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A Note from the EDITOR



Welcome to this week's Killarney Outlook!

Killarney bade a sad farewell to one of their own this week, when Paudie O'Callaghan was laid to rest, leaving behind his devastated family and many friends. A talented Killarney Soprano sang for President Michael D Higgins at Áras an Uachtaráin, St. Olivers NS are holding a bumper bingo fundraiser and St. Vincent de Paul are seeking volunteers in Kerry.

The deer in Killarney National Park are "rutting their stuff" and this weekend the annual 'Samhain' Autumn Gathering is taking place, a Killarney woman is being honoured for her human rights work and Team Hope are looking for donations for their shoe box appeal.

The Killarney Coffee Cup Project is pushing ahead despite setbacks, tributes have been paid to the late Dick Henggeler and plans have been announced for an oral history archive for Milltown. Eerie events are being planned for Halloween at different venues across the town, the Killarney National Park Autumn Talks Series have commenced and Mairead McElligott has been announced as the new Principal of St. Brigid's Presentation Secondary School.

The Gleneagle Concert Band is hitting the silver screen, a much loved Killarney man was remembered at a coffee morning in his honour and the Rotary Club held their annual Afternoon Tea event. In sport, Killarney Ladies golfers have claimed the inaugural Kingdom Cup, Killarney Athletic are planning to celebrate 60 Years of Football and Jimmy takes a look at All Things Sport.

I hope you all enjoy this week's Killarney Outlook!

Aisling Crosbie



Up close...
Breeda Neeson captured
this beauty on Killeen at
Killarney Golf Club.



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Killarney Soprano Megan O'Neill Performs At Áras an Uachtaráin

Soprano Megan O'Neill delivered a captivating performance at Áras an Uachtaráin last week, singing for Uachtarán na hÉireann, President Michael D. Higgins, and President of South Africa, H.E. Cyril Ramaphosa, during his official Visit to Ireland.

Representing Irish National Opera, Megan, the daughter of Billy and Patricia O'Neill from Kilcummin, performed a selection of beloved opera classics alongside a stirring rendition of "Mo Ghile Mear", celebrating Ireland's rich musical heritage in front of the two Heads of State.

"It was an absolute honour to sing for the President," Megan told Killarney Outlook, following the event. "This has been a lifelong goal for me and I feel really grateful for this opportunity. It was even more special to sing as Gaeilge at Áras an Uachtaráin."

Following her wedding to Robert Shaw in January, Megan graduated with a Doctor in Music Performance Degree from the Royal Irish Academy of Music and Trinity College Dublin in April 2025, marking a significant milestone in her career.

Earlier this year, she covered the role of Adele in Strauss's *Die Fledermaus* with Irish National Opera, stepping in for four performances to strong acclaim. Her UK debut followed at



Brenda Hurley, President Cyril Ramaphosa, President Michael D. Higgins, Sabina Higgins, Megan O'Neill, William Pearson pictured at Áras an Uachtaráin.

Longborough Festival Opera in July 2025, where she performed the roles of Belinda and ensemble in *Dido and Aeneas*.

Going forward, Megan, a past pupil of St. Brigid's Presentation Secondary school in Killarney, will continue her collaboration with Irish National Opera, taking on the role of Esmeralda in *The*

Bartered Bride this November. In April 2026, she will headline Patrick Zimmerli's Lucia Joyce at New Music Dublin, performing the titular role in the contemporary work inspired by James Joyce's daughter.

All Eyes Down as St Oliver's Primary School Hosts Bumper Bingo Fundraiser

It will be All Eyes Down as the saying goes on Thursday 23rd October as St Oliver's Primary School hosts a bumper Bingo Fundraiser night. The event, which is being held to raise additional funds for the school's Special Classes, will take place in the Killarney Racecourse in the Celtic Steps venue.

According to Colm Ó Súilleabháin, Principal of St Oliver's, the idea for the fundraiser was the brainchild of Denise Hendey, a parent of one of the children in the Special Classes who approached the school wanting to assist with raising much-needed funds for the classes. "She has been utterly amazing with the amount of work and organisation she has put into this event, sourcing an incredible number of fantastic prizes for the raffle and spot prizes for the bingo winners" he said. Continuing he said "We are so appreciative of the incredible support we have received from all the businesses who have sponsored some amazing prizes and made very generous donations in support of the event."

St. Oliver's has eight separate Special Classes, home to 62 children.

All monies raised on the night will go towards purchasing additional resources for the classes. The event will commence at 7pm with doors opening at 6pm. So be sure to come along to



Staff and students at St. Oliver's National School looking forward to their Bumper Bingo Fundraiser.

what is promised to be a fun-filled night with numerous opportunities to win some amazing prizes and hopefully if there is a 'knock on the door' or a 'bang on the drum' it will be on your bingo card! Bingo books (€10) and raffle tickets

(€5) are available to buy from the school office and will be available on the night. All welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



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Paudie pictured with his late father Dermot Snr, his brother Niall, the late Jacke Healy Rae and Michael Healy Rae.



Jerry Fish with the late Paudie O'Callaghan in The Fáilte in 1998. Picture: Eamonn Keogh

The town of Killarney awoke on Saturday morning last to the heartbreaking news that one of its own, Paudie O'Callaghan, had passed away at the young age of 58. A devoted husband and father, Paudie met the newest member of his family only the day before his passing, his beautiful granddaughter, Rubie. Married to his childhood sweetheart Valerie O'Keefe, their beloved daughter Megan was always the apple of his eye. In the week before his passing, Megan and her partner Killian Spillane welcomed baby Rubie, bringing immense joy to her adoring grandparents. In a bittersweet moment, Paudie met granddaughter just hours before he passed away.

A familiar face to all in Killarney, Paudie was known for his warmth, generosity, and his ever-present smile. The Fáilte Hotel, the family business, shared the sad news in a heartfelt tribute: "It is with a very heavy heart that we say goodbye to our Paudie. On Saturday morning, Killarney awoke to the news of his passing. Paudie will make his way back to

The Fáilte Hotel, his home, his heart, and the place where so many memories were made." As per O'Callaghan family tradition, Paudie was waked in The Fáilte Bar on Monday from 4pm to 7pm. The hotel remained closed as a mark of respect until Monday evening. His funeral cortège arrived at St. Mary's Cathedral on Tuesday morning at 10.20am for Requiem Mass at 10.30am, followed by burial at Aghadoe Lawn Cemetery.

At his funeral, at which An Taoiseach Micheal Martin was represented by his aide-de-camp Commdt Joe Glennon, Minister Michael Healy-Rae, a lifelong friend, delivered a moving eulogy: "The passing of my great friend Paudie O'Callaghan of The Fáilte Hotel is devastating. He was one of life's true gentlemen, full of laughter, loyalty, and heart. Paudie would do anything for a friend, and I was blessed to count him among my very best. Every Saturday before my weekly clinic, Paudie and I would walk the town together, meeting people, chatting, and setting the world to rights. They were simple moments, but they meant the world to me. In recent times, he was so proud to become a granddad. That joy never left his face. People like Paudie don't come around often. He made life better just by being part of it. I'll miss him dearly. Rest easy, my dear friend and thank you for a lifetime of loyalty, laughter, and friendship."

The community of Killarney Celtic was once again rocked to its core by the loss of a true club legend and trustee. "Paudie was an integral part of the essence of Killarney Celtic," the club said. "An outstanding player and force to be reckoned with on the field, he earned the utmost respect of teammates and opponents alike. Later, as a club official and trustee, he was fair, wise, and deeply committed. Much more than a club man, Paudie was a loving husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend. His loss is beyond measure. Our sincere condolences to Valerie, Megan, baby Rubie, Killian, his mother Mrs. O'Callaghan, brothers Colm, Michael, and Niall, and all who loved him. Rest in peace, Paudie, gone far too soon, but forever part of the Killarney Celtic story."

St. Paul's Basketball Club also expressed deep sadness at the loss of a former player, sponsor, and lifelong supporter: "Paudie O'Callaghan was a talented basketball player, lining out on St. Paul's first senior men's team in 1985 and starring for the U-19 side that same season. Though his soccer



The late Paudie O'Callaghan.

commitments with Killarney Celtic eventually took priority, Paudie's passion for basketball never faded. Through the generosity of The Fáilte Hotel and the O'Callaghan family, he remained a steadfast supporter and sponsor of the club for nearly 40 years. Paudie's warmth, knowledge, and enthusiasm enriched our community, and his presence will be deeply missed."

Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce also expressed their condolences to the extended O'Callaghan family of The Fáilte Hotel on the sad passing of Paudie O'Callaghan.

He played a very active and progressive role in the business life of Killarney right through his life and he was always willing to lend a hand and to contribute positively to whatever positive projects the town was engaged with.

Paudie, of course, spearheaded the Killarney Vintners Association for many years and he was a very able and influential representative for that sector.

His enormous contribution to the sporting life of the town is already well documented and it is clear that he contributed hugely to the town he loved in so many ways.

May he rest peacefully and may his family take comfort from the great contribution he made throughout his all too short life.

Paudie is deeply mourned by his loving wife Valerie, daughter Megan, his granddaughter Rubie, his mother Eileen, Megan's partner Killian, brothers Michael, Colm and Niall, brothers-in-law Ziggy and Giovanni, sisters-in-law Noreen, Eliza, Carol and Kathy, Colm's partner Kat, Dermot's partner Carla, Derry, Neil, Donal, Kathleen, Geraldine and Deirdre, nephews, nieces, relatives, neighbours and many friends.

Killarney has truly lost one of its legends, a man of heart, humour, and humanity whose spirit will live on in the stories, friendships, and memories he leaves behind.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.



The funeral cortège of the late Paudie O'Callaghan passing through Killarney town on Tuesday with a guard of honour from Killarney Celtic and Killarney Vintners. Picture: Eamonn Keogh

Musicians Jerry Fish (Gerard Whelan) and David Frew of 'An Emotional Fish' and 'Jerry Fish & The Mudbug Club' performing at the funeral mass of their late friend Paudie O'Callaghan in St. Mary's Cathedral, Killarney on Tuesday. Picture: Eamonn Keogh





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Rutting their stuff...

The annual rutting season is underway, An Irish Red Stag with his 3 hinds making their way up Mangerton Mountain. The Irish Red Stags are bellowing while the Sika are whistling. Autumn is a glorious time in Killarney National Park. This weekend Killarney National Park annual 'Samhain' Autumn Gathering

Takes place from Friday 17th October - Sunday 19th October 2025. The free event programme includes a series of talks by NPWS Conservation Ranger Clare Heardman and Bríd Calhoun at Killarney House.

The morning deer walks with Conservation Ranger Padruig O'Sullivan, joined afterwards by NPWS Conservation Rangers who will also be on hand on Saturday and Sunday at Knockreer Estate with telescopes and binoculars. keep in touch: Facebook and Instagram @KillarneyNationalPark

Photo: Valerie o'sullivan

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Killarney Woman Honoured with SETU Doctorate for Human Rights Work

Killarney native Elizabeth Riordan-Coppin is to receive an honorary doctorate from South East Technological University (SETU) this month in recognition of her courage and lifelong dedication to human rights and social justice. Born in Killarney, Elizabeth spent part of her childhood in Ireland's industrial school and Magdalene Laundry system. Now based in England, she has become a prominent advocate for survivors, sharing her story publicly and campaigning for justice for over 25 years. In 2020, her landmark case before the UN Committee Against Torture marked the first brought by a Magdalene survivor, urging Ireland to confront the legacy of institutional abuse. SETU described her as a woman of "extraordinary courage and integrity," recognising her profound contribution to human rights and social history. Elizabeth will receive the honour alongside athlete John Treacy at SETU's conferring ceremonies later this month.



Local Appeal to Bring Joy to Children Overseas

TEAM HOPE, a charity dedicated to helping vulnerable children overseas, has issued an urgent appeal for donations of toys and small gifts as part of its annual Christmas Shoebox Appeal.

The organisation is seeking toys that are no longer needed, provided they are clean, in good condition, and small enough to fit into a shoebox. Donations of small teddies and unwanted costume jewellery are also very welcome.

These items will be packed into shoeboxes and sent to children in need around the world, bringing them joy and hope this Christmas. Local volunteer Sheila is coordinating the



collection and encourages everyone to take part in this meaningful cause.

"A small gesture can make a huge difference in a child's life," Sheila said. "We're asking people to take a moment to give what they can - it truly brings smiles to so many faces."

Anyone wishing to contribute can contact Sheila at 087-7932482 for more information or to arrange a drop-off.

DEPUTY DANNY HEALY RAE RAISES LOCAL ISSUES IN DAIL EIREANN

Deputy Danny Healy Rae TD had a busy week in Dail Eireann this week, raising topics relevant to his constituents.

Among the topics the deputy raised was:

The extra costs involved for any person who has a disability just to survive and carry on each day. He spoke on the shortage of respite for people with serious disabilities and the need to provide additional respite beds in Kerry. He also asked again that the Minister look at Mary of the Angels in Beaufort, which is being closed by stealth and that consideration is given to using this wonderful place and the grounds to expand it for the much-needed respite and residential care beds. He also asked that the Government get the local authorities building again and spread the people out around the different parishes and get back building rural cottages which are not being built at all now. He also asked that something be done for the working people who are trying to build or

buy a home for themselves, they are facing issues with planning even if they have a site and are over the threshold to get on the housing list as a couple's income must be below €37,000 this needs to be increased.

He highlighted the issue with housing developments in Kenmare where planning is being refused as there is a shortage of water supply and asked that the Government deal with this urgently as people are leaving the area as they cannot buy a house anywhere.

Deputy Healy Rae also raised the issue of eviction saying that it is clear that, the residential tenancies amendment, with the intention of stabilising rent and protect tenants is creating a bigger problem as many landlords are getting out of the market. He again raised the 14 families in Killarney Loreto Chapel estate who have received notice as the company who owns the 14 properties is selling them.



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Business Leaders Reflect on “Journey to Sustainable Success” at Tralee Event

Network Ireland Kerry, in collaboration with national sponsor AIB, hosted its third annual event on Wednesday evening at The Rose Hotel, Tralee, with the theme “The Journey to Sustainable Success.”

The evening brought together business professionals, entrepreneurs, and financial leaders to explore the growth journeys of a start-up, a small-to-medium enterprise, and a large SME. The event was opened by Colleen Shannon, AIB Castleisland Branch Manager, and hosted by Stephen Stack, AIB Tralee Branch Manager.

Speakers included Sarah Farrar of AINMHI, Garrett Dillon of Mr. Binman and Dillon Waste Ltd., and Susan Quirke-Crowley of Mounthawk Montessori School Group, who shared insights into building sustainable, resilient businesses.

Additional “Minute on the Mic” features came from Tara Elzingre, Zaneta Labuz-Czerwein, and Sharon Hartnett, each highlighting their own ventures.

Network Ireland Kerry President Emily Reen praised the event as “a testament to the power of partnership,” emphasising that sustainable success “is not a solo journey.”



10) Pictured at the Network Ireland Kerry October event ‘The Journey to Sustainable Success’ in The Rose Hotel, Tralee on Wednesday night were: Trisha Healy (Healy Insurances) and Eimir Irwin O’Shea (O’Shea’s Killorglin).

Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography

The group’s next event, “Gain Competitive Advantage in Your Business,” will take place in Killarney on Wednesday, 12th November, in

collaboration with the Kerry Local Enterprise Office. **For details and registration, visit www.networkireland.ie/events**

Lidl Granted Permission for New Store in Killarney

Lidl Ireland GmbH has received conditional planning permission from Kerry County Council for the redevelopment of its existing foodstore at Tralee Road (N22) / Bóthar Hans Liebherr (N72) in the townland of Derreen, Killarney.

The project involves the demolition of the current single-storey Lidl store, which has a gross floor area of 1,787.6 square metres, and the construction of a larger, modern mono-pitched foodstore with a total gross floor space of 2,631.5 square metres.

The new development will include 1,670 square metres of net retail space, featuring an ancillary off-licence, in-store bakery, and enhanced customer and staff facilities. Plans also provide for a rooftop solar panel array



covering 840 square metres, reflecting Lidl’s ongoing sustainability commitments. Externally, the proposal includes 92 surface car parking

spaces (including dedicated spaces for disabled users, parents with children, and electric vehicle charging), as well as 28 bicycle parking spaces. A new ESB substation and switch room building is also planned as part of the site infrastructure. Access to the new store will be via an upgraded entrance from Bóthar Hans Liebherr, with landscaping, boundary treatments, and site drainage works forming part of the overall redevelopment.

The application was submitted on 18 December 2024, with Kerry County Council issuing a conditional grant of permission on 23 September 2025.

Randles Hotel Killarney hits the road in Canada

Randles Hotel Killarney joined 11 other Irish tourism companies this week to promote Ireland to around 300 Canadian tour operators and travel agents.

The roadshow visited London, Hamilton, Oshawa, and Toronto in Ontario, organised by Tourism Ireland and leading Canadian tour operator Royal Irish Tours to celebrate 25 years of collaboration.

The event included workshops, presentations, and networking opportunities, giving Irish companies a chance to meet Canadian travel professionals and encourage them to expand their Ireland offerings or include Ireland for the first time in their programmes for 2026 and beyond.



Tourism companies from the island of Ireland with John Fallon, Royal Irish Tours (left); Sandra Moffatt, Tourism Ireland (second, left); Susan Randles, Randles Hotel Killarney (fifth, left); Jonathan Sargeant, Royal Irish Tours (second, right); and Lauren Lamond, Tourism Ireland (right), at the Tourism Ireland and Royal Irish Tours 25th anniversary roadshow in Hamilton, Canada.

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THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION: IS THE IRISH LANGUAGE BEING WEAPONISED?

Early opinion polls show a clear divide - half of those under thirty will vote for Connolly whereas older groups are more likely to swing towards Humphreys.

Connolly is doing a good job. It is almost a repeal the 8th in energising youth with t-shirts and all the bells and whistles. She claims it is ground up - despite the fact she has the backing of five political parties including Sinn Féin, the richest party in the State.

The campaign is lively if you have just five seconds of attention and are not that bothered by history. Or facts. There is a "pus" on Catherine and her followers when asked any reasonable question.

Followed by the usual crowding against journalists on line we expect from Sinn Féin's and the Far Left's keyboard warriors.

There is a generation gap in this country that the polls underline. The negotiated hard-won Peace in the North is not really huge for the under-thirties. Younger people have no memory of living in an Ireland blighted by division and tribalism and daily reports of bombings and killings, post offices robbed, tourism crashing and young men "dying for Ireland".

So they won't notice the slide backwards in the weaponising of language. And it is not just Connolly.

The last time I recall the Irish language being weaponized was during the Hunger Strike marches and rallies when I was a student in UCC. There were marches and people carrying coffins and black balaclavas in Killarney. Flags and tricolors - and the speeches in the Market Cross in Killarney and Patrick Street in Cork would brandish the cúpla focal. Tiocfaidh our lá and the our Father in Irish - which most people couldn't say. To dog whistle the tribe. To mark the division. Dark unsettling times.

Once more the language is being used to "other" opponents, to use Catherine Connolly's

psycho babble and no-one is talking about it. Taoiseach Micheal Martin who graduated in Irish alongside me and who like myself came through the trauma we felt at the hunger strikes to manage to seek unity not division, should call out this backward slide, this abuse of our native language.

But then again some in Fianna Fail are every bit as guilty. I was deeply uncomfortable at the "oral Irish examination" of prospective independent candidates in Aras an Chontae Tralee a few weeks ago by two Fianna Fail councillors. FF in Kerry were never going to vote to allow anyone other than their own Jim Gavin to join the contest. So what was the narrow Irisheanism about? Dev Óg, Eamon O Cúiv is at the same racket now - even the Leaving Cert Irish Heather has is not enough for him, I hear.

Is it any wonder serious minded people are beginning to think the candidate from the Orange side of our flag better represents the Green of Wolfe Tone, Robert Emmet and Daniel O'Connell.

EVICCTIONS IN OUR TIME

The Irish language might be on the way back - but so are evictions. 14 families are being evicted in our own Loreto Road.

The evictions of 14 families by a management company for a Cypriot investment company who picked the property up for a relative song is appalling. But the lack of an outcry to date by our politicians and TDs is also worrying. The media are speaking out and so is the school principal of Loreto's Scoil Bhride, Brian O'Sullivan.

However I haven't heard too much from our TDs, Government or opposition. Perhaps because the evictions are entirely legal in this State we have created.

It is TDs in the national parliament who decide on legislation. Perhaps they may not be too keen. As we know most TDs in this country have a keen interest in owning houses and see property as wealth rather than as a basic right. One of the few politicians to speak out is local county councillor John O'Donoghue, a neighbour of Loreto. He is putting his finger on the button: rules about multiple ownership are needed.

John told Radio Kerry the practice of allowing single entities or individuals to bulk buy swathes of housing stock should be outlawed.

It was a short-sighted policy to sell off housing stock to companies and his heart goes out to the families in Loreto who are now facing the brunt of the policy.

There is a truth that needs saying and it was put to me when I called up there during the week. Killarney is bringing in much needed workers, many on visas. The town's reputation depends on these people.

I spoke to those facing homelessness. Hard-working people, in Liebherr, hotels, Fexco and other enterprises. They reflect the mix of nationalities we now enjoy in Killarney - Polish, English, Irish, Malaysian, Croatian, Sri-lankan. One Irish man, a software engineer remarked about the lack of understanding in Killarney. Not everyone is lucky enough to be given a plot, or 50,000 euros by parents, he said.

"There is a lack of understanding in Killarney. Killarney wouldn't be much without chefs and people to work in its service industry. There would be nothing to come for."



HALLOWEEN MEETS CHRISTMAS IN KERRY

The big department stores have gone too far this year. The Christmas decorations and food are on display too early.

I was in one shop in Tralee, last week, The Range. At the entrance I had to duck through a Halloween witches tent with skeletons and bats only to find Christmas baubles on the other side. I mean really? I am not singling out the Range. It is a fine shop and the staff are excellent. Most of the big stores are following the same trend and no one is "batting" an eyelid, excuse the pun.

There is a reason we have seasons and there is a rhythm to the seasons. It is tied to the agricultural year. The moon as well as the sun. The moon waxes and changes in autumn and Halloween marks the moon's ascendancy as it were. The moon is closer to us than the sun this time of year. And it is bigger and nearer the earth. So we have the end of the sun year in Ireland and across the northern hemisphere and the beginning of the moon "year". It takes another number of weeks to get to Christmas when the days are shortest and the sun farthest away.

Festivals Christian or pagan, help us to mark these things.

If you had no religion, and were human in this part of the world, you would understand this. However the big department stores don't seem to get it at all.

I don't want to see Christmas baubles before Halloween is past. I need to see Christmas things in shops to give me a lift in the dark evenings after the light diminishes and the time changes.

Meanwhile there is some light at the end of the tunnel: Killarney's MEP Seán Kelly who has been at the forefront of the battle against the change of time has again put it top of the European Parliament agenda. The seasonal clock is an outdated and unnecessary practice that serves no real benefit, Sean has told the Danish Presidency.

In fact, there is scientific evidence there are health effects like heart attacks because of the twice yearly switch in time, Seán said. In the meantime, I am already bored with the display in the big shops - not to mention confused.

There should be a Presidential movement for the seasons.



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Tea, Fashion and Chats...

Rotary Event lives up to all expectations

The annual Killarney Rotary Club Afternoon Tea Charity event took place last weekend and as always the event was a sell out well in advance of the date.

Speaking to the Killarney Outlook after the fabulous occasion, President Sherry O'Callaghan said "If there's one thing to say about our Rotary Afternoon Tea event, it's simply thank you".

Thank you to our amazing volunteers, our club members, along with friends and family who gave their time and energy to make the day such a success.

Thank you to our generous sponsors, who continue to support us year after year. A huge thank you to the Great Southern and their incredible team for their hospitality, and to Scarlett Killarney for putting on a fabulous fashion show that everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

"And finally, the biggest thank you of all goes to everyone who purchased tickets and joined us on the day, it was wonderful to see so many familiar faces and share such a lovely afternoon together", President Sherry added.



Sherry O'Callaghan Rotary Club President pictured with guests at the Rotary Afternoon Tea event.



Siofra Foley a volunteer and model for Scarlett, Killarney.



Rotarians Monica Navidad and Anne Alcock.



Ann O'Leary, Maura O'Sullivan Fiona Crowley.



Sherry O'Callaghan Martina (a most treasured member of the great Southern team) and Ciara Irwin-Foley.



A model from Scarlett showcasing their Autumn/Winter collection at the event.



All smiles for the camera at the Rotary Afternoon Tea event.



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Kerry Young Historian of the Year Award for Shane

Shane O'Connell, a fifth-year student in Castleisland Community College, was awarded 3rd place in the Senior Category of the Kerry Young Historian of the Year Award. The Kerry Young Historian of the Year Award is an annual competition open to all Kerry secondary schools and young people from Kerry between the ages of 12 and 19 who are keen to explore their local history, archaeology and heritage.

As a Transition year student last year, Shane undertook work experience in Castleisland District Heritage in the Island Centre, Castleisland. In January 2025, he began to archive genealogy and local history. Whilst reading different sources from Castleisland

District Heritage, he became aware of Daniel O'Connell's connection with Castleisland. Daniel O'Connell visited and spoke on a several occasions in Castleisland. Local people from Knockrour, Scartaglin, also wrote to him in 1840. They relayed to him the poverty they were living in due to the rent they were paying to landlords. Shane's essay concluded with the impact of the famine in the region where 1117 people died from starvation. 'Castleisland District Heritage nominated Shane for this award. Shane has a passion for local Irish history and is presently studying history in 5th year. We are extremely proud of his achievement', commented Máiréad Corridan (Principal).



Shane O'Connell with Deputy Principal Paudie Fleming and Principal Máiréad Corridan. Shane came 3rd in the competition.

SVP SEEKS VOLUNTEERS IN KERRY

The Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP) is recruiting volunteers in Kerry to offer practical help and bring dignity to people experiencing poverty and hardship. Volunteering with SVP is flexible, rewarding and rooted in local need, from visiting people who request help, to assisting in shops and supporting community projects.

Sinéad Donnelly Hickey, SVP volunteer in Tralee, said, 'I signed up to volunteer with St Vincent de Paul to give something back to my town, but I didn't realise how much it would give back to me. Over ten years, a few hours a week has brought friendships, purpose, and real belonging. Each week our conference listens, plans, and acts so local people get practical help when it matters most.'

'Home visits are at the heart of SVP. Sitting at a kitchen table, you hear the real story behind a phone call. Together we find a way forward

Sinéad Donnelly Hickey, SVP volunteer in Tralee.



with practical support, information, or simply reassurance. Volunteering changes you, as you discover your strengths and see how small acts of kindness add up across the county.'

SVP is inviting people in every community to get involved and make a real difference. If you can spare even a little time each week, SVP will match your skills and availability to where you're needed most in Kerry, whether that's offering a friendly listening ear on home visits, helping customers in our shops, or lending your expertise to community projects.

To find out more about volunteering with SVP, visit svp.ie/volunteer or free text 'SVP' with your name and county to 50100, and the society will be in touch to discuss how you can make a real difference in your community.



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Finance For You Wins Prestigious National “Best Fintech Lending Award”

Finance For You, a leading non-bank lender headquartered in Killarney, Co. Kerry, was awarded the “Best Fintech Lending Award” at the Irish Fintech Awards, held on Thursday, 9th October 2025 at the Mansion House, Dublin.

Hosted by GRID Finance and the Business Post, the awards celebrated the innovation, creativity, and leadership shaping Ireland’s dynamic fintech sector, recognising companies driving digital transformation and customer impact across financial services. Jack Chambers, Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation, served as guest speaker, highlighting the transformative role of technology within Ireland’s financial services.

The Best Fintech Lending Award recognises a bank or non-bank lender that has embraced technology to deliver improved lending solutions, enhancing customer experiences and driving better outcomes for both businesses and consumers.

The judges praised Finance For You for its commitment to technology-driven lending, highlighting its seamless application process, transparency, speed, and dedication to customer care.

“We’re delighted to receive this recognition,” said Caroline O’Shea, COO of Finance For You. “Our mission has always been to make access to



finance fair, fast, and personal. Technology has been central to achieving that vision, allowing us to serve customers nationwide efficiently while maintaining a strong human touch.”

Operating in the Hire Purchase lending space, Finance For You offers innovative, fair, and personalised motor finance solutions across Ireland. Customers, regardless of background or credit history, can access tailored credit options

designed to suit their needs.

By combining cutting-edge technology with a strong focus on customer experience, Finance For You delivers a seamless lending journey, with credit decisions typically made within two hours. The company continues to set new standards in Ireland’s motor finance industry, providing fast, fair, and flexible lending for today’s consumers.

Killarney coffee cup project pushes ahead despite setbacks

The team behind Killarney’s pioneering reusable coffee cup initiative has vowed to keep the project alive despite recent challenges and a Government U-turn on the long-promised latte levy.

Two articles published in The Irish Times last week highlighted both the difficulties and the determination surrounding the scheme. The first piece, “Kerry town that banned disposable coffee cups sees project falter amid Government U-turn,” detailed the struggles faced by local cafés as some businesses withdrew from the initiative due to pressures from large retailers, non-participating outlets, and the lack of legislative backing.

However, a follow-up article, “Killarney group vows to keep coffee cup ban despite Government U-turn,” painted a more hopeful picture. It reported that hotels, coffee shops, schools, and community groups remain committed to making Killarney Ireland’s first town free of single-use coffee cups.

Project leads Louise Byrne and Ciara Treacy confirmed this week that they have secured a meeting with the CEO of Kerry County Council and are in contact with Fáilte Ireland and the Department of the Environment to explore further support for small businesses and the wider community effort. In partnership with Voice Ireland, the Killarney group is also



encouraging other towns nationwide to contact their local TDs and push for the introduction of the long-awaited latte levy, legislation that would place a small charge on disposable coffee cups to encourage reusable alternatives. There is a call now for residents and visitors to continue supporting the project and to recognise the environmental and community benefits it has already delivered. “We need you now more than ever to keep this going,” said Louise and Ciara. “This project started in Killarney, but it’s about creating change across Ireland.”

Tributes Paid to the late Dick Henggeler

Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce has expressed condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of the late Dick Henggeler, the hugely popular owner of The Rose Hotel in Tralee, who has died.

He passed away peacefully at his home in the United States, surrounded by his Killarney native wife Eibhlin (née Moriarty), his son Franz, family. Dick and Eibhlin purchased the hugely successful Rose Hotel in 2015 as a tribute to their late daughter Dorothy, who represented Washington DC in the 2011 Rose of Tralee Festival.

Chamber said Dick would be remembered for his warmth, good nature and positive approach and as a fine businessman who was forward-thinking, innovative and knowledgeable.

“He knew how to run a good hotel and that was and still is very obvious at The Rose Hotel which is a great success story,” Killarney Chamber said.

It added that it is wonderful to hear that continuity of ownership will remain in place as Eibhlin, Franz and daughter-in-law Amber and his grandchildren Conrad and Rowan, continue to honour Dick’s legacy and vision for the hotel.

“Dick took enormous personal pride in Tralee and all of Kerry and he was always available to generously support any community initiative or endeavour undertaken in Killarney,” Chamber said.

“He will be greatly missed by all that knew him but he leaves a wonderful legacy”.



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Kingdom Warrior Crowned Irish Light Heavyweight Champion

Kerry boxer Kevin "The Kingdom Warrior" Cronin captured the Irish Light Heavyweight title on Friday night after a hard-fought victory over Cork's Cathal Crowley at Dublin's National Stadium.

Kevin, from Milltown produced one of the best performances of his career to claim the vacant title by majority decision, with judges scoring the contest 95-94, 97-93, and 95-95.

The bout lived up to expectations, with Crowley starting strongly behind sharp combinations and accurate counterpunching in the early rounds. Cronin, however, applied steady pressure as the fight progressed, landing telling body shots and working his way inside.

Backed by a strong Kerry support, Cronin's persistence paid off in the later rounds as he forced the pace



Kevin was welcomed home to Killarney over the weekend by supporters, including Jim O'Brien's Bar, one of his sponsors, and Mayor of Killarney Martin Grady.

and took control of the exchanges. Despite a late rally from Crowley, Cronin's consistent aggression and

composure earned him the decision, and the Irish title he had long been chasing.

Speaking after the fight, Kevin said: "It means everything. We've had ups and downs, but nights like this make it all worth it. This one's for Kerry, for everyone back home who's believed in me since day one."

The win improves Cronin's professional record to 11-3-1, while Crowley, now 7-1, remains a highly regarded prospect at just 25 years old.

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After years of dedication to the sport, Kevin Cronin now stands proudly as Ireland's Light Heavyweight Champion a well-earned milestone for "The Kingdom Warrior."



Experience Eerie Events at Ross Castle This Halloween

The Office of Public Works (OPW) is delighted to announce a series of spooky and exciting events taking place at OPW Heritage sites across the country this Halloween. From eerie treasure hunts to ghostly tours, there's something for everyone looking to add a chill to their autumn adventures.

At Ross Castle, the Halloween spirit will come alive on Monday, October 27, with two special child-centred tours at 10:30am and 2:30pm. These tours will put a fun Halloween twist on the historic castle, a place that has seen its fair share of ghouls, goblins, and witches over the centuries.

From October 24 to November 2, children of all ages can also take part in a free Halloween Treasure Hunt, collecting fascinating facts and festive stickers as they explore the site. To ensure that as many children as possible

can enjoy the fun, group sizes will be limited to 25 adults and children. Each group is asked to include a maximum of one adult per child (or group of children). All children must be accompanied by an adult, and guardians will remain responsible for their children throughout the visit.

The tours are suitable for children aged 7 and older, and pre-booking is essential as places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

To reserve a place, please email rosscastle@opw.ie

There is no charge for children, and the adult rate is €5.

So, if you're looking for a frightfully fun day out this Halloween, make your way to Ross Castle or one of the many OPW Heritage sites across Ireland!



Josh Birdthistle is captured on the corridors of the Halloween Haunted School in St Brendan's College Killarney last year.

Halloween in the Sem is back for its fifth year. St Brendan's College will be turned into a haunted house filled with zombies, evil doctors and lots of surprises on Wednesday 22nd, Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th October 6 - 9pm. ~Tickets €7.

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One of the St Brendan's College students on the corridors of the Halloween Haunted School in St Brendan's College Killarney.



KILLARNEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

OPEN NIGHT 2025

Approximately 950 5th and 6th class pupils and their parents and guardians attended Killarney Community Colleges annual Open Night.

Those who attended experienced how the College differs from other schools due to their Education and Training Board (ETB) patronage in terms of the additional supports, funding and access to financial, HR and ICT guidance to name a few benefits of being an ETB school.

Killarney Community College is a Microsoft 365 school actively utilising Teams and OneNote / OneDrive to enhance the Teaching and Learning Universal Design for Learning (UDL) approach to classroom pedagogies.

Daisy Sugrue and Saorla Ní Lionaird, two wonderful new first years into the College spoke about their first-hand experience of the College, and highlighted initiatives such as the Colleges **Vape-Free challenge** that all first years signed up to. They have become the most well informed group in the school and are **ambassadors for their own health and wellbeing** and have pledged to move through the school over the coming years promoting this initiative, supporting others as they come to the school. The vision is by the time they are senior students the school will be free of anything that impacts their health in a negative way.

The principal, Stella Loughnane took the time to introduce the Colleges **No-Mo'Vember** where the College (both adults and students) **will endeavour to be mobile phone free, freeing up time to make friends, join clubs, get out into the fresh air.** The Parents Council in conjunction with the Students Council will actively support this. The principal explained that this initiative will guide the College into best-practices around mobile phone usage, and help the College further develop their policies and practices in this area.

In her principal's address **Ms. Loughnane** highlighted the contemporary issues facing all Leaving Certificate Students in Ireland such as grade deflation, aggregate results, post-marking adjustments and the CAO competition. Despite this present climate she praises this year's leaving certificate students who are currently accessing a variety of Universities and courses.

Parents heard about the Colleges most successful anti bullying initiative – the well-established House System. This House system has gone from strength to strength since its founding in 2013.

Visitors to the College experienced the Colleges modern facilities, the famous canteen, the extra-curricular / lunchtime clubs. They explored the Colleges new extension that help the College win the Award of Best-looking Secondary school this time last year through the Killarney Looking Good team.

The principal launched the new architectural drawing for the next extension which will include nine rooms in total, including another Art Room, Home Economics Room and a state of the art Music Room.

The night concluded with information on how to enrol your child into the Colleges limited places ... and with that a new school year begins!



Renowned Artist Julian Friers Opens Killarney National Park Autumn Talks Series

Renowned wildlife artist Julian Friers officially launched the Killarney National Park Autumn Talks Series at Killarney House this week, drawing a packed audience for what proved to be an inspiring and visually stunning evening.

As expected, it was a full house, with art enthusiasts, conservationists, and local residents eager to hear from one of Europe's most accomplished wildlife painters. Friers, whose work captures the drama and beauty of the natural world with extraordinary realism, shared insights into his artistic journey, his connection with wildlife, and the vital relationship between art and nature conservation.

Julian Friers is widely regarded as one of Europe's finest wildlife painters, with an international career spanning decades. His paintings have been exhibited in some of the world's most prestigious venues, including the Natural History Museums of London and Bonn, as well as in major group exhibitions in the Netherlands and the United States. His work is celebrated for its meticulous attention to detail and his ability to convey the spirit and vitality of his animal subjects.

In conjunction with the talk, the Killarney Art Gallery unveiled a special and rarely seen collection of Friers' paintings, offering attendees a unique opportunity to view these masterworks up close. The exhibition runs alongside the talks and has already generated considerable excitement



Pictured From left, Artist Julian Friers, Padruig O'Sullivan, Organiser, KNP Autumn Talks Series, Diana Fawsitt, Supervisor, Killarney House and Niall Mulchinock, Killarney House. Photos: Valerie O'Sullivan

among art lovers and collectors alike.

The Killarney National Park Autumn Talks Series continues over the coming weeks, featuring a

range of speakers and topics exploring nature, conservation, and culture within the region.



From left, Brendan O'Shea, Louis O'Toole, Nikki Wissell, Killarney House, Peter O'Toole, Owen Casey.



Renowned Artist Julian Friers (sitting right) and his Wife Jill, with Declan Mulvany and Joan Moriarty, Killarney Art Gallery, kicked off the Killarney National Park Autumn Talks Series in Killarney House.

Killarney Order of Malta to Fly the Flag for Ireland in Romania

History will be made this weekend as, for the first time ever, a team from the Killarney Order of Malta will represent Ireland at the prestigious Maltese Rescue Manoeuvres in Romania.

The team earned their place on the international stage after winning the national First Aid Competitions earlier this year. They'll now join teams from 13 other countries this Friday and Saturday, showcasing their lifesaving skills at one of Europe's top rescue events.

As part of the challenge, Team Ireland won't just be tested in complex emergency situations and they'll also be teamed up with members from other nations, reflecting how the Order of Malta works side by side across borders in real-life humanitarian responses.

This marks a huge achievement for the Killarney unit and a proud day for the local community. Congratulations to the team, and best of luck as they represent both Killarney and Ireland on the international stage!



Members of the Killarney Order of Malta Team Ethan Slattery Kacper Bogalecki Dylan O'Connor and Samuel Behal pictured with Mayor Martin Grady and Fr. Kieran O'Brien.



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KILCUMMIN MOTHERS & OTHERS HOST

Spooktacular Halloween Quiz Night for charity

Kilcummin Mothers & Others are set to host a Halloween-themed Table Quiz on Friday, October 24th at 8pm in Kilcummin GAA Hall.

The event promises a fun-filled evening with prizes for the best costume, a mega raffle, and €100 cash prize for the winning table!

Funds raised will support both the Temple Street Children's University Hospital and Kilcummin Mothers & Others group. Fancy dress is encouraged but optional, and teams of four can enter — €40 per adult table and €20 per children's table.

Don't miss this frightfully good night of fun and fundraising in the heart of the Kilcummin community!



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KILLARNEY ROYAL TOWNHOUSE RECOGNIZED WITH CONDÉ NAST TRAVELER'S 2025 READERS' CHOICE AWARD – 12th in Ireland

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Killarney, October 7, 2025 – Condé Nast Traveler today announced the results of its annual Readers' Choice Awards with Killarney Royal Townhouse recognized as 12th in Ireland. Condé Nast Traveler received more than 757,000 survey responses from readers across the United States rating their travel experiences across the globe to offer a comprehensive look at the places they eagerly anticipate revisiting. The Readers' Choice Awards, with their unparalleled legacy as the travel industry's longest-running and most

prestigious accolades from our readers, remain the ultimate symbol and acknowledgment of excellence within the travel sector. The full list of winners can be found here.

"Following a year of thoughtful transformation at Killarney Royal Townhouse, we're delighted to be ranked 12th in Ireland by Condé Nast Traveler readers in the 2025 Readers' Choice Awards. This milestone is a testament to the care our team pours into every detail and every stay. To our guests, thank you sincerely for recognising our continued commitment to warm, refined hospitality."

- Pat McGrath, General Manager, Killarney Royal Townhouse

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The 2025 Readers' Choice Awards are published on Condé Nast Traveler's website at cntraveler.com/rca and celebrated in the November issue.

Two Fossa Projects Awarded Help By Dulux Let's Colour Project 2025

The Dulux Let's Colour Project has revealed that 9 Kerry community projects have been awarded help for 2025, including new dressing rooms at Fossa GAA Club and new painting of the old church and community centre in Fossa. The Dulux Let's Colour Project did a call out to all the counties of Ireland in a bid to 'colour every corner of Ireland' and Kerry had a great response. The shortlisted community projects in Kerry include:

Glenbeigh Forest Fairy Trail
Sneem Community Preschool & Creche
Scoil Réalt na Mara, Cromane
St Josephs National School, Co. Kerry

Skellig Walkway', Skellig Rangers
From Walls to Wonders', Ballybunion
National Learning Network, Tralee
Paint the Old Church/Community Centre in Fossa, Killarney

New Dressing Rooms', Fossa GAA club

The Dulux Let's Colour Project has been running since 2011, delivering much needed paint to hundreds of projects. This most recent phase will run for three years from 2025 to 2028 carrying a broad remit on the type of spaces that can be helped, whether they be GAA clubs, meeting halls, national charities in need of help, men's or ladies sheds, all projects will be considered.



The Old Church/Community Centre in Fossa has been awarded help by the Dulux project.

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RADIO KERRY OUTDOOR BROADCAST ON BOTH DAYS

New bus routes and afterschool service make school life easier for Killarney families

Killarney Community National School (CNS) has expanded its transport and afterschool options to make school life easier for families across the Killarney area.

Two dedicated school bus routes now serve pupils from Beaufort Bridge, Fossa, Innisfallen, Millwood, Muckross, Ballycasheen, and the Reeks Roundabout, as well as from Furies, Rockfield, Faha, Ballyhar, and Fossa.

The school also operates an afterschool programme until 6pm, providing a flexible and affordable option for parents. Principal Catherine Barry said the new services reflect the school's commitment to inclusion and community connection.

"We know that practical supports can make all the difference for parents. Having reliable transport and afterschool care means families can plan their days with confidence, knowing their children are happy and cared for," she said.

Killarney CNS, under the patronage of Kerry Education and Training Board (Kerry ETB), is a multi-denominational school, meaning it welcomes children of all faiths and none, and teaches the Goodness Me, Goodness You! (GMY) curriculum instead of single-faith religious instruction. This approach gives children the opportunity to learn about their own beliefs and those of others in an age-appropriate, inclusive way.

The school's ethos also emphasises hands-on learning and environmental awareness. Pupils take part in activities in the school's polytunnel, where they learn about growing food, biodiversity, and sustainability, connecting classroom learning to real-life experiences.

An Open Day will take place on Saturday, October 18th, from 2pm-4pm, where parents can meet teachers, explore the facilities, and learn more about enrolment for Junior Infants 2025 and beyond.

Parents who cannot attend on the day can call or text 086 418 3558 to arrange another time and day to visit that suits their family.



Above and below: Pupils take part in activities in the school's polytunnel, where they learn about growing food, biodiversity, and sustainability, connecting classroom learning to real-life experiences.



Dear Editor,

With National Brain Tumour Awareness Week coming up from October 20-26, I'd like to draw the attention of your readers to a new awareness campaign being mounted by Brain Tumour Ireland.

As a paediatric oncologist, I hear too often that parents have presented their child multiple times with symptoms and signs before a diagnosis of a brain or spinal tumour is made.

While this doesn't necessarily mean that the outcome is worse, it can be, and a child or young person may have, unfortunately, lost vital functions by the time the diagnosis is made.

Against this backdrop, Brain Tumour Ireland has developed a new Heads Up guide to draw attention to the different types of symptoms in babies, children and teenagers.

We want to remind GPs, doctors and Emergency Department staff, that children can get brain tumours and, while it is rare, brain and central nervous system tumours are the most common childhood cancer, alongside leukaemia, and to keep this in mind when reviewing symptoms.

It's also worth parents considering asking the question of a doctor "can you reassure me that this isn't a brain tumour?"

Brain tumour symptoms can include persistent vomiting, recurring headache, problems with balance and co-ordination, behaviour change, fits or seizures, abnormal eye movements, blurred or double vision/loss of vision, and a wry or stiff neck/head tilt. In babies, there may be increasing head circumference, while other children may experience early, delayed or arrested puberty.

The guide is being published to coincide with a webinar, "Heads Up: supporting children with a brain tumour" focusing on how to approach conversations with a newly-diagnosed child and their siblings, as well as navigating going back to school following treatment. The webinar will take place on Monday October 20 from 6-7.30pm.

To download the new Heads Up guide, or to register for the event, visit www.braintumourireland.com

Yours sincerely

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PLANS ANNOUNCED FOR AN ORAL HISTORY ARCHIVE FOR MILLTOWN

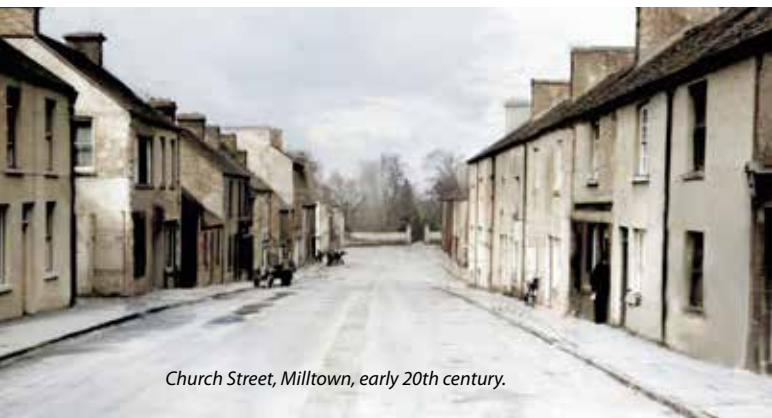
Oral history expert and historian, Dr Tomás Mac Conmara will speak in Milltown at the end of this month to support the launch of a new oral history archive for the area. The Milltown History and Heritage Society has announced plans to begin the collection and preservation of the stories and folklore of the community which it is hoped, will serve as a valuable resource for future generations.

Dr Mac Conmara, who is an award-winning oral historian, lecturer and author, will speak at the Muintir na Tíre Hall in Milltown at 8pm on Friday, 24 October and will introduce the fundamentals for the collection of oral history. The presentation is free of charge and is supported by funding from the Creative Communities Grant Scheme 2025.

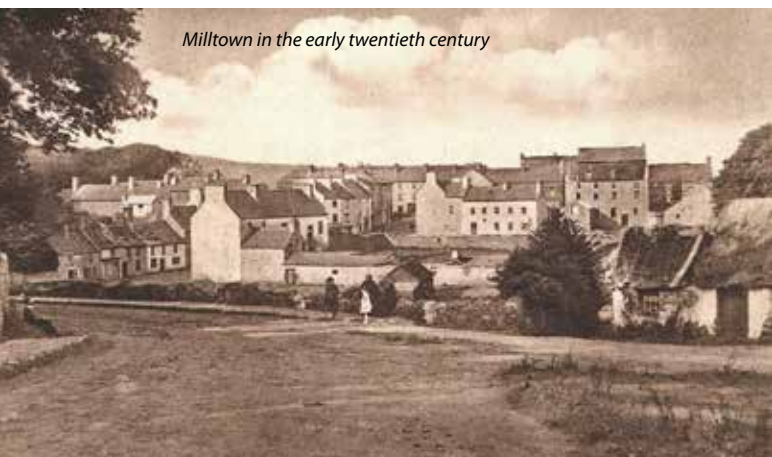
Participants will be introduced to the practical skills required in interviewing, recording, and documenting local heritage, as a first step towards creating an oral heritage recording project in Milltown for generations to come.

"We are really excited to have Tomás setting us on the right path towards developing an oral history archive for Milltown," said Stewart Stephens of the Milltown History and Heritage Society. "The collection and retention of oral history needs to be approached properly, drawing on the right advice and maintaining high standards, so we are pleased to be getting the input of such a renowned expert. The event is open to anyone who would like to attend," he said.

County Clare native, Dr Tomás Mac Conmara is an award-winning oral historian, author and lecturer who has made over 1,000 oral history recordings across Ireland and has written several books on memory, including *The Time of the Tans* and *The Scariff Martyrs*. Tomás runs a Heritage Consultancy with clients across Ireland and internationally, as well as Managing the Cork Folklore Project on behalf of UCC. He is recognised as one of the leading oral historians in the country and delivers a regular history slot on RTE's *The Today Show*.



Church Street, Milltown, early 20th century.



Milltown in the early twentieth century

Launch Of Kerry's Hedgerows And Woodlands Art And Creative Writing Exhibition

The launch of Kerry's Hedgerows and Woodlands Art and Creative Writing Exhibition takes place on Friday, October 17th in Killarney Library from 3.30-4.30pm.

The exhibition will be on display in Killarney Library from the 17th of October until the 23rd of October.

The exhibition will be launched by local author Katie O'Donoghue who will share a reading from one of her books. This will be followed

by a reading from some of the participants in the creative writing workshops.

The overall aim of the project is to raise awareness of the value of our existing trees and hedgerows from a climate, culture and biodiversity perspective including their vital role as ecological corridors throughout the county

No booking is required and this event open to all.



Coffee Morning in Memory of Kevin O'Shea takes place tomorrow

A special coffee morning in memory of the late Kevin O'Shea will take place tomorrow, Saturday, October 18, at the Aghadoe Heights Hotel from 11am to 1pm. All proceeds will go towards three deserving local charities - Kerry Hospice Foundation, Kerry Cancer Support Group, and Recovery Haven. Kevin's family, his wife Siobhan, daughter Orla and sons Keven and Farragh have thanked the

many local businesses and hotels that have kindly sponsored spot prizes, all of which will be won on the day. Any contribution, big or small, is deeply appreciated, and all support is most welcome in honouring Kevin's memory and supporting these vital causes.



WELCOME FOR FUNDING FOR PRETTY POLLY DEVELOPMENT

Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce warmly welcomes the announcement of €2.3 million in funding for the purchase of the former Pretty Polly site on Upper Park Road, Killarney.

This funding, allocated to the Kerry Education and Training Board (Kerry ETB), will support the development of a new Tourism Sector Training College, aimed at strengthening education and training for the hospitality and tourism industries.

The Chamber sees this as a major step forward in creating a dedicated educational centre that will benefit Killarney and the wider Kerry region for years to come. The transformation of the long-vacant Pretty Polly site into an active training hub will enhance the local economy and workforce. Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce acknowledges and appreciates the ongoing efforts of local representatives who have worked hard to progress this important project.



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Mairéad McElligott Takes the Helm at St Brigid's Presentation Secondary School

The Board of Management of St. Brigid's Presentation Secondary School, Killarney, has announced the appointment of Ms. Mairéad McElligott as Principal of the school.

Ms. McElligott has been a valued member of staff for many years, serving as a teacher of Religious Education and Assistant Principal. She was appointed Acting Deputy Principal in 2015 and 2019, and became the school's second Deputy Principal in 2021.

A graduate of the Milltown Institute of Theology and Philosophy, Ms. McElligott completed her Higher Diploma in Education at Trinity College Dublin. She also holds a Master's degree in Christian Leadership in Education from Mary Immaculate College, Limerick, and an Advanced Diploma in Law and Education from the Honorable Society of King's Inns.

With more than twenty years' experience in education and pastoral care, Ms. McElligott is passionate about creating an inclusive



learning environment where every student has the opportunity to reach their full potential. Guided by the school's strong Catholic ethos and Presentation tradition, she is dedicated to promoting excellence in teaching and learning.

"The commitment and dedication of the staff and Board of Management is exceptional. Nothing gives me greater pleasure than to lead this school in continuing to provide the best possible educational experience for our students," Ms. McElligott said.

Her vision aligns with several exciting developments at the school, including a major building project currently underway.

St. Brigid's Presentation Secondary School stands at an exciting stage of growth. Under Ms. McElligott's leadership, the school community looks forward to a bright future marked by continued academic excellence, innovation, and care for every student.

Antonia Noemi Gergely from Kerry wins prestigious Global Undergraduate Award

The Global Undergraduate Awards (GUA), the world's leading academic awards programme for undergraduate research, has announced the winners of its 2025 award programme. Antonia Noemi Gergely from Kerry was presented with the prestigious regional award at the All-Ireland summit event in the Royal Irish Academy, Dublin, on the 9th of October.

Antonia, a Munster Technological University student, secured a regional award for her project 'You Are Not A Robot' in the Visual Arts category.

The Global Undergraduate Awards programme consists of global winners, regional winners and highly commended. The top 10% of submissions are highly commended, regional winners are the highest-performing highly commended entrants from a GUA region in their category, and the top submission in each category is deemed the Global Winner and awarded the Thomas Clarkson Gold Medal. Following an extensive judging process by 500, the winners were selected from over 2,400 submissions spanning 348 universities in 99 countries across 25 categories.



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KILLARNEY LOCAL INJURY CLINIC

The HSE has advised that the Killarney Local Injury unit, which is proposed to be located in the grounds of St Columbanus, Killarney Co. Kerry, is currently anticipated to be completed by Q3 2026 in reply to a Parliamentary Question by Fianna Fáil TD, Michael Cahill.

"The Community Nursing Unit in Killarney is

due to transfer to a new site on the grounds of the old St Finan's Hospital and works can then proceed on the Killarney Local Injury Clinic at St Columbanus as soon as the residents and staff have transferred from same" stated Deputy Cahill. "These 2 new health facilities will be a fantastic addition in Killarney, East, Mid and

South Kerry regions and will also help to reduce waiting lists at the A&E in University Hospital Kerry" said the Fianna Fáil Spokesperson for Older People.

"I will continue to push for enhanced Health Services for our people" added Michael Cahill TD.



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All you need to know about the NFQ - the 10 steps up the ladder of Irish Education

SEASON

With the 2025 CAO offer season just ended and the 2026 CAO third level online application facility opening on the 5th November, the college application season will soon be officially up and running for new applicants. Therefore, it's important for those progressing to further and higher education to have a clear understanding of the qualifications, for which they can apply.

AGENCY

Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) is the state agency responsible for further and higher-level qualifications in Ireland. QQI takes responsibility for quality control and standards in further and higher education. It ensures that students achieve qualifications that are valued nationally and internationally. It provides reliable information on the qualifications included in the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ).

FRAMEWORK

The National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) is a ten-level framework used to describe qualifications in the Irish education and training system. It lists the main qualifications awarded at each level and the pathways from one NFQ level to the next. The NFQ classifies the level, class of award and type of qualifications in Ireland from Level 1 right up to Level 10

BASIC NFQ AWARDS

Level 1 & Level 2 Awards: These awards cover basic literacy and numeracy. They are used for a wide range of people, including the young, the old, and people with intellectual or other disabilities. Adults returning to training or learners with few or no previous qualifications may also study for Level 1 and Level 2 awards.

SECOND LEVEL NFQ AWARDS

Level 3 Award: This is awarded to students who successfully complete the three-year Junior Cycle. It's a prestigious award as a public exam of the State Examinations Commission (SEC), the statutory body with responsibility for the operation of the state certificate exams. Very few students now leave school at the end of Junior Cycle, with the vast majority progressing on to study for the Leaving Cert exam. This year's Junior Cycle results were released last week and were excellent. As always, Junior Cycle exam results in Kerry were superb and well ahead of the last year's very high achievement due to the expansion of top grade bands. 73,336 candidates

nationwide, including 2,193 from Kerry, sat the Junior Cycle exam in 2025 compared to 72,833, including 2,186 from Kerry, in 2024.

Level 4 Award: The Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA), a Level 4 Award, is a distinct, self-contained two-year Leaving Certificate programme, which is strongly vocational. The subject areas are more practical than academic. It's a public exam of the SEC.

Level 5 Award: Both the traditional Leaving Certificate and the Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP) are a Level 5 Award. Both awards are a pathway to the world of work but more commonly used for entry to further and higher education. They are public exams of the SEC.

THIRD LEVEL NFQ AWARDS

Level 6 Award: This is a two-year Higher Certificate at third level education. It can be applied for through the Central Applications Office (CAO).

Level 7 Award: This is an Ordinary Bachelor Degree at third level. It's available as a three-year ab initio option through the CAO or may be added on to a Higher Certificate.

Level 8 Award: This is an Honours Bachelor Degree at third level. It's available as an ab initio option of four years duration – some Honours Degrees last for 3 or 5 years – through the CAO or can be built up from Level 6 and/or Level 7, usually known as the 'ladder system'.

Levels 9 and Level 10 Awards: Having obtained an Honours Bachelor Degree (Level 8), some graduates progress to postgraduate studies for a Master Degree (Level 9) or a Doctoral Degree (Level 10), but that is a matter for a few years hence.

FURTHER EDUCATION NFQ AWARDS

Level 5 & Level 6 Awards: Colleges of Further Education & Training (FET) throughout the country offer Post Leaving Cert (PLC) courses leading to awards at Certificate (Level 5) & Advanced Certificate (Level 6). PLC courses in the Further Education and Training (FET) system provide a connection between 2nd level education and 3rd level education. Each year, a quota of places is reserved by CAO for applicants from the PLC sector. CAO provides a link to FET options available to post-second level applicants on the "Further Education and Training & Apprenticeship" hub on the CAO website.

THE TERTIARY DEGREE

The National Tertiary Office (NTO) was established to coordinate further and higher education progression pathways from Further Education & Training (FET) courses to Higher Education Institutions (HEI). Tertiary Degrees are co-designed and co-delivered by the Education and Training Boards (ETB) and HEIs and they offer guaranteed pathways from further education to higher education, which are driven by an applicant's career interests rather than points achieved in the Leaving Cert exam. Tertiary Degrees look beyond grades and points. They provide a definite path to a third level qualification. Students can start studying in a local ETB and graduate from a Higher Education Institution with the dual benefits of both campuses throughout.

CHECKLIST

- QQI: Quality and Qualifications Ireland, responsible for further and higher-level qualifications in Ireland
- NFQ: National Framework of Qualifications, a 10-level framework of qualifications in the Irish education and training system.
- SEC: State Examinations Commission, responsible for operating the state exams
- CAO: Central Applications Office, processes applications for undergraduate courses in Irish Higher Education Institutions
- SOLAS: State agency tasked with building a world class FET sector
- FET: Further Education & Training, provides PLC courses, apprenticeships, traineeships, community & adult education, literacy and numeracy services
- PLC: Post Leaving Certificate – after 2nd level education & before 3rd level education
- TERTIARY DEGREE: offers guaranteed pathways from further education to higher education
- Honours Bachelor Degree (Level 8): Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Business Studies, Bachelor of Civil Law, Bachelor of Education, etc.

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Scoil Nuachabail student Euan Hannah, who won the Lee Strand Home work journal front cover winner 2025 and the school received a cheque for €250 on Wednesday. L to r: Theresa Walker (Lee Strand), Euan Hannah, Gearoid Linnane (CEO Lee Strand) and Anna Mason (Vice Principal) Photo:

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Killarney's O'Carroll Engineering named subcontractor of the year at Irish Construction Industry Awards

Killarney-based O'Carroll Engineering has achieved national recognition at the Irish Construction Industry Awards 2025, securing the prestigious Subcontractor of the Year title. The award was presented at a ceremony celebrating excellence across Ireland's construction sector on Friday night last in the Convention Centre Dublin.

The award recognised O'Carroll Engineering's exceptional performance throughout 2024/2025, particularly highlighting the company's expertise in delivering large-scale modular balcony systems for residential developments.

Established in 1990, O'Carroll Engineering has evolved from a two-person operation to become one of Ireland's premier modular steel fabrication specialists. The company now employs more than 165 skilled professionals at its state-of-the-art manufacturing facility in Tiernaboul Industrial Estate, Killarney.

The judges commended OCE's commitment to operational excellence, innovation in off-site manufacturing, and outstanding client satisfaction. The company's adoption of cutting-edge digital technology, including Building Information Modelling (BIM) integrated with 3D laser cutting systems, enables precision manufacturing that delivers significant time and cost savings for clients whilst reducing environmental impact.

Peter Brown, CFO / COO at O'Carroll Engineering, commented on the achievement: "This recognition reflects the exceptional dedication and expertise of our entire team. Our focus has always been on delivering



Alex Timmins, senior manager, building services at Hays Ireland, presents the Irish Construction Industry 2025 subcontractor of the year award to Adrian O'Connell, Commercial & Technical Manager (left) & John Looney, Head of Marketing (right), O'Carroll Engineering.

innovative, Irish-made solutions that provide real value to our clients through improved efficiency, quality, and sustainability. Winning this award validates our commitment to off-site manufacturing excellence and positions us strongly as we celebrate 35 years in business this year."

The Irish Construction Industry Awards, launched in 2014, represent the premier awards programme in Ireland's construction sector, attracting industry leaders and providing national exposure for excellence in the built environment.

Killarney Ladies claim Inaugural Kingdom Cup Victory

The inaugural Kingdom Cup proved to be a thrilling and competitive day of golf between the Killarney and Tralee ladies' teams, played in true Ryder Cup style.

Teams were selected based on Golfer of the Year points, showcasing players' outstanding performances throughout the season. The format featured five singles, three foursomes, and three fourball matches, creating a day full of excitement and skill. Play began under glorious autumn sunshine on the Killeen Course, where every match was closely contested, with both sides battling for every shot. As the day drew to a close, the teams were tied 5-5, leaving the final match to decide the Cup's destiny. In near darkness on the 18th green, the Killarney Ladies held their nerve, sinking a crucial putt to secure victory and lift the first-ever Kingdom Cup with a final score of 6-5.

A special thank you goes to Lady Captain Máire Murphy for presenting the Cup and to everyone who contributed to making the day such a memorable success. The Killarney team now eagerly looks forward to the return match in Tralee next year.



Captain Marie Murphy pictured with Susan Graham and the Killarney Ladies Team who claimed the inaugural Kingdom Cup.

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Gleneagle Concert Band Strikes the Right Note with Major Hollywood Film



Members of The Gleneagle Concert Band have landed roles in a major Hollywood production currently shooting in West Cork. The World War II biopic, inspired by the life of Hollywood icon James Stewart, chronicles his time as a combat pilot after pausing his entertainment career to serve in the U.S. Army Air Corps. Expected to be the largest film production in Ireland this year, it is slated for a U.S. release in November 2026. Band Musical Director Vincent Condon described the opportunity as the result of curiosity and perfect timing.

"I read that a major film was being shot in West Cork and got in touch to see if they needed a band. Wartime movies often feature military bands, and they were delighted that I reached out. The film required an all-male band under 25, which is historically accurate. Filming took place at the start of October, and it was a fantastic experience for everyone involved."



Band Manager Ciaran Lynch described the experience as unforgettable.

"The band was excellent. We did everything asked of us with no fuss, and it was amazing to see how a major movie comes together. In a year or so, we'll be able to sit in the cinema with our families and point to the screen saying, 'We were part of that!'"

This latest experience follows the band's highly successful summer tour to Seville and Gibraltar, where they performed alongside the Midleton Concert Band beneath Seville's spectacular Las

Setas structure. The trip marked the band's eighth international tour, continuing a proud tradition of representing Killarney abroad.

With opportunities ranging from international tours to movie sets, the Gleneagle Concert Band continues to give its members unique and creative musical experiences both at home and overseas.

Anyone interested in joining the band or enrolling for instrumental lessons is encouraged to get in touch on 087 222 9513.

Changemakers Voice Exhibition Launched at Siamsa Tire

Inspired's Scotia Village has opened its latest exhibition "Changemakers Voice" in Siamsa Tire, Tralee. The exhibition highlights the talents of adults with intellectual disabilities and their contribution towards climate action.

The official Launch Night took place on Wednesday, October 16th from 7-8:30pm at Siamsa Tire. Visitors can now view the exhibition where they can look forward to an extraordinary range of eco-inspired artworks, including:

A Sculptural Safari featuring a captivating collection of animal sculptures crafted entirely from reclaimed timber and found metal objects, celebrating creativity through reuse. These pieces will be sold through silent auction and details are available at Siamsa Tire or on the Inspired website.

The Tree of Life, stands at the heart of the exhibition. Visitors are invited to make a €10 donation to support Inspired's ongoing inclusion programmes. In return, they can hang a hand-painted batik leaf with their own message of hope or encouragement on the Tree, tying it with a yellow ribbon as a symbol of unity, support, and growth within the community. The Stucco Leaf installation is a delicate range of hand-formed leaves made from reused cardboard, symbolising regeneration and the beauty of second chances. The Making Nature Magical section is a



Attending the Launch of the Inspired's Scotia Village latest exhibition "Changemakers Voice" at the Siamsa Tire, Tralee on Friday Morning, from left, Craig Locke Representing Pat McDonnell Paints and Ashley Hood (Painting & Spraying Contractor) and Dale O'Carroll (Inspired), with some of the Fantastic Fairy Houses on Display at the Siamsa Tire.

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heartwarming display of super large fairy houses crafted from rough wood, each one individually hand-painted and decorated to inspire appreciation for nature, biodiversity, and outdoor wonder among young and old alike. The fairy houses are available for

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Coffee Morning Held in Memory of Derry O'Leary

to Support Kerry Hospice Foundation

A Coffee Morning took place on Sunday, 5th October 2025, in aid of the Kerry Hospice Foundation and in memory of Derry (Jeremiah) O'Leary. The event was held from 12.30 pm to 2.30 pm at Kilcummin Recreational Hall.

Organisers welcomed the local community to attend and make a donation, no matter how big or small. For those who could not attend

in person, donations were also accepted online at www.hospicecoffeemorning.ie

The organisers emphasised that every euro raised locally stayed locally, supporting vital hospice services in Kerry. The event provided an opportunity for the community to come together in remembering Derry while supporting a valuable cause.



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KILCUMMIN PARISH

Written by: Helen Moynihan

MENS SHED OPEN DAY

Kilcummin Men's shed are having an open day on Friday 24th October from 10am to 12pm at Mastergeeha F.C Kilcummin Killarney, V93T276. Sign up, volunteer, sponsor or simply come to find out more about Contact us on kilcumminmensshed@gmail.com or 087 2422299.

All are welcome for a cuppa and a chat.

UPCOMING DATES FOR STATIONS MASS

Upcoming Dates for Stations Mass: Coolick School Area on Thursday, 16th October @7.30pm; Parish Church Centre on Thursday 23rd October @7.30pm.

TRACTOR RUN

Tractor run will take place on Sunday 26th October. Tractors, trucks, motorcycles, vintage & modified cars. Registration from 11.00am, leaving "The Village Inn Bar" at 1pm. Live Music in bar 3.00 – 9.00pm. All proceeds go to Kerry Cancer Support Group. Please contact Dale 087 4592884 for further information.

POSITIVE AGEING EXERCISE CLASS

Positive Ageing Exercise Class continues every Tuesday in Kilcummin Recreational Hall from 10.30am to 11.30am. For more information please contact Mary Coleman 087 9757951.

KILCUMMIN BABY AND TODDLER

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

KILCUMMIN MOTHERS & OTHERS

Kilcummin Mothers & Others are set to host a Halloween-themed Table Quiz on Friday, Oct 24th at 8pm in Kilcummin GAA Hall. The event promises a fun-filled evening with prizes for the best costume, a mega raffle, and €100 cash prize for the winning table! All support is greatly appreciated.

KILCUMMIN GAA By Donal Barry

EAST KERRY

There was no joy for the Kilcummin representatives on the East Kerry Senior team on Saturday when they were defeated by Rathmore in the Garvey's Supervalu Senior County Football Championship Quarter Final. Paul O Shea and Philip O'Leary once again contributed to the scoreboard. Daragh O'Callaghan and Matt Keane were also amongst the starting line-up, however Matt was withdrawn early due to injury.

SENIORS

Our Senior team take on Fossa (Away) next Saturday 18th October in the O'Donoghue Cup with a 1.45pm throw in time. Best of luck to the players and management as we look to get back to the final following last year's great run in the competition.

JUNIORS

Our Junior team were defeated by Gneeveguilla in the opening round of the O'Sullivan Cup on Sunday 3-10 to 2-10. Well done to all the players who toggled out with the B team during the year having secured the Division 6 county league shield being a great achievement.

UNDER 16'S

Our Under 16's are into the Division 1 East Kerry Championship preliminary round following a big opening round win over Dr. Crokes on Sunday morning, where they will face Furies on October 26th. The winners will secure a semi-final spot with Killarney Legion. Kenmare Shamrocks and Listry will face each other in the other semi-final.

SUPER 10'S

Best of luck to the under 14 boys' team who are through to the Super 10's County Final on Thursday evening next in Tralee. They qualified from East Kerry on Saturday morning last having defeated Spa with an impressive second half. In their second game they were defeated by Furies but had done enough to take one of the two spots available for the county final at that stage.

TRAINING WITH THE STARS

Our U10 and U11 boys travelled to Kenmare on Saturday to take part in the Training with the Stars event in aid of St. Francis Special School, Beaufort. They all had a fantastic day meeting some of their football heroes getting autographs and photos and even getting a special photo with the one and only Sam Maguire. A big thank you to our coaches, Shane Ryan and Tomás Kennedy, and to all the parents for their support in making the trip to Kenmare.

UNDER 15 GIRLS

Hard luck to Melissa O' Connor, Ailbhe O' Callaghan, Rhea Kate Devane, Ella Murphy, Katie Brosnan, Rebecca O' Connell and Michelle Doolan who were members of the East Kerry under 15 district ladies' team who were defeated by West Kerry in the county championship on Saturday. Kilcummin was also represented by John O Callaghan on the management team.

SYMPATHY

The Club would like to offer their condolences to Mike, Diarmuid and Shane and the Callaghan family on the passing of Mike's brother Jeremiah resident of Bray, Co. Wicklow and formerly of Kilcummin. May he rest in peace.

AGM

Kilcummin GAA AGM will take place on November 28th, 2025, at the Club house.

NATIONAL CLUB DRAW

The National Club Draw is back for 2026. Running a Club comes at a cost so we are asking all Club Supporters and Members to consider purchasing a ticket which can be done by logging onto your Foireann.ie

QUIZ NIGHT

Our Mothers and Others are holding a fun Halloween Quiz night in the Klub Bar on Friday 24th at 8pm.

HEARTSAFE KILCUMMIN

Well done to all the Kilcummin Mothers & Others who took part in the Heartsaver AED course held in the Kilcummin GAA clubhouse. A huge thank you to the Michael Linehan HeartSafe instructors Conor & Derek O' Leary & Siobhan Linehan for delivering such an informative and practical evening.

LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Monday 6th October for the Jackpot of €4,250. Numbers drawn were 01,03,12,19. Consolation prizes of €50 went Mike Casey Dunrine, Noreen Scanlon, (online), Mike Cronin c/o James Foley, Annmarie Daly, Our Lady of Lourdes. Our next draw will be on Monday 20th October for Jackpot of €4,500.

MASTERGEEHA FC - SFAI NATIONAL CUP ROUND 2

Mastergeeha U12s has their second outing in the SFAI National Cup with a home fixture in Kilbrean Park last Saturday against Ballymackey FC from Tipperary. Score at full time was 6-1. Goals for Mastergeeha FC; Dara Burchill (3) Sean Breen (1) and Thomas O'Sullivan (2).

LOTTO

There was no winner on Friday 10th October 2025 of the Jackpot €11,400. Numbers drawn were 7, 13, 14, 26. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Elaine, Seán & Gearóid Kerins, Kilcummin; MJ. Lenihan, Post Office; Rochelle Hynes, Youghal, Co. Cork; Eileen Daly, Knockeendubh. The next draw will be on Friday 17th October for Jackpot of €11,600.

Kilcummin Men's Shed Invites All to Open Day

The newly established Kilcummin Men's Shed is opening its doors and everyone is invited to come along, have a cuppa, and see what it's all about! The Open Day takes place on Friday, October 24th, from 10am to 12pm at Mastergeeha F.C., Kilcummin, Killarney (V93 T276). The event conveniently aligns with the Gneeveguilla-Killarney

TFI R57 bus schedule, making it easy for anyone to drop in. Visitors can learn more about how to join, volunteer, or support the Men's Shed, or simply pop by for a friendly chat and a cup of tea. The group welcomes men of all ages and backgrounds who want to share skills, meet new people, and be part of a positive community space.

Organisers say they're excited to get the project up and running and hope locals will come along to show their support. For more information, contact 087 242 2299, visit Kilcummin Men's Shed on Facebook, or email kilcumminmensshed@gmail.com



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BEAUFORT PARISH

By Bridget Hartnett

LOTTO RESULTS

Lotto Draw was held on Sunday night last. Numbers drawn were 7, 10, 12, 21. There was no winner. Consolation Prize winners: €80 Pat O’Leary, Upper Park Road. €50 each to Ronan Ferris, Gap of Dunloe, Lisa Ferris, Dunloe Heights and James Breen, Coolmagort. Next Draw for a Jackpot of €8,200 will be held on Sunday, 26th October. Tickets available from the usual sellers , local shops and online (online tickets must be purchased before 7pm). <https://beaufortgaa.clubforce.com/products/lotto/beaufort-gaa-club> Your support is greatly appreciated.

GIRLS U8

Team finished out this morning in beautiful sunshine. A fun morning was had with parents participating in fun drills & some point scoring with the girls ultimately winning. This was followed by medal presentation to the girls by Sean O’Brien & Fay O’Donoghue, who gave generously of their time. Best of luck to the girls going up to U10 & we looking forward to a new bunch of U8 for 2026. 2025 U8 girls: Ella Tagney, Molly Tagney, Sarah O Connor, Oliva O Brien, Ellie Lynch, Evelyn Murphy, Masie Johnson, Shae Spillane, Laoise McMahon, Leah Cronin, Indie Breen, Aoife Corcoran, Tara

Mulready, Amira O Reilly, Clodagh Doyle, Grace O Sullivan. A big THANK YOU to the coaches who give so generously of their time each Sunday.

BEAUFORT MINOR MEN

Played Miltown/Castlemaine in Keel in the semi final of the Mid-Kerry Championship on Sunday last. Well done to Mid Kerry who beat Spa on Sunday. They now play Dingle on Sunday next in Tralee.

BEAUFORT FILM NIGHT

Will hold a film night on Friday 17th October at 8.30pm at Cullina National School, Beaufort. The feature film on the night is The Marching Band, a French drama-comedy (with English subtitles). Cert 12A. Admission €7 cash (No card payment available).

BEAUFORT PIONEER COUNCIL

will hold their Rambling House on Saturday November 15th. in Beaufort Community Hall at 8pm. Details later.

SPA PARISH

By Leanne Cronin

SENIOR MEN

In the East Kerry Senior Championships

(Dr. O’Donoghue Cup) Spa will play the winners of Furies vs Listry (this game is scheduled for Sunday October 19th). Fixture TBC.

EAST KERRY MINOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Division 2/3 (13/15 a side)

Spa play Glenflesk on Saturday 18th October at 2pm in Spa. Winners Spa/ Glenflesk will play the losers of Kenmare/Dr. Crokes. Final is scheduled for Saturday 15th November.

HANDBALL

The talented handballers of the universities of Ireland are holding a competition in the hall in Spa on Saturday the 18th of October from 10am to 5 pm. Parents bring your children to see this fast skilful game. Need more information, ring Brendan on 086 1929507.

Any items for our notes please contact Leanne 085-7762411

LISTRY PARISH

Written by: Colette Leslie

LOTTO

Numbers Drawn 03 17 23 27 - Not Won.

€100 Siobhan O’Shea Lissivane East (online)

€50 Helen Enright Milltown

€50 Lorraine Cosgrave Lissivane East (online)

€25 Siobhan Hayes Culleenymore

€25 Dylan Enright Nauntinane

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SENIORS

Listry seniors play Furies on Sunday 19th away at 1.30 pm.

MINORS

Listry minors play the East Kerry Championship next Saturday 18th away v Furies at 2pm.

Juvenile Update – 13/10/25

SEASON WRAP-UP

All our underage teams, except the U16s, have now completed their season. A sincere word of thanks to all our coaches from academy upwards for the

time, effort, and commitment they’ve dedicated throughout the year. Your work is greatly appreciated by players, parents, and the club alike.

U16S

Our U16s began their East Kerry Championship campaign on Sunday with a strong performance away to Rathmore, coming away with a well-earned win. This result sees them qualify for the East Kerry semi-final, where they will face Kenmare at home in the coming weeks. The fixture details will be shared once confirmed.

FOSSA TWO MILE CCÉ

Fossa Two Mile CCE would like to thank those who came and supported their Set Dancing Reunion night. Hope you enjoyed the event . Set Dancing Classes with Catherine Joy which have returned on Tuesday nights at Fossa Community Centre. 8.30 for beginners and 9pm for improvers and advanced.

JUNIOR SET DANCING CLASSES

have also returned on Wednesdays from 5.30-6.30. suitable for all ages from 7 years both boys and girls.

Sem Students Volunteer in Lourdes

St Brendan’s College students who travelled as volunteers with the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes Tom Purcell, Adam Lynch Herlihy (centre) Julian McLellan Shannon, Harry Blythe, Andi O’Cathasaigh (back) Colm O’Brienm, Daithí O’Sullivan and Dara Lynch who were volunteers in Lourdes recently with teachers Shane Healy and Mairead Hodges.

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RATHMORE | GNEEVEGUILLA PARISH

By Michael O' Mahony

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We wish Jack the best for the future in both his studies and athletics and hope to see him back for the Summer holidays 2026 helping out with our many different events.

RESULTS

Rathmore had great win over East Kerry on Saturday last in Garveys super valu Qualifier Final semi final Final score 1-21 (24) to -09 (09) in the Garveys super Valu county senior championship in Fitzgerald Stadium congratulations to players & Management everyone involved in club in great victory

FIXTURES GARVEYS SUPER VALU SENIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI FINAL

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Results

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SYMPATHIES

To Denis McCrohan, Ard Mhuire on the death of his mother Mae McCrohan (Caherciveen) Maes funeral took place on Saturday 4th October in Caherciveen.

To the family Nora (O'Connor), Rose, Niall & Donie Crowley & families on the death of their sister Sheila Crowley whose funeral took place on Monday 6th Oct in Barraduff

To Jenny Carey, Ned & family on the of their brother Patsy Sheehan,



Rathmore mothers & others in New York recently.

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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.

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Both Cllr. Maura Healy Rae & Danny Healy Rae made strong representations on behalf of the residents, following severe flooding in the area.

Contact - Maura 087 7816432 Danny 087 2316055.

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.

GLENFLESK PARISH

Written by: Sean Daly

MILLENNIUM CUP

The Glenflesk Millennium Cup winning team will be honoured at half time this Saturday during the County Championship Semi Final between Rathmore and Austin Stacks at 4pm in Fitzgerald Stadium. This marks the 25th anniversary of the team's memorable Millennium Cup victory and provides an opportunity to recognise and celebrate their outstanding achievement.

O'SULLIVAN CUP

Glenflesk had a good win at home against Fries last Sunday in the first round of the O'Sullivan Cup. Final score 2:20 to 1:13.

SCÓR NA ÓG

To all club members under the age of 17 on the 1st of January 2025, who would like to take part in the County Final of Scór Na nÓg in Foilmore on Sunday 2nd of November. Figure dancing, recitation, solo singing, instrumental music, ballad Group, novelty act, set dancing and table quiz. Please contact Micheal MacGillicuddy 087 2884507 for more information.



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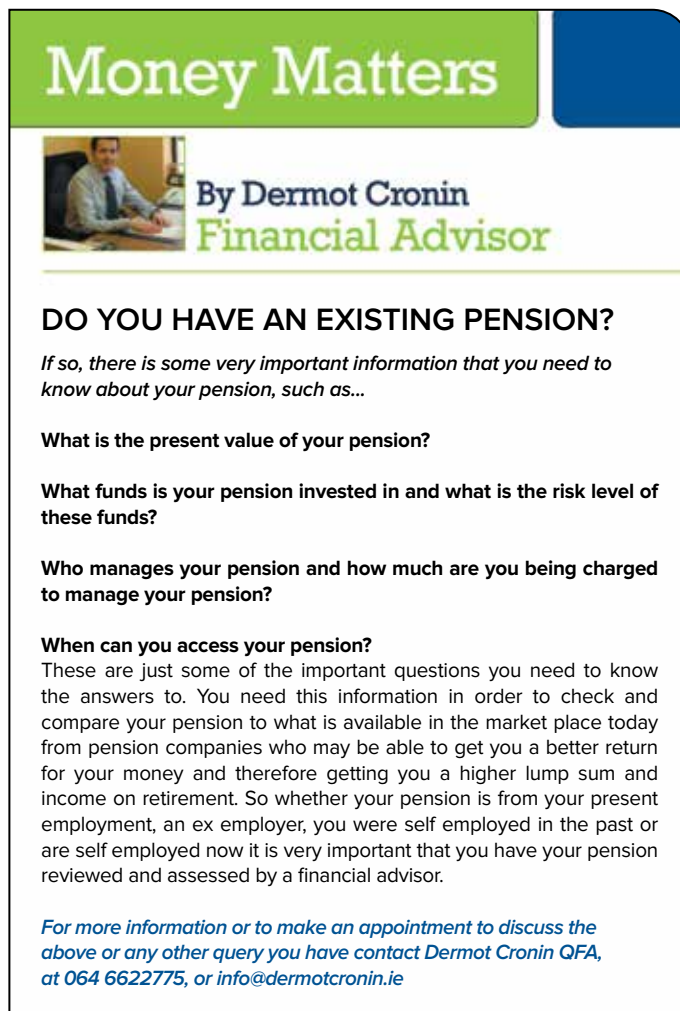
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RESULTS

and Notes for publication on Oct 17th.
On Sunday 12th we held the Autumn Sahara Cup stableford competition.

The winners were:

- 1st ... Conor Brosnan 35 (15)
2nd ... John Ivory 34 (14)

DIVISION 1

- 1st ... Aidan O'Connor 33 (8)
2nd ... Mike O'Keefe 33 (11)

Division 2

- 1st ... Derek McAllister 34 (15)
2nd ... Donie Broderick 33 (14)

Division 3

- 1st ... Tom Shields 33 (26)
2nd ... Maurice Coffey 32 (29)

On Thursday 9th our Seniors held a 10 hole stableford competition.

The winners were:

- 1st ... Pat Mitchell 19 pts.
2nd ... Ger Murphy 19 pts.
3rd ... Mike O'Leary 19pts.
4th ... Dermot O'Connor 18pts.

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DIVISION 2

- 1st Paul Twiss (9) 67 net
2nd Tomas Barry (9) 68 net
3rd Jamie Cooper (10) 69 net

DIVISION 3

- 1st Paul McMahon (16) 70 net
2nd Owen Nolan (12) 71 net
3rd Gary Kerrisk (16) 71 net

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- 1st Shaun O'Connor (19) 68 net
2nd Niall Kavanagh (19) 69 net
3rd Cian O'Keefe (22) 70 net

KILLARNEY GOLF & FISHING CLUB - LADIES

COMPETITION RESULTS

18 Hole Single Stableford kindly sponsored by Heineken played on Killeen Course on 11th & 12th October 2025

- Overall, Winner Susan Tong (16) 42pts
2nd Elizabeth Kelleher (17) 42pts
Best Gross Lisa Cullen 32pts
3rd Kate O'Leary (21) 38pts
4th Mary Chute (22) 36pts
5th Julie Kelly (12) 35pts
11 Hole Competition Winner Anne Looney (21) 24pts



Deerpark Pitch & Putt Club members Fionn McMonagle (second right, 8-13 Boys winner) and Aodhan O'Halloran (8-13 Third Place) pictured with their prizes from the Crosshaven U16 Scratch Cup in Cork last weekend along with club-mates Daniel Quinlan (left) and Fionn O'Callaghan (right).

Next Fixture will be 18th & 19th October 2025 is 18 Hole & 11 Hole Single Stableford on Killeen Course kindly sponsored by Tim Jones.

DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT NATIONAL INTER-CLUB

Unfortunately, despite some strong efforts our two teams in the National Inter-Club Finals in Fermoy last Saturday could not make it through to the semi-finals on Sunday as the No 1 team were seventh overall and four shots off fourth with the No 2 team finishing 10th overall. The players that represented the club were Damien Fleming, John McGrath, James Fleming, Connie O'Sullivan Jnr, Colm O'Dowd and James Foley (Deerpark 1) and Cillian Courtney, Michael Cronin, Noel Moynihan, Mark O'Shea, David Harnett and Paddy Murphy (Deerpark 2).

CROSSHAVEN U16 SCRATCH CUP

Elsewhere in Cork last Saturday though it was a great day at the Crosshaven U16 Scratch Cup as Fionn McMonagle won the 8-13 Event as Aodhan O'Halloran was also third in the same section.

SUNDAY DRAWS

Two Ball Scramble- First Nett: John Looney & James Foley 35, Gross: Connie O'Sullivan Jnr & Dan Kiely 44, Second Nett: Sean Ashe & Denis Duggan 36 & Hole(s)-In-One: Sean Ashe (7th) and Niall O'Loughlin (10th).

KILDARE SHORT GRASS CLASSIC

Congratulations to Connie Jnr and Derry O'Sullivan along with Paddy Murphy who were announced as overall winners of the event on the weekend of Oct 5th last week.

INTER-COUNTY TEAMS

The County Board invites any interested members of Kerry clubs to a meeting in Tralee on October 22nd next at 8pm to discuss the make-up on next year's teams across all different grades including Ladies and U16 teams.

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

The club also wishes to offer our sympathies to Darragh O'Callaghan and his family at this time on the death of his uncle Paudie in the past.

KERRY PITCH & PUTT CLUB

It was a disappointing day for the three Kerry sides at the National Inter-Club Finals in Fermoy last Saturday as neither of the two Deerpark teams or the Tralee side managed to make it through to the semi-finals as the Singles proved to be the downfall of the Kerry sides in the main in the 16-team event.

The Deerpark 1 side of Damien Fleming, John McGrath, James Fleming, Con O'Sullivan Jnr. Colm O'Dowd and James Foley were a combined 18 under par for their Scotch Foursomes and Singles rounds but missed out on a semi-final place by four shots in having to settle for seventh. Both the Deerpark 2 and Tralee 1 sides finished on 13 under par combined meanwhile in finishing 10th and 11th respectively. Deerpark 2 were made up of Cillian Courtney, Michael Cronin, Noel Moynihan, Mark O'Shea, Paddy Murphy and David Harnett while Tralee were represented by Jason Cregan, Michael Conway, Reece Sugrue, Michael Creagh, Alan O'Connor and Gavin Dillane. There was better news at the Crosshaven U16 Scratch Cup however as Deerpark's Fionn McMonagle won the 8-13 section while his club-mate Aodhan O'Halloran was third in the same section. The County Board would also like to congratulate the Deerpark trio of Connie O'Sullivan Jnr, Derry O'Sullivan and Paddy Murphy on their recent win in the Kildare Short Grass Classic Scramble.

The season itself now has only two fixtures of Kerry interest left, the National Scotch Foursomes Finals on the October Bank Holiday Weekend and the Inter-Provincial Challenge on the first Saturday in November.

The County Board are invited interested members from Kerry clubs to a meeting on October 22nd at 8pm in the Tralee clubhouse to discuss the Kerry Inter-County teams for next year.

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Families are invited to take part in the Halloween Fancy Dress Parade at 4.00 pm (registration from 3.30 pm), where every child who joins in will receive a free goody bag. Fantastic prizes await the most creative costumes, thanks to the generosity of local sponsors:

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In addition to the parade, the afternoon will be packed with free entertainment for children and families to enjoy, including:

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The event promises something for everyone, offering families a safe and festive way to celebrate Halloween in the heart of Killarney.

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Each participant chooses a figure to create, with options ranging from delicate ballerinas and graceful fairies to fierce werewolves and classic characters like Frankenstein. The casting



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A visit to the Toy Soldier Factory offers much more than an afternoon of entertainment. It provides an opportunity for families to connect, create, and share in the joy of making something together. With its welcoming atmosphere, interactive workshops, and scenic setting in Macroom, it's no wonder this local gem continues to delight visitors of all ages. For details and bookings, visit toysoldierfactory.ie

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Pauline Collins, Assistant Director Public Health Nursing; Alice Moore, Assistant Director Public Health Nursing & Co-ordinator, Community Families Kerry; Norma Foley, Minister for Children, Disability and Equality; Helen Sweeney, Director Public Health Nursing; Ann Moynihan, Senior manager PPFS Kerry, Tusla; Caroline Sheehan, National Home Visiting Programme Manager, Tusla; Marie Boyne, Senior National Co-ordinator, Community Families, Early Learning Initiative; pictured at the National Home Visiting Day Celebration in Tralee which highlights the impact of home visiting across Ireland, and the trusted relationships that support parents and children during pregnancy and early childhood.




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- Short-sightedness (myopia), long-sightedness (hyperopia), astigmatism and presbyopia
- An eye injury which may have scratched the cornea
- Foreign object in the eye
- Eye drops
- Dry eye
- Cataracts
- Age-related macular degeneration
- A migraine

Blurred vision can also be a symptom of non-optical conditions such as a diabetes, a stroke and preeclampsia (a condition caused by high blood pressure in pregnancy).

What are the symptoms of blurred vision?

Blurred vision is hazy and unfocussed, as though you

were looking through an oily film and you feel you need to rub your eyes to get things back into focus.

It can affect your entire field of vision or your peripheral vision (the edges of your vision), and can occur in one eye or both. You may not realise that you have blurred vision in one eye until you do something that requires shutting your other eye – for example, doing your make up. This is because your brain provides compensation.

How do you treat blurred vision?

As blurred vision has many possible causes, the treatment will depend on the condition. If the blurring is recurring or ongoing, you should book an eye examination. This will investigate the cause and recommend suitable treatment or refer you to an appropriate specialist.

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“63-Year-Old Reality Check” campaign urges early action on heart health

*As the average age of patients presenting to Rapid Cardiac Care is just 63, Blackrock Health is encouraging people to take be ‘Heart Smart’ in midlife**

New data from Blackrock Health has shown that the average age of patients attending its Rapid Cardiac Care service is just 63, a stark reminder that heart problems can often emerge earlier than many people expect and are not solely an “older person’s” issue. Cardiovascular disease (CVD) remains the leading cause of death worldwide. The most recent data shows that nearly 9,000 people in Ireland die from CVD each year, despite evidence that up to 80% of premature cases are preventable.

On the back of this data, Blackrock Health has launched the “63-Year-Old Reality Check” to encourage people to be ‘Heart Smart’ and give their heart health the attention it deserves earlier in life.

Dr Daniel O’Hare, Consultant Cardiologist at Blackrock Health outlines some of the most common cardiovascular conditions, how to look after your heart and what to do if you experience cardiac symptoms.

Q&A with Dr Daniel O’Hare, Consultant Cardiologist at Blackrock Health

Dr Daniel O’Hare, Consultant Cardiologist at Blackrock Health says: “Heart disease and cardiac issues are not just an issue for older people. We are increasingly seeing risk factors and diagnoses in patients in their 40s and 50s. Stress, high blood pressure, raised cholesterol and a sedentary lifestyle can all have serious consequences if left unaddressed. Recognising the signs early and taking proactive steps can save lives.”

What are the most common cardiovascular conditions, and what causes them?

“The most frequent reasons that people present to our Rapid Cardiac Care service include chest pain, arrhythmias and heart failure. Cardiovascular problems are often linked to risk factors including inactivity, smoking, obesity and family history. They may also develop silently over time due to atherosclerosis, which is the gradual build-up of fatty deposits in the arteries.”

When do things start to change, and at what age should heart health become a real priority?

“From your 40s onwards, the long-term impact of lifestyle habits often starts to surface. For those who are sedentary, smoke, or have an unbalanced diet, this may translate into high blood pressure, raised



cholesterol or even diabetes. At the same time, many people in their 40s are juggling demanding, stressful routines, and stress-related symptoms can sometimes disguise an underlying cardiac issue. It’s a stage of life when paying closer attention to your heart becomes essential.”

Which symptoms should never be ignored, regardless of age?

Dr O’Hare explains: “Many assume it is ‘normal’ to feel breathless when climbing stairs, struggle with housework, or tire easily during exercise, but this is not always the case. Chest pain, shortness of breath, dizziness and unusual fatigue should never be dismissed as signs of ageing. These symptoms may signal an underlying heart problem and warrant immediate medical attention.”

How important is early diagnosis in cardiovascular disease?

“Early detection can change the course of a patient’s life. Identifying heart issues before a cardiac event such as a heart attack, for example, allowing us to intervene with medication and, importantly, support people to make lifestyle changes that can reduce risk or manage the condition.”

If symptoms are silent, how can people seek help early?

“From the age of 40, a cardiac check-up should form part of routine health screening with your GP. For people with additional risk factors such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol, obesity, diabetes, smoking, a sedentary lifestyle or a family history of heart

disease, regular monitoring is especially important. Agreeing the right frequency of consultations and tests with your healthcare provider depending on your history is essential for prevention.”

Is it ever “too late” to change lifestyle habits?

“Never. It is always the right time to introduce regular physical activity, adopt a balanced diet, stop smoking, and reduce or eliminate alcohol. The benefits go far beyond test results, people report improved energy, better sleep, and an overall sense of wellbeing. Both physical and mental health improve significantly.”

If someone is worried about their heart health or experiencing concerning symptoms, what should they do?

“If you notice chest pain, shortness of breath, dizziness or an irregular heartbeat, it’s vital not to ignore these warning signs. The earlier you are assessed, the better the outcomes”, reinforces the Dr O’Hare.

The Blackrock Health Rapid Cardiac Care service provides swift access to specialist cardiology teams in Blackrock, Galway and Hermitage clinics, with or without a GP referral. Patients can be seen quickly, undergo essential tests, and begin appropriate treatment without delay.

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Fact file – Cardiovascular health in Ireland Cardiovascular disease (CVD) is the leading cause of death in Ireland, responsible for nearly 9,000 deaths each year.¹

Up to 80% of premature CVD cases are considered preventable.¹

The average age of patients presenting to Blackrock Health’s Rapid Cardiac Care service is just 63: a reminder that heart disease can develop much earlier than many expect.*

The most common cardiac presentations to Rapid Cardiac Care are chest pain, arrhythmia and heart failure.*

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DAIL VISIT FOR KERRY SOCIAL FARMING

Representatives from Kerry Social Farming (KSF) appeared before the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Agriculture and Food on 8th of October 2025. Following an invitation from the Committee, facilitated by Danny Healy-Rae TD, KSF Working Group Chairman Éamon Horgan, Joseph McCrohan KSF Manager and KSF participant Brendan O'Sullivan addressed the Committee, with host farmers Bernadette O'Donoghue (Valentia) and Berend Vroom (Glencar) together with Ellen O'Donoghue (Valentia) social farming participant, also present on the day. They outlined the origins and development of social farming in Kerry and the vital difference which it is making to the lives of so many.

The group urged the Committee to press the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine for additional funding for Kerry Social Farming, in advance of end of the current funding cycle in 2026. They answered detailed questions from Committee members on the operation of the voluntary model and how it is proving successful to a level where 40 farms, together with 3 community allotments and gardens across Kerry are currently taking 60 participants each week. These farms achieved over 1,800 social farming days in 2024 the highest in any county.

Additional funding is needed to allow for further expansion so that existing participants and host farms can be supported and new farms recruited to meet demand from over 80 people with disabilities looking to go social



Pictured at Dail Eireann are (l-r) Julie Brosnan (SKDP/KSF), Éamon Horgan (Chair of Kerry Social Farming Working Group), Joseph McCrohan (SKDP), Danny Healy-Rae TD, Berend Vroom (Glencar), Emily Moran (SKDP/KSF), Brendan O'Sullivan (Cahersiveen), Ellen and Bernadette O'Donoghue (Valentia).

farming in Kerry. The Committee heard about financial support which Kerry Social Farming has received from Kerry Dairy Ireland and the ongoing partnership with TFI Local Link Kerry, which demonstrate the impact of the project and its importance to the local community.

Full recording of the proceedings can be viewed at <https://www.oireachtas.ie/en/oireachtas-tv/>

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Kerry Social Farming is grateful to all Committee members for their interest in our work. Thanks to Deputy Danny Healy-Rae for his support and hospitality and to Minister Michael Healy-Rae and Deputy Michael Cahill who also met us on the day.

Households ripped off by price gouging energy companies - Pa Daly TD

Sinn Féin spokesperson on Climate, the Environment and Energy, Pa Daly TD, has slammed the government for failing to hold energy companies to account as households are crippled by sky-high energy costs. His comments come as new International Energy Agency (IEA) figures confirm that the gap between Irish retail prices and wholesale costs is the largest in Europe.

Deputy Daly called on the government to implement Sinn Féin's proposals to rein in profit hungry energy companies.

Commenting on a report published by the IEA, Teachta Daly said:

"The IEA's analysis confirms what Sinn Féin has been saying for some time. Consumers are being ripped off and the government refuses to do anything to stop it.

"Not only are Irish households paying some of the highest electricity prices in Europe, we also have the largest gap between the cost of power and what people are paying.

"The retail price is a staggering three times higher than the average wholesale price. On average, Irish households pay around \$0.45 according to the IEA. \$0.33 goes towards the

energy component. Alarming, this means the gap between market costs and retail bills far exceeds the European average.

"Sinn Féin has been pointing for years now that there is something deeply wrong with how Ireland's energy market operates.

"For example, the cost of energy has fallen much slower here to reflect wholesale price decreases during 2023 and 2024.

"Unlike other European energy companies, Irish suppliers chose to keep prices high. And over recent weeks, there has been a spate of increases across the board.

"This is yet another body blow to Irish households who are barely making ends meet.

"I have argued time and time again that it doesn't have to be this way.

"The structural failures in our energy market can be fixed.

"However, the desire and the political will must be there. Fianna Fáil, Fine Gael and the Lowry-led Regional Independents however, are more concerned with the corporate balance sheet than with the needs of ordinary workers and families.

"Successive governments have ignored Sinn Féin's proposals to hold energy companies to account and put a stop to such rampant price gouging.

"Sinn Féin has several proposals, including legislation to strengthen the energy regulator's power to do its job properly and hold energy companies to account. Fairness and affordability should be the heart of Ireland's energy market, rather than profiteering.

"Until such meaningful structural reforms are implemented to bring down prices for good, the government should have continued to provide electricity credits. Emergency supports should not have been withdrawn precisely as Ireland's energy crisis deepens. Ripping away supports while prices are skyrocketing is not only cruel, it also proves yet again just how cynical many of the commitments made by the government parties during the election were.

"I am calling on Fianna Fáil, Fine Gael and the Regional Independents to keep their election promises to their constituents to tackle Ireland's exorbitant energy costs. They must adopt Sinn Féin's proposals to hold energy companies to account."



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Bridge Bar, Rathmore
Dennehy's Bar, Rathmore
Richie McAuliffe's, Gneeveguilla

3rd Friday

7.30 PM
8.00 PM
8.15 PM
9.00 PM
9.30 PM

Castleisland Area

River Island Hotel, Castleisland
The Kingdom Bar, Castleisland
The Crown Hotel, Castleisland
Hughes Bar, Cordal
Lyon's Bar, Scartaglen

1st Wednesday

8.00 PM
8.30 PM
9.00 PM
9.30 PM

Killarney Area

Torc Hotel, Lissivigeen
The Village Inn, Kilcummin
Old Killarney Inn, Aghadoe
The Golden Nugget, Fossa

4th Thursday

7:00 PM
7.30 PM
8.15 PM
8.45 PM
9.15 PM
9.45 PM

Killorglin Area

Golden Nugget, Fossa
Galvin's Bar, Beaufort
O'Grady's Bar, Killorglin
Larkin's Bar, Milltown
Griffins Bar, Castlemaine
Anvil Bar, Boolteens

1st Thursday

8.30 PM
9.00 PM
9.30 PM
10:00 PM

Glenflesk & Barraduff

The Kerry Way, Glenflesk
Spillane's Headford
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4th Friday

8.30 PM
9.30 PM
10.00 PM
10.45 PM

Kenmare & Sneem Area

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Blackwater Tavern
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1st Friday

9.30 PM
10:00 PM
10:30 PM

Tuosist & Lauragh

Sailors Bar, Killaha West
Helen's Bar Kilmacalogue
The Lake House Tuosist

Last Monday

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8:30 PM
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KERRY EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD FUNDED TO PURCHASE PRETTY POLLY SITE IN KILLARNEY



Funds of €2.3m allocated this morning by Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, James Lawless TD to the Kerry Education and Training Board, to purchase the former Pretty Polly site at Upper Park Road, Killarney and provide a Tourism Sector Training College there, has been hailed as a super vote of confidence in Killarney town and all of the Kerry tourism industry by Kerry TD, Michael Cahill.

"This is immense news for the town, and it will mark Killarney out officially as the tourism capital of Ireland, by facilitating a Hospitality Sector Training College attached to the Munster Technological University (MTU) right in the heart of our county. I recognised this fact a long time ago and I have been bending ears about it ever since I entered Leinster House. In fact I raised it in my maiden speech in Dáil Éireann in December 2024 as one of my top priorities for Kerry" stated an excited Kerry Fianna Fáil Deputy.

"It is only logical of course that the centre of population with the highest level of experience in the tourism sector, would be the perfect place to tap into that long held and earned experience. I am delighted that our Minister, James Lawless and our Government has recognised this and are willing to get behind the people of Killarney and Kerry in this extremely important programme with significant investment funds and a commitment to prosper the whole Tourism Industry" said the Fianna Fáil Spokesperson on Tourism. "Some will remember the Council for Education, Research and Training (CERT) that was run at the Torc Great Southern Hotel on Lower Park Road back in the 70's and I always thought it was a shame this had not been continued" said Deputy Cahill.

"Now all the lobbying, phone calls, Parliamentary Questions, Notices of Motions to Kerry County Council are all well worth it. I am seriously genuinely pleased to have helped to get this across the line for Killarney and Kerry and I will stick with it until the first students enter the front door to begin their new careers. The Pretty Polly site has been an issue for decades and this investment will be a Gamechanger for the Hospitality sector in Killarney and Kerry and I am absolutely delighted to have played my part in this massive development" added Michael Cahill, TD.



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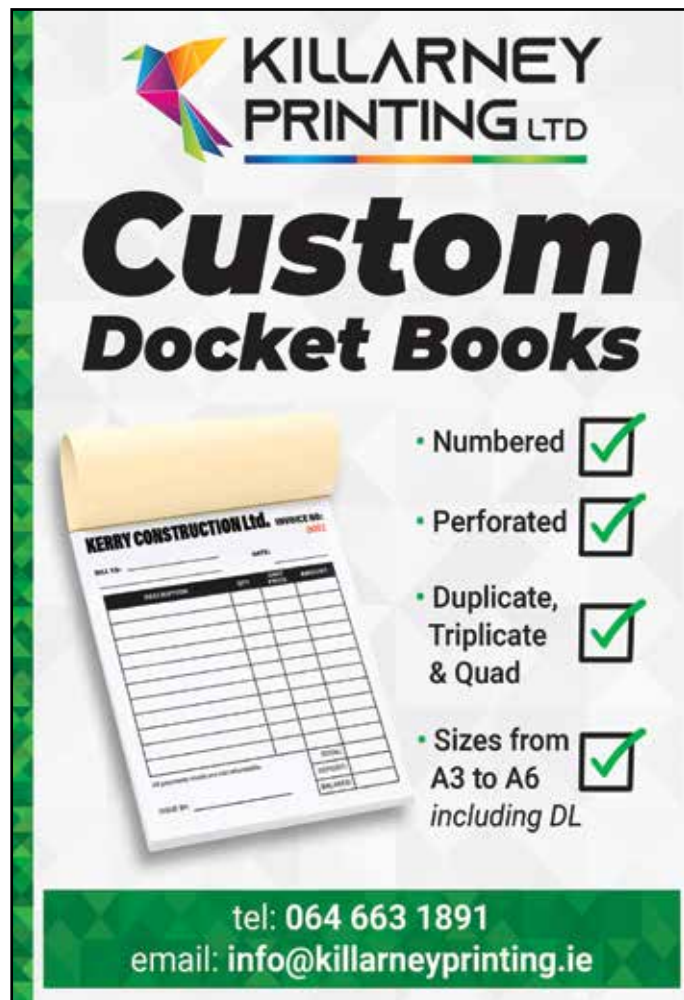
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The 261 Kelliher's Toyota Roadshow will showcase the very latest models Toyota has on offer, the New Generation Toyota Land Cruiser, the all new Toyota Corolla Cross SUV along with the full Corolla

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range, the Toyota C-HR line up, the Toyota Yaris and Yaris Cross – this event is a great opportunity to show customers the hybrid, plug-in hybrid and full electric options and why Toyota is Ireland's and Kerry's best selling car brand for the fifth year in a row. The Kelliher's team are very proud to be able

to launch a new commercial model for 261 at the event, the Toyota Proace Max Large van will be unveiled at the Toyota dome on the grounds of The Gleneagle between 11am and 4pm so be sure and stop by.

They will also have a selection of quality demo models for immediate sale so if a new car is on the cards for now or for January 261 – do not make any decisions without first paying a visit to the Kelliher's Toyota Roadshow this Sunday where the team from Kelliher's look forward to meeting you.

ALL-NEW OPEL FRONTERA SUV ARRIVES

At dealerships nationwide, retailing from sub-€25,000

The much-anticipated all-new Opel Frontera SUV has arrived at Opel dealerships nationwide, with prices and equipment just announced by the brand. Armed with a 5-year unlimited mileage warranty as standard for the Irish market, the new Frontera is available in three trims and as a five-seater at launch, with a seven-seat version due before the end of the year. Representing excellent value for money, the new Frontera Electric retails in Ireland from €24,606 inclusive of SEAI grant and VRT rebate, and from €27,995 plus delivery related charges for the new Frontera Hybrid.

Rugged, spacious, ultra-modern, and packaged in a range of bright new colours, the striking design of the new Opel Frontera makes it stand out immediately. Proudly bearing the new Opel Blitz emblem in the centre of the Opel Vizor front face, an upright front silhouette, and prominent wheel



arches and sills hint at a robust character, suitable for daily family adventures.

The modern look and feel continues in the interior where clever design meets comfort and family practicality. Featuring wide-opening rear doors to allow easy access for passengers and

baby seats, up to 460 litres of luggage can be stored in the boot, and up to 1,594 litres with the seats folded down. Customers who need to take even more luggage can avail of optional roof rails. A 60/40 split rear bench seat and a second load floor ensure additional versatility for families. Efficient in every way, the new Frontera is powered by a choice of two petrol hybrid versions (100PS and 136PS) and two all-electric versions; a 44kW 113PS 300km range version is available from launch in Ireland, with a 54kW 113PS 400km range version due in 2026.

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“We’re Breastfeeding-Friendly Kerry” Initiative Launched to Support Mothers and Normalise Breastfeeding in Public

A new community initiative, “We’re Breastfeeding-Friendly Kerry,” has been launched to create more welcoming spaces for breastfeeding parents across the county.

The programme, a partnership between Kerry County Council and the HSE South West, was officially launched by Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr. Micheal Foley, at The Rose Hotel, Tralee, on Monday, October 6th. The initiative encourages local businesses, community centres, and public facilities to become officially designated “Breastfeeding-Friendly Spaces.” Participating locations will display a window sticker and receive resources to help staff provide a supportive and inclusive environment for breastfeeding mothers.

“Creating supportive spaces isn’t just good for families, it’s good for communities and businesses too,” said Cllr. Foley. “When parents know they’re welcome, they’re more likely to engage with local shops, cafés, and services.”

Businesses that join will receive free promotional materials, recognition on the Healthy Kerry online directory, and access to community events celebrating breastfeeding families.

Sharon O’Sullivan, Health Promotion and Improvement Manager with the HSE South West, said: “By enabling businesses and organisations to signal their support, we’re removing barriers and creating inclusive spaces where mothers can feel confident and secure. A breastfeeding-friendly Kerry is a healthier, stronger Kerry.”



We're Breastfeeding Friendly Kerry Working Group at the launch event from left to right: Deirdre Hegarty, Hannah Butler, Liz Cogan, Sheila King, Ailis Brosnan, Maire O'Leary, Grainne Woulfe, Mairead O'Sullivan, Alice Moore, Caitriona Shannahan, Helen Sheehy, Helen Kieley, Michelle McNamara.

Kerry Nursing Home Representatives Shortlisted for Prestigious National Care Awards

Two outstanding representatives from Kerry have been named finalists for the 2025 Nursing Homes Ireland (NHI) Care Awards, recognising exceptional dedication and compassion within Ireland’s nursing home sector.

The finalists, from Milltown and Castleisland reflect the high standard of care being delivered throughout Kerry’s nursing homes. The NHI Care Awards, held in association with Homecare Medical, celebrate excellence among Ireland’s more than 440 nursing homes, which provide care for over 27,000 residents nationwide.

This year’s awards ceremony will take place on Thursday, 6th November 2025, at the Round Room in Dublin’s Mansion House, where winners will be announced across multiple categories.

Among the Kerry finalists is Nora O’Sullivan Looney, a volunteer at Sonas Ashborough Nursing Home in Milltown, shortlisted in the General Award category.

A native of Cahersiveen, Nora retired in 2019 after 33 years as post mistress with An Post. Her lifelong devotion to community service includes



volunteering with the National Council of the Blind, Killorglin Lions Club and St. Vincent de Paul. She and her twin sister even celebrated their 60th birthday by hosting a charity concert that raised over €20,000 for the National Council of the Blind.

Since joining Sonas Ashborough in 2022, Nora has become a cherished presence for residents, especially those without family or regular visitors. Known for her empathy and thoughtful gestures, she spends time listening to residents’ stories, sourcing personal gifts, and offering

companionship during difficult moments.

Also flying the Kerry flag is the Connect Café Committee at Willow Brooke Care Centre in Castleisland, shortlisted for Team of the Year.

The committee, comprising Ann Marie O’Sullivan (Facilities Manager), Ann O’Callaghan (Clinical Nurse Manager), Mary Craske (Director of Nursing), Nora Sheehan (Assistant Director of Nursing) and Marion O’Connor (community representative and family member) established a dementia café that serves as a welcoming, inclusive space for residents, families and the wider community.

The café brings together people living with dementia, their carers, friends and neighbours, offering support, information and friendship. By reducing stigma and isolation, the Connect Café fosters understanding, dignity and community solidarity.

Tickets for the 2025 NHI Care Awards are available at www.nhicareawards.ie

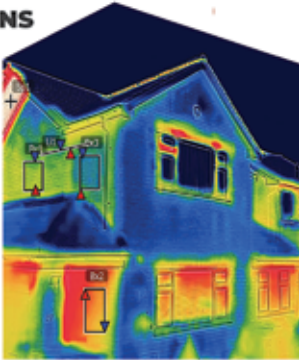
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KILLARNEY VALLEY ATHLETIC

The Munster Juvenile Even Age and Novice Cross Country Championships were held in Tipperary last Sunday. In the Novice Men's race, Risteard Clifford came 4th, Brendan Joy came 6th and Conor Crowley came 8th and along with Erin Moloney and Jevhren Kurbonov they were 1st Club Team home. Their performance also propelled Kerry to 2nd County Team.

In the U10 Girls (187 racing) Lauren O'Sullivan stormed to 3rd place with fantastic runs from Eleanor Breen (101) and Mackenzie Leahy (120). In the U10 Boys (165 racing) Dylan O'Connor was 35th and was 2nd scorer for the County Team.

In the U12 Girls (162 racing) Carolena Kelly was 49th and Chloe O'Sullivan was 53rd. In the U12 Boys (133 racing) James Doody was 15th, Charlie Jay Kelliher was 37th and John Byrne was 38th and all scored points for Kerry's 4th placed County Team.

In the U16 Girls (72 racing) Muireann Breen had a well-deserved podium finish with 4th place. In the U16 Boys (59 racing) Conor Duffin was 14th and Thomas O'Sullivan was 27th and both high scorers on Kerry's bronze winning County Team. In the U18 Girls (53 racing) – Kirsten Kenny came 25th and ran strong racing a year up in age. In the U20 Junior Women, Maria Murnane powered to an impressive 19th in a highly competitive race. Best of luck to all competing in the County Masters Cross Country competition held in Banna on Sunday 19th October.

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

All relevant information on our club is on our website www.killarneyvalleyac.ie.

MUCKROSS ROWING CLUB NOTES

ST. MICHAEL'S HOR

On Saturday last, the club enjoyed a successful outing to O'Briensbridge for the first competitive event of the new rowing season, the St. Michael's Head Of the River. The 3km time trial attracted a large entry of crews with a busy day of racing from morning until finish. There were seven podium finishes for the club with three category wins, two second and two third place finishes. Congratulations to Khim Fleming and Rachel Fuller, winners of the Womens Junior 18 Pair, Bebhinn O'Donoghue and Orla Forda, winners of the Womens Junior 14 Double and to Maria Avila, Aoife Coffey, Maria Scanlon and Lauren O'Sullivan, winners of the Womens Junior 13 Quad. Well done to Marko Tot, second in the Mens Intermediate Single and to Dean Fleming, Fionn Twomey, Daire Murphy, Colm Kissane O'Sullivan, second in the Mens Junior 13 Quad. Well done also to Tim O'Shea, PJ Walsh, Ed Lyne and Jeremy Kenny, third in the Mens Masters Quad and to Khim Fleming, Rachel Fuller, Isabelle Brosnan and Muireann O'Donoghue, third in the Womens Junior 18 Quad. Our thanks to Eoin Moynihan who towed the boat trailer and to Johnny O'Mahony and Ainsley Moloney who supervised the bus.

EVENTS

Castleconnell HOR, Saturday, October 25th, Castleconnell. Skibbereen HOR, Saturday, November 15th, River Ilan. Provincial Indoor



Members of Killarney Pickleball Club at their 1st Wednesday juvenile session recently.



Munster Novice Club Champions.

Rowing Championships, Saturday, November 22nd, UL Arena. Muckross HOR, Saturday, December 6th, National Rowing Centre, Farran, Cork.

KERRY FILM FESTIVAL

Our congratulations to Ben Cussen, who is bringing the unique local tradition of Killarney Six rowing to the big screen as part of the Kerry International Film Festival taking place this weekend. Ben's short film 'Catch, Drive, Finish. Keeping Traditions Alive' will feature among the 'Shorts – Kerry Connection' screening of 10 short films at Cinema Killarney this Sunday, October 19th from 3.15-5.30pm. Tickets can be purchased online at kerryfilmfestival.com.

FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB

RESULTS FOR 09TH OCTOBER

N/S

1st Marie Moloney & Joan Lenihan

2nd Marie O'Sullivan Kenmare & Horst Rosler E/W

1st Evelyn O'Leary & Mary Gleeson

2nd Finola Spillane & Ger Foley

Great scoring, well done.

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

FOSSA ROWING CLUB

AGM

Please note that our AGM will take place on

Thursday the 23rd of October at the Old church in Fossa. The AGM starts at 8:30pm and all are very welcome. The club has grown so much in the past few years and we have fantastic crews at all ages from Underage, Mens and Ladies, with the underage section in particular really taking off over the past couple of seasons. As we have more members, we have much more activity across the club and need more help with the running of our fantastic club.

There are some positions open on the committee for the new year so if interested please contact a committee member or give Laura Whelton a shout via WhatsApp on 083-8055095 to register your interest and make your nominations. We will find a role that suits you and works for you. All help is very greatly appreciated. Thanks you, Laura Whelton, Secretary - Fossa Rowing Club.

FOSSA TWO MILE COMHALTAS

Junior Set Dancing Classes have returned to Fossa. Wednesdays from 5.30 to 6.30pm. Open to all from 7+ boys and girls.

Senior Set Dancing Classes are also back on Tuesday nights 8.30 for beginners, 9.00 for advanced and intermediate.

Fossa Two Mile Comhaltas held their 20 Year Set Dancing Reunion on Tuesday September 30th. We would like to sincerely thank all of you who came along on the night and all who donated to the Crumlin Children's Hospital (Ronald McDonald House) Charity.

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Music on the night was provided by our resident band Mike Cronin, Brendan Kelliher, Peter Bellew, Mary Kelliher, Paul Cremin, Breda Kelliher and Mike Doyle.

Special thanks to Kaya Flynn from "Travels Through The Kingdom" on Kerry Radio and to all the media outlets who covered the event. We very much appreciate your ongoing support. Thank you to everyone who helped make this special night a success.

Our AGM will be held in Fossa Community Centre on Monday the 3rd Nov @ 8.30pm. New members are always very welcome.

For more information on any of the above contact Tim 087 241 3116 or Eileen 087 628 4053.

WORKMEN'S ROWING CLUB NEWS

Our junior crews have returned to training with renewed passion and determination for the season ahead. It's fantastic to see such energy and commitment back on the water once again. We extend our warmest congratulations to all our junior rowers who recently completed their Junior Certificate. This is a wonderful milestone, well done to each of you, and to your families for their continued support along the way.

The club would also like to express our sincere thanks to the Department of Rural and Community Development and Kerry County Council, under the Local Enhancement Programme 2025, for their generous support. This funding enables us to invest in essential equipment and sustain club operations throughout the year.

KILLARNEY JUDO - LEINSTER OPEN

Competition season has officially begun for Killarney Judo Club, with three of our teenage members travelling to Dublin to take part in the prestigious Leinster Open. The event drew over 300 competitors from across Ireland, showcasing exceptional skill and technique throughout the day.

For our athletes, this was the first competition in more than a year, and they rose to the challenge with impressive performances. Ciara Forde, James Maher, and Patrik Polubnak each earned bronze medals in their respective categories. Ciara secured her victories with strong hold-downs, James scored with dynamic throws, and Patrik claimed his wins through expertly executed strangles.

The focus now shifts to our younger members, who will represent the club at the Munster Mini Mon in Cork on Sunday, October 19th.

KILLARNEY RUGBY CLUB

LATEST RESULTS

A busy weekend of rugby for our Killarney RFC teams with some great battles across all age grades — well done to all our players and coaches who represented the club with pride! Friday, October 10th

U18 GIRLS

Ballincollig RFC 17 – 35 Killarney RFC

A superb away win for our U18 Girls under the Friday night lights — fantastic performance from the squad!



Killarney Judo Club members L to R: Patrik Polubnak, Ciara Forde and James Maher.



Pictured are Fergus Cronin, Feargal Courtney, Liam Murphy, Ray Gadsen (Munster Rugby), Tony Dunne, and Hugh O'Donnell. Missing from the photo is David Prendivill.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

U16 GIRLS

Killarney RFC 27 – 29 Ballincollig RFC

A thrilling contest in Aghadoe saw our girls just edged out in a close-fought battle. Great effort from everyone involved!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12TH

U14 BOYS

Killarney RFC 22 – 29 Bantry Bay RFC

A strong showing from our U14s in a competitive home fixture — plenty of positives to take forward!

Senior Men (J1)

Tralee RFC 33 – 34 Killarney RFC

What a finish! Our Senior Men clinched a dramatic one-point victory away to Tralee in a thrilling local derby. Massive performance, lads! Well done to all our teams for another great weekend of rugby action — onwards and upwards!

IRFU YOUTH COACHING COURSE

A huge congratulations to all the coaches who completed the IRFU Youth Coach Course at Killarney RFC today!

Well done to everyone involved — your dedication and commitment to developing youth rugby in our club and community is truly appreciated! One Stop Shop Killarney Rugby was delighted to be part of the One Stop Shop event at the Great Southern Hotel, Killarney, last



Jenna Moynihan at the One Stop Shop event.

Sunday. Thank you to everybody who popped by to say hello.

MONSTER TABLE QUIZ

We're excited to announce our Monster Table Quiz will take place on Wednesday, 19th November – a fantastic night of fun, brain-teasing questions, and spot prizes galore! This promises to be a great social event for the whole club and community. Venue: Killarney Avenue Hotel Date: Wed 19th November Time: 7:30pm Table of 4: €40 Adults/€20 Juvenile Get your team together and join us for what will be a brilliant evening in support of Killarney RFC.



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TEAMS

The two U12 & two U14 squads were in action over the weekend. The U12 A squad shared 13 goals at home to Killarney celtic C with Ballyhar coming out on top on a 8-5 scoreline with goals from Darren Foley ,Tadhg Fitzgerald, Conor Ryan & Noah McCarthy with Padraig Allen contributing several good saves in goal.A young u12 B squad were defeated at home by Iveragh FC on a 1-4 scoreline with Jack o Mahony on the scoresheet. Sean o Callaghan ,Sean Daly ,Leo Duffin,Adam Dineen & Denis Fleming played well for Ballyhar. The U14 A squad travelled to Ballyduff to take on LB Rovers where they came from 0-3 down to win 3-4 in a cracking encounter.Goals from Josh Nelligan ,Ruben o Leary Griffin & Thomas Flaherty x 2 sealed the win with Ruairi Casey ,Elliot Lyne ,Ciaran Ferris,Liam Smyth & Darragh Mcloughlin in fine form.The U14 B squad travelled to Listowel Celtic & came away with a 1-3 win thanks to goals from Sean Evans & two from Jack Cooper. Paddy Hurley ,Diarmuid Fitzgerald,Dermot Nealon,Dara Flaherty,Ewan Myers & Euan Costello were excellent on the day.

SYMPATHY

The club offers its condolences to the O'Callaghan Family ,Failte Hotel ,Killarney & Killarney Celtic FC on the Passing of Paudie o Callaghan .May Paudie rest in peace.

MEK GALAXY CLUB

12th October 2025

RESULTS

U12 Girls: MEK Galaxy A 4 – Killorglin AFC 0

U12 Girls: MEK Galaxy B 4 – Killarney Athletic 4

U15 Girls: St. Brendan's Park 3 – MEK Galaxy 2

U12 Boys: MEK Galaxy 3– Iveragh Utd 8

U16 Boys: Dingle Bay Rovers 2 – MEK Galaxy 3

FIXTURES FOR SATURDAY 18TH OCT.:

U12 Girls National Cup Rd 1: Newmarket Celtic v MEK Galaxy A

U12 Girls Friendly: Dingle Bay Rovers v MEK Galaxy B

U14 Girls Division 1: MEK Galaxy v Dingle Bay Rovers

U13 Boys Division 1: LB Rovers v MEK Galaxy A

U13 Boys Division 2: MEK Galaxy B v Tralee Dynamo's B

U15 Boys Division 3: St. Brendan's Park B v MEK Galaxy

SUPERSTARS OF THE FUTURE!

We had a very busy weekend for our young superstars. Our 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 boys showed off their skills, as they had several fun filled games. Saves, goals & celebrations were the order of the day. A huge thanks to the academy coaches for all the work,



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u12 team two who were defeated at murt Scott park in Division 3 of the schoolboy league by Iveragh united FC on Saturday last.



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u14 team two who defeated listowel celtic B away in Division 2 of the Kerry schoolboy league on Saturday last.

ensuring that these boys get to learn in a safe and fun environment.

MEK SHOP ONLINE

We have revamped our online shop adding new products for the upcoming season. Our committee has worked closely with Macron to ensure our members get the best quality MEK sportswear. The MEK Galaxy online shop will be ready in the coming days, which is great news for our parents at this time of the year!

HALLOWEEN DISCO

Come to The Golden Nugget on Wednesday 29th October for a SPOOK-tacular time. With a DJ and best dressed prizes, it's going to be a fun evening. Check out our socials to purchase your ticket. (€10 per ticket/Primary school children only)

ACADEMY FOOTBALL

For all you superstars out there, Academy football is back. Girls & Boys born 2019 & 2020 are more than welcome. Check out our socials or ring Paul on 087 640 9799 for more info.

For any more news on upcoming club events, news, fixtures and results, keep an eye on our socials!

KERRY SCHOOLBOY/GIRL SOCCER

NATIONAL

FIVE STAR LB ADVANCE IN GIRLS 16'S CUP

LB Rovers booked their place in the next round of the U16 Girls National Cup with a highscoring 5-3 win over Newport Town in Ballyduff. Leona Meaney led the way with a brilliant hat-trick, while Eilidh Cregan and Saoirse Brosnan also found the net in a strong all-round team performance.

ROUND 2 ACTION GETS UNDERWAY FOR 12'S BOYS

After the thrills and spills of Round 1, National Cup action returned at the weekend with Kerry clubs producing some impressive results in Round 2.

Mastergeeha turned on the style with a commanding 6-1 win over Ballymackey FC B, as Dara Burchill fired a superb hat-trick, backed up by goals from Thomas O'Sullivan (2) and Sean Breen. Fenit Samphires also progressed with a 3-1 victory away to Caherdavin Celtic, thanks to strikes from Cian O'Sullivan, Leighton Murphy, and an own goal. Milltown FC came through a tough extra-time battle to beat Herbertstown AFC 4-1, with Martynas Kerpe grabbing a brilliant hat-trick and Cian Vaughan also on target.

Tralee Dynamos B advanced in style, defeating Murroe AFC 3-0 with goals from Joseph Sheridan, Lincoln Coffey, and Michael McCarthy. Killarney Celtic picked up a 2-0 win away to Corbally United, courtesy of Cian O'Connell and Tymur Misiura. St. Brendan's Park A defeated Lough Derg 6-0, with six different scorers, Iarlaith Clifford, Igor Jasinski, Conor Roche, Leo Fitzgibbon, Darragh Counihan, and Dara O'Regan all found the net.

There was also joy for St. Brendan's Park C, who got past GB Rovers on a 2-1 scoreline, thanks to a decisive goal from Luke O'Mahony. Dingle Bay Rovers advanced with a 6-0 win over St. Brendan's Park B, with goals shared among Joey O'Connor, Lui Ó Sé, Jack Brosnan, Finn Mac Gearailt, Jamie Murphy, and Seamus Ó Shúilleabháin.

Killorglin bowed out after a tough 6-0 away defeat to Aisling Annacotty A, while Mastergeeha B were narrowly beaten 1-0 in extra time by Knigh United.

MIXED RESULTS AS 12'S NATIONAL TROPHY KICKS OFF

There was plenty of excitement in the opening round of the U12 Boys National Trophy, with Kerry sides delivering strong performances across the board.

Tralee Dynamos A were in fine form, recording a dominant 6-0 victory over Athea United, while Killarney Athletic also impressed on their travels, sweeping past Mountcollins AFC 6-0 thanks to goals from Joe O'Shea (2), Leon Sacawa, Conor Scannell, Rian O'Reilly, and John Hegarty.

Castleisland AFC and Camp Juniors both advanced without kicking a ball, each awarded 3-0 walkover wins against Kilkishen Celtic FC and Croom United B respectively. Meanwhile, Listowel Celtic were narrowly edged out in a thrilling encounter away to Janesborough FC, going down 3-2 despite goals from Sean Hanrahan and Abraham Newland.

GOALS GALORE IN OPENING ROUND OF 14'S NATIONAL CUP

There was no shortage of goals and drama in the opening round of the U14 Boys National Cup, with Kerry sides progressing and also suffering defeat, including in some all Kerry clashes.

Killarney Celtic were in top form as they hit seven past Mungret Regional B, with goals from Jack Clifford, Luke Clifford, Josh O'Donoghue, Jack Kissane, Jace Flynn, Cillian Scannell, and Fionn Culloty sealing an emphatic 7-1 win.

Castleisland also impressed with a 5-0 away victory over Inter Kenmare, thanks to a Liam Quirke hat-trick and further strikes from Yevheni Mamontov and Tom O'Neill. In another all-Kerry tie, Mastergeeha came out on top 4-2 against St. Brendan's Park B, with Michael O'Donoghue bagging a brace and Aidan Fitzgerald and Evan Burke adding one each. Gerry McDonald and Showbick Raza were on target for Park.

St. Brendan's Park A cruised into the next round with a brilliant 6-0 win away to Shelbourne FC B, their goals shared between Jamie Quillinan, Tadhg Gilligan, Oscar Curran, Cian O'Regan, James Tansley, and William Duggan.

Dingle Bay Rovers also progressed after edging a five-goal thriller 3-2 against Croom United, with TJ Ó hAinfein scoring twice and Conall Ó Sé also finding the net. Elsewhere, Coole FC were awarded a 3-0 walkover win against Killorglin,

while Iveragh United battled bravely but bowed out on penalties after a scoreless draw with Caherdavin Celtic. It was a tougher outing for Tralee Dynamos, who fell 8-2 away to a strong Lough Derg side.

UNBLEMISHED RECORD FOR KERRY SIDES IN U14 TROPHY

It was a strong weekend for Kerry sides in the U14 Boys National Trophy, with Listowel Celtic, Fenit Samphires, and Killarney Athletic all advancing in style.

Listowel Celtic were dominant in their 5-1 victory over Arra Rovers FC, with goals from Kevin Chelmicka (2), Robbie Breen, Aidan Lynch, and Seanie Kissane ensuring safe passage to the next round.

Fenit Samphires also impressed on the road, hitting seven past Adare United B in a comprehensive 7-1 win. Their goals came from Luke Dillon, Noah Slattery, Aron Keating, Bruno Grzybowski, Conor McCarthy, Daniel Lawlor, and Fiachra Ó Slatara.

Killarney Athletic produced a strong home display to defeat Cloughjordan 6-1, with Ryan O'Donoghue netting twice and further goals from Sean Quill, Lucas Uchytel, Artem Dzhandra, and Myron Svyripa rounding out a convincing performance.

U16'S NATIONAL COMPETITIONS GET UNDERWAY

The U16 Boys National Cup action got underway at the weekend for Kerry's U16 boys, with several sides turning in strong performances to keep their national ambitions alive.

Camp Juniors were impressive in a 4-2 victory over Ennis Town FC, as Cole Shannon and Conor Kiely both struck twice in a confident home display.

Inter Kenmare A held their nerve in a dramatic penalty shootout after a 1-1 draw with Askeaton/Kilcornan AFC, advancing 4-3 on penalties. Jimmy McGann netted the equaliser in normal time before also converting in the shootout, alongside Alex O'Sullivan, Thando Dube, and Ronan Hussey.

Killarney Athletic were in superb form, recording a 6-0 win over Shannon Town, while Killarney Celtic ran out 5-2 winners against Kilmallock Utd thanks to goals from Simon Sirotiak (2), Lachlan Scannell, Luke Clancy, and Marco Mosca.

Castleisland AFC advanced via walkover over Bridge United B, while Tralee Dynamos B bowed out following a 7-1 defeat to a strong Kildysart Celtic side. In the U16 Boys National Trophy, Inter Kenmare B exited the competition after conceding a 3-0 walkover to Holycross FC.

GIRLS:

PARK END MASTERGEEHA'S UNBEATEN RUN IN TOP OF THE TABLE CLASH

St. Brendan's Park sit top of the table after picking up the points in what proved a dramatic weekend of action in the Amber Killarney U13 Girls Premier.

Park overcame Mastergeeha in a tightly fought 2-1 win, thanks to goals from Emily Savage and Faith Breen, while Aine Herlihy found the net for Mastergeeha in reply. Iveragh United continued their strong run of form with a narrow 1-0 victory over Killarney Athletic, as Tiernagh McGill struck the decisive goal.

Meanwhile, Castleisland claimed an impressive 3-0 win away to Killorglin, with Isabel O'Connell Wrenn, Bella Clifford, and Elana Holly all on target in a confident team performance.

INTER KENMARE EXTEND UNBEATEN RUN

Another win on the board for Inter Kenmare continues their unbeaten start to the Amber Killarney U13 Girls Division 1 season.

Kenmare grabbed three points with a 7-1 win against LB Rovers. Lilly Noonan Murphy and Laoisa Smyth each scored three times, while Orlaith Lynch added the other for Inter. Millie Flavin scored the consolation goal for LB Rovers. Camp Juniors recorded a 4-0 victory over Killarney Athletic B, with Ruth Kiely netting a hat-trick and Robyn Flynn adding the fourth.

DRAMA IN 15'S PREMIER AS MEK'S UNBEATEN RUN ENDS

It has been a dramatic start to the Muckross Park Hotel U15 Girls Premier season, and it got even more dramatic at the weekend, with St. Brendan's Park winning their top of the table clash with MEK Galaxy.

Park defeated MEK in a thrilling 3-2 win, inspired by a superb hat-trick from Arina Sucari, who proved to be the difference on the day. Alannah Daly and Isabelle O'Connor were on target for MEK in an evenly contested battle.

Meanwhile, Camp Juniors turned on the style with a 5-1 victory over Killorglin. Hollie O'Driscoll and Orlaith Flynn both struck twice, while Andrea Fitzgerald added another to round off an excellent team performance.

BOYS TEAM OF THE WEEK:

1. Rian O'Connor (MEK Galaxy U16)
2. Luke Kelly (Tralee Dynamos U12)
4. Cian O'Leary (Milltown U12)
5. Matthew Dunlea (Killorglin U12)
3. Rian McCoy (St Brendan's Park U14)
6. Aidan Lyne (LB Rovers U14)
7. Jack Kissane (Killarney Celtic U14)
8. MJ Locke (Fenit Samphires U14)
9. Liam Quirke (Castleisland U14)
10. Ibai Jimenez (Castleisland U16)
11. Ryan O'Donoghue (Killarney Athletic U14)

GIRLS ROLL OF HONOUR:

1. Jane Brosnan (Killarney Athletic)
2. Orla O'Connor (St Brendan's Park)
4. Mia Foley (Killorglin)
5. Eve McEvoy (St Brendan's Park)
3. Ruth Fleming (Castleisland)
6. Anna Linehan (Mastergeeha)
8. Ruth Kiely (Camp Juniors)
7. Fiadh Nelán (Fenit Samphires)
10. Leona Meaney (LB Rovers)
9. Lilly Noonan Murphy (Inter Kenmare)
11. Tiernagh McGill (Iveragh)

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC

Killarney Athletic AFC are celebrating 60 years and are hosting a party night at the Gleneagle hotel on Friday November 14th ... Tickets are €60 We are trying to get a big push on tickets this week - Tickets are available at Brian James Main Street/The Blackthorn Shop High Street/Denis O'Neill Plunkett Street

KERRY DISTRICT LEAGUE PREMIER RESULT

Killarney Athletic 2 - 1 Listowel Celtic Jack Cooper x 1 Terry Sparling x

GIRLS U13 PREMIER

IVERAGH 1- 0 KILLARNEY ATHLETIC

We made the long trek back to Caherciveen this evening and came away really disappointed to lose 1nil to a good Iveragh side . We asked the girls for effort, bravery, and commitment, and they gave it to us in spades . The first half was a very cagey affair with Holly O Connor and Meadhbh Coughlan marshaling their defence brilliantly and going in at the break even . The second half was much more open with chances for both sides and Iveragh scoring what proved to be the winner with 15 minutes remaining. Athletic pushed hard for an equaliser driven on by Alannah McGlynn and Erica O Sullivan in midfield and we thought we had our equaliser in the last minute only for the ref to turn down a handball penalty appeal, but those unfortunately are the breaks. An excellent team performance from all 13 girls on the night with better results sure to follow. Player of the Match goalkeeper Jane Brosnan with some superb saves.

NATIONAL TROPHY U14 BOYS:

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC U14 A'S - 6

Ryan O'Donoghue x2 Sean Quill x 1 Lucas Uchtyl x1 Artem Dzhandra x 1 Myron Svyrypa x 1 The boys were blessed with a beautiful day down at Woodlawn today for the first round of the National Trophy. The lads played some nice football in the first half keeping possession and controlling the game. They were up 3-1 at half with the well deserved lead. The boys all fought hard in the hot conditions and kept a clean sheet in the second half to finish the game with a comprehensive 6-1 victory. Well done lads on the good team performance. Man of the match today was Ryan O'Donoghue who was fabulous creating a lot of danger from the right wing and contributing two well finished goals.

KILLORGLIN FC U14 C 0 - 2

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC U14 C

Jacob Slowakiewicz x 1 Daniel Cremin x 1 The boys made the trip to the Dragons Den Saturday afternoon with just eleven players. Killorglin started the better of the two teams and really put the pressure on and came close on one occasion. But the boys stood strong. After about 30 minutes things started to turn in our favour we were getting a lot more confident and composed. The break through came after Jacob got on to a lovely through ball and scored with a lovely finish 5 minutes before half time. The second half was a very even affair we both teams really working hard testing each others keepers. We got second through a fantastic Daniel Cremin free kick that went straight in like an arrow. The boys worked so hard to keep the clean sheet and deserved this away win today. We would like to thank Killorglin for a great game and also the referee.

BOYS U12 NATIONAL TROPHY

Big win for our U12 A team versus Mountcollins in the the National trophy today. The boys were too strong for Mountcollins who to their credit kept going to the end. Overall a much improved performance by the lads.

Thanks to Mountcollins for their excellent



Killarney Celtic U12 squad vs Corbally.

hospitality at the end of the game feeding both the players and supporters. We wish them well for the rest of the season.

BOYS U14 BOYS DIVISION 1

Killarney Athletic B 1 - 3 Camp A Cian Lenehan x 1

BOYS U12 DIVISION ONE RESULT

LB Rovers A 3 - 2 Killarney Athletic B Leòn Zyla x2 Brilliant performance from all our blues , a truly spirited performance, worked hard as a unit & played out of their skins. Our spirits never wavered & it's so hard to pick man of the match with so many unbelievable performances. But our left full back got it today. MOTM - Finn O Neil Captain - Darren Leahy We roll onto to Wednesday & Thursday trainings.

KILLARNEY CELTIC

CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 12,13,20,25. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €75. Next jackpot €3,600 on Monday October 20th. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through clubzap.

The club was saddened to lose our trustee Paudie O'Callaghan recently. The club sends its sincerest condolences to the extended O'Callaghan family.

KDL PREMIER

Killarney Celtic 4-0 Mainebank

Sean Lovett 2, Padraic Looney, Brendan Falvey Celtic maintained their good league form with a win over Mainebank last weekend. Celtic led 1-0 at the break but 3 goals in the 2nd half sealed the win and maintained our position at the top end of the table.

MUNSTER U17 CUP

Killarney Celtic 5-1 Killarney Athletic Samuel Scroope 2, Kiernan Kelly 2, Jason Harrington.

Celtic qualified for the next round of the Jako Munster U17 Cup with a win last week over local rivals Athletic. Celtic were 3-0 up by the halfway mark and continued their good form in the 2nd

half to move forward to the next round.

U16 SFAI NATIONAL CUP

Killarney Celtic 5-2 Kilmallock

Simon Sirotiak 2, Lachlann Scannell, Luke Clancy, Marco Mosca

Celtic proved too strong for Kilmallock as they moved onto the next round of the U16 Sfaí National Cup.

U16 DIV 2

St Brendan's Park 6-1 Killarney Celtic B Derry O'Gorman

U14 NATIONAL CUP

Killarney Celtic defeated Mungret B

Jack Clifford, Luke Clifford, Josh O Donoghue, Jack Kissne, Jace Flynn, Cillian Scannell, Fionn Culloty.

Celtic were too strong for Mungret B in this SFAI National Cup game played last weekend as they moved smoothly into round 3. Celtic were on the front foot from the off and were on their way to victory from early on in the game.

U14 DIV 3

LB Rovers 3-1 Killarney Celtic D Oskar Kozub

Celtic D battled bravely away to LB Rovers but it was LB who took the points.

U12 SFAI NATIONAL CUP

Corbally 0-2 Killarney Celtic

Cian O Connell, Tymur Misiura

Celtic came out on top of a tight game against a game Corbally side. Celtic led 1-0 at the break through Cian O'Connell. The game was still in the balance but it was Celtic who struck for the decisive goal. Tymur Misiura goaled to give Celtic some breathing space and even though Corbally battled all the way to the finish, Celtic held firm to go to round 3.

U12 DIV 1

Ballyhar A 8-5 Killarney Celtic C

Cillian Murphy 2, Fionn O'Sullivan 2, Scott O'Sullivan

U12 DIV 3

Castleisland C 4-0 Killarney Celtic D

Congrats to Jack Kissane U14 who made the KSBGL Team of the Week.



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ALL SQUARE IN PENULTIMATE GAME

Finn Harps 1-1 Kerry FC

By David Moriarty

Kerry FC made the long trip to Donegal and to Finn Harps on Monday evening, where they played their second-to-last game of the 2025 SSE Airtricity Men's First Division season. The Kingdom came into this one off the back of a 2-0 loss in their final home game of the season at the hands of Wexford FC just a few short days ago. With just two games remaining in their season, Kerry FC hoped to go out on a high note.

For the hosts in Donegal, Finn Harps had been without a win since the 29th of August, with that one coming in a 1-0 result over Treaty United in Ballybofey. Although Kerry FC needed a result, it could be argued that Harps needed it just as much, which set up what promised to be an exciting encounter in the north west on a Monday night.

The game kicked off under the coo. Donegal evening sky in Ballybofey, as Colin Healy's men looked the sharper and more composed of the two sides, quickly asserting their rhythm and tempo on proceedings. The visitors moved the ball confidently through midfield, showing real intent to take control of the match from the opening whistle.

In the twelfth minute, Kerry FC appealed for a penalty when a potential handball occurred inside the Finn Harps box. The incident caused a moment of tension among the home supporters, but referee Darragh White waved away the appeals, deciding there had been no infringement. It was an early sign that Kerry FC were looking dangerous whenever they pressed forward.

By the twenty-minute mark, Kerry FC's dominance in possession was evident. They dictated play, moving the ball with purpose and keeping Finn Harps largely pinned in their own half. The visitors' midfield trio worked tirelessly to maintain control, and it appeared only a matter of time before their pressure yielded a breakthrough. However, as the first half progressed, the game began to settle into a cagier rhythm.

Approaching the half-hour mark, the intensity began to shift slightly, with both sides becoming more cautious in their approach. The earlier fluency in Kerry's play was met by increased defensive organisation from Finn Harps, who were gradually finding their footing in the match. It became a tactical battle, with neither team willing to take unnecessary risks.

In the thirty-fourth minute, Kerry FC had a promising opportunity from a free kick after Oran Crowe was fouled just outside the area. Crowe himself stepped up to take it, but his effort sailed narrowly over the crossbar, drawing a sigh from the Kerry faithful who had made the long trip north. It was another reminder of Kerry's growing threat around the box. Moments later, a scramble inside the Finn Harps



area in the thirty-seventh minute had hearts in mouths for the home supporters. The ball bobbled dangerously around the six-yard box, but the Harps defenders reacted quickest to clear their lines, denying Kerry what would have been a deserved opener. Kerry continued to probe, maintaining composure and recycling possession intelligently, while the hosts relied on counter-attacks that rarely tested the visiting defence.

Four minutes before the break, Finn Harps carved out a decent chance when Max Hutchinson rose highest to meet a cross from the right. His header, however, lacked the power to beat Kerry goalkeeper Darragh Foley, who gathered comfortably.

Then came the turning point. In the forty-second minute, Kerry FC were awarded a penalty after Oran Crowe was brought down inside the area. A tangle of legs in the box left referee Darragh White with little hesitation as he pointed straight to the spot. It was a deserved opportunity for the visitors after sustained pressure throughout the half.

Up stepped Luke Palmer, showing composure beyond his years. Palmer sent Barbosa the wrong way, calmly slotting the ball into the bottom left corner. The away end erupted in celebration as Kerry FC finally took the lead their performance merited. It was Palmer's assuredness from twelve yards that separated the two sides as the first half drew to a close.

The second half began at a blistering pace, with both sides determined to seize the initiative. Kerry FC continued where they had left off, moving the ball crisply and maintaining possession, while Finn Harps emerged with renewed energy after the break. It quickly became an open, end-to-end contest as both teams sought to make an early impact.

In the fifty-fourth minute, the visitors again found themselves in control, with their midfield trio dictating the tempo. Despite this, Finn Harps looked more dangerous in transition, hinting at their potential to exploit any lapse in Kerry's concentration. Manager Colin Healy made his first change of the night in the fifty-eighth minute, introducing Cian Brosnan in place of Ryan Perez, a move designed to inject pace and fresh legs into Kerry's attacking play.

Just two minutes later, Kerry came close to doubling their advantage. A deflected shot from Finn Barrett looped over the bar, forcing a corner. The resulting delivery caused chaos inside the Harps' box, with several Kerry players trying to bundle the ball home, but the hosts eventually managed to clear the danger. It was another near-miss for Healy's men.

Kerry continued to threaten, particularly down the left flank where Ronan Teahan was proving a handful. In the sixty-fourth minute, Teahan whipped in an excellent cross that found Sam Aladesanusi in space. The centre half met it with a strong header, but unfortunately, his effort flew over the crossbar. It was a gilt-edged chance that could have sealed the game for the visitors.

Colin Healy made another substitution in the sixty-seventh minute, replacing goal scorer Luke Palmer with Daniel Okwute. The change aimed to maintain energy up front and ensure Kerry retained their pressing intensity. However, just when Kerry appeared comfortable, the game was turned on its head.

Finn Harps found an equaliser. After what Kerry players, staff and supporters alike felt was a harshly awarded free kick, the ball was delivered to the back post, where Shaun Bradley managed to bundle it over the line following a scramble. It was a scrappy goal, but it brought the hosts level at 1-1 and reignited the contest. Kerry was left frustrated, feeling that the initial foul had been soft, yet they now faced the challenge of restoring their advantage.

The equaliser injected fresh tension into the game. The atmosphere at Finn Park grew more electric as both sets of supporters sensed there might still be a twist to come. Kerry FC continued to press forward in search of a winner, while Finn Harps looked to hit on the counter.

In the seventy-ninth minute, the tension was palpable as the game edged into its final stages. Kerry's defence remained alert, but the midfield battle intensified. Tony McNamee went close for Finn Harps in the eighty-second minute, rising to meet a cross with a powerful header that forced Kerry goalkeeper Darragh Foley into an excellent save.

Kerry responded almost immediately. In the eighty-third minute, Daniel Okwute, who had been lively since his introduction, whipped in a teasing cross that narrowly missed the outstretched Cian Brosnan at the far post. Just two minutes later, Okwute again delivered dangerously into the box, and this time his cross nearly caught out goalkeeper Barbosa, who reacted just in time to palm the ball clear. Kerry was pushing hard for a late winner, showing tremendous spirit and determination.

As the clock ticked toward full-time, Colin Healy made his final change in the eighty-seventh minute, sending on Luke Doolan to replace Finn Barrett, a move designed to bring fresh energy for the closing moments.

When the fourth official indicated six minutes of additional time, both teams threw everything forward. Kerry sought to restore their lead with direct, purposeful play, while Finn Harps dug deep to hold their ground. Despite Kerry's best efforts, with Okwute again instrumental in several attacking moves, they were unable to find the decisive goal.

When the final whistle blew, the game ended Finn Harps 1-1 Kerry FC. It was a hard-fought contest that saw Kerry FC dominate large spells but ultimately share the spoils after a moment of misfortune.

Kerry FC now look ahead to their season finale on Friday night when they take on Bray Wanderers in the Carlisle Grounds to bid farewell the 2025 season.



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JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY

takes a look at all things sport...

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP QUARTER-FINALS

Lads, I'll make no more predictions. Not on the County Championship, anyway. This thing has as many twists and turns as any Donald Trump policy and it's starting to feel as though the favourites tag is booby trapped.

I predicted last week that Mid Kerry would see off Spa in a close contest – Spa did their best, but Mid Kerry showed serious power, enough to have them installed now as the favourites (I know; no need to thank me, guys!).

I did think that Dingle would have too much for West Kerry, depending on injuries. As I said, I think Dingle have been keeping a little bit of powder dry for the long road. They are just two games away from ending a very, very long famine, having gone so close in recent years. They also have probably the best individual player left in the competition in Paul Geaney, who has been phenomenally consistent for four years straight now.

Kenmare and Austin Stacks....Kenmare's victory over North Kerry was a masterclass, where Stacks were relatively untested and a bit of an unknown entity. Kenmare acquitted themselves admirably, but as for Austin Stacks? Question asked, question answered. Both sides have a steady stream of talent coming through the ranks, but the Rockies look exceptional.

The headline result, though, has to be East Kerry's defeat by Rathmore. Remember, it's not all that long ago that Rathmore were a key component of that powerhouse, but I certainly thought that East Kerry had more than enough left to see off the club side. In my defence, little though it is, I did think that Ronan Buckley's absence would be a factor. He was flying all year for Listry and I thought he was in line for man of the match against Templenoe before his unfortunate injury. But East Kerry aren't he talking point. Fair play to Rathmore; I knew they were very good; they turned out to be a lot better than that.

Nervous times for Dr. Crokes, who will be representing Kerry in the Munster Club championship - provided that a club team doesn't win the County Championship. They'll obviously be rooting for Mid Kerry! As things stand, the All Ireland Club Championship is shaping up to be interesting – the likes of Errigal Ciarán, the Glen, Corofin, Kilmacud Crokes, Cuala are all out of the running (Slaughtneil lost as well, but I gather they are appealing the decision). In Cork St. Finbarrs face Nemo in the County Final (I fancy Finbarrs and I think they can go all the way). Interesting times, both in Kerry and further afield!



Action from the Rathmore V East Kerry Game. Photo: Seamus Healy



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RATHMORE 1-21 EAST KERRY 0-9

Definitely the biggest shock of the week, especially as Rathmore's victory was so comprehensive. William Casey's return between the posts meant that Shane Ryan could line out on the forty, Paul Murphy could go back to centre back (from where he dominated proceedings in a man of the match display), and Mark Ryan's return meant that he and his brother Cathal, along with Andrew Moynihan, locked up the middle. East Kerry never really had an answer to that diamond and more often than not, East Kerry were simply running

into turnovers, while at the other end the likes of Ciarán Collins could probe and penetrate relentlessly.

The first half was hard-fought, in fairness. David Clifford opened the scoring and added a two pointer soon after to level matters at 0-3 apiece. Paul O'Shea added another two pointer, but Paul Murphy and Ciarán Collins set up Mark Ryan for a goal, while chances for Ruairi Murphy and David Clifford were smothered by a hungry Rathmore defence. At half-time Rathmore led by 1-6 to 0-7, but I certainly thought that a relatively tame East Kerry by their own standards would shake off the shackles and start taking the game to their opponents. They did clip over two fast points to start the half from Murphy and Clifford, but it was Rathmore who reached for the higher gears and added fourteen points, while East Kerry didn't score again. In truth, they looked a tired and almost disinterested team well before the finish. Rathmore are into the last four on merit.

Rathmore: William Casey, Cian Dineen (0-1), Dan Murphy, Fionn Holohan, Alan Dineen, Paul Murphy (0-3, 1m), Fionn Murphy (0-1), Andrew Moynihan, Cathal Ryan (0-2), Brian Friel (0-1), Shane Ryan (0-3, 1 2pf), Brendan O'Keeffe, Mark Reen (0-1), Ciarán Collins (0-6, 2f), Mark Ryan (1-1) Subs: Darragh Rahilly (for Paul Murphy, 49 mins), Pádraig Moynihan 0-2 (for Brendan O'Keeffe, 52 mins), John Moynihan (for Mark Reen, 52 mins), Cian O'Connor (for Alan Dineen, 57)

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Action from the Kenmare Shamrocks V Austin Stacks game. Photo Lucy Shalimova, Fitzgerald Stadium PR

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Kenmare did dominate the third quarter and, very much to their credit, actually battled their way back level, with Seán O'Shea and young

Jack 'Atlantic' O'Sullivan leading the charge. That set up the idea of an exciting finish, but an unperturbed Austin Stacks coolly and calmly found another gear. Joey Nagle's introduction was key, as was Paddy Lane notching three points to take his personal tally to 0-6 s well as forcing a superb save. With seven points on the trot, Stacks were almost in cruise control by the finish. They'll take a lot of stopping.

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Referee: Seán Joy (Laune Rangers)

MID KERRY 1-28 SPA 2-9

Spa gave it everything they had and can hold their heads high, but Mid Kerry were just a class above them and it showed, so much so that they could withdraw their big guns from early on in the second half. Spa did make a great start, with Shane Cronin driving forward to test Jason Browne and Cian Tobin nipping

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Ben Murphy burst for goal early on, forcing a save that saw Michael Tansley send over a '45. It was pretty much point for point for a lot of the first half, Stacks leading by 0-6 to 0-5 with ten minutes to go in the half. Kenmare were struggling around the middle, where Joe O'Connor showed why he is a nominee for Footballer of the Year and Ben Murphy....look, there are two players in Ulster I'll be watching out for in the next couple of years, but the last player I saw that showed the potential of Ben Murphy was a lad named David Clifford. I'm not exaggerating in the slightest; this guy has been a phenomenon. I'm normally very careful when talking about young players, I think hype is generally very unfair on them in terms of expectation, but ye all know about him already. The rumour mill says that he will be signing for Brisbane shortly; I have no idea whether that's true. But if he and O'Connor keep playing like this, he could have a County Championship medal by then anyway.

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Kenmare did dominate the third quarter and, very much to their credit, actually battled their way back level, with Seán O'Shea and young Jack 'Atlantic' O'Sullivan leading the charge. That set up the idea of an exciting finish, but an unperturbed Austin Stacks coolly and calmly found another gear. Joey Nagle's introduction was key, as was Paddy Lane notching three points to take his personal tally to 0-6 s well as forcing a superb save. With seven points on the trot, Stacks were almost in cruise control by the finish. They'll take a lot of stopping.

Austin Stacks: Michael Tansley (0-1, 1'45), Colin Griffin, Luke Casey, Niall Fitzmaurice, Eoghan Carroll, Armin Heinrich (0-1), Ronan Shanahan, Joe O'Connor, (0-4) Ben Murphy (0-2), Michael O'Donnell, Conor Horan (0-1), Daniel Kirby (0-2, 1 2p), Paddy Lane (0-6, 2f), Cian Purcell (1-1), Jordan Kissane (0-1) Subs: Ronan Carroll 0-1 (for Jordan Kissane, 37 mins), Joey Nagle (for Ronan Shanahan, 38 mins), Colm Browne (for Luke Casey, 47 mins), Jack Murphy (for Michael O'Donnell, 51 mins), Jack O'Shea (for Colin Griffin, 55 mins)

Kenmare Shamrocks: Kieran Fitzgibbon, Cian O'Sullivan (0-1), James McCarthy, Dara Crowley,

Dara O'Shea, Darragh O'Connor (0-1), Tommy Cronin (0-1), Jack O'Sullivan, David Hallissey, Jimmy Lehane, Seán O'Shea (0-7, 1 2pf, 1'45, 4f), Paul O'Connor (0-1), Jack Tangney (0-2), Donal Down O'Sullivan (0-1), Tom Murnane (0-1) Subs: Stephen O'Brien (for Jimmy Lehane, 43 mins), Shane O'Sullivan (for David Hallissey, 49 mins), Tommy 'Atlantic' O'Sullivan (for Tom Murnane, 51 mins), Eoghan McCarthy (for Paul O'Connor, 54 mins), Tommy O'Sullivan (for Tommy Cronin, 55 mins) Referee: Seán Joy (Laune Rangers)

MID KERRY 1-28 SPA 2-9

Spa gave it everything they had and can hold their heads high, but Mid Kerry were just a class above them and it showed, so much so that they could withdraw their big guns from early on in the second half. Spa did make a great start, with Shane Cronin driving forward to test Jason Browne and Cian Tobin nipping in to poke the loose ball home. However, six points from Mid Kerry, three from the boot of Jack O'Connor. Spa had impressive performers in the likes of Cronin, Michael Foley, and Gary Vaughan, but but with Ronan Murphy, Seán O'Brien, and Liam Smith (surely a contender for Player of the Championship at this stage) dominating the middle, Mid Kerry were constantly picking off scores. Ciarán Kennedy landed a two pointer and then set up Daire Cleary for a goal. Seán O'Brien was outstanding throughout and added another two pointer. Shane Cronin did fire home a Spa goal but with Mid Kerry leading by 1-16 to 2-2 at the break, the writing was writ as large upon the wall as it had been in Belshazzar's palace for the biblical Daniel. For that matter, Spa probably felt a bit like the prophet when he had been in the lions' den.

It's fair to say that they second half was more of the same. Spa battled very hard and notched 0-7 themselves but Mid Kerry added another 0-12, and it could have been more if they needed it.

Mid Kerry: Jason Browne (Laune Rangers), Seán Cleary (Laune Rangers), Nathan Breen (Beaufort), Ethan Coffey (Beaufort), Eoin Clifford (Laune Rangers), Mike Breen 0-1 (Beaufort), Seán O'Brien 0-4 (1 tp (Beaufort), Ronan Murphy (Beaufort), Liam Smith (Glenbeigh/Glencar), Darragh O'Connor 0-3 (Beaufort), Dáire Cleary 1-2 (Laune Rangers), Keith Evans 0-3 (Keel), Jack O'Connor 0-3 (1f) (Beaufort), Ciarán Kennedy 0-5 (2xtp) (Beaufort), Liam Carey 0-4 (1f) (Beaufort). Subs: Shane Evans (Keel) for Liam Smith, 36 mins, Darren Houlihan 0-1 (Cromane) for Ruairi Murphy, 42 mins, Shane Clifford (Laune Rangers) for Mike Breen, 42 mins, Caolam Teahan 0-1 (Glenbeigh/Glencar) for Ciarán Kennedy, 46 mins, Stephen Gannon 0-1 (Laune Rangers) for Keith Evans (46)

Spa: Shay O'Meara, Eric O'Donoghue, Matt Moynihan, Darragh Brosnan, Shane Cronin (1-0), Gary Vaughan (0-1), Michael Foley (0-2, 1tpf), Niall McCarthy (0-1), Oran O'Neill, Dara Moynihan, Evan Cronin (0-3, 1tp), Luke O'Neill, David Spillane (0-1), Michael Horgan, Cian Tobin (1-1, 1f). Subs: Eoin Fitzgerald (for Darragh Brosnan, 28 mins), Joey McCarthy (for Dara Moynihan, 40 mins), Ciarán Spillane (for Oran O'Neill, 40 mins), Rian O'Neill (for Shane Cronin, bs, 50-52 mins), Rian O'Neill (for Cian Tobin, 52 mins) Referee: Paul Hayes (Kerins O'Rahillys)

SEMI-FINAL PREVIEWS

MID KERRY V DINGLE

I'll keep these fairly short because, sure, recent history says that I am bound to be wrong anyway. You have to fancy Mid Kerry for this one. They have been consistently excellent. Players like Liam Smith, Mike Breen, Seán O'Brien, Eoin Clifford, and the O'Connor brothers haven't put a foot wrong. I still say that Beaufort will rue that late goal by Paudie Clifford that ended their Intermediate campaign, Keel weren't far away in the Junior Premier, and all of the Mid Kerry clubs have a lot to contribute. It's a good mix and their management team are clearly popular with the players. Seán O'Brien said after the quarter-final that it's "club Mid Kerry" rather than an amalgamation. Yes, I know, a time-worn and frankly abused cliché, but all clichés spring from a grain of truth. Mind you, Dingle won't be beaten easily. It's grand saying that if you can stop Paul Geaney, you take away a lot of their scoring power. But a lot of teams have been trying to do that for a long time; it's not like the man waits for you to catch up with him. The sight of Conor Geaney coming off the bench the last is an ominous one as well for opposition. I think they will need two goals, but they are quite capable of scoring them. The thing is, so are Mid Kerry, and I think they have a deeper bench – the likes of Darren Houlihan are game-changers. I think Mid Kerry to win a shootout.

AUSTIN STACKS V RATHMORE

I fancied black and amber to just about beat red and white in this year's County Final. Mind you, I was thinking of Crokes v East Kerry, so that shows what I know.

I took absolutely nothing away from the Milltown game, but Kenmare were a different proposition. It took a very good team to beat them. I've said consistently that it was a year of injury that took Stacks down to Intermediate, and they are back with a bang. Fair enough, Dylan Casey is away travelling, and of course he's a loss, but Tansley, Jack and Ben Murphy, Paddy Lane, Ronan Carroll, Conor Horan, Daniel Kirby, Armin Heinrich, along with proven campaigners like Ronan Shanahan, Joe O'Connor, Cian Purcell....

Fair enough,. But the obvious rejoinder is that Rathmore have Fionn Murphy, Fionn Holohan, Cathal Ryan, Andrew and Pádraig Moynihan, Ciarán Collins (who has been in superb form) to go with the likes of Shane and Mark Ryan, the Dineens, experienced campaigners like Brendan O'Keeffe, Brian Friel, Mark Reen, and John Moynihan. Like Stacks, they tick every box. Unlike Austin Stacks, they have never won a County Championship (several Rathmore players have, but as part of East Kerry). This is a historic chance for a team who look primed to take it – but, as I say, that applies perfectly to both these teams. I'll go for Austin Stacks to shade it, but I certainly wouldn't bet on it. In racing parlance, 'by the nose' means which of two close horses dipped their head at the right time to cross the line first in a photo finish. I expect this game to be that tight.



KVAC Jumper Alan Delaney left wins silver medal in the High Jump European Masters Track & Field Championships.

COUNTY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

U20 FOOTBALL MANAGEMENT

Tomás Ó Sé has been ratified for another two years as manager of the Kerry U20 footballers, while his management team will include Mark Fitzgerald, Maurice Horan and Mike Frank Russell.

U20 HURLING MANAGEMENT

The U20 Hurling Management have yet to be ratified.

MINOR FOOTBALL MANAGEMENT

Marc Ó Sé has been ratified to replace Wayne Quillinan as manager of the Kerry minor footballers, and his management team will include Noel Kennelly, Cathal Moriarty, Ronan McAuliffe, and Niall O'Mahony.

MINOR HURLING MANAGEMENT

Brian Sargent will stay on as manager of the Kerry minor hurlers, and his backroom team will include Conor Bohane, James McCarty, Martin Daly, and David O'Grady.

COMMERCIAL DIRECTOR

Kerry GAA have taken the new, and in my opinion, very welcome step of appointing a Commercial Director to oversee and maximise commercial opportunities and revenue. While Kerry has a good history of managing its finances, I believe that the sums involved are too large and the various income streams potentially so widespread that a dedicated professional is required. I also think it is a wise move in light of increased revenue oversight in recent years and wish Maura Ashe all the best in her new role.

CAMOGIE MANAGEMENT

Having taken over the helm from Bryan Darcy during last year's National League campaign and led the team to a McGrath Intermediate Cup Final, John Madden has been ratified as the Kerry Senior Camogie Manager along with his

selectors Aidan Boyle, Pete Young, and John Barry.

ATHLETICS

EUROPEAN SILVER FOR KILLARNEY HIGH JUMPER

Congratulations to Killarney Valley's Alan Delaney, who won the silver medal in the Men 40 High Jump at the European Masters Athletics Championships last Tuesday morning with jump of 1.81m.

SOCCER

WORLD CUP QUALIFIER: PORTUGAL 1 IRELAND 0

I didn't actually get around to watching it until Monday, as there was so much going on in so many sporting codes over the weekend. But if I'm being truthful, it just wasn't a high enough priority. I could get over the Irish soccer team being fairly limited if Irish soccer was well run, and I do sympathise with the managers and players, given that supporters' expectations so often exceed ability. Credit to the big Irish support in Lisbon. To me, there was a certain inevitability about proceedings.

I think in a way that the Armenia defeat did us a bit of a favour in exposing the myth that Ireland are as good as we were a generation ago but successive managers (a lot of them) have somehow failed to capitalise. It's just not true; it hasn't been for a long time. We aren't going to the World Cup. And from the sounds of it, we might actually be better off, given the political as well as actual climate in the USA right now.

Ireland played fine. Yes, ultra-defensively – what were you expecting? We had zero corners all game. Portugal had two in the opening minutes. They battered us all night. And still, a doggedly stubborn Ireland, outclassed but unyielding, hung on. Caoimhín Kelliher's penalty save – lads, Cristiano Ronaldo is apparently soccer's first billionaire, he's only playing for his place in the history books and he wanted goals against Ireland. That's twice we have denied him from the penalty spot. But, just like the last time, Portugal came up with a winner in injury time. Fair enough. We weren't good enough, but we were as good as we can be, and right now I'll happily take that.

WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS
IRELAND 1 ARMENIA 0

Ireland lined out in a 5-2-3 formation and looked lively at the start. Seamus Coleman won an early free turned behind for an early corner. It's a real chance, Smallbone sending it across and Nathan Collins rising high to meet it, but he can't direct the header on target. An early goal would have given Ireland a huge confidence boost. Confidence, for obvious reasons, is clearly an issue. Ireland's front three soon get sucked into midfield and even behind that. Long ball to Evan Ferguson is just another way of saying that Ireland are persistently giving the ball back to Armenia and it feels like a bit of a siege. In fact, Ferguson's few touches are in Ireland's half; that's a serious sign of a team being totally outplayed. The only thing is that for all their possession, Armenia aren't really creating any danger, one tame effort comfortably gathered by Kelliher is all they have to show. Festy Ebosele is the one player who looks willing to take Armenia on down the wing. He sets up a chance for Ryan Manning – the shot is way off but at least Armenia are on the back foot. With five minutes left in the half, Nathan Collins and Caoimhín Kelliher each wait for the other to deal with the ball and Armenia very nearly nip in for a giveaway goal, but Kelliher recovers just in time. Look, that's just silly stuff, you'd call that a fairly basic error at KDL standard. A minute later Spertsyan is unmarked at the back post and

GAA NEWS

FOSSA

LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 12/10/2025 for a jackpot of €3,750 were . There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; . 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>

LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 12/10/2025 for a jackpot of €3,750 were 10, 12, 21, 28. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Amanda Cummins, Online; Ailish McDonagh, Online; Margaret O'Carroll; Mick Clifford; Aaron Coffey.

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>

O'SULLIVAN CUP

Fossa had a good win over Rathmore in the opening round of the O'Sullivan Cup in Rathbeg on Sunday. Fossa had a strong team out and they dominated proceedings from start to finish. Harry Buckley and Jack Clifford had the first two scores of the game before Rathmore struck back for a goal to take the lead, then in the 12th minute, a brilliant through ball by Killian Buckley put Jack Clifford in for a great goal. This was followed two minutes later by a goal from Michael O'Dwyer and then in the 18th minute Harry Buckley despatched a penalty to the Rathmore net to put Fossa firmly in the driving seat. Fossa continued to keep the pressure on

shoots wide – that was also bad defending, but that was a chronic attempt at a finish. Any World Cup team needs to be burying the like of that in the net. Half-time. That was a really, really poor half for Ireland. One of these team is ranked 105th in the world; it looks very much like the rankings have got it the wrong way around. Early in the second half, Ireland get a huge boost, and it's not of their own making. Barseghyan with a headbutt on Finn Azaz, and he's gone. That's just bizarre, absolutely no need for it, and it's likely to cost Armenia hugely. Or so I hope. Great cross, and Nathan Collins heads it well, only to be denied by the crossbar. That was unlucky, in fairness. Collins is looking like the Shnae Duffy of old, our main threat through route one ball. Grand, I'll gladly take it if he can nod a hit-and-hope home. Good corner by Ryan Manning and Dara O'Shea heads it well, but the keeper lunged to scrape it out. Good attack, great save. Ireland, with the extra man, are actually starting to play a bit of soccer. Haven't seen that in a while! Coleman out, Ogbene in. Ebosele out, Troy Parrott in. Good calls by Hallgrímsson, it's time to get more ambitious in Armenia's half. We need to win, spare me any nonsense about a draw. 70 minutes gone, Finn Azaz to Eva Ferguson for his first goal chance of the night. The keeper saves it, but Ireland are asking the right questions.

And get the right answer just one minute later. Will Smallbone gathers, sends in a beautiful cross, and Ferguson's instincts kick in as he darts ahead of his marker and heads home. 1-0. The crowd in the Aviva have been relatively subdued for most of the night, quite understandably, but they are rocking now. Another Irish corner, and another headed effort by Nathan Collins, but it loops away from goal. That's fine, as long as the play stays up at that end, I don't really care. Idah is just on the pitch and fires a great shot, but the keeper saves it. He's good, in fairness, there wasn't a lot he could have done about the one that got past him and that's his second great save. Idah is hungry and does find the net after Troy Parrott put him through, but it was offside. Six minutes added time. Six? Jaysus, lads, do not let this one get away. And they don't. Look, after four games, we are just behind Hungary in the table. We're not catching Portugal and I don't think anybody thought we really would. But Hungary? They are playing really well, having just drawn 2-2 with Portugal, but we have a chance. We're still up against it, having played the weakest team twice already, and having been poor overall (Santa, all I want for Christmas is a midfielder who can put his foot on the ball...) but at least we are still in it.

and scores from the impressive Jack Clifford, David Butler, Peadar Kelliher and Paddy Sheehan gave them a 3-8 to 1-1 lead at the break. Rathmore started the second half well with two unanswered points but scores from Dan O'Keeffe, Jack Clifford and a two pointer from Killian Buckley settled Fossa. With Paddy Sheehan having a trojan of a game in defence along with the hardworking Dan O'Keeffe and the peerless Eoin Talbot, Fossa enjoyed plenty of possession and they made it count. Rocco Sheehan scored their second penalty of the game in the 15th minute, Rathmore replied with a goal but for the second week in a row, Dan O'Keeffe got a goal, putting the ball in over the goalkeeper. Further scores from Ruari Doyle, Rocco Sheehan, Peadar Kelliher and Harry Buckley left Fossa winners on a score of 5-16 to 3-04. They will play their semifinal in two weeks time. Team; Lee Lenihan, Brian Myers, Anthony O'Keeffe, Sam Buckley, David Butler 0-1, Paddy Sheehan 0-1, Dan O'Keeffe 1-1, Eoin Talbot, Rian Collieran, Harry Buckley 1-3, Killian Buckley 0-2, Ruari Doyle 0-1, Rocco Sheehan 1-1, Michael O'Dwyer 1-0, Jack Clifford 1-4, Peadar Kelliher 0-2, Kevin McCarthy, Ryan O'Leary, Cian Doyle, Cathal Breen, Jack O'Sullivan.

BEAUFORT FILM NIGHT

Beaufort Film Night will hold a film night on Friday 17th October at 8.30pm at Cullina National School, Beaufort. The feature film on the night is The Marching Band, a French drama-comedy (with English subtitles). Cert 12A. Admission €7 cash (No card payment available).

FOSSA TWO MILE COMHALTAS

Junior Set Dancing Classes have returned to Fossa. Wednesdays from 5.30 to 6.30pm. Open to all from 7+ boys and girls. Senior Set Dancing Classes are also back on Tuesday nights 8.30 for beginners, 9.00 for advanced and intermediate.

EAST KERRY NEWS

O'DONOGHUE CUP ROUND 1

First named team are at home
First Round
Fossa V Kilcummin – Saturday 18th October at 1:45pm
Currow V Glenflesk – Sunday 19th October at 12 noon
Furies V Listry – Sunday 19th October at 1:30pm
Gneeveguilla V Legion – Sunday 19th October at 3pm ALL ABOVE GAMES CARRY EXTRA TIME
RESULT ON THE DAY
EAST KERRY MINOR CHAMPIONSHIPS
First named team are at home
Division 1 (15 a side)
Semi Final
Legion V Rathmore – Saturday 18th October at 1pm. Kenmare V Dr. Crokes – Saturday 18th October in 2pm
Winners to Contest Division 1 Final
Losers drop down to Division 2
Division 2/3 (13/15 a side)
Saturday 19th October at 4pm
Furies V Listry – Saturday 18th October at 2pm
Spa V Glenflesk – Saturday 18th October at 2pm
Winners to contest Division 2 semi finals.

Losers to contest the Division 3 Semi finals
Division 3A (13 a side) Saturday 19th October
at 4pm. Gneeveguilla V Kenmare B – Saturday
18th October at 2pm. Fossa V Kilcummin –
Sunday 19th October at 12pm. Winners to
contest Division 3 semi finals. Losers to drop
down to division 4

O'SULLIVAN CUP RESULTS

Killarney Carpet and Furniture O Sullivan Cup
Round 1

Gneeveguilla 3-10 Kilcummin 2-10

Listry 7-16 Currow 1-10

Glenflesk 2-20 Firies 1-13

Quarter Final Rathmore 3-04 Fossa 5-16

POST PRIMARY SCHOOLS

PSSL Rathmore students completed Young
Referees Course with Evan Horan (Glenflesk).
The course was class based with all students
gaining excellent knowledge of playing
rules during the one day event. Twenty eight
students representing six clubs took part. East
Kerry GDC Vince Cooper has given all names
to club contacts to make sure these students
are given the chance to referee in 2026. It was
great to see eight referees in action at Munster
U9 blitz in Rathmore. East Kerry U9 clubs were
well represented in Rathmore on the day.

KERRY COACHING AND GAMES FIRST YEAR POST PRIMARY SCHOOLS BLITZES

took place during the week. St Brendans College
had three teams in action. PSSL Rathmore and
Killarney Community College had one team
each. Players got lots of game time to improve
and develop during the match days. Thanks to
Seamus Cronin (Rathmore) and Evan Horan
(Glenflesk) for supporting Vince Cooper East
Kerry GDC in completing the well run events.

EAST KERRY U14 SUPER TEN

East Kerry U14 Super Ten competition took
place in Firies. The format was ten aside games.
Players representing all clubs performed
very well on the day. Small Sided Games give
every player plenty of game time to improve
technical skills and decision making. Evan
Horan (Glenflesk) refereed all matches on the
day. Best of Luck to Firies and Kilcummin clubs
representing East Kerry Board in the county
final in Tralee.

EAST KERRY NEWS

LOTTO

Took place October 13th. Numbers drawn were
2, 12, 19, 22. Jackpot of €13,100 was NOT WON.
17 patrons matched 3 numbers and receive €25
each. Jackpot for draw on October 20th will be
€13,100. Play online by following the link below
and follow instructions attached <https://play.clubforce.com/play>. Fr. Paddy's Cards Night
will continue on Wednesdays from 8pm in the
clubhouse. All are welcome.

Gentle exercise class with Kathleen continues
on Tuesdays from 11am in the Clubhouse.
Everyone is welcome.

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

Scór If anyone is interested in singing, dancing,
performing music or taking part in the Quiz
please contact Rachel Foley.

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.

Speedy Recovery to Fr. Paddy O'Donoghue.

CONDOLENCES

to the families of Paudie O'Callaghan, Dick
Henggeler and Ger Doyle on their recent
passings. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha.

NOTES

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

KILLARNEY LEGION

EAST KERRY FIXTURES

With East Kerry making an earlier than expected
exit from the Senior County Championship ,
the O Donoghue Cup will now kick into action
this weekend coming. The following are the
fixtures.

FIRST ROUND

Fossa V Kilcummin – Saturday 19th October at
1:45pm

Currow V Glenflesk – Sunday 19th October at
12 noon

Firies V Listry – Sunday 19th October at 1:30pm

Gneeveguilla V Legion – Sunday 19th October
at 3pm

Best of luck to Nigel and the team in the first
round encounter. All support is welcome.

EAST KERRY MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP

The East Kerry Minor Championship also kicks
off this weekend and again the following
fixtures have been confirmed .

Semi Final

Legion V Rathmore – Saturday 18th October at
1pm

Kenmare V Dr. Crokes – Saturday 18th October
in 2pm

Winners to Contest Division 1 Final

Losers drop down to Division 2.

EAST KERRY REPRESENTATIVES

Well done to Mary Pierce, Beibhinn O
Donoghue & Claire Lyne who lined out for
East Kerry in the 1st round of the U15 District
Championship on Saturday while Regan O
Shea, Leah Mannix, Mia Cox, Evelyn Grimes,
Clodagh Hegarty and Jaylinn O Leary were
all part of the East Kerry U13 District side
who defeated Castleisland District in Round
of the U13 District Championship, played in
Farranfore on Sunday.

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

The Club would like to extend its sympathies to
the family of Paudie O'Callaghan who passed
away in recent days. May he Rest in Peace.

LOTTO

Results Monday October 6th

Numbers were 6,24,26,27. Bonus No 15

No Jackpot Winner

Match 3s / Lucky Dips

1. David Hegarty

2. Timmy O Donoghue

3. Karen Moloney

RESULTS MONDAY OCTOBER 13TH

Numbers were 3,10,11,17. Bonus No 21.

No Jackpot Winner

Match 3s / Lucky Dips

1. Kathleen Kelleher

2. Maureen Broderick

3. Lorcan Cronin

Funding to Retrofit Spa GAA Club Announced

Spa GAA have been announced as one
of the successful applicants nationally for
energy grant funding under the SE Systems
Community Fund programme 2025. The
fund is open to community groups and
sports clubs to support and empower
not for profit organizations in delivering
sustainable energy efficient projects that
will reduce their energy bills. Launched in
2022 the fund is designed to drive long-
term community benefits by providing
financial support, technical resources and
expert guidance.

In the case of Spa GAA the Grant allocation
is earmarked for a full insulation retrofit of
their Sports Hall and Clubhouse to make
their building infrastructure more thermally
resilient, along with an external lighting
upgrade by replacement of old floodlighting

with energy efficient L.E.D. fittings.

This marks another important milestone
in the club's ongoing transition to energy
conservation and sustainability following
the installation of a Solar PV system earlier
this year.

Welcoming the funding at a media launch
in The Garden Restaurant, Blackrock, Cork,
James Cahill, on behalf of the club thanked
SE Systems " for supporting the power
of sport and recreation to bring people
together, promote healthy lifestyles and
build connections in the community." Spa
GAA are one of 3 clubs in the country who
have been chosen by SE Systems to front a
national print media campaign to promote
the Community Fund in tandem with the
announcement of successful applicants for
2025.



James Cahill representing Spa GAA at the media launch day for
SE systems Community Fund 2025.

**UTILITY TRUST ST PAULS VS
PORTLAOISE PANTHERS MATCH REPORT****DOMINOS WOMENS
SUPERLEAGUE BASKETBALL
SUNDAY OCTOBER 3RD
ST MARYS HALL PORTLAOISE****PORTLAOISE PANTHERS 62
UTILITY TRUST ST PAULS 72***Report by Enda Walshe*

You always earn your corn in St Mary's Hall in Portlaoise and so it proved as Utility Trust St Pauls recorded their second win on the road and maintained their 100% start to the season. Leading from the start they had to withstand a strong Portlaoise rally in the second half but the story of the game was different players stepping up when the need was greatest.

The first half was the preserve of Maisie Burnham who hit 18 points and left the Portlaoise rearguard at sixes and seven inside and out. Not to be outdone Lovisa Hevinder went 63% from three point land with some well timed daggers to the Panthers heart. Lorraine Scanlon was immense all through but none more so than in the second quarter when she hit seven points. Leah McMahon chipped in with some vital points but also defended diligently. Denise Dunlea used all her game nous when required while the undoubted star of the fourth quarter was Tara Cousins. Cousins was irrepressible down the stretch nailing sixteen points, each one counting as they closed in on the win.

St Pauls sprang out in the first quarter like a greyhound out of traps with Burnham and Hevinder, thanks to accurate outside shooting, opening up an 0-8 advantage. The Panthers were slow into their stride with only Lynn Tunnah contributing as Hevinder and Burnham made it 14-3. The home side eventually cleared their heads with Christiana Ojide and Alyssa Velles getting them going. Cousins hit another from beyond the arc but Fressle, Holli Dunne and Tunnah had them purring by quarters end, St Pauls lead now only two, 18-16.

Burnham was on fire at this juncture and she couldn't miss, all that helping to give her side a 24-17 lead. Leah McMahon was influential too at this stage and with Denise Dunlea springing off the bench, St Paul's momentum was maintained. Lorraine Scanlon now started to get into the groove inside as the Panthers tried to quell Hevinder and Burnham and she was irresistible in helping her side into a 39-27 half time lead. There was still time for some three point cameos from Burnham and Hevinder and despite the best efforts of Sarah Fleming and Ciara Byrne, the home side were in arrears 39-27 at half time. A key stat was St Pauls had landed eight three pointers in the half.

The Panthers knew that they had to up the ante and they spent a lot of the opening minutes of the second half building up the intensity. Dunne and Fressle tried hard for them but the St Paul's defence was excellent on the normally lethal Alyssa Velles. Denise Dunlea popped in a

vital basket as Hevinders buzzer-beating three pointer gave her side the breathing space of nine points, 52-43, at the end of an industrious third quarter. The home crowd were certainly encouraged as they too built the energy in the gym.

The fourth quarter started in a blaze for the Panthers as they looked to use the considerable presence of Christiana Ojide inside. Fressle and Fleming stepped up also and it took a Tara Cousins basket to stop the rot. The game was close to being on a knife edge but credit to Cousins, Burnham and Leah McMahon they came up with huge moments when needed. With 3.26 to go it was 62-54 in St Pauls favour and step forward Tara Cousins, who ran the point guard position exceptionally all day, to glean her side's last ten points and well and truly put the tin hat on a magnificent away win. Tara Cousins led the scoring with 22, Maisie Burnham had 21, Lovisa Hevinder 15, Lorraine Scanlon 10, Leah McMahon 2, Denise Dunlea 2. Jessica Fressle was best for the Panthers with 18, Christiana Ojide shot 13, Lynn Tunnah 11 and Alyssa Velles 7.

Swede Lovisa Hevinder, who was instrumental in the win, gave an insight into the win. "It was a good win on the road, Portlaoise is always a tough place to play and a difficult team to play against. I think we did a great job defensively, and at times we had really good flow on offense."

This Saturday October 18th at 4pm will be Utility Trust St Pauls first home game of the season when Fr Matthews come to town. They have been unsuccessful in their first two outings, losing to Portlaoise Panthers narrowly on day one but they did take a bit of a trimming from Trinity Meteors. Grainne O Dwyer is still throwing in the numbers while Laila Blair and Lexie Givens are free scoring. An interesting addition to their squad this season is Holly O'Brien, the Tralee native now studying in Cork. The game will take place in the Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre.

**UTILITY TRUST ST PAULS LAKERS VS
UNIVERSITY OF ULSTER REPORT****DOMINOS MENS
BASKETBALL LEAGUE
SATURDAY OCTOBER 11TH
JORDANSTOWN GYM****UTILITY TRUST
ST PAULS LAKERS 70
UNIVERSITY OF ULSTER 91***Report by Enda Walshe*

Utility Trust St Pauls Lakers made the long trip to Jordanstown and while they returned down south empty handed the scoreline may have a harsh look to it. Heading into the final quarter there were only four points between the side, 65-61, and the game looked to be anyone's. They were the better team for the middle two quarters, having recovered from a somewhat slow start but all their good work was undone again in a lethargic final quarter when they only managed nine points.

Again they were positives that could be gleaned from the defeat. Steve Kelly continued his good form from opening night while Sam Grant looks to have shaken off his injury woes, contributing 23 points. Grant actually hit five three pointers while Mark Sheehan's radar seems to be coming back into focus, which saw the Lakers hit ten from downtown. Jack O Sullivan also made his return but the key stat in coach Luke O'Heas mind now is garnering a first win. The ingredients are there for it and with Malahide visiting Killarney next, the week will be spent trying to find the right mix.

One area the University of Ulster certainly dominated in was the battle under the boards, and they gathered 44 compared to the Lakers 27 and they gave them a platform when needed most. The Lakers made a fast start with Kelly and Eoin Carroll converting some good work but Jack Spellman, Shane O'Connor and the impressive Prince Ebwea got the Ulster effort going. Jack O Sullivan nipped in to tie the game at 9-9 early doors but Max Postiglione, Ebwea and Aaron Rooney opened up the Ulster lead again. Carroll, Kelly and O Sullivan kept the Lakers in touch but Ebwea was starting to run the show. Just when it looked like Ulster were going to set off in the sunset, a Mark Sheehan three reeled them in a little and gave the Lakers a foothold going into the second quarter.

That quarter started in the same vein for Ulster as Spellman, Ebwea and Darragh Ferguson, with a three, made another bolt for it. When Shane O'Connor netted another from beyond the arc, the lead was now at 18, 44-26. But cue the Lakers comeback. It started with a Mark Sheehan three which was soon followed by a similar Grant effort. Grant popped in another one and then Stephen Kelly got in on the act and in the blink of an eye the lead was now down to seven, 45-38. Ebwea did add another basket but up popped Grant again with another from downtown, and the game was now back in the pot, with Ulster 47-41 ahead at the halftime buzzer.

Grant started the third quarter in the same vein as he finished the second with another three which was immediately answered by Postiglione. Kelly and Ferguson exchanged points from the free throw line before Kelly again struck from outside. Grant incredibly struck his fifth three and the remainder of the period was very much nip and tuck. Ferguson did help to open out a seven point Ulster lead, 61-54, but Kelly, Sheehan and Grant made it very competitive heading for home, 65-61.

The Lakers missed a few opportunities early in the final quarter and that served to set the tone for the remaining minutes. Despite the best efforts of Grant, Carroll and Co. they couldn't arrest the slide with Ebwea now rampant. Jack Spellman and Postiglione rubbed further salt into the Lakers wounds and the scoreboard had an unhealthy but harsh look to it at the final buzzer. Ulster were 91-70 to the good, courtesy of a 26-9 final quarter showing.

Samuel Grant had 23 for the Lakers, closely followed by Stephen Kelly on 21, Mark Sheehan had 11, Eoin Carroll 7, Jack O Sullivan 6 and Pablo Murcia 2.

For the University of Ulster Price Ebwea had 31, Jack Spellman 14, Max Postiglione 13 and Darragh Ferguson 10.

Malahide are visitors to the Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre this Saturday night, October 18th, with the game having a 7.30pm tip off. They have been unsuccessful in their two outings to date, losing to Drogheda Wolves 80-77 and Portlaoise Panthers 90 -71. They will be keen to get off the mark and in Sean Daly, Matthew Harper and Romonn Nelson they have useful performers.

**Basketball Ireland
Dominos National League Division 1
Killarney Cougars 79
Team North West 44**

The Killarney Cougars made a strong statement in their first home game of the Basketball Ireland Dominos National League Division 1 season, defeating Team North West 79-44 on Saturday evening at the Presentation Gym. The young Cougars side impressed throughout and were never seriously threatened by the visitors on this occasion. Five players were making their home debut for this opening home game of the season for a new look Cougars, Jackson Ryan, Simon Olanipekun, Kenny Shimwa, Paul Adedeji and Jack Spillane.

The visitors opened the scoring through the impressive Thomas Reynolds, but the Cougars well led by Jackson Ryan were quickly into their stride. Ryan led the early charge with eight points in the opening period as the home side controlled the opening stages, taking a 23-10 lead by the end of the first quarter.

The strong start allowed Coach Ryan to rotate his bench earlier than planned, with Jack Spillane and Evan Cox both connecting from beyond the arc as the Cougars continued to dominate. Inside, Kenny Shimwa was a force on the boards, battling effectively against Team North West's Ebuka Anene as the lead extended to a commanding 45-17 by halftime.

A spirited effort by the visitors after the break



Killarney Cougars National League Div 1 versus Team North West on Saturday night last at the Presentation Gym.



Killarney Cougars Player Coach Jackson Ryan on the offensive versus Team North West at the Presentation Gym on Saturday night.

briefly narrowed the margin, but the Cougars remained in control. The visitors struggled to contain Simon Olanipekun, who impressed with an excellent all-round display featuring great scores and creative assists throughout the second half. The Cougars maintained their strong scoring form, with Olanipekun finishing as top scorer on 21 points, two players recorded a double double, player-coach Jack Ryan added 20 points and 10 assists, with Center Kenny Shimwa again delivered 12 points and 14 rebounds.

Other contributors included Jack Spillane (9), Aaron Buckley (3), Evan Cox (3), Nathan Cox (3), Lucas Cronin (3), Paul Adedeji (3) and Adam Linehan (2)

For Team North West, Thomas Reynolds led the way with 20 points, while Noah Martin added 9. It was a commanding all-round performance from the Cougars, who will look to build on this momentum in next week's trip to the capital to face the Dublin Lions.



**St Pauls Senior
Ladies Team that
defeated Rathmore
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The St Pauls Senior Ladies Team that defeated Rathmore in Round 1 of the County League: Front Row..Siobhan Burns, Amanda Brosnan, Ava Doherty, Ciara Moynihan. Back Row..Lyselle O Shea, Liadh Tobin, Shelly Clifford, Julie Delaney, Ava Sheehan, Jade Potts, Joey Sheehan.

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Bord Bia has recognised 136 Irish food and drink companies for outstanding sustainability performance in 2025, awarding them Origin Green Gold Membership, including seven businesses from Kerry, representing just over 5% of the total.

Gold Membership is awarded to verified Origin Green companies that achieve significant progress in sustainability target areas such as raw material sourcing, energy and water efficiency, emissions reduction, waste and packaging improvements, and social sustainability.

The recipients were formally acknowledged at Bord Bia's annual Origin Green Sustainability Seminar on Tuesday, addressed by Noel Grealish T.D., Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

This year's Gold Members span 26 counties and a range of sectors, including dairy, meat, seafood and aquaculture, grocery, bakery and confectionery, beverages, and horticulture.

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Jack and Jill Charity Boutique in Tralee Screams for Spooktacular Donations

From tiny pumpkins to gruesome ghouls, Halloween costumes have evolved far beyond bin bags and paper plates, but sustainability matters more than ever. The Jack and Jill Children's Foundation is asking people to "put the care into scare" by donating pre-loved costumes and décor to the Jack and Jill Charity Boutique in Tralee. Gently-used costumes, accessories, or spooky decorations can be dropped off to be resold in support of the charity's in-home nursing and respite care for children with severe learning disabilities and complex medical needs.

Store Manager Etain Usher said, "Last year's response was fang-tastic, and this year we're hoping for even more! Costumes often only get one wear before being forgotten. Instead of letting them gather dust, why not give them a second chance to scare here in Tralee?"

Head of Retail, Stacey Bohanna, added, "Halloween is the perfect time to embrace sustainable shopping. Every item donated or purchased helps us support 13 children currently under Jack and Jill's care in Co. Kerry. Since 1997, we've cared for 96 families here – it's the community helping



local families in a fun, sustainable way."

And if costumes aren't your thing, the boutique also welcomes donations of autumn and Halloween décor, from pumpkin wreaths to glitter skulls. Donations will be accepted through Halloween and beyond, helping the store "bank" some spooktacular stock for next year too.

SuperValu Celebrates Kerry Success as Local Producer Wins National Food Award

SuperValu's Kerry-based Food Academy producers have once again earned national recognition, with Valentia Island Vermouth taking home a gold award at this year's Blás na hÉireann awards.



The achievement forms part of SuperValu's broader success at the prestigious competition, where producers working with Ireland's largest grocery retailer claimed an impressive 96 awards across categories including SuperValu Own Brand, SuperValu Signature Tastes, and The Happy Pear ranges. Valentia Island Vermouth, crafted by Anna and Orla Snook O'Carroll, is Ireland's only vermouth, launched in 2021. It is handcrafted on Valentia Island using 20 botanicals, including locally foraged gorse, infused in alcohol and blended with dark caramel and Verdejo grapes from Spain's Rueda Valley. The Food Academy, a partnership between SuperValu, the Local Enterprise Offices (LEOs), and TU Dublin, supports emerging Irish food and drink producers through training, mentoring, and shelf space opportunities. The programme has been a major success, with Food Academy producers generating €260 million in sales through SuperValu stores since its launch in 2013.

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KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL STOPPING HOUSE BUILDING IN KERRY

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

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

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

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

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



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



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

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



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

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PEACE IN OUR TIME? *By Nicky Barry*



*There's no end to Donald Trump, and his pyramid sized ego,
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World leaders lavished praise on him, and he lapped it up,
Like the captain of a team, who had just won the cup.
To have backed Israeli genocide, and be treated like this,*

*For a politician, is the mark of dark genius.
He was lauded as a man of peace, worthy of the Prize,
By leaders he had dazzled, right before their eyes.
Meanwhile on the Gaza Strip, Palestinians trekked home,
Through boulevards of rubble, that once had been their homes.
It smacked of Neville Chamberlain, and 'Peace in our Time,'
But this deal is long from it, but it is worth trying.
I would love to see it working, but I have my doubts,
For Hamas will not go away, and still are about.
I don't trust Netanyahu, for if coffins aren't delivered,
He'll unleash his wolves again, despite world opinion.
Already he has cut back, relief trucks of medicine,
Waiting at the border, for permission to go in.
Leopards don't change their spots, and so with Netanyahu,
For he's a warmonger, whose friendship Trump will rue.*

Ireland's 2026 Oscar Contender Sanatorium, a Powerful Story of Modern Ukraine, Comes to KIFF

Director Gar O'Rourke's documentary Sanatorium will be screened at the Kerry International Film Festival (KIFF) with the support of local development company NEWKD.

The screening will take place on October 19 at the Killarney Cinema. The event will be opened by the Ambassador of Ukraine, H.E. Larysa Gerasko. The screening is made possible through the efforts of the SICAP program, supported by NEWKD, and will be offered free of charge to the entire community.

"It is important for us to build bridges between communities in Kerry. This film will bring the Irish and Ukrainian communities closer together, giving them a deeper understanding of what life is like in Ukraine during the war. It is particularly meaningful that free tickets were distributed equally between Ukrainians and the local community, this is a real integration event. We are grateful to KIFF for such a wonderful collaboration and are delighted to welcome the Ambassador of Ukraine to our joint event," said Robert Carey, Programme Manager of SICAP at NEWKD.



"We're honoured to partner with NEWKD and to have the opportunity to bring Sanatorium to Kerry audiences. Incredibly moving and often very funny, it's an absolute treat to watch. It's a tale of friendship, healing, and hope, showcasing moments of comfort amidst ongoing destruction, as we bear witness to a cast of unique individuals and the ways in which they aspire to move forward in the face of such adversity. We cannot wait to screen it on the big screen in Killarney," said Amy Louise O'Callaghan, Festival Programming Director. Sanatorium is a 2025 Irish documentary film directed by Gar O'Rourke.

The film tells the story of the visitors and staff of the Ukrainian sanatorium Kuyalnik, who, despite the war, continue to seek healing, love, and hope for a normal life. It portrays how people find resilience and humanity in difficult circumstances, adapting to the war and preserving their culture.

Filed in 2022, Sanatorium premiered at the Docudays UA Festival and was released in the UK and Ireland in 2025, where it is also a contender for a 2026 Oscar nomination.

Respite in Kerry



St Mary of the Angels and St Francis Special School in Beaufort, in the heart of County Kerry is a very special place, with lands generously donated by the Doyle family, specifically for children with profound disabilities and special needs and the Doyles should have their wishes followed through. There are services there, empty buildings, 30 acres of prime land that can be developed without land purchase costs being a negative factor, according to Kerry TD Michael Cahill. "The special needs community in Kerry has

a major respite crises and families don't have time to wait and the grounds at St Mary of the Angel's should be made accessible now. Families need help, they are not asking for full time residential care but respite care, a break, a helping hand" said Deputy Cahill.

"The Doyle family, who so generously donated these lands for children with profound disabilities and special needs, should have their wishes followed through. There are services there, empty buildings and 30 acres of prime land" stated the Fianna Fáil Spokesperson for Older People and Tourism.

"A bespoke approach has to be used in considering the individual needs of many of the children that attend St. Francis Special School and many of the children in the county with profound needs need a safe haven where they can roam the grounds freely and St Mary of the Angels offers this" said Deputy Cahill.

"I have accompanied a number of Ministers on visits to the Campus in recent times, to show them the valuable asset that is at the disposal of our Disability Health Service providers, in

an effort to ensure the present service and additional respite capacity will operate there. A working group has been formed with St. John of Gods, the HSE, representatives of the residents of St Mary of the Angels, representatives of St Francis Special School and I implore them to see the logic in what we propose in Beaufort" stated Deputy Cahill.

"Parents are worn out and at the end of their tether and this needs to be dealt with expeditiously and in an environment of co-operation between the relevant Government Departments of Health, Disability, Education etc., We need to get this across the line very urgently and put permanently in place" said Deputy Cahill.

"As of now Cunamh Iveragh respite in Cahersiveen is only Fri-Sun, running at half capacity, 2 adults only per night instead of 4. The issue is staffing and the HSE will not release funding to open full time. The St Mary of the Angels and St Francis Special School campus is available and should be utilised as parents are crying out for overnight respite. Co-operation and compassion could see this done and quickly" added Michael Cahill TD.

Currow Rural Development, in association with Killeentierna Parish Church are organising a "Clean-Up" at St Michael's Cemetery, Currow on Saturday, 25th October. This will be an all day event. Everyone is invited to attend to help maintain and tidy up around their own family graves and adjacent pathways. We want to prioritise this event prior to the blessing of graves for the Holy Souls on Sunday, 2nd November at 11am by Fr. Gerard O'Leary. This new initiative was first held last May and was a huge success. We will continue to look after those who looked after us. Looking forward to your support on the day.

Photo taken by Mairéad O'Keeffe shows Eamonn Moriarty, Gráinne Fitzgerald, Joint Chairpersons, & Anthony Donnelly, Secretary of Currow Rural Development.

CLEAN UP AT CURROW CEMETERY



NOVENA TO ST. MARTHA

O St. Martha, I resort thee and to thy petition and faith, I offer up to thee this light which I shall burn every Tuesday for nine Tuesdays. Comfort me in all my difficulties thro' the great favour thou didst enjoy when Our Saviour lodged in they house. I beseech thee to have definite pity in regard to the favour I ask (Mention favour). Intercede for my family that we may always be provided for in all our necessities. I ask thee St. Martha to overcome the dragon which thou didst cast as thy feet. One Our Father and three Hail Marys and a lighted candle every Tuesday and the above prayer made known with the intentions of spreading devotion to St. Martha. This miraculous Saint grants every thing before the Tuesdays are ended. No matter how difficult.

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A Word of Victory

"Do not withhold good from those who deserve it when it's in your power to help them. If you can help your neighbour now, don't say 'come back tomorrow and then I'll help you'. Don't plot harm against your neighbour for those who live nearby trust you. Don't pick a fight without reason when no one has done you harm" (Proverbs 3:27-30 NLT).

Welcome back dear student as the song says...everybody needs good neighbours. To have good neighbours, one must be a good neighbour. But in God's eyes it's not just those you live close to; the Word is quite clear - God closely watches our treatment of others. And others watch too. How we do anything, is how we do everything. "Owe nothing to anyone—except for your obligation to Love one another. If you love your neighbour, you will fulfil the requirements of God's Law. For the Commandments say, 'You must not commit adultery. You must not murder. You must not steal. You must not covet.' These - and other such commandments, are summed up in this one commandment: 'Love your neighbour AS yourself.' Love does no wrong to others, so love fulfils the requirements of God's Law. This is all the more urgent, for you know how late it is; time is running out. Wake up, for our Salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is almost gone; the Day of Salvation will soon be here. So, remove your dark deeds like dirty clothes, and put on the shining armour of right living" (Romans 13:8-12 NLT). That's a great picture - removing dark deeds like dirty clothes. When our clothes get dirty from working or eating, one cannot wait to get out of them and get washed - it's a great sensation: putting on fresh clean clothes and feeling spotless. It gives you clear headspace and renewed vigour and outlook. This is what leaving behind old sinful patterns and mindsets will do when we replace them with the ways of God.

Two weeks ago, we studied how God's prophet Isaiah, became distressed in the Presence of God at his filthiness. And how a burning coal from the Mercy Seat that touched his lips made him clean (Isaiah 6:1-7). It's interesting that it was Isaiah's lips that were touched, as it's most often by the words of our mouths that we are contaminated with Satan's muck, and that we defile others - with poisonous words. Jesus warned... 'but I tell you that men will give an account on the Day of Judgment for every careless word they have spoken. For by your words, you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned' (Matthew 12:36-37).

Sure, some folks are not easy to be around and may have a bad attitude - but that shouldn't dictate ours! All through the Word, God specifically calls out strife, unforgiveness and bitterness because it's against His nature and character (Leviticus 19:16-18). Even while dying on the Cross having been rejected, mocked, hated, cursed, and frankly, butchered - Jesus cried to God on behalf of those who had done this - "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). They knew well they were killing Him: they had eyes - but spiritually they didn't recognise their depravity because they were under demonic control. All of us have sinned and fallen short of God's Glory" (Romans 3:23). Strife is a subtle and dangerous trap (Proverbs 10:12). Forgiveness is there for everyone, and we need it! God desires that we Repent, and release Mercy (James 2:13; Mark 11:25). Jesus was once asked.. 'who is my neighbour?' by a man wanting to justify himself with his own good works (Luke 10:29). Lord, help us to not make that mistake.

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

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