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All eyes will be on these guys as they seek All Ireland Glory on July 27th.

Team Talk: The Kerry Senior Football Team pictured before the All Ireland Semi Final V Tyrone at Croke Park on Saturday last. Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans.

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A Note from the EDITOR



All eyes will be on the Kerry Football Team in the run up to the All Ireland Football Final on July 27 following their fantastic defeat of Tyrone in Croke Park last Saturday and Jimmy has a comprehensive report on the game with plenty of action photos from Kerry GAA fans, along with lots of pictures of fans at Croke Park

A book on the history of St. Brendan's College is currently in the works, Killarney Crafty Ladies have raised almost €30,000 for the Hospice and a Presidential handover took place at Killarney Rotary Club.

Parishioners in Fossa have said farewell to Fr. Niall Geaney a new season of creativity is beginning at ANAM and Anne Lucey looks happenings in the town,

St. Brigid's have issued a call out to past pupils, families in Killarney have celebrated milestone occasions and a seasoned paranormal investigator features on Keith Barry's podcast.

An evening of empowerment is taking place to raise funds for a pitch upgrade at Raheen National School, Chamber members enjoyed an evening at the races and the Gleneagle Concert Band have just returned from a trip to Spain.

There was a great turnout for the Flesk Valley County Championship Regatta, Kerry Under 16's are celebrating All Ireland Glory and a talented Killarney Valley AC has been selected for the Irish Schools Athletics Team.

All this and lots more in this week's Killarney Outlook - Enjoy

Aisling Crosbie

Water lilies at Ross Castle captured beautifully by Pauline Sweeney



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Sem history will tell a great story

A new book chronicling the remarkable history of St Brendan's College, Killarney is currently in the works, with publication planned for late 2026. The book will explore the college's educational, social, sporting, and cultural impact across generations, charting the incredible history of the famous school.

The quality, coffee table style publication will delve deeply into the history of one of the most famous second level schools in the country, charting its foundations, progress, successes, achievements, disappointments, characters, significant events and the good times and bad down through the years.

It will trace the story of the Sem from its foundation in 1860 right up to the present day as well as featuring insightful interviews with past pupils and teachers who have fascinating stories to share.

The book will also include a collection of historic and thought-provoking photographs and it will feature hilarious anecdotes of life in the Sem as remembered by some of those that attended as boarders and day pupils throughout the generations.

A committee has been formed to research, compile, edit and publish the book and to steer the project to fruition and it includes current principal Seán Coffey, retired teacher Mike Leahy, past pupils, journalists John O'Mahony and Donal Hickey and graphic designer Eamonn Mulvihill, as well as photographer Michelle Cooper Galvin who has documented



The St Brendan's College history committee launching the project, from left, Michael Leahy, retired teacher, Michelle Cooper Galvin, photographer, Eamonn Mulvihill, graphic designer, John O'Mahony, editor, Seán Coffey, principal and Donal Hickey, journalist.

life in the school with her camera for several years.

The book committee has appealed to any members of the public, including past pupils and their families, who have any memories, anecdotes, photographs, documents or press clippings that might be of interest, to send

them to semhistory@stbrendanscollege.ie.

Alternatively, images or documents can be sent by post to Sem History Publication, St Brendan's College, Killarney, County Kerry. All correspondence will be in complete confidence.

KILLARNEY CRAFTY LADIES

Raise Over €29,000 for Hospice Care

What began as an idea among friends in 2013 has grown into a remarkable fundraising effort benefiting one of Kerry's most vital charities.

The Killarney Crafty Ladies, a group formed by eight friends Betty Benson, Peg Coffey, Honor Doyle, Margaret McCarthy, Kate O'Connor, Brid



Members of the Crafty Ladies pictured with members of the Killarney Branch of the Kerry Hospice Foundation at the Heights Hotel Killarney this week. Front: Colette Sorensen, Honor Doyle, Margaret McCarthy, Betty Benson, Kate O'Connor and Eilish O'Sullivan. At back: Pat Doolan, Angela Curran, Margaret Finnegan, Tess Flynn, Dermot O'Reilly and Cathal Walshe. Missing from photo are Crafty Ladies Brid O'Donoghue and Peg Coffey.

O'Donoghue, Eilish O'Sullivan, and Colette Sorensen set out to support the Kerry Hospice Foundation/Palliative Care Unit by giving a second life to teddy bears in need of love.

Their mission? To "rescue" teddy bears from charity shops across Kerry, Cork, Limerick, and even as far as Galway, lovingly restore them, and dress them in handcrafted outfits. Meeting monthly to sew and knit, the group transformed each bear into a one-of-a-kind creation, sold during seasonal events at the Killarney Outlet Centre, particularly around Halloween and Christmas.

Thanks to the dedication of the Crafty Ladies, and the generosity of their supporters, a total of €29,052 has been raised over the past twelve years. "We are incredibly grateful to Paul Sherry, Noreen O'Sullivan and all the staff at the Killarney Outlet Centre for their enormous help and support over the years," said Margaret McCarthy, spokesperson for the group. "We would also like to express our deepest gratitude to Pat Doolan of the Kerry Hospice Foundation for his guidance. We couldn't have done it without them."

In response, Pat Doolan, Chairperson of the Killarney Branch of the Kerry Hospice Foundation, praised the group's enduring efforts:

"On behalf of the Kerry Hospice Foundation, I wish to acknowledge the tremendous support we have received from the Killarney Crafty Ladies over the past twelve years. They combine what is for them an enjoyable hobby with fundraising for a very worthy cause. We wish them well with their future fundraising activities."

The Killarney Crafty Ladies have proven that even the smallest acts, like rescuing a teddy bear can bring warmth, dignity, and comfort to those who need it most.



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Killarney Rotary Club Holds Presidential Handover Ceremony at Great Southern Hotel



Ciara Irwin Foley hands over the Presidency of the Killarney Rotary Club to Sherry O'Callaghan.

The Killarney Rotary Club (KRC), founded in 1983, celebrated another milestone last week with its annual Presidential Handover, held at the historic Great Southern Killarney. The event marked the end of Ciara Irwin Foley's term as President and welcomed incoming President Sherry O'Callaghan to the helm.

Outgoing President Ciara Irwin Foley served from July 2024 to 2025. This was Ciara's second term as President of KRC. She previously held this position in 2007-2008. Ciara said her family were quite young and whilst she enjoyed the role the last time she enjoyed it much more this time round. Ciara welcomed and addressed the members and many guests at the recent meeting and gave a review of her year which she said absolutely flew. She thanked her husband Dermot and her family for their support during the year. She thanked each and every member of her Rotary family, speakers, family and friends and the team at the Great Southern Killarney for their help and assistance during the past year. She thanked all the volunteers at the fundraising events for their help and manpower to ensure the events were a success. Finally, Ciara thanked the media for their ongoing support and great coverage of all the clubs events throughout the year.

During the year the club hosted so many of their regular events such as the Annual Afternoon Tea in October, the Youth Leadership Development Competition in October, the Wine & Art night in November, an International Women's Day lunch in March, the visit by the Rotary District Governor 2024-2025 Seamus Parle and his wife Carmel, visits from international rotarians, some speakers at the club meetings and some



President Sherry O'Callaghan, District Governor Michael Fleming and Ciara Irwin Foley.

social events with family and friends. She had the honour of inducting new members to the Club during her term in office and hopes they will enjoy being part of this vibrant club and get involved in everything from the very beginning just like she did. Ciara was delighted to present three Paul Harris Fellowship Awards. One of the most special days this year was when Ciara's mum presented a new award - The Peter B. Irwin Memorial Award. Ciara's dad Peter was a member since the beginning in 1983 up until his sudden passing in the year 2000. It was Peter's 25th anniversary in April and also this is Ciara's 25th year in the Club. Teresa wished to mark this occasion with a perpetual award in Peter's memory in the club he loved so much.

In addition to her extensive involvement at the local level, Ciara also represented Killarney Rotary Club on the national stage. She attended the Annual District Conference in Dun Laoghaire, four District Council meetings in Dublin, Limerick, and Cavan, and a special event in Navan in June to welcome the Rotary International President. Throughout the year, she participated in training sessions and information meetings both in Dundalk and online.

As her term concludes, Ciara steps into two new leadership roles, Assistant Governor for the Rotary Clubs in Kerry and Limerick, and Co-ordinator of the Youth Leadership Competition, working alongside Rotary Youth Services Chair Kevin. With the current Youth Leadership team stepping back after years of dedicated service, Ciara is eager to carry the initiative forward.

Since July 1st, she has already visited clubs in Tralee, Dingle, and Limerick Central, in addition to attending her own club's meeting in Killarney. "There's more to being a president than just the local club," she remarked, "and I gave it 100%." As she moves into this next chapter of Rotary service, her commitment remains as strong as ever.

Following her closing remarks, Ciara Irwin Foley invited Sherry O'Callaghan to join her at the podium. With warmth and enthusiasm,

Ciara officially handed over the chain of office, expressing her delight at passing the leadership to "such an energetic young lady." She wished Sherry every success in the year ahead before signing off as President.

Sherry, originally from Canada, began by sharing her Rotary journey, which started in 2008 when she joined a club in Newfoundland. Now settled in Killarney with her husband Patrick O'Callaghan and their family, she runs her own thriving real estate business, O'Callaghan Town & Country, located at 18 New Street.

Throughout her Rotary involvement, Sherry has been hands-on whether collecting food for local food banks or promoting literacy through the Rotary Read-Along program. "Every time I've contributed, I've felt the same spirit of connection and purpose that drew me in from the start," she said. She also noted the lifelong friendships that she and Patrick have built through Rotary. One of her proudest moments was receiving a Paul Harris Fellowship in Newfoundland.

Upon relocating to Ireland, Sherry transferred to the Killarney club and was touched by the warm welcome from its members. She highlighted the importance of Rotary's core values, particularly the Four-Way Test, which she described as a guiding compass in her life: *Is it the truth?*

Is it fair to all concerned?

Will it build goodwill and better friendships?

Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

"As I step into this role, I bring with me a deep passion for service, genuine enthusiasm, and a clear vision for where we can go together," she said. Sherry thanked the members for their trust and pledged to serve Killarney Rotary Club with heart and integrity. With a smile, she added that she has "big high-heel shoes to fill after Ciara," but there is no doubt she will bring great energy and leadership to her new role.

The handover event was made even more special with the visit of District Governor 2025-2026, Michael Fleming of Ballymoney, Co. Antrim. DG Michael, accompanied by his wife Eithne, spoke about his goals for the coming year and commended the Killarney club for its vibrant activities and strong community spirit. He admired the commemorative trees and plaques marking the club's anniversaries and noted the club's active social media presence. Killarney Rotary Club continues to grow and thrive, welcoming new members and engaging with the wider community through service, friendship, and leadership.

For more information, visit KRC's Facebook or Instagram pages, or email killarneyrotaryclub@gmail.com.

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Fossa Parishioners say farewell to **Fr. Niall Geaney**

The community of Fossa gathered this week at the Fossa Community Centre to bid a heartfelt farewell to Fr. Niall Geaney, who has retired as Parish Priest after four years of devoted service.

Parishioners, friends, and members of the Pastoral Council came together on Friday evening to express their gratitude and well-wishes at a special retirement celebration. Marie Falvey, parish secretary, made a presentation to Fr. Geaney on behalf of the parish, acknowledging his contribution and commitment to the spiritual life of the community.

Fr. Geaney took up his role in Fossa in July 2020, succeeding Canon Tom Looney following his retirement. He had transferred from Our Lady and St Brendan's Parish in Tralee to the Fossa parish.

A native of Castleisland, Fr. Geaney was ordained in 1974 and is a member of St Patrick's Missionary Society, Kiltegan. His priestly ministry has included many years of mission work in Africa, where he served in Nigeria, Sudan, Uganda, and Kenya.

Fr. Geaney's retirement will see Fr. Noel Spring from Castletownbere becoming the new Parish Priest in Fossa.



Fr Niall Geaney PP Fossa with members Pastorial Council Marie O'Farrell, Billy Mangan (centre) Marie Falvey, Mary Fitzgerald and Michelle Cooper Galvin (back) Jimmy Dennehy, Francis O'Shea and Michel O'Donovan at his final meeting prior to his retirement from the Fossa Parish in the Fossa Community Centre, Killarney.. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Sinead Myers, Catherine McCarthy, Siobhan Kiely, Fiona Welton, Teresa Wharton and Martina Cronin at Fr Niall geaney's retirement party
Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Margaret Forde and Imelda O'Connell at Fr Niall geaney's retirement party hosted by the Fossa Parish in the Fossa Community Centre, Killarney on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Marie Falvey Secretary making a presentation to Fr Niall Geaney PP Fossa at his retirement party hosted by the Fossa Parish in the Fossa Community Centre, Killarney on Friday.
Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Fr Niall Geaney PP Fossa cutting his cake at his retirement party hosted by the Fossa Parish in the Fossa Community Centre, Killarney on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Fr Niall Geaney PP Fossa with some family members Sighle Hennigan, Eileen Geaney O'Callaghan (back) Sheila Crowley, Mary Geaney, Kieran O'Callaghan, Abbey and Niamh Stephenson at his retirement party hosted by the Fossa Parish in the Fossa Community Centre, Killarney on Friday.
Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Fr Niall Geaney PP Fossa with some Fossa National School staff members Elaine Reidy, Noranne Moran, Marie McSweeney (back) Jason Culloty and Brid Kissane at his retirement party hosted by the Fossa Parish in the Fossa Community Centre, Killarney on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



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'Game Changer' Initiative Highlighted at All-Ireland Semi-Final

The Game Changer initiative was prominently featured at Sunday's All-Ireland semi-final between Meath and Donegal in Croke Park.

The three-year project, a collaboration between Ruhama, White Ribbon Ireland, and the GAA, supported by the Ladies Gaelic Football and Camogie Associations and funded by Cuan, aims to tackle gender-based violence through the platform of Gaelic Games. It promotes gender equality, challenges sexual violence, and encourages men and boys to be active allies in ending abuse.

At half-time, Jason Poole, brother of Jennifer Poole, who was murdered in 2021, spoke to the crowd, urging society to do more to address domestic and sexual violence. His powerful message was part of a broader awareness effort that included videos, banners, and participation from volunteers and GAA clubs.

Ambassadors for the project include Oisín Gallen, Louise Ní Mhuircheartaigh, and David Fitzgerald, all of whom are helping to amplify the campaign's message.

The Game Changer programme aims to:

- Challenge societal norms around sexual violence, including pornography sharing, intimate image abuse, and sexual exploitation;
- Promote gender equality, respect, and create safe spaces for women and girls in sport;



Encourage men and boys to become active allies in the fight against gender-based violence;

Support open conversations around abusive behaviours and help facilitate disclosures;

Raise awareness of the harms of human trafficking for sexual exploitation.

As awareness continues to grow, Sunday's

event marked a significant milestone in leveraging sport for social change. The GAA's support of Game Changer sends a strong message: that Gaelic Games can, and will, be a force for justice, equality, and respect.

For more information on the Game Changer project, visit: <https://learning.gaa.ie/gamechanger>

Kerry Hoteliers Urge Government to Tackle Unsustainable Increases in the Cost of Doing Business

IHF event highlights urgent need for action ahead of Budget 2026



Hoteliers from across the country recently met with TDs and Senators to discuss the key challenges facing Irish tourism and the necessary measures the Irish Hotels Federation is calling for to ensure the successful long-term development of Ireland's largest indigenous industry, supporting over 270,000 livelihoods. Pictured (l-r): Paul Gallagher, Chief Executive of the IHF; Bernadette Randles, Dromhall Hotel and Michael Cahill, TD. Photo: Maxwell Photography

Kerry hoteliers are urging the Government to take decisive action on spiralling business costs threatening the viability of Ireland's tourism and hospitality sector. At a recent Irish Hotels Federation (IHF) event with TDs and Senators, industry leaders warned that without targeted supports in Budget 2026, the country's largest indigenous employer could face long-term

damage. Tourism supports over 270,000 jobs nationwide, including 16,000 in Kerry, yet rising operating costs are pushing many businesses, particularly in regional areas, to the brink.

"Tourism businesses are grappling with soaring costs and tighter margins," said Bernadette Randles, owner of the Dromhall Hotel. "We need the Government to act now to protect jobs and

ensure long-term competitiveness."

The call comes amid growing concerns over declining revenues. Fáilte Ireland research shows that over half of tourism businesses have seen income fall so far in 2025, with 75% of food and drink businesses reporting a drop in overseas visitor spend, a vital revenue stream.

The IHF is calling for the following key measures in Budget 2026:

Permanent restoration of the 9% VAT rate on hospitality food services.

A reduction in Employers' PRSI for labour-intensive sectors.

Action to reduce business costs, including insurance and energy.

Greater investment in training via the National Training Fund.

Support for enhanced air access, especially to regional airports.

Increased funding for Fáilte Ireland and Tourism Ireland.

Targeted support for sustainability initiatives aligned with climate goals.

Tourism contributes €10 billion annually to the Irish economy and generates over €2.9 billion in taxes. With 70% of tourism jobs located outside Dublin, the sector plays a vital role in regional development.

Hoteliers warn that without urgent support, the sector's ability to drive employment and economic activity, particularly in counties like Kerry, is at serious risk.



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Anne Lucey
looks at the positive news
happening in Killarney



TWO STATE AGENCIES AND THE FRIARS IN THE MIDDLE



I don't share the fury about the location of the HSE primary care centre at the council owned Lewis Road Car Park.

I simply don't see a problem with one State agency buying land from another State body for the benefit of the community as a whole.

That said, an ideal world would be to build a six storey library and town hall and a theatre on Lewis Road. And move the primary care to the District Hospital. The library is the same as it was 45 years back. Despite huge demands for computing, lecture evenings, and film showings. And the town hall is too small for public meetings.

The council bought two properties from the Franciscan Order, paying one million for the soccer pitch that is now a park. A further one million euro was paid for the old building, I understand.

One thing intrigues me about the whole saga of the friars and the council is why no one, lay or cleric, bothered much about correcting the record that these sites were purchased, not gifted.

The Franciscan Friars otherwise known as the Order of Friars Minor is not an enclosed order and has a vow of poverty. The council is supposed to be answerable to the public. Yet the wild story about the gifting of the Aras building to the town was allowed to stand.

There remains the unexamined and unquestioned friars' "wishes". This seems to be embedded now in the local psyche. Perhaps it's time the Franciscans made a statement. I don't altogether share the criticism of councillors in the saga.

Over the past decade and more a culture has developed where elected members are warned "use it, or lose it". Terrified councillors, terrified of losing big funding for their communities, vote in line whether it is the CPO for the south Kerry greenway or the plan for the Lewis Road. Some of this practice is local authority management style. But much of it has to do with the 2014 Local Government Act which has upset the balance of power.

Back in the day, the terror of going broke and losing money was also the case. I profoundly disagreed with the sale of the town hall ballroom in the late 1980s.

The old town hall was where votes were counted. It was where we went every Saturday night to dance to Horselips, Reform, Clannad and bigger.

It was where my mother and her generation went to see the Desert Song performed by local musicals whose stars remained famous for a generation. It was where we went to take part in Tops of the Towns. But council management argued there was good money on the table for a council that was broke - this was the 1980s.

The Áras Phádraig for me was only ever a poor second to the town hall ballroom.

So I don't much care where the primary care centre goes. Or even the theatre. I just care that this town gets a vital medical centre and an albeit unvital theatre. And Soon.

THIS YEAR'S JULY 4TH - NO FUN FOR CHILDREN AND TOURISTS PASSING SHOUTING PROTESTORS

The 4th of July parade may have not been disrupted by the rain, as our august chamber of commerce and tourism put it - while at the

same time refusing to comment on the actual disruption.

This took place at the Market cross by a very vocal large group of Pro-Palestinian protestors. Waving banners about genocide and shouting down and chanting as children performers passed.

Gardai told me they had met with organisers beforehand and expected this year too would be silent and respectful as it was last year. They were very "disappointed" as children performers at one stage had to stop up.

Killarney is a moderate town. It is not extreme and it depends on tourism. American tourists were "shocked and disgusted" and asked one garda if the heckling could be stopped.

No one wants to make a big issue of this - giving raucous protestors buoyed up by their own righteousness more air. But the lid needs to be lifted on this kind of behaviour.

There is no doubt people gathered from across the region for the protest - outnumbering the stalwarts in Killarney who regularly turn out for Palestine. I contacted the representative from Killarney for Palestine who Gardaí met with beforehand but have had no response.

The mayor of Killarney has also expressed his disappointment.

Cllr Martin Grady said it was "an Ireland-American friendship parade. It celebrated the very long links between Killarney and America." "I'm not supporting any war. I'm anti-war. But when I saw children and families avoiding the Market Cross, that's a step too far," the mayor said.

Mayor Martin also said: "Killarney needs to start focusing on accommodating tourists again," and return refugee and asylum accommodation to tourism.

The mayor of Killarney believes they were mostly outsiders who had gathered at the Market Cross, from Macroom and elsewhere.

Surely all children whether in Gaza or Killarney deserve our respect and protection. And surely all cultures deserve better than to be shouted down in a tourist town?

INCH AND DUNDAG - FLAGSHIP BEACHES, BUT NO FACILITIES

Almost fifty thousand euro has been spent by Kerry County Council on consultants for a plan to manage car parking and toilets for Inch And now "the goal posts have changed" - the more than 1,200 acres at Inch have been purchased by the NPWS as part of the country's first marine national park. And the plan is sitting on a shelf.

Inch, like Dundag, faces a number of problems including showers, all year round toilets and inadequate chaotic parking. Both beaches are now under the control of the National Parks and Wildlife Service. Inch has drawn a world audience since the making of Ryan's Daughter half a century ago. The council in Kerry this weekend erected bollards and other traffic calming measures to avoid the chaotic scenes experienced in May and June.

Inch was used as the flagship for marketing Kerry tourism, yet the lack of year round facilities and pop-up parking for busy days was an ongoing issue, and a total embarrassment, a meeting was told last week.

Four years ago, almost 50,000 euro was allocated for a management plan with funding drawn down by the council under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme for local authorities (ORIS); But the plan has yet to be published

Cllr Tommy Griffin (FG) said what was taking place at Inch was "a farce". The Minister with Responsibility for the NPWS, Chris O'Sullivan, needed now to intervene, Tommy said, and he called for a meeting with the minister.

The delay in publishing the plan was because "the goal posts had changed" since the involvement by the NPWS, Christy O'Connor, manager of the Municipal District said.

A steering group comprised of the local community, the council and hopefully, the NPWS.

My question is could Minister Chris O'Sullivan be persuaded to visit Dundag too on a busy day? And could some council committee look at the possibility of applying for ORIS funding for showers, bins and other infrastructure for Dundag?



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At an informative meeting at the July Racing Festival, Killarney, with members of Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce and Killarney Race Company to explore ways of collaborating and working closely to promote the many racing festivals in Killarney, from left, Guest Speakers, Ciaran Flynn, Navan Race Course, Aileen Goatley, Racing Ireland and Manager Killarney Race Company, Karl McKay. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



At an informative meeting at the July Racing Festival, Killarney, with members of Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce and Killarney Race Company to explore ways of collaborating and working closely to promote the many racing festivals in Killarney, from left, Aileen Hickey, Tourism Ireland, Linda O'Sullivan, Killarney Glamping, Safron Falvey Enright, ODR Hotels, Financial Director Killarney Race Course, Jennifer Pyne. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



At an informative meeting at the July Racing Festival, Killarney, with members of Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce and Killarney Race Company to explore ways of collaborating and working closely to promote the many racing festivals in Killarney, from left, Heather Gill, Bridget Lucey, Mary Counihan, Adams Jewellery and Ciara O'Mahony. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



At an informative meeting at the July Racing Festival, Killarney, with members of Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce and Killarney Race Company from left, Pat Chawke, Director of Group Operations O'Reilly Hotel Group, Brian Miley, Group Business Development Manager, MoD Suites, Nial O'Shea, Kate O'Shea, HR Consultants, Marie Chawke, Director of Global Sales - The Calliope Collective Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan\Free Pic

Chamber Members Enjoy Killarney Races



At an informative meeting at the July Racing Festival, Killarney, with members of Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce and Killarney Race Company to explore ways of collaborating and working closely to promote the many racing festivals in Killarney, Andrea Kissane, Muckcross Gin and Niall Saad, Kingdom Whiskey Events. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



At an informative meeting at the July Racing Festival, Killarney, with members of Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce and Killarney Race Company from left, John and Patricia Healy, Race Company Director, Aine O'Donoghue. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



At an informative meeting at the July Racing Festival, Killarney, with members of Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce and Killarney Race Company from left, Norma O'Regan, Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, Joint President Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce Johnny Maguire, Kerry Tourism Industry Federation, Chair, Pat O'Leary and Joint President Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, Padraig Treacy. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



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Kerry County Council and Killarney Arts Working Group Welcome a Season of Creativity at ANAM

Kerry County Council, in collaboration with the Killarney Arts Working Group, has announced an exciting season of artistic and cultural programming at ANAM, The Killarney Arts and Culture Centre. This initiative marks another major step in the ongoing efforts to celebrate, support, and grow the arts within the Killarney Municipal District (KMD).

The Killarney Arts Working Group aims to raise awareness of existing artistic endeavours in the district, while also identifying opportunities for future development. With strategic guidance and support from Kerry County Council's Arts Office, the group continues to champion a thriving arts scene in the heart of Killarney.

The group boasts a mix of longstanding and new members representing a wide range of artistic disciplines, including music, theatre, literature, visual arts, youth engagement, and performance. Among the notable contributors are musician Tim O'Shea, theatre director Rayla Tadjimatova, poet Eileen Sheehan, poet Paul Byrne, singer Grace Foley, and filmmaker Brian Bowler, alongside representatives from organisations such as Killarney Musical Society, Dóchas Killarney, and Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann.

This summer, ANAM will host a diverse and vibrant Anam Summer Arts Programme, including the eagerly awaited Battle of the Bands competition, a new initiative from Michelle Rosney of Killarney Community Youth Service. Other programme highlights include the Anam Echoes Film Series by Charlie O'Brien, weekly music sessions with Tim O'Shea and Friends, and a unique new series, Soul Talks Live, curated by singer and creative Grace Foley.

Members of the Killarney Arts Working Group pictured at ANAM.



Cathaoirleach of KMD, Cllr. Martin O'Grady, who chairs the Killarney Arts Working Group, spoke with pride about the council's continued dedication to the arts. "My uncle Seán was a founding member of the original Killarney Arts Committee, so this work is close to my heart. We are building on a strong legacy and invite the people of Killarney and beyond to immerse themselves in the exceptional arts experiences that ANAM and our town have to offer."

Cllr. O'Grady also commended the invaluable contributions of both past and present group members, as well as the support from KMD Officer Matt Farrell, KCC Arts Officer Kate Kennelly, and Clive O'Callaghan, Assistant Staff Officer with the Arts Office.

Upcoming Events at ANAM:

- Anam Echo Film Series by Charlie O'Brien – Thursday 7th to Sunday 10th August
- Tim O'Shea and Friends – Every Monday, 7:00–8:30 PM throughout July & August
- Battle of the Bands – Begins Friday, July 18th at 7:00 PM
- Soul Talks Live with Grace Foley – Monthly event, start time 7:30 PM, dates TBC

Stay connected and discover more by visiting arts.kerrycoco.ie, following @KerryCoArts on social media, or checking the ANAM information panel for the latest updates.

The Heights Hotel Killarney Celebrates 50 Years

The Heights Hotel Killarney is turning 50 and you're invited to the party! To mark half a century at the heart of Killarney. The Heights Hotel will host a 50th Birthday Celebration on Saturday, 26th July from 3pm to 7pm, and it promises to be a day to remember.

This family-friendly event is open to the public and will feature live entertainment, complimentary food and drinks served up with signature Heights hospitality.

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“Heart health is as essential as your helmet”

Dillon Quirke Foundation launches first screening for youth cyclists in Killarney

Last week the Dillon Quirke Foundation has today launched its first cardiac screening initiative with athletes from Cycling Ireland. Every year, Sudden Adult Death Syndrome (SADS) takes 100 young lives in Ireland, deaths which could be prevented by early identification of heart conditions via cardiac screening.

Over the course of two days, the Dillon Quirke Foundation, founded by the family of the young Tipperary hurler who collapsed and died during a match in 2022, were screening young cycling athletes from the Munster region in Killarney, Co. Kerry for potential cardiac abnormalities.

Dan Quirke, father of Dillon Quirke and founder of the Foundation stated today:

“We’re proud to be in Killarney to kick off cardiac screenings for young athletes from Cycling Ireland. Today, we’re screening more than half of the eligible athletes in Munster, with 90 out of 168 cyclists aged 14 to 18 participating.

“Since starting the Foundation, we’ve seen remarkable progress in the level of cardiac screening across GAA, soccer, rugby, boxing and performing arts and sports clubs nationwide. We are committed to broadening our reach and expertise across more clubs and sporting bodies and expanding into the cycling community marks a crucial step in raising awareness of the prevalence of SADS and the serious heart conditions that often go undetected.

“It’s vitally important for young people, regardless of their sporting and fitness abilities, to understand their heart health and screening is a simple, quick and painless way to protect yourself and your loved ones.”



Pictured at the Dillon Quirke Foundation screening with Cycling Ireland at St. Oliver's Primary School, Ballycasheen in Killarney were Karen O'Sullivan from the Dillon Quirke Foundation, Daniel Cronin from Furies GAA Club Furies, Stevie Griffin of Cycling Ireland and Dan Quirke Dillon Quirke Foundation,

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The screening is part of the Foundation's wider campaign to raise awareness of SADS and to increase the number of people getting themselves screened in Ireland. Many of the 100 young deaths a year attributed to SADS could be prevented by identifying heart conditions at an early stage through cardiac screening. Last year the Foundation caught cardiac abnormalities in 243 of the 10,128 young people it screened. These individuals were advised to undergo follow-up cardiology tests post-screening which can include

echocardiograms, cardiac electrophysiologist reviews, cardiology reviews and stress tests.

The effective screenings allow for early detection of potentially life-threatening conditions, which has led to timely interventions, including surgeries, which may have saved lives.

Cycling Ireland has 1,793 youth and junior members across the country, under the age of 18, with approximately 370 registered with Cycling Munster.

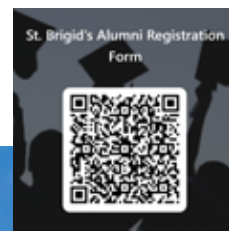
Calling All Past Pupils of St. Brigid's Presentation Killarney!

St. Brigid's Presentation Secondary School, Killarney, is reaching out to all its past pupils in an effort to reconnect and celebrate their journeys since leaving the school. The school takes great pride in the achievements of its alumni and is eager to involve them in school life wherever possible.

Past pupils are invited to share their career experiences, offer advice to current students, or even return as guest speakers. Their insights and stories are seen as a valuable resource for the school community.

To help strengthen this connection, St. Brigid's is encouraging former students to complete a short alumni survey. By doing so, they will stay informed about upcoming reunions, school events, and various opportunities to reconnect with old friends and the wider St. Brigid's network.

In addition, the school is delighted to announce the launch of its brand new website: www.stbrigidskillarney.ie. The site offers a window into the life and spirit of St. Brigid's, highlighting what makes the school community so unique. Past pupils are encouraged to scan the QR code to complete the alumni survey. St. Brigid's greatly appreciates their continued connection and support.





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Gleneagle Club Gets a Dose of 'Emmaculate' Craic as Viral Comedy Star Emma Doran Heads to Killarney

The Gleneagle Club in Killarney is set to be rocked with laughter this November as Irish comedy sensation Emma Doran brings her highly anticipated new stand-up show, *Emmaculate*, to the stage on Friday, 28th November 2025.

Known for her razor-sharp wit, no-filter honesty, and uproarious storytelling, Doran has become one of the brightest voices in Irish comedy. Her new tour follows the runaway success of her 2024 *Dilemma* tour, which sold over 20,000 tickets across more than 60 shows – including six sell-out nights at Dublin's Vicar Street and two packed performances at London's Leicester Square Theatre.

Now, with *Emmaculate*, Doran dives deeper into the chaos of modern life,

tackling everything from motherhood and relationships to navigating blended families and social expectations – all delivered with her signature mix of humour and heart.

The tour will span over 50 dates across Ireland and the UK between September 2025 and March 2026, with the Killarney show tipped to be a major highlight.

She's also behind two hit podcasts – *You're Grounded*, co-hosted with her daughter Ella, and *Keep It Tight* with fellow comedian Deirdre O'Kane.

With her unique voice, relatable humour, and fearless honesty, Emma Doran is proving herself as a comedy force to be reckoned with. Audiences in Killarney can expect a night of unfiltered hilarity when she hits the Gleneagle stage this November.

Camera-Shy Catherine Wins €15,000 in Radio Kerry Radio Bingo!

There was huge excitement across Kerry on Friday, July 11th, as Catherine O'Connor from Causeway struck it lucky, winning a whopping €15,000 in the Radio Kerry Radio Bingo Jackpot! Catherine, who describes herself as "camera-shy," matched the winning jackpot number 08 on her bingo book, scooping the €14,600 jackpot along with the €400 daily prize. Her lucky ticket was purchased at the Causeway Post Office.

A loyal player since the game began, Catherine said that she has been playing Radio Kerry Radio Bingo since its launch in May 2021,



without a single win until now. Her patience has certainly paid off.

"We're planning to change the car later this year," Catherine said, smiling. "Some of the prize

money will definitely go towards that and of course there'll be a few treats for the family too!" Radio Kerry Radio Bingo has become a cherished community game, offering substantial daily prizes and life-changing jackpots. More importantly, every book sold supports four vital local charities: Comfort for Chemo Kerry, Recovery Haven Kerry Cancer Support House, Kerry Cancer Support Group, and Kerry Hospice Foundation. To date, the initiative has raised over €450,000 for these organisations. Congratulations to Catherine on her incredible win!

Killarney Welcomes Annual Visit from Arizona Colleen as Town Twinning Celebrations Continue

Killarney welcomed the annual visit from the Colleen representing Phoenix, Arizona, as part of the town's long-standing twinning with its sister city, Scottsdale recently.

This year's honoured guest, Megan Dobbins, was accompanied by her sister Maureen. During their stay, the sisters paid a visit to the Town Hall, where they were warmly received by town twinning officers Seán Counihan and Sheila Dickson. Cathaoirleach of Killarney Municipal District, Cllr, Martin Grady was also on hand to welcome the delegation, with Megan taking part in the tradition of signing the official visitors' book.

The Colleen Festival, closely linked with the prestigious Rose of Tralee International Festival, continues to strengthen cultural ties between Killarney and its American counterparts. Once again this year, a large contingent from the town's association partners is expected to attend the Rose of Tralee Festival, further reinforcing the international friendship and shared heritage that the twinning program promotes.

Pictured at Killarney Town Hall, Megan Dobbins accompanied by her sister Maureen, meets town twinning officers Seán Counihan and Sheila Dickson and Cathaoirleach of Killarney Municipal District, Cllr, Martin Grady.



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Inaugural drinks festival planned for November



Killarney will raise a glass to amazing liquids as the inaugural Kerry Drinks Festival makes its debut on Saturday, 15th November 2025, at Killarney Racecourse.

A celebration of flavour and craftsmanship, the festival promises a one-of-a-kind tasting experience, showcasing the rich diversity of the country's drinks industry, from whiskeys and gins to craft beers, ciders, vodkas, liqueurs, and much more.

Proudly sponsored by Carry Out Killarney and Dingle Distillery, the festival will bring together over 45 producers and a host of enthusiasts for a day of sampling, socialising, and discovery. The day will kick off with a Trade Expo at 2:30pm, tailored for industry professionals from the bar, restaurant, and hospitality sectors. Attendees will have the chance to meet with a wide range of producers, explore new products, and forge valuable business connections ahead of the busy festive season.

A highlight of the day will be the Dingle Distillery Masterclass, taking place from 6pm to 7pm. This masterclass will offer a guided tasting and in-depth insight into the distillery's acclaimed portfolio, led by its expert team. Then, at 7pm, the festival opens to the general public for the Brand Expo & Social, an immersive sampling experience set against the scenic backdrop of Killarney Racecourse. On arrival, guests will receive their specially selected



Laurie and Sonya O'Dwyer (event organisers) pictured at the announcement of the inaugural Kerry Drinks Festival taking place at Killarney Racecourse on Saturday, 15th November 2025. Tickets go on sale at 7pm on the 18th of July at kerrydrinksfestival.com. Photo: Giovanni Valente.

complimentary festival tasting glass, designed to enhance the flavour of every sip, from spirits to beer.

Attendees will enter through a lively Beerhall, with samples along the way, before passing a bespoke selection of food vendors offering bites for purchase, en route to the atmospheric Spirits Lounge. Complimentary mixers will be available for those who prefer a long drink.

Guests are encouraged to chat with the makers and soak up the friendly, festive atmosphere.

The event is organised by Sonya O'Dwyer and Laurie O'Dwyer (host of Whiskey Chats Podcast), who are the same people behind the very successful Cork Whiskey Fest, which celebrated its 3rd festival in March this year. Tickets go on sale this Friday 18th of July at 7pm on kerrydrinksfestival.com.

South Munster MABS warns of deepening crisis in Kerry as they report 10% increase in people seeking advice due to crippling financial pressures

South Munster Money Advice and Budgeting Utility Bill Crisis:

Service (MABS) has called for urgent Government action in Budget 2026 to address spiralling debt and housing pressures for struggling families and individuals.

Reporting a 10% rise in caseloads across Kerry since the start of this year, their pre-Budget submission highlights a deepening crisis among low-income and vulnerable households, driven by unsustainable mortgage repayments, soaring rental costs, and crippling utility arrears.

Regional Manager of South Munster MABS Ursula Collins said: "We're now supporting an average of 190 new clients every month in the region. That's not just a number, it reflects hundreds of households facing choices between heating, rent, food or mortgage



payments.

"Too many people are falling through the cracks because supports are too slow, too limited, or simply don't reflect the cost of living on the ground," Ms Collins added.

Key issues for Kerry clients flagged by South Munster MABS:

Mortgage Distress Escalating:

Temporary arrangements for struggling mortgage holders are proving unsustainable as interest rate increases were passed on rapidly, while rate decreases have not been. Many mortgages, now held by non-bank entities,

carry higher interest and fewer protections.

MABS has seen a sharp rise in utility arrears, with some bills reaching up to €9,000.

"We cannot build sustainable repayment plans when providers are asking for lump sums that our clients simply don't have," Ms Collins said, adding that the winding down of Hardship Funds and the uncertainty around energy credits has also left many vulnerable households at serious risk of disconnection.

Rent Beyond Reach:

MABS Kerry has observed some of their clients being asked to pay rents that exceed their income, even when receiving support such as HAP. In one recent case, a household earning €1,200 per month was being asked to pay €1,300 in rent.

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The Ahern Family pictured celebrtng Phil and Ted's 50th Wedding Anniversary

Ahern Family Reunion Marks Two Joyous Occasions

The Ahern family have gathered from across the globe this week to celebrate two momentous family occasions, the wedding of Peter Ahern to Christina Nolan and the golden wedding anniversary of Peter's parents, Ted and Phil Ahern.

The celebrations begin todaym Friday, July 18th, with Peter and Christina's wedding at Listry Church, followed by a reception at the Heights Hotel in Killarney. Christina hails from Ardfert, and the couple will be joined by family and friends to celebrate the nuptials!

Adding to the festivities, Ted and Phil Ahern celebrated 50 years of marriage earlier this year in April, a remarkable milestone that brought even greater meaning to the family reunion.

All eight Ahern siblings returned home for the celebrations, David and Tadhg travelled from Cork, Derry from Galway, Deirdre made the long journey from Perth, Western Australia, and Siobhán from Sydney joining Miriam and Susan who live locally

Ted and Phil's 17 grandchildren, Keira, Aisling, Teagan, Colm, Gráinne, Aidan, Isla, Derry, John Joe, Rachel, Bradley, Harrison, Charley, Ria, Alex, Caoimhe, and Roisín took centre stage at the 50th Wedding Celebrations and were thrilled to meet up for the festivities!

Congratulations to the Ahern Family who celebrated with a weekend full of love and laughter.



50 Years of wedded Bliss: Phil and Ted Ahern.

The Brehon Chef Series Returns This August

Last October, The Brehon launched its Chef Series with seafood expert Stephane Delourme, creating an immediate sensation among Kerry's dining enthusiasts. Guests watched live seafood BBQ demonstrations on a traditional Ofyr ring grill using wooden coals. The event's success has led to Delourme's return in 3 weeks time. The Brehon will host 'Breton Returns' under their stretch tent on The Brehon Lawn. The format remains the same: fresh seafood, wine pairings, live entertainment, and the signature Ofyr grill demonstrations. Stephane will be joined once again by our Executive Chef, Chad Byrne. "Breton" reflects Stephane Delourme's roots in Brittany, a Celtic region, and his passion for collaborating with chefs from other Celtic areas. With 25 years of experience working alongside Rick Stein in Cornwall, Stéphane brings a deep connection to Celtic cuisine and culture. The summer edition promises an entirely fresh menu while maintaining the successful format



of exceptional seafood, expertly chosen wine pairings, live entertainment, and the signature Ofyr grill demonstrations. Premium ingredients will be supplied by renowned local providers Spillane's Seafood and Star Seafood, ensuring the highest quality catches reach guests' plates. The evening will begin with an impressive selection of oysters, served both chilled and warm, accompanied by charred octopus that showcases Delourme's mastery of fire-cooking techniques. The main event features half lobster brushed with garlic and ancho butter, followed by Kerry Atlantic Crab and then Ballycotton Cod, each preparation highlighting the natural flavours of Ireland's coastal waters.

Under the stretch tent, guests will experience the same incredible atmosphere that made October's event unforgettable, complete with live entertainment that celebrates the evening's Celtic theme. Book now on Eventbrite, search 'Breton Returns'. Tickets €90.



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Catriona Celebrates Milestone

50th Birthday with Family and Friends

There were smiles, music, and plenty of celebration at Tigh Mary Donals last Friday night as Catriona McGuire marked her 50th birthday surrounded by her nearest and dearest. Catriona was joined by her husband Darragh, daughter Abbie, sons Aidan and Daniel, along with her proud parents Esther and Jerry Dwyer, for a wonderful evening filled with joy and laughter.

Also joining in the festivities were Catriona's dancer friends from Kilcummin Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann (CCE), who took a break from preparing for the upcoming Fleadh to help celebrate the special milestone.

It was a night to remember, filled with music, dancing, and fun and a fitting tribute to a popular Kilcummin woman. Happy 50th, Catriona!



Catriona McGuire celebrating her 50th Birthday with friends Marie McSweeney, Aine O Callaghan, Michelle O Riordan, Nessa McCarthy, Catriona McGuire, the Birthday girl, Aileen Moriarty, Norma Foley & Geraldine Pigott.



Catriona McGuire, Paic Chuimin, Kilcummin celebrating her 50th Birthday with her family, husband Darragh, daughter Abbie, sons Aidan & Daniel along with her parents Esther & Jerry Dwyer and extended family members in Tigh Mary Donals last Friday night.



Free Admission to Ross Castle to Celebrate National Heritage Week

The Office of Public Works (OPW) has today announced free admission to over 70 heritage sites, including Ross Castle in Killarney, on Saturday 16 August, to celebrate National Heritage Week 2025.

This year's theme is 'Exploring Our Foundations' and invites visitors to delve into the building blocks of our heritage; not just the structures, but the landscapes and cultural activities that have shaped us.

The theme of Heritage Week this year is very fitting with the range of

conservation projects that the OPW has undertaken in recent times. In April, the OPW announced the much-anticipated reopening of Barryscourt Castle in Cork. After an extensive programme of conservation and enhancement, this historic stronghold has once again opened its doors to the public, offering a renewed visitor experience at one of Ireland's most evocative medieval sites.

Visit heritageireland.ie and heritageweek.ie for a full list of 2025 events.

KILLARNEY DATE FOR LEGENDARY SINGER BOB DYLAN

The acclaimed Rough and Rowdy Ways tour is just the latest chapter in an unparalleled career. Tickets go on sale at 10am on Friday 18th July.

This summer, Dylan will perform across the US, before crossing the UK and Ireland this November including dates in Belfast, Killarney and Dublin.

Dylan's first gig in the UK was at The King & Queen pub in Fitzrovia, London, in 1962, while he first played Ireland at the Adelphi Cinema on his famous 1966 world tour.

The release of new music in 2020 surprised and delighted fans, with the album Rough and Rowdy Ways dominating end-of-year lists and marking another milestone in the career of one of the great artists of modern times.

These upcoming concerts are an opportunity to experience this great artist on stage for a Series of very special evenings. The shows are in partnership with Yondr who will prohibit the use of video cameras and mobile phones, making the occasion even more unique.

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BUSINESSES AND CLUBS URGED TO GET BEHIND KERRY AHEAD OF ALL-IRELAND FINAL

Excitement is building across the Kingdom as the Kerry Senior Football Team prepares to face Donegal in the All-Ireland Final on Sunday, July 27th. With the eyes of the country fixed on this eagerly anticipated clash, The Killarney Outlook Magazine is calling on local businesses, GAA clubs, and community organisations to show their support in a special way.

To mark the occasion, the magazine is offering the opportunity for businesses and clubs to place Good Luck Adverts in its special All-Ireland Final edition. The issue will also feature an in-depth match preview by Outlook sports columnist Jimmy O'Sullivan Darcy and photographs from Orla Coyne at Kerry GAA Fans, providing

readers with expert insight and analysis ahead of the big day.

"This is a chance for the people of Kerry to come together and show the team that we're all behind them," said Emma from The Killarney Outlook. "We're inviting clubs, local businesses and supporters from every corner of the county to join in and send their well wishes in print. Let's turn the magazine green and gold."

The All-Ireland Final edition promises to be a collector's item and a celebration of the spirit of Kerry football. Supporters can celebrate their pride, back the boys in green and gold, and be part of this historic moment by getting involved.

To place a Good Luck Advert, contact Emma on 087 659 3427. Space is limited, so early booking is advised. Ciarraí Abú!

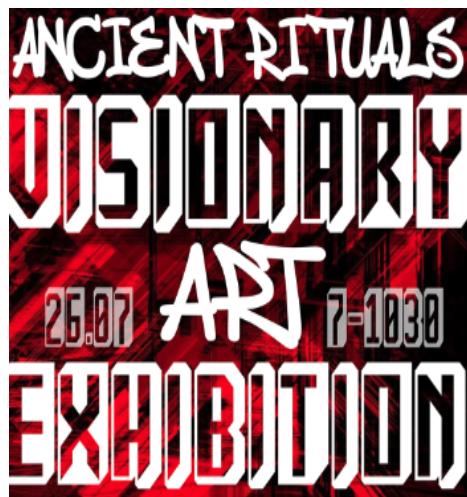
“Visionary Art” Exhibition at Ancient Rituals Promises a Night of Creativity and Culture

Ancient Rituals are hosting an exciting open art exhibition on Saturday, July 26th from 7:00 to 10:30pm, titled “Visionary Art”. The evening that promises to be a vibrant celebration of creative expression.

The exhibition will showcase original works by acclaimed artists Adam McEwan, Rochelle Lucey, Andrea Allegri, and Fiona Gillespie, offering visitors a unique opportunity to engage with bold, imaginative, and thought-provoking pieces.

Adding to the atmosphere, DJ Dreamship from Hungary will provide a specially curated soundtrack for the night with live sets throughout the evening.

In a Kerry-exclusive performance, Andres Gomez, owner of Ancient Rituals, will present



a play piercing art performance, offering a dramatic and immersive experience for attendees, a first of its kind in the county.

This marks the beginning of a new bi-monthly art exhibition series at Ancient Rituals, with a strong focus on promoting local and emerging artists. The team aims to bring something fresh and unique to each event, tailored to the featured creatives.

Looking ahead, January 2026 will see the launch of an exciting skull painting workshop, expanding the venue's offerings and commitment to alternative and visionary art practices.

Save the date and don't miss what promises to be an unforgettable evening of art, music, and performance at Ancient Rituals.

Aghadoe Graveyard Mass Rescheduled to Tuesday, July 29th

The Annual Aghadoe Graveyard Mass will take place this year on Tuesday, July 29th at 8.00pm.

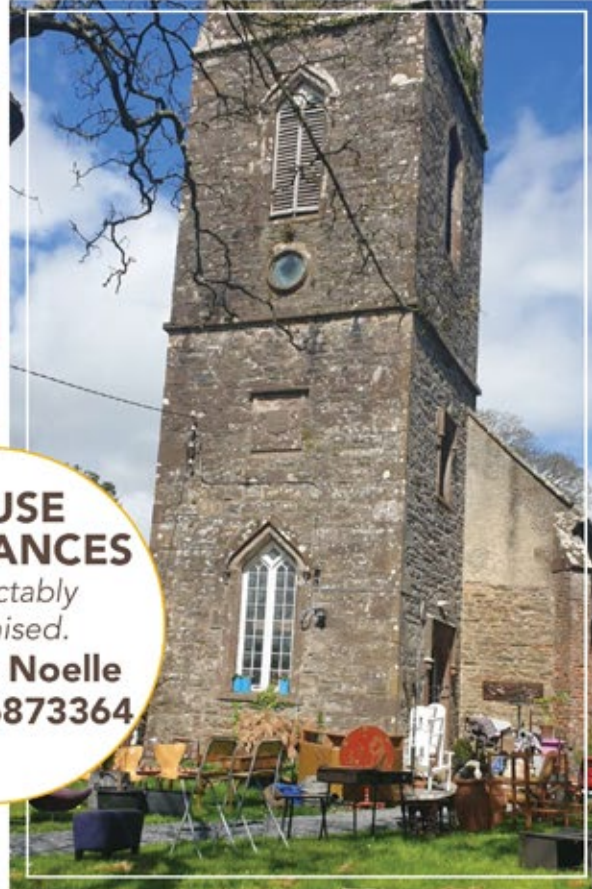
Originally scheduled for Monday, the Mass has been rescheduled due to the involvement of the Kerry Senior Football Team, who are set to compete in the All-Ireland Football Final on Sunday, July 27th.

As always, this special Mass offers a moment of reflection and remembrance for loved ones laid to rest in Aghadoe, and all are warmly invited to attend. Eucharistic Ministers who are available to assist on the evening are kindly asked to submit their names at the sacristy.





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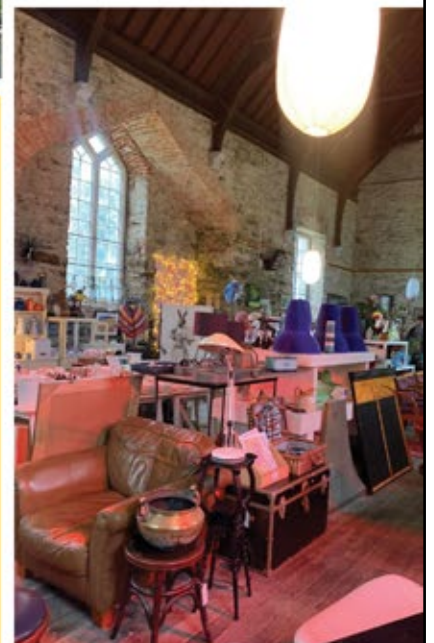


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Stunning image of Tory Lighthouse wins camera club Competition

Killarney Camera Club held their final meeting of the season took place at our meeting space in the Anam Arts Centre. The theme was Open Print Competition and we had a wonderful display of 18 prints on show.

Congratulations to Liz Browne on winning both the Unrestricted and Novice categories with a fantastic photo of Tory Island Lighthouse in Donegal.

Tory Lighthouse is almost 200 yrs old, still in operation and remains one to the island's major historical monuments. As the first rays of sunlight rise over the Atlantic Liz has managed to capture a serene and ethereal picture as the dawn lights up the surrounding coastline and sea casting a golden glow and highlighting

the white cylindrical Lighthouse with its black and white bands in the background. Congratulations to Liz on a well deserved win and as the overall winner in the Novice category and most improved photographer of the year.

Here are the top three winners

Novice Category:

1st Place: Elizabeth Browne,

Tory island lighthouse at dawn,

2nd Place: Mary O'Sullivan, Flower,

3rd Place: Eamon Fleming, Rajastani man, 1

The club welcome new members so please contact the secretary@killarneycameraclub.ie for any information required.

Triple Gold for Kerry Holstein Friesian Breeders Club at National Open Day



Muiris Harty, who topped the 18-26 age category with the highest individual score.



The Kerry Group at the National Finals.

The Kerry Holstein Friesian Breeders Club enjoyed outstanding success at the Irish Holstein Friesian Association (IHFA) National Open Day, held last Thursday, July 10th, at Greenlea Holsteins, Co. Monaghan.

In a historic achievement for the club, all three teams representing Kerry claimed gold medals in their respective stockjudging categories, a first for the club at this prestigious national event. The club's success was highlighted by Muiris Harty, who topped the 18-26 age

category with the highest individual score, an impressive feat he has now accomplished two years in a row.

The victorious teams were:

12-18 Age Section: Cormac Walsh,

Kate Maunsell, Clodagh Kennelly

18-26 Age Section: Muiris Harty,

Jack Walsh, Jack Goulding

Senior Section: Daniel Curtin, Emer Curtin,

John Dillon.

In addition to the stockjudging success, Kerry also celebrated two national wins in the IHFA National Herds Competition.

Ronan Síochrú, Dingle, claimed 1st place in the Spring Section

Darragh Curtin, Brosna, took 1st place in the Under 80 Cows Section.

These results reflect the exceptional standard of breeding and dedication within the Kerry club and mark a proud moment for all involved.

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KERRY INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL Introduces New Award



The Kerry International Film Festival (KIFF) is thrilled to announce the introduction of a brand-new award category: Best Irish Language Short, set to debut at the festival's 26th edition, taking place from October 16th to 19th, 2025. Renowned for championing emerging talent, KIFF continues to celebrate diverse voices in filmmaking. Its acclaimed Short Film Programme has been a launchpad for many notable films, including the 2016 Oscarwinner *Stutterer* and 2019 Oscar nominees *Mother and Detainment*. The addition of this new award underscores KIFF's commitment to supporting the flourishing landscape of Irish language cinema.

The Best Irish Language Short category will be judged by Máire Ní Chonláin, TG4 Commissioning Editor and executive producer of the internationally acclaimed *An Cailín Ciúin*, which was nominated for Best International Feature Film at the 95th Academy Awards. With an extensive career spanning development,



production, and acquisitions in both scripted and unscripted formats, Máire brings deep expertise to the role. At TG4, she has overseen an impressive slate of programming, including

drama strands such as *Cine4*, *Tús*, *Céim Eile*, and *Gealán*, as well as long-running country music series.

KIFF is honoured to welcome Máire as the judge for this exciting new category, recognising her invaluable contribution to Irish-language storytelling on screen.

Submissions for KIFF 2025 close on July 31st, and filmmakers are encouraged to submit their entries via FilmFreeway.

KIFF will return to Killarney in October with a dynamic programme of features, documentaries, and short films. For updates and announcements, follow KIFF on social media or subscribe to the festival newsletter.

KIFF gratefully acknowledges the support of its headline sponsor Kerry Airport, as well as The Arts Council of Ireland, Kerry County Council, Fáilte Ireland, and the many local businesses that help bring the festival to life each year.

Fexco Comes Full Circle with Opening of New No1 Currency Store in Killarney

Fexco, Ireland's leading financial services and fintech company, is proud to announce the opening of a new No1 Currency store on Main Street, Killarney, near the town's popular shopping arcade. This marks a return to the company's roots in Killarney where Fexco once operated a foreign exchange kiosk in the tourist office at the Town Hall.

Founded in 1981 by Brian McCarthy, Fexco's origins lie in Kerry, where it began as a network of Bureaux de Change serving local and international visitors. Over the past four decades, the company has grown into a global leader in financial technology and foreign exchange, operating in over 50 countries.

Fexco manages one of the largest RFX operations across the UK, Ireland and Pacific, merging digital convenience with physical accessibility through a hybrid model that includes online ordering, high-street branches, and in-store bureau at over 700 global retail travel money locations, servicing over 2.5 million customers annually. Its flagship brand, No1 Currency, has operations in the UK, Ireland, the Pacific Islands, Australia and New Zealand. This opening of the latest No1 Currency Store in Killarney represents a symbolic return to its roots, bringing the company full circle to the



From left to right, Sean Crowe, CEO of Fexco Financial Services, Enda Halpin, Michelle Kenny, Ruth McCarthy, Head of Risk Compliance and Policy (Ruth Opened the Store on the day), Ashley Windley, Jina Coyle, Colm Gleeson, Head of RFX Ireland, Claire Barrett and Albert Shortt Store manager all pose as Fexco Opens No1 Currency Store in Killarney's Main Street Mall. Photo: Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD

county where it all started.

The new store will offer a full range of foreign exchange services, including commission-free currency exchange, competitive rates,

and expert customer service. Whether preparing for a trip abroad or returning from travel, customers can expect a fast, friendly, and reliable experience.

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Kerry Paranormal Investigator PJ O'Sullivan Features on Keith Barry's New Podcast

Kerry native and seasoned paranormal investigator PJ O'Sullivan is the latest guest to appear on mentalist Keith Barry's new podcast, Open Mind, available now on the Go Loud platform.

In the compelling episode, Keith and PJ, who is Sales and Marketing Manager with Cremur Heaing, explore the eerie world of ghost hunting in Ireland. A lead investigator with Púca Vogue Paranormal, PJ draws on years of experience investigating haunted sites across the country, sharing his most unnerving encounters and unexplained phenomena. Listeners are taken inside Ireland's most chilling locations from haunted castles to late-night vigils, as PJ reveals what really happens during a paranormal investigation. He and Keith Barry also delve into the psychological elements of belief, perception, and the fine line between what is real and what is imagined.

"This episode is designed to leave listeners questioning their own understanding of the unknown," said Keith Barry. "Whether you're a skeptic or a believer, you might find yourself leaving the light on."

The episode, titled Paranormal Investigator, is available to stream on Apple Podcasts and all major podcast platforms.

Keith Barry's Open Mind takes listeners on a journey through psychology, spirituality, and the unexplained. The podcast has already featured a wide range of guests, including:



PJ O'Sullivan pictured with Keith Barry.

Singer and actress, Andrea Corr
Former professional rugby player turned world-record-breaking explorer, Damian Browne

Former GAA star and men's wellness advocate, Diarmuid Lyng
Psychic medium, Natasha Bracken
Former Republic of Ireland goalkeeper, David Forde
Cyber psychologist Dr. Nicola Fox Hamilton
ADHD coach Ailín Kennedy.

Future episodes will feature well-known psychologists and public figures from the worlds of music, film, and academia.



Púca Vogue Paranormal Team Members pictured at Muckcross Abbey. Back left to right Rory Murphy, Leo O Sullivan, PJ O Sullivan, Front Left to right, Eva Walsh, Veronika Slomiany.

PJ O'Sullivan's appearance brings a Kerry voice to the national spotlight, representing Ireland's growing interest in the paranormal. His team, Púca Vogue Paranormal, has become known for its careful, research-based approach to investigating reports of supernatural activity. More about PJ's work can be found at www.pucavogueparanormalireland.com.

Open Mind with Keith Barry is available now on Go Loud, Apple Podcasts, and all major streaming services.

Tralee municipal district welcomes ambassador of the state of Palestine in Ireland, Dr. Jilan wahba abdalmajid

The Tralee Municipal District welcomed the Ambassador of the State of Palestine in Ireland, Dr. Jilan Wahba Abdalmajid, as part of her visit to Tralee last week.

The Ambassador met with members of the Tralee Municipal District at the Destination Town Gateway which lists the city of Beit Sahour in Palestine as having a sister city relationship with Tralee. Following a photograph at the Destination Gateway sign on the N86 road into Tralee, the Ambassador then attended a welcome event at Council Chambers hosted by the Tralee Municipal District.

Mayor of Tralee Cllr. Terry O'Brien said in his address to the gathering, "we recognise the challenges faced by the Palestinian people, and it is our hope that through ongoing dialogue, cooperation, and



The Ambassador met with members of the Tralee Municipal District at the Destination Town Gateway which lists the city of Beit Sahour in Palestine that has a sister city relationship with Tralee. Pictured L-R: Cllr Paul Daly, Angie Baily, Niamh O'Sullivan KCC, Ambassador of the State of Palestine in Ireland, Dr. Jilan Wahba Abdalmajid, Cllr Anne O'Sullivan, Mayor Of Tralee Terry O'Brien, Cllr Mikey Sheehy and Cllr. Deirdre Ferris:

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goodwill, a just and lasting peace can be achieved in the region. We are truly grateful and proud to host this welcome, reflecting not only

our commitment to international friendship and solidarity but also our deep respect for the rich history, culture, and aspirations of

the Palestinian people."

In response, the Ambassador expressed her appreciation for the solidarity shown by the people of Kerry and shared insights into the current situation in Palestine. "Today marks a new chapter in the sister city relationship between Tralee and Beit Sahour. The Destination Gateway sign not only acknowledges the relationship between the two towns but also acts as a reminder of the strong ties between the people of Ireland and the people of Palestine."

Speaking to the elected members of the Tralee Municipal District, she called for an immediate ceasefire, "from this place, I say to the people of Ireland and to the rest of the world that I call for an immediate ceasefire in Palestine".



SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR KERRY

As the Kerry Senior Football Team prepares for the **All-Ireland Final taking on Donegal on Sunday 27th**, we're calling on local businesses, GAA clubs, and community groups to get behind the lads and show your pride!

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Her Health. Her Power:

A Night for Women's Health

An empowering evening dedicated to women's well-being will take place on Saturday, August 9th at the Killarney Avenue Hotel. "Her Health, Her Power - A Night for Women's Health," promises to be a night of inspiration, education, and community spirit for women of all ages.

The event is being organised by Grainne Lehinan and all proceeds will go to support a sky dive she is undertaking to raise funds for Raheen National School.

The evening will begin at 7:00 PM (with doors opening at 6:00 PM) and will feature a panel of leading health and wellness professionals offering expert advice and practical tips on key issues affecting women today:

Triona Casey, Women's Health & Menopause Nurse

Pat Sheehan, Weight Loss Coach

Jennifer McCarthy, Fitness Coach

The trio will address topics such as menopause, healthy weight management, and physical fitness, aiming to equip those attending with tools and knowledge to better manage their health.

Guests can take advantage of a free health check before the event begins and receive a 20% discount on select programmes for signing up on the night. Complimentary finger food will also be served, kindly sponsored by The Sibly Food Co. and Paddy's Catering.

All ticket holders will be automatically entered into a draw for fantastic door prizes, including: A €100 Scarlett Killarney voucher

A Keanes Jewellers Voucher

A €150 voucher from Killarney Carpet & Furniture

There will also be an exciting array of spot prizes, including, tickets to The Joe Dolan Show & Dinner (The Gleneagle Hotel)

Vouchers from The Europe Hotel, BWell Fitness, Sculpt Clinic, Who's 4 Shoes, Salon B Hair & Beauty, Sheehan's Pharmacy, and many more generous local businesses

In addition to promoting health, the event will raise funds for a local cause. Proceeds will support Skydive Gráinne Lenihan in aid of Raheen National School. The school are currently raising much needed funds for a 'Pitch Upgrade' and while doing so, are including a 'Community Walking Track'. This will provide a safe environment for people young & old to meet in the countryside and all proceeds from the night will go towards that. This will provide a safe environment for people young & old to meet in the countryside and all proceeds from the night will go towards that.

Tickets are available from Who's 4 Shoes, Scarlett Killarney, Frankie's Restaurant (Barraduff), Killarney Avenue Hotel and on the door on the night.

With expert speakers, wellness resources, delicious food, and incredible prizes, "Her Health, Her Power" is more than just an event it's a celebration of women, wellness, and community. Don't miss your chance to be part of a night that promises insight, inspiration, and plenty of fun.



The event is being organised by Grainne Lehinan and all proceeds will go to support a sky dive she is undertaking to raise funds for Raheen National School.

Gleneagle Concert Band Represents Killarney in Spain

The Gleneagle Concert Band recently returned from a highly successful tour of Seville and Gibraltar.

Now in its 44th year, the Killarney-based band joined forces with the Middleton Concert Band for a special evening performance beneath the striking Las Setas structure in the heart of Seville.

Las Setas, an impressive predominantly wooden landmark, houses restaurants, a performance square, an archaeological museum, and a rooftop terrace offering sweeping views of Seville's historic old town—creating a truly unforgettable backdrop for the concert.

This marked the band's 8th international tour, following previous visits to Holland, Germany, and Sweden in the 1980s, Austria in 2002, Paris in 2007, Lisbon in 2013, and Monaco & Cannes in 2017.

Tour organiser and Music Development Officer Vincent Condon commented: "The concert at Las Setas, with its spectacular backdrop, was a wonderful spectacle and an amazing experience for the players. There was a huge band on stage under the baton of Robert O'Brien, and the audience response was fantastic, with long applause, cheering, singing, and clapping. Both bands performed superbly on the night, and the tour offered an unforgettable cultural, musical, and social experience for everyone who travelled. It was a stunning success, and we are already making plans for our next concert tour to Italy."


Highlights of the five-day tour included visits to the Royal Alcázar of Seville, Plaza de España, a cable car ride to the top of the Rock of Gibraltar, a Guadalquivir River cruise, swimming at Catalan Bay Beach, and a tour of Seville Cathedral, among many others.

Band Manager Ciarán Lynch added: "The tour was outstanding and was enjoyed immensely by both bands. Memories and friendships that will last a lifetime were created, and we were delighted to share such a wonderful few days with the Middleton Concert Band."

Parents interested in enrolling their child in lessons at the Gleneagle School of Music or in joining the Gleneagle Concert Band should contact Vincent Condon at 087 2229513. Past members and adults with prior musical experience are also welcome.



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Great Turnout for the Flesk Valley County Championship Regatta

There was a large crowd on the Flesk Valley shore last Sunday to witness the Killarney clubs of Fossa, St. Brendan's, Workmen and Flesk Valley, battle on their home waters with the coastal clubs of Kerry, on a day of sunshine and showers in beautiful Castletlough Bay. Flesk Valley Rowing Club hosted the first of two Kerry County Championship qualifying regattas for one-design boats, in advance of the All-Ireland Coastal Rowing Championships, which will be held in Glenarm, County Antrim on 15-17 August. The regatta, kindly sponsored by the Killarney Credit Union, was opened by the Mayor of Killarney, Cllr Martin Grady who welcomed the clubs and wished them a safe and successful day on the water.

As usual there was brilliant colour, drama and great tussles across a packed programme of 20 races from under 12 to Masters. There was a wonderful atmosphere on shore throughout the day as the crowds roared home their clubs

and weighed the merits of the opposition.

Speaking on Sunday evening, Flesk Valley chairman John Fleming, expressed his satisfaction with the event and his gratitude to all the clubs who participated on the day, and made the regatta such a success. John also thanked Mary B Teahan, Johanna King, Andrew Wharton, Máire Twiss, Kevin Crowley and the Kerry Coastal Rowing Association for their hard work on Sunday and their encouragement in hosting the regatta. John also added, 'We are especially grateful to Leanes Tool Hire, Hegartys of Castletlough and Muckross Rowing Club for their support this weekend, and the Killarney Order of Malta Killarney for covering the event for us.'

When asked about the work involved in hosting an event of this nature, John agreed that it was a significant undertaking and wouldn't have been possible without the contribution of the club's own committee, members and parents,

who worked tirelessly behind the scenes over the last few weeks to bring the regatta together, both on and off the water. 'This regatta has now become an important part of the rowing year in Killarney and Kerry, and the hard work pays off when the day goes well, and you see the enjoyment that young and old get from a sport that we are all very passionate about'.

Finally, John, on behalf of Flesk Valley Rowing Club, wanted to acknowledge and thank the staff and management of the National Parks and Wildlife Service, for their advice, support and encouragement, in hosting Sunday's regatta.

Next up, the Killarney clubs will travel to Valentia Island on Saturday July 26th for the second county championship regatta to fine tune their preparations before making the long trip to Glenarm in August.



Flesk Valley Minor Girls who won gold at the KCRA regatta held in Castletlough Bay on Sunday July 13th 2025. L-R Ella O'Connor, Clodagh Flanagan, Paul Burke (cox), Bella Dennehy and Holly Heffernan.



Enjoying the KCRA regatta held in Castletlough Bay on Sunday July 13th 2025. L-R Ger Sweeney, Marguerite and Peter O'Sullivan.



Flesk Valley boys enjoying the KCRA regatta held in Castletlough Bay on Sunday July 13th 2025. L-R Cormac O' Sullivan, Conor Spellman, Colm O' Sullivan, Cillian Healy, Darragh Flanagan, Senan Prendergast, Noah Counihan and Ruadhán Coleman



Flesk Valley Under 12 Boys who won gold at the KCRA regatta held in Castletlough Bay on Sunday July 13th 2025. L-R Leo O'Riordan, Darragh Flanagan, Culann Cronin and Robbie Fennelly.



Flesk Valley rowers with their proud dad at the KCRA regatta held in Castletlough Bay on Sunday July 13th 2025. L-R Eilis, Jerry and Patrick Mullane.



Flesk Valley Junior Ladies who won gold at the KCRA regatta held in Castletlough Bay on Sunday July 13th 2025. L-R Saoirse Sweeney, Caoimhe Kelly, Tadhg Kelly (cox), Eithne Maguire and Amy Myers.



Flesk Valley Under 21 Boys who won gold at the KCRA regatta held in Castletlough Bay on Sunday July 13th 2025. L-R Eoghan Kelly, Adam Counihan, Declan Murphy and Gearoid Sugrue.



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Family Syndicate in Shock After Landing Historic €250 Million EuroMillions Jackpot but Vows Not to Let it Change Them

"It will still be Ham and Cheese sambos for lunch!"

A family syndicate from Ireland has officially claimed the largest EuroMillions jackpot prize in the nation's history, walking away with a cheque worth an astonishing €250,000,000. The winners, who have chosen to remain anonymous, described their journey to this life-changing windfall as "surreal".

It all began with a simple errand. One family member had an appointment in Cork and stopped into Clifford's Centra on Shandon Street to pick up a few messages.

"I saw the sign at the till that the EuroMillions jackpot was €250 million" said one family member. "Although I'm a regular player, I hadn't bought a ticket for the last two draws. I picked one up and honestly, didn't think much of it."

That spontaneous decision would soon turn their world upside down.

"I was watching the Nine O'Clock News and saw that someone in Ireland had the winning EuroMillions ticket. So naturally, I got my ticket and scanned it on the National Lottery app, and a message popped up, 'You've won big, contact the National Lottery.' Obviously, this wasn't a message that I was used to seeing, so I must have checked it 4 more times, I just couldn't believe my eyes!" the ticketholder recalled.

"I ran upstairs to my wife who had just gone to bed and woke her up. We both checked the numbers multiple times on the website. We sat at the edge of the bed, saying 'Oh my god' over



and over – I reckon we said it about fifty times. We were in total shock, complete disbelief."

He added, "As you can imagine, sleep was out of the question that night"

Even still, they set an alarm early the following morning to call the National Lottery. Right on time, they got through to the Claims Team, and after a few tense minutes on hold, the confirmation finally came through - they were officially the winners of €250 million.

"Those few minutes felt like the longest of my life" the winner recalled. "When Ronan from the Claims Team confirmed we were the outright winner, needless to say, we were in total shock all over again."

Until the golden ticket could be handed over, the family kept it carefully hidden, tucked inside an A4 sheet beneath a pile of folded laundry in the bedroom. In the days that followed, they took their time to come to terms with the life-changing news. Determined not to let it overwhelm them, they carried on with their daily routines as normally as possible.

Once the winning ticket was safely in the hands of the National Lottery, they followed advice to seek independent legal and financial guidance

and since then, they've been moving forward slowly but steadily, taking each step at their own pace as they adjust to their new reality. So, what's the first thing they plan to do with their fortune?

"We're absolutely going on a family holiday. We love to travel and there's so many amazing trips we've always dreamed of that we can now make a reality. We're already looking at holiday homes somewhere in the sun."

"We also feel incredibly fortunate now to be in a position where we can buy homes for our children too."

But the generosity doesn't stop there. The family plans to support their wider family members including children, grandchildren, close friends, and several charities that are close to their hearts.

When asked if they had any extravagant plans, they laughed and admitted they hadn't anything outrageous in mind just yet.

One member of the syndicate shared, "I always dreamed of owning a Rolex watch, knowing that I could never afford it. I went window shopping last week just to have a look and couldn't believe the price tag of some of the watches. When I phoned my wife to tell her, she said 'sure you can buy them now if you want!'"

"I don't think the news has really sunk in yet"

Despite the life-changing sum, the family insists they're staying grounded. "We're planning to remain in Ireland, and we promised ourselves that we won't let this win change us.

Another added with a laugh, "I'll still be having my favourite ham and cheese sambo for lunch every day!"

Killarney Valley AC and Killarney Community College Student Babatunde Smith Selected for Irish Schools Athletics Team

Killarney Community College student and Killarney Valley AC athlete Babatunde Smith has been selected to represent the Irish Schools Athletics Team. A talented teenage high jumper, Babatunde has developed significantly over the past few years through his training and competition experience with Killarney Valley AC.

He is believed to be the first student from Killarney Community College to represent Ireland in track and field athletics, a proud achievement for the school and local community.

Babatunde has been selected to compete in the High Jump at the prestigious SIAB Schools International in Derby, United Kingdom, where he will face the best young athletes from England, Wales, and Scotland. Originally from Ukraine, Babatunde's journey to the international stage has been remarkable. Since arriving in Ireland, he has embraced his new home and continued to pursue his love for athletics with Killarney Valley AC. He has flourished under the expert guidance of KVAC's sprints and jumps coaches Alan Delaney, Tim Horgan, and Tomás Griffin.

Babatunde has already achieved notable success, winning Kerry County,

Munster, and All-Ireland titles across High Jump, Hurdles, and Sprints. He has travelled extensively across Ireland, competing with the dedicated support of his parents, school, and athletics club.

Representing Killarney Community College, Babatunde set his sights on winning the Tailteann Games, a goal he successfully achieved. He then followed this with an outstanding performance at the Athletics Ireland U16 National Championships, where he claimed the national title for High Jump with a personal best of 1.88 metres, representing Killarney Valley AC.

Now, as he prepares to wear the Irish singlet on the international stage, Babatunde carries with him not only the pride of his school and club, but also the enduring spirit of Ukraine a symbol of resilience, talent, and unity through sport.

This marks a significant milestone in Irish athletics, and the beginning of what promises to be an exceptional career for a remarkable young athlete.



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By Michael O'Mahony

301 CLUB

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SHARE THE BUCKET

Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group reminds you that Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group reminds you that Share the Bucket takes place weekly. The draw is every Friday evening in Teach Fáilte @8.30 pm and can be viewed live on our Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook Page. This week's jackpot was €200 and the winner was David O'Leary. Tickets cost €2 each or 3 for €5. They are available at Teach Fáilte and can be bought online at <https://tinyurl.com/y2ade5om> or in local businesses where you see the Green Share the bucket.

Your support is greatly appreciated 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.

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

The Kerry PPN Weekly Community Newsletter for now available, packed with news of funding grants, courses, community events and more. Download your copy here: <https://kerryppn.ie/kerry-ppn-weekly-community-newsletter-friday-13th-june-2025/>

If you have an event you would like featured in the next newsletter or would like to subscribe and receive it directly to your inbox each week; email Máiréad & Kathy at ppn@kerrycoco.ie

KNOCK

The third Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Saturday 23rd of August 2025. Please note the date and consider taking part in this special time of prayer and reflection at Ireland's National Marian Shrine. Please check with your Pastoral Area regarding buses.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Kerry team & management especially Shane Ryan & Paul Murphy in the All Ireland semi finals on Saturday last. Best of luck in the final

CONGRATULATIONS to Conor Doherty of Rathmore GAA club who played in the primary game in Croke Park last weekend

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KNOCKNAGREE LADIES FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS

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Knocknagree Under 6 players with Senior Cork Ladies Footballer Katie Horgan



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Our club is fundraising to cover the costs of running the club to provide training equipment to enhance our sessions and general costs of running our club including referees fees, first aid and physiotherapists for our Adult Team. Please support if you can by participating by sending on your photos from anywhere in the world and donating.

THANK YOU

Thank you to our Junior Player and Cork Senior Footballer Katie Horgan for visiting training last Wednesday night and for helping with the coaching, all the players were thrilled to meet Katie and be coached by her on the night. Katie is the first player ever from our Club to play Senior for Cork.

TRAINING AND GAMES

Training and games continue over the Summer with plenty opportunities for game time due to a great selection of Summer Leagues entered.

Adult Championship is all to play for as well, this kicks off in August and is preceded by the North Cork Junior League.

New players welcome from age 4 to adult, please call Catherine on 083 3498778 if you would like to enquire about joining our club

NOTES

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

LISTRY PARISH

Written by: Colette Leslie

LOTTO

July 13th 2025. Jackpot €10,600. Numbers Drawn: 06, 10, 17, 26. Not Won. €100 Sean Buchanan, Faha. €50 Owen Casey. €50 Iarlaith & Réaltín Murphy. €25 Roman Gallagher & Abi Carter. €25 Cathriona Doody O'Connor, Faha. Jackpot next week 20/07/2025 €10,750

U10S

Our U10s are gearing up for a blitz in Milltown next Sunday the 20th July.

MINORS

The minor team face Listowel at home Monday 21st at 7pm.

TABLE QUIZ

A huge thank you and well done to everyone involved in the Table Quiz held in Faha Court on Friday night to help fundraise for the upcoming U12 trip to play in Croke Park. Thanks to all who participated, donated spot prizes, and helped out on the night

CONGRATULATIONS to Matthew Lucey, Padraig Kimmage, Roan Clifford, and coach Paul O'Donoghue who were all involved with the East Kerry U14s team that won the U14 County Championship last week



Listry under 11s played in the Kerry GAA football blitz this week in Fitzgerald Stadium. It was a great experience for the boys to play in the stadium and they performed brilliantly against Tuosist, Western Gaels and Austin Stacks.

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Beaufort summer camp with Kerry Ladies senior player, Fay O'Donoghue (in back centre)

BEAUFORT PARISH

By Bridget Hartnett

RESULTS

Beaufort 2.15 Dromid/Waterville 0.19 in Minor men Co League, round 2.
Beaufort 3.18 Rathmore 5.11 in U16 Boys Co League, round 4

LOTTO

The next draw for a jackpot of €6,800 will be on Sunday, 20th July. Tickets are €2 each, 3 for €5. A yearly ticket for all 26 draws is €50. They are available from usual sellers and online at www.beaufortgaa.com. Thank you for your continued support of our lotto.

USED CLOTHES COLLECTION

Thank you to everybody who donated to our used clothes collection and the organisers. It qualifies as one of our Green Club initiatives.

SUMMER CAMP

A Beaufort summer camp was held last week. Thank you to all the

children who took part, all the organisers and coaches.

Two special guests attended the camp on Friday. Thank you to Kerry Men's and Ladies senior players, Mike Breen and Fay O'Donoghue who attended and gave advice and took questions from the children.

SPORTS PREDICTION QUIZ

End of June results are as follows. There are seven participants on 41 points at the end of June.

They are Gerard Foley, Tomas Foley, Isobel O'Shea, Kieran Coffey, Fiadh and Isabelle, Tom O'Brien and Pat Hartnett.

GOOD LUCK TO Fay O'Donoghue and the Kerry Ladies senior team and management in the All Ireland senior football semi-final against Meath on Saturday, 19th July at 5.15pm in Glenisk O'Connor Park, Tullamore.



Beaufort summer camp with Kerry senior player, Mike Breen (in front, centre)

GLENFLESK PARISH

Written by: Sean Daly

FLESK FEST

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone to Flesk Fest in Barraduff Community Field this weekend! There is something for everyone. Dance Hall Friday, Gaelic for Mothers & Others Blitz on Saturday, Family Fun Day on Sunday and great bands and performers throughout the weekend. Fully licenced bar & food trucks all weekend, cocktail bar Saturday and Sunday. For ticket enquiries contact 087 2900476 or online via the Clubforce App. Tickets are also available at the gate, €10 for Friday and €20 for Saturday or Sunday. It promises to be a great weekend!

LOTTO

There was no winner of the Glenflesk Lotto which took place on the 8th

of July. Jackpot €7,000. Numbers drawn 14, 16, 24, 26. Consolation prizes of €50: Seán O'Sullivan, Tír na bPoll, Cill Áirne, Match Lotto Sellers (Sellers Prize), Ryan, Grace & Kate Mullally, Gneeveguilla, Jer & Eileen Murphy, Barradubh. Next draw will take place on the 22nd of July. Jackpot will be €7,200. Thanks to all who support our Lotto & to Diarmuid Lynch Plumbing & Heating Ltd for sponsoring our tickets.

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KILCUMMIN PARISH

Written by: Helen Moynihan

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KILCUMMIN GAA By Donal Barry PRO

ALL IRELAND FINAL TICKETS

If you are interested in being included in the draw for All Ireland Tickets, please TEXT or WHATSAPP Nessa on 087 2897312 before Friday, July 18th, at 5 pm. No exceptions for ticket requests will be made outside of this date and time. Only fully paid-up members will be included in the draw. Thank you.

JUNIORS

In the East Kerry Junior League, it was a defeat for Kilcummin at the hands of Dr.Crokes, who finished 4-13 to 2-10 winners at Lewis Road.

MINORS

Well done to the minor footballers who enjoyed a fine 1-18 to 1-15 win over Fossa on Tuesday evening in their Minor County Football League Division 4A opener.

UNDER 16S A

It was a busy yet fruitful week for our Under-16 A team, who went to the top of the Division 1 County football league with 2 wins in the space of a few days. On Thursday evening they bettered Laune Rangers 2-12 to 1-6 in Killorglin, and on Sunday evening at John Mitchels they secured

another win, 2-17 to 1-15 over the Tralee side.

UNDER 16S B

It was a defeat for our under-16B side on Tuesday evening when they narrowly lost out to Ballymacelligott 3-7 to 3-5 despite an encouraging and at times impressive display. First-half goals by Tomas O' Sullivan and Eamon O' Donoghue saw Kilcummin lead at the break. A purple patch by the home side and some great goalkeeping kept Kilcummin at bay despite a late Daniel O' Sullivan goal setting up a tense finish.

LADIES

In Division 5 of the Corrib Oil senior ladies club football league, it was a defeat for our Senior Ladies who lost against Ballymac on a score of 1-9 to 1-11. There were plenty of positives to be taken from the game, though, with a fantastic senior debut for Tara Cronin in goal and a great game too from Eilish O' Leary in her first game after her time travelling abroad.

BEST OF LUCK

The club sends their best wishes to Saidbh O' Halloran and her Kerry under-16 team mates on Wednesday evening in the ladies under-16 A All Ireland final when they take on Mayo at Nenagh in the All-Ireland Final.

GAA LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Monday 14th July for the Jackpot of €2,750 Numbers drawn were 08, 21, 28, 30. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Diarmuid McCarthy, Varsha c/o Our Lady of Lourdes, Killian O'Gorman, and Pdraig O'Connor. Our next draw will be on Tuesday 29th July for Jackpot of €3,000.

MASTERGEEHA F.C.

LOTTO

There was no winner on Friday 11th July 2025 of the Jackpot €8,800. Numbers drawn were 07,09,23,25. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Anne Doran, 6 Allmans Tce; Michelle Doolan, Knockatagglemore; Zach Moynihan; Mark O'Shea. The next draw will be on Friday 18th July for Jackpot of €9,000.

SPA PARISH

By Leanne Cronin

CORRIB OIL SENIOR CLUB LEAGUE

Spa Ladies welcomed Clounmacon/Moyvane on this wet and windy Monday evening for the second round of the Corrib Oil Senior Club League. It was a good start by Spa opening the scoreboard with two fine points but Clounmacon/Moyvane answered back and kept it a very close contest until a miss communication between the backs and Spa goalie gave the visitors a very soft goal. Spa regathered themselves brilliantly and were rewarded with a goal themselves soon afterwards so the sides were level going into half time with 1-05 a piece.

The second half continued to be very exciting and competitive despite the poor weather conditions with strong defensive play from both sides accompanied by skilful turnovers by both teams. Unfortunately for Spa though the visitors narrowly just held out winning by just two points. The final score was 1-09 to 1-07 to Clounmacon/Moyvane.

The Spa ladies are consistently putting out great performances and contesting in very close matches and no doubt their next game will be just as exciting when they travel to Abbeydorney on Monday 21st, throw in is 7:30pm

ALL IRELAND TICKETS

Spa GAA members wishing to be included in All Ireland ticket draw must be over 16 and have been members before 31st March 2025 to be eligible. Please text name & membership number to Catherine 0858414804 BEFORE 5PM Friday 18th July. Please note that only 1 ticket per member due to high demand. No acknowledgement text will be sent and only 1 text is required. Draw will be held after our allocation has been confirmed by Kerry

County Board.

LEE STRAND COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Well done to East Kerry GAA Under 14 team who beat Tralee District in the Lee Strand County Championship Final last Tuesday. A special mention to our own lads involved, Jack O Leary, Sam O Shea, Jack Gleeson, Nathan Jordan, Jack Rice, Eoin Brosnan and Eric Corcoran.

UP AND ACTIVE KIDS SUMMER CAMP takes place in Spa from 21st-25th July. Contact Evan to secure your space 087-1496951.

NOTES

Any items for our notes please contact Leanne 085-7762411



Feeling Fantastic at Forty!

Helen O'Sullivan marked a milestone birthday in style as she celebrated her 40th birthday last Friday night surrounded by family at the elegant Muckcross Park Hotel. It was a joyful evening filled with laughter, love, and celebration, as Helen and her loved ones toasted to four fabulous decades. Happy 40th, Helen!

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Munster GAA Football Activity Days 2025 a Huge Success at Fitzgerald Stadium

Photos: Lucy Shalimova,
Fitzgerald Stadium's PR

Fitzgerald Stadium in Killarney came alive with the sounds of young athletes, cheering supporters, and a vibrant sense of community spirit as clubs from across the province gathered for a celebration of Gaelic football and youth engagement for the Munster GAA Football Activity Days 2025

The iconic venue played host to dozens of young footballers representing their local clubs with pride, passion, and sportsmanship. Throughout the day, teams took to the field to showcase their skills and enjoy the unique experience of playing in one of Munster's most famous stadiums.

Participating clubs included:

Cork: Western Gaels

Kerry: Austin Stacks, Ballymac, Beaufort, Cordal, Currow, Kerins O'Rahillys, Listry, Templenoe, and Tuosist

Limerick: Mountcollins

Tipperary: Clonmel Commercial

A special thank you goes out to all the club coaches, parents, and volunteers whose dedication made the day such a success. Events like this highlight the incredible spirit and community connection that make the GAA so special.

Photos from the day were captured by Lucy Shalimova, Fitzgerald Stadium's PR officer.



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Leona Leahy cheering on her team.



Leah, Connie and Breda Lynch supporting Kerry in Croke Park.



Donie O'Donovan, William O'Connor, Pat O'Donoghue, Glenflesk.



Ger and Marlene O'Dooghue with their boys at Croke Park.



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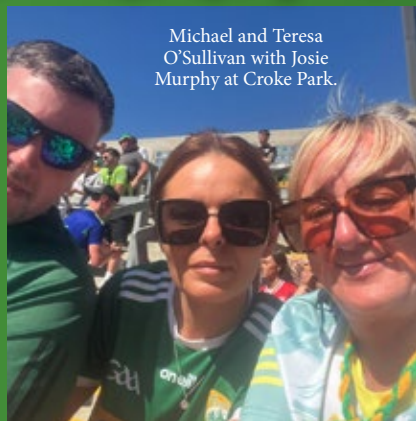


Reuben Collins on his first trip to Croke Park.

KERRY FANS OUT IN FORCE AT CROKE PARK



Ian O'Connell and Michael Horgan pictured after the game in Croke Park.



Michael and Teresa O'Sullivan with Josie Murphy at Croke Park.



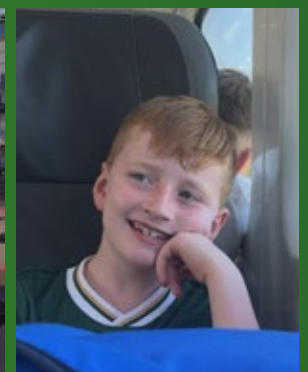
The Healy Family out in force at Croke Park on Saturday.



Maura and Jean McGuire ready for the game in Croke Park.



Aidan O'Connor pictured with his hero Paudie Clifford.



Are we there yet? Jack McGuire on his way to the game in Croke Park

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But just as important as external encouragement is the encouragement we give ourselves. Self-encouragement is the inner voice that says, "I can do this," even when things get tough. It's the ability to recognize your own strengths, reflect on past successes, and choose hope over self-doubt.

As you go about your life today, be conscious of the ways in which you can encourage those around you and also yourself.

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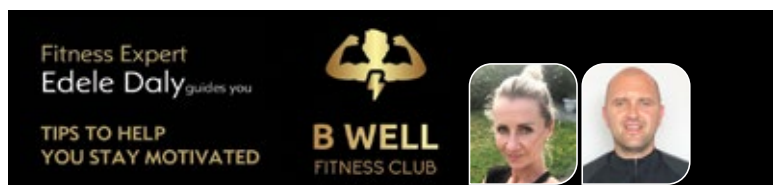


Use a gentle, foaming cleanser daily to avoid breakouts. Use lightweight makeup, tinted moisturiser with SPF, BB cream or mineral powder to give coverage without smothering your skin. If you get sunburnt, soothe your skin with aloe vera gel, green tea extract or a cool compress to help reduce heat, inflammation and promote healing.

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WHY DO WE EXERCISE.....

Q3: What's a realistic weekly fitness goal for a busy adult?

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Q4: I sit all day—how bad is that really?

A: Long periods of sitting can lead to stiffness, back pain, reduced circulation, and even long-term health issues. Try to stand or move for at least 5 minutes every hour. Stretch your shoulders, roll your neck, or walk around the room. These small breaks support both your physical and mental well-being.

Q5: I don't have time for meal prepping. How can I eat healthier without overhauling everything?

A: Start with simple swaps. Add vegetables to your pasta, choose whole grains over white bread, and keep healthy snacks like nuts or fruit nearby. Try prepping just a few items like overnight oats or a large salad base to make your week easier. Hydration also matters—drink plenty of water throughout the day!

Q6: Is stretching really that important?

A: Definitely. Stretching improves flexibility, reduces stress, and prevents injury. It's especially important if you sit a lot or exercise regularly. Just 5–10 minutes of stretching in the morning or evening can relieve tension and improve your range of motion over time.

Q7: How do I stay motivated when life gets in the way?

A: Motivation comes and goes—so build a routine that works even when you're not feeling inspired. Set small goals (like walking 10,000 steps a day or exercising 3 times a week), reward yourself when you hit them, and try to make movement fun. Music, fitness buddies, or apps that track progress can help keep things interesting.

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UV-B

The front part of your eye (the cornea and the lens) absorbs most UV-B rays, but these rays may cause even more damage to your eyes than UV-A rays.

What Eye Problems Can UV Rays Cause?

UV rays may lead to macular degeneration, a leading cause of vision loss for older people.

Cataract

UV rays, especially UV-B rays, may also cause some kinds of cataracts. A cataract is a clouding of the eye's natural lens, the part of the eye that focuses the light we see.

Pterygium

Another UV-related problem is a growth called pterygium. This growth begins on the white of the eye and may involve the cornea. Eventually, the growth may block vision.

It is more common in people who work outside in the sun and wind.

Skin Cancer

Skin cancer around the eyelids is also linked to prolonged UV exposure.

Corneal Sunburn

Corneal sunburn, called photokeratitis, is the result of high short-term exposure to UV-B rays. Long hours at the beach or skiing without proper eye protection can cause this problem. It can be very painful and may cause temporary vision loss.

Protecting your eyes from the sun

If you are spending time outdoors, especially in the summer or on holidays abroad, make sure that you and your children have good quality, dark sunglasses with UV protection. Look for the British Standard (BS EN ISO 12312-1:2013) or the CE mark, which is the manufacturer's assurance that the sunglasses have been made to the appropriate safety standards. You can also protect your eyes by making sure to wear a hat with a brim or a sun visor in bright sunlight.

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FOSSA ROWING CLUB

FLESK VALLEY REGATTA

A great day at Flesk Valley yesterday!! Some great performances. Especially proud of our underage crews! Another step in their development. Huge thanks to parents, supporters and rowers- great club atmosphere - all willing to help when needed. Thanks to Flesk Valley RC, Andrew, Mary B, Johanna and Kerry Coastal team for organising a great day!! Roll on Valentia on Saturday 26th July!!

Flesk valley county champs results 25/07/25

Senior mixed 1st
Junior ladies 2nd
Pre vet ladies 2nd
Pre vet men 1st
Pre vet mixed 3rd
Senior men 1st
Junior men 2nd
Intermediate men 3rd
Vet Mixed 3rd

MUCKROSS RC

IRISH ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Last weekend saw 28 Muckross crews competing in the Irish Rowing Championships at the National Rowing Centre in Farran, Cork. Over 900 crews descended on the NRC for three days of top racing with an incredibly high standard of strength, fitness and technical excellence on display. There was a celebrity factor across the weekend with Skibbereen Olympic hero Fintan McCarthy among some of Ireland's top rowers in action. The Muckross crews put in tremendous effort in a culmination of training over several months since last Autumn and for older crews especially, building upon their previous years of experience. The race format saw most categories filtered through an initial series of time trials, whittling down the field of crews to between 12 and 18 in each category for the heats. Each heat then resulted in the top 2-3 crews progressing to the final ensuring an exceptional standard in the last races for Championships silverware. With representation in 11 categories, Muckross RC had four crews racing in finals to make the top 6 nationally. The highlight of the weekend was the bronze medal win in the Womens Junior Double, congratulations to Khim Fleming and Rachel Fuller, well done also to Aisling Coffey and Aine O'Sullivan, who qualified from the heats of the Womens Intermediate Double and reached fourth place in the final. The Mens Junior squad put in a strong performance also, with the Mens Junior Double of Ronan Fahy and Cian Scannell recording a fifth place finish in their final. There



Muckross RC Womens Junior Double crew and coaches celebrate bronze medals at the Irish Rowing Championships. l-r: Jeremy Kenny, Kenneth O'Sullivan, Khim Fleming, Rachel Fuller, Garrett Doolan, Marko Tot



Mens Junior 16: Junior 16 members of Muckross Rowing Club pictured at the Irish Rowing Championships Regatta 2025.

was another top five finish for Muckross A in the Mens Junior Quad, where Ronan and Cian were joined by Cillian Leslie and Diarmuid Moynihan.

BEST OF LUCK

It is a big summer for rowing in Muckross with three junior athletes selected to row for Ireland in international competition. Rachel Fuller will contest the Home International Regatta in London on Saturday 26th July 2025. Cian Scannell and Ronan Fahy will contest the Coupe de la Jeunesse Regatta for European junior rowers on the weekend of 1st-3rd August in Linz, Austria.

KILLARNEY VALLEY ATHLETIC CLUB

The Cork City Sports were held on Wednesday night in MTU. In the Sprints, we had Sarah Leahy in the 100m and Keelie O'Connor in the 200m.

In the Mile event, we had Jack O'Leary playing a key role as pacemaker and in the 800m Oisín Lynch was chasing a European Standard.

The final weekend of the National Juvenile Track & Field Championships held in Tullamore last weekend. Fionn Spellman came 6th in his



Khim Fleming and Rachel Fuller, Muckross RC, bronze medallists in the Womens Junior Double at the Irish Rowing Championships Regatta (11-13 July 2025).



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Brendan Joy, competing in the Irish Mountain Runners Association (IMRA) Brandon Ridge Half Marathon, at Macha na gCab, Dingle Peninsula, County Kerry.
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Joe O'Leary, competing in the Irish Mountain Runners Association (IMRA) Brandon Ridge Half Marathon, at Macha na gCab, Dingle Peninsula, County Kerry.
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heat of the U14 200m in 26.30sec. Conor Duffin came 13th overall in the U16 1500m in 4.29min. Maddie O'Riordan came 5th in her heat in 28.25s and Sophie Duke came 7th in heat in 27.86s of the U17 200m. Maria Murnane came 8th overall in the U19 1500m. Antonya Lejwoda came 8th in the U17 Long jump with 4.66m and she came 7th in the Triple Jump with a jump of 9.52m. The National Relays were on Sunday. Our U13 Girls of Saoirse O'Shea, Lauren Fleming, Sinead Coleman, Kiley Biggens and Aoife Delaney came 5th in the Final with a new PB of 55.99sec. Our U14 Boys of Eanna Mulligan, Fionn Spellman, Olamide Smith and Aaron O'Sullivan came 7th in their Final with a PB of 53.28sec. Congrats and well done to all.

Well done to Brendan Joy who finished in 2nd position in the IMRA Brandon Ridge Half Marathon in Dingle. Brendan completed the punishing trail with over 1300m of elevation in searing heat in an outstanding time of 2 hours and 23 minutes.

You can still book our Summer Camps on our website. You have 3 weeks to choose from. 21st -25th July, 28th July – 1st Aug, and 11th Aug – 15th Aug. Book now to avoid any disappointment.

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

KILLARNEY SWIMMING CLUB

Killarney Swimming Club really made their mark on the National Stage at the Irish Summer National Age Group Championships last week held at UL over 4 days. This was the highest number of swimmers the club has had competing at the National Age Group Championships. Every swim was a personal best with 3 swimmers making it to finals. Evan O'Donoghue made it to finals and finished 13th place in the 200 breast, 15th place overall in the 100 breast, and had an excellent PB in the 200IM. Sarah Quirke made finals, finishing 13th place in the 400IM, 18th place in the 200 breast and had PBs in all other events, with exciting swims. Aoibhin Heinemann also made finals finishing 13th overall in the 200 Back and an excellent 50 free swim. Aoife Coffey had a superb swim in the 100 back climbing 20 places from entry with a PB. Lily Larkin had a huge PB in the 200 breast, climbing 18 places from entry with an outstanding swim. Well done to all of our swimmers on remarkable performances. Thanks to Coach Sean Farndon for guiding and supporting the swimmers.



Killarney Swimming Club members Aoife Coffey, Lily Larkin, Sarah Quirke and Coach Sean Farndon at the Irish Summer National Age Group Championships at the University of Limerick.



Killarney Swimming Club members Evan O'Donoghue and Aoibhin Heinemann at the Irish Summer National Age Group Championships at the University of Limerick.



'Congratulations to all members of St Brendans RC who were competing at the Flesk Valley regatta on Sunday 13th of July. Especially the u14 girls who took part in their first regatta- Freya, Millie, Ellis and Daisy. Great results for the club who were successful in woman's and mens races. Special thanks to Flesk Valley RC for organising a safe and very enjoyable regatta.' Any persons who would like to give rowing a try, please contact Brendan on 0830965503



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Cahills Praise Team, Supporters and Push-for Improved Travel Access for Final

Kerry Fianna Fáil TD Deputy Michael Cahill and Councillor Tommy Cahill have today congratulated the Kerry Senior Football Team and management on their scintillating 1-20 to 0-17 victory over Tyrone in the All-Ireland SFC semi-final at Croke Park.

"This was a performance for the ages," said Deputy Cahill. "David Clifford once again showed why he's the standout talent in Gaelic football, but this was a full team effort, with tremendous work rate and composure throughout."

Councillor Tommy Cahill added: "Massive credit must also go to Jack O'Connor and his backroom team. Their preparation and tactical nous were on full display. Kerry fans have every reason to be proud, and excited."

Both Deputy and Councillor Cahill reserved special praise for the Kerry supporters, who travelled in huge numbers to Dublin to back the team. "You could hear the roar of the Kingdom all the way from Hill 16 to Killarney," said Deputy Cahill. "The colour, passion and pride were phenomenal, and we want to pay tribute to every supporter who made the journey."



However, the Cahills acknowledged frustration over limited train availability for the semi-final. "We were disappointed that Iarnród Éireann could not provide adequate rail capacity for the volume of supporters travelling. That cannot happen again for the highly anticipated final versus Donegal. We acknowledge that it was a particularly busy weekend all over the country with many different events on and that Iarnród Éireann's hands were tied."

In response, both public representatives have already made strong representations to Iarnród Éireann to ensure extra trains are laid on for the

All-Ireland final showdown against Donegal. "Supporters deserve an stress-free, reliable transport experience on such a momentous day. Like previous requests made for both the Quarter-Final and Semi-Final, we've asked Iarnród Éireann to ramp up capacity and scheduling, particularly on the Kerry-Dublin line," stated Councillor Cahill.

In addition, the Cahills have contacted Ryanair and Kerry Airport to explore the feasibility of extra flights being made available for the weekend of the final. "We are leaving no stone unturned to ensure that Kerry supporters can get to Croke Park in big numbers once again," said Deputy Cahill. "This team is something special, and they deserve the backing of the entire county."

Kerry now face Donegal in what promises to be a thrilling All-Ireland Final, and the Cahills are urging everyone across the Kingdom to rally behind the boys in green and gold. "The flag is flying high," said Councillor Cahill. "Let's bring Sam back home."

Minister Foley welcomes State commemoration marking 250 years since the birth of Daniel O'Connell



Minister for Children, Disability and Equality, Norma Foley has welcomed the announcement of a State commemoration marking 250 years since the birth of Daniel O'Connell.

The commemoration will take place at Derrynane House - O'Connell's ancestral home - on August 6 and will be attended by An Taoiseach Micheál Martin.

The event is the highlight of an extensive programme of cultural events taking place across Kerry and the entire country in August to mark the anniversary. Minister for Arts, Culture, Communications, Media and Sport, Patrick O'Donovan, updated Cabinet on the programme of events on Tuesday.

Welcoming the commemoration, Minister Norma Foley said: "As a proud Kerry woman, I am pleased that cabinet has approved a series of grants to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the birth of Daniel O'Connell. Each event will seek to honour both O'Connell's remarkable life and rich legacy. A key event will be a state-led commemoration ceremony on Wednesday, 6th August 2025, in Derrynane House - O'Connell's principal residence and now an OPW managed historic property. A whole series of other significant local, community, national and international events are also planned for the coming months honouring one of Kerry's most famous sons."

STUDENT FEES RAISED IN DAIL EIREANN

Dáil Éireann debate July 8th 2025 - Student Fees Motion

Deputy Danny Healy Rae, TD has spoken on the issue of student fees in Dail Eireann recently. He asked that consideration is given to reconsider in favour of the students and allow them the €1,000. Deputy Healy Rae also noted that many families do not qualify for SUSI and as a result, parents and students have to work very hard to ensure they have funding to go to college.


Speaking to the Dail, he said:

I am glad to have the opportunity to discuss the matter. I thank Sinn Féin for giving us the chance to speak on behalf of the students. I welcome the students who are in the Gallery and wish them well for the coming year.

There are a number of things at play here. Many families do not qualify for SUSI. As a result, parents and students have to work very hard to ensure they have funding to go to college. The costs of accommodation, food and travel are excessive. Can the Minister visualise leaving a place like Valentia Island and travelling all the way to Killarney? That is an almost two-hour drive and it takes another two hours to get to Limerick to go to college. That costs money and time and wears on the students who go through it. It is a fact; that is what they have to do. Last year many students from Killarney had to travel on a bus to Limerick every day because they could not get accommodation in Limerick. That is a fact. Students have contacted me about that. It is a very serious matter. It is also very difficult to get accommodation in Cork. I respectfully ask both Ministers here tonight to reconsider in favour of the students and allow them the €1,000. They thought the measure would be there and they would only pay €2,000. I know the Minister commented that the €1,000 reduction last year was as part of a cost-of-living package. He told us he would reduce student fees and we cannot understand or agree to them being raised. I appeal to the Minister on behalf of students throughout the country, especially those in County Kerry who have to travel long journeys to go to college, to do the right thing on this occasion.

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Killarney Valley AC Launches Exciting Summer Kids Camp for 2025

Killarney Valley AC has announced the return of its hugely successful Summer Multi-Activity Camps, running across three exciting weeks this summer. These camps are open to children of all abilities and promise a wide range of fun, active, and creative experiences in a safe and welcoming environment.

Camp Dates:

Week 1: July 21st – July 25th

Week 2: July 28th – August 1st

Week 3: August 11th – August 15th

The camps will be led by the much-loved and experienced Alanna Kiely, supported by a dedicated team of trained club volunteers, ensuring every child is engaged, supported, and most importantly, having fun.

From scavenger hunts and arts & crafts to outdoor games and water play, the camp activities are designed to keep children active and smiling all week long.

What makes these camps even more special is their purpose: all proceeds go directly towards the ongoing maintenance and development of the club's athletics track, a vital facility located in the heart of Killarney's school area. This track has become a cornerstone of youth athletics and physical education in the region.

In May, Killarney Valley AC hosted 13 local primary schools for a major school sports event on this very track. The facility is also regularly used by local Community Games teams from



Killarney, Fossa, Spa-Muckross, Glenflesk, and Kilcummin.

Secondary schools, including St. Brigid's Presentation, St. Brendan's College, and Killarney Community College, have all benefited from the track – with students achieving great success in both Munster and All-Ireland schools athletics championships this year.

The club, which boasts a large and growing membership, continues to thrive thanks to the

strong support of the local community and its commitment to youth development through sport.

Spaces are limited and filling fast – early booking is highly recommended to avoid disappointment.

To register or learn more, please contact Killarney Valley AC or visit us on social media.

'One in Ten Women Experience Suicidal Thoughts Due to Perimenopause'

Turn2Me launches Menopause Support Group

Turn2Me, a national mental health charity, has launched a free online Menopause support group. It will run on Wednesdays, the 23rd, at 6pm. All attendees are welcome, and no referral is required to attend.

"The menopause can bring significant physical and psychological changes," Fiona O'Malley, CEO of Turn2Me, said, "Hot flashes, mood swings, low libido, high libido, night sweats, itchy skin, brain fog, memory issues, exhaustion, anxiety, low mood and unusual periods or no periods can all be experiences of women going through the menopause. This free online support group will be an opportunity for women to talk about their experiences, whether they're peri-menopausal, menopausal or aren't quite sure, it will be a good platform for women to talk about the difficulties they're facing in a confidential safe space."

Research commissioned by Health and Her in 2019 found that nine in ten women going through the menopause experience mental health problems, and one in ten women experienced suicidal thoughts due to perimenopause. Not all women going through the menopause experience mental



health challenges. Turn2Me emphasised that menopausal symptoms can vary significantly from person to person.

"If you have any symptoms of the menopause and are wondering what's happening to your body, you're in the right place if you sign up to this free support group," Suzanne Ennis, Clinical Manager at Turn2Me, said, "Whether it's brain fog, low mood or you're just starting to wonder if something hormonal might be going on – come join the conversation. You'll meet other women going through it too, and

our experienced facilitator will help guide the chat with practical informational, emotional support, and, importantly, a sense of humour. You don't need a diagnosis or a definite answer to show up – just curiosity, a need to vent, or the desire to feel less alone. Come as you are – confused, curious, cranky or calm. Let's talk about it all. You're not alone, and you will feel better with support." To sign up, go to Turn2Me. ie

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DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB

BOB CASEY MEMORIAL INTER-CLUB STROKEPLAY

For the first time in six years we claimed victory in the Bob Casey Memorial Inter-Club Strokeplay after winning the final night in Listowel itself on Tuesday July 8th. Our winning Green team consisted of James Fleming (Capt), Connie O'Sullivan Jnr, Gearoid Cronin, Nathan Cronin, Brian McCarthy, Sean O'Mahoney, Mark O'Shea, James Foley, Niall O'Loughlin and Paddy Murphy as we thank all 10 for their efforts over the last month of play. Thanks also to those on the Blue team who represented the club in the event as well.

FRIDAY COMPETITIONS

Our thanks to everyone who attended both our Captains and Chairman's Prizes over the last two Fridays (4th and 11th) for both John McGrath and Sean Kelly as we thank both Shirley and Helena for the wonderful spread of food for all players last Friday evening. The events themselves saw Sean O'Mahoney and Brian McCarthy trade 1-2 finishes.

CAPTAINS PRIZE RESULTS

Singles Strokeplay- Friday July 4th- Overall Nett: Sean O'Mahoney 86, Overall Gross: John McGrath 100, Second Nett: Brian McCarthy 87, +3-6 Nett: James Fleming 95, 7-11 Nett: Nathan Cronin 92 (B9), 12-21 Nett: James Foley 94, 18 Gross: Connie O'Sullivan Jnr 49, 18 Nett: Bobby Kelly 46 and U18 Prize: Shane Morrissey.

CHAIRMAN'S PRIZE RESULTS

Singles V Par- Friday July 11th- Overall Nett: Brian McCarthy 12up, Overall Gross: John McGrath 6up, Second Nett: Sean O'Mahoney 10up, Third Nett: Jason O'Connor 9up (B18), Ladies Nett: Eileen McCarthy 3up, 18 Nett: Paddy Murphy 6up and 18 Gross: Connie O'Sullivan 5up.

MUNSTER STROKEPLAY

Congratulations to Eileen McCarthy on a third place finish in the Munster Intermediate Ladies Strokeplay in Collins last weekend. Damien Fleming finished fifth in the Senior Mens event as he prepares to don the Irish jersey once more in Lucan next weekend.

SUMMER SERIES IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE FLESK RESTAURANT- WEDNESDAY JULY 9TH RESULTS- Winners: Brian McCarthy, Jean O'Shea, Thomas O'Sullivan and Rory Moynihan

and Runners-Up: Sean Kelly, Paddy Murphy, Brian O'Connor and Ben O'Sullivan.

U16 COMPETITION

Thanks to all the boys who turned out in force on Wednesday July 9th. Results- Winner: Donnacha Slattery 38 Runner Up: Jamie Downing 41 Gross: Aodhan O'Halloran 59, Third: Jack Murphy 41. Thanks to Helena & Richie who had everything up and running prior to starting off.

SUNDAY DRAWS

Two Ball Scramble- First Nett: James Foley & Shane Doona 34 and Gross: Connie O'Sullivan Jnr & Dan Kiely 47.

BEST WISHES To Damien Fleming in the European Team Championships in Lucan in his second time in an Irish jersey. It's a great source of pride for us all to see him getting to do so 20 years after our Vice President Derry McCarthy captained Ireland to win the same event in Holland back in 2005.

KILLARNEY GOLF & FISHING CLUB

COMPETITION RESULTS

13 & 18 Hole Single Stroke kindly sponsored by 40 Main played on Mahony's Point Course on 13th July 2025

Winner: Nuala Meade (28) 63
2nd :Patricia Quane (34) 65
Best Gross: Ann Moynihan 73
3rd: Maire Murphy (20) 66
4th: Annette Sheehan (40) 67
5th: Peg Wickham (28) 68
13 Hole Winner: Evelyn Courtney (12) 49
NEXT FIXTURE will be 18th July 2025 kindly sponsored by Muckross House Mixed Foursomes on Mahony's Point Course.

PLAY IN PINK

19th & 20th July 2025 Play in Pink kindly sponsored by Flesk restaurant 18 & 13 Hole Single Stableford on Mahony's Point Course.

ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB

CHALLENGE CUP

Congratulations to the Ross Golf Club Challenge Cup team who had a great win against Dooks Golf Club in Ross Golf Club on Saturday last. Best of luck to the team who are through to the next round.

GET IN TO GOLF

Ross Ladies Golf Club held its final evening on Wednesday last. A beautiful evening for the end of the Get in to Golf. It was another huge success and thanks to Breda O'Farrell who once again coordinated it again this year. Well done to all who took part.

EILEEN MURPHY TROPHY QUALIFIER

Eileen Murphy Trophy Qualifier on Saturday 19th July 2025. Enter via the BRS App.

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS MEET & PLAY

Meet and play every Wednesday morning. Meet in the Club House 10.00am tee off 10.30am. Enter via the BRS App. All Members welcome.

GOLF LESSONS

Gordon Howard is available to give golf lessons. Please contact Gordon directly in the Club.

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RESULTS

On July 12th and 13th we held a Fourball Betterball competition kindly sponsored by Larkfield House B&B.

The winners were :-

1st: Mike Brosnan and Jerry O'Brien 44 pts
2nd: M J O'Sullivan and Derek McAllister 43 pts
3rd: Oliver Butler and Ivo O'Sullivan 43 pts

On Tuesday July 8th the fourth of our Open Days in the Summer Series took place.

The winners were:-

1st: John Joe Healy 20pts
2nd: Guttrom Baadsvik 18pts

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

The winners were :-

1st: Donal Doherty 24 pts
2nd: Lee Grange 20 pts
3rd: Dan O Connor 20 pts
4th: Dermot O Connor 19 pts

On Friday July 11th we held our Friday Evening Mixed 10 hole scramble

The winners were:-

1st: Daniel Cronin, Seamus McCarthy, Sam Guerinneau, Tim Ryan
2nd: Jim Morris, Michael O'Leary, Ted Conway, Ciaran Murphy.
3rd: Mike O Keeffe, Maurice Coffey, Frank Guerinneau, Andy Cole.

BEST OF LUCK to Killarney Race Company for a successful July Racing Festival from July 14th to 18th.



John McGrath (Deerpark Pitch & Putt Club Captain) presenting his prize for the Captain's Prize event on Friday July 4th last to Overall Nett Winner Sean O'Mahoney.



Sean Kelly (Deerpark Pitch & Putt Chairman) presenting his prize for the Chairman's Prize event held on Friday night last to Overall Nett winner Brian McCarthy.



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KERRY PITCH & PUTT

Two prizes returned from the large Kerry contingent that went to the Munster Strokeplay Championships in Collins in Cork last weekend as Deerpark's Eileen McCarthy rounded off a good week for the Killarney club in general with a third place finish in the Intermediate Ladies event.

A member of last year's Munster Ladies Inter-County Nett winning side, Eileen is continuing a comeback to the game after a long absence as she finished two strokes off the winning score last Sunday. Rounds of +7 and +6 gave her a +13 total as Riverdale of Nenagh's Margaret Forde was the winner on +11 with Megan Ahern from the host club second on +12.

The other Kerry medal came for Tralee's Mark Lucey in the Intermediate Men's event as he was awarded the Best Nett prize. Lucey was fourth overall after the first 36 holes on six under par, three off the lead but his challenge fell away in the final 18 as he slipped back to one under overall and good enough for a Top 10 finish without his handicap. The event was won by Morty Ahern from the host club on 15 under par. In the Senior Men's event, there were two other Top 10 finishes. Damien Fleming finished fifth overall after the 54 holes on 19 under par as despite being in a good position of fourth on 16 under after the first 36, he never caught fire in the playoff. John Walsh from the hosts was the winner on 24 under as Castleisland's Aidan O'Connor had an impressive performance in reaching the playoff and finishing eighth overall on 13 under par.

Tuesday July 8th last meanwhile saw the conclusion of the Bob Casey Memorial Inter-Club Strokeplay Championships as for the first time in six years a team from Deerpark was victorious.

Their 'Green' team of James Fleming, Gearoid Cronin, Connie O'Sullivan Jnr, Brian McCarthy, Niall O'Loughlin, Sean O'Mahoney, James Foley, Nathan Cronin, Mark O'Shea and Paddy Murphy recovered from losing the opening night in Tralee to win the three remaining nights in Castleisland, Deerpark and Listowel to win from Tralee C as the win prevented a fourth successive Tralee success in the competition.

The competition also meant the confirmation of the Kerry Intermediate and Junior Men's sides for the Munster Inter-County Championships in Ardnacrusha on the weekend of August 31st and September 1st with the two sides named in this piece.

This weekend of course is another big occasion for Damien Fleming as he represents Ireland once more on the Men's Team for the European Team Championships in Lucan in Dublin. It comes after his appearance in the World Cup Final win over North Portugal last year as he will be playing in this event 20 years on from when his Deerpark clubmate Derry McCarthy captained Ireland to victory in this same event in Holland in 2005.

The County Board wishes Damien all the best this weekend along with the two Irish teams (Men's and Ladies) taking part.



Ross Ladies Get into Golf. Some of the participants pictured above.



Ross Ladies Golf Club Challenge Cup team who won against Dooks on Saturday last. Pictured from left to right Lady Captain Elaine Casey, Noreen O'Mahony, Mona Looney, Miriam Hickey, Jennifer Nash, Emer Coffey, Therese O'Keeffe, Bridie Doyle & Brenda Kelliher



Chris Gibney (Kerry Pitch & Putt Chairman) presenting the Bob Casey Memorial Inter-Club Strokeplay Shield to the winning Deerpark 'Green' team after their win in the competition on its final night in Listowel on Tuesday July 8th last. Included L to R: James Foley, Niall O'Loughlin, Nathan Cronin, Connie O'Sullivan Jnr, Paddy Murphy, James Fleming (Capt) and Gearoid Cronin.

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Participants at the Killarney Celtic
Week 2 Summer Camp

SUMMER CAMP

Week 2 of the Killarney Celtic Summer Camp took place this week. Many thanks to the organisers and coaches for their time. Many thanks to those

who supported the summer camp by sending their children.

Killarney Endurance Trial

Article and Photos by Eye To Eye Rally Photography

Last weekend saw the annual running of the Killarney Endurance Trial, an event that sees competitors take to the various farmyards and gravel lanes to compete in basic cars with certain modifications allowed!

This year the Killarney & District Motorclub ran their first endurance trial which was ran over the course of 2 days with Finbarr Hanratty returning as clerk of the course. It was a challenging event with 23 selectives (tests) for the competitors to endure but at the end of the day it was the Cork based crew of Owen Murphy/Patrick O'Sullivan who took the overall win in a Toyota Yaris. The headquarters for this event was the Faha Equestrian Centre and competitors were treated to some great food and hospitality in the Old Killarney Inn on the Saturday night.

There was plenty of local crews who took part in the event too with some fathers/Sons and Mother/Daughter crews.

- .. Mike O'Shea/Jason Russell 16th in Class A2B (Swift)
- .. Amy Barton/Jodie Barton 14th in Class A2B (Starlet)
- .. Niall Myers navigated Glyn Gaffney to 2nd in Class A2M (Starlet)
- .. John O'Sullivan/Noreen Stanley 3rd in Class 1 (Micra)
- .. Gerry Lynch/ Ben O'Dwyer 8th in Class A2B (Starlet)
- .. Timmy Lynch/Peter Falvey 1st in Class A2B (Starlet)
- .. Conor Horgan/Alan O'Halloran 11th in Class A2B (Fiesta)
- .. Jason O'Reilly/Dan Roche 19th in Class a2b (Colt)
- .. Jason O'Leary/Maurice O'Connor 4th in Class C (Impreza)
- .. Brian Glover/Kieran Glover 12th in Class A2B (Starlet)
- .. Kieran Martin/Frank Murphy 4th in Class A2B (Starlet)
- .. David Griffin/Shay Griffin 5th in Class A2B (Starlet)
- .. Alan Courneane/Jamie O'Shea 5th in Class A1 (Yaris)
- .. Stephen Moroney/Samantha Cremin 10th in Class A2B (Starlet)
- .. Anthony Foley/Oisin Foley 6th in Class A1 (Starlet)
- .. Anthony Walsh/Jamie Kennedy 4th in Class B (Corolla)
- .. Damien Murhill/Jason Murhill did not finish the event (Civic)



Mike O'Shea & Jason Russell in action at
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DEFEAT FOR KERRY IN BISHOPSGATE

Longford Town 3-1 Kerry FC

With temperatures of 29 degrees approaching kick-off, there was a real summer football feel in the air in Longford last night as the Kingdom made the long journey to the midlands to take on Longford Town in Bishopsgate.

For Kerry, a win was badly needed to stop a run of 3 straight defeats, which saw the Kingdom lose a lot of ground to the final play-off berth. Defeats away to Cobh and Wexford were backed up by a 4-0 home defeat to league leaders Dundalk last time out. A win over Longford would see the Kingdom move back to 7th in the league table.

As for the hosts, they were finding form at the right time of the season and were a point ahead of Kerry in the table heading into the game in Bishopsgate. Kerry has only left the ground with a single point in 5 previous attempts and was looking to turn that tide.

First Half

The hosts couldn't have asked for a better start to the game and found themselves a goal to the good inside 3 minutes. A lapse in concentration at the back and an onrushing Longford Town attack allowed Stefan Ugbesia in on goal and slotted home past Mathyas Randrianmamy in the Kerry goal. A gift of an opener for Longford. The Town were 2-0 up after 9 minutes, Dean O'Shea doubled the hosts' lead. A short back pass by Mujaguzi found Ugbesia. Niall Brookwell cut out his shot, but the rebounding

ball fell perfectly to O'Shea, who slotted home with ease and gave Kerry a huge uphill battle. Kerry stemmed the tide until the water break. Colin Healy turned to his bench and introduced Arran Healy to add some creativity to the midfield and switch to a back 4.

The game settled, and there was very little to note until the 41st minute when Ronan Teahan went on a good run but was fouled on the edge of the area. Sean O'Connell stepped up but had to go low, and his effort was dragged to the right and wide. Kerry were glad of the half-time break and could use the 15 minutes to regroup and refocus.

Second Half

Kerry did just that and were back in the game just 5 minutes after the restart. Some good build-up play from the back by Ronan Teahan and Kevin Williams, who pinged a lovely ball forward to new signing Robbie Cleary. He turned his man well and let fly from the edge of the box and buried the ball home to the bottom right corner. A great finish on his debut, and Kerry were back in the game.

It was a real purple patch for Kerry, and they should have found an equaliser just minutes later. It was Cleary again inside the box, his rifling shot rattled the crossbar and a huge let off for Longford. Another big chance came a couple of minutes later. Sean McGrath cut inside on the left, and his goal-bound shot was deflected off the post and behind for a corner. But with Kerry lumping everyone forward in the

search for a goal, it was the hosts who would restore their 2 goal cushion in the 57th minute. Another mix-up at the back and Ugbesia gathered a loose ball and slotted home into the net to score his second of the night and the hosts' third.

Robbie Cleary forced a big save from Harry Halwax in the Longford goal in the 64th minute. Arran Healy swung in the resulting corner, and there was a huge scramble on the line, but no Kerry player could knock the ball into the net. Mathyas was called into action again in the 70th minute, and he made a big save in a 1 v 1. Longford did have the ball in the net again 10 minutes from time, but the offside flag chalked that one off.

The game petered out from there, with the teams beginning to struggle in the heat after a high-intensity clash for 90+ minutes. So it is another disappointing defeat for the Kingdom on the road, but focus now shifts to next Friday night's Sports Direct Men's FAI Cup clash against Athlone Town in Mounthawk Park.

KERRY FC: Mathyas Randrianmamy; Kevin Williams, Christopher McQueen, Niall Brookwell, Sean O'Connell; Carl Mujaguzi, Abel Alabi, Ronan Teahan, Sean McGrath; Robert Cleary, Daniel Okwute

LONGFORD TOWN: Harry Halwax; Oisín Hand, Osaze Irhue, Andy Spain, Dean O'Shea; Eric Yoro, Emre Topcu; Pharrell Manuel, Aaron Doran; Daragh Murtagh, Stefan Ugbesia.

Bon Secours Hospital Tralee to be new health partner to Kerry FC



Bon Secours Hospital Tralee (BSHT) is to be the new health partner to Kerry FC following the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding, it has been announced at the Kerry FC Grounds Tralee. Under this Memorandum of Understanding ('MOU'), Kerry FC and BSHT will collaborate across a range of mutually beneficial areas. Pictured were L-R: Back Alex Dunne, Chris McQueen, Niall Brookwell and Joe Adams all Kerry FC Players. Seated Mr TJ O'Connor, CEO of Bon Secours Hospital Tralee and Ciarán Meagher, Kerry FC Commercial Manager. Photo: Domnick Walsh

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

The document was signed on behalf of the Bon Secours Hospital Tralee by Mr TJ O'Connor, CEO and on behalf of the Kerry FC by Ciarán Meagher, Commercial Manager.

Mr TJ O'Connor, CEO of Bon Secours Hospital Tralee, welcomed the agreement and said: We have developed a lot of expertise and

experience of dealing with elite athletes' as the health partners for Kerry GAA, Kerry LGFA and Tralee Warriors and we are delighted to make this expertise available to Kerry FC. Kerry FC are very important to our community in growing the profile of the game and providing opportunities for homegrown players. We look forward to working with Kerry FC in the years ahead and watching the club go from strength to strength. Ciarán Meagher, Kerry FC Commercial Manager:

To be the best you have to work with the best and that is what working with the Bon Secours Hospital Tralee means for all at Kerry FC. Their experience in working with high performing elite athletes is aligned with everything Kerry FC working towards. The local support from our community sends a message to all those young people working towards a career in the support they love. We thank all involved, the Bon Secours Tralee for their commitment to grass roots sport in Kerry.

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Kerry hit the goal trail to capture first All-Ireland U16 A title since 2016

All-Ireland U16 A Championship final Kerry 4-17 Mayo 0-5

By John O'Dowd

An unanswered scoring burst of 1-4 in the last five minutes of the first half created the perfect platform for Kerry to deservedly overcome Mayo in comprehensive style in the All-Ireland ladies football U-16 A football championship final at McDonagh Park in Nenagh.

Playing an entertaining fast and direct style, the Kingdom youngsters got off to an absolutely dream start, winning the throw-in and putting a fine move together that resulted in full-forward Lily Riordan supplying a cool finish to the Mayo net after only 25 seconds.

Despite that hammer blow, the Connacht champions settled into the contest and, with wind assistance in the opening 30 minutes, they supplied three of the next four points – Katie Hughes, Emily Duffy and Aoibhinn McNamara all on the mark.

Kerry kept their noses in front, through the reliable free-taking of Jessie Lynch and an inspirational point from captain Leah Griffin. However, when accurate full-forward Hughes fired over in the 23rd minute, Mayo were within three of their opponents at 1-4 to 0-4.

Kick-started by a Julie O'Connor white flag, Kerry won the resultant Mayo kick-out and Kelsey Cummins found the net from the ensuing attack, despite the best efforts of Mayo netminder Meabh Lavin to keep the ball out.

That was a real kick in the teeth for Francis



Kerry captain Leah Griffin lifts the cup after the LGFA All-Ireland U16 A Championship final match between Kerry and Mayo at MacDonagh Park in Nenagh, Tipperary. Photo by Michael P Ryan/Sportsfile

Regan's charges, who then found themselves ten points adrift at the half-time break — 2-8 to 0-4 — as the Kingdom used their foot-passing skills to good effect with Riordan, Lynch (free) and Cummins all adding late first half points.

Realistically, there was no way back on the resumption, when facing into the elements. Indeed, they were restricted to just a single point in the entire second half, and they also had a late, late penalty kick by top scorer Hughes brilliantly saved by Kerry 'keeper Caoimhe O'Mahony.

For a superb Kingdom outfit, in a sublime display masterminded by Tom O'Connor, a fifth title, and first since 2016, was sealed by two more green flags. Skipper Griffin rocketed home a majestic individual effort in the 41st minute, and Julie O'Connor supplied the coup de gras six minutes later.

Scorers

Kerry: J Lynch 0-7(0-6fs), L Griffin, J O'Connor 1-2 each, L Riordan, K Cummins 1-1 each, S Flynn, S O'Halloran, T O'Sullivan, D O'Neill 0-1 each.

Mayo: K Hughes 0-3 (0-1f), E Duffy, A McNamara 0-1 each.

KERRY: C O'Mahony; N O'Connor, A Brosnan, S Lyons; A Doyle, E Dillane, S Flynn; L Griffin, E O'Sullivan; J Lynch, J O'Connor, I Wynton; N Murphy, L Riordan, K Cummins. Subs: S O'Halloran for Murphy (48), T O'Sullivan for Wynton (49), M O'Reilly for Flynn, inj (55), D O'Neill for Cummins (58), S Kennedy for Doyle (60+5).

Referee: E O'Neill (Kildare).

Kerry players celebrate with the trophy after the LGFA All-Ireland U16 A Championship final match between Kerry and Mayo at MacDonagh Park in Nenagh, Tipperary. Photo by Michael P Ryan/Sportsfile





JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY

takes a look at all things sport...

All Ireland Championship State of Play

A riddle wrapped in an enigma wrapped in a mystery. Churchill wasn't actually talking about Kerry on that occasion – thankfully, I would think, that old warhorse was a bit more xenophobic than history books like to admit – but it would certainly seem to sum up their form this year. A league title that sometimes felt like nobody else was all that pushed about it, with eyes on provincial championship. Kerry were expected to blow Cork away in said provincial championship – instead, it was one of the best games of the entire championship. It's very simple; never, ever take your eye off Cork. We beat them a second time to win Munster and put ourselves up among the All Ireland favourites.

Beat Roscommon handily enough. No disrespect to Roscommon, but that wasn't any surprise either. Then came Meath..... and a grenade exploded in our laps. Meath had already caused the surprise of the championship by seeing off a lacklustre Dublin in the Leinster semi-final. I'd argue that their demolition of Kerry was even more surprising, and as much about Kerry malaise as Meath quality. Frankly, we were awful.

And, Páidi having been absolutely right about Kerry supporters on that trip to South Africa, there was much wailing and lamentation on the streets. Sackcloth and ashes and whispers behind hands and narrow eyes....

Some lads tried to sell the notion that Kerry 'redeemed' themselves by beating Cavan. I know that paper never refused ink, but by jaysus sometimes it should. Cavan were always going to be an easier proposition than a fired up Meath, and comparisons between the two were just embarrassing. It felt to me as if Kerry's confidence, both within and outside the camp, was brittle all of a sudden. We had looked good along the soft road, but had crumbled at the first sign of real opposition.

Of course, ongoing injuries were the framework for the narrative. We were decimated. Players who hadn't gotten many minutes during the league were suddenly thrust into starting jerseys. As it happened, they filled them brilliantly – but you were no more sure of that at the time than I was.

Look, this isn't any day for surliness, but just to put it out there – the artificial elongation of a sixteen team championship by the insertion of a group stage in a shorter calendar than before is giving lads no chance to recover. It's no wonder that niggles are developing



Action from the Kerry V Tyrone Game on Saturday: Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans

into injuries. It might be profitable for the GAA, but it's cat melodeon for players and supporters. You don't even have time to savour the victories; it's straight on to the next game. As for dual players....it's practically impossible even at club level now. Next year should be better; it'd want to be.

Ah, minor quibbles. Overall it's been a fantastic year for football. The new rules have opened up the game. No mass defence, less (but still too much) of hand passing ball retention. Ambitious play rewarded. Last year, frankly, skillful players were an optional luxury. Joe Keohane, never a man to mince his words, famously said in 1980 that "a bunch of professional basketball players could win the All-Ireland today." In the last couple of years a rugby league team would take you an awful lot of the way, and I genuinely believe that.

Armagh in the quarter-final. Straight up, I was very worried. A bit of mend and make do about Kerry's selection. And Armagh looked to me like the side with the deepest panel. They had six or seven subs who could come on seamlessly. Last year's All Ireland, without disputing that Armagh ran us into the ground and took some brilliant scores that day, felt like an endurance trial as much as anything. Frankly, for the All Ireland Final, I thought both teams looked exhausted even in the first half. It's a long slog. Would we be able to stay with Armagh in a tight finish?

Nostradamus may have been a bit of a spoofer (didn't exactly predict the shipwreck, did he?) but let's face it, he probably has a better record than me at this stage.

Kerry were transformed. There's been a lot of talk about the fifteen minutes in the second half, and with good reason. That was as close to gaelic football perfection as I have seen. Once

we locked up Armagh's kickout, that was that. But even outside of that fifteen minutes, Kerry had a sense of purpose and confidence. Had Jack been quietly keeping a bit of dry powder hidden from us? I suspect so, and if so, fair play to him. For me, that was the day that the likes of Mark O'Shea, Seán O'Brien, and Dylan Geaney (he creates space brilliantly, even if his finishing isn't quite refined yet) nailed down jerseys. Evan Looney stepped seamlessly off the bench. Any lingering questions about Graham O'Sullivan as a wing forward were completely banished – I still say it was necessity that put him up there but it has turned out to be a masterstroke. Kerry's defence is rock solid – Dylan Casey has answered a few remaining questions for me as well. As for Micheál Burns....jaysus, but he tormented them. There's no marker could cope with those energy levels.

So Kerry were brilliant but untested for the early part of the year. A written-off shambles after the Meath game. Personally, I read nothing into that 'meh' game against Cavan; I wasn't afraid of them, but it wasn't dispelling the lingering clouds after Meath either. Then came Armagh, and all the previous doubters were suddenly true believers again. I'm a bit sceptical of the rollercoaster. Kerry football supporters and romantic teenagers....more hormones than common sense.

I was wary of Tyrone. I felt all along that Dublin were biding their time. No, they hadn't expected to lose in Leinster, but I didn't feel that they had thrown the kitchen sink at it either. And Tyrone beat Dublin fair and square. Two huge midfielders. Three sharpshooters in the Canavans and McCurry – one day all three will catch fire together. Hasn't happened yet, but the potential is obvious. Mattie Donnelly has been one of the most consistently solid

footballers in the country for the last number of years (I still feel that Tyrone never got the best use out of Cathal McShane, whom I rated in that category as well). I didn't expect McElholm to start, but I was sure he would be there for the key minutes. The U20 FOTY and clear frontrunner for YFOTY for me (It'll go to a Donegal player, probably Ciarán Moore ahead of Finbarr Roarty and Conor Duke). No county out there has anything like the stream of talent Tyrone have coming up along the ranks.

We don't actually have the long history of rivalry with Tyrone that it can sometimes appear. Ulster was always a competitive province, and one where social and political considerations made gaelic games extra challenging. There were underage clashes, but as far as I can tell, our first actual meeting was in 1986. Tyrone were good, but that Kerry team had revolutionised the game and Tyrone could put it up to us (the penalty was crucial – underdogs need those breaks to go their way, and any team playing that Kerry side were underdogs) but not see it out.

Then came 2003. Another evolution in the game, albeit a negative one. It never deserved the term 'puke football' but it certainly emphasized athleticism over skill and defensive line breaks rather than attacking spectacle. Look, I'd have done the same thing, and it worked, and it dominated the game for twenty years. I'm having no cut at Tyrone – they had incredible forwards as well – but the game was stagnating. And I will still say that Kerry adopted as negative approach as anyone, we should be throwing no stones in the glasshouse.

They beat us again in 2005. It was singing. We had a certain arrogance about us, be honest about it. Outfield or outshoot us, fair enough, but tactically outmanoeuvre us? It didn't sit well.

The Tyrone supporters were always great company, win or lose. I can say that hand on heart. Ulster are a welcoming people always.

2008. It felt to me like we were caught by surprise in 2003. We were better prepared in 2005 and ran them close, but they were that honest but better. Taking off and restoring Peter Canavan was a masterstroke. But 2008? I thought we gave it a great shout, but Seán Cavanagh gave one of the all-time great displays. Credit where due.

There was a lot of emotion around the win in Killarney in 2012. Maybe a bit too much; even at the time, I thought neither side was at their best. Kerry supporters made more significance of that one than I thought it deserved. It was nice, but it didn't feel like any hoodoo laid to rest.

Then came Dublin's greatest era. And they were genuinely great. If you look at the personnel changes, that wasn't one great Dublin team, that was two of them in a row. Kerry and Tyrone were still dining at the top table, but we weren't making the toasts. We had a slight edge on them, but Dublin had both our numbers.

2021. No, I didn't like the background, the lack of vaccinations, etc. Were there games being played in the background? I'll just say it, there's



David Clifford shoots for goal at the Kerry V Tyrone Game on Saturday: Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans



Sean O'Shea in action at the Kerry V Tyrone Game on Saturday: Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans

a bit of an asterisk over that one in my opinion. But it was fifteen against fifteen on the field. I actually thought David Moran lorded midfield, David Clifford was magnificent, but the goals that we coughed up....one that got away. 2023. We were comfortably better. David Clifford's pass....they'll show that on highlights reels for decades to come. Right now, Ulster football is dominant in all grades. But Kerry.....I like Kerry's progression, and I'm not just talking about the senior team.

KERRY PART THE RED SEA

All Ireland Semi-Final: Kerry 1-20 Tyrone 0-17

God, it's roasting. Don't mind playing a physical game; I'm feeling energy sapping away just driving. There's a lot of Kerry cars on the road. There's been a feeling all week that this one is do or die for Kerry and support will be important – not exactly a usual strength of ours, to be honest.

The obligatory stop to admire Adare – beautiful town, but you know what would be even more beautiful? That's right, a bypass. Ah, well. When I first started driving, you were a conservative three hours just to get to Limerick. And to be fair, once I'm past that bottleneck, it's a clear

run along the motorway.

Nice buzz in a packed Croke Park. I have to say that both sets of supporters are mingling freely. It's nice, there's a lot of sports where that doesn't happen.

Mark O'Shea and Paudie Clifford starting instead of Micheál Burs and Conor Geaney. Nothing against either Micheál or Conor, but we need Mark's physicality to bulk midfield and we need Paudie's workrate. Tyrone have two changes as well. I had been hearing for a while that Michael McKernan will be fit to play, but it turns out just to be a rumour – they sprout everywhere for games like this. I can't complain, I've started one or two in my time!

Joe McQuillan throws up the ball in Croke Park, probably for the last time (he's retiring from refereeing). Picked a doozy to finish on!

Kerry on the attack. David Clifford impeded, that was a bit clumsy by Ben McDonnell. Seánie slots it over and Kerry are on the scoreboard. Tyrone win the kick-out at their ease and McElholm attacks before laying off to Ciarán Daly. Level pegging. Tyrone win Kerry's kick-out through Conn Kilpatrick and Seánie O'Donnell races forward. Too easy, he's almost in the square when he's finally fouled, with Darragh Canavan pointing the free. Tyrone look that bit sharper so far.

Tyrone win the kick-out again. McCurry launches one from distance but Shane Ryan

risers high to bat it away.

Good stop by Shane, but lads, we desperately need some toehold in midfield. Kieran McGeary, who looks back to his 2020 form, kick a good point for Tyrone.

McCurry has a chance to add another but it curls away harmlessly; McCurry is a good player but he just hasn't clicked into form this year (not that I'm encouraging it!). Kerry feel vulnerable here. Mattie Donnelly sets up Ciarán Daly from a tight angle, that's another good score. 0-4 to 0-1.

David Clifford with a good effort, but Niall Morgan makes the catch, raising a huge cheer from the Tyrone supporters. Kerry are getting a bit more pressure on the ball now, though, and Dylan Geaney steadies himself to finish off a Kerry move with a score. It was noticeable that Tyrone were concentrating on David Clifford even as he laid it off to Dylan. Great awareness by David to lure the defenders and time the pass – but I'm not sure if people give Dylan credit for his ability to find those nooks and crannies of space. It's an art form in itself.

Eoin McElholm with a Tyrone point. He's good, very good. Seán O'Shea is getting very little change off a tight Peter Teague, but he evades him to get in one on one with Niall Morgan. He opts to take the point – off the post. Kerry need to take something from chances like that.

Dylan Geaney with a shot – it looked over – but play is called back for a free. No bother to Seán O'Shea. David Clifford brushes past a hapless Pádraig Hampsey and takes his point. Could he have gone for goal? Arrah, I'm hardly going to be second-guessing this particular forward!

Darragh Canavan with another punt from long range. It's going over too, but Shane Ryan makes a salmon leap to intercept. There aren't too many keepers reaching that one.

At the other end Seánie O'Shea's two point effort is gathered easily by Morgan and the ball comes down the field, with Seánie O'Donnell popping over. 0-6 to 0-4. The deficit actually feels bigger, but Kerry are definitely growing into the game now.

Putting Pádraig Hampsey one on one with David Clifford was always going to be about damage limitation for Tyrone, and the big man shows why with a superb two-pointer. He almost has another one, but it comes back off the post.

Water break. Not for the players, for me. Seriously, it's physically draining even watching this.

Joe O'Connor is key to Kerry's resurgence around the middle, and the Stacks' man makes a trademark burst forward. He tries to pass across to Seán O'Brien but Niall Morgan judges it absolutely perfectly and cuts it out. Brilliant by the Tyrone keeper – but that has to go down as another wasted opportunity by Kerry. These could haunt us yet. Play is brought back for an earlier infringement, the free is meat and drink for David Clifford.

0-7 to 0-6, Kerry in front for the first time. Tyrone lorded the opening ten minutes, absolutely owned everything in the middle, and are



Man of the Match: Joe O'Connor.
Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans

down a point? And that's with Kerry leaving a few chances behind them? If I was on Tyrone's sideline, I'd be looking at making changes, and certainly speeding up the ball into the Tyrone attack. That's what Kerry are doing, and it's working. Mind you, with the draining heat, substitutions will be needed later on; I don't think you could play any cards too early. Tough one to call. Seán O'Brien with a good effort, but it falls short into Morgan. Mattie Donnelly finds a gap at the other end. I'd say he thought about goal but took the simple point instead; I'd have done the same thing. All square again.

Dodgy enough kick-out and Eoin McElholm sends it back with interest...but not enough accuracy.

End to end stuff now, and Kerry are looking that little bit sharper to me. Jaysus, let's not be tempting fate. It could be an optical illusion. In this heat, it could be an actual mirage.

Kerry's no. 13 with a look at goal. Good chance, hardly Kerry's first, but once again they spurn the opportunity as he gets too much spin on it and it curls outside the goalpost. Who gave this lad a Kerry jersey? What's Jack O'Connor playing at?

Yes, of course I'm joking. Sarcasm may be the lowest form of humour, but I'd say it's still too highbrow for a couple of ye.

Darragh Canavan with a good score for Tyrone. 0-8 to 0-7. Either side could pull away yet, but I still think that we have weathered the bulk of the storm until half-time at least. Both sides will have to rejig at that point; this heat is stifling, and I'm only watching the game.

David Clifford again. It's an absolutely perfectly weighted pass by Mike Breen. Honestly, top drawer quality. Give David a ball like that and, well, he takes one loping stride to wrongfoot the defence and take him away from Morgan's reach. In fairness, that's one of the best shot-stoppers in the game – but it's an even better finisher and David rolls it home. Huge moment. Kerry may have laboured in midfield early on, but Joe O'Connor is running absolutely

rampant now. Kilpatrick is still battling ferociously for Tyrone and Brian Kennedy isn't any shrinking violet either, but with the likes of Brian Ó Beaglaíoch, Gavin White, Graham O'Sullivan, and Mark O'Shea contesting everything, Joe O'Connor has the freedom, and more importantly, the ability to dominate.

Graham O'Sullivan points for Kerry. Kerry come again, Brian Ó Beaglaíoch with a nice carry and 1-2 with Mark O'Shea. He finds Seán O'Brien at the back post...Niall Morgan is on it like a flash to prevent the goal. Great goalkeeper credit where it's due.

Joe O'Connor with a shot off the post, but it's called back for a free and David Clifford kicks it over. 1-5 for the Fossa man, but this is no one-man show. Just before half-time Mattie Donnelly kicks a fine point for Tyrone, but Kerry would certainly be the happier side traipsing in for the break.

Look, just a tiny quibble. I don't want to be Mr. Cranky, but that hooter is just too loud. No need for it.

Darragh Canavan with the opening score of the second half. Himself and Donnelly are the only two Tyrone forwards with a bit of menace about them, but I still think that Tyrone are trying to carry it out from the back too much with support runners. With Kerry's full back line on top for the most part, it means that our half backs are set to attack the ball. I still think they should be kicking it in faster. Says me, mind you, who couldn't catch up with a runaway tortoise. Kerry are much faster to attack Tyrone's square and it actually takes frantic defending for them to clear their lines. Just with the hard work done, Kilpatrick coughs up a handy enough free with a careless push. He doesn't make too many mistakes like that. Could he be tiring after his storming first quarter? Arrah, whist. Don't be tempting fate. Handy point for David Clifford, though. Remember Dr. Eamonn O'Sullivan's famous mantra? 'Fear Fatal Fouling'. As true now as it ever was.

Oof! That's a great kick by Darragh Canavan, in fairness. Two pointer. Just one in it now. This is feeling like crunch time. Stick or twist. Whichever side gets a run on it now is going to be very hard to stop.

Speaking of hard to stop...well, that kind of sums up Paudie Clifford as a footballer. Takes his point. Was a goal on? Tight enough chance for me, with Niall Morgan ready for it. I'd be well happy with a point from that situation.

Darragh Canavan with a Tyrone point. We just can't pull away.

Maybe we can. David Clifford with another point. McElholm with a chance short after good work by Kilpatrick. I'm certainly not knocking a very talented young player, but those little things are actually huge moments.

Joe O'Connor with another burst of speed. Possibly thought about the goal but put it over instead. Again, I'm quite happy with a point. 1-13 to 0-13 now. Those points are adding up. Kerry seem to be taking over. It's Dylan Geaney's turn to bear down on goal. Morgan steadies himself, but the shot rolls wide. Tight angle. I suppose I'm conservative, maybe that should have been fisted over.

Joe again. Another half a goal chance if he could have sidestepped, but you are asking a lot of a player at top speed. Again he takes the point; again I think he is right to do so. Keep working the scoreboard while you are on top. It's not the one big moment that decides a game; it's a multiplicity of the small ones getting done right.

Tyrone look fairly shaky now. Michael McKernan comes on, but it feels more like desperation than strategy and the Tyrone supporters' cheer feels a bit half-hearted. No guarantees yet, of course, but it feels like this game is slipping away from them.

It's a Kerry sub who makes the immediate difference. Killian Spillane gathers, cuts back, and coolly fires over off his left. That's a heartbreaker point to put five between them.

Paudie Clifford with his second point. McKernan and David Clifford are testing the cloth on each others' jerseys. Conn Kilpatrick comes in to put in his two cents. McQuillan is having a fine game overall, maybe even leaning slightly towards us, but Clifford and McKernan are booked for that? Not the third man in? I know that Kilpatrick was already on a yellow – which is why I thought it was ridiculous of him to get involved in that. Great player, a genuine lionheart....but he was a lucky boy there.

He redeems himself fast with a great block on Killian Spillane. At the other end McKernan is wide. Tyrone need every score now; Kerry have all the leeway, and David Clifford knows it as he slots another one.

Darragh Canavan with a two pointer, but play is called back for an earlier foul on Kieran McGeary. Tyrone fans – who have been genuinely sound all afternoon – are furious at that one. Lads, the whistle had sounded long before he kicked it. There's no doubt about that at all.

Do you think I said it out loud? I did not, I agreed vigorously that the referee had wronged Tyrone there. There's warriors and there's diplomats...

Seán O'Shea at the other end. Straight over the bar. Everything is going over for Kerry. Tyrone are at sixes and sevens. It happens to teams; it's happened to us on plenty of occasions. Sometimes when you need it so badly, you end up trying to force it, whereas Kerry are playing with that big lead providing a cushion.

Killian Spillane on the other side. Once again he jinks and puts it over, this time off his right. David Clifford takes his personal tally to 1-9 and Kerry's lead to 1-20 to 0-13.

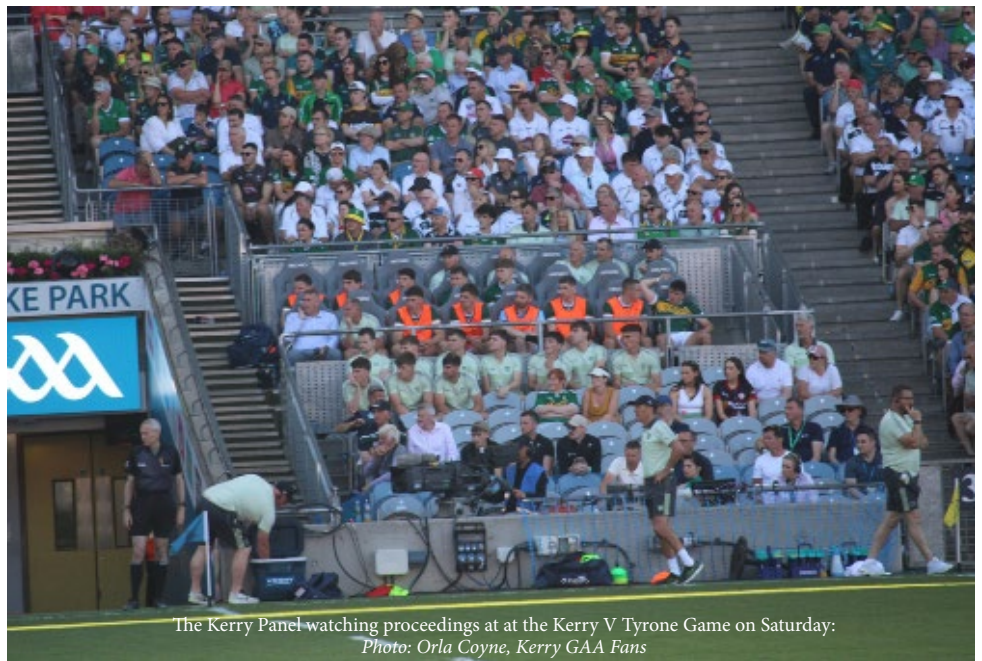
Seáníe O'Donnell looking for a goal shot but Kerry have the hatches battened down tight and he has to settle for a point. Their first score in twenty minutes. Darragh Canavan with a free. It doesn't matter; they need at least one goal. Ruairi Canavan kicks an excellent two pointer, but it's little more than a statistic. Mattie Donnelly has one last effort that curls away. All academic.

Tyrone are a coming team. Have no doubt about that. But Kerry – and I'll freely admit that I doubted it myself a few times as injuries mounted – are a right here, right now team.

One game away. Lads, it's going to be a long wait. As for the hunt for tickets and trying to book the train....You know those zen lads who



Paudie Clifford in action at the Kerry V Tyrone
Game on Saturday:
Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans



The Kerry Panel watching proceedings at the Kerry V Tyrone Game on Saturday:
Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans

like to say that it's all about the journey, not the destination? It would be wrong to bate them lads around the ears, but more of a venial than a mortal sin, I'd say.

Kerry: Shane Ryan, Paul Murphy, Jason Foley, Dylan Casey, Brian Ó Beaglaoich, Mike Breen, Gavin White, Seán O'Brien, Joe O'Connor (0-2) Mark O'Shea, Seán O'Shea (0-3, 2f), Graham O'Sullivan (0-1), David Clifford (1-9, 4f, 1tp), Dylan Geaney (0-1), Paudie Clifford (0-2). Subs: Killian Spillane 0-2 (for Dylan Geaney, 48 mins), Evan Looney (for Dylan Casey, 58 mins), Tadhg Morley (for Mike Breen, 62 mins), Micheál Burns (for Seán O'Brien, 62 mins), Tony Brosnan (for Paudie Clifford, 65 mins)

Tyrone: Niall Morgan, Cormac Quinn, Pádraig Hampsey, Niall Devlin, Peter Teague, Ben McDonnell, Kieran McGeary (0-1), Brian Kennedy, Conn Kilpatrick, Seáníe O'Donnell (0-2), Mattie Donnelly (0-2), Ciarán Daly (0-2), Eoin McElholm (0-1), Darragh Canavan (0-7, 2f, 1tp), Darren McCurry. Subs: Michael McKiernan (for Shea McDonnell, 48 mins), Mark Bradley (for Darren McCurry, 48 mins), Peter Harte (for Daly, 52 mins), Ruairi Canavan 0-2, tp (for Eoin

McElholm, 55 mins), Michael O'Neill (for Seáníe O'Donnell, 67 mins)

Referee: Joe McQuillan (Cavan)

Kerry Reach Intermediate All Ireland Final

*All Ireland Intermediate Semi-Final:
Kerry 3-12 Down 0-16*

Kerry beat Down by two points in a cracking group game to earn an extra week's rest and qualify directly for an Intermediate semi-final. Down came the long way around, having seen off a good Meath side in the interim and also winning the inaugural U23 C All Ireland. It didn't take them long to let Kerry know that they would be facing a different and more seasoned proposition on this occasion. Straight from the throw-in, Rachel McCarthy was bundled over her own end line with ball in hand and Paula O'Hagan confidently split the posts with a '45. She soon doubled her tally and Aimee

McAleenan made it 0-3 to 0-0 with a great score from play off her left.

There was no question but that Kerry were in trouble here, second to every ball, struggling to find each other, and completely outplayed by a much sharper, crisper Down side around the middle.

Jackie Horgan did get Kerry off the mark after a precise pass from Niamh Leen and Patrice Diggin brought Kerry back within a point with a lovely long range score. That scoreline definitely flattered an outplayed Kerry so far, though, and it didn't take a hungry Down side long to extend their tally, the outstanding O'Hagan punishing a foul on Saoirse Sands and joint captain Beth Fitzpatrick, looking much more comfortable after switching back to her more orthodox playmaker role at centre back from the forward line, firing over a beauty.

Kerry were living on scraps, but making good use of them, with a hardworking Kate Lynch notching a point. Just on the fifteen minute mark, Kerry caught a real stroke of luck. Amy O'Sullivan's speculative effort at a point dropped down on Cassie Fitzpatrick straight out of the blinding sun (I was surprised that water breaks weren't allowed, given the searing heat) and the unfortunate goalkeeper deflected it into her own net. Kerry, astonishingly, ahead by 1-3 to 0-5 after the first quarter.

In fairness, Kerry were beginning to handle Down's long balls onto the defence much better and starting to look more assured in general play. A foul on Jackie Horgan saw Patrice Diggin stretch our lead to two points, 1-4 to 0-5.

Back came Down. Paul O'Hagan neatly clipped over from a tight angle and added a free. Level pegging again, and the game really livening up. Sara Murphy denied Niamh McGrath with a brilliant flick, but it was only a temporary delay as Aimee McAleenan followed up for the point. Just before the break, Dearbhla McGee snapped over another one to give Down a deserved lead heading into the dressing room.

Half-time Down 0-9 Kerry 1-5

Patrice Diggin gave Kerry the perfect start to the second half, booming over a magnificent free from the halfway line and then pointing from play. Back came Down, Paula O'Hagan notching another free and Niamh McGrath picking off a fine point from play.

On the balance of play, one would be inclined to give Down a slight nod at this stage, but this Kerry team are always capable of that little bit of magic that can completely turn the tide. There didn't look to be too much danger in the 37th minute as both sides tussled for a loose ball in the Down half back line, but Anne Marie Leen scooped it up and burst forward in one impeccably timed move. Caught on the hop, Down were forced to unceremoniously drag her down. Referee Patrick Murphy had no hesitation in awarding the penalty and Patrice Diggin hit a precision rocket that gave the keeper no chance. If there was more than a hint of luck about Kerry's first goal, there was no doubt whatsoever about the second!

It got better straight from the puck-out as a visibly pumped Kerry immediately hunted

down possession and Jackie Horgan, after a year somewhat interrupted by injury, reminded everyone what she can do at her best by cutting in along the endline and firing home from close range. Two goals in a minute, and the tide had completely changed. 3-7 to 0-11 and Kerry in the driving seat.

Down had a chance at the other end when Beth Fitzpatrick's long ball was deflected into the lurking Tara Monan, but she couldn't get power into her shot and an alert Aoife Fitzgerald cleared her lines. Paula O'Hagan did fire over a free but Patrice Diggin replied. Aimee McAleenan and Sarah Louise Graffin pointed for Down. Just a goal in it now, but Patrice split the posts again to give us that extra sliver of daylight.

With ten minutes to go, Tara Monan was in on goal again, but Aoife Fitzgerald made a superb save to deny her from close range. Paula O'Hagan pointed a free and a '45 as Down put the pressure on, but Kerry's defence held up well. Caoihe Spillane hit a brilliant point from long distance and Jackie Horgan stretched the gap back out to four before Patrice Diggin capped a magnificent Kerry performance with one last free to set up an All Ireland Intermediate Final with Offaly.

Kerry: Aoife Fitzgerald, Michelle Costello, Sara Murphy, Rachel McCarthy, Roisin Quinn, Niamh Leen, Aoife Behan, Patrice Diggin, (1-7, 3f) Ruth O'Connor, Amy O'Sullivan (1-0), Kate Lynch (0-1), Ann Marie Leen, Shannon Collins, Jackie Horgan (1-3), Caoimhe Spillane (0-1). Subs Ellen O'Donoghue (for Kate Lynch, 42), Aine O'Connor (for Roisin Quinn), 47), Emma Conway (for Shannon Collins, 49)

Down: Cassie Fitzpatrick, Aoife McDowell, Dearbhla Coleman, Clare McGilligan, Orlaith McCusker, Beth Fitzpatrick (0-1), Blanaid Savage, Dearbhla Savage, Paula O'Hagan (0-9, 5f, 2'45), Saoirse Sands, Sara Louise Graffin (0-1), Dearbhla Magee (0-1), Sophie McGrath, Niamh McGrath (0-1), Aimee McAleenan (0-3). Subs Tara Monan (for Sophie McGrath, 38), Grace Cunningham (for Niamh McGrath, 53)

Referee: Patrick Murphy (Carlow)

AFL Europe Grand Final

Congratulations to former Dr. Crokes and Kerry captain Amanda Brosnan in helping Ireland to a 25-18 victory over England in the European AFL Grand Final.

FMBA Masters Basketball Championships

Congratulations to Lynn Jones and her O40 Irish team mates as they finished a remarkable 3rd in the FIMBA World Championships in Switzerland. Ireland had convincing wins over Chile, Brazil B, and Columbia in the group stage. That pitted them against the UK, winning out by 58 - 50 to reach the quarter-final. They lost out to Italy on a 73-48 scoreline but saw off Mexico by 55-45 to secure the bronze medal.

Kerry Hurling Championship

Semi-Finals

Ballyduff 0-22 Causeway 1-17

Causeway looked the better side for a lot of this game and led for most of the way through, with Keith Carmody leading the attack. They led by 1-9 to 0-10 at half-time, it should really have been more. Podge Boyle had been unable to start for Ballyduff but, trailing by four points with just ten minutes left, they threw the big talisman up front. To say that it worked is an understatement. Causeway were forced to rejig their defence and Ballyduff suddenly had the edge of old. Podge, Dylan Moriarty, Kyle O'Connor, Evan Boyle (Podge's nephew was superb all through) and PJ O'Carroll racked up points. Keith Carmody did convert two late frees but the balance of power had shifted and it's Ballyduff who advance to the semi-final.

Ballyheigue 3-16 St. Brendans 0-20

If Pádraig Boyle made the big difference in the first game, the second game was all about the influence of Michael Leane. I've rated St. Brendans for some time now, the likes of Gary O'Riordan, Fionán Egan, Liam Óg O'Connor....a lot of genuine dual talent coming through. And they played like it. Shortly before the break, the Ardfert side led by seven points and were full value for it. Ballyheigue needed a lifeline and got it in the final minute of the first half as Michael Leane - who else? - struck for a vital goal from a good ball in by Philip Lucid. 0-12 to 1-5 at the break.

The second half saw Brendan stretch their lead to five, but a great run by Leane ended up with Philip Lucid slotting a penalty. St. Brendan still had plenty of possession - O'Riordan in particular was excellent - but great defending by Dara Kearney and Seamie Foran in particular meant that they were struggling to put it on the scoreboard. Ballyheigue, on the other hand, had Leane, Tomás Gaynor, and Lucid all leading the way and they edged into a three point lead. Things got a little bit fractious - alright, things got quite a bit fractious; I suspect there was off the ball stuff that I missed. Michael Leane was taken down for a penalty scored by Lucid. Ardfert pushed back into a three point lead but Ballyheigue were building up steam and outscored them by 0-8 to 0-2. St. Brendans hung in there, but a Pádraig Kenny goal late on secured Ballyheigue's passage to the semi-final. Ballyheigue face Ballyduff in one semi-final. I'll tempt fate and say Ballyduff haven't shown great form so far in this championship, so I'll give a tentative nod to Ballyheigue.

Abbeydorney play Kilmoyley in the other semi. Kilmoyley have been the best team of the past fifteen to twenty years, but Abbeydorney....for a while they seemed like the Rip Van Winkle of Kerry hurling. Well, Rip has woken up, and he's in a dangerous mood. I think Abbeydorney can win the whole thing out.



COMHAIRLE CONTAE CHIARRAÍ KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

BÓITHRE A nDÚNADH GO SEALADACH TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROADS

ALT 75 d'ACHT NA mBÓITHRE 1993 SECTION 75 OF ROADS ACT 1993

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to Section 75 of the Roads Act 1993, and the Temporary Closing of Roads Regulations 1994, Kerry County Council has **decided** to temporarily close to public traffic the following road:

Road Closed: R-876 Kenmare Place/Main Street (From the Junction Mission Road and Kenmare Place to the junction of Main Street and New Street)

Road Closing Times:

- From 12 noon on Saturday, 26 th July to 8.00 a.m. on Monday, 28 th July 2025
- From 12 noon on Saturday, 2 nd August to 8.00 a.m. on Tuesday, 5 th August 2025
- From 12 noon on Saturday, 9 th August to 8.00 a.m. on Monday, 11 th August 2025
- From 12 noon on Saturday, 16 th August to 8.00 a.m. on Monday, 18 th August 2025
- From 12 noon on Saturday, 23 rd August to 8.00 a.m. on Monday, 25 th August 2025
- From 12 noon on Saturday, 30 th August to 8.00 a.m. on Monday, 1 st September 2025

Reason for Proposed Closure: To manage pedestrian footfall during the period proposed in the public interest and the continuance of temporary pedestrianisation measures as previously implemented during the period proposed.

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L-3909 Beech Road, Traffic can divert from Kenmare Place onto N71 Mission Road onto L-3909 Beech Road and onto R-877 New Street

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KILLARNEY LEGION GAA CLUB

U16 BOYS

Our U16 Boys Team faced our local rivals Dr Crokes in Lewis Road in our third game of the Division 1 of the County League on Thursday. On a warm evening a good goal by Dara Horan mid way through the first half opened a gap between the teams and we led by 6 points at half time 1-9 to 0-6.

The teams traded points throughout the second half and at full time we emerged with a good win to keep us in the hunt for a place in the Div 1 semi finals. Thanks to Dr Crokes for a fine game and to Brendan Brosnan for excellent officiating. Our final two group games are against John Mitchels and Listry. Final Score Killarney Legion 1-15 Dr Crokes 1-12

MINOR BOYS

Legion took a trip to Killorglin to face the team that comprehensively beat them in the Club Championship earlier in the year. Although missing a few regulars this week the team were buoyed by their second half performance against Austin Stacks last week. Starting well they raised the first white flags in a tight first half and on another night their penetration in the Laune Rangers final third would have led to at least 3 goals, which their keeper kept out in one on one situations. The hosts on the otherhand were content to work points against a dogged defence and led at the interval by 0-8 to 0-4.

A good start to the second half yielded the first points but a Laune Rangers goal restored their advantage but Legion fought back. When Brian O Shea netted we were back in the match and underlining this was a second Legion goal which drew the sides level with 5 minutes to go.

Laune Rangers then got a goal somewhat against the run of play and although pressing strongly we couldn't force the turnover to bring about a final goal chance and Rangers pointed well at the death. All in all, there was a massive improvement on our last outing against Laune Rangers but it was a game we could have easily won. The final group game is against South Kerry amalgamation Na Fianna next week. Final score Laune Rangers 2-13 Killarney Legion 2-9.

ALL IRELAND FINALS

A successful weekend for two of our members. Darragh Lyne is part of the Kerry squad which has qualified for its third All Ireland final in four years following their semi final success over Tyrone. While Aine Devlin is a member of the Kerry Camogie team that has made it all the way to the All Ireland Intermediate Final. We obviously wish both well in their respective showpiece events.

SENIOR LADIES

Our Senior Ladies had a comfortable win over Castlegregory/Annascaul in the opening round of the Corrib Oil league. The game was notable for the return of Elizabeth Mohan to the side after a couple of years' absence. Kerins O Rahillys lie in wait in the next round.

DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP

There was great drama in Tralee on Tuesday evening as the East Kerry U14s, helped by our own Rian Brosnan, Robert Murphy, Cian Whitty, Patrick MacSweeney, Kieran Moloney & Cillian



Killarney Legion U16 who beat Dr. Crokes in the County League Div1A Round 3
Killarney Legion 1-15 Dr Crokes 0-12

Healy defeated Tralee district in the County District A final on a scoreline of 2-11 to 2-8.

LGFA DEVELOPMENT SQUADS

Well done to Laura Healy, who starred for the Kerry Ladies u17 Development team during the week in the National Development Blitz held in Portlaoise. They won their 4 games against Kildare, Monaghan and Meath (twice).

LOTTO

Results Monday July 7th. Numbers were 12, 20, 21, 27. Bonus No 5. No Jackpot winner. Match 3s / Lucky Dips: 1. Bernie Cronin 2. Ann McCarthy 3. Steve Dennehy.

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LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 13/07/2025 for a jackpot of €11,550 were 3, 20, 26, 28. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Siobhan Kissane, Siobhan Kiely, Axel O'Donoghue, Donal and Aoife Cronin, Amy Murphy.

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MINOR COUNTY LEAGUE

Fossa were away to Kilcummin in the opening round of the county league on Tuesday evening. Fossa had the first two scores of the game from Harry O'Connor and Dylan O'Meara before Kilcummin hit three without reply. Fossa had lots of possession early on but couldn't convert it into scores which would prove crucial in the end. Karl James O'Neill kicked a fine point but Kilcummin struck for a goal in the 20th minute to put them six points ahead, however Sam Clerkin replied with a goal in the 25th minute to bring Fossa back into the game. Further scores from Harry O'Connor and Karl James O'Neill left the half time score Kilcummin 1-11, Fossa 1-06. Fossa started the second half very well and had drawn level by the 10th minute through scores from Shay McCormick, Karl James and a brace from Dylan O'Meara. They continued to put pressure on the home side with Jack Hallissey and Jack Spillane keeping a tight reign on the Kilcummin attack, Dara Whelton pulled off a fine save to deny them a goal. Scores from Shay McCormick, David Butler and a fine individual effort from Jack Hallissey left Fossa ahead by three with 10 minutes left. Kilcummin finished

the half very strongly though and kicked six points without reply, Fossa to their credit never gave up and Fionn Doyle had a goal bound shot cleared off the line right at the death to leave Kilcummin victors on a score of 1-18 to 1-15. It was a very entertaining game and it was this team's first competitive match after a long break which probably showed towards the end. They are away to Annascaul/Lispole next Monday evening in the next round.

SENIOR LADIES CORRIB OIL CLUB LEAGUE - RD 1

No luck for our Senior Ladies in the Corrib Oil Senior Club League v Furies. A make shift team of the bare 13 took to the field and from the start we were well in the game and we went in at half time up 1-04 to 0-04. However, Furies were very competitive throughout and took control early in the 2nd half. In a close fought contest which could have gone either way the well resourced Furies bench had the impact and our tiring 13 lost out to a solitary late point 1-10 v 1-1. Well done to all who turned out to allow us to fulfill the fixture, a very nice start to a busy July and up in Rd 2 on Monday evening next is Kilcummin.

CONGRATS

Congratulations to East Kerry U14 team who had a brilliant win in the County Championship Final vs Tralee District in Austin Stack Park. Fossa boys involved were Gerry Moroney, Captain, Johnny Myers, Charlie O'Meara, Shay Driver, Ross Cronin and Cian Riordan. Congratulations also to Fossa's James O'Shea, Mairtin Driver and Sinead Myers who are involved in the management.

EAST KERRY NEWS

EAST KERRY LEAGUE ROUND 1 RESULTS

Dr Crokes 4-13 Kilcummin 2-10

Rathmore 4-16 Legion 2-10

EAST KERRY JUNIOR LEAGUE ROUND 3

Division 1 (13/15 a side)

Round 3 – Tuesday 22nd July @ 7:30pm

Rathmore V Dr. Crokes

Legion V Kilcummin

DIVISION 2 (13/15 A SIDE)

Furies V Spa

Listry V Gneeveguilla – Tuesday @ 8pm

Currow bye

EAST REGION U14 LEAGUE

Round 1 Friday July 18th at 7.30pm

Division 4

Kilcummin B v Legion B

Firies B v Dr Crokes B

Spa B v Rathmore B

Round 1 Sunday July 20th at 11.30am

Division 1A

Scartaglen v SPA

Round 2 Tuesday July 22nd at 7.30pm

Division 1A

Spa v Legion

Kilcummin v Dr Crokes

Scartaglen v Bye

Division 1B

Rathmore v Kenmare

Fossa v Firies

Division 3

Glenflesk v Gneeveguilla

Listry v Currow (NB – Start Time 6.30pm)

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ALL IRELAND FINAL TICKETS

The club will only get a limited number of tickets. If you want to be entered into the draw for tickets you must text Christina on 0870946552. Before Friday 17th July

LOTTO took place July 14th. Numbers drawn were 2, 12, 13, 24. Jackpot of €9,200 was NOT WON. 12 patrons matched 3 numbers and receive €35 each. Jackpot for draw on July 21st



Knocknagree Ladies Football Club had a visit from Cork Ladies Footballer Katie Horgan pictured with our U12s

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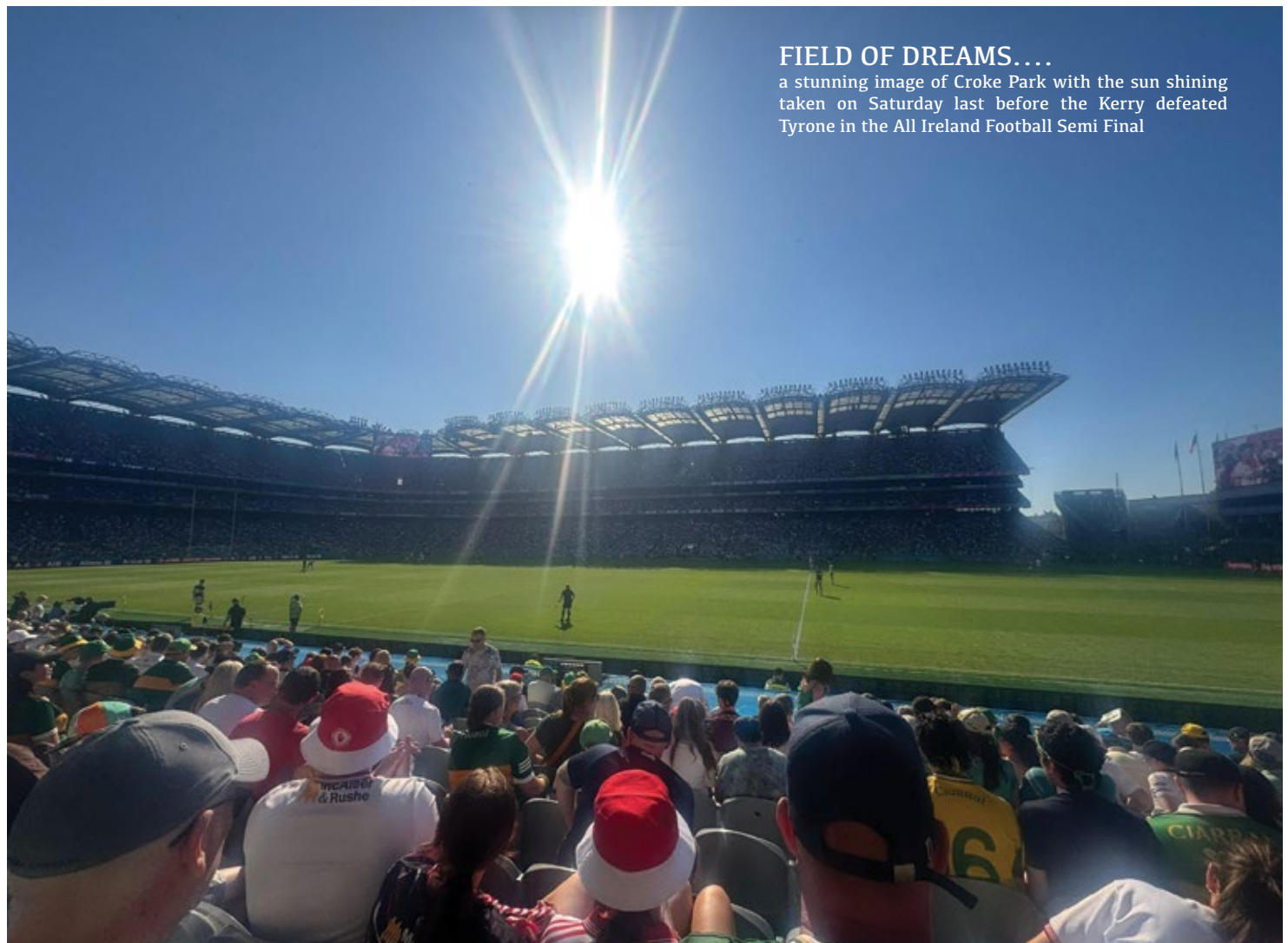
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NOTES

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



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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.

“ERRATIC PLANNING DECISIONS WITHOUT CONSEQUENCES FOR KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL”

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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A Word of Victory

"Surely God is my Salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. For the Lord God is my Strength and my Song, and He also has become my Salvation. With joy you will draw water from the springs of Salvation!" (Isaiah 12:2-3).

Welcome back dear student, I remember visiting my cousins on school holidays when my uncle would take us walking up the mountain to where his family got their spring water. It was fresh, cold, nutritious, and clear. It came from the earth and those who drank from it were healthy and old. Tap water today is a poor relation to that spring water. It's still water, but not as pure. Jesus our 'Living Water' promised whoever comes to Him will never thirst again (John 4:14; John 7:37-38). The lead Scripture tells of His everlasting spring of Salvation. The Hebrew word Salvation is 'Yeshua' - the English translation is Jesus. In Jeremiah, the Lord recalls how His people turn their backs on Him, the Fountain of Life (Jeremiah 2:13). In this hot and sunny season that we have been enjoying, what comes to mind is relaxing in some cool water - a fountain suggests feelings of constant refreshment and hydration, as well as being fun. How God longs for us to know the joy of dwelling in His Presence to grow in understanding His deep Love for us (Romans 8:35-39). Folks are weary and tired from battling anxieties, sicknesses, family problems, and financial worries. It's easy to get caught up in reacting to all the stress - this increases pressure and frustration even more. There's a phrase about 'being hot and bothered' - well, a good remedy is to cool down in the Living Water. You see, God is neither worried nor stressed friend, and as His children, we believers do not have to live that way either. The Lord Jesus knows it all, and His Salvation Yeshua is the answer to it all (John 14:6). Our latest podcast on Spotify this week 'Building Security' is worth a listen for help.

The world's reasoning spews that faith in God has no relevance or meaning today because outward religious rituals versus intimate true fellowship with the Lord Jesus have been mixed up. As a result, many figure that they must not believe in God. Man has compromised the message of the Gospel. A few bad apples can spoil the basket. This needs to be exposed and repented for, and the pure Gospel preached from the Word - and lived out! Wonderful children of God have been driven far from His Presence through disillusionment, betrayal, or disappointment and become sitting ducks for Satan - exposed, isolated, and weak. This isn't condemnation friend, but nothing can be fixed until confronted (Matthew chapter 23). God is eager to have individuals and nations turn back to Him. Jesus is coming back for His Bride, and we must not be found wanting (Revelation 19:6-7). One of Satan's characteristics is the scoffing nature - he deceives many under that influence (Proverbs 22:10). It's a root of strife and quarrels, and the fear of man. People then look to themselves for strength, or to gurus for wisdom and guidance instead of the Lord. God calls this 'going to Egypt' for help - meaning, leaning on the flesh rather than cultivating real relationship with Him (Isaiah chapter 30). The reality is that sole dependency on flesh will always fail. Sure, some things might help for a while but the end of it all is at some point strength fails, people fail, systems fail, but God never fails! (1 Corinthians 13:7; 1 John 4:16-18). Nor does Love - "Love never fails". And God is Love, so He ties it all together. "For You are the Fountain of Life, the Light by which we see" (Psalm 36:9).

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EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Church of the Resurrection 5pm - 9pm Tuesdays
St Mary's Cathedral Wed 11.00am- 5pm Wednesday
Church of the Holy Spirit Muckross 4pm-6pm Thursdays
Franciscan Friary 2pm -7pm Fridays Holy Hour
Sundays @ 6pm

KERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK will take place on Saturday the 23rd of August leaving St. Mary's Cathedral at 7.00am on Saturday the cost pp is €30 Please Contact Sheila at the Parish Office with names and Contact Details 064 6631014 or email: killarney@dioceseofkerry.ie

EVENTS OVER THE COMING MONTHS.

New Cemetery Mass: Monday 4th of August at 7pm.
Old Kilcummin Cemetery Wednesday 6th of August at 7.30pm
Please spread the word to those living away who might like to attend.

INNER HEALING RETREAT; Led by Fr Prince Clarence will be held in the Church of the Resurrection, Killarney on August 14th between 6.30pm and 10.30pm. There will be holy Mass and Healing Adoration. All are very welcome

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

SACRED SPACE DEDICATED TO ST CHRISTOPHER: You are invited to our Sacred Space in St Mary's Cathedral to light a Candle for your own intention and private prayer or you can also bring a candle home or gift a candle to those who you hold dear to you

PRAYER FOR SAFE TRAVEL TO ST CHRISTOPHER

O Glorious St. Christopher you have inherited a beautiful name, Christ-bearer, as a result of the wonderful legend that while carrying people across a raging stream you also carried the Child Jesus. Teach us to be true Christ-bearers to those who do not know Him. Protect all of us that travel both near and far and petition Jesus to be with us always.

PROTECTION PRAYER

Dear Saint Christopher, protect me today in all my travels along the road's way. Give your warning sign if danger is near so that I may stop while the path is clear. Be at my window and direct me through when the vision blurs from out of the blue. Carry me safely to my destined place, like you carried Christ in your close embrace. Amen

THE MOTORIST'S PRAYER

Grant me O Lord a steady hand and watchful eye.
That no one shall be hurt as I pass by.
Thou gavest life, I pray no act of mine
May take away or mar that gift of Thine.
Shelter those, dear Lord, who bear me company,
From the evils of fire and all calamity.
Teach me to use my car for others need;
Nor miss through love of undue speed
The beauty of the world; that thus I may
With joy and courtesy go on my way.
St. Christopher, holy patron of travellers,
Protect me and lead me safely to my destiny.

5TH & 45TH ANNIVERSARIES

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
**NOREEN AND
PATRICK
O'DONOGHUE**



LATE OF ANEMORE GLENFLESK
NOREEN WHO DIED ON THE
19TH JULY 2020
PATRICK WHO DIED ON THE
5TH MARCH 1980

You always had a time to share
A laugh a joke, a time to care
These are the memories
We have of you.

Sadly missed by son Michael,
Micheal, Mark, Shauna, Mairead, Lily,
Grace and Bonnie

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Sadly missed along life's way
Quietly remembering every day
No Longer in our lives to share
But in our hearts you're always there
Please accept this acknowledgement
as an expression of our deep gratitude.

Lovingly remembered by daughter Rose,
George and Craig McKenzie Vass.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & 1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
**CONCEPTA
(CONNIE)
O'CONNOR
(NEE CARMODY)**



MILLEEN, KILCUMMIN
WHO PASSED AWAY ON THE
20TH OF JULY 2024.

As we lovingly remember Concepta on her 1st anniversary, we her family, her husband Mike, her children Michelle, Norma, Róisín and Ruaidhrí, her sons in law and daughter in law and grandchildren Katie, Morgan, Mia, Evan, Fódhla, Sadie, Brayden, Conla and Saorlaith, brothers, sister, brothers in law and sisters in law wish to express our heartfelt thanks for the support shown to us during our time of loss. We really appreciated all the messages of condolences, mass cards, phone calls, and letters we received.

A special thanks to Dr. Donal Coffey and all at Ross Medical Practice for the great care and attention shown to Concepta over the years. To the staff of University Hospital Kerry and the palliative care team, we thank you for the dignity and care shown to Concepta all through the years and her final week whilst under your care. Our thanks to O'Sheas funeral home for their professionalism and compassion. To Fr Kieran O'Brien, Fr Paddy O'Donoghue, Deacon Thady O'Connor, for the beautiful and meaningful mass, we thank you. A heartfelt thanks to Tim Gleeson and for the music and to all who participated in the Mass.

A special thank you to the members of Ross Golf Club for the guard of honor.

A special word of thanks to all our friends' neighbours and extended family and everyone who attended the funeral and offered unwavering support.

As it would be impossible thank everyone individually, please accept this as a token of our deep appreciation. A mass has been offered for your intentions.

*'You are missed each and everyday,
for you were someone special,
who meant more than words can say.'*

Lovingly remembered and sadly missed
by all her family.

Concepta's (Connie's) First Anniversary
Mass will be held on Sunday, July 20th at
9.30am in The Church of the Holy Rosary
Gneeveguilla.

4TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
OUR BEAUTIFUL DAD
NOEL LUCEY



CURRAGLASS, GLENFLESK,
KILLARNEY
WHOSE 4TH ANNIVERSARY
OCCURS JULY 19TH 2025.

*He never looked for praises
He was never one to boast
He just went on quietly working
For the ones he loved the most.*

*His dreams were seldom spoken
His wants were very few
And most of the time his worries
Went unspoken too.*

*He was there, a firm foundation
Through all our storms of life
A sturdy hand to hold on to
In times of stress & strife.*

*A true friend we could turn to
When times were good or bad
One of our greatest blessings
The man that we called Dad.*

Deeply loved & forever in our thoughts
Love Karen, Sandra, Deirdre,
Áine & Families xxx

PRAYER TO MOUNT CARMEL

O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother.

O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity. There are none that can withstand your power.

O show me herein you are my mother.

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times).

Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands (three times).

Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days and then you must publish it and it will be granted to you.

IN MEMORIAM

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THE KILLARNEY OUTLOOK

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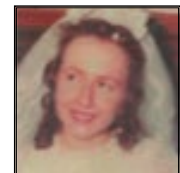
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PRAYER TO PADRE PIO

O Jesus, full of grace and charity, victim for sinners, so impelled by Your love for us that You willed to die on the Cross, I humbly beseech You to glorify in heaven and on earth Your servant, Padre Pio, who generously participated in Your sufferings, who loved You so much and labored so faithfully for the glory of Your Heavenly Father and for the good of souls. With confidence I ask You to grant me, through Saint Padre Pio's intercession, these special requests... (Mention here).

33RD ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
**DOREEN KEOGH
(NEE BROSAN)**



LATE OF BALLYFINNANE FIRIES
WHO PASSED AWAY ON
JULY 9TH 1992

*Though Heaven and Earth divide us,
You and I are never apart,
I miss those times we shared,
You are forever in our hearts.*

Sadly missed by husband Vincent,
Eileen, John and Vincent Junior.



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