglen
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4th Thursday	**Killorglin Area**
7:00 PM	Golden Nugget, Fossa
7.30 PM	Galvin's Bar, Beaufort
8:15 PM	O'Grady's Bar, Killorglin
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4th Friday	**Kenmare & Sneem Area**
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Community Groups in Kerry invited to apply for Catchment Support Fund 2027

Funding available for community and non-governmental organisations working to improve water quality across Ireland



The River Basin Management Service has today launched its Catchment Support Fund 2027, inviting community groups and non-governmental organisations in Kerry working to improve water quality to apply for funding to strengthen their organisation and support their work.

Funded by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and administered by the River Basin Management Service, the Catchment Support Fund provides financial assistance towards core organisational running costs as well as building the capacity of groups to deliver community-based water quality projects across Ireland.

In 2026, through this fund, €1,112,737 was awarded to 56 groups across 20 counties, in addition to two national projects. This was an increase from €856,260 in 2025, which was provided to 40 groups across 19 counties.

A key objective of the Catchment Support Fund is to build capacity within groups and organisations to deliver water quality actions that support the objectives of Ireland's Water Action Plan 2024.

Interested groups should speak to their local Community Water Officer or River Basin Management Service representative to access this funding."

Eligible organisations can apply for financial assistance through two funding streams.

Stream 1 provides support to the essential organisational costs to enable them to complete projects for water quality improvements. Such costs may include statutory and/or legal fees, insurance costs associated with catchment management, accountancy fees, website annual support costs, an organisation's promotional materials and group development activities.



Stream 2 invites organisations with CLG status (or equivalent) and a proven track record with the River Basin Management Service to apply for capacity building funding to cover staff costs, rent and rates.

The deadline for applications is 16th November 2026 at 11:30pm and applications can be made through the River Basin Management Service's online portal: https://consult.riverbasin.ie/en/content/rbms-catchment-support-fund-2027 ***For further information, visit www.riverbasin.ie/catchment-support-fund***

Planning permission granted for 123 homes at Ardshanavooly

Planning permission has been granted, subject to conditions, to Wrightwood Development Ltd for a mixed residential development comprising 123 homes at Ardshanavooly in Killarney.

The proposed development will feature a mix of apartments, duplex units, maisonettes and terraced houses, with buildings ranging from two to four storeys.

The scheme will include 16 one-bedroom apartments, six two-bedroom apartments, 11 one-bedroom duplex apartments, 11 two-bedroom duplex maisonettes, 28 two-bedroom duplex apartments, 28 three-bedroom duplex maisonettes and 23 three-bedroom terraced houses.

A total of 139 surface car parking spaces will be provided, including designated accessible parking, visitor spaces and four car-share spaces. The plans also include 272 bicycle parking spaces, with provision for residents and visitors.

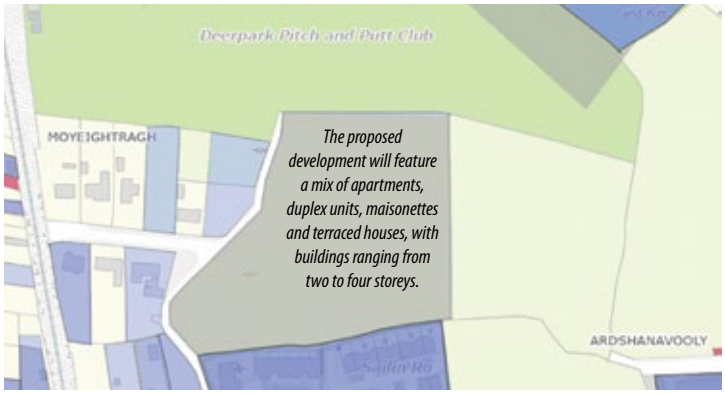
The development will incorporate extensive open space and landscaping, including 3,600 square metres of public open space with lawns, kickabout areas, picnic and seating areas, pocket parks and play facilities. A further 956 square metres of communal external open space will provide amenity lawns, seating areas and nature trails.

An additional 1,790 square metres of environmental open space is planned, including landscape buffers and measures to protect and enhance existing hedgerows and trees.

Access for vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists will be provided from the existing estate road adjoining the site to the south.

The development will also include internal roads and footpaths, public and site lighting, drainage infrastructure, utility installations, communal bin storage, boundary treatments and associated landscaping and services.

The permission is subject to planning conditions.



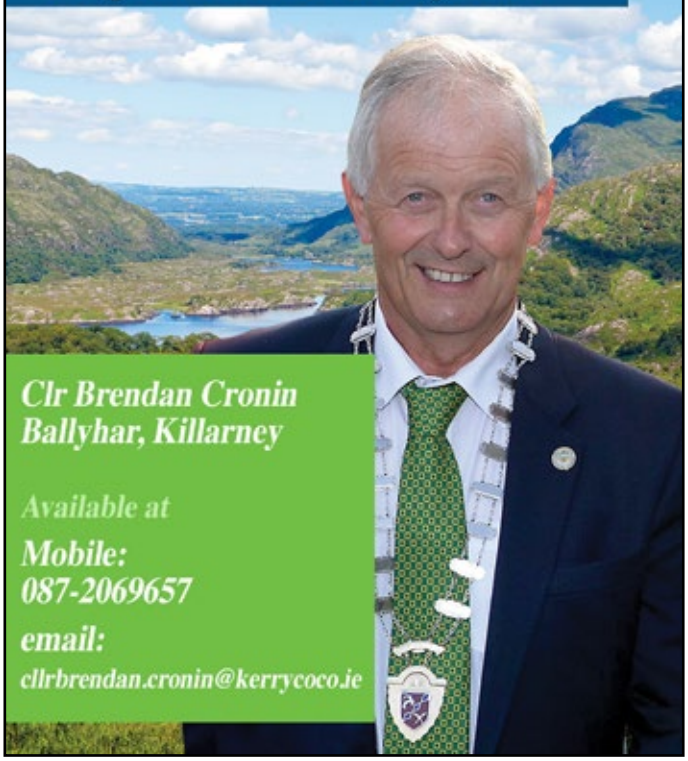
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MUCKROSS ROWING CLUB

ST. MICHAEL'S HOR

Last Saturday, October 10th, the club kicked off its competitive events calendar for the new flatwater rowing season 2026/'27 with a familiar journey to O'Briensbridge for the St. Michael's Autumn Head Of the River. The 3km time trial saw a large contingent of 45 crews competing for Muckross on the day with all age groups represented from Junior 13 to Masters. The club enjoyed a successful day on the Shannon with four category wins, three second place and two third place finishes. Congrats to our winning crews in the Mens J13 Quad, Womens J16 Quad, Womens Masters Double and Womens J14 Quad. Well done to also to the Mens J18 Double, Womens J14 Quad (B) and Mixed Masters Quad who all finished second and to the Mens J13 Quad (B) and Womens J14 Single placing third. Well done to all our rowers, coxes and coaches on a great club performance. Special thanks to Eoin Moynihan for towing the boat trailer to and from the event and to all our coaches, parents and adult members who helped with the organisation of our HOR outing!

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Martin Murphy and Orlagh Moloney on the birth of baby Luke. Wishing Martin, Orlagh and family every health and happiness for the future!

NATIONAL TRIALS

Well done to Colm O'Connor and Donncha Kissane O'Sullivan who recently participated in the first round of water trials for the national rowing squad 2027.

EVENTS

Upcoming events include Castleconnell HOR, Sat Oct 24th, Castleconnell; Skibbereen HOR, Sat Nov 14th, Cork City Marina; Provinces Indoor Rowing Championships, Sat Nov 21st, UL Arena Limerick; Muckross HOR, Sat Dec 5th, NRC Farran.

FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB

RESULTS FOR THE 08TH OCTOBER

N/S

1st: Phyllis O'Regan & Pauline Lyne
2nd: Finola Spillane & Ger Foley
3rd: President Michael McHugh & Anne Looney

E/W

1st: Tim & Mai Corcoran
2nd: Mary Gleeson & Evelyn O'Leary
3rd: Don O'Sullivan & Hanneke Nieman

Well done everyone.

REMINDER

First major of the season, the prestigious "Club Pairs" which is held over two weeks is starting next week 22nd October & 29th October. Good luck to everyone.

BRIDGE CONTINUES every Thursday morning at 10am at The Castlerosse Hotel. New players are very welcome

KILLARNEY BRIDGE CLUB

RESULTS FOR MONDAY 12TH OCTOBER

North/South

1st: Phyllis O'Regan and Joan Culloty
2nd: Therese McCarthy and John O'Shea
3rd: Brenda Moynihan and Mary O'Connor

East/West

1st: Eileen Brosnan and Hugh O'Connell
2nd: Eithne Coffey and Hazel O'Connell
3rd: Anne Looney and Ger Foley

Congratulations to all the winners.

THE INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION takes place next Monday 19th October and we look forward to a big turnout for our first competition of the season.

KILLARNEY COUGARS BC

The busy week saw more pre season games scheduled before the commencement of the new season KABB competitions begin.

JUVENILE DEVELOPMENT

The first development session of the season was held at the Pres Gym on last Saturday for ages 9-13 boys & girls with Coach Kelly . Limited places were available and there was a full house for the first session.

U16 GIRLS PRE SEASON GAMES

The U16 girls continued with pre-season games with a trip to Milltown on Friday last. The Cougars were into an early lead and were well on top throughout the game despite a spirited effort from St Colman's.

The Cougars settled quickly, with Aimee Shine, Madison Angland, Clodagh Donnelly, Jessica Leane all putting scores on the board from the early stages to set Cougars up for the win .

ACADEMY GIRLS & BOYS GAMES

Our Academy Girls & Boys were both in action on Sunday evening v St Colmans.

The Girls impressed throughout and led for long periods to secure a good win.

The Boys made a great start to their game and were impressive in the early stages .

St Colman's were very determined in the second half and finished the stronger to secure a deserved win in good game.

The Cougars will host St Bridget's Currow on Sunday in Kilcummin U10 , U11 & U12 .

KERRY AREA BASKETBALL BOARD

The KABB new season's fixtures are available to view on kerrybasketball.com, games to commence from mid October.

The KABB scheduled EGM was held on October 15th.

LATEST TRAINING SCHEDULE OCTOBER

Monday: Boys U14, U16 & U18
Tuesday: Academy Girls & Boys U6 & U8; Girls U10 & U12; Boys U10
Wednesday: Boys U12, U14, U16 & U18
Thursday: Girls U14, U16 & U18
Friday: Boys U16 & U18
Saturday: Juvenile Development sessions
Senior Men's practice Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays

The full training schedule, fixtures, club information and membership details are available on the new App Killarney Cougars BC it is available to download through the Google Play Store and Apple App Store.



Killarney Cougars Academy Girls versus St Colman's on Sunday evening in Milltown



Congratulations to 2nd Year students from St. Brigid's Presentation Killarney ,Mia Cox and Cara Griffin, who have been selected for the BIPPS South West U15 Inter-Regional Team!

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Killarney Golf Club Ladies *celebrate competition winners*

Killarney Golf and Fishing Club was buzzing at the weekend as ladies' club members gathered for a special presentation evening celebrating the winners of competitions held over the past number of weeks.

There was a great turnout for the occasion, with Captain Annette McNeice presenting prizes to the successful competitors across a range of sponsored events.

The presentations recognised winners in competitions sponsored by Adams Jewellers, Aghadoe Heights Hotel, Cahernane Hotel, Killarney Golf Club Mixed Foursomes, the Pat and Claire Courtney Memorial Mixed Foursomes, GMIB Strokeplay, Murphy's Bar and Restaurant, the Skin Lab Club Championship and O'Sullivan Lawlor Accountants.

The evening also celebrated the achievements of the club's Junior Girls team, who were presented with the Kerry Junior League plaque after defeating Ballybunion in the final.
The success was a proud moment for the club, recognising the talent and commitment of its younger players while highlighting the strong spirit of competition and camaraderie among members. The presentations were followed by an evening of celebration and socialising at the club.



Aoife O'Sullivan Captain Killarney Golf Club Junior Girls team (third from left) presenting the Kerry Junior League Plaque which the team won defeating Ballybunion in the final to Captain Annette McNeice with (front from left) Julie Kelly Junior Officer, team member Elise Roberts, Eileen Whelan and Marguerita Mulcahy Junior Officers (seond row from left) team members Isabelle Roberts, Eimear O'Sullivan, Cora O'Sullivan, Grace O'Connell, Kate Culloty (back left) Lilly O'Sullivan and Vida Broderick at KIllarneyGolf and Fishing Club on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Stephen Darmody Financial Controller GMIB presenting first prize in the GMIB Strokeplay ladies competition on Mahony's Point to overall winner Geraldine Rosney with (left) Ann Moynihan Division 1 winner, Annette McNeice Captain (second row) Noreen Coffey Division 2 winner, Carmel Fitzgerald division 2 runner up, Kathleen Rice Division 3 winner and Nancy Fleming Division 3 runner up at KIllarneyGolf and Fishing Club on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Padraig O'Sullivan of O'Sullivan lawlor Accountants sponsor presenting first prize in the Ceann Sibeal Golf Club Exchange to winner Anita O'Sillivan with (left) Sinead Galvin who accepted 2nd prize for Muireann O'Farrell and Captain Annette McNeice at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Claire Scannell of the Skin Lab (third from left) presenting first prize in the Killarney Golf Club Skin Lab Club Championship to winners Christine Carroll and Mary B O'Connor and Annette Captain Annette McNeice at KIllarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



*Captain Annette McNeice presenting first prize in the Adams Jewellers Stableford competition to winner Joanne Creedon with (left) Christine Carroll 2nd at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday.
Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin*



*Captain Annette McNeice presentiung first prize in the Club Mixed Foursomes to winners David O'Donovan and Carmel Fitzgerald with (back) Nicola and Finbarr O'Mahony runners up at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday.
Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin*



Emer Corridan General Manager Cahernane House Hotel (fourth from left) presenting first prize to winner Christine Carroll with (left) Carol Shanahan and Carmel Fitzgerald 2nd and Annette Captain Annette McNeice at KIllarneyGolf and Fishing Club on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Siobhan O'Shea Aghadoe Heights Hotel (third from left) presenting first prize in the Aghadoe Heights Hotel Club Championship Singles to winner Josephine O'Sullivan (Hi 18.0 and under) with (left) Anita O'Sullivan (HI 18.1 and over) and Captain Annette McNeice (back left) Jane O'Dwyer runner up (Hi 18.0 and under) and Lorna O'Leary runner up (18.1 and over) at KIllarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Captain Annette McNeice presentiung first prize in the Pat and Claire Courtney Memorial Mixed Foursomes to winners Elaine and Adam O'Sullivan with (left) Mary Chute and Luke McCan Gross winers, Conor and Annette McNeice Runners Up at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Captain Annette McNeice presenting first prize in the Murphy's Bar and Restaurant Stableford competition to winner Lorna O'Leary (left) Emma Vinarick 2nd (back from left) Eimear O'Sullivan 3rd, Geraldine Rosney 4th and Sinead Galvin 5th at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

BEAUFORT GC - MEN'S

RESULTS OF OUR MEN'S PAIRS COMPETITION PLAYED ON SAT 10 & SUN 11 OCTOBER

Format – 18 Hole Scotch Foursomes – Yellow Tees

Sponsor – Anthony McElligott Accountancy

1st: Conor Bernie & Ryan O'Riordan - Net score 67 (Last nine holes)

2nd:Mickey Fitzgerald & Daniel G O'Sullivan – Net score 67

3rd: Alfie Giles & Kieran Flynn – Net score 69

NEXT MEN'S COMPETITION

Sat 17 & Sun 18 October. Format - 18 Hole Stableford – Yellow Tees. Sponsor – Moriarity's of Ireland, Gap of Dunloe

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NATIONAL SCOTCH FOURSOMES

Well done to our Secretary Damien Fleming on winning the Overall Gross with Tralee's Jason Cregan at Sunday's National Non-Mixed Scotch Foursomes in Tralee as well as Ciara Lowe and Eileen McCarthy on winning the Ladies prize. Congrats to all the other Kerry prizewinners from the weekend as well.

SUNDAY DRAWS

Two Ball Scramble- First Nett: John Murphy & Dan Kiely 35, Gross: Denis Duggan & Dan Kiely 47 and Second Nett: Niall O'Loughlin & Colm O'Dowd 36.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER

Please note that due to unforeseen circumstances this weekend's Christmas Hamper event has been provisionally rescheduled to the weekend of Sunday November 1st next. Further details next week.

BEST WISHES To our club members heading to Barcelona this weekend for the Catalan International Pairs event.

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES to the Duggan (Tadhg) and McMonagle (John) families on their recent bereavements. May they Rest in Peace.

ROSS GOLF CLUB - GENTS

ON OCT 10TH AND 11TH WE HELD THE FINAL OF THE KEANES JEWELLERS STROKEPLAY MEDAL COMPETITION

Gold Medal Winner: Mike Doody

Competition Results

1st: Donie Broderick 67 (12)

2nd: Jonathan Casey 68 (7)

Gross Prize: Alan Flynn 75

Division1

1st: Peter Wickham 72 (8)

2nd: Daniel Shine 72 (7)

Division 2

1st: Steve Shine 69 (16)

2nd: Jimmie Smith 71 (15)

Division 3

1st: John Fleming 71 (23)

2nd: Seamus McCarthy 73 (20)

ON THURSDAY OCT 1ST OUR SENIORS HELD THEIR WEEKLY 10 HOLE COMPETITION

The winners were

1st: Dermot O'Connor 22pts

2nd: Ambrose O' Donovan 21pts

3rd: Andy Cole 20pts

4th: Seamus McCarthy 19pts

ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB

RESULTS 10TH OCTOBER 2026 FROM 9 - HOLE SINGLE STABLEFORD COMPETITION

Mary Gorman (15) points 16

Therese O'Keeffe (13) points 18

Sheila O'Mahony (10)points 26

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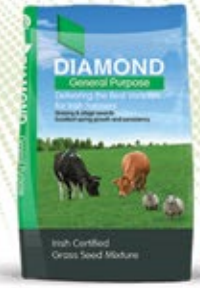
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Dominos Men's National League

Saturday, October 10th Pres Gym

Utility Trust St Pauls Lakers 93 Titans 80

Report by Enda Walshe



Angelina Robles No.17 faces Aisling Moran of Flomax Liffey Celtics.

Utility Trust St Pauls Lakers picked up their first and deserved win in the Dominos Men's National League when they accounted for a slightly under-strength Titans in the Pres Gym on Saturday night. But that is not to take away from the fact that it was an excellent all round team performance with five players in double figures and seven in total on the scoresheet . It also marked the debut of new signing Justin Wickham who only came to the club the week previous. The towering Londoner was the league's top rebounder last season when he lined out for Maree and he recorded a double double here, 10 points and 13 rebounds, and still knows he has scope for improvement.

It was the two Jacks , O Sullivan and Watkins, that went toe to toe on the scoring front with 18 and 17 points respectively, and the latter can also point to a staggering 19 rebounds, a grand total for a point guard. Rui Saravia had looked bright in the opening round defeat to Templeogue but he shone like a star on this occasion, hitting 14 points and looking as keen and fit as he's ever been. Valters Mazzburss looks like a real find, he led the scoring with 19 points, and he goes about his business in a very calm and efficient manner. Mark Sheehan has taken on the responsibility of captain to drive him on another level while Evan Boyle is a great addition to the squad. Cillian O Leary, still in secondary school is really cutting his teeth at this level, something that will stand to him in the future.

The Titans came to town, minus Nathan Gbinigie and Fortune Igbokwe, but still had enough gunpowder to make a real battle of it. Mazzburss opened the game brightly alongside Jack O Sullivan but Matthew Sweeney and the imposing Michael Smyth kept their side in the game despite a Mazburss three. Gbinigie gave the Titans the lead with a three of his own , with Jack O Sullivan, Mark Sheehan and Mazburss kept the scoring level at 15-15 with 4.03 to go in the first. Joseph Coughlan and American Zachary Sawyer started to showcase their wares for the Galwegians but enter Evan Boyle , with two threes, and Rui Saravia , to give the Lakers a slender 26-25 lead.

The incisive Jack Watkins and Justin Wickham , finding his range , struck early in the second but Sawyer was influential now and with youngsters Luka Mitchell and Smyth on target the Titans took the initiative . Wickham netted again as did Sheehan but Coughlan and Gbinigie kept the Titans in front . Mazburss was busy for the Lakers and he instigated a purple patch which saw Sheehan and Saravia score again to give the Lakers a 43-37 lead.

The third quarter would prove to be costly last week for Luke O Heas side but this time round they used it to their advantage. Despite Sweeneys early score , Jack O Sullivan was now rampant and alongside Sheehan and Watkins they opened up an eleven point lead. Mazburss then took the baton and nothing Gbinigie or Smyth did could stop Saravia making it 61-45 with a three. Watkins made it better with a superb three point play and a late exchange of threes from Sawyer and O Sullivan saw it at 72-56 heading into the final quarter.

But the Titans, and their coach Erin Bracken, regrouped and mounted a serious comeback. Sawyer , Coughlan and Gbinigie cut the gap to six, 72-66, before Wickham stopped the rot. Sawyer and Gbinigie came again, cutting it to 74-71 with 5.50 to go with Wickham again scoring to give the Lakers breathing space. That had the effect of stifling the Titans momentum and Jack O Sullivans drives to the board , were clocking up the points now. The game was now in hand for the Lakers but that didn't stop Saravia applying the icing to the cake with two further threes. That gave the Lakers the win on a 93-80 scoreline , with a trip to Killorglin next weekend for an eagerly anticipated Kerry Derby.

Utility Trust St Pauls Lakers...Valters Mazburrs 19, Jack O Sullivan 18, Jack Watkins 17 , Rui Saravia 14, Justin Wickham 10, Mark Sheehan 9, Evan Boyle 6, Adam Whitty, Dara O Sullivan, Cillian O Leary, Adam O Neill.

Titans..Zachary Sawyer 22 , Declan Gbinigie 21, Michael Smyth 14, Joseph Coughlan 10.

The Killorglin Sports Complex will play host to an unique Kerry Derby which hasn't been a calendar fixture in recent year. Flexachem KCYMS relegation last season sees them operate at Division One level for the first time in recent years . They still possess one of the country's top players in Jordan Blount who is joined on court by Maliek Short and Lamar Lovelace. Former Kerry footballer Ruairi Murphy headlines a local contingent made up of Eoghan O Sullivan, Darragh Jones and Eoin Evans . An intriguing battle is in the offing. Tip off this Saturday night, October 17th, is at 7.15pm.

Dominos Womens Super League Saturday October 10th Pres Gym, Killarney

Utility Trust St Pauls 70 Trinity Meteors 66

Report by Enda Walshe

Utility Trust St Pauls made it two wins from two in the Dominos Womens Super League with a hard fought win over Trinity Meteors. The reigning champions came to Killarney fresh from an opening day win over Glanmire but James Fleming followed up their away win in Killester with a measured performance inspired by American duo Maisie Burnham and Angela Robles. The duo accounted for 47 of their sides total but also came up with significant contributions when the need was greatest. Paula Reus, Louise Scannell and Leah McMahon also hit some big scores against a Meteors side who kept their foot in the door at all times.

Their cause wasn't helped by Irish Internationals Hazel Finn's foul trouble but to counter that Maisie Burnham had to spend some time on the bench to maximise her input. The key period in the game was the opening of the second half when St Pauls visibly upped the tempo with Robles and Burnham particularly lively. That saw them open an eight point lead after a tight first half and that was the buffer that saw them home.


Leah McMahon No.4.


Siofra O Shea No.15. *Photos by Photography and Design By Molly*

The opening minutes were close with Finn very influential for the visitors and Rheanne Kelly and Paula Reus netting for the hosts. A Burnham three helped to halt the Meteors gallop but their towering centre Zayn Dornstauder made sure it was level with 3.07 to go, at 10-10. The remainder of the quarter though belonged to the hosts, as Robles and Louise Scannell both netted and with the final act McMahon made it 16-10. Annie Brosnan made her season debut as well as Emma Buckley also featured for the first time at home.

Burnham gave her side the best possible start to the second quarter but slowly Meteors got a grip on proceedings with Kara McCleane , Aisling Moran and Finn prominent. A three from the former gave them the lead at 21-19 which led to a St Pauls timeout . It had the required effect as Burnham, Siofra OShea and Leah McMahon did enough to warrant a Meteors timeout. Robles and Burnham kept their foot on the gas and despite a Martina Destro three it was the home side that led 31-29 at half time .

The third quarter fell into two categories, the first part was all about St Pauls but a strong finish to it from Meteors meant there was little in it by its conclusion. Robles started it like a house on fire and that rubbed off Burnham as the duo put their side into a 39-29 lead, the last score of the purple patch being a Robles three. The only negative was Burnham was creeping into foul trouble, and Meteors started to make hay as Dornstauder made inroads into that advantage. Paula Reus stepped up the pace again as her side led 48-45 , turning for home.

Louise Scannell hit a three on the resumption but that was answered by Morgan Lenehan and one of the features of the game was the quick breaks from Robles, her side profiting again. Burnham, visibly inspired, made a great three point play and despite walking a disciplinary tight rope her contributions were integral to the fourth quarter. Morgan Lenehan started to play a leading role for Meteors at this stage , closing the gap to three, 62-59, with 3.29 to go but just as they felt their breaths on their neck , Burnham, Robles and Reus hit the game defining points and saw their side home on a 70-66 scoreline.

Utility Trust St Pauls..Maisie Burnham 25, Angelina Robles 22, Paula Reus 10, Louise Scannell 5, Leah McMahon 4, Rheanne Kelly 2, Siofra O Shea 2, Emma Buckley Annie Brosnan, Clodagh O Sullivan, Seodhna O Donoghue, Naoise O Connor, Mairead McKenna , Julie O Connor

Trinity Meteors..Zayn Dornstauder 16, Kara McCleane 13, Hazel Finn 11, Morgan Lenehan 10 , Aisling Moran 8.

Flomax Liffey Celtics will be the next visitors to Killarney . That game takes place on Saturday October 24th with a 4pm tip off.

ALL ROADS LEAD TO KILCUMMIN FOR THE TRACTOR RUN

Kilcummin Tractor run is taking place on Sunday the 25th of October with registration from 11am and departing from the Village Inn bar in Kilcummin at 1pm. It is not limited to Tractors - Trucks and vintage cars are also welcome. This is our 4th year running this event with all proceeds going to the Kerry Cancer support group. Kerry cancer support group offer a range of services to cancer patients and their families across Kerry. Their core service is Healthlink Transport, which operates four full-time vehicles to assist patients traveling to hospital appointments to undergo cancer treatment but also support patients and their families through counselling and other services. There is a raffle on the day with a massive 1,000eur holiday voucher to be won along with an array of other prizes including hampers and vouchers from various businesses in both Kilcummin and Killarney. We are grateful to all the volunteers who organise, steward, sell raffle tickets and more and to all the businesses who sponsor prizes in the raffle - it would not be possible to raise such vital funds without their kindness and generosity. Tickets are 10eur available from The Village Inn, Kilcummin Post office, The cozy cow café, The Klub bar, Paddy O'Keefes shop and Kellihers electrical. We encourage everyone to come out and support this event on the day!



KILLARNEY CELTIC

CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 1,11,22,24. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €75. Next jackpot €14,000 on Monday October 19th. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through Clubzap.

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Positions available across all age groups from Academy to Senior Teams. If interested please contact Mike Lyne 086 083 6356.

MEMBERSHIP FOR THE 2026/27 SEASON IS NOW OPEN

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NATIONAL LEAGUE GROUP 3

Killarney Celtic 1-1 Newbridge Town

Stephen McCarthy

Killarney Celtic came away with a point last Saturday from this home game with Newbridge after a Stephen McCarthy goal cancelled out an earlier goal from the visitors. The opening quarter saw Newbridge create chances and they were unlucky not to be ahead but that all changed after 25 minutes when Noah Byrne hit an absolute screamer to the Celtic net. Celtic were back on level terms when Victor Udeze crossed low from the right and Stpehen McCarthy finished to the net from close range. The game swung more towards Celtic in the 2nd half but neither team could find the breakthrough and so the spoils were shared.

MCCARTHY INSURANCE GROUP MUNSTER JUNIOR CUP ROUND 2

Killarney Celtic Premier 0-7 St Brendan's Park

KDL DIVISION 1

Killarney Celtic 3-1 Windmill Utd

JAKO IRELAND MUNSTER YOUTHS CUP ROUND 2

Killarney Celtic 0-2 Castleisland

FAI U17 CUP

Killarney Celtic 4-1 Castleisland

Stephen Shine 2, Kiernan Kelly

A solid performance from the u17s saw the squad qualify for round 3 of the Fai U17 Cup. Stephen Shine had Celtic in front after 18 minutes which stayed that way to halftime. Stephen Shine was back on the scoresheet after 69 minutes. Celtic made certain of victory when Kiernan Kelly netted in the 73rd and 76th minutes. Castleisland gained a consolation goal at the very as Celtic move on to round 3

U15 SFAI NATIONAL CUP ROUND 2

Killarney Celtic 4-0 Newmarket Celtic

Josh Buckley 2,Kyle Fleming, Eoin Murphy

Killarney Celtic advanced to the next round of the U15 SFAI National Cup after a clearcut win at a breezy Celtic Park. The breakthrough goal was all important and it was Celtic who secured the lead and went on to win the game.

U15 DIV 1

Killarney Celtic B 1-2 Killarney Athletic B

Jayden Gunda

An exciting finish to this game saw Celtic B just fail to Athletic.

U15 DIV 3

Killarney Celtic C 4-3 Mastergeeha

Timmy O'Sullivan, Sean Looney, Ryan Casey, Culann Cronin.

Celtic came out on top of this exciting contest. Mastergeeha pushed all the way to the final whistle but Celtic kept in front to take the points.

U13 SFAI NATIONAL CUP

Killarney Athletic 0-3 Killarney Celtic

Andrew Daly, Tymur Misiura, Oliver Stachowiak

Celtic advanced to round 3 after a fine win in Woodlawn. Celtic led 2-0 at half time. Athletic fought back in the 2nd half but Celtic held firm and then struck for the insurance goal to seal the win.

U13 DIV 1

St Brendan's Park 3-1 Killarney Celtic B

Adam O Riordan

Celtic were 2 down at half time but the team upped their game in the 2nd half and were rewarded with a goa by Adam O Riordan.

U13 DIV 1

Inter Kenmare 1-0 Killarney Celtic C

Celtic C battled all the way to the final whistle but just came up short on the day.

U11 PREMIER

Castleisland 4-3 Killarney Celtic A

James Keane, Aaron O'Callaghan, Paddy Lynch.

U11 DIV 3

Killarney Celtic C defeated Castlemaine.

GIRLS

KDL PREMIER WOMEN

Killarney Celtic 2-0 Inter Kenmare

Lan O'Connor, Hannah Casey.

A strong 1st half saw Celtic lead 2-0 at half time and in the 2nd half Celtic kept Kenmare at bay to take the win.

CONGRATS to Killian Daly U11 who made the KSBGL Team of the Week.

MASTERGEEHA

U16 GIRLS PREMIER

MEK 4 v Mastergeeha 3

U13 BOY'S NATIONAL CUP ROUND 2

Mastergeeha 1 v St. Brendan's Park A 7

Bunratty Cratloe A 6 v Mastergeeha FC B 0

Mastergeeha U13 B team made the trip to Bunratty Cratloe A on Saturday evening to face the hosts. Led by Captain Ben O' Leary Mastergeeha repelled Bunratty's early attacks but Bunratty soon showed their class and proved too strong for us on the day. Credit to the Mastergeeha boys for competing until the final whistle. Mastergeeha's fighting spirit was best epitomised by Jack Sheahan and Finn Murphy. Thanks to Bunratty Cratloe for a sporting game and for putting on a great spread of food for the travelling contingent, much appreciated.

U15 BOY'S NATIONAL CUP ROUND 2

Mastergeeha 4 v Nenagh Celtic 1

Scorers on the day were Evan Burke, Sean Doyle, Conor Doherty and Michael O Donoghue.

U11 BOY'S PREMIER

Mastergeeha A 5 v Listowel Celtic A 5 4/10

U11 BOY'S DIVISION 1

Park B 4 v Mastergeeha B 2 4/10

U11 BOY'S DIVISION 2

Mastergeeha B 4 v Castleisland C 7 4/10

U15 BOY'S DIVISION 3

Killarney Celtic C 4 v Mastergeeha B 3

TEAM OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Lochlann O' Callaghan who made this weeks Kerry Schoolboys & Girls League team of the week.

MASTERGEEHA LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on 9th October 2026 for the Jackpot of €11,600. Numbers drawn were 12, 21, 23, 28. Consolations Prizes of €50 each to the following Jerdy Sheehan, Kilcummin, John & Teresa Kerins, Mastergeeha, Noreen C Sheehan,Knockneeghea, Louise Hurley. Our next draw will take place on Friday 16th October 2026 at the Village Inn for a Jackpot of €11,800.

MEK

FOOTBALL FOR ALL

Football for All got underway this week in Miltown, offering children with additional needs and disabilities the opportunity to enjoy football in a safe, welcoming and supportive environment and become take or a team.

Training sessions take place every Monday evening in Miltown Community Hall from



Mastergeeha U13 B Team that competed in the National Cup over the Weekend.



Killarney Celtic U13A squad who defeated Killarney Athletic in the SFAI National Cup

5pm to 5.50pm, and new members are always welcome.
The group is also looking for volunteers who would like to get involved. Anyone interested in joining or volunteering please contact Danny on 087 653 6631

U11

Well done to the u11 MEK Orange team beating Matergeeha B 2-1 today. POTM: Ben Cronin
Well done to the u11 MEK Black team beating Listowel B 4-1 today. POTM: John Canty

ACADEMY

Our boys' and girls' Academy now trains at Listry Astro every Friday from 6pm–7pm.New members always welcome.

U16 GIRLS

Well done to the u16's girls who had a great win over Mastergeeha 4-1. POTM: Isabelle O'Connor & Aoibhin O'Flaherty

BALLYHAR DYNAMOS FC

LOTTO

No.s 12, 14, 18, 20. No winner of the jackpot. 5 x €25: Eileen Quilter ,Firies. Tim Teahan, Ballyfinnane. Evlin O Donoghue, Dublin. Tommy Kennedy, Annascaul & Marian O Sullivan, Ballyhar. Next Draw for a jackpot of €3400 will take place on Sunday next 18th October at Hendersons Bar, Firies. Tickets available from Committee Members, Spar & Hendersons Shops, Firies & Butlers Bar, Firies. Thanks to all who support & help out with the club lotto.

TEAMS

The club u10 boys travelled to Ballyduff to take on LB Rovers where the locals took the spoils on a 6-4 scoreline with Tadgh Foley, Michael Brosnan & Noah O Mahony on the scoresheet for the Ballyhar boys.
The U13 team two (Div 3) welcomed Dingle Bay Rovers second team to Murt Scott Park with a strong Dingle outfit winning the game on a 1-5 result. Jack O Mahony on the scoresheet with Donnacha Curran in goals & Ryan O Sullivan, Dara O Shea & Leo Duffin playing very well on the day.
The U13 A squad (Div 2) suffered defeat at home to Ballyheigue FC , 2-5 being the final result with the Ballyhar goals coming from Tadhg Fitzgerald & Conor Ryan with Matthew Hickey being solid at the back.
The U15 B team (Div 2) travelled to play their counterparts at Killorglin FC where the Laune siders won on a 2-0 scoreline with Evan Greensmyth, Diarmuid Fitzgerald, Dara Flaherty, Ollie Kirwan, Aodhan O Shea & Lachlan Leslie giving it their all on the day.
The U15 A squad will have an away fixture to Inter Kenmare in the National Cup at a date to be decided.
The U11 A squad had a long journey to Dingle with Tommy Evans & Killian Looney among the goal scorers with Adam Griffin & Mark Griffin playing very well with Dingle taking the result after a tight affair.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Club Membership is as follows for the season ahead: Seniors & Youths €70, U11 to U16 €60, U6 to U10 €40 & Ladies Social Soccer is €40



Killarney Athletic Senior Men who defeated Classic FC in the Munster Junior Cup

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC

SENIOR A REACH MUNSTER JUNIOR CUP THIRD ROUND

Killarney Athletic Senior A advanced to the next round of the Munster Junior Cup with an emphatic 7-1 victory over Classic FC at Ferndale. Matthew Horgan and Evan Doona scored twice each, with Josh Bowler and Leo Allen also on target, along with an own goal. The match was the team's first outing in their new away kit, sponsored by O'Mahony Electrical Services and Tatler Jack Bar.

YOUTHS PROGRESS IN CUP

Killarney Athletic's youths defeated neighbours Mastergeeha 3-2 in the first round of the Munster Youths Cup. Leo Allen scored twice, with Ryan Kissane also finding the net. Athletic led 2-0 at half-time and, despite a late fightback from the visitors, held on for a deserved victory. Thanks were extended to the U16 players who helped out the squad.

U15 BOYS ENJOY NATIONAL TROPHY WIN

Athletic's U15 boys progressed in the National Trophy with a convincing victory away to Tralee Dynamos. Darragh O'Toole, Miron Svryppia and Sota Matsui scored in the first half, before further goals from O'Toole, Matsui, Svryppia and Brayane Outtara completed the scoring.
U15B Secure Dramatic Derby Win
Killarney Athletic B defeated Killarney Celtic B 2-1 in a dramatic U15 Division 1 derby. After Celtic took the lead late in the game, Ruairi O'Brien equalised with a determined run and finish. Alex Kissane then struck a superb free kick in the final minute, before goalkeeper Ewan Marshall produced a crucial last-second save to secure the win.

MIXED FORTUNES FOR U13 BOYS

Athletic U13 C recorded an impressive 6-1 victory over Killarney Celtic D in the KSBGL league. Diego scored a hat-trick, while Luca, James and Ciro also found the net.
Athletic U13 B also enjoyed a fine away win, defeating Castleisland B 5-1 in Division 2. Anthony Troci scored twice, with Marc Moynihan, Liam Kiely and Filip Niedzialek adding one each. Niedzialek was named Man of the Match.
In the U13 National Cup, Athletic bowed out following a 3-0 defeat to Killarney Celtic. After a difficult first half, Athletic improved after the break but were unable to find a way back into the contest.

U15C HIT EIGHT

Athletic U15 C produced an excellent attacking display to defeat Fenit 8-1 in Division 3. Jakub Slowakiewiz led the scoring with a hat-trick, Luke O'Sullivan added two, while Daniel Cremin, Daithi Coughlan and Wojciech Zglinski also scored.

U14 GIRLS DIVISION 1

Killarney Athletic A defeated Athletic B 6-0 in an all-club fixture. Fleur Walsh scored four



Killarney Athletic U10 Girls who played QPR



Killarney Athletic U15 Nat Trophy

goals, with Abbey O'Leary and Kaitlin also on target. Sinead Coleman was singled out for her performance in defence.

YOUNG PLAYERS IN ACTION

Killarney Athletic's U11 boys produced a superb comeback to defeat Iveragh, recovering from two goals down to win with a late strike. Alexander scored a hat-trick, including the decisive goal in the closing minutes.

The U10 boys'White and Navy teams welcomed Tralee Dynamos to Woodlawn for their first outing of the year in the non-competitive league. Both sides enjoyed valuable game time, with the fixture providing an opportunity to develop their skills.

The U10 girls' Blue and White teams also began their season at home against two QPR sides, producing encouraging performances and showing excellent teamwork. The U9 boys enjoyed a friendly outing against QPR, with thanks extended to the hosts for their hospitality.

U13 GIRLS THANK INTER KENMARE

Killarney Athletic's U13 girls enjoyed a friendly fixture against Inter Kenmare, followed by pizza and refreshments. The club thanked Conor, Betty and the Inter Kenmare team for a great evening. The girls' next fixture is away to Dingle on 17 October.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CHRIS AND LUCY

Congratulations to senior player Chris O'Meara, who became engaged to Lucy May over the weekend. Chris had already enjoyed a successful Saturday evening, scoring twice for the Senior B team. Everyone at Killarney Athletic extends their best wishes to the happy couple.

KILLARNEY SCHOOLBOY/ GIRL SOCCER

GIRLS

FENIT TAKE PREMIER POINTS AS GOALS FLOW IN U12 GIRLS DIVISIONS

There was plenty of action across the U12 Girls leagues, with Fenit and QPR collecting Premier victories while Dingle, Tralee Dynamos and Inter Kenmare were among the big winners in Division 1.

In the Premier, Fenit recorded a 3-1 victory over Killorglin. Molly Nealan scored twice, with Seóna McElligot adding Fenit's other goal. LB Rovers and Castleisland could not be separated as they played out a 0-0 draw, while QPR produced an impressive 5-1 victory over MEK.



Ballyhar Dynamos U11s who travelled away to Dingle Bay Rovers the past weekend.

In Division 1 North, Castlemaine defeated Listowel Celtic 3-1, with Nadine Stack scoring for Listowel. Dingle hit seven in a 7-1 victory over Camp. Aida Kelliher scored twice, with Ciara O'Dowd, Roisin Ni Shé and Aoife Ní Shúilleabháin also among the goals for Dingle. Roisin Moriarty replied for Camp. Tralee Dynamos were 6-0 winners over Castleisland B. Roisin Murphy struck twice, while Demi Burke, Abi Donovan, Grace Scanlon and Eva Lucey also found the net.

In Division 1 South, Inter Kenmare defeated Killorglin B 6-1. Skye Shoenmacher and Margaret Foley both scored twice, with Annie Foley and Ruby Walsh completing the scoring. QPR B edged MEK B 3-2, with Kaia Sweeney and Olivia Murphy on target for MEK, while Iveragh secured a narrow 1-0 victory over Mastergeeha. Elsewhere, in the U14 Girls Premier, Castleisland came through a tight contest to defeat MEK 3-2. Grace Kerins scored twice and Ruth Fleming added the other for Castleisland, while Emma Foley and Mollie O'Connor replied for MEK.

CASTLEISLAND OVERCOME MEK AS ATHLETIC AND CAMP HIT SIX AND SEVEN

Castleisland claimed a narrow Premier victory over MEK, while Killarney Athletic A and Camp produced high-scoring performances in the latest round of U14 Girls league action.

In the Premier, Castleisland came out on top in a five-goal contest against MEK, winning 3-2. Grace Kerins struck twice for Castleisland, with Ruth Fleming adding their third. Emma Foley and Mollie O'Connor were on target for MEK in a closely fought encounter.

In Division 1, Killarney Athletic A recorded an emphatic 6-0 victory over Killarney Athletic B. Fleur Walsh led the way with an impressive four-goal haul, while Abbey O'Leary and Caitlin Hickey also found the net.

Camp were also in prolific form as they defeated Castleisland B 7-1. Aoibhin Lyne, Ruth Kiely and Robyn Flynn all scored twice, with Saoirse Laide completing the seven-goal tally.

Listowel Celtic rounded off the action with a hard-earned 2-1 victory away to MEK B. Samantha Lyons was the match-winner for Listowel, scoring both goals to secure all three points.

HAT-TRICK FOR DALY AS GOALS FLOW IN U16 GIRLS LEAGUES

There was plenty of attacking football in the latest round of U16 Girls action, with MEK and Killarney Athletic taking the Premier points, while Tralee Dynamos hit six and Dingle shared an eight-goal thriller with Inter Kenmare in Division 1.

In the Premier, MEK recorded a 4-2 victory over Mastergeeha. Isabelle O'Connor struck twice, while Grace Ryan and Tara O'Connell also found the net. Sophie Moynihan and Anna Linehan replied for Mastergeeha.

Killarney Athletic were impressive in a 5-1 victory over Fenit, with Shoelagh Daly leading the way with a hat-trick. Ellie O'Sullivan and Evie Doolan added the other goals as Athletic collected all three points.

In Division 1, Tralee Dynamos produced a commanding performance to defeat



Killarney AThletic U14 Girls



Killarney Celtic U14 Boys Nat Cup

Castlemaine 6-0. The goals continued to flow as Dingle and Inter Kenmare drew 4-4 in an eight-goal thriller. Lucy Ní Cathain scored twice for Dingle, with Niamh Ni Se and Cara Fitzgerald also getting on the scoresheet as the sides shared the points.

BOYS

NATIONAL

KERRY CLUBS BATTLE HARD IN U13 NATIONAL CUP AND TROPHY ACTION

There were plenty of goals and some impressive performances from Kerry clubs in the latest U13 Boys National Cup and National Trophy fixtures, with several sides booking their places in the next round.

In Round 2 of the National Cup, Camp Juniors secured a 3-1 victory over Rathkeale AFC, with Sean Curran, James O'Mahoney and Ryan Fields all finding the net.

St Brendan's Park produced a superb attacking display in a 7-1 win over Mastergeeha. Iarlaith Clifford struck a hat-trick, Noah O'Driscoll added two, while Mehrnoosh Salimi and Kyle O'Sullivan completed the scoring.

Fenit Samphires were equally impressive, recording a 7-0 victory away to Ballymackey FC C. Seven different players got on the scoresheet, with Olek Olaska, Eoghan Gilligan, Leighton Murphy, Ben Teahon, Matthew Rael, Tommy O'Brien and Abja Torres all finding the net.

Tralee Dynamos advanced with a 4-1 win over Listowel Celtic. Donal Kissane scored twice, while Joseph Sherdia and Will Hussey added the other goals. Killorglin AFC also progressed following a 3-1 victory over Shannon Town, courtesy of goals from Jamie Bartley, Sean O'Sullivan and Cillian Gleeson.

In an all Killarney encounter, Killarney Celtic defeated Killarney Athletic 3-0, with Oliver Stachowiak, Tumur Misura and Andy Daly on target. There was disappointment for Mastergeeha B, who lost 6-0 to Bunratty Cratloe Black, while another St Brendan's Park side suffered a 5–0 defeat to Kilfrush Crusaders AFC. Milltown FC narrowly missed out, losing 2-1 to Blackhill FC, with Cian Vaughan scoring their goal.

In Round 1 of the U13 Boys National Trophy, Castleisland AFC enjoyed an excellent 4-1 away victory over Moyross United. Kalum Brennan scored twice, with Dylan Murphy and Tadhg Broderick also on target.

Dingle Bay Rovers produced another emphatic display, defeating Murroe AFC 7-1. Joey O'Connor led the way with a hat-trick, while Lui Ó Sé and Jamie Murphy both struck twice.

MEK Galaxy bowed out of the Trophy following a 7-1 defeat to Charleville AFC U13 A.

PARK, MASTERGEEHA AND CELTIC MARCH ON IN U15 NATIONAL CUP

Kerry sides enjoyed a number of impressive results in the latest U15 Boys National Cup and National Trophy action, with St Brendan's Park, Mastergeeha and Killarney Celtic advancing in the Cup, while Killarney Athletic, Killorglin and St Brendan's Park B progressed in the Trophy.

In National Cup Round 2, St Brendan's Park continued their strong run with a convincing 4-0 victory over Holycross AFC, securing their place in the next round. Cameron Patterson scored two, while Jamie McEvoy and Oscar Curran got the other goals.

Mastergeeha also advanced in style, defeating Nenagh Celtic 4-1. Evan Burke, Sean Doyle, Conor Doherty and Michael O'Donoghue shared the goals in an excellent team performance.

Killarney Celtic matched that four-goal winning margin with a 4-0 victory over Newmarket Celtic FC. Josh Buckley struck twice, while Kyle Fleming and Eoin Murphy also found the net.

There was disappointment for Dingle Bay Rovers, whose National Cup run came to an end with a 5-2 defeat to Newport Town AFC. Robbie Smyth and TJ Ó hAinfein scored for Dingle.

In National Trophy Round 1, Killarney Athletic produced a dominant display to defeat Tralee Dynamos 6-0. Darragh O'Toole led the way with a hat-trick, while Sota Matsui, Miron Svryppia and Brayene Outtara completed the scoring.

Killorglin AFC were emphatic 7-1 winners away to Listowel Celtic, booking their place in the next round with an impressive attacking performance. St Brendan's Park B completed a successful round for the Kerry contingent, earning a hard fought 2-1 away victory over Kilavilla United to advance in the National Trophy.

LOCAL

GOALS GALORE ACROSS U13 BOYS DIVISIONS

In Division 1, Inter Kenmare A secured a narrow 1-0 victory over Killarney Celtic C, with Emmet Wagner scoring the decisive goal. St Brendan's Park D also collected all three points following a 3-1 win over Killarney Celtic B. Logan O'Connor, Faylin Carroll and Callum O'Halloran were on target for Park, while Adam O'Riordan replied for Celtic.

In Division 2, Fenit B produced an impressive attacking display to defeat Listowel Celtic B 7-3. Bobby Morgan led the way with a hat-trick, Eanna Griffin added two, while Alan Fitzgerald and Rory Lennon completed the scoring.

Killarney Athletic B recorded a convincing 5-1 away victory over Castleisland B, with Anthony Troci scoring twice alongside goals from Marc Moynihan, Liam Kiely and Filip Niedzialek. Ballyheigue also enjoyed an excellent result, defeating Ballyhar A 6–2.

In Division 3, Killarney Athletic C were 6-1 winners over Killarney Celtic D, with Samir Cenaj scoring Celtic's consolation goal. Dingle B secured a 5-1 victory away to Ballyhar B, with Finn Ó Conchuir and Odhran Lynch both scoring twice, while Arielis Paprika added the fifth.

Iveragh B came out on top in an eight-goal thriller, defeating Killorglin B 5-3. Leon O'Connor struck twice for Killorglin, with Jamie Kelleher also finding the net. Finally, LB Rovers recorded a 5-1 victory over Park C. James Keane and Mason Rochford both scored twice, while Brian Nolan completed the scoring in another impressive attacking performance.

Young Killarney Celtic fan meets Ireland hero Troy Parrott

Six-year-old Ryan McCarthy enjoyed a dream moment for any young soccer fan when he met Ireland striker Troy Parrott at the recent Ireland v Austria match at the Aviva Stadium.

A dedicated soccer fanatic, Ryan never misses a game, with his love of the sport encouraged by his dad, Peter, who is one of the coaches with Killarney Celtic National League team.

A first-class pupil at Gaelscoil Faithleann, Ryan was delighted to meet the Irish international during the memorable occasion in Dublin.

Ryan is the son of Peter and Clodagh McCarthy and has a younger brother, Josh, who is one year old.

The meeting with Troy Parrott was a special highlight for the young Killarney soccer enthusiast, who will no doubt have a story to tell his friends and teammates for some time to come.



Soccer fanatic....Wrapped in his club flag, Ryan is pictured at a Killarney Celtic FAI National League Game. Photo: Konrad Paprocki



KILLARNEY JUDO CLUB MAKE THEIR MARK AT THE LEINSTER OPEN

Killarney Judo Club enjoyed a fantastic day of competition last Sunday as 14 young athletes, accompanied by their families, made the journey to Dublin to compete in the Leinster Open.

The event marked a significant milestone for the club, which has grown from just three competitors last year to 14 this year. With the competition sold out and athletes travelling from all four provinces, the standard was exceptionally high, providing a major test for the Killarney team.

While not everyone came away with a medal, the competition proved to be a valuable experience for the young team. The athletes showed great grit and resilience, picking themselves up after each throw and supporting one another throughout the day. A special mention goes to Adam Tomlinson, who, after competing in numerous competitions without securing a medal, overcame a series of tough opponents to claim bronze in the largest group of the day.

Every athlete gave their all, with the club returning home with an impressive haul of two gold, four silver and two bronze medals. Four other competitors narrowly missed out on bronze.

Congratulations to Rian Horgan and Roman Konovalenko, who both demonstrated great patience, waiting for their opponents to make mistakes before springing into action with a series of excellent throws to secure their gold medals.

A big thank you goes to everyone who made the journey to Dublin and contributed to the fantastic team spirit and camaraderie on display throughout the day.

Attention now turns to the Munster Mini Mon in Limerick next weekend. Some of the athletes will be looking to bounce back after a challenging competition, while others from the club's next generation of judoka will take part in their first competition of the season.

For more information about Killarney Judo Club, contact Tim on 086 260 1591 or visit killarneyjudo.com



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LEGION

LOTTO

Lotto numbers: 10, 15, 18, 21. Bonus 16. Match 3s: Sheila Looney, Michelle O Farrell, Michelle Doolan

SENIOR LADIES

Our senior ladies development team continued to provide us drama a plenty in Abbeydorney. After drawing their previous 2 games (winning 1 and losing 1 in ET) we visited Abbeydorney for a R3 game. Abbeydorney lead at the half time break by 5 points thanks to some well taken goals. The second half saw the home team pull away and extend their lead early doors but for the legion girls to rally a great comeback. With the game in added time legion received a free which was dispatched to level the game and the game ended in a draw. No extra time played today which sees us now in a final to be played next weekend

U16 BOYS

U16 East Kerry Championship Semi Final; Killarney Legion 2-15 Listry 2-10

Our U16 Team hosted Listry in the East Kerry Championship Semi Final in a wet Johnny Culloty Park. We played with a strong wind in the first half but were slow to get going and failed to take advantage of the elements. Listry scored a goal mid way through the half, and at half time we lead by a solitary point, 0-7 to 1-3.

Facing into the elements in the second half, the team found far more energy and intensity. They worked some great scores into the wind and worked hard all over the field. We ran out 5 point winners in the end.

Well done to all the boys for raising their game in the second half and they look forward to another final on a date to be decided.

Thanks to Listry for a fine game and to Padraig O'Sullivan for excellent officiating

Lastly well done to all the boys who received their Junior Cert results this week. Keep up the good work!

SYMPATHY

The club sends its condolences to the family of John Leen of Park Drive who passed away during the week. Ar Dheis De go raibh a Anam

EAST KERRY

U16 EAST KERRY CHAMPIONSHIP

Division 1 Final

Kilcummin 0-16 Firies 0-10

Division 2

Legion 2-15 Listry 2-10

O DONOGHUE CUP

First Round – First team named are at home

Fixtures weekend 24 25 October.

Firies V Listry, Currow V Kilcummin, Legion V Glenflesk, Gneeveguilla V Fossa

O SULLIVAN CUP

Currow 0-07 Listry 1-15

FR. GALVIN CUP SEMI FINAL

Currow V Scartaglen, Saturday 17th October at 4pm. Venue: Currow

Extra time with result on the day

EAST KERRY MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP

First team named is at home

Div. 1 (15 a side)

Kilcummin V Listry, Dr. Crokes V Legion

Div. 2 (13/15 a side)

Firies V Kenmare, Glenflesk V Rathmore

Div. 3 (13 a side)

Gneeveguilla V Fossa, Cordal V Spa

All above games are fixed for Sunday 18th October at 12 noon

All games carry extra time with result on the day

MUNSTER U9 GO GAMES BLITZ

Munster U9 Go Games blitz took place in Rathmore. East Kerry clubs were well represented on the day. The format was nine aside matches. Games were eighteen minutes in duration. All teams played three matches. The standard of football was excellent on the day. Thanks to Rathmore GAA club for the use of there superb club grounds. Pitches were in superb condition on the day. Vince Cooper East Kerry GDC linked in with PS Sliabh Luachra Rathmore TY students to referee the games on the day. The large attendance enjoyed the superb skill levels of all players during the matches. Great credit due to all club volunteers for coaching all players during the year.

TADHG MORLEY CALLS TIME ON ILLUSTRIOUS KERRY CAREER



Tadhg Morely is pictured with Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans.

Kerry footballer Tadhg Morley has brought the curtain down on his inter-county career after 11 seasons representing the Kingdom.

The 33-year-old Templenoe defender enjoyed a trophy-laden spell in green and gold, collecting All-Ireland medals in 2022 and 2025, alongside 10 Munster titles and five Division One league crowns. He was also named an All-Star in 2022.

Tadhg Morley made his senior debut under Éamonn Fitzmaurice in 2016 and became a dependable figure in Kerry's defence under managers Peter Keane and Jack O'Connor. He made 57 championship appearances, featuring mainly at half-back while also filling the full-back role when needed.

His final outing for Kerry came as a substitute in this year's All-Ireland quarter-final victory over Tyrone.

Announcing his decision, Tadhg said: "After many proud and unforgettable years, I've decided the time has come to bring my Kerry football journey to an end."

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LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 11/10/2026 for a jackpot of €11,550 were 8, 19, 27, 28. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Ann Marie Breen, Beatrice Colleran, Tina Myers, Joan O'Donoghue 27 Arbutus Grove, Torin Lyne, Barleymount.

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

DR CROKES

SENIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Dr. Crokes 3:26 Austin Stacks 2:21

This was an entertaining and high-scoring County Championship encounter. We made a slow start trailing 4 points to 1 point after five minutes of play. Cian McMahon followed with a goal in the 6th minute to reduce the deficit. 4 minutes later Gavin White finished off a superb pass from Gavin O'Shea for a second goal, to help swing the scoreboard in our favour. Tom Doyle, introduced for Gavin O'Shea, made an immediate impact with a point, while David Shaw's two-pointer helped maintain our advantage. Tony Brosnan and David Shaw continued to add scores, but Stacks kept in touch and a late point left the sides level at 2-10 to 1-13 at half-time. The second half continued in the same dramatic fashion, with scores flowing at both ends. Tom Doyle and Tony Brosnan kept the scoreboard ticking over, while Brian Looney and Charlie Keating contributed crucial scores. Charlie proved particularly influential, landing a series of superb two-pointers to swing the momentum back in our favour. Cian McMahon also converted a free and added a crucial goal as the sides exchanged further scores in a tense finish. With Stacks threatening to take control, the boys showed great character and attacking quality in the closing stages. Tony Brosnan's two-pointer, followed by points from Charlie Keating and Evan Looney, helped keep the pressure on, before Cian McMahon landed another outstanding two-pointer to cap a strong individual performance.

LOTTO took place on October 12th. Numbers drawn were 13, 17, 26, 27. Jackpot of €5,900 was NOT WON. 4 patrons matched 3 and received €100 each. Jackpot for draw on October 19th will be €6,200. Play online by following the link https://member.clubspot.app/club/dr-crokes-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.

KATHLEEN'S GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS continues on Mondays at 11am in the clubhouse. All welcome.

FR. PADDY'S CARDS returns on continues on Wednesdays at 8pm in the clubhouse. Bring €5 and a playing partner. Everyone welcome.

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SPEEDY RECOVERY to John Lyne.

CONDOLENCES to the Duggen Family on the passing of Tadgh. May he rest in peace.

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JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY
takes a look at all things sport...

DELEGATES REJECT COUNTY PLAYER SUPERVISION

It's funny how County Board meetings are only ever really talked about when there is a bit of controversy. Even County Convention – and my word, but there are a lot of stories of conventions in times past that very nearly came to blows – are fairly diluted affairs nowadays, with motions for rule changes and finance discussed at the previous meeting now and most of the speeches from the various committees pre-arranged and printed. Even the elections lack the bombast and occasional fire of old – may be no harm in that, either. Club delegates don't get the appreciation they deserve; it's a big time commitment and no easy role.

The most recent County Board Meeting was one of those rare ones where a lot of Kerry GAA supporters were paying real attention. This was a big deal.

The first part of that meeting involved agreeing a relatively tight timeline for the District Championships. There was some debate about whether seeding should be allowed and whether finals should finish on the day or go to a replay – it was agreed that Districts could implement their own formats. It was agreed to almost unanimously by general vote – four delegates voted against, I suspect myself that, given the depth of feeling about the idea of holding players from District Championships, that those delegates were following the mandates from their clubs with their 'no' vote.

It was the second part, particularly the well-flagged idea of county players being held from District Championships, that had the room animated. There was a proposal on the table that a three man committee – the Chairman of the County Board, Head of High Performance Jason McGahan, and a club/district players' representative be appointed. As well as monitoring the workload of players, part of their remit would be to implement a recommended four to six week break for inter-county players, including the power to 'recommend' (mandate) that a player not line out with their club.

Look, straightaway I have a big issue with this. Jason McGahan is a paid employee of the County Board as Head of High Performance. The Chairman of the County Board is his literal boss. He's going to be voting against him? And even without that complication, his remit is 'high performance', not 'all-round participation'. Obviously his preference is going to be to rest elite players where possible. Every disputed vote would be 2-1 against the players' representative. It is my belief that the implementation of this would have had the effect of letting the County Board – and by proxy, the Inter-County Manager – the power to withhold players from club games.

The delegates were quick to make their voices clear. None more so than Frank Coffey of Beaufort, who stated clearly that the proposal was "less about player welfare and more a player ownership grab — and a barefaced grab at that. What we are being told here is that our players will be told by this three-person committee... when they can play with their clubs and when they cannot play." He also pointed out that Kerry might have to consider dropping a competition or two (having a separate Club and County Championship means that players have more games and less time 'off' than in other counties) and that only 2.3% of players are involved at inter-county level.

Personally, I agree. I do think that the workload on inter-county players has gotten to be too much. A lot too much, actually. But, as a number of delegates pointed out, that workload stems far more from inter-county demands than club. The pre-season competitions were mentioned – thirteen of Kerry's All Ireland Final team played in last year's McGrath Cup. Personally, I really think that it is time to put the McGrath Cup to bed.

You'd have to say that the challenge match between Kerry and Mayo in London isn't the best optics in terms of the conversation about resting players in the 'off' season, but in fairness that has the potential to raise over E400,000 each for the two counties. Kerry inter-county team expenditure reached E2.1 million last year – we simply couldn't turn down an opportunity like this.

Obviously, I didn't and don't have a vote, but I would have voted against this. For me it is a stark choice of whether the County Board or Kerry management can hold players from their clubs. The rest, this committee and so on, was only window dressing in my opinion. I'm also sceptical about the idea of this working two ways – I don't see the idea of such a committee ringing the inter-county manager and telling him (or her) not to use such and such a player as realistic. No, I understand the logic behind this and don't agree. I think – and it sounds like a number of delegates are of the same opinion – that we are going to have to bite the bullet and reduce the number of high level games and training. As it is, the inter-county season takes almost twice as much time as the club season. Honestly, that's the tail wagging the dog.

Now, a motion to require that every senior player get a six week break after they play their last game of the playing year (which, in the case of All Ireland Club Championships) could certainly extend into next year by the calendar) would be interesting. I'm talking a complete concurrent six week break – no training, no team meetings, nothing, would be a more interesting debate.

The motion that was on the table, to establish this three person committee, was defeated by 52-28. Given that every member of the executive has a vote and can generally be expected to back a County Board motion, it's very clear how the clubs felt. My own take away from the whole meeting – and it's worth noting that despite the amount of passion involved, it was conducted completely courteously – is that Kerry players have too many demands on them, and that's both within and without the county. I feel that the days of group stages in



Action from the Kenmare Shamrocks V Rathmore game at Fitzgerald Stadium. Photo: Lucy Shalimova, Fitzgerald Stadium PR.



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our domestic competitions are numbered, and the days of us having three major domestic competitions needs consideration at least. This was a genuine attempt to fix a real problem; it just wasn't the right attempt.

SENIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

North Kerry 2-22 An Ghaeltacht 1-14

There were a lot of surprises last weekend. I'm not sure that this could be counted as one of them. An Ghaeltacht did well to come out of a relegation battle but they had a really long, energy-sapping year before facing into their first year in quite a while at senior. The late drama in that high octane tussle with Templenoe last weekend wouldn't have helped them either.

North Kerry....I wasn't sure. All of the ingredients are there on paper but they really didn't look convincing to me at the outset of the County Championship. But, as can often be the case, the longer the divisional side survive, the stronger they gel.

Certainly An Ghaeltacht, despite great efforts, just couldn't stay with them on the scoreboard. An Ghaeltacht made a bright start, Cathal and Brian Ó Beaglaóich (tp). But with North Kerry dominating the middle, they pick off rapid scores through Cormac Dillon (2), the outstanding Darragh Lynch (tp), Jack Kennelly (tp) and Ruairí O'Connell (2tp). Even allowing for their control in general play, that kind of long range accuracy is a very big weapon in the arsenal nowadays!

Brian Ó Beaglaóich was genuinely heroic for An Ghaeltacht and scored a point and a two pointer to make it 0-10 to 0-7, but North Kerry responded in style. Cormac Dillon curled over another point, Jack Kennelly did likewise and then added another orange flag, and in the last minute of the first half, Joe Joe Grimes teed up Darragh Lynch for an exquisitely finished goal. At half-time it was 1-15 to 0-8 and it was hard to imagine An Ghaeltacht turning this around.

The late and loved Weehie Fogarty had two particular stock phrases, a 'schmozzle' and a 'tulk of an upscuttling'. Had the great man been on commentary, both would have come into play as the teams walked off for he break. The upshot of it was Joe Joe Grimes and Dara Ó Beaglaóich redcarded and Eddie Healy and PJ Mac Láimh black-carded. Ruaidhrí Ó Beaglaóich won a penalty converted at the second attempt by namesake Cathal and Brian notched another point. Game on?

Not really. Cormac Dillon (3), Jack Kennelly, livewire half back Pa Walsh, and Darra Lynch fired six points in a row and then a sumptuous pass from Dillon saw Eddie Healy rifle a bullet to the net. An Ghaeltacht battled away to the finish, but it was always a lost cause from then on and North Kerry will be a real handful in the semi-final.

Dr. Crokes 3-26 Austin Stacks 3-21

Oh wow. Just wow. The first game was reasonably entertaining, if a bit one-sided. The second? That's not just the best game I have seen this year. I genuinely think that might be the best game I have ever seen. And yes, you can include inter-county. This was majestic, it really was.



Action from the Kenmare Shamrocks V Rathmore game at Fitzgerald Stadium. Photo: Lucy Shalimova, Fitzgerald Stadium PR.

Both teams were flying fit and in form. Both teams trusted their players one on one and it made for a series of enthralling duels. Best of all, both teams played the game the right way. Far more eager to win than afraid to lose – it's rarer than you might think. Players all over the field taking responsibility. This was gorgeous football.

I felt myself that Stacks were the team in form coming into this. Crokes had played in and lost a tough Senior Club Final, Stacks had a bit more rest (I think we can all agree after the last two rounds that particular nugget of wisdom may have been overused by all of us in our previews), and Stacks had Ben Murphy back in harness.

Stacks did make the brighter start. Alex Hennigan opened the scoring and had another chance blocked down soon after, but a confident Daniel Kirby fired off two for Stacks and Greg Horan added a two pointer. Paddy Lane made it 0-5 to 0-1 before Evan Looney scored Crokes' second (I thought Evan was the man of the match overall). Back came Stacks, but Shane Murphy was out fast to deny him a goal. The keeper is up for an All Star shortly; you could easily see why. In fact, I would argue that he was the main difference between two evenly matched and superb teams.

A lively Cian McMahon kicked a point and then struck for a superb goal. Dr. Crokes were suddenly in front, 1-3 to 0-5, against the run of play. That's eight scores (1tp) in just over six minutes – that'll tell you the quality of the football being played. Paddy Lane with a free and Cian Purcell soon had Stacks back in front.

Only to be hit with another hammerblow. Tony Brosnan under pressure gave the ball out to deep-lying playmaker Gavin O'Shea, who hit a sublime pass to a cleverly lurking Gavin White. It still wasn't any easy chance – I thought he might take his point – but he drilled it with precision into the bottom corner. Unfortunately O'Shea had to depart after that with injury.

Joe O'Connor brought Stacks back level, but Crokes substitute Tom Doyle came up trumps with two points and Evan Looney set up David Shaw – outstanding around the middle – for a two pointer. Eoghan O'Carroll and Tony Brosnan swapped scores, as did David Shaw and Daniel Kirby. 2-9 to 0-11 now, but then Stacks pilfered the goal they had been threatening, Paddy Lane doing well to get it to Ryan O'Driscoll to stab home. David Shaw scored his fourth point of the first half, but so did Daniel Kirby.

2-10 to 1-13 at the break. Hard one to call. Even harder one to take your eyes off. Phenomenal stuff.

Stacks kicked the second half opener, but David Shaw replied. Daniel Kirby with another long range monster put Stacks two points ahead. Tony Brosnan pulled one back, Stacks levelled, but veteran Brian Looney, playing as good or better than ever, trimmed the gap back one to one.

Then came Charlie Keating's masterclass. The sub wasn't long on the pitch when he launched the first of a series of glorious two pointers and his team were in front, with Cian McMahon making it a two point advantage.

Undeterred, Stacks powered up the field, Ben Murphy floating across to Paddy Lane for a goal and once again, the Rockies were in front. Hollywood scriptwriters would have just given up at this point.

Crokes weren't given up, the exact opposite in fact. Charlie Keating was a tour de force personified, sending over two more orange flags. Crokes three in front. Stacks pulled one back, but then Cian McMahon pounced at the back post when Tony Brosnan's effort fell short. A real poacher's goal.

And still Austin Stacks refused to buckle. Gavin Casey notched a point and then Cian Purcell, always as likely to score a goal as a point, wielded his magic and the gap was down to just one.

More than that, they went ahead, Daniel Kirby raising another orange flag....except that suddenly play stopped as the referee consulted with his officials before awarding a breach against the Tralee side. It's a definite talking point in a match that had so many of them. Instead the ball was moved down the field, Tony Brosnan backed himself to put over the two point free, and duly obliged. A four point swing in many ways.

Stacks got the next point but Crokes' heads were up now. Charlie Keating and Evan Looney

stretched the lead. Cian McMahon boomed over a two pointer to close out an incredible win.

I'm going for Evan Looney as my man of the match. But you'd prefer somebody else? No problem. Pick any name on either teamsheet and it's a contender. This game, and the football played, really was that good.

Kenmare Shamrocks V Rathmore

The meeting of the County League Division One champions and the Senior Club champions is another that I called wrong. I felt that Rathmore had shown a lot more since the championships started and were building a powerful head of steam, where Kenmare had yet to really sparkle. They definitely did so here.

Kevin O'Sullivan, who was awesome throughout, opened the scoring and Darragh O'Connor added another. Rathmore were unlucky not to goal when Darragh O'Nagle's rocket whizzed just past the post and millimetres away from Brian Friel's fist. Mark Reen opened their account but James McCarthy, another to excel, replied for Kenmare. Alan Dineen trimmed the gap back to a point.

Kenmare had the strong wind behind them and it began to tell. Seán O'Shea coolly struck over a two point free and added another orange flag from play. Tom Murnane added another one before Rathmore's conductor Paul Murphy pulled a point back. Donal O'Sullivan notched a point from a mark and Seán O'Shea lofted over another long range free. Kenmare led by 0-12 to 0-4, although it's worth pointing out that the strong wind was probably worth four points of that lead.

Rathmore needed to come out with all guns blazing. They certainly tried, with Mark Reen, Alan Dineen, and Brian Friel (2) outscoring Kenmare by four points to Kevin O'Sullivan's sole effort. Sean O'Shea slotted a free for Kenmare but Darragh Nagle pounced after Andrew Moynihan's powerful effort was cleared to fire home the rebound. A turning point maybe?

Nope. Kenmare's response was immediate, Jack Tagney pointing and then Tom Murnane finishing a flowing team move to the net. Seán O'Shea nailed another two point free – the man is back to his formidable best – and added a point from play. The game was basically done and dusted at that stage, with a Kenmare defence marshalled superbly by James McCarthy able to comfortably deal with any real dangers. Paul Murphy and Alan Dineen kept battling hard and kicked good scores, but Donal Down O'Sullivan's last point clinched victory and a semi-final berth for Kenmare.

Spa 3-15 East Kerry 2-17

It may not have been the best game of the weekend – that honour has to go to Dr. Crokes v Austin Stacks – but it wasn't far off it and it was definitely the biggest shock. East Kerry have been there or thereabouts for a long time now and had the best forward of a generation, arguably any generation, in their ranks. Spa, on the other hand, still have the threat of a relegation final against Teplenoe hanging over them.



Dan O'Donoghue gets away from David Clifford at the Spa V East Kerry game on Sunday. Photo: Lucy Shalimova, Fitzgerald Stadium PR.

Not that you'd have known that. They created headlines by knocking out All Ireland champions Dingle in the last round and it was clear early on that it had only whetted their appetites.

Michael Horgan got Spa on the board straightaway and Liam Kearney, immense once again in the middle of the park, added another. It took eight minutes for East Kerry to open their account, Ronan Buckley coolly fisting over. They had, unfortunately, lost Seán O'Leary to injury at that stage, something that certainly can't have helped their cause. Luke Crowley, a threat all through, levelled matters.

Dan O'Donoghue was an inspirational figure for Spa throughout, driving them forward time and again, and he kicked their third point. It was fairly clear that as far as he was concerned, David Clifford would have to mark him just as much as he would be marking David Clifford, and that attitude seemed to pervade the whole club team. He wasn't the only attacking defender, with counterpart Cian Lynch replying for East Kerry. Paudie Clifford, mostly playing deep in East Kerry's engine room, was very close with a two point effort. Cian Murphy kicked a great point for Spa but the elusive Ronan Buckley stole up again for his second point. However, a confident Dara Moynihan slotted over and Cian Murphy added another to make it 0-5 to 0-3.

David Clifford pointed a free to open his account before doing what he does best. Luke Crowley's pass to him was really cleverly judged and nce David gets his hands on the ball close to goal...well, the umpire was probably reaching for the green flag before it even hit the net. Joey McCarthy pulled one back with a fine score for Spa but it looked like East Kerry had limbered up their engines and were about to go on a surge. Cian Lynch and david Clifford (f) closed out first half scoring, with the favourites deservedly leading by 1-7 to 0-6.

They didn't leave any of that momentum in the half-time dressing room either, reeling off the first three points of the second half through Darragh Lyne, the excellent Ronan Buckley, and David Clifford. Spa really needed to stop the game getting away from them. David Spillane pointed for them and then, after great work by Eoin Fitzgerald, calmly drove home a superb penalty. 1-10 to 1-7 now and the game back within Spa's reach. Michael Foley set it up for Liam Kearney to burst through but his piledriver was excellently saved by Brian Kelly. Evan Cronin and super sub Liam Spillane did kick points for them, though, and the gap was back down to the bare minimum. In fact, a super two pointer from wing forward Cian Murphy put Spa in front.

David Clifford was unlucky to see an effort come back off the post but Eoin Talbot's shot did raise a white flag. Emmett O'Shea pounced on a stray kick-out and rapidly passed to David Clifford with the inevitable result of his second goal. Darragh Roche notched two points (1f), sandwiching a Paudie Clifford score and East Kerry's lead was suddenly out to seven points, 2-15 to 1-11.

Still Spa kept coming. Daid Spillane made a brilliant catch up front to ignite a move and then was on and to receive from Shane Cronin. Some players are nearly more likely to score goals than points – Rathmore's John Moynihan and Austin Stacks' Cian Purcell are two that come to mind. David Spillane is another such, and his finish was absolutely inch perfect, giving the keeper no chance. Evan Cronin addeda point and Spa were within three points again, 2-15 to 2-12.

Ronan Buckley fisted over his fourth point after a move started by a phenomenal Kieran Murphy catch in the middle. Spa were finishing very strongly, though, still driving forward with the same energy levels. Cian Murphy pointed. Liam Kearney and Dara Moynihan combined to set up Shane Cronin and his shot, too, was perfectly measured for the bottom corner. Level pegging.

Play came down to the other end. Kevin McCarthy;'s pass to Paudie Clifford looked a touch overcooked, but the referee reckoned there had been an infraction and David Clifford slotted over. East Kerry a point in front with a minute and a half left on the clock.

Shay O'Meara selected a great kickout to restart them and Spa worked the ball patiently but surely up the field, switching play to probe for openings. The ball came to Liam Kearney just outside the arc and a slightly over-zealous tackle – unucky, in fairness – saw the referee once again award a free.

Cometh the moment, cometh the man..... Evan Cronin had the option to bring the ball forward and tap over a close range equaliser. He had the confidence to back himself with the last kick of the game (and possibly the wisdom to understand that the divisional side would probably have a deeper subs bench for fresh legs in extra-time). No matter, there wasn't going to be extra-time;Cronin's kick was absolutely inch perfect and the relegation candidates had, for the second week in a row, toppled one of the big favourites for the competition.

LATE SURGE POWERS SEM TO O'SULLIVAN CUP FINAL

O'Sullivan Cup Semi-Final:
St. Brendans 3-15
Mercy Mounthawk 3-7

Favourites St. Brendans booked their spot in this year's O'Sullivan Cup Finalbut not before an enthralling battle against a young but very talented and determined Mercy Mounthawk. The Tralee side matched the Sem for most of the hour, only succumbing late on after St. Brendans' top scorer Ben Kelliher cleverly flicked a John Henderson kick pass over the head of the advancing keeper to pull his side five points clear, with the Sem closing it out from there.

Mark O'Carroll and Rory Bowler traded early scores before Jake Coffey got a fist to a high ball for the Sem's opening goal. O'Carroll and Coffey were part of an enthralling midfield battle where Mounthawk's Ben Litchfield really took the game by storm. Cillian O'Donoghue and a razor sharp Jack Culloty nudged the Sem into a 1-3 to 0-1 lead. However, Michael Somers responded with a Mouthawk goal and then kicked a superb two pointer, judging the tricky wind to perfection. It was nip and tuck after that until Rory Bowler and Cian Stack combined to tee up Ben Kelilher for a goal and late points from Daniel Cronin and Jack Culloty had the Killarney outfit leading by 2-9 to 2-5 at the break.

Mounthawk lost the influential Litchfield to injury early in the second half. Michael Somers and Ben Kelliher exchanged points. Then came a big moment when a Mounthaw free was moved forward for dissent, and the quick-thinking Somers hit a superb effort into the corner of the net for a goal out of nowhere to leave just a point between the sides. Ben Kelliher and Daniel Cronin stretched the lead, while the impressive David Hobbert pointed for Mounthawk. There was just two points in it at that stage and Mounthawk were giving every bit as good as they were getting, but that clever poacher's flick by Ben Kelliher was a hammer blow and the Killarney side wrapped up victory with late points from Liam O'Brien, Mark O'Carroll, and Fionán Blackwell.

St. Brendans: Jonah Casey, David McCarthy, Zach Cronin, Conor Clifford, Conor Lynch, Cian Stack, Jack Hallissey, Mark O'Carroll (0-2), Jake Coffey (1-0), Mark Looney, Ben Kelliher (2-5, 3f, 1tp), Daniel Cronin (0-2), Liam O'Brien (0-1), Cillian O'Donoghue (0-1), Jack Culloty (0-3). Subs Fionán Blackwell 0-1 (for Jake Coffey, half-time), Jack Aherne (for Conor Lynch, half-time), Mercy Mounthawk: Seán Sargent, Conor Nolan, Kevin O'Shea, Eoghan Crowley, Rory Bowler (0-1), Conor McGibney, David Hobbert (0-1), Ben Litchfield (0-1), Paddy Lucid, Billy Kirby (0-1), Michael Somers (3-3, 1tpf, 1-1f), Harry Murphy, Jack Diggin, Luke O'Carroll, Ryan Onyekere. Subs Jayden O'Dowd (for Ben Litchfield, 32), Mikey Carmody (for Jack Diggin, 43), Brooklyn Conway (for Ryan Onyekere, 43)

Referee: Cathal Ó Dubhda

ST. MICHAELS LISTOWEL ADVANCE TO KERRY COLLEGES FINAL

O'Sullivan Cup Semi-Final:
St. Michaels Listowel 1-15
Castleisland CC 1-9

A strong St. Michaels Listowel booked their berth in this year's O'Sullivan Cup Final in a wet and windy Na Gaeil, but only after a great battle with Castleisland CC, who had plenty of football but just couldn't match their opponent's frepower.

Frees from sharpshooters Odhran Buckley and Timmy Kennelly had Listowel leading despite facing a challenging wind. Cian Cahill replied in kind for Castleisland and Danny Murphy wasn't far away with a two point effort, but it was the physically stronger North Kerry side who began to assert themselves. Castleisland goalkeeper Jack O'Connor made two fantastic saves in a row to deny Thomas Scanlon and Daithí Laide before Thomas Scanlon pointed. Castleisland had a series of chances, with Tadhg McCarthy unlucky not to goal and a number of point efforts wide. At the other end Thomas Scanlon lofted over a beauty with his left leg. A foul on Daithí Laide saw Timmy Kennelly notch his second score. Dean O'Donoghue replied for Castleisland, just their second point in twenty minutes. 0-5 to 0-2 now, and Darragh O'Sullivan soon stretched the gap further with another white flag.

More good work from Dean O'Donoghue saw Tadhg McCarthy slot over a free and Cian Cahill soon added another one. Absolute disaster struck for tem when Daithí Laide got a touch on a high Darragh O'Sullivan ball in to guide it into the net. Tadhg McCarthy replied just before the break but St. Michaels Listowel went in leading by 1-6 to 0-5 and having the advantage of that strong wind in the second half.

Free-taker Odhran Buckley made use of it straight away to raise the first orange flag of the game, but his opposing number in midfield, Danny Murphy, replied with an equally brilliant effort. Those two scores would grace any game at any level.

Listowel kept the pressure up. Buckley added another free from closer range, Thomas Scanlon was only denied by another good Jack O'Connor save, and that came at the expense of a '45 confidently struck over by Odhran Buckley before he added another free. The hits kept coming for Castleisland with Cian Dowling and Darragh O'Sullivan took the lead out to 1-13 to 0-7. They needed a lifeline and got one when Danny Murphy's long range effort pinged around a crowded goalmouth before ending up in the net. However, Timmy Kennelly reassured Listowel by sending over a great two point free. Castleisland finished the game very strongly, being denied by the woodwork, forcing Ciarán Herlihy into a good



Cian Murphy, Spa is closely watched by Darragh Lyne and Ronan Buckley, East Kerry. Photo: Lucy Shalimova, Fitzgerald Stadium PR.



Luke Crowley hot on the heels of Michael Foley at the Spa V East Kerry game on Sunday. hoto: Lucy Shalimova, Fitzgerald Stadium PR.

save, and having a ball cleared off the line when the keeper was finally beaten, but all they had to show for their onslaught were points from Dean O'Donoghue and James Barry. It was a great effort, but not enough to prevent an excellent St. Michaels Listowel from advancing to meet St. Brendans Killarney in the final.

St. Michaels Listowel: Ciarán Herlihy, Michael O'Sullivan, Ronan Sheridan, Aodhán O'Connell, Oscar McElligott, John Breen, Cian Dowling (0-1), Odhrán Buckley (0-6, 1tpf, 3f, 1'45) , Tadhg Doran, Timmy Kennelly (0-4, 4f), Eamon Somers, Darragh O'Sullivan (0-2), Daniel Shine, Thomas Scanlon (0-2), Daithí Laide (1-0). Subs Jakob Strzyn (for Shay O'Connor, 23), Michael Daly (for Darragh O'Sullivan, 49), Killian O'Sullivan (for Cian Dowling, 58)

Castleisland CC: Jack O'Connor, Gearóid Joy, Colm Quirke, Johnny Galvin, Ryan Walsh Murphy, Cillian Murphy, Jamie Nolan, Danny Murphy (1-2, 1tp), Eoghan Joy, Ogie Griffin, Cian Cahill (0-2, 2f), Shay O'Connor, Dean O'Donoghue (0-2), Connie O'Connor, Tadhg McCarthy (0-2, 1f). Subs Ajay Barrett (for Daniel Shine, half-time), Brian McShane (for Jamie Nolan, 46), James Barry 0-1 (for Connie O'Connor, 56)

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St. Brendan's College who have booked their spot in this year O'Sullivan Cup Final





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Randles Bros in Tralee had great cause for celebration this week when it was named as the 'Nissan Aftersales Dealer of the Year'.

The dealership won the coveted award after scoring top marks in a series of audits that assessed aftersales performance and how it has implemented best practices to improve overall performance and to enhance the customer experience.

It saw off tough competition from 28 other Nissan dealers around the country to claim the award for the first time, scoring highly for the efforts that it makes to provide customers with quick turnaround times for routine service, maintenance and warranty repairs.

"The entire team at Randles Bros Tralee has set an exceptionally high standard for customer care and the service that it provides to customers after helping them to find the Nissan that makes every day driving better,' said Seamus Morgan, Managing Director of Nissan Ireland.

"They excelled across all disciplines and scored heavily for their commitment to developing a customer centric culture across all aspect of the dealership, and for its consistent approach to putting customers first," he added.

"We are thrilled to be named as the 'Nissan Aftersales Dealer of the Year. Customers trust us because we take the hassle out of finding the right car and looking after it over the months and years to come, whether that's electric, hybrid, hybrid e-POWER, petrol or diesel," said David Randles, Dealer Principal, Randles Bros Tralee.



Randles Bros Tralee have been named as Nissan Aftersales Dealer of the Year. Pictured with the coveted award are (l-r) Calvin Foley (Service Advisor), Padraig McCarthy (Service Manager), Remi Khudhur (Service Team), Kieran O'Carroll (Technician), Stephen Mahony (Technician), Tim Dillon (service team), Daniel Chung (Parts Advisor), and Pau Parella I Llen (Technician).

"We are especially proud to be part of the local community in Tralee and across county Kerry. Our success would not be possible without the customers who put their trust in us. Many customers have been coming to us for decades and we work hard to build lasting relationships that work for everyone," he added.

COUNCIL INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR ARTS AND FESTIVALS GRANTS

Kerry County Council is inviting applications for a range of funds which support arts activities and events in the county.

Among the funding programmes which have just opened for applications through the Kerry County Council website are the Arts Act Grant, Individual Artist Grant, Artist in Schools Grant and Youth Theatre Grant.

Aligned to the Kerry Arts Strategy, the priority is to support artists to live in and make work in Kerry, to ensure the arts are supported and widely accessible to the wider community, to encourage participation, standards of practice, innovation in the arts and to support festivals and arts events in Kerry during 2027.

The application process is competitive, and individual artists looking to further develop their practice or continue their arts education are encouraged to apply for the Creative Work Development, Artist in Retreat or Further Arts Education Grant. The Eamon Kelly Grant is open to emerging and established artists of all disciplines, from or residing in the Killarney Municipal District. This funding is supported by Kerry County Council and the Arts Council.

Meanwhile, the Arts Act Grant, funded by Kerry County Council, supports a multitude of arts sector activity, from arts festivals to collectives, and groups with priority funding towards applications that include paying a professional arts practitioner. Details are available on the Arts Office website arts.kerrycoco.ie

Schools are urged to collaborate with artists and make an application for the Artists in Schools Grant. This grant is to support art projects which foster a connection between local artists, students and teachers, while enriching the school's artistic and cultural environment.

The Youth Theatre Grant is open to not-for-profit companies and organisations with new and established youth theatres, affiliated to or seeking to affiliate to Youth Theatre Ireland, ensuring the voice of young people is central to work undertaken.

An information webinar will be hosted online at 1.30 pm Monday 2 November to guide individuals, groups, or organisations through the process of submitting applications via consult.kerrycoco.ie. Email arts@kerrycoco.ie to register. The closing date for applications is 4pm on Friday 20th November 2026.



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Killarney Valley AC Celebrate Fourth Consecutive Juvenile Cross-Country Club Title

Killarney Valley AC enjoyed a very successful County Kerry Cross Country Championships, claiming the overall juvenile club title for the fourth consecutive year while also securing the Senior Men's team championship.

The club's achievements were the result of outstanding performances across three weekends of competition, with approximately 200 athletes representing the green and purple colours with pride, determination and teamwork.

Captain Sadie Sugrue accepted the Perpetual Shield on behalf of the club, marking another memorable milestone for Killarney Valley AC and highlighting the strength and depth of its juvenile ranks.

A major contribution to the overall juvenile title came from the club's relay teams, which completed a remarkable clean sweep by winning all four county titles in the U10 and U12 girls' and boys' 4×500m relay competitions.

In the U10 Girls' relay, Bella Brosnan, Alice Pyne, Natalie Murphy and Cara McElroy combined to secure the county title. The U10 Boys' team of Cillian Culloty, Teddy O'Brien, Dylan Aherne and Mateusz Poslada also delivered a winning performance.

The success continued in the U12 competitions, where the girls' squad featured Lauren O'Sullivan, Siún O'Callaghan, Sadie Sugrue, Béibhinn O'Donnell, Saoirse O'Sullivan and Scarlett O'Sullivan. The U12 Boys' squad included Charlie J Kelliher, James Doody, Dylan O'Connor, Noah Brosnan and Luke Sheehan.

These relay victories earned valuable points towards the overall juvenile shield and underlined the club's impressive team spirit and developing talent across the age groups.

There was further cause for celebration in the senior ranks, as Killarney Valley AC claimed the Senior Men's County Team Championship. Risteard Clifford led the way by taking the Senior Individual Championship, with Jack O'Leary finishing an excellent second and Conor Kissane claiming fourth place in the 7,500m race.



Killarney Valley AC enjoyed a very successful County Kerry Cross Country Championships, claiming the overall juvenile club title for the fourth consecutive year.

They were supported by Brendan Joy, Naoise Daly, Jehven Kurbanov, Brendan Kissane and Derek Pyne, whose contributions helped secure the team title and complete a superb championship performance for the club.

The Senior Women also produced a strong showing, finishing second in the team competition. Fiona Doody, Margaret O'Connor, Mary Clare Healy and Grace O'Meara combined their points to earn a well-deserved podium finish.

From the youngest juvenile runners to the senior competitors, Killarney Valley AC demonstrated the commitment and collective effort that have become hallmarks of the club. Winning the overall juvenile shield for the fourth year in succession is a significant achievement and a testament to the work of the athletes, coaches and wider club community.

Thanks also to sponsors Lee Strand and Kerry Athletics for their hard work throughout the three weekends of racing, as well as host club St Brendan's AC for hosting the final day's competition and all those who helped with running the races and facilitating the events.

With four juvenile relay titles, the overall juvenile club shield, the Senior Men's team championship and a second-place finish for the Senior Women, Killarney Valley AC have plenty to celebrate at the conclusion of the Kerry cross-country season.

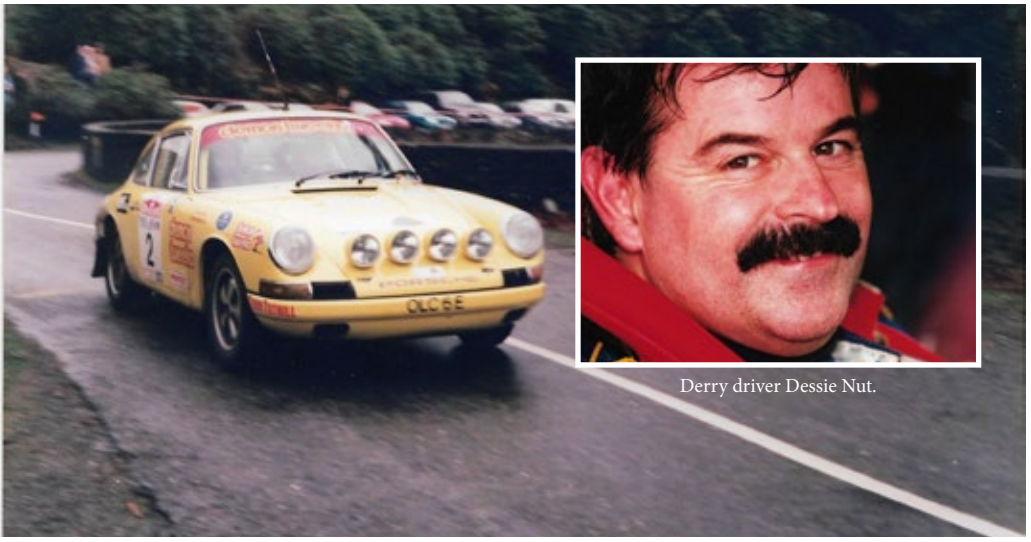
Many thanks to all the athletes to attended, the parents and families that helped out and the coaches and supporters who made it a great season.

Please email the club on killarneyvalleyac@gmail.com if you would like to join the club.



The Club's Senior Mens Team won the championship.

Killarney Towers Historic Rally's most successful driver to be remembered by son at 30th anniversary event



Derry driver Dessie Nut.



Michael Nutt to drive father's iconic yellow Porsche 911 in commemorative run marking 30 years of the rally and five years since Dessie's passing

The memory of the most successful driver in the storied 30-year history of the Killarney Towers Hotel Killarney Historic Rally will be honoured at this year's anniversary event.

Derry driver Dessie Nutt, who claimed a record seven victories on Ireland's premier historic motorsport event, passed away in October 2021, just weeks before the rally's 25th running.

To mark the 30th anniversary of the rally and the fifth anniversary of his father's passing, Michael Nutt is set to tackle the event in his memory. He will drive his late father's iconic Porsche 911, liveried in the exact yellow colours from the inaugural 1996 event.

Experienced navigator James McKeefry will sit alongside him in the co-driver's seat.

McKeefry has plenty of Killarney history of his own, having co-driven over the years for John Keatley, the winner of the inaugural 1996 event, although it was Maurice Beckett who co-drove on that occasion.

Dessie's original co-driver Elkin Robinson will also be in attendance to lend his support, with the car once again run by Dan Sunderland's Dansport team. While Michael is an accomplished competitor in front-wheel-drive machinery, having campaigned Austin Minis, Ford Fiestas, and Honda Civics across Northern Ireland events since 2008, this will mark his first visit to Killarney as a driver and his competitive debut in the rear-wheel-drive Porsche.

His decision to take on the rally stems directly from the support and kindness local organisers and fans showed the Nutt family following Dessie's passing. Michael explained that as it is the 30th anniversary of the first Killarney Historic in 1996 and the fifth anniversary of his dad's passing, he thought it would be a fitting way to honour the legacy of the event and his father, who still holds the record with seven wins.

He felt it would be a special tribute to come to Killarney and support the organisers and fans who were so kind during a difficult time.

"I felt it would be a really special tribute to come to Killarney, support the event, the organisers and the fans who were all so kind to our family around the time of Dad's passing," he said. "They wrote some incredibly nice comments and messages, and they certainly did not go unnoticed by us." He was 12 years old when the event was founded and, like any young boy, looked up to his father as his hero. Now preparing to tackle the stages himself, Michael is looking forward to the atmosphere and driving the famous roads. "I'm really looking forward to experiencing the buzz of Killarney, the start ramp and, most of all, driving up the iconic Moll's Gap, which I have seen so many times on tv and online over the decades with all the great drivers who have competed there," he said.

"For me, this is a life experience and something I have always wanted to do, to drive the same roads that Dad and so many rally legends have driven and to be able to say, one day, that I did it too."

He added that the entry is purely about tribute rather than pace.

"The car is the same car, and it will be stickered in exactly the same way it was 30 years ago. It is an iconic car, and I won't pretend that I will be able to jump into it and drive it like my Dad did. For me, this is much more of a commemorative run than a competitive one. I'm simply looking forward to enjoying the experience, meeting the organisers and meeting some of the true legends of Irish rallying who will be taking part in the event."

Michael expressed his gratitude to Elkin Robinson for coming along to support the team, and to Dan Sunderland of Dansport for preparing the car in the same manner as 30 years ago.

"For me, this is about much more than driving a rally car, it is about remembering Dad, celebrating his achievements, honouring the history of the Killarney Historic and sharing something that has meant so much to Motorsport fans for so many years," he said. "I'm really looking forward to coming to Killarney for the first time and hopefully making some new memories, while also bringing a little bit of the past back." Classic Stages Return for 2026 Killarney Towers Hotel Killarney Historic Rally

Organisers Killarney and District Motor Club have unveiled route details for the 2026 event, marking 30 years since it was founded by the late Maurice Nagle.

His son Paul Nagle, five-time World Rally Championship winner, serves as Clerk of the Course. The 110-kilometre route includes Beallaghbeama, Caragh Lake, and an extended 19.7-kilometre run over Moll's Gap starting from Torc Waterfall for the first time in 30 years.

The Killarney Towers Hotel Killarney Historic Rally takes place on Sunday, November 29, with daylight stages following Saturday night's ceremonial start in Killarney town centre.

Entries remain open via: https://www.shannonsportsit.ie/evo/Login?referer=https://results.shannonsportsit.ie/&event=IE-KDMC-KH26



A Word of Victory

"For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have Hope" (Romans 15:4).

Welcome back dear student, the Bible is the written Word and will of God. One of the Names of Jesus is 'The Word of God', therefore, when we study the Scriptures we are not merely reading a novel, but are engaging with the Person of God – His Son Jesus. This is why the Word of God brings Life and Hope because it is the revelation of relationship, rather than just words on a page. Frank Sinatra sang… 'I'm going to sit right down and write myself a letter, and make believe it came from you', a song telling the loneliness of wanting meaningful relationship with someone to be true. All the while this is a reality waiting for us in God's Word - undiscovered treasure.

The Lord has much to say about 'writing'. He tells us to write the vision and make it plain so that runners can run with it (Habakkuk 2:2). People talk about vision boards nowadays – it's a Biblical principle. It's hard to achieve what you cannot envisage. God says He has written our names upon His hands – that we are ever before Him (Isaiah 49:16). The Lord longs for us to become acquainted with His plans for our lives. That's a vision worth pursuing. "Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in Your Book were all written the days that were appointed for me, when as yet there was not one of them even taking shape" (Psalm 139:16). People struggle with low self-esteem, depression, or lack of motivation - often because of negativity from the past, but God's plans for us are good, and not for evil, to give us a future, and a Hope (Jeremiah 29:11). We live in a world that exonerates criminality, promotes contempt, lauds scoffers, and persecutes believers. Satan is the ruler of the kingdom of darkness, and those who engage with, and tolerate evil can come under his influence and act it out. This is what is at the root of Halloween. It's not a fun light festival as it's promoted - it's actually dark occultic paganism - evil that defiles children and families. Exalting darkness gives demons access and a landing strip to homes, and lifelong battles folks never bargained for. Jesus said "if the light you think you have is actually darkness, how deep that darkness is! (Matthew 6:23).

It's sad that the art of writing letters and cards has faded for many. There's something precious about pouring out heartfelt thoughts on paper. Sadly, we see plenty of people engaged in pouring out toxic anger, narcissism, and bitterness - there's no shortage of that! Things are being lost because the world's culture is attempting to remove the beauty of truthful connection, empathy, humility, respect, and purity - all of which are God traits. Satan disguises himself as an angel of light – he is a chameleon, a deceiver, a thief, and a murderer. Jesus Christ is the Light of the World. His Word is Truth, and He doesn't tolerate or praise works of darkness, He exposes them. Our Creator is a tender, compassionate Father (Psalm 103:13). A good Father disciplines his children. He teaches them the difference between right and wrong. He supports his children in their endeavours - but he will tell them the truth. God is our good Father! He is the Father of Light - the Giver of good and perfect gifts, in Whom there is no shadows or darkness at all (James 1:17). The difference between God's Kingdom and Satan's is literally, Light versus darkness. We must ensure we are truly walking in the Light, led by the Holy Spirit of Truth.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2027
For your planning: Please note that bookings for 1st Anniversary Masses only will be taken at the Parish Office on Tuesday Oct 27th and all other Mass Intentions can be arranged from Wednesday Oct 28th onwards. Call into Parish Office only on those days. No bookings will be taken over the phone that week.

ST PIO MASS, Monday 19th October in the Church of the Resurrection. Rosary 7.15pm followed by Mass, Benediction & a blessing with St. Pio Glove, or Relic.

KILLARNEY PARISH SILVER CIRCLE
Week 1 Results
1st Prize €500: Peggy Coughlan, Ballydowney Seller: Eileen O'Connor
2nd Prize €250: Ann/Fran Kelly Shrone Seller: Fr. Pat O'Donnell
Winners of €100 each are as follows; Ann Marie, Sean Og, Maeve Mc Gillycuddy, Tiernab Seller: Mary O'Sullivan Darcy
Sharon Murray, Port Road Seller: Eileen O'Connor
Caroline & Joe Hurley, Whitebridge Manor Seller: Caroline Hurley
Mary O Sheas, Inch Seller: Peggy Lynch
Rita Mc Kenna Shehere, Mill Road Seller: Margaret O'Donoghue
Winners of €75 each are as follows; Catherine Casey, Ross Dara Seller: Mary O'SullivanDarcy
Mai Bergin 'Beulah' Lacabane Village Seller: Anne O'Leary
Siobhan O Regan, Killegy Lower, Muckross Seller: Pat O'Donoghue
Nicole & Alex Leane, Upper Lissivigeen Seller: Eileen Doyle
Anna Mc Guire, c/o Bricin, High Street Seller: Eileen O'Connor
Andrew Moynihan, c/o Bricin, High Street Seller: Eileen O'Connor
Mary Lynch, Inchicullane Seller: Sheila Lynch
Mary Nolan, Whitebridge Manor Seller: Parish Office
Ann Fagan, Woodlawn Park Seller: Tadhgie Fleming
Ian Walsh, Tralee Road Seller: Pamela Walsh
Congratulations to all winners, and thanks to all who supported, promoted and sponsored the draw this year. Tickets are still available from the Sacristies and Parish Office. This week's prize money is sponsored by: Quills, Sheahan's Pharmacy, Castlerosse Hotel Killarney Supervalu and Killarney Oils

BINGO at St. Mary's Parish Hall, will be held on Thursdays @ 8.30pm. All Welcome.

SECOND Collection: Mission Sunday, 17/18th of October.

AUTUMN DUES: We would like to sincerely thank you for your generosity in supporting us through the Autumn dues. Your kindness and support is greatly appreciated. Fr Pat. Fr Joe, Fr Seán.

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