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A Note from the EDITOR



Welcome to this week's Killarney Outlook, jam packed with all the local news and sport from the town and surrounding areas.

A Killarney man is preparing to take on the Dublin City Marathon in honour of his sister in law and in support of Sarcoma Cancer Ireland, Hector was in town to keep an eye on the Tidy Town's volunteers and the county is celebrating Culture Night with events taking place in communities across Kerry.

Four Muckross Oarsman struck gold at the Global Mastrs Regatta in Slovenia, a Killarney student has been recognised globally and a new Autism Support initiative has been launched in Killarney.

A 15 year old motorsport competitor has been selected for Team Ireland, the Innisfallen Golf Society has marked 30 years and Killarney Chamber gathered for a breakfast meeting at the Killarney Royal Townhouse.

Local soccer club Killarney Celtic are celebrating 50 years at the heart of the community, St Paul's teed off in memory of Connie Brosnan and Farranfore Maine Valley AC hosted a special evening to celebrate athlete David Kenny. Fossa Senior footballers are celebrating their win over Kilcummin, a new short film tells of the determination of a brave young Kerry man and the 9th annual Architecture Kerry Festival will begin next week.

All this and lots more in this week's Killarney Outlook!

Aisling Crosbie



A Red Admiral Butterfly captured beautifully on a flower at the sunken garden at Muckross House by Brendan O'Mahony



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 **Irish Government**

Daithi Takes on the Dublin City Marathon In honour of Sarah



Killarney man Daithi Casey is taking on the Irish Life Dublin Marathon this year to raise funds for Sarcoma Cancer Ireland, a cause that has taken on a deeply personal significance following the recent passing of his sister in law, Sarah Egan from Kilcummin.

Daithi will run the 26.2-mile marathon on October 25, turning the challenge into an opportunity to support people and families affected by sarcoma, a rare and aggressive form of cancer.

Sarah's death has brought great sadness to the Killarney and surrounding community. A much-loved preschool teacher at Holy Cross Mercy School and swimming instructor at the Aquila Leisure Club, she touched the lives of countless children, families and colleagues during her life.

Sarah spent 16 years teaching swimming at the Aquila Leisure Club, where she helped generations of young people develop not only their swimming skills but also confidence and self-belief. Her warmth, kindness and positivity left a

lasting impression on all who knew her. Daithi is now hoping that his marathon challenge will help raise much-needed funds for Sarcoma Cancer Ireland, which provides resources, guidance and emotional and financial support to patients and their families, while also supporting advocacy, research and advances in treatment.

For Daithi, the marathon is about much more than completing 26.2 miles.

"Every mile I run is a reminder of why I'm doing this," he said, as he encouraged people to support the fundraiser through a donation, sharing the fundraising page or simply cheering him on.

He hopes that the community will get behind his efforts and help turn every mile into meaningful support for those affected by sarcoma.

"Every mile matters. Every gesture helps," he said.

Donations can be made through Daithi Casey's fundraising page in aid of Sarcoma Cancer Ireland.

Michael Healy-Rae Thanks Public Following Dublin Assault

Kerry TD Michael Healy-Rae has thanked Gardaí, ambulance personnel, hospital staff and the thousands of people who contacted him and his family following an assault in Dublin.

Deputy Healy-Rae was assaulted by a lone man while his car was stopped in traffic on Cork Street shortly after 4pm on Wednesday. Gardaí from Kevin Street responded and brought him to Kevin Street Garda Station before he was taken to St Vincent's University Hospital. He was discharged later that evening after receiving treatment for a head wound which required stitches.

In a statement, Mr Healy-Rae expressed his sincere thanks to the Gardaí at Kevin Street, the ambulance crew and all the staff at St Vincent's Hospital for the care and assistance they provided.

He also thanked the thousands of people from Kerry and across the country who had contacted him and his family, saying their kindness and good wishes had meant a great deal to them.

Mr Healy-Rae said the incident would not deter him from continuing his work or from representing the people of Kerry.

He also called for a serious conversation about what he described as growing hostility towards politicians and public representatives, saying that disagreement and robust political debate were legitimate but that personal abuse, intimidation and violence should not be accepted.

The Kerry TD has since returned home to Kilgarvan and is expected to spend the next few days resting and recovering.

Gardaí have not made any arrests and are continuing their investigation. They are appealing for witnesses, particularly anyone who may have camera footage from the area at the time.





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Kerry Celebrates Europe Through Culture

Kerry is taking part in Cultúr 2026, the official cultural programme marking Ireland's Presidency of the Council of the European Union, with a wide-ranging programme of music, film, theatre, dance, literature, circus and visual art taking place across the county.

Presented by Kerry County Council, the programme connects Kerry's rich cultural traditions with artists and creative influences from across Europe, with events taking place in Killarney, Tralee, Listowel, Dingle, Kenmare, Castleisland, Killorglin, Ballybunion and communities across the Gaeltacht.

The autumn programme gets underway in earnest with Culture Night on Friday, September 18, when communities throughout Kerry will host a variety of European-themed events.

In Killarney, the programme includes theatre, dance, music and visual art. Your Turn Will Come will explore the experiences and connections made possible through freedom of movement in Europe, while theatre-maker Ronan Dempsey will present Mr. Bergmann of Deadman's Point, drawing on his training and experience in France and Poland.

Kerry in Harmony will bring local singing groups together for a special performance incorporating a Czech musical element, while Killarney High Street will host an inclusive recreation of German choreographer Pina Bausch's famous Nelken Line. Young people will also be invited to create individual artworks as part of the Clay Culture Tiles project, which

will form a collective Culture Wall.

The programme will continue throughout the autumn. From October 15-18, the Kerry International Film Festival in Killarney will feature a special focus on Czech cinema, including films from the celebrated Czech New Wave and Czech puppet films.

Castleisland's Patrick O'Keeffe Traditional Music Festival, from October 22-26, will explore the connections between Sliabh Luachra music and European dance traditions, while the National Circus Festival of Ireland will bring contemporary European and Czech influences to Tralee from November 5-8.

Dingle Lit, from November 20-26, will welcome acclaimed Dutch writer Yael van der Wouden, adding an international literary dimension to the programme.

Across Kerry, Cultúr 2026 is showcasing the county's own distinctive cultural heritage while creating new connections with Europe through music, storytelling, film, theatre, dance and the arts.

The programme highlights the breadth of cultural life in Kerry, from Irish traditional music and Gaeltacht traditions to Czech cinema, European theatre, German dance, Balkan music, contemporary circus and international literature.

For more information, visit irelandculture2026.eu.



Clay Culture Night at Muckcross House



National Circus Festival of Ireland



GoSafe Cameras to Go Live at Farranfore Level Crossing

Motorists using the Farranfore level crossing are being reminded to observe the speed limit as GoSafe safety cameras are due to become operational shortly.

The cameras at the XT131 level crossing will monitor vehicles for speeding, with motorists exceeding the speed limit liable to receive a fixed charge notice and penalty points.

The installation is part of a wider road safety initiative involving the introduction of cameras at level crossings in Kerry. Irish Rail previously confirmed that cameras are being installed at Farranfore and Minish level crossings to detect speeding and motorists ignoring red lights.

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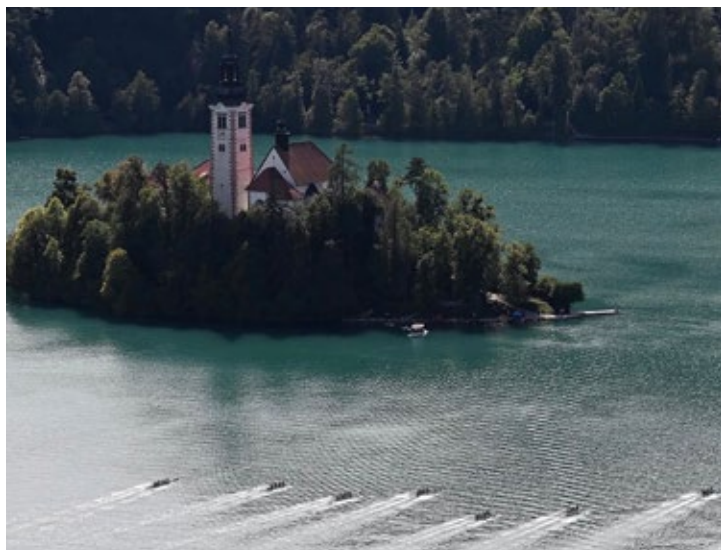
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Muckross Oarsmen Strike Gold at Lake Bled

BY PAUL KENNEDY



Last week Muckross oarsman, Paul Kennedy, Brendan O'Neill, John Buckley and Paul Griffin joined the global Masters Regatta, where record-breaking participation made the venue the largest rowing regatta in the sport's history. More than 4,700 athletes from 51 countries across six continents entered, with Rowers filling over 20,000 racing seats across 981 races in five days. The spectacular Slovenian setting is about far more than postcard-perfect scenery. Framed by Bled's island church and its cliff-top castle overlooking the lake, the venue is deeply woven into rowing's history. Bled Rowing Centre's spectacular natural rowing course has hosted four World Rowing

Championships in 1966, 1979, 1989 and 2011.

Having competed in composite crews with clubs across Ireland for the past number of years at Brandenburg 2024 and winning the clubs first medals in Banyoles 2025. This year marked a new milestone for the Muckross club, putting out two club crews and winning two gold medals with crews made up of solely of Muckross club members which made it all the more special. The welcome return of Olympian Paul Griffin to Masters rowing this year gave both crews a huge boost, availing of his vast rowing knowledge and expertise in pursuit of medals.

The Muckross crews competed



in the coxed 4+ categories, comprised of the following crews: C4+ Stroke Paul Kennedy, 3 Brendan O'Neill, 2 John Buckley & Bow Paul Griffin

D4+ Stroke Jim Breen, 3 Brendan O'Neill, 2 John Buckley & Bow Paul Griffin

Both crews were expertly coxed this by Philomena (Nemo) Borrows from Marlow Rowing Club London. The boat was provided by Hudson Boat Works, who provided great support during the week and oars were provided by Zagreb Rowing Club and Hudson respectively for both races. 11 Rowing Ireland clubs sent participants this year's regatta, with local interest in a number of grades, Paul Kennedy and Jim Breen rowing to places with the Munster Masters composite 8's, Single Sculls and Paula Moloney of Killarney and Tralee Rowing Club winning gold in the Ladies' C2X double sculls under the St Michaels club.

The medals won at Lake Bled in the past week were the accumulation of many months and indeed years of work put in by all crew members,

travelling from all over the country to put in the hours of work required to compete at this level. Masters rowing has provided our group with a fantastic opportunity to continue to row together at national and international level, keeping us connected through a shared passion for rowing and a never-ending love to row on the lakes of Killarney. In the end, it wasn't so much about the finish line, but more about those who were beside us crossing it.

We are forever grateful for the support of our wives, families, friends and appreciated the help we received from club members who drove safety launches, coxed boats, Ulick Daly, Samuel O'Neill, Michael O'Sullivan, Kate Griffin, Marko, Elaine, Ciaran, Noelle, Ethan.....Thanks for your time... We dedicate these medals to former clubmates we have lost along the way, the late John Beazley earlier this year (2026) and James Mangan in (2013) In the words of Kingfishr.....We did it for the boys...



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KILLARNEY STUDENT RECOGNISED at the Global Undergraduate Awards

A former St. Brendan's College student from Killarney, has been recognised at the 2026 Global Undergraduate Awards (GUA), the world's leading academic awards programme for undergraduate coursework. Gearoid Mulvihill, a student at Mary Immaculate College, Limerick, has been named Highly Commended in Literature, a distinction awarded to submissions singled out by the judging panel as being among the strongest in their category, from entries assessed by an international panel of academics and judged purely on the merit of the work.

Gearoid Mulvihill (Mary Immaculate College, Limerick) is recognised in Literature for an essay on a new age of Irish poetry, exploring how hip-hop is reviving the spoken form and giving a voice to young people across Ireland.

The Global Undergraduate Awards identify and celebrate the world's top undergraduate work across a broad range of disciplines, from literature and philosophy to engineering, law, medicine and the visual arts. Now in its programme for 2026, the Awards received submissions from students at leading universities and colleges around the world.

Winners will be celebrated at the GUA Summit and the Thomas Clarkson Gold Medal presentation, taking place in Dublin on 10th November 2026, bringing together the programme's global winners alongside academics, judges and supporters.



New autism support initiative launches in Killarney

A new autism-informed support initiative is being launched in Killarney this October, offering a welcoming space for autistic children, teenagers, young adults and their families.

AG Autism Support is a local business run by Killarney primary school teacher Abigail Gallagher, providing autism-informed educational and developmental support for children and families.

The service focuses on practical strategies, calm structure and individualised support to help children build confidence in learning, emotional regulation and everyday routines. From this work, The Connection Club has developed, providing a safe and inclusive environment where autistic children and young people can come together, explore, play, socialise and connect at their own pace. The aim is to create a space where participants do not feel under pressure to fit in. Children can take part in activities, make friends, enjoy some quiet time or simply be themselves. Sessions will include a range of activities and sensory-friendly options, including taste-safe messy play, arts and crafts, games, sensory toys, a small library, calm corners, flexible seating and different lighting options. Activities will be flexible, allowing children to follow their own interests and participate at a



Pictured with Abigail Gallagher, centre is Elaine Doonan on the left. Claire Fowler on the right.

level that feels comfortable for them. An important part of The Connection Club will also be providing an opportunity for parents and guardians to meet and connect. Parents will be able to chat, share experiences and stories and meet other families in an understanding and non-judgemental environment.

The Connection Club will begin in October at the ANAM Centre in Killarney, with the first sessions taking place on Saturday, October 3.

There will be three one-hour sessions, divided into the age groups 0–5, 6–12 and 13+.

Abigail said she was particularly keen to offer a 13+ group, recognising the need for welcoming, autism-informed social opportunities for older children, teenagers and young adults.

Booking will be essential to ensure numbers remain manageable and that the sessions are comfortable and accessible for everyone. Details of session times and prices will be announced through social media.

Abigail thanked Autism Friendly Killarney for its help and support throughout the development of the initiative, as well as Kerry County Council for supporting the project and facilitating the use of the ANAM Centre. The Connection Club is ultimately about creating a sense of connection and belonging, providing a place where children and young people can be themselves while also giving parents an opportunity to meet others and feel part of a supportive community. Updates and booking information are available by following @agautismsupport on social media.

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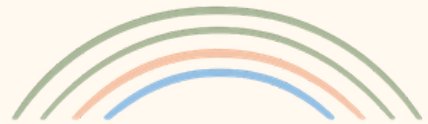
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Anne Lucey
looks at the positive news
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LANGUAGE TEST FOR NEW IRISH TO BE WELCOMED

Finally, a basic language competency test is to be introduced for new citizens. The need to show proficiency in English for those coming to live as Irish citizens was so blindingly obvious for the new as well as the old Irish, I could not understand the reluctance.

Language is not a threat. It's a basic tool of understanding rights as well as obligations.

Back in 2018 as the huge citizenship ceremonies involving thousands of candidates got underway in Killarney officials in the Department of Justice told me preparations were being made.

The test for citizenship applicants was under consideration in order to improve immigrants' integration into Irish society. It would help to combat what Raymond Murray, an assistant

principal at the department, said was some residents' lack of English after five years in Ireland.

And then? Nothing. I have spent years covering the ceremonies and have consistently raised the language question. I had and still have a serious concern about the lack of language skills of new Irish.

Some groups, including Brazilian men in Galway with 20 years, brought along their own interpreters. Many others simply could not communicate or only very poorly.

The difficulty with the test was the two languages. Both Irish and English are official; the Irish speaking movement would be up in arms were English tests introduced and it was simpler to avoid the issue, I was told off record. As recently as a year ago in the Gleneagle Justice Minister Jim O'Callaghan denied to reporters including Jennie O'Sullivan of RTE and myself, there was a need for a language

*Is Justice Minister
Jim O'Callaghan
reading Anne
Lucey's column?*



test. He was sure most people at the ceremony spoke good English.

The minister seems to have changed his mind. And come up with a solution to the Irish question. Or maybe he just reads the column.

THE TRUMP VISIT: A TRIUMPH

The naysayers were out in force. So many causes. From Palestine to Me Too. This time the Holy Mary columnists were going not with rosaries but with placards, I said to myself, recalling a protest in Cork in the late 1980s against the showing of a movie on Christ.

I sometimes wonder about the intense certitude of those who occupy the high moral ground. Often I feel they are characters in search of a cause to vent their moral superiority and outrage. Nothing gets in their righteous way, not even the ancient law of courtesy.

The fact is Donald Trump is an elected president of a nation which is friendly towards us. And a guest. Just as Ronald Regan was. In 1984, the slogans were remarkably similar: "war mongerer, fascist and get out of Ireland".

I especially don't like the way Trump mixes politics and business and his nepotism - something that has a firm foothold here now too. But would I protest? No. Nor did I against Regan.

Despite the thundering editorials, the Trump visit was an unmitigated triumph. It was a jaw dropping success for politicians, the garda and the golfers. For Micheal Martin and his wife Mary. Even President Connolly smiled. It was a triumph especially for the small west Clare village of Doonbeg. The Cliffs of Moher and the Burren get all the attention. Doonbeg, a short ferry ride from Tarbert to Kilimer and a short car hop is a gem. It was once a stronghold of the O'Briens, patrons of poets and writers. The remains of their castle is there.

Trump's Hotel not far from the village is itself a beautiful building.

Lunch at the hotel is as reasonable as any venue in Killarney. The food is excellent, the staff lovely and they are mostly drawn from the village.

Dún Beag, the little fort, from now will surely be Dún Mór.

If only whiskey was made into car fuel.



Picture shows President Connolly as President Donald Trump departs Áras an Uachtaráin after a courtesy call at the start of his visit to Ireland. Picture Tony Maxwell

THIRD LEVEL COLLEGE, A NEW REGISTRY OFFICE, AND ALL THE PUBLIC BUILDINGS

It's been a while since anyone raised the prospect of a third level college for Killarney. But this column can announce matters are in the process. "Kerry ETB continues to progress plans for the development of a College of the Future campus on the former Sara Lee/ Pretty Polly, site in Killarney, which will include specialist education and training provision for the tourism and hospitality sector," we were told.

Kerry County Council formally agreed to the sale of the site and approved its disposal in March 2026, while the proposed acquisition was subsequently approved by the Kerry ETB Board at its meeting on 30 June 2026. The project is now working through the remaining site-acquisition and legal conveyancing processes.

Work is also continuing on the project's preliminary business case. But funding and department of higher education approvals remain issues.

The confirmation comes as Mayor of Killarney John O'Donoghue is seeking the return of night classes to Killarney. We have a serious dearth in adult and young adult courses in Killarney. Along with a tourism college, Killarney would be an ideal location for an arts and music degree programme.

We have plenty of suitable buildings. The Aras Phádraig saga rolls on. Yet another survey is to be carried out. I won't weary the reader but I have always held the €47 million plan in conjunction with the HSE should

have been advanced. Councillors caved into what to my mind was justified but misdirected public anger centred on the awful traffic situation and the HSE buildings.

The result? The 20-year-eyesore is still with us. Killarney's traffic and parking problems have worsened anyway, and there is no primary care centre for children. And no theatre.

Meanwhile St Finan's deserted 15 years ago, has been allocated €150,000 for more reports. Help! St Columbanus and the Old District are emptying. Councillor Marie Moloney has put forward an idea for a new comfortable registry office in one of the buildings. With more and more civil marriages, a new more accommodating registry office is much needed, we have long argued.

Marie's plan for the council to buy the Conroy Hall and use it as a local community centre got short shrift.

The council had met with owners SIPTU. The union was anxious to sell the building for public use at a reduced cost. But the council - a birdie told me they offered only €50k for it - feared it would cost them money going forward.

"So, Killarney will never see a community centre because ye won't have money to maintain it?" is how Marie put it.

Meanwhile, the town is ringed with empty or near empty public or Church owned buildings: The Aras, St Finan's, St Mary's Parish Hall, St Columbanus, The District.... The Polly.

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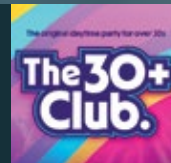
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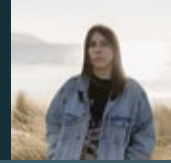
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Has Kerry got the Power?

The Jack and Jill Children's Foundation which supports 14 families in Co. Kerry joins forces with Today FM for nationwide Power Hour fundraising campaign



The team at Jack and Jill Charity Boutique Tralee who will hold a special Power Hour Sale on Friday 25th September.

People across Co. Kerry are being called on to get behind Power Hour for Jack and Jill, a nationwide fundraising campaign that will power hours of fun and fundraising into vital hours of in-home nursing care for local families.

Taking place across September, the three-week campaign will bring workplaces, schools, sports clubs, community groups, families and friends together behind one simple but powerful message that €20 funds one hour of in-home nursing care and respite support for a Jack and Jill family.

The charity which provides up to 100 hours of in-home nursing care and respite support each month to families caring for children up to the age of seven with severe learning disabilities, often associated with complex medical needs, currently supports 14 families across Co. Kerry and over 530 families nationwide.

These children may be tube-fed, oxygen-dependent, experience seizures, take multiple medications and require around-the-clock care. Jack and Jill gives their parents a vital break from that intensive care regime, safe in the knowledge that their child is being cared for at home, where they belong.

Jack and Jill is now calling on people across Co. Kerry to choose any one-hour activity and use it to raise funds. It could be a coffee morning, bake sale, quiz, dance-off, spin class, sponsored silence, sunrise yoga session, workplace challenge or community event. Whatever the activity, every €20 raised will provide one hour of care for a Jack and Jill family.

Deirdre Walsh, CEO of the Jack and Jill Children's Foundation, said "For most of us, an hour can pass in the blink of an eye. For a Jack and Jill family, that same hour can mean

rest, relief and reassurance. It can give an exhausted parent the chance to sleep, take a shower, attend an appointment or spend precious time with their other children.

"We currently support 14 families in Co. Kerry and have looked after 99 children in the county since our foundation in 1997. We are asking people across the county to get behind Power Hour in whatever way works for them. Whether you gather your colleagues for a quiz, organise a coffee morning in your community or take on a one-hour challenge with friends, every €20 raised will fund an hour of vital care.

"Power Hour is about people coming together, having fun and giving local families something truly priceless, the gift of time. We hope businesses, schools, clubs and communities throughout Co. Kerry will join us and show just how powerful one hour can be."

The Jack and Jill charity boutique in Tralee will be powering the activity locally by hosting a special Power Hour Sale Day on Friday, 25 September, featuring music, treats and special offers throughout the store. Shoppers can pick up a €20 surprise bag packed with fantastic goodies and enjoy 20% off during the boutique's Power Hour. With plenty of bargains and a lively atmosphere promised, every €20 raised will help fund one hour of in-home nursing care and respite support for local Jack and Jill families across Co. Kerry.

The campaign will be supported by Today FM across three weeks, with listeners hearing powerful family stories, fundraising challenges and special on-air activity highlighting the difference Jack and Jill care makes.

Power Hour will culminate on Friday, 25 September, when Today FM will dedicate a full day to the campaign, with fundraising activity taking place across the country.

To register a Power Hour fundraiser, donate or find out more, visit www.jackandjill.ie

Farranfore Club Celebrates David Kenny

Farranfore Maine Valley AC hosted a special evening in honour of David Kenny, celebrating his impressive sixth-place finish at the European Athletics Championships in Birmingham.

Family, friends and club members gathered at Sherwood's in Farranfore for the occasion, which recognised David's achievements and his continued success on the international athletics stage.

Kerry Athletics PRO David Kissane hosted an engaging question-and-answer session with David, giving those in attendance an opportunity to hear about his journey in athletics, his experiences at the European Championships and the Olympics, and the dedication behind his success.

The evening was a fitting celebration of a fantastic achievement and a proud occasion for Farranfore Maine Valley and the wider Kerry athletics community.

Pictured at the celebration in Sherwood's in Farranfore are Pete Vickers, Chairperson of Farranfore Maine Valley, Teresa Higgins-Walker, Chairperson of Kerry Athletics and David Kenny.





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Pig's Lane x The Bar in Front of The Bar Irish Bar of the Year welcomes Europe's No. 2 bar to Killarney

Ireland's newly crowned Bar of the Year 2026, Pig's Lane, is kicking off its reign by bringing Athens' world-renowned The Bar in Front of The Bar to the cobbled streets of Killarney for one night only.

On Wednesday, 23rd September, the Greek street-side bar, ranked No. 2 in Europe's 50 Best Bars and No. 47 in The World's 50 Best Bars, will join forces with Pig's Lane's own mixology masters for an evening of inventive cocktails, elevated techniques and a shared commitment to sustainability.

Beginning at 7pm, discerning drinkers will descend Pig's Lane's staircase into an underground realm of innovation, where both teams will push cocktail making beyond the expected, using advanced techniques including carbonation and sous vide, from creating naturally infused, fruit-forward flavours through low-temperature sous vide extraction to adding a lively, fine-textured fizz through carbonation for greater depth, texture and complexity.

At The Bar in Front of The Bar, precision extends to temperature. Cocktails, glassware, and ice are all double-frosted, with everything emerging from the freezer at an exact -24°C to ensure every element is served at its optimum.

Its signature C.R.E.A.M. serve is a perfect



example: an icy blend of Rocks & Grapes, mastic and Greek herbs meet a warm white chocolate and coconut float, creating a striking hot-cold contrast.

That spirit of innovation is matched by the Athens bar's commitment to a zero-waste, closed-loop approach. Working with local farms and its own laboratory beside the bar, the team repurposes ingredients and leftovers into cordials, syrups, and other cocktail components.

Pig's Lane shares the same ethos, working with Killarney Urban Farm to source herbs



and garnishes from its 13 hydroponic towers, while its rooftop beehives supply honey for syrups. Reclaimed interiors throughout the venue further reflect its focus on reuse, provenance, and connection to the local environment.

For one night only, Greek cocktail innovation meets Killarney creativity, bringing two of Europe's leading bars together for an evening of technique, flavour and serious cocktail craft, sponsored by Hennessy.

Tiarnan O'Connor selected for Team Ireland

Young motorsport competitor Tiarnan O'Connor has enjoyed a successful Junior season in the Motorsport Ireland T4 Karting Championships, culminating in a podium finish at the 2026 Irish Karting Grand Prix.

Last month, fifteen year old Tiarnan secured an impressive third-place finish at the event, held at Nutts Corner Circuit in County Antrim.

His strong performances throughout the season have now earned him selection for Team Ireland at the 2026 T4 Nations Cup, which takes place in Valencia, Spain, from September 30 to October 4.

The international event will feature five race categories and bring together competitors from 35 countries. Drivers will compete for individual honours while also representing their respective nations in the prestigious Nations Cup Trophy.

The trophy will be awarded to the country recording the highest number of podium finishes across the event.

The 2026 T4 Nations Cup will be held at the Kartodromo Internacional Lucas Guerrero in Valencia and is regarded as one of the leading four-stroke karting events on the international calendar.

Tiarnan, the son of Brid and Kevin O'Connor will now look forward to taking on some of the best young karting talent from around the world as he represents Ireland on the international stage.



Tiarnan O'Connor, right who secured third place at the event.



Tiarnan O'Connor in action.



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KERRY AT THE HEART OF 'BRITISH VOGUE' CAMPAIGN

showcasing Ireland's craft heritage and spectacular landscapes

Tourism Ireland is teaming up with British Vogue to shine a spotlight on the people and places that shape Ireland's incredible craft heritage. The campaign – which is fronted by Irish content creator and columnist Verona Farrell – will reach an audience of around 1.5 million across Britain.

Set against the breathtaking backdrop of the Kerry landscape, the campaign will inspire fashion enthusiasts and prospective holidaymakers to visit Ireland and experience our vibrant craft culture for themselves. The campaign features a video of Verona Farrell exploring County Kerry, where she travels from Kerry Woollen Mills in Killarney to the Dingle Peninsula, and meets weavers, potters and leatherworkers along the way. The video demonstrates how visitors can step inside workshops, meet craftspeople and connect with our local culture for themselves. Click here to view the video

Craftsmanship and community are threaded throughout the campaign, celebrating our rich heritage and culture, as well as the local businesses who are at the heart of Ireland as a destination – from master craftspeople preserving generations of skill to local business owners who are the heartbeat of their communities.

The campaign video and accompanying online article are on the Vogue website, and will be shared across paid social content, as well as via email marketing to the Tourism Ireland database.

Julie Wakley, Tourism Ireland's Head of Great Britain, said: "Our partnership with British Vogue and content creator Verona Farrell is a wonderful opportunity to showcase and

Verona Farrell during filming in County Kerry, for Tourism Ireland's new campaign with British Vogue.



celebrate the people and places behind Ireland's rich craft heritage. Our aim is to inspire potential British visitors who're seeking authentic experiences to come and discover the culture, heritage and landscapes of Ireland for themselves. Our message is that the island of Ireland is a place of tremendous beauty, creativity and hidden gems, a landscape which is shaped by artisans, local businesses and unique experiences."

Verona Farrell said: "It was a joy to be part of this campaign with British Vogue and Tourism Ireland and to contribute to a discussion so close to my heart. Meeting the crafts people of Kerry and hearing their stories was a beautiful reminder of the creativity, tradition and warmth that makes Ireland so special."

Tourism Ireland is leveraging new opportunities to inspire potential overseas visitors with an interest in craft and design heritage, showcasing the island of Ireland's makers and creative talent. A recent example was Tourism Ireland's collaboration with Irish designer Michael Stewart for his haute couture debut in the Irish Embassy in Paris. The County Clare founder of the Standing Ground label unveiled his Carrickmacross Lace dress, demonstrating how traditional Irish craftsmanship continues to influence contemporary design. By highlighting stories like these, Tourism Ireland is inspiring potential visitors to come and discover the people and places behind our craft heritage – through studio tours, exhibitions and local experiences across our island.



Filoli Estate CEO Visits Killarney

The CEO of the historic Filoli Estate in California, Kara Newport, was in Killarney recently where she met with members of the Killarney Municipal District.

Ms Newport met with Cathaoirleach Cllr John O'Donoghue, along with Cllr Niall Botty O'Callaghan and Cllr Niall Kelleher, during her visit to the town.

Cllr O'Donoghue presented Ms Newport with a hand-crafted Killarney Arbutus pen as a memento of her visit.

The visit highlighted the historic links between Filoli Estate in California and Muckross House in Killarney. The two properties are twin historic estates with a shared connection through the Bourn family, who built Filoli in California and had strong links with Muckross House.

The connection between the two estates continues to provide an important cultural and heritage link between Killarney and California.



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Innisfallen Golf Society Marks 30 Years



Members and friends of the Innisfallen Golf Society at the launch of their new book.



Steve Shine, Pat Gill, the late Gene Cronin and Tim McCarthy.

The Innisfallen Golf Society has marked 30 years of golf, friendship and camaraderie with the launch of a special commemorative booklet, '1995–2025: Years a Growing'.

The booklet was launched in memory of Gene Cronin, one of the society's beloved founder members, and also pays tribute to deceased members who contributed to the society over the years.

The Innisfallen Golf Society was founded in 1995 by Pat Gill at Darby O'Gills Country House Hotel in Lissivigeen, Killarney. Originally known as the Darby O'Gills Golf Society (DOGGS), it was established as a social golf society where members could enjoy their golf while also building friendships and enjoying the social side of the game.

The society has had several homes over the past 30 years. Following its departure from Darby O'Gills in 2012, members held a special EGM to decide whether the society should continue. It was agreed to carry on, with the name changed to Innisfallen Golf Society to retain its Killarney connection.

The society was based at the Inn Between in Killarney before moving to the Westlodge Hotel in Bantry in 2013, where it remained for seven years. Despite being based in West Cork, it maintained its strong Killarney links, including holding its AGM and Christmas gatherings in the town.

In 2020, the society returned to Killarney and was based at the Arbutus Hotel, bringing the organisation back to its roots.

The anniversary booklet records the society's colourful history, including golf outings, overseas trips, changing homes, memorable occasions and the friendships formed along the way.

The society also expressed its appreciation to its members, sponsors and the many officers who gave their time over the years.

Thirty years on, the Innisfallen Golf Society continues to thrive, with a welcome extended to new members of all ages who wish to enjoy golf and friendship in good company.



Listowel Harvest Racing Festival Set to Return

Listowel is preparing to welcome visitors from home and abroad for the 168th Listowel Harvest Racing Festival, which takes place from September 20 to 26.

The seven-day festival will feature National Hunt and Flat racing, fashion, live music, family entertainment and a host of activities throughout the week.

The festival opens on Sunday, September 20 with Kinisla Family Day, featuring free children's entertainment including cartoon characters, alpacas, face painting, balloons, bouncing castles and a mini disco. Alfie the Alien will also make a special appearance, with prizes for children dressed as aliens.

The highlight of Wednesday, September 23 is the €200,000 Guinness Kerry National Handicap Steeplechase, while Thursday will feature the Ryle Menswear Best Dressed Man Competition.

McElligotts Kia Ladies Day takes place on Friday, September 25, with fashion judges Aoife Dunican and Frankie Foster selecting the finalists. The Best Dressed Lady will win a week-long holiday for two in Sorrento on Italy's Amalfi Coast.

The festival concludes on Saturday, September 26 with the Sustainable Style Competition, organised by Listowel Tidy Towns in association with An Taisce and Listowel Races. Now in its 15th year, the competition

promotes sustainable and pre-loved fashion.

Music and entertainment will continue throughout the week, with live acts and DJs including Big Jim, The Galivanter and Marty Guilfoyle. TG4 will also broadcast live from Listowel Races from Monday to Saturday. General admission is €20 from Sunday to Tuesday and €30 from Wednesday to Saturday, with discounts available for online bookings. A seven-day ticket costs €145.

Tickets and further information are available at www.listowelraces.ie.



Frankie Foster and Aoife Dunican with Donal Lynch (centre) who were announced as judges of the McElligotts Kia Best Dressed Lady Competition at the 168th Listowel Harvest Racing Festival on Friday, 25th September 2026. Photo Neustock Media

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Learning Together at Campas Iosagáin

These are exciting times at Campas Iosagáin, the former boarding school Coláiste Iosagáin in Ballyvourney. The autumn programme of training courses and events has just been launched, and training manager Grett O'Connor says there has been a lot of interest already. 'We have a beautiful building, and it's a place that holds a special place in the hearts of lots of people in Gaeltacht Mhúscraí and beyond,' she said. 'This new era has been a long time coming, but the end product has been worth the wait.'

Grett, who is a former journalist with TG4, RTE and The Corkman, says the aim of Campas Iosagáin is to support businesses in the region by providing convenient and comfortable meeting facilities, offices and hot desks, as well as offering relevant training and mentoring. 'A lot of people have asked me if our training courses will be run through Irish. Some courses

will be in Irish, but we will run some courses in English. The goal is to help companies in this region to expand and provide more jobs, offering graduates more opportunities to live in the Gaeltacht and bring up their families through Irish. This will mean more Irish is being spoken,' she said.

'There are a number of business-related courses scheduled to run here in the coming weeks. For example, on October 14th we have a beginner's course in Canva which is a DIY graphic design tool. This will be a game changer for small businesses wanting to market their goods or services, or even for PRO's of sports clubs or other voluntary groups. It teaches you to create professional-looking graphics.'

'This course will be in person – participants come to Campas Iosagáin for a 3-hour workshop with Evan Mangan, of The Marketing Crowd in Killorglin. Then after a short break, the

participants will discuss which elements of the course will be most useful to them in their work and they get a chance to make a start on using the software with the support of a facilitator.'

'We're calling this approach 'Learn Together' or 'Foghlaím le Chéile'. How often have we all done online courses, but as soon as the course was over, we didn't know how to put our learning into action? This approach will help people to learn from each other – the most powerful way to learn.'

She says there has been huge interest in the Irish classes for adults being run at Campas Iosagáin every Wednesday night. There are four levels available – beginners who did not attend school in Ireland, beginners who studied Irish at school, improvers and advanced.

All courses can be booked through the Campas Iosagáin page on the Connected Hubs website (www.connectedhubs.ie).

Chamber Plans an Evening with Jason Smyth

Killarney Chamber of Tourism & Commerce is set to host a special evening with renowned Paralympic athlete Jason Smyth on Wednesday, October 7.

Proudly sponsored by AIB, the event will take place in Killarney from 6.30pm to 9pm and will offer an opportunity to hear from one of Ireland's most inspiring high-performance figures.

Jason Smyth will share his experiences and insights on performance, mindset, resilience, ambition and achieving full potential. The evening is expected to appeal to people from all walks of life, including those involved in business, sport and leadership.

For local businesses, the event will provide valuable insights for management teams, department heads and team leaders, with a focus on motivation, leadership, performance and building high-performing teams.

The Chamber is encouraging people to attend with partners, family, friends or colleagues. Admission is free, but places are limited and are expected to be in strong demand.

Tickets are limited to five per person, while requests for additional tickets can be made through the Killarney Chamber office, subject to availability.



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KILLARNEY CHAMBER

Welcomes the Department of Social Protection for Insightful September Breakfast Briefing

Killarney Chamber of Tourism & Commerce was delighted to welcome Pádraig Moynihan, Employer Relations Officer with the Department of Social Protection, as guest speaker at its September Chamber Breakfast, held at the Killarney Royal Townhouse.

The event provided a productive start to the day, with a fantastic turnout reflecting the strong appetite among the local business community for events of this kind. Members and guests gathered to hear Mr Moynihan's insightful overview of the range of supports and incentives available to employers through the Department of Social Protection, including the Work Placement Experience Programme, JobsPlus, the Wage Subsidy Scheme, and Work and Access supports for employers hiring staff with disabilities or health conditions.

Speaking after the event, Killarney Chamber President Johnny McGuire said the breakfast series continues to be a valuable platform for connecting the local business community with practical, relevant information that supports growth and good employment practice across the region.

Killarney Chamber of Tourism & Commerce would like to thank Pádraig Moynihan and the Department of Social Protection for such an engaging and worthwhile session, and thanks all members and guests who attended for making it such a great morning.

What's Next

Killarney Chamber has a number of upcoming events taking place over the coming weeks, including:

-30th September, Chamber Luncheon at the Killarney Heights Hotel.

-07th October, An Evening with Paralympian Jason Smyth - a complimentary discussion event at The Killarney Plaza Hotel & Spa, proudly sponsored by AIB.

These events continue the Chamber's mission of bringing the local community together, and showcasing exactly why Killarney is such a great place to live, work, and belong.



Carol Dempsey (Killarney Chamber Vice-President), Pádraig Moynihan (Employers Relations Officer, Department of Social Protection) Johnny McGuire (Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce President) and Pat McGrath (Killarney Royal Townhouse General Manager) at the Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce members breakfast in The Killarney Royal Townhouse.

Picture: Eamonn Keogh



A crowd scene at the Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce members breakfast in The Killarney Royal Townhouse. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Johnny McGuire (Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce President), Norma O'Regan (Killarney Chamber CEO) and Patrick O'Sullivan (Killarney Chamber) at the Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce members breakfast in The Killarney Royal Townhouse. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



A crowd scene at the Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce members breakfast in The Killarney Royal Townhouse.

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Ninth Annual Festival Will Celebrate Kerry's Architecture

Celebrating Kerry's architecture, heritage, design and vibrant public places from 18th September to 9th October.

The ninth annual Architecture Kerry Festival will officially open on Wednesday 23rd September at 11.30am with the launch of a major exhibition celebrating Villa Tugendhat, one of the world's most important examples of modern architecture.

Hosted by Kerry County Council and MTU in collaboration with the Embassy of the Czech Republic, the exhibition will explore the history and significance of Villa Tugendhat, designed by renowned architect Ludwig Mies van der Rohe and completed in Brno, Czech Republic, in 1930. The building is regarded as one of the most significant works of the Modern Movement and is recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The exhibition also celebrates the growing cultural links between Kerry and the Czech Republic, with Kerry paired with the Czech Republic as part of the Ireland Presidency of the Council of the European Union's county twinning initiative.

Architecture Kerry Festival 2026 offers a three-week programme of events running from 18th September until 9th October, highlighting Kerry's diverse architectural heritage and contemporary built environment. The programme includes free guided tours, talks, exhibitions and discussions covering historic buildings, renovation and adaptation projects, industrial heritage, contemporary architecture, low-carbon homes and public spaces — with something to inspire architecture enthusiasts, families and visitors alike.

Events will take place across the county, with Kerry County Museum, Kerry County Library and MTU also hosting events exploring archaeology, technology, architecture and Kerry's built environment with something for. The festival will conclude on Friday 9 October with a one-day seminar hosted by Kerry County Council and the Irish Georgian Society at Kerry Writers' Museum, Listowel, entitled North Kerry's 18th-Century Historic Houses: Architectural and Landscape Treasures.



The ninth annual Architecture Kerry Festival, hosted by Kerry County Council and MTU in collaboration with the Embassy of the Czech Republic, will officially open on Wednesday 23rd September with the launch of a major exhibition. Pictured at the launch at MTU North Campus on Thursday were: Declan O'Malley (Senior Executive Planner), Tim Daly (Vice President Engagement and International MTU), Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr Mikey Sheehy, and Sorcha Tuomey (Staff Officer KCC). Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography

Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr Mikey Sheehy, said:

"It is fantastic to see the continued success of Architecture Kerry and the way the festival opens up historic buildings and architectural spaces to communities and visitors. Kerry has an extraordinary architectural heritage, alongside significant investment in contemporary architecture, design and vibrant public places.

"These places are vital as our population grows and contribute enormously to the quality of life of our communities. Architecture Kerry gives us an opportunity to celebrate what we have while looking at how we shape Kerry's built environment for the future."

Declan O'Malley, Senior Executive Planner with Kerry County Council, said:

"We are delighted to bring Architecture Kerry back for another year with a programme that celebrates the county's unique architectural heritage and changing built environment.

"We are particularly pleased to collaborate with the Embassy of the Czech Republic and

MTU on the Villa Tugendhat exhibition. It is a great opportunity to bring an internationally significant example of modern architecture to Kerry and celebrate our cultural links with the Czech Republic.

"There is something for everyone in this year's programme, whether you have a strong interest in architecture or simply want to discover more about the buildings and places around you."

Architecture Kerry is funded by Kerry County Council, Creative Ireland, the National Built Heritage Service and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in partnership with the Valentia island development Company, Tadgh Casey, the Irish Georgian Society, the, Sugrue Design, Astellas, amongst others

The full programme of events is now available on the Kerry County Council website or via architecture.kerrycoco.ie. Festival organisers can also be contacted directly at 066 7183304 or at ArchitectureKerry@kerrycoco.ie

Killarney Active Retirement Association Returns for New Season

Killarney Active Retirement Association has returned for another exciting season, with a varied programme of activities and events planned for the months ahead.

The group's programme includes talks and discussions, exercise sessions, quizzes, games, information days, day trips and outings, with activities designed to be age-friendly and suitable for members.

Men and women aged 55 and over from Killarney and the surrounding

areas are warmly invited to join the group, which meets every Friday afternoon from 2pm to 4pm at the KDYS Centre beside the Friary.

Members can also avail of the An Seo bus service, which provides a convenient drop-off and pick-up service.

The Friday gatherings offer an opportunity to enjoy tea, coffee and treats while meeting others and taking part in the wide range of activities on offer.

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OFFICIAL OPENING OF
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EXHIBITION LAUNCH
AND DISCUSSION**

VENUE: **An Cuan, STEM Building, Munster Technological University (MTU) Kerry, North Campus V92 HD4V**
TO BOOK: architecturekerry@kerrycoco.ie or via eventbrite.com

2026 marks the 25th anniversary of Villa Tugendhat's inscription on the UNESCO World Heritage List. The exhibition launch will explore the architectural, cultural and historical significance of Villa Tugendhat and its continuing influence on contemporary architecture and design.

EVENTS

Saturday 26th September / 11am

Tour of The First Message Building, Knightstown, Valentia Island
With guide Michael Lyne

Saturday 26th September / 2pm

Knightstown and Transatlantic Cable Walk
With guide Dr Eoin O'Neill, Historian & Heritage Guide
Meet at Clock Tower in Knightstown

Saturday 26th September / 1pm / Cable Station, Knightstown V23 H685

TALK: Bray Tower, Valentia Island
A restoration & conservation project with Raymond Lyne

SEMINAR | FRIDAY 9th OCTOBER 2026 | 9.30am-5pm



**NORTH KERRY'S
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VENUE: **Kerry's Writers Museum, 24 The Square, Listowel V31 RD93**
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North Kerry has a rich historic cultural landscape, with a wealth of country houses and designed landscapes, ranging from the homes of minor gentry to the mansion house of the Earl of Kerry, Lord Fitzmaurice. This seminar, delivered by the Irish Georgian Society and Kerry County Council, will focus on the legacy of these houses and landscapes, and promote greater awareness amongst the public and key stakeholders of their importance.

Saturday 26th September / MTU North Campus, Tralee V92 HD4V

CHILDREN'S WORKSHOPS -

Be an Architect for a Day with Ben Dearnley

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Saturday 26th September / 11am / Ashe Memorial Hall, Tralee

Ashe Memorial Hall Restoration: Conservation in Action

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Friday 18th September - Monday 5th October

Kerry County Council Architects' Exhibition
MTU Library, North Campus, Tralee V92 HD4V



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Hector Ó hEochagáin Visits Killarney TidyTowns Volunteers

Broadcaster Hector Ó hEochagáin visited Killarney as part of a nationwide campaign encouraging people to get involved with their local TidyTowns group and help make a difference in their community.

Hector teamed up with SuperValu TidyTowns and the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht for the 'Get Involved and Make a Difference' campaign, which saw him travel around the country meeting volunteers and experiencing the work being carried out in towns and villages.

During his visit to Killarney, Hector met members of the local TidyTowns group and got an insight into the work undertaken by volunteers to enhance the town and surrounding environment.

His visit highlighted the many different aspects of TidyTowns, from planting and landscaping and improving shared spaces to protecting biodiversity and promoting sustainability. Hector also lent a hand to the local volunteers while learning more about the people and



Broadcaster Hector Ó hEochagáin visited Killarney and he is pictured with Cathaoirleach of Killarney Municipal District, Cllr. John O'Donoghue.

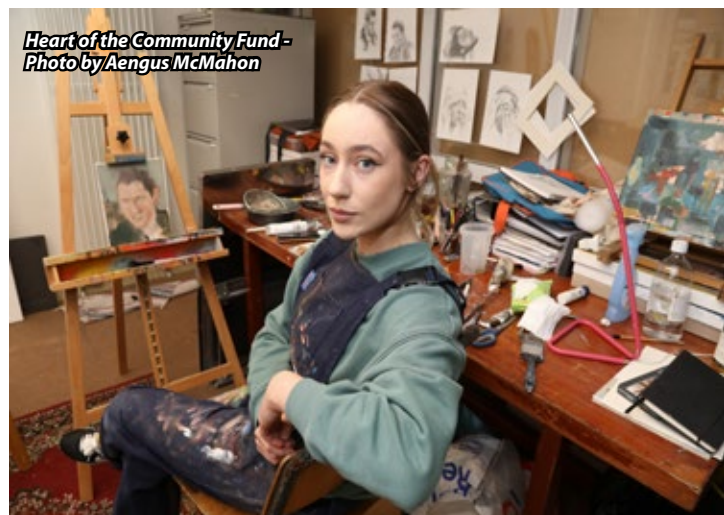
stories behind the work. The campaign aimed to show that TidyTowns was about much more than the appearance of a town, with volunteering also helping to create friendships, community spirit, pride and a strong sense of belonging. More than 30,000 volunteers across 924 TidyTowns committees nationwide contribute over three million hours each year to improving their communities.

Hector said he had been delighted to meet volunteers around the country and to see first-hand the work being carried out in communities such as Killarney.

The campaign encouraged people of all ages to join their local TidyTowns group and contribute in whatever way suited their interests, skills and available time.

Hector's visit to Killarney provided an opportunity to showcase the dedication of local volunteers and the important contribution they made to keeping the town attractive, sustainable and welcoming.

Kerry Arts and Culture Groups Encouraged to Apply for The Ireland Funds Heart of the Community Fund



Heart of the Community Fund - Photo by Aengus McMahon

The Ireland Funds, the global philanthropic network, has today opened applications for its Heart of the Community Fund | Arts and Culture grant round, encouraging non-profit organisations in Kerry to apply. It will provide at least €430,000 (£370,000) in funding to eligible nonprofit organisations addressing local needs and strengthening communities across the island of Ireland. Arts

and Culture is one of The Ireland Funds' four key funding priorities.

Applications are open online from Monday, 14th September and will remain open until 5pm on Friday 2nd October 2026. Application information workshops, both in-person and online, will take place during the application period. All applications must be submitted through The Ireland Funds

website.

This grant round is being launched during The Ireland Funds' 50th anniversary year, marking five decades of philanthropy, partnership and fostering greater opportunity. The Heart of the Community Fund is designed to deliver practical, flexible support to projects working at the heart of their communities. It enables them to respond to local needs, strengthen their capacity and extend the reach and impact of their work, creating a positive legacy.

Grants of between €15,000 and €25,000 will be awarded through this open call grant round. Applications are invited from arts and culture organisations working to promote, preserve and develop all art forms, as well as community organisations seeking support for community-based arts programmes or projects.

Arts and culture organisations

may apply for core funding to support their ongoing activities and operations. Community organisations applying for an arts-based programme must set out how the funding will be used, with all expenditure relating directly to the programme or project for which support is sought.

This is the second round of funding made available by The Ireland Funds Heart of the Community Fund in 2026. Earlier in the year, €858,000 in grants were awarded to organisations in 21 counties across Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. These grants supported education, innovation, youth development, disability services, literacy, community resilience, and social inclusion.

Further information, application guidelines and access to the application portal are available on The Ireland Funds website: www.irelandfunds.org.

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- A PAL'S VOICE -

New Kerry short film tells Ciarán's story of determination, inclusion and helping others achieve

A young Kerry man who progressed through Bronze, Silver and Gold Gaisce Awards and now helps others begin their own Gaisce journey is at the centre of a new short film premiering in Tralee this month. CIARÁN – A PAL'S VOICE will be screened at Inspired Day Service, Brandon Court, Basin Road, Tralee, at 12 noon on Thursday, 24 September.

The film follows Ciarán Sears, whose involvement with Gaisce – The President's Award has become an important part of his life. "Growing up in Kerry, I was sometimes faced with very real physical and personal challenges, but my participation in Gaisce at Bronze, Silver and Gold level helped me realise that anything is possible if we are determined about it," said Ciarán.

Having completed his own awards, Ciarán is now a Gaisce President's Award Leader (PAL), supporting other young people as they begin their Gaisce journey.

The short film explores the impact Gaisce can have on confidence, independence and participation through the experiences of young people in Kerry. It also follows new participants taking their first steps in the programme with Ciarán's support.

The project was developed by Kerry Education and Training Board's (Kerry ETB) Local Creative Youth Partnership in partnership with Inspired Day Service, giving participants an opportunity to tell their own stories through film.

Kerry filmmaker Seán Rea facilitated the project and worked with Ciarán over 12 weeks to develop the film.

"Over the past 12 weeks, I have had the privilege of supporting Ciarán as he explored the people and experiences that have shaped



his time with Gaisce. What stood out to me was his curiosity, determination and genuine interest in the stories of others."

Deirdre Enright, Creative Youth Coordinator with Kerry ETB, said the film puts Ciarán's voice and creativity at the centre of the story.

"I would encourage everyone to watch CIARÁN – A PAL'S VOICE. Ciarán's story is about what can happen when a young person is given the opportunity to build confidence, develop their abilities and then use that experience to support others. The film is his story, but its message about believing in what you can achieve will resonate with many people."

Liz Maher, CEO of Inspired Day Service, said the organisation was proud of what Ciarán had achieved.

"We are incredibly proud of Ciarán and what he has achieved through this project. What makes the film so special is that it is very much Ciarán's story, told through his own curiosity, experiences and perspective.

Gaisce has played an important part in his own journey, building confidence, independence and a real belief in what he can achieve. To now see Ciarán using that experience as a PAL to encourage and support other young people is wonderful.

This project reflects what we believe strongly in at Inspired: when people are given the right opportunities and support, their abilities come



to the fore and they can inspire others in ways we might never have imagined."

CIARÁN – A PAL'S VOICE will be submitted to the Fresh Film Festival in January 2027 and will be available on YouTube @kerrylcyp platform in late March 2027. For more information, see @kerrylcyp on Facebook, and Instagram.

WELCOME FOR €14.2 MILLION IN ANC PAYMENTS FOR 5,863 KERRY FARMERS

Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry and member of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Agriculture, Deputy Michael Cahill, has welcomed the commencement of advance payments under the Areas of Natural Constraints (ANC) Scheme, with 5,863 Kerry farmers set to receive a combined €14,197,778.

Nationally, €179 million in 85% advance ANC payments is being issued to more than 85,000 farmers, with the remaining 15% balancing payment due to commence in early December.

Deputy Cahill said the payments would provide important financial support to farm families across Kerry:

"I warmly welcome the commencement of the ANC payments, which will provide a significant and timely cash-flow boost to almost 5,900 farmers across Kerry."

"The ANC scheme is particularly important for farmers operating in areas where natural constraints make farming more challenging. These payments recognise the vital role that farmers play in maintaining our rural communities, supporting the rural economy and managing our countryside."

"With almost €14.2 million being paid to Kerry farmers under this advance payment, this represents a substantial injection of money into farming families and rural communities throughout the county. It's the fourth highest figure for a county nationally."

"I also welcome confirmation that the remaining 15% balancing payment will commence in early December. I would encourage any farmer whose application has not yet been cleared to provide any outstanding documentation to the Department as soon as possible so that their payment can be processed."

Deputy Cahill also welcomed confirmation that the Department is on track to begin issuing the 75% advance payments under BISS, CRISS and the Eco-Scheme from 16 October.

"The continued early delivery of these important farm payments is vital for the agricultural sector. I will continue to engage with the Minister and Department on behalf of Kerry farmers to ensure that payments are processed as quickly and efficiently as possible," Deputy Cahill concluded.

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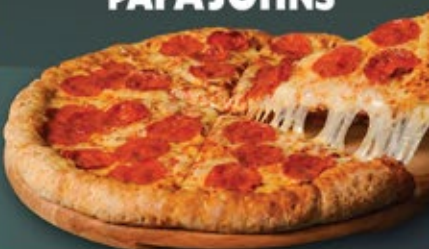
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Killarney Celtic FC Celebrates 50 Years

at the Heart of the Community

Killarney Celtic FC is celebrating a major milestone in 2026 as the club marks its 50th Anniversary – five decades of football, friendship, volunteering and community in Killarney.

Founded in 1976, Killarney Celtic FC has grown considerably over the past 50 years, developing from its early beginnings into a club providing football opportunities for players across a wide range of ages and abilities.

Throughout its history, one thing has remained constant – the commitment of the people behind the club. Generations of players, coaches, committee members, volunteers, parents, supporters and sponsors have each played their part in building Killarney Celtic into the club it is today.

The 50th Anniversary provides an opportunity not only to celebrate the club's achievements on the pitch, but also to recognise the enormous contribution made by those who have given their time voluntarily over five decades.

A LANDMARK YEAR FOR KILLARNEY CELTIC

The anniversary year has taken on even greater significance with Killarney Celtic FC embarking on a new chapter in its history through participation in the FAI National League.

The move represents an important step forward for the club and provides a pathway for players to represent Killarney Celtic at National League level while continuing the development of football within Killarney and the wider region. It is a fitting development in a year when the club is looking back on 50 years of progress while also setting out its ambitions for the future.



At the centre of the club remains Celtic Park, Killarney, which has been home to countless matches, training sessions and memorable occasions over the years.

CELEBRATING THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE CLUB

Killarney Celtic FC's 50th Anniversary is ultimately a celebration of people.

The club remembers with great appreciation those who established Killarney Celtic in 1976 and the generations who subsequently carried the club forward.

It also remembers those members and friends of Killarney Celtic who are sadly no longer with us, but whose contribution remains an important part of the club's history and identity. The anniversary is also an opportunity to thank today's volunteers, coaches, players, parents, supporters, sponsors and everyone who continues to give their time and support to the club.

50TH ANNIVERSARY GALA DINNER

The celebrations will culminate in a special Killarney Celtic FC 50th Anniversary Gala Dinner on Saturday, 7th November 2026, at the Killarney Avenue Hotel.

Doors will open at 7.30pm, with former and current players, managers, coaches, committee members, volunteers, supporters and friends of Killarney Celtic invited to come together for what promises to be a memorable evening.

Tickets are €50 per person, with tables of ten available for €500.

The Gala Dinner will provide an opportunity to celebrate five decades of Killarney Celtic, renew old friendships, share memories and recognise the many people who have contributed to the club since its foundation.

As Killarney Celtic FC celebrates its first 50 years, the club does so with enormous pride in its past and great optimism for its future.

1976-2026: 50 Years of Killarney Celtic FC.

The anniversary year has taken on even greater significance with Killarney Celtic FC embarking on a new chapter in its history through participation in the FAI National League. Pictured are team, trainers and mentors Photo: Konrad Paprocki



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St Pauls Tee Off In Memory of Connie

After an indifferent spell of weather the sun shone and a gentle breeze greeted the thirty five teams that took part in the St Pauls Golf Classic on Friday last, September 11th, held in the memory of the legendary Connie Brosnan. The first ball was struck at 8am with the last putt being sunk shortly before 8pm and with benign conditions the scoring was impressive. The Beaufort course was in pristine condition which ensured all the participants enjoyed their day to the full.

Niall O'Brien assembled a crack outfit who dovetailed well and played to the maximum of their handicap. Mark Roche, Cillian and Bernard O'Connor lined out alongside the team captain and their 95 points was never going to be bettered. KMS did a great job chasing them home with an impressive 91 points, with Denis O'Regan, Liam O'Shea, Owen Aherne and Mark Kennedy all hitting the high notes. Oliver Deady, Sean Horgan, Darran O'Connor and Noel Finnegan flew the flag for Frank Roche Air Conditioning with a cool 87 points for third place with the Lake Hotel team in hot pursuit on 86 points

David Hartnett showed his radar was dialled in early, winning the nearest the pin, at the second hole while teammate Kieran O'Keeffe followed suit on the 15th, making it a memorable day for



1st Team; Niall O'Brien, Mark Roche,

the Aghadoe Heights team.

The Club would like to thank most sincerely everyone who took part in the Golf Classic, sponsored a team or a tee box. Special thanks to the greenkeeping team who had the course in immaculate shape despite the recent months of hot weather. We extend our gratitude also to the staff in the Clubhouse who made sure everyone got fed and watered. Finally this event would not be the success it was, over 35 teams took part, without the work of organising Committee, namely Sean Brosnan, Maurice

O'Donoghue, John Carroll and Niall O'Callaghan who ensured the day went off without a hitch.

Results

1st Team Niall O'Brien 95 points

Niall O'Brien

Mark Roche

Cillian O'Connor

Bernard O'Connor

2nd KMS Mechanical

Denis O'Regan

Liam O'Shea

Owen Aherne

Mark Kennedy

3rd Frank Roche Air Conditioning

Oliver Deady

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2nd Hole David Hartnett Aghadoe Heights

15th Hole Kieran O'Keeffe Aghadoe Heights.

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2nd; KMS Mechanical, Denis O'Regan, Liam O'Shea, Owen Aherne, Mark Kennedy.



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to Billy Naughton Ltd as they join the Honda Dealer Network. With the strength of Billy Naughton Ltd, we believe that our partnership creates a wonderful opportunity for the Honda brand to thrive in County Kerry. Their commitment to delivering a customer-first experience makes Billy Naughton's a natural fit for the Honda brand.

Billy Naughton, Owner of Billy Naughton Ltd added, "We are pleased to partner with Gowan Auto and represent the Honda brand. Their history of customer focus is the perfect pairing for our dealership. It is a great period to join the brand with a strong model line-up including the new Civic, new Prelude and the CR-V, along with the latest additions of well-known brand ambassadors including Simon Delaney and Anna Daly."





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Serious Cause, Serious Fun: #TieDayFriday Helps Fill Mental Health Funding Gaps in Kerry

DANCING, discos and donations will take centre stage across Kerry on #TieDayFriday, 9th October, when people of all ages are encouraged to wear a tie, share a picture on social media and donate to Kerry Mental Health Association.

There are several ways to support the annual campaign:

Dancing – Multiple World Champion Irish dancer David Geaney will sidestep from Dingle to Tralee for another Irish Dancing Marathon with another hundred dancers and musicians from 2pm to 9pm outside Kirby's Brogue Inn.

Discos – MyFitness Kerry trainer George Bastible will host a Daybreak Fitness Disco at John Mitchels GAA Complex Sports Hall from 6am to 7am, featuring a live DJ and an energetic early-morning workout.

Donations – Schoolchildren from Tarbert to Tuosist, workers from Ballybunion to Ballyferriter and members of the Kerry diaspora worldwide can donate online, buy a €3 tie pin or organise their own #TieDayFriday activity. Donations to the Irish Dancing Marathon can be made at KerryMentalHealth.ie/dancing, while a separate fundraising page for the Daybreak Fitness Disco is available at KerryMentalHealth.ie/disco.

The General Manager of Kerry Mental Health Association, John Drummey, said:

"While rolling around the bedroom floor in agony with cramp after last year's #TieDayFriday Irish Dancing Marathon, I swore I'd never dance again.

"The pain passed. For people experiencing mental health challenges, difficult days aren't so easily left behind.

"Last year's event brought immense joy to over 100 volunteer dancers and musicians, while local businesses and the public showed tremendous generosity.

"Against the better judgement of my leg muscles, we're doing it all again, and I might



"53 Irish Dancers Sidestep Out To Launch #TieDayFriday Irish Dancing Marathon for Kerry Mental Health Association". Multiple World Champion David Geaney will lead the line-up at Kerry Mental Health Association's Irish Dancing Marathon from 2pm to 9pm on #TieDayFriday 9th October at Kirby's Brogue Inn, Rock Street, Tralee. Pictured with David Geaney outside Kirby's Brogue Inn were John Drummey (Kerry Mental Health Association) and 50 dancers from various parts of Kerry.

even warm up at George Bastible's Daybreak Fitness Disco."

Irish dancers of every age and ability are welcome to take part in the marathon outside Kirby's Brogue Inn. Donations can be made online until 27th October, while #TieDayFriday tie pins will be available for €3 at Garvey's SuperValu on 9th October.

Anyone wishing to take part in the Fitness Disco can register at the MyFitness Kerry gym, opposite McDonald's in Tralee, or contact George Bastible on 087 447 6391 by WhatsApp. People can also support the fundraiser without attending by donating online.

Every euro raised will help fund therapeutic activities at mental health day centres, transport for people accessing mental health

services and mental health awareness projects in communities throughout Kerry.

Kerry Mental Health Association is particularly grateful to Red Chair Recruitment for sponsoring the #TieDayFriday tie pins and to SMBC / JRI America at Kerry Technology Park for providing collection volunteers on #TieDayFriday.

The campaign also relies on the support of volunteer dancers, musicians and fitness enthusiasts, along with the cooperation of schools, businesses and communities throughout Kerry.

To volunteer or organise a fundraiser, email Volunteers@KerryMentalHealth.ie or phone 083 2032742.

St Pats East Kerry Celebrate Under 12 Hurling Success



There was plenty of excitement for St Pats East Kerry GAA/Legion GAA, Killarney, following their victory in the Under 12 East Kerry Hurling Shield Final.

The Killarney side produced a strong performance to overcome Dr Crokes in the final and claim the East Kerry Hurling Shield. Captain James Doody had the honour of collecting the shield on behalf of the team, while coaches Gavin Gardiner and Damien Doody were also part of the celebrations.

It was a fantastic achievement for the young players and a fitting reward for their hard work and commitment throughout the season. Congratulations to all the players, coaches and families involved in a memorable success for St Pats East Kerry.



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Chris Barron and Tara Buckley (pictured) gave a guided Nocturnal Nature Ramble in the National Park for the parish community group.

Photos: Valerie O'Sullivan

Nocturnal Nature Ramble in Killarney National Park

To celebrate the Killarney Parish Season of Creation, newly appointed Parish Administrator Fr Pat O'Donnell and the Killarney National Park Education Centre teamed up for a special 'Parks in the Dark' event as part of European Youth in Parks Day.

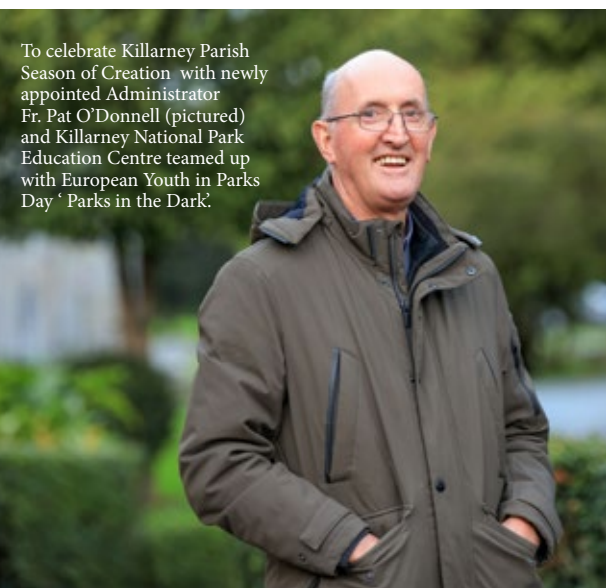
Education Centre staff Chris Barron and Tara Buckley, pictured, led a guided Nocturnal Nature Ramble in Killarney National Park for members of the parish community.

The evening introduced participants to some of the nocturnal creatures that become active in the National Park after dark. Using bat detectors and night-vision binoculars, the group gained a fascinating insight into the wildlife and activity taking place in the Park at night.

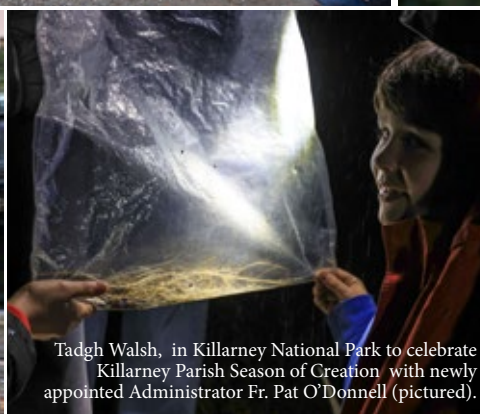
The event provided an opportunity for the parish community to experience the National Park from a different perspective while learning more about its rich natural environment.



They were introduced to many creatures of the night using bat detectors and night vision binoculars to get a deeper insight into the activity in the Park after dark.



To celebrate Killarney Parish Season of Creation with newly appointed Administrator Fr. Pat O'Donnell (pictured) and Killarney National Park Education Centre teamed up with European Youth in Parks Day 'Parks in the Dark'.



Tadhg Walsh, in Killarney National Park to celebrate Killarney Parish Season of Creation with newly appointed Administrator Fr. Pat O'Donnell (pictured).



Muireann O'Sullivan, Flora Walsh and Tadhg Walsh, in Killarney National Park to celebrate Killarney Parish Season of Creation



Alanna O'Connor, Aisling O'Connor and Breeda O'Connor in Killarney National Park to celebrate Killarney Parish Season of Creation.



John Fleming, Catherine, Patrick, Peg and Jerry Fleming, in Killarney National Park to celebrate Killarney Parish Season of Creation.



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KILCUMMIN PARISH

Written by: Helen Moynihan

JUNIOR SET DANCING

Registration for the Friday night set dancing classes will take place on Friday 18th September in the Recreational Hall from 7pm to 7.45pm. Classes will commence on Friday 25th at 7pm for beginners/intermediates and 8pm for advanced. All children are welcome, including children from outside the Parish. For more information contact Mary on 087 9620135.

ONLINE VOLUNTEER INFO SESSION WITH FORÓIGE CLUBS KERRY

Online Volunteer Info Session with Foróige clubs Kerry will take place on Thursday 17th September at 7pm-8pm, online via Google Meet. Foróige is a youth organisation with a difference – where young people are supported to take charge of their capabilities, set their own agendas, and shape their journeys through life. But none of this would be possible without kind, caring, fun, and reliable adult volunteers—just like you!

Foróige volunteers are connected and supported at every single step of their journey. Whether you have 2 hours a week or 2 hours a month to spare, we'd love to invite you to learn more. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out directly to Trudy McQuaid (Foróige Club Support Officer) at 086 834 4978 or trudy.mcquaid@foroige.ie

CHURCH GATE COLLECTION

Kilcummin Community Games will hold their Annual Church Gate Collection on the weekend of the 26th & 27th of September. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS FOR 50+

Gentle Exercise Class for 50+ will take place in the Kilcummin Recreational Hall on Tuesdays morning from 10:30am. Exercises include Standing & Seated Exercises Only, No floor work – Meditation Included. All abilities welcome. Come early to be your best self. For more information contact Mary Coleman (M) 087 975 7951.

KILCUMMIN GAA

KERRY PETROLEUM INTERMEDIATE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL; Kilcummin 0-22 Fossa 0-26.

Heartbreak for our players, mentors and supporters on Sunday as we came up short by four points in the final in Fitzgerald stadium in front of



The Kilcummin U12 Mixed set dancers pictured with their trainer Adrian Moriarty after winning the All Ireland Fleadh Cheoil competition in Belfast recently.

a massive crowd.

We are immensely proud of their commitment and efforts to capture the title and overcome many frustrations during the game. We also acknowledge the team's progress game on game and while it was not to be on Sunday they have given their supporters plenty to cheer about and great hope going forward. Congratulations to Fossa and good luck in the future.

KILCUMMIN GAA LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Monday 7th September 2026 for the Jackpot of €10,250. Numbers drawn were 08,16,19,24. Consolation prizes of €50 went to John Canavan, John McSweeney, Mastergeeha, Geraldine Guilfoyle, Ruairi De Lacy. Our next draw will be on Monday 21st September for Jackpot of €10,500. Thank you for your continued support.

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Kilcummin Supporters pictured at Fitzgerald Stadium for the Intermediate Club Final.

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GLENFLESK PARISH

Written by: Sean Daly

60 MILES FOR PIETA

We wish Siobhán Favier the very best as she continues her special challenge of running 60 miles during September in aid of Pieta, in memory of her husband Ollie. Glenflesk GAA Healthy Club has invited the community to run, walk or simply come along for a chat at the Glenflesk GAA walking track on Thursday 17th and Thursday the 24th of September at 7pm. All ages and abilities are most welcome. Siobhán will complete the final 3km of her 60 mile challenge on Tuesday the 29th of September at 7pm, finishing at Glenflesk GAA. Everyone is invited to come along and see Siobhán home, with refreshments in the club afterwards. Siobhán is undertaking the challenge not only in memory of our great friend Ollie, but also to raise awareness and funds for Pieta and to help ensure that those who are struggling know that support is there. Anyone wishing to support Siobhán's fundraiser can donate through her iDonate page online.

NIALL MELLON

Two of the Glenflesk minor panel and young whistlers Mark Bartlett and Sean Herlihy, are travelling to South Africa in 2027 as part of the Niall Mellon Educate Programme with a group from St Brendan's College, Killarney. To help reach the fundraising target of €35,000, they are holding a fundraising Night at the Dogs in the Kingdom Greyhound Stadium, Tralee on Friday the 25th of September. Tickets are only €10 and children under 12 are free. It will be a great family night of entertainment with a selection of novelty races and a fantastic raffle. Also current members of the Kerry senior football panel will be in attendance, with photo and autograph opportunities with them before the racing starts, including



Glenflesk U10 girls who won the Shield Final at the Paddy O'Leary Tournament in Gneeveguilla last Friday night.

David Clifford, Paudie Clifford and Gavin White. To purchase tickets check out St Brendan's College Facebook page. If you are unable to attend and would like to support our 2 young players you can donate through their iDonate page online.

LISTRY PARISH

Written by: Colette Leslie

LOTTO

Sept. 13t 2026 Jackpot €3,300. Numbers Drawn: 7,17,19,22. No Winner. €100 Seamus Hobbins, Coolroe. €50 John Cotter c/o Donal Counihan. €50 Colm Buckley, Lahard. €25 John Kerins c/o Faha Court. €25 Kathleen Courtney, Rockfield. Jackpot next weekend 20/09/26 €3,450

U10

Saturday, 19th September: U10 Girls Blitz – hosted in Faha at 11am, with Fossa, Beaufort, Legion, Kenmare and Keel taking part.

U12

Saturday, 19th September the U12 Boys play the Tony Moynihan Memorial Tournament, Rathmore



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RATHMORE | GNEEVEGUILLA PARISH

By Michael O'Mahony

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to all the juvenile athletes who competed in the Turbo Javelin events for U10, U12 and U14 athletes at Gneeveguilla GAA grounds last weekend. Congratulations to all the medal winners.

Well done also to all the adults who took part in the Wellington throwing competition. There were many interesting techniques and styles on display, and everyone certainly gave it wellie on the day. A fun afternoon was had by all.

Hopefully, the activities will have sparked an interest among newcomers. New members are welcome at the club's weekly training sessions.

ATHLETICS TRAINING

Thursdays at 7pm at Gneeveguilla GAA grounds. Open to athletes born in 2019 and older.

Throws and jumps: Sundays at 11am in Gneeveguilla and Glash, alternating every second weekend.

Senior and Masters running: Mondays, 7-8pm. Contact Cheryl on 087 641 3612.

GNEEVEGUILLA LOTTO

There was no winner of last week's Lotto jackpot. The jackpot for this coming Friday, September 18, is €15,600, with a €1,000 bonus draw.

SHARE THE BUCKET

The Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group reminds everyone that the Share the Bucket draw takes place every Friday evening in Teach Fáilte at 8pm. The draw can also be viewed live on the Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook page. This week's jackpot was €202, with Elaine Carmody the winner.

Tickets cost €2 each or three for €5 and are available from Teach Fáilte, participating local businesses and online. All funds raised go towards the proposed new community facility. The group thanked local businesses, shops and pubs for their continued support, as well as everyone who purchases tickets each week.

CULTURE NIGHT – TUREENCAHILL

Friday, September 18, 2026. Culture Night will take place at Tureencahill Community Centre on Friday, September 18. All are welcome.

RATHMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL 301 CLUB

Memberships and renewals for the Rathmore Community Council 301 Club are now open. The monthly draw helps support the work of Rathmore Community Council while giving members the chance to win prizes. Those wishing to join can scan the QR code provided or contact a member of Rathmore Community Council. Contacts: Niall Kelleher – 087 669 4101. Timmy O'Brien – 087 904 8086. Donal O'Connor – 087 355 2021. Denis McCrohan – 087 753 0072. Therese Higgins – 086 171 6712. Marie Cleverley – 087 656 2388. Siobhan Dennehy – 087 222 4118. Jacantha Murphy – 087 704 4176

The council thanked everyone for their continued support and wished all members the best of luck in the draws.

CLUB SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Rathmore v Dr Crokes. Venue: Fitzgerald Stadium. Date: Sunday, September 20. Time: 3.30pm. Extra time and a winner on the day will apply. The game will be shown live on TG4.

SILVER CIRCLE DRAW

The annual Silver Circle Draw is being launched as the organisation's

only fundraiser of the year. A ticket distribution evening will take place in St Mary's Presbytery on Monday, September 14, from 7pm to 8.30pm. Anyone willing to sell tickets is asked to attend and collect them on the night. The first draw will take place on Thursday, October 8. Tickets must be returned by Friday, October 2.

ALZHEIMER'S MEMORY WALK 2026

The Alzheimer's Memory Walk 2026 will take place on Sunday, September 20. Killarney's meeting point is at the entrance to Killarney National Park, opposite St Mary's Cathedral, at 11am. The walk is 5km. Registration is available through memorywalk.ie. Everyone is encouraged to support this worthy cause.

LEGION OF MARY – MILLSTREET

The Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday night in the Parish Centre in Millstreet at 7.30pm.

LEGION OF MARY ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

The annual Legion of Mary pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday, September 27. The bus will leave at 6.30am from the Church of the Resurrection, Park Road, Killarney, with stops in Farranfore and Castleisland. The cost is €30. To book, contact Pat on 086 851 0423.

MILLSTREET PIPE BAND – NEW MEMBERS WANTED

Millstreet Pipe Band, now in its 75th year, is looking for new members.

A registration night will take place on Friday, September 11, at 8pm in the band room, located behind Carnegie Hall in Millstreet, with access from the car park.

The band is looking for young people aged 10 and upwards, as well as adults, to learn bagpipes or drums.

The band performs at local and national events, including Munster GAA Finals, Duhallow Finals, the Rose of Tralee and Béal na Bláth.

Membership also provides opportunities to meet people of all ages from other pipe bands, attend piping and drumming workshops and take part in Massed Band events.

There is an initial once-off cost of €30, which covers a pipe chanter or drumsticks and drum pad. Tuition, uniforms, bagpipes, drums, transport to events and other costs are covered by the Pipe Band.

New members' practice takes place on Friday nights at 7.15pm for both bagpipers and drummers, although times can be flexible where necessary. For further information, contact the band on 086 896 6163.

Gneeveguilla carnival

Congratulations to John Murphy on his election as Lord Mayor of Gneeveguilla at their Annual carnival which was great success last weekend we wish John every success in year ahead

MILLSTREET PIP BAND

Save the Date Saturday 3rd October at 7.00pm. Millstreet Pipe Band 75th Anniversary Parade. A Massed Band comprising of Millstreet Pipe Band & a number of other Pipe Bands will parade together from the West End to Millstreet Town Square where we will play a number of tunes to celebrate our 75th Anniversary. All welcome to join us at the Bush Bar after the parade where entertainment will be provided by Comhaltas & The Kelts.

NOTES

If you would like to add to the notes, please email Michael O'Mahony at momahony14@gmail.com or ring/text 087 667 6817. Items should be submitted before 6pm on Sunday evening.

BEAUFORT PARISH

By Bridget Hartnett

LOTTO

Lotto Draw for a Jackpot of €5,400 was held on Sunday last. Numbers drawn were 2, 4, 22, 23. No winner. €80 Margaret Foley, Dunloe Upper. €50 Eileen Scully, Paudie Coffey, Cullina Upper and Ada Moloney, Coolbane. Next Draw will be held on Sunday 27th September. Tickets available from usual sellers, local shops, bars and restaurants. It can also be done online <https://beaufortgaa.clubforce.com/products/lotto/beaufort-gaa-club> It's quick and easy, with options for Quick Pick, buying for a friend and more. Your support is greatly appreciated.

CONGRATS TO BEAUFORT SENIOR LADIES as they secured a place in the semi final of the club Intermediate Championship with a win over Austin Stacks earlier today in Tralee on a score-line of 1-12 to 2-05

WELL DONE TO THE U12 BOYS who took part in the Eric Mason memorial blitz in Ballymac. The boys got to the shield final and were

unlucky to be beaten by the host team. Beaufort finished runners up and have another medal for their collection. Thanks to all coaches for their time.

FIXTURES THIS WEEK

Friday 18th September, U12 boys away to Laune Rangers B at 6.30pm in Killorglin

Saturday 19th September Gaelic 4 Mothers 'n Others annual blitz in Beaufort, registration at 12 noon.

Saturday 19th September U10 girls in Listry for a blitz-11am -1pm.

Sunday 20th September Beaufort senior ladies in the semi final of the Intermediate Club Championship V MKL Gaels at 12 noon, venue TBC

Sunday 20th September, U12 girls blitz in Legion @12 noon.

Sunday 20th September Mid Kerry V North Kerry in Beaufort @1.45pm in the Garveys SuperValu senior football county championship Rd 1.

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Spa U14 Girls who played in the final match of the season vs Milltown Castlemaine



Spa U12 Girls who played in the LGFA County Blitz

SPA PARISH

By Leanne Cronin

SPA LADIES REACH COUNTY SEMI-FINAL

Spa Senior Ladies booked their place in the semi-final of the Bon Secours County Championship Junior Premier with a 1-12 to 1-5 victory over Glenflesk in Sunday's quarter-final at Spa. Spa led 1-5 to 0-1 at half-time, with Mairead Finnegan finding the net and Saoirse Kelly in excellent scoring form from frees. Glenflesk enjoyed a strong spell early in the second half, but Spa weathered the pressure before regaining control. Ciara O'Sullivan contributed three points, with Kelly and Finnegan also adding scores, while the Spa defence was strong throughout. Glenflesk battled to the end and scored a late goal, but Mairead Bennett rounded off the scoring with her second point of the game. Spa now travel to Fossa on Sunday for the county semi-final, 12pm start.

SPA JUNIORS MAKE WINNING CAHILL CUP START

Spa Junior Men got their Cahill Cup campaign off to a winning start on Sunday with a 6-13 to 2-11 victory away to Listowel Emmets. Spa led 3-5 to 1-4 at half-time and, despite a strong spell from Listowel early in the second half which saw the gap reduced to three points, Spa regained control and finished strongly. Michael Horgan was the leading scorer with 2-3, while Niall McCarthy contributed 1-5, Mikey Moynihan 1-3 and Oran O'Neill 1-2. JJ O'Donoghue also found the net as Spa secured an impressive opening win. The Juniors are back in Cahill Cup action this coming weekend when they host Currow, details will be on our website and socials once confirmed.

GET INVOLVED IN SCÓR

Entries are now being sought for Scór na nÓg and Scór na bPáistí in Spa GAA. Whether it's singing, dancing, music or performance, Scór offers a chance to get involved, try something new and represent the club. No previous experience is required. The deadline for Scór na nÓg entries is Wednesday, 30th September. For more information, contact Anna on 086 210 7874 or Sarah on 086 103 8116.

SPA GAA HOSTS MOVEMBER 'AHEAD OF THE GAME' PROGRAMME

Spa GAA was delighted to host the Movember Ahead of the Game mental health programme on Tuesday, September 8th, for our U16 boys, along with their parents and coaches. Facilitated by Martin Stackpoole and Laura Linnane, the session focused on supporting young people's mental health and wellbeing, building resilience and encouraging open conversations around mental health and seeking support when needed. There was a great turnout on the night, with players, parents and coaches engaging in a very worthwhile and informative session. A big thank you to the Spa GAA Health & Wellbeing Committee, our U16 players and coaches, and all the parents who took the time to attend and support the initiative.

SPA U12 GIRLS ENJOY COUNTY BLITZ DAY

The Spa U12 girls enjoyed a fantastic day out as they travelled to John Mitchels GAA grounds for the Kerry LGFA U12 Lee Strand County Blitz. With 21 players taking part, the girls were divided into two teams, with both playing three competitive and action-packed games. There was plenty of skill, determination and teamwork on display throughout the day, with some excellent goalkeeping, defending and finishing. Off the pitch, the girls enjoyed meeting some of the current Kerry LGFA stars and

getting photos, before rounding off a busy day with a well-earned trip to McDonald's. Well done to all 21 girls on their fantastic efforts, and a big thank you to the coaches and parents for their continued support.

SPA U14 GIRLS BRING SEASON TO A CLOSE

Spa U14 girls brought their season to a close recently with an away fixture against a strong Milltown/Castlemaine side in the East Kerry League Division 2. Despite the result, it was a much-improved performance from Spa, with the girls showing great effort, determination and commitment from start to finish. Cara proudly captained the team in their final game of the season. While the result did not go Spa's way, the girls can be very proud of their development, resilience, teamwork and team spirit throughout the year. The season was rounded off with a well-earned trip to Supermac's for some pizza! A sincere thank you to all the girls and their parents for their commitment and support throughout the season.

SPA PLAYERS REPRESENT EAST KERRY IN U16 PLATE FINAL

Well done to Spa players Aidan Hickey, Eric Corcoran, Jack Gleeson, Jack Rice, Maks Wesolowski, Sam O'Shea, Torin Lyne and joint captain Eoin Brosnan, who were all part of the East Kerry panel that faced Castleisland District in Monday's U16 County Championship Plate Final in Austin Stack Park. While East Kerry were disappointed to lose out to a last-minute point, the Spa lads all acquitted themselves very well and did the club proud. Well done to all involved.

CLUB LOTTO

Spa Lotto 14/09/2026 Results. Numbers drawn: 7, 9, 27, 28. No jackpot winner. Lucky Dips €50 each: Meghann Cronin, Patrick Herlihy, Billy Doyle, Margaret Collins, Ian McMonagle. Next week's draw will be on Monday 21 September for a jackpot of €11,700. Play online via www.spagaa.com/draws



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

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

Tax Free Cash: Most people will be entitled to a tax free lump sum, the amount varies however generally you will get at least 25% of the value of your pension in a tax free cash lump sum.

Taxable Cash: You may also be able to take a sum of your pension in taxable cash.

Annual Pension: This is a guaranteed income usually paid monthly for the rest of your life that is purchased with the money left after your tax free lump sum, this is subject to taxation.

Approved Retirement Funds: You may be entitled to keep some of your money in an approved retirement fund, money can be taken from the fund to give you a regular income, usually monthly. This is subject to taxation also. Taxation at retirement is often much lower than when you are working.

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

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

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President Connolly receives President Donald Trump on a courtesy call at Áras an Uachtaráin

Uachtarán na hÉireann, Catherine Connolly, received the President of the United States of America, Donald Trump, on a courtesy call at Áras an Uachtaráin at the weekend.

Following a ceremonial welcome which included the signing of the Distinguished Visitors Book, the playing of the National Anthems, and the Inspection of a Guard of Honour, the two Presidents were introduced to each other's delegations.

The two Heads of State then met for over twenty minutes in the President's Drawing Room, accompanied by members of their delegations.

In a statement following the meeting, President Connolly said: "As President of Ireland, I am very conscious that Ireland and the United States of America are bound by strong ties. This is a deep connection, built over centuries, which allows us to speak openly to one another.

We are in a world facing the existential threat posed by war and climate change, both of which are inextricably interlinked. I conveyed the strong view of the Irish people that the normalisation of war and genocide can never be accepted.

As a country which has suffered famine, colonisation and the violence of the Troubles, but also the importance of the long and challenging road to peace, I emphasised the unique insight which Irish people can bring to the resolution of conflict.

I highlighted to President Trump the strong commitment which the Irish people have to international relations, to the importance of the United Nations, including the pride which Irish people feel in Ireland's contribution to UN Peacekeeping since 1958, and to the obligations contained within Article 29 of our Constitution towards the peaceful resolution of international disputes.

I assured President Trump that the Irish people would strongly support all those who have the strength to build a shared peace



President Connolly and President Donald Trump during meeting in Áras an Uachtaráin while on a courtesy call at the start of his visit to Ireland.

Photo: Tony Maxwell

in all those parts of the world currently suffering from such horrific war and violence."

Over the course of their discussion, the two Heads of State also discussed the contribution of Irish emigrants to the United States, yesterday's 25th Anniversary of September 11th, and the 250th Anniversary of the United States' independence.

During their discussions around Northern Ireland, President Connolly

noted the contribution made by the United States to the peace process, including through the International Fund for Ireland. To mark the courtesy call, President Connolly gifted President Trump a St Brigid's Cross, a copy of the book 'Navigatio Sancti Brendani – The Voyage of St Brendan', and the collected poems of Michael Longley, including his sonnet 'Ceasefire'.

Irish music and culture celebrated in Casperia

An evening of Irish music and culture was held in the historic centre of Casperia, Italy, as part of the long-standing town twinning relationship between Casperia and Killarney.

The 'Night of Ireland' featured Celtic sounds and Irish music performed by The Shire, with the town square providing the setting for an evening celebrating the friendship between the two communities.

The event offered those attending an opportunity to experience aspects of Irish culture and traditions through music, while also reaffirming the importance of the twinning relationship.

Maria Francesca Gennari, the councillor responsible for town twinning with the Municipality of Casperia, said the relationship went beyond its institutional dimension and was based on meetings, cultural exchange and getting to know one another.

She said initiatives such as the Irish evening helped keep the relationship between the two communities alive, creating opportunities for people to meet, share their traditions and feel closer despite the geographical distance.

Thanks were expressed to the cultural association Radici Sabine, which promotes the



twinning relationship, as well as to everyone involved in organising the event and to the public who attended.

The evening was described as another step forward in the friendship between Casperia and Killarney, which has developed over many years through mutual visits and exchanges,

cultural initiatives, and folkloric and sporting events.

The continuing programme of activities reflects the strong links between the two communities and the value placed on maintaining the friendship and cultural connections between Killarney and Casperia.



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SUCCESS

September heralds a return to school or college for young people throughout the country. It's also the beginning of an important year for those facing into state or college exams. So, whether you have a public or an in-house exam at the end of the academic year, the key to success is good planning and a consistent approach to study. Set realistic target grades in each subject or module. A clear aim will focus and motive you. Achieve your goals by efficiently managing your time, your study and your personal fitness.

TIME

Time management means establishing a regular and disciplined study routine. Commit to a number of hours study each night. At the end of a short period, such as a week, review the quality of your work. Medium term planning involves the completion of a certain amount of work over a longer period, such as a school term. The long-term plan is to be totally prepared for the end of year exam.

REVIEW

Review your progress regularly. The first term is primarily devoted to completing course work. Your immediate objective is doing nightly homework of a high standard. Develop the habit of revision as early in the year as possible. Start organising your copies of past exam papers. Begin to consider how the exam is structured. Become familiar with the format and layout of each paper, the style of question asked and the topics examined. Know how the marks are allocated and how much time should be spent on each question.

DIARY

Use a conventional or electronic homework diary to record assignments. Develop your own study plan but prioritise with deadlines in mind. An efficient system is to follow the subject timetable for the following day's classes, which will give you variety each night, keep you working to deadlines, will provide a safeguard against beginning with your favourite subject each night and relegating a less favoured subject until last. Commit yourself to about four hours work each night, to include homework and a little revision, if time permits. Work in two-hour sessions and take a half hour break between the two sittings. In an exam year, Friday night

must be included in the study schedule. Do six or seven hours study over Saturday and Sunday, mainly consisting of review and revision.

REVISION

Revise only when you have completed your homework assignments. Try to include all your subjects in your weekly revision plan. Revise in small manageable self-contained units. Revision is effective only if you understand and can write down what you have revised.

REWARD

Study and revision can become tedious. So, stay focused by establishing a reward system to reinforce your progress and to maintain your momentum. Exam success is your greatest motivator, but short-term rewards give you an immediate sense of purpose. Identify the 'time thieves' - that is, where time is being wasted - early in the year and eliminate them by efficient time management.

ENVIRONMENT

Good working conditions are vital aids to effective study. A comfortable private study environment at home is essential. Study on your own, if possible, in a room which is peaceful and quiet. A table and a hardback chair are basic requirements. Make sure the heating and the lighting in the room is satisfactory. Don't distract yourself by playing music in the background or by wearing earphones. Organise your books and materials before you begin each study session to avoid having to leave the room.

PARTICIPATE

At school, listen actively in class. Participate in class by asking questions, by showing enthusiasm and by helping to create a studious class atmosphere. It goes without saying that the best information is available at school. So, attend all your classes punctually and be determined to learn.

MATERIALS

Organise your practical materials, such as calculator, books, writing pads, etc. Clear, comprehensible and well-documented notes are an invaluable organisational aid. Ensure that your handwriting is legible, that your diagrams are detailed and intelligible and that your presentation is neat. If you are filing material on your desktop or laptop computer organise it

carefully for easy access.

CONCENTRATION

Concentration is a by-product of routine and organisation. By arranging it for a set time each day you reinforce your commitment to your study. The more focused you are on your study and the more determined you are to do well, the more your concentration will improve. To aid your concentration during study, develop the habit of doing mild forms of exercise - perhaps a short breathing exercise, or simply close your eyes to allow your mind and body to relax for a few moments.

POSITIVE

Concentration is considerably aided by a positive attitude, so have confidence in your ability to perform well in your exam. Always keep a good thought about yourself and be success orientated. Self-confidence and positive thinking lead to success. Be single minded about your objectives. Keep an eye on your personal targets and avoid mental fatigue by sensible use of recreation and leisure. With an organised and disciplined approach to your study you will do very well in your exam. Have a good and successful year.

CHECKLIST

- Tues., 22nd Sept: CAO Round Four offers online at 10am
- Thurs., 24th Sept: Accept Round Four offers by 3pm
- Fri., 25th Sept.: Results of Leaving Cert appeals released at 11am
- Tues., 29th Sept.: CAO Round Five offers online at 10am
- Thurs., 1st Oct.: Accept Round Five offers by 3pm
- Thurs., 1st Oct.: CAO offer season ends
- Many Post-Leaving Cert (PLC) courses still have vacancies
- CAO vacant place facility is now open

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New solicitor apprenticeship offers 'earn while you learn' pathway into the legal profession

The Law Society of Ireland is introducing a new solicitor apprenticeship programme this week, marking one of the most significant changes to solicitor training and access to the profession in many decades.

School leavers will now be able to train to become a solicitor without a third-level degree, creating an alternative to the traditional graduate-led route.

Designed to broaden access to the profession, the earn-while-you-learn programme offers another access route for would-be solicitors. It will be fully accredited by the Law Society and of equal standing to existing qualification pathways.

The apprenticeship programme was developed in response to the Law Society's strategy to expand access to the profession. This commitment



is already reflected in a range of initiatives, including hybrid training models that reduce the need for trainees to attend courses in person, as well as scholarships and grants designed to remove financial barriers to legal education. Until now, legal executives and legal clerks were required to have at least five years' experience before they could pursue qualification as a solicitor. The new programme allows them to begin that process earlier in their careers. Expressions of interest open this September, with the first cohort of apprentices expected to commence in September 2027.

This new programme will also support legal firms experiencing recruitment and retention challenges, particularly in rural areas.



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Deputy Michael Healy-Rae welcomes €7.8 million approval for regeneration projects in Tralee and Killarney

Michael Healy-Rae TD has welcomed the approval of €7.8 million in support for three Kerry projects under Round 1 of the Towns and Cities Regeneration Investment Fund.

The approved projects are:

€7.5 million for the Tralee Town Centre Experience Enhancement 2028 project.

€150,000 for a Masterplan and Infrastructure Delivery Plan for St Finan's Hospital, Killarney.
€150,000 for the Tralee Eastern Corridor Regeneration Plan.

Welcoming the announcement, Deputy Healy-Rae said:

"This is very welcome news for Kerry, with substantial support approved for Tralee town centre and funding to plan for the future of St Finan's in Killarney and Tralee's eastern corridor.

"The €7.5 million approval for Tralee town centre is a significant opportunity to improve the town for the people who live and work there, support local businesses and make it a more attractive place to visit.

"In Killarney, the future of St Finan's is hugely important. This €150,000 will support the preparation of a masterplan and infrastructure delivery plan, providing a basis for progressing the site's future. We need to see that planning work lead to real progress.

"The funding for the Tralee Eastern Corridor Regeneration Plan is also welcome and will help prepare the area for future investment."

The approvals form part of a national programme under which €409 million will be



€150,000 for a Masterplan and Infrastructure Delivery Plan has been announced for St Finan's Hospital, Killarney.

available, subject to local authorities meeting the targets set out in their applications.

The St Finan's and Tralee Eastern Corridor plans fall under Category 1A, supporting longer-term projects for delivery in the later years of the National Development Plan. The Tralee town centre project falls under Category 1B, which focuses on projects that can be on-site by September 2027.

Deputy Healy-Rae added:

"The next step is delivery. This funding is tied to targets, so it is essential that Kerry County Council has the support it needs to progress these projects and meet the required deadlines.

"I will continue to press for these approvals to translate into tangible improvements for Tralee and Killarney. Local people and businesses need to see the benefit of this investment on the ground."

Deputy Danny Healy Rae Raises Concerns Over Airbnb And Short Term Lets Limiting

Deputy Danny Healy Rae has raised concern about the proposals from European Commissioner for energy and housing Dan Jorgensen to limit Airbnb or short term lets and give autonomy to our Country to do just that. This has been tried unsuccessfully by recent Governments here and they have failed simply because we need our tourist industry and short term lets to supplement accommodation for the massive tourist industry here all over the country.

There are a number of things to remember here, many people if they have vacant properties won't use them as long term lets as they won't be able to get their property back if they need it for family member to stay there or they may use their property at certain times of the year when family and friends come to visit from abroad.

Our shortage of housing is gone way further than limiting Air bnbs.



European Commissioner for energy and housing Dan Jorgensen.

If Dan Jorgensen wants to solve the problem of housing, he needs to look closer to the rules and planning regulations many coming from Europe preventing many people from building one off houses for themselves,

Environmental restrictions that seem to be coming from Europe or at least that's what we are being told.

Many would build houses for themselves if they got planning. Many developers are being denied planning for multiple houses and estates development because of environmental restrictions and objections. Many of our cities, towns and villages do not have the basic infrastructure of water and sewerage and we have fallen so far behind that we need urgent funding to bring it up to standard. The answer to our housing shortage is to build more houses and entice people to rent out houses idle around the country who would prefer to leave them empty than comply with rules and restrictions that is making it difficult to release these houses.



DANNY HEALY-RAE^{TD}



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At the September meeting of Kerry County Council, Killarney Municipal District, *Cllr. John O'Donoghue raised the following issues:*



• **To ask that the Council would purchase Conroy Hall on Park Road Killarney. It is in a prime location and could serve a multitude of uses were it in the hands of Kerry County Council.**

This building is located on a prime site in Killarney Town, and given the large population living in the area could provide a number of uses to the local community like a community centre for both young and old. I believe that given the nature of the current owners business, they may well look favourably upon a bid from a body that would retain the building for use by the public and I feel that were Kerry County Council in a financial position to do so, they should try to purchase the building.

• **That we would write to the Kerry ETB and request they look into the possibility of some of the night classes previously run at Killarney Community College resuming.**

These night classes were previously a mainstay of life in the town, particularly during the winter months. A wide variety of classes were provided, offering very practical training in areas such as cooking and typing etc. They were very popular and while I am not familiar with the reason behind them ceasing, I feel the possibility of them being restored should be explored. Far beyond the training they provided, they were a valuable social outlet for many in the town, particularly those who are retired.

• **That we would write to Uisce Éireann and ask now that the EPA have identified the Waste Water Treatment Plant as needing upgrading, that they would do this as soon as possible and that they would update us on their plans for same.**

I have been persistently highlighting my concerns about the Waste Water Treatment Plant in Killarney during my time in the Council so I had mixed emotions when my fears were confirmed by the EPA highlighting the need for the plant to be upgraded. Given the Treatment Plant's proximity to The Lakes of Killarney this needs to be made a matter of absolute urgency. Any form of malfunction from the plant would prove disastrous from an Environmental point

of view and housing development in the town would grind to an immediate halt. Our housing system is already broken given the fact that demand outstrips supply to such an extent that prices in Killarney are ludicrously high, barring all but the very wealthy from buying a house. The impact upon tourism would be catastrophic as the Lakes of Killarney are the jewel in our crown and as we saw in Lough Neagh, even the most famous and in theory highly monitored lakes can suffer from huge pollution. We need to demand action from Uisce Éireann and a timeframe for when the works are scheduled to be carried out.

• **That we would receive an update on plans for the proposed pedestrian crossing at Killarney Athletic FC.**

I am delighted to see the club thriving with such a strong underage setup. However, this brings its own demands and I feel the delivery of this pedestrian crossing will be central to addressing safety concerns on the road. It will also naturally introduce traffic calming which is also to be welcomed. The club are very thankful to the Council engineers for their engagement so far, and I am delighted to see work on the crossing should commence next year.

• **Have we the results from the speed monitoring on Mill road and what action will now follow these results?**

I accept the findings from the survey which shows that speeding is not taking place. However, this does not mean that there are not cars driving far too quickly on this stretch of road. It is very densely populated, and given its proximity to the INEC and Killarney town, has large numbers of pedestrians walking on it each day. The chronic traffic issues in Killarney mean the Mill Road is heavily used by motor vehicles looking to avoid traffic going into town. Given the fact that the Southern end of the road is very urban, would the Council consider traffic calming measures and if necessary, I would be delighted to help fund these through my Councillors Allocation if required.

• **Have the Council examined the feasibility of availing of some of the retrofitting grants for the Áras Pádraig? Is the building structurally sound enough and would these grants be sufficient to make it viable again?**

I realise that elsewhere on the agenda I have raised the possibility of purchasing another property when all the while, the Áras Pádraig lies idle. The Council have previously advised that as we rejected previous proposals for the building, which I feel was the correct thing to do, they are trying to identify a new funding stream for the project. There are now many refurbishment grants available to home owners, has the Council explored the possibility of accessing any of these, and what surveys on the structural integrity of the building have been carried out? Would retrofitting and refurbishment bring the



building back to a usable condition? We might not wind up with a perfect building, but we could wind up with a suitable compromise for all.

• **Could the pedestrian crossing on the Heights Hill by Daly's Super Valu be trialled with a flashing light for a month to see if this improves traffic flow?**

These traffic lights which are on one of the main arteries into the town are repeatedly adding to the tailbacks stretching out the Cork road. Although I, and I believe the majority of my colleagues here think they are too close to the roundabout and we have requested them being set back a little further in the proposed road works at this location, I would be interested to see were they put on a flashing light rather than a push button would that help alleviate the traffic congestion. Often times I notice the lights turn red stopping traffic with no one to be seen crossing the road. If my request is not possible I would ask that the timings be examined to allow a slightly longer period of time before they turn red to allow more people to cross at a time.

• **That we would receive an update from the inquiry into the suspected pollution incident in the River Deenagh from earlier this year. What have the enquiries found out and has a culprit been identified?**

The largest recorded fish kill in the history of the state happened just over the County Bounds in Cork on the river Blackwater last year and incredibly, no culprit has as of yet been identified. The event itself was absolutely catastrophic for marine life in the area, and the failure by the authorities to even identify the cause, much less the culprit is shameful. How can it be prevented from occurring again if they can't decide what did happen. We had our own pollution incident here in Killarney earlier this year, and despite much noise about it at the time, we have heard nothing since. This is one of the main waterways in our town, feeding into the Lakes of Killarney, and it is vital we identify the cause in order to ensure it does not happen again. Have the Council any update on the investigation into the incident and more importantly, what steps are being taken to ensure it doesn't happen again? I am very disappointed to see that we also do not appear to be able to find a culprit and it would suggest testing methods in this country are far too reactive, and a more proactive approach is required.

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3rd: Ursula Daly & Ciaran Broadbery

E/W

1st: Hazel O'Connell & Kathleen Coen

2nd: Joan Moore & Eileen Murphy

3rd: Margaret O'Sullivan & Maura Horan

Well done everyone, great scoring.

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

FOSSA ROWING CLUB

SWIFT RACING COASTAL ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Very well done to our men's J14 and women's J16 crews who took part in the Swift Racing Coastal Rowing Championships in Bantry today. Some absolutely fantastic rowing in perfect rowing conditions. Thanks to all at Bantry Rowing Club for a superb event. Very well done to our crews, coxes and coaches, we are super proud of you all. Thanks also to our fantastic supporters who cheered on the crews.

TESCO COMMUNITY FUND

Fossa Rowing Club has been selected as a beneficiary of the Tesco Community Support Fund. So be sure to get your blue tokens when you shop at the Big Tesco/Park Road and pop them into the Fossa Rowing Club section to support the club.

CLUB SOCIAL

Our club social has been set for Saturday the 17th of October at Kate Kearneys. We will have a drinks reception followed by a 3 course meal with music and a DJ until close. This promises to be a brilliant night. A fully ticketed event so tickets must be bought in advance and the closing date for purchasing tickets is the 11th of October. Check out Clubzap for tickets. More details to follow so keep an eye on all the socials for more.

KILLARNEY VALLEY AC

The Killarney Valley road racing crew had a busy weekend.

Brendan Joy was the second finisher in the Jerry Kiernan Tralee 10k.

Marie Claire Healy and Conor Kissane both picked up overall prizes at the culmination of the An Riocht 5k Series.

There was a large KVAC cohort taking part in the Charleville Half marathon on Sunday. Derek Pyne, Niall Byrne, Natalie Breen, Donald O'Sullivan, Denis McCarthy, Jack Coffey, Kevin Smith, Sinéad Hickey, Elaine Lanigan, Caitriona Shanahan and DJ O'Sullivan all took part. Congratulations to all on their efforts.

The track resurfacing continues albeit somewhat delayed due to unfavourable weather. Thanks to all for their patience and forbearance.

Meanwhile Cross Country training is proceeding apace in the Demesne.

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

Fossa Rowing Club Men's J14 crew



Fossaa Rowing Club Women's J16 crew



KVAC Road Racing crew out in force at the Charleville Half Marathon.



KILLORGLIN ROWING CLUB

Killorglin Rowing Club's junior athletes enjoyed an outstanding day at the Swift Racing Coastal Junior Championships in Bantry on Sunday, returning home with five national titles, three silver medals and a series of strong performances across the J14, J16 and J18 categories.

The results provided another significant championship success for the club, just weeks after Killorglin's senior women completed a clean sweep of the three women's titles at the Senior Coastal Championships in Wicklow.

At J18 level, Noah Granville and Rory Barry got Killorglin's day off to the perfect start, winning the Men's J18 Double Scull in 10:28.8, four seconds clear of Kilmacsimon in second.

There was further success in the Women's J18 Double, where Killorglin took both first and fourth. Fia O'Gorman and Maria Murphy raced to the national title in 11:09.8, more than 30 seconds clear of the second-placed Loughros/Athlone combination, while Aisling O'Sullivan and Kate McMahon finished fourth.

Murphy also produced a strong performance

in the Women's J18 Single Scull, taking silver in 12:00.9 behind Maeve McLoughlin, adding another championship medal to Killorglin's tally.

One of the standout individual performances of the day came from Freya Doyle, who claimed the Women's J16 Single Scull title. Doyle crossed the line in 12:50.5 in a closely contested race, just 3.6 seconds ahead of second-placed L. Harrington.

Killorglin's strength in the bigger boats was also on display. Doyle, Aisling O'Sullivan, Mary O'Sullivan and Robyn O'Shea, coxed by Celine Kavanagh, won the Women's J16 Coxed Quad, finishing in 11:13.6 and 18.2 seconds clear of Castletownbere A.

The club fielded two crews in the Women's J16 Double final, with Aisling O'Sullivan and Mary O'Sullivan finishing fifth and Natasha Donegan and Robyn O'Shea seventh.

Doyle then stepped up an age category to join Kate McMahon, Fia O'Gorman and Maria Murphy in the Women's J18 Coxed Quad. Coxed by Kavanagh, the crew delivered another commanding performance, winning in 11:14.1 - almost 55 seconds ahead of second-placed Kilmacsimon.

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That victory gave Doyle an impressive three national titles on the day, across the J16 Single, J16 Quad and J18 Quad.

Killorglin also came within seconds of adding another championship title in the Mixed J18 Coxed Quad. The crew of Fia O'Gorman, Noah Granville, Rory Barry and Maria Murphy, coxed by Kavanagh, finished second in 10:24.5, just 3.1 seconds behind the winning Loughros/Athlone combination.

The Mixed J18 Double brought the club its fifth gold of the championships, with Fia O'Gorman and Rory Barry taking victory for Killorglin A in 11:26.1. Kate McMahon and Noah Granville, racing as Killorglin B, finished sixth.

There was also plenty to celebrate among the club's youngest competitors. Natasha Donegan, Aoibhinn O'Sullivan, Mary O'Sullivan and Robyn O'Shea, coxed by Kavanagh, took silver in the Women's J14 Coxed Quad in their first Coastal Junior Championships, finishing just 5.2 seconds behind the winning Tullaghan/Loughros crew.

The medal was an encouraging championship debut for the J14 crew and rounded off a day that showcased Killorglin's strength across several age groups.

Congratulations to all the athletes, cox Celine Kavanagh, coach Michael Fleming, and the parents and supporters who travelled to Bantry and supported the crews throughout the day.

KILLARNEY RFC CLUB

SENIOR MEN CLAIM STRONG HOME WIN OVER CASTLEISLAND

Killarney RFC Senior Men secured a strong 24-8 home win over Castleisland RFC in the second round of the Kerry McElligott Cup at Aghadoe on Sunday.

Killarney crossed for four tries on the day, with Padraic Talbot, Jack Donoghue, Adam Walsh and Gearoid Sugrue all getting over the line. Gearoid Sugrue and Donnchadh Grealy added a conversion each to complete the scoring. Final score: Killarney RFC 24 Castleisland RFC 8.

U18.5 BOYS WIN IN KILLORGLIN PRESEASON FIXTURE

Well done to the Killarney RFC U18.5 Boys who secured a 27-19 win over Killorglin RFC in a tough preseason encounter at Ballymalis.

The game was a valuable test for the squad, with the players showing great teamwork, character and determination as preparations continue for the new season.



Thomas Kelleher is presented with a small token of appreciation by Killarney RFC club chairman Ger Moynihan after completing the Kerry Ultra Marathon and raising €3,780 for the Clubhouse Build.

U14 BOYS ENJOY BANTRY PRESEASON RUN-OUT

The U14 Boys travelled to Bantry on Sunday morning for a useful preseason game ahead of their first West Kerry League fixture next weekend.

THANK YOU TO THOMAS KELLEHER

Killarney RFC would like to say a huge thank you to Thomas Kelleher, who recently completed the Kerry Ultra Marathon and raised an incredible €3,780 for the Killarney RFC Clubhouse Build.

On Saturday morning, club chairman Ger

Moynihan presented Thomas with a small token of appreciation on behalf of everyone at the club. It was a lovely moment and a chance to recognise a serious effort in support of the future of Killarney RFC.

TRAINING CONTINUES ACROSS THE CLUB

Weekly training is now back in full flow at Aghadoe across Minis, Youths, Senior Men and Ladies Development. New players remain welcome across the club, with parents and players encouraged to check ClubZap and club social media for any updates, pitch allocations or weather-related changes.



WJ18 4x+ I to r: Michael Fleming Jr, Maria Murphy, Fia O Gorman, Freya Doyle, Kate McMahon; Cox, Celine Kavanagh.



WJ16 1x Freya Doyle.



Mixed J18 4x+: Maria Murphy, Fia O Gorman, Noah Granville, Rory Barry; Cox, Celine Kavanagh.



WJ16 4x+ Winners I to r: Michael Fleming Jr, Robyn O Shea, Aisling O Sullivan, Freya Doyle, Maria OSullivan; Cox, Celine Kavanagh.



Silver WJ4 4x+ I to r: Aoibhinn O Sullivan, Mary OSullivan, Robyn O Shea, Natasha Donegan; Cox, Celine Kavanagh.



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MINI RUGBY

Mini Rugby continues every Saturday morning at Aghadoe from 9:45am to 11:00am, with boys and girls from U6 to U12 welcome to join. The return of Minis has brought great energy back to Saturday mornings at the club, and new players are always welcome to come along and give rugby a try.

GIRLS RUGBY

The U14 KICK Girls continue to train every Tuesday evening from 7:00pm to 8:30pm at Aghadoe. The group is open to girls born in 2013 and 2014 and brings together players from Killarney RFC, Iveragh Eagles RFC, Castleisland RFC and Killorglin RFC. For more information, contact Liam Murphy on 087 414 5662.

YOUTH RUGBY

Our youth squads are also back on the pitch, with U14, U16 and U18 training continuing during the week. The focus is now on building fitness, skills and team connection as fixtures and friendlies resume across the age grades.

LADIES DEVELOPMENT AND SENIOR WOMEN'S RUGBY

Ladies Development continues on Friday evenings from 7:30pm to 9:00pm at Aghadoe. The club is delighted to keep building momentum around women's rugby, with experienced players, returning players and complete beginners all welcome to get involved.

REGISTRATION AND CLUB UPDATES

Player and member registrations for the 2026/27 season are open, and members are encouraged to complete registration ahead of the full return of fixtures. Further updates, fixtures and club news are available through Killarney RFC's website, ClubZap and social media channels.

KILLARNEY BRIDGE CLUB**RESULTS MONDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER****North/South**

1st: Pauline Lyne and Joan Lenihan

2nd: Ciaran Broadberry and Michael McHugh

3rd: Anne Looney and Ger Foley

East/West

1st: Eithne Coffey and Hazel O'Connell

2nd: Brenda Kelleher and Maureen O'Donoghue

3rd: Helen McCarthy and Joan Moore

Congratulations to all the winners and most especially to our novices Brenda and Maureen on their brilliant score.

BRIDGE CONTINUES on Mondays at the Monastery School, New Road at 7pm. All are



Sinead Galvin, Munster President Betty Thompson and Louise Curtin

welcome.

KILLARNEY BADMINTON CLUB

Our new season began on Wednesday 16th at the Killarney Presentation School Hall, Killarney. Our club will meet every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 20.15 - 22.15. Looking forward to meeting old and new faces there.

A great start to the badminton season as some of our members travelled to the Munster Masters in SETU Waterford at the weekend. Well done to Jennifer Nash, Samira Hayes and Sinead Galvin. Well done Sinead on coming away with gold in singles and silver in doubles

WORKMEN'S ROWING CLUB**BANTRY SWIFT RACING COASTAL JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026**

What a fantastic day on the water once the mist lifted!

The Bantry Swift Racing Coastal Junior Championships took place on Sunday, 13th September 2026, and our rowers delivered outstanding performances throughout the day. Massive congratulations to every athlete who competed and represented the club with such pride and distinction. Your dedication, commitment, and hard work were rewarded with excellent performances and well-deserved podium finishes.



Sinead Galvin and partner Mirim Rohan (Castleisland) and Munster Badminton president Betty Thompson

A huge thank you to our coach, Andrew Wharton, for his continued guidance, encouragement, and support throughout the day. Well, done to everyone involved in another highly successful day for the club.

ROWING IRELAND 1K CLASSIC 2026

The excitement continues as preparations are already well underway for the upcoming Rowing Ireland 1K Classic at Lough Rinn, Co. Leitrim.

This two-day event showcases some of the finest rowing talent from around the country, and we are hoping to proudly display our club colours on the day. Hotels, hostels, and B&Bs are already booked for this exciting weekend, while oars are polished and boats are race-ready.

Our junior rowers are demonstrating tremendous commitment and determination in training, maintaining excellent momentum as they build towards competition day. The dedication being shown by the entire squad is a credit to both the athletes and the coaching team.

We wish all competitors the very best of luck as they continue their preparations and look forward to another memorable weekend of rowing.

EURO BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS

Winners 1st: Ineke Van Wettum and Niall Cahill. Heartiest congratulations and well done to all.



Maria Makes Impressive NCAA Debut

Killarney Valley AC athlete and USA scholarship student Maria Murnane made an impressive NCAA debut for McNeese State University in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Maria was the fourth scorer for the McNeese State Cross Country team, completing the 3km collegiate race in an excellent time of 10 minutes 48 seconds. She has been joined at McNeese State by fellow Killarney Valley AC athlete Mollie O'Riordan, while

KVAC 800m athlete Oisín Lynch is continuing his athletics and academic career on scholarship at La Salle University in Philadelphia.

The club is extremely proud to see three of its athletes embarking on their USA athletics journeys and wished Maria every success following her excellent start.

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Some of the participants at the Ross Ladies Club sponsored scramble. Pictured from L to R: Mary Nash, Maureen Beecher, Helen Moylan, Noreen O'Mahony, Sheila O'Mahony, Mona Looney, Lourda Kelly, Mary B O'Sullivan & Margaret Hickey



Pictured Winners of Ross Ladies Club sponsored Scramble: Lourda Kelly, Helen Moylan & Mary Nash

BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB

- LADIES

PRESIDENTS MICHAEL LYNCH'S PRIZE 18 HOLE STABLEFORD COMPETITION PLAYED ON SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER.

1st: Maire Ni Loinsigh (21) 37 pts
2nd: Noeleen MacKessy (28) 35 pts
3rd: Colleen Coffey (23) 35 pts
4th: Marian Kerrisk (23) 33 pts
Front 9: Joan O Sullivan (29) 20 pts
Back 9: Maeve Quirke (20) 16 pts
Nearest the Pin 4th Hole: Rita Kelleher
Nearest the Pin 15th Hole: Maire Ni Loinsigh

BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB

- MEN'S

RESULTS FOR - SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER - PRESIDENT'S PRIZE DAY MEN'S SECTION 18 HOLE STABLEFORD FORMAT - YELLOW TEES

Sponsors - Michael Lynch - President and The Men's Club

1st: Vincent Hussey 39 points (21)
2nd: Gearoid Keating 39 points (22)
3rd: Jim Crowley 39 points (19)
4th: Jim O'Leary 36 points (15)
5th: Charlie McAuley 36 points (23)
Past President: Pat Quill 31 points (20)
Front 9: Patrick Browne 21 points (19)
Back 9: Patsy Sweeney 19 points (27)
Nearest the pin hole 4: Diarmaid Herlihy
Nearest the pine hole 15: Vincent Hussey

NEXT MEN'S COMPETITION -

Greenkeeper's Cup Sat 19/Sun 20 September
Sponsor - Padraig Bruton
18 Hole Stableford format - Yellow tees
Sponsors - President Michael Lynch and the Men's Club

DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT

NATIONAL INTER-COUNTY

Commiserations to Damien Fleming and John McGrath on ending up with another silver medal with the Kerry Senior Mens team after their mighty battle with Cork in Navan last weekend. Commiserations also to team manager James Fleming as we commend both Ciara Lowe and Eileen McCarthy for their display with the Kerry

Ladies team in Navan last weekend.

NATIONAL SCOTCH FOURSOMES

Well done to those from the club who qualified for the Finals of next month's Non-Mixed event in Tralee following Tuesday September 8th last's Qualifiers in Listowel. They include all club pairings Derry O'Sullivan & Dan Broderick, Michael Cronin & David Harnett, Eileen McCarthy & Ciara Lowe and Con O'Sullivan & Paddy Murphy. Damien Fleming has qualified also alongside Tralee's Jason Cregan.

SUNDAY DRAWS

Two Ball Scramble- First Nett: Sean Ashe & Margaret O'Brien 32, Gross: David Spillane & John Murphy 44, Second Nett: Daniel Kelly & Stephen Battle 36 and Hole-In-One: John Murphy (5th Hole).

CLUB STROKEPLAY

We look forward to hosting this re-arranged event (sponsored by Charlie Foleys Bar). Entry is €10 per player with players will be able to play on either Saturday or Sunday with full details to be confirmed nearer the event.

U16 CAPTAIN'S PRIZE

We wish our U16 Captain Ben O'Sullivan well on Saturday morning with his Captain's Prize at 10am. Entry €5 per player.

COUNTY U16 MATCHPLAY

Best Wishes to our U16's heading to Tralee on Sunday morning for their final county event of the year. A reminder the event is dress code.

NATIONAL INTERMEDIATE INTER-COUNTY CHALLENGE

Best Wishes to Connie O'Sullivan, Dan Broderick, James Fleming and Michael Cronin on Sunday in representing Kerry in the National Intermediate Inter-County Challenge.

ROSS GOLF CLUB - GENTS

ON SEPT 12TH AND 13TH WE HELD A STABLEFORD COMPETITION KINDLY SPONSORED BY THE LAURELS BAR & RESTAURANT.

The winners were:-

1st: Mike O'Keeffe 39 (11)
2nd: Joe Rudden 38 (13)

Division 1

1st: David MacIndoe 35 (5)
2nd: Alan Flynn 34 (6)

Division 2

1st: Michael J O'Sullivan 35 (15)

2nd: Tony Fagan 34 (17)

Division 3

1st: Tom Shields 35 (27)

2nd: John O'Driscoll 35 (22)

ON THURSDAY 11TH OUR SENIORS HELD THEIR WEEKLY 10 HOLE COMPETITION

The winners were.

1st: Michael J Casey 22pts

2nd: Mossie Cremin 18 pts

3rd: Donal Hayes 17 pts

4th: Donal Doherty 17 pts

ON FRIDAY SEPT 11TH WE HELD OUR FRIDAY EVENING MIXED SCRAMBLE

The winners were:-

1st: Mike Doody, M J Casey, Noreen O'Connell

2nd: M J O'Sullivan, Daragh Collins, Sheila O'Mahony

3rd: Denis Nash, Ger Murphy, Kitty O'Grady

4th: D J Hayes, Muireann Hayes, Ned Buckley

ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB

CLUB SPONSORED SCRAMBLE WINNERS

Mary Nash, Helen Moylan & Lourda Kelly 33 5/7

Well done to the winners and to all who played. Lovely morning had by all.

COMPETITIONS

19th September 2026, 9 & 18 - hole single Stableford competition. Enter via the BRS App **MEET AND PLAY** every Wednesday morning.

Meet in the Club House 10.00am tee off 10.30am. All Members welcome.

GOLF LESSONS

PRO Jonathan Clery is available to give golf lessons at Ross Golf Club. Please contact Jonathan directly on 086 2143510

KILLARNEY GOLF CLUB - LADIES

LADIES OPEN DAY THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH, 18 HOLE (TEAM OF 3) HELD ON KILLEEN COURSE

Kindly sponsored by Energywise Ireland

1st: Vanessa Austin (3), Patricia Rowland (7), Deirdre Cahalan (11) 75pts

2nd: Maura Dwyer (12), Bernie Ryan (14), Louise MCGloughlin (20) 72pts (back 9)

3rd: Geraldine Collins (18), Jane Dwyer (19), Evelyn Courtney (18) 72pts (back 9)

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4th: Catherine Kavanagh (13), Pauline O'Brien (14), Breda Cotter (31) 72 pts (back 9)

WEEKEND COMPETITION HELD 12TH & 13TH SEPTEMBER

18 hole Stroke (Categories) Competition held on O'Mahony's Point Course. Kindly sponsored by GMB

Overall Winner: Geraldine Rosney(33) net 69
Division One

Winner: Anne Moynihan (01) net 71

Runner Up: Eimear O'Sullivan (12) net 72

Division Two

Winner: Noreen Coffey (17) net 72

Runner Up: Carmel Fitzgerald (19) net 76

Division Three

Winner: Kathleen Rice (34) net 72

Runner Up: Nancy Fleming (29) net 74

CASTLEROSSE GOLF CLUB - LADIES

CAPTAINS PRIZE

On Sunday, 13th September, we held our Lady Captain Finola Geary's Prize Event. Members enjoyed both a 9-hole and an 18-hole competition, with great golf and a wonderful atmosphere throughout the day. The celebrations continued that evening with a fabulous dinner in the Castlerosse Hotel. It was a fantastic day of golf, friendship and plenty of laughter. Many thanks to our Lady Captain Finola for a memorable day and to everyone who helped make it such a success.

Captains Prize Results

18 Hole

1st Place - Barbara O'Shea

2nd Place - Helen Feeney

9 Hole

1st Place - Fiona Hyde

2nd Place - Nuala Ward

Longest Drive 1st Place - Annette Galvin

Nearest the Pin 1st Place - Eavan O'Donoghue

COURSE DEVELOPMENT

We welcome the opening of the new green on the 5th hole which is an excellent test of our golf skills, please also note that there is a temporary tee box on the 3rd Hole whilst works takes place on the new layout.

SOCIAL GOLF

Social golf every Wednesday at 10.30am. Book on BRS.

GOLF LESSONS

Kieran Crehan is available to give golf lessons. Contact Kieran directly on: 087 2748777.

KERRY PITCH & PUTT

Despite another herculean effort in a National Inter-County Championship it was another second place finish for the Kerry Senior Mens side as they were awarded the silver medals for the third time in five years as only Cork bettered them again in the final standings in Navan, Co Meath last weekend.

The team of Damien Fleming, Jason Cregan, John McGrath, Chris Gibney, Jamie Blake and Michael Conway had led by a single stroke after the first day of play, a combined 53 under par comprising 26 under for their three Scotch Foursomes scores and 27 under for their best five out of six Singles cards to lead Cork by one overnight with Dublin next on 50 under par. The punishing Foursomes format proved to be very slipped off of top spot however as Cork came in with a combined 21 under for their Foursomes pairings while Kerry could only manage 15

under as they slipped down to third for a brief period behind Dublin.

The start of the concluding 18 holes Singles saw Kerry move back in front by one as all players had cross the 10th tee-box but Cork had the finishing power in the closing stages to win with a score of 109 under par as Kerry's 35 under par combined for their final Singles saw them finish on 103 under combined nine clear of Dublin in third. Commiserations to the team and their manager James Fleming on another fine effort as we all hope their luck will change one year in trying to add to the county's sole victory in this event back in 1986.

We are immensely proud of their efforts as we also wish to commend the Ladies team of Ciara Lowe, Eileen McCarthy, Charlotte Blake, Lisa O'Connor and their manager Tony Blake on a ninth place finish in the Ladies event with a combined total of +18. Our thanks also to Utility Trust and North South Café Tralee for their support of the teams again this year. This weekend it's over to the Kerry Intermediate Mens side as their second place finish in the recent Munster Inter-County sees them part of the National Challenge in the grade between Munster and Leinster on Sunday in Larkspur Park in Tralee. Best Wishes to manager John Fitzgerald and his side in Cashel.

This weekend also sees the County U16 season end with the County U16 Matchplay Championships in Tralee as a reminder to all players that the event is a dress code competition. Tuesday September 8th last meanwhile saw the National Scotch Foursomes Non-Mixed Qualifiers take place in Listowel as a total of 16 pairs confirmed their places in the Final in Tralee on the second weekend in October.



Captains Prize Presentation by Lady Captain Finola Geary - 9 Hole 1st Place Fiona Hyde.



Captains Prize Presentation by Lady Captain Finola Geary - 18 Hole 1st Place Barbara O'Shea.



Captains Prize Presentation by Lady Captain Finola Geary - 18 Hole 2nd Place Helen Feeney.



Captains Prize Presentation by Lady Captain Finola Geary - 9 Hole 2nd Place Nuala Ward.



Captains Prize Presentation by Lady Captain Finola Geary - Longest drive winner Annette Galvin.



Captains Prize Presentation by Lady Captain Finola Geary - Nearest the pin winner Eavan O'Donoghue.



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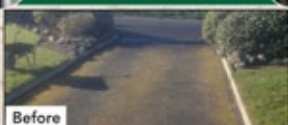
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CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 2,17,25,26. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winner received €40. Next jackpot €13,200 on Monday September 21st. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through Clubzap.

COACHES WANTED FOR THE UPCOMING 2026/27 SEASON

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

MEMBERSHIP FOR THE 2026/27 SEASON IS NOW OPEN

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NATIONAL LEAGUE GROUP 3

Killarney Celtic 2-3 CK United

Kennedy Amechi, Trpimir Vrljicak

Early and late goals were the undoing of the hosts in this Group 3 encounter last Saturday. CK Utd opened the scoring after 7 mins when Mamadou Doumbia headed home from a Dean Kelly corner. The away side doubled their advantage when Callum Warfield won the aerial duel to set CK on the attack and Dan McGrath finished to the net. Celtic were back in the game on 32 mins when Kennedy Amechi finished smartly after good play on the left hand side. 1-2 at half time. CK were dealt a blow shortly after half time when they were reduced to 10 mins. Celtic were back on level terms after Trpimir Vrljicak netted from close range on 51 mins. The game appeared to be heading for a draw until CK found a winner. A good ball up the right released Feo Adeogun whose cross into the area was turned in at the far post by David Imiren. Next up is an away game against Newbridge Town FC at 5pm this Saturday.

U14 DIV 2 SOUTH

MEK B 3-2 Killarney Celtic C

Jack Galvin Adam O'Sullivan

Celtic C had a tough 1st half but the squad showed great determination to come back in the 2nd half and were unlucky not to get a share of the spoils.

U13 PREMIER

St Brendan's Park 5-2 Killarney Celtic

Conall Favier, Finn Cronin

Celtic tried hard to peg back St Brendan's Park but came up short at the end.



Killarney Celtic Team vs CK United. Photo courtesy of Adam Kowalczyk

U11 PREMIER

St Brendan's Park 3-4 Killarney Celtic

James Keane 2, Finn Casey, Nathan Foley

Celtic edged this fine game. Celtic led 2-1 at half time and went 3-1 ahead in the 2nd half. Park reduced the margin to 1 but Celtic struck again to lead 4-2 before the hosts came again late on to leave Celtic winners on the night.

U11 DIV 2

Killorglin B 2-4 Killarney Celtic B

Cayden Koeller

The squad showed some fine skill in this excellent win

GIRLS

U12 DIV

Killarney Celtic 3-0 QPR B

Hope O'Brien 2, Rianne Spillane

A winning start for the U12 Girls here. Most of the squad are U11 so it was a fine performance with this game being their 1st time on a bigger pitch.

CONGRATS to Cayden Koeller U11 who made the KSBGL Team of the Week

MASTERGEEHA

U12 GIRL'S DIVISION 1 SOUTH

Mastergeeha 7 v MEK B 1

Goal scorers on the day were Ellie Lynch O'Doherty (4), Ellie O'Mahony Erica Moynihan and Treasa O'Donoghue. Well done to our u12 Girls who opened our league campaign with a good home win against MEK B. Good overall

team performance.

New players welcome for season ahead girls born 2015 or 2016.

U13 GIRL'S PREMIER

Mastergeeha A 3 v Park A 2

An excellent first half saw Mastergeeha lead 3 - 0. Some excellent work from Neassa O Sullivan down the wing created the first Gracie Maher latched on to a through ball and finished coolly to get the 2nd Just before half time, a debut goal from Emily O Donoghue who fired to the top corner.

The second half ebbed and flowed but when The Park scored two quick goals, Mastergeeha girls backs were to the wall. Up steps goalkeeper and captain for the night, Ellie Fleming with some vital saves and lead by a very influential Anniemai O Donoghue at centre back Mastergeeha held out. Some great performances throughout but Olivia O Connor shone the brightest with some powerful running and determination in midfield. Thank you to The Park for a very sporting match, we look forward to meeting later in the season

U14 GIRLS PREMIER

Castleisland 4 v Mastergeeha 0

Our first game of the season got off to a difficult start against a strong and well-organised Castleisland side. We found ourselves 2-0 down at half-time, leaving us with plenty to do in the second half. Unfortunately, Castleisland came out even stronger after the break and added two more goals to secure a 4-0 victory. It just wasn't our day, but there is plenty of



Killarney Athletic U15s who played against Camp at the weekend



Killarney Athletic U12s who played against MEK at the weekend

football to be played and lots for us to work on as we look ahead to our next game. We'll regroup, work hard in training and come back stronger. A big well done to Castleisland on a deserved win, and as always, thank you for a very sporting game.

Thanks also to the referee Dan McCannon for officiating a fair game.

U12 BOY'S PREMIER

Mastergeeha A 2 v Killarney Celtic A 2 8/9

U13 BOY'S PREMIER

Castleisland 2 v Mastergeeha 1

U13 BOY'S DIVISION 2

Killarney Athletic B 7 v Mastergeeha B 1

Mastergeeha U13 B team made the trip to Killarney Athletic on Saturday afternoon for our first game of the season. Athletic proved far too strong for us on the day.

To Mastergeeha credit, the boys tried their hardest until the very end and were rewarded with a goal from a clinical Ryan Dewhurst finish. The goal followed good play by Jack Lucey to create the opportunity.

Our goalkeeper Dylan was kept busy for the whole game and pulled off numerous excellent saves to prevent the score line being worse.

Captain: Jerry Gallivan

Goal Scorer: Ryan Dewhurst

Assists: Jack Lucey

Thanks to the referee Adrian Quirke and to Athletic for a sporting and competitive game.

U15 BOY'S DIVISION 3

Mastergeeha B 0 v Listowel Celtic B 6

MASTERGEEHA LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on 11th September 2026 for the Jackpot of €10,800. Numbers drawn were 2,4,7,10. Consolations Prizes of €50 each to the following Michelle & Yvonne Doolan Rathanane, Sheila O'Connor Online, Denise c/o The Village Inn Jessica Newross Wexford. Our next draw will take place on Friday 18th September 2026 at the Village Inn for a Jackpot of €11,000.

BALLYHAR DYNAMOS FC

LOTTO

No.s 11, 13, 22, 30. No winner of the Jackpot. 5 x €25: Mary Cooper Looney, Ballyhar. Donal O Donoghue, Ballyhar. Kathleen Breen, Killarney. Triona O Sullivan, Ballyhar & Margaret O Connor, Headford, Killarney. Next draw for a Jackpot of €3200 will take place on Sunday next 20th



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u13 B squad who defeated Killorglin FC B at Murt Scott Park on Saturday last.

September at Henderson's Bar, Furies. Tickets available from Committee Members, S par & Hendersons Shops, Furies & Butlers Bar, Furies.

TEAMS

The U14 Division 1 squad travelled to Milltown FC where the home team took the win in a 6-7 thriller. Ballyhar goal scorers were Tadhg Fitzgerald x 2, Jack Cooper x 2, Fabian Mrotek & Dara Flaherty.

The club U16s (Div 1) travelled away to St Brendans Park where they took the points on a 1-2 result. Goals from Danny Fitzpatrick & Alex Finn sealed the win with Aaron Looney, Daniel Ryan, Luke Bartlett, Daithi Allen & Darragh O Sullivan all playing well.

The U13 B squad (Div 3) welcomed Killorglin B to Murt Scott Park on Saturday last with the Ballyhar boys taking the win with Jack O Mahony, Darren Foley, Jack O Callaghan, Adam Dineen, Sean O Callaghan & Leo Duffin playing with great confidence.

The U15 (Div 1) squad defeated St Brendans Park away on a 0-2 scoreline thanks to goals from Ruairi Casey & Josh Nelligan with Mark Van Der Merwe, Darragh McLaughlin, Martin Magiure & Daniel O Sullivan in great form.

The U15 (Div) squad drew 2-2 with LB Rovers A on Saturday last at Murt Scott Park with Dara Flaherty scoring twice with Evan Greensmyth, Brian McMahon, Lachlan Leslie, Ollie Kirwan, Darragh Curran & Brian Evans on top of their game in a tight game.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Club Membership is as follows for the season

ahead. Seniors & Youths is €70. U11 to U16 is €60. U6 to U10 is €40 & ladies Social Soccer is €40

THANKS

The club acknowledges & is grateful for the financial assistance received from the Department of Rural & Community Development and the Gaeltacht, Kerry County Council under the local Enhancement programme 2026.

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC

U12 Girls

MEK 2 Killarney Athletic 4

This was very much a panel performance where all 14 girls got great game time. Our captain Cara Brady won the toss and the team fired on all cylinders for the entire game. MEK were tough opponents and until the final whistle we were never sure of the win.

Thanks to MEK for a very sporting game and thanks to the referee for officiating.

U13 Girls

Killarney Athletic u13b girls 2 V 3 Tralee Dynamos.

This was a super performance by the girls in their first league game of the season. The girls defended brilliantly and attacked with pace, creating numerous chances. Athletic deserved at least a draw from this game and had Dynamos under immense pressure in the closing stages, but wasn't to be on this occasion. Scorer: Jessie Doolan scored twice.

U13 Boys Division 2

Killarney Athletic B vs Mastergeeha B



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u15 B squad (Div 2) who played out a 2-2 draw at Murt Scott Park v LB Rovers A on Saturday last.



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u15 Division 1 squad who defeated St Brendans Park FC B away.

A solid display from our young Blues this afternoon as we welcomed Mastergeeha to Woodlawn. A well-earned three points, with the following lads getting on the scoresheet: Anthony Troci, Filip Niedzialek, Liam Kiely, Dylan Murphy and Ollie Pyne.

A great start to the season, with plenty of positives to take from the match. A big thanks to Mastergeeha for the game and to the referee for officiating. MOTM – Liam Kiely

ATHLETIC U13C BOYS

Killarney Athletic 4 - 0 LB Rovers

Goalscorers Diego Ruiz scored twice, Carlos Gonzalez and Conor Hayes Ryan. Great performance from all the lads in the first game back. Man of the match Jamie O'Sullivan playing his first game for Athletic.

Lads played some really great football and were pinning LB Rovers back straight from kick off. Goals from Carlos and Diego saw us 2 up at half time with another two goals added in a very solid performance.

U15 Boys Division 1

Killarney Athletic B 2 - 1 Camp A

Goals: Brayane Ouattara, Harry Randles

The U15B boys got off to a winning start in the league on Saturday afternoon in Woodlawn. It was a close game throughout with both teams having their fair share of chances. Camp struck first midway through the first half but Athletic grabbed a vital equaliser on the stroke of half-time; through ball from Sota Matsui for Brayane Ouattara to run though and finish calmly one-on-one. Camp came back strong after the break but Athletic defended resolutely and regained control as the half went on. Brayane Ouattara, who was a constant threat, won a penalty with 5 minutes to go after a great run into the box. However, the Camp keeper produced a fantastic save to deny the penalty. The lads never gave up and in the last minute, Eric Reed picked up the loose ball after a corner kick and found Harry Randles on the edge of the box, who showed great skill to beat a couple of defenders and shoot low into the bottom corner. A hard-fought win in the end.

BOYS U15 DIVISION 3 RESULT

Killarney Athletic 3 - 3 Iveragh

Goalscorers: Daniel Cremin, Daragh Flanagan and Daithi Coughlan

YOUTHS CUP

National Cup Round 1: Ennis Town 3 - 6 Killarney Athletic

The goalscorers were Leo Allen with four, Luca



Killarney Athletic Youths who played Ennis Town in the Cup

Mosca and Oisín Cryan.

Our youths travelled to Ennis on Saturday for the opening round of the NC and played out a cracker of a game. We started brightly and really should have scored one or two before our hosts took the lead when their striker seized on a defensive mistake and put them 1-0. They went further ahead when their midfielder rifled one in from the edge of the box. Leo pulled one back before the break to make it 2-1 at HT. We started the second half like a house on fire and a quick fire double from Leo put us 2-3 ahead inside 5 minutes and Leo completed his hat trick, Luca added a 4th before Leo got his 4th and our 5th. The goal of the game came from a superb Oisín Cryan free kick to the top corner. There was still time for the home team to pull one back to make it 3-6 FT.

For our first competitive outing of the year, this was a good result against a strong Ennis side. Thanks to our hosts for a very sporting game and for the refreshments after which were very much welcome before the trip home. Thanks also to the ref on the day for officiating. Onto the next round we go.

SENIOR MEN'S RESULTS

McCarthy Insurance Group Munster FA Junior Shield: Castleisland B 5 - 2 Killarney Athletic B After Extra Time

Goalscorers: McCann, Moriarty

MUNSTER JUNIOR CUP

Killarney Athletic 5 - 2 Listowel Celtic

Goalscorers: O'Sullivan, O'Shea, Bowler with two, Allen

BOYS AND GIRLS ACADEMY

The Season continues for the boys on Sunday at 10am with great fun and excitement.

If your son is born between 2018 and 2022, you can contact 0863684108 for more details.

The Girls Academy will return this Sunday September 20th at 11:30am. Contact 0879365322 for more details.

KERRY SCHOOLBOY/GIRL SOCCER

GIRLS

GOALS FLOW ACROSS ALL THREE DIVISIONS

There was plenty of action across the U12 Girls leagues, with goals flowing in the Premier and both sections of Division 1.

In the Premier, Killarney Athletic A beat MEK A 4-2. Fiadh Driver struck twice, Jesse Doolan also scored and an own goal completed the tally, while Chloe O'Mahony and Olivia Murphy replied for MEK. Park A and Castleisland A drew 1-1, with Bronagh Barrett scoring for Castleisland.

LB Rovers impressed in a 6-1 victory over Killorglin A. Cianna Flahive hit a hat-trick, Naoibh O'Rourke scored twice and Lily Mai Scanlon added another, with Jessica O'Sullivan replying. Fenit A edged Camp A 3-2 through Emma Flaherty, Ally Rolls and Grace Gaynor.

In Division 1 North, Listowel Celtic defeated Castleisland B 6-0, with Maire Enright scoring four and Nadine Stack and Clodagh Keane also on target. Philippa Stack scored both goals as Fenit B beat Camp B 2-0, while Dingle defeated Castlemaine 3-1 thanks to an Aoife Ní Shúilleabháin double and a Ciara Dowd goal. Ella O'Connor replied.

Mastergeeha recorded a 7-1 Division 1 South win over MEK B, with Ellie Lynch O'Doherty



Killarney Celtic Under 15 girls



Castleisland U15 Boys

scoring four alongside Ellie O'Mahoney, Erica Moynihan and Treasa O'Donoghue. Maisie Donovan earned Iveragh a 1-0 win at Inter Kenmare, while Hope O'Brien scored twice and Rianne Spillane added another as Killarney Celtic A beat QPR B 3-0.

Across the opening round, the U12 programme offered a mix of tight contests and convincing victories. The Premier produced competitive games throughout, while the two Division 1 sections gave several players an opportunity to make their mark in front of goal.

ONE GOAL MARGINS DECIDE FIVE GOAL THRILLERS

There were two closely fought U13 Girls league encounters, with both games decided by the narrowest of margins.

In the U13 Girls Premier, Mastergeeha A edged Park A 3-2 in an entertaining contest. Gracie Maher and Emily O'Donoghue were on target for Mastergeeha, with an own goal completing their tally. Natalie McDermott produced a strong individual display for Park, scoring both of their goals, but Mastergeeha held on to claim the victory.

There was another five-goal thriller in U13 Girls Division 2, where Tralee Dynamos came away with a 3-2 win over Killarney Athletic B.

Jesse Doolan scored both goals for Killarney Athletic, but Dynamos responded through Lila Yoxal, Bea Pormento and Abi Donovan, with all three getting their names on the scoresheet to secure the three points.

MCCARTHY MARKS DEBUT WITH WINNER

There was plenty of action across the U14 Girls Premier and Division 1, with Park earning a narrow victory while Castleisland, Tralee Dynamos and Camp all recorded impressive wins.

Park secured a hard-fought 1-0 Premier victory away to Killorglin, with Laoise McCarthy marking her debut by scoring the decisive goal. Castleisland defeated Mastergeeha 4-0, with Bella Clifford producing a hat-trick and Grace Kerins adding the fourth.

In Division 1, Tralee Dynamos beat Castleisland B 6-0. Rosa Gordillo scored twice, with Mary-Kate O'Shea, April Kerins, Aoibhinn Begley and Harriet Ryan also on target. Camp matched that scoreline against Killarney Athletic B, with six different scorers: Erin Wallace, Aoibhin Lyne, Sophie Lynch, Ciara Curran, Ruth Kiely and Saoirse Laide.

DYNAMOS AND KENMARE HIT THE GOAL TRAIL

There was plenty of early-season action in the U16 Girls Division 1, with Tralee Dynamos and Inter Kenmare both producing high-scoring victories, while Camp and Dingle shared the points.

Dynamos defeated Iveragh 8-2, inspired by four goals from Caoimhe Daly. Tia Falvey scored twice, with Lucy Wynne and Amy McGrath completing the tally. Camp and Dingle shared the points in a 1-1 draw, with Lucy Keane scoring for Dingle.

Inter Kenmare recorded a 7-1 away win over Castlemaine. June McCarthy scored twice, while Britney Bevan, Laura Salak, Grace O'Sullivan, Lilly Noonan Murphy and Aisling O'Shea added a goal each. Eve Giles replied for Castlemaine.



Mastergeeha Under 13 girls

BOYS

SEVEN GOAL THRILLERS HEADLINE BUSY ROUND

The U11 Boys programme delivered goals throughout all three divisions. In the Premier, Killarney Celtic A edged Park A 4-3. James Keane scored twice, with Nathan Foley and Finn Casey also on target. Feidhlim O'Donoghue, Adam Scott and Connor England replied.

Camp A beat Fenit 5-2, led by a James Fitzgerald double and goals from Eibhear Scanlon, Bobby Fitzgibbon and Colm O'Connor. Tralee Dynamos A and Castleisland A drew 3-3. Conor O'Shea, Enda Moriarty and Mattie Quill scored for Dynamos, while Oisín Reidy struck twice and Lucas Roche added another for Castleisland.

In Division 1, Inter Kenmare A edged Castleisland B 4-3. Killorglin A defeated LB Rovers A 6-3, with Dmytro Moiseiev scoring twice alongside Padraig Cahill, Jamie Costello, Aaron O'Sullivan and an own goal. Odhran Brosnan scored twice for Rovers and Fionn Allen added another. Oscar Mathews hit a hat-trick as Dingle A beat Park B 5-1, with Jamie O'Sullivan and Fiach Doherty also scoring.

In Division 2, Park C and Tralee Dynamos B drew 2-2, while Cayden Koeller scored all four as Killarney Celtic B beat Killorglin B 4-2. QPR A defeated LB Rovers B 8-3 despite a Kyle Hussey hat-trick, and Milltown edged Camp B 5-4.

TWENTY-GOAL CLASSIC STEALS THE SHOW

Goals flowed throughout all four U13 Boys divisions, including an extraordinary 20 goal contest.

Park beat Killarney Celtic 5-2 in the Premier, with Igor Jasiński scoring twice alongside Dara O'Regan, Rian Hogan and Darragh Counihan. Dingle defeated Fenit 2-0 through Ruan Lynch and Mikey Diaconu, while Elliot Walsh and Dylan Murphy gave Castleisland a 2-1 win over Mastergeeha.

In Division 1, Tralee Dynamos A overcame LB Rovers A 6-4. Donal Kissane and Joseph Sheridan scored twice each, with Michael McCarthy and Patrick Hobbart adding the others. Inter Kenmare A won 6-3 at Milltown, with doubles from Toby Griffen and Hristian Kapsarov, while Killorglin A defeated Park D 4-1. Killarney Athletic B beat Mastergeeha B 7-1 in Division 2, Anthony Troci hitting a hat-trick. Ballyheigue and Fenit B drew 2-2, while Ballyhar A beat Castleisland B 5-0. Division 3 produced

the weekend's most remarkable scoreline as Ballyhar B defeated Killorglin B 12-8. Darren Foley scored six for Ballyhar, while Zach Griffin remarkably matched him with six for Killorglin. Killarney Athletic C also won 4-0 at LB Rovers B, with Diego Ruiz scoring twice.

BIG PREMIER WINS AND A DIVISION OF DRAWS

There was plenty of action across the U15 Boys leagues, with Killorglin A and Castleisland A making big statements in the Premier while Division 2 produced a remarkable series of draws.

Killorglin A and Castleisland A both recorded emphatic 8-2 Premier victories. Freddie Glinwood hit a hat-trick for Killorglin against Inter Kenmare A, Jack Clifford scored twice and Mark Doonan, Ruairi O'Sullivan and Cillian Scannell also found the net.

Castleisland won by the same score away to Listowel Celtic A. Eugene Mamontov scored three, Dara Leen and Liam Quirke struck twice each and Leo Flynn Luna completed the scoring.

In Division 1, Ballyhar A beat Park B 2-0 through Ruairi Casey and Josh Nelligan, while goals from Brayane Ouattara and Harry Randles gave Killarney Athletic B a 2-1 victory over Camp A.

Remarkably, all four Division 2 fixtures finished level. Ballyhar B and LB Rovers A drew 2-2, MJ Collins and Aidan Lyne on target for LB. Tralee Dynamos A and Milltown finished 1-1, while the meeting of Killorglin B and Killorglin C finished 2-2. Rian McCann and Jamie Heffernan scored for the B side, while Darragh Flynn and an own goal accounted for the C team's tally. Inter Kenmare B and Park C completed the sequence with a 3-3 draw. Oradan O'Leary, Jamie Noonan and Byron Murphy scored for Inter, while Antoine Wattam's hat-trick earned Park a point.

In Division 3, Ned Evans scored a hat-trick as Listowel Celtic B beat Mastergeeha B 6-0, with Bobby Browne, Conor O'Mahoney and Paudie Finnerty also scoring. Killarney Athletic C and Iveragh A finished 3-3, with Daniel Cremin, Daragh Flanagan and Daithi Coughlan on target for Athletic.

DR. CROKES

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI FINAL

Dr. Crokes 1:25 Na Gaeil 2:22

There was plenty of drama in Castleisland last Sunday as we booked our place in the Club Championship final following a thrilling semi-final victory over Na Gaeil on penalties. Na Gaeil made a flying start with an early goal, but we settled well with scores from David Shaw, Michael Burns, Tony Brosnan, Cian McMahon and Gavin O'Shea. At half-time 0-08 to 1-05. The second half was a pulsating affair, with both sides trading scores. Michael Burns and Mark O'Shea hit crucial two-pointers, while Tony Brosnan, David Shaw and Cian McMahon kept the scoreboard moving. A Na Gaeil goal in the 10th minute of the half kept them in touching distance throughout. The sides could not be separated at the end of normal time 0-18 to 2-12. Extra time brought more twists, with Tony Brosnan finding the net and further scores from Brian Looney, Cian McMahon, David Shaw and Tony Brosnan leaving the sides all level after 20 minutes of extra time. With the sides still inseparable, penalties were required. Shane Murphy produced two crucial saves while Tony Brosnan, Cian McMahon, Alex Hennigan and David Shaw all showed nerves of steel from the spot to send us through to the Club Championship final.

MINOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI FINAL

Dr. Crokes 0:11 East Kerry 3:15

East Kerry made the brighter start and registered the opening score inside the first minute. A goal followed soon after, giving the East Kerry side an early advantage. We settled into the game, with Mark O'Carroll opening our account before Ben Kelleher added a free. East Kerry continued to apply pressure and added a number of scores, including two-pointers, as they built a lead. Ben Kelleher converted another free late in the half, but East Kerry held the advantage at the interval, 1-08 to 0-03. We came out with renewed determination after the restart and began to put greater pressure on the East Kerry defence. Conor Lynch and Finn O'Donnell registered early points, while Ben Kelleher added a superb two-pointer. Eanna Hennigan also got on the scoresheet as Crokes looked to reduce the deficit. However, East Kerry responded with a crucial goal midway through the half, followed by further points, to re-establish their commanding advantage. We continued to battle right to the final whistle. Ben Kelleher added another free before finishing the scoring with a two-pointer, but East Kerry's lead proved too substantial to overturn.

LOTTO took place on September 14th. Numbers drawn were 2, 8, 14, 15. Jackpot of €5,000 was WON. Jackpot for draw on September 21st will be €5,300. Play online by following the link below <https://member.clubspot.app/club/dr-crokes-gaa/fundraisers>

BINGO

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

GENTLE YOGA for men and women continues on Thursday's from 6:15pm-7pm. €40 for 5 weeks.

HEALTHY CLUBS

Thanks to all the young Saturday Academy players who participated in the Adopt A Wildflower Project 2026 organised by Dr Crokes' Green Club. It aroused great interest among the stars of the future. Prize winners: Aidan Malachy, Beibhinn, Cillian, Conor, Cora, Emily, Fionn, Laoise, Maeve, Rian, Seán, and Tadhg.

CONDOLENCES to Jim and Kathleen Connolly and family on the passing of Jim's sister Nora in Galway. May she rest in peace.

NOTES

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

EAST KERRY

COUNTY MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP

East Kerry 3-15 Dr Crokes 0-11

U14 EAST KERRY CHAMPIONSHIP

Killarney Legion 4-10 Firies 1-05

Rathmore 5-15 Kilcummin 5-09

COLM COOPER TOURNAMENT

Dr Crokes Club Grounds was an ideal venue to host the U13 tournament. The format was thirteen players aside. Matches were thirteen minutes aside. Portable goals were placed on the 13 metre line. Eight teams participated in the tournament coming from all corners of the country. The standard of football was excellent with all teams performing well over the course of the day.

Jamie Doolan Player of the tournament award was presented to Jack Groarke (Maynooth) leading his team to a well-deserved victory over a gallant Navan O Mahonys (Meath) team. Cortoon Shamrocks (Galway) defeated a spirited Portarlinton (Laois) team in the shield final. Thanks to Tom Tobin and It Eireann Ltd business solutions for the support on the day. Dr Crokes club members provided massive support in completing the well-run event on the day. Every player received a Colm Cooper replica jersey on the day. All teams got a framed team photograph to remember the day. Roll on 2027.

POST PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Killarney Community College, PS Sliabh Luachra Rathmore and St Brendans College TY Students completed Introduction Gaelic Games Coaching Course during the week. The course is designed to improve and develop every student awareness of the different modules linked to

the GAA Future Leaders Programme. Over one hundred and Fifty students completed the course. It was great to see all students coaching at the courses giving them a practical feel for working with club coaches in 2027.

Thanks to all schools for supporting Vince Cooper East Kerry GDC in completing the courses. Lorcan Martin and Tadhg O Connor were excellent tutors. Students will be linking in with Vince Cooper to get practical tips in advance of running internal school leagues over the next few months. Clubs have got a list of all participants names. It is important to use the students to assist club coaches during 2027. Many hands make light work.

FOSSA GAA

INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Fossa were crowned Intermediate Champions after a monumental battle with Kilcummin in the Fitzgerald Stadium on Sunday. Considering that both sides went to extra time the previous weekend, they served up a titanic encounter where the result was in the balance right to the end. Rian Collieran opened the scoring for Fossa with a lovely point on the run, Kilcummin then hit two before Eoin Talbot chipped over the equaliser on the 8th minute. Kilcummin dominated proceedings around the middle of the field and Fossa were finding it hard to get out of their own half, Kilcummin hit three without reply and a great goal line clearance from Sam Buckley kept them at bay as they pressed hard. Paddy Sheehan and Ted O'Gorman kicked two points to reduce the deficit but Kilcummin were dangerous in attack and were four ahead by the 15th minute. In spite of living off limited possession, David Clifford still managed to kick a brace of points and with Emmett O'Shea pointing a free and Paudie Clifford landing a fantastic two pointer, it left the score 0-12 to 0-10 in favour of Kilcummin at the break.

Fossa started the second half well, Paudie Clifford kicked the first score and David landed a brace of two pointers to put Fossa ahead. Kilcummin replied with two scores of their own but Fossa were competing better at this stage. Jack Hallissey won a turnover ball that he had no right to win which resulted in a massive David Clifford two pointer which really lifted the team. Shane O'Sullivan pulled off a point blank



Brian Bowler, General Manager of Aghadoe Heights Hotel & Spa, (front 2nd from right) presents a contribution towards the purchase of kit bags for the Fossa Mothers & Others team. Also pictured (front L to R) team players Laura Coffey, Tony Harty, Trainer, Jo Harty, and (back) Aileen Hickey, Asako Caplice, and Róisín Kivlehan.

save, Brian Myers and Dan O'Connell defended really well and with the younger players like Ted O'Gorman and Darren Ryan really stepping up to the plate, it gave Fossa momentum. Kilcummin were still very dangerous and the kept the scoreboard ticking and were within touching distance all the time. Eoin Talbot came into the game at this stage and a beautiful pass by Paudie Clifford sent him off down the wing which ended with another fantastic two pointer from the maestro, David Clifford. The Fossa subs of Fintan Coffey, Fionn Doyle, Mark Kennelly and Harry Buckley made a big impact when introduced and Fossa closed out the game with a brace from David Clifford and a fine point from the excellent Darren Ryan. It finished Fossa 0-26, Kilcummin 0-22.

It was a brilliant conclusion for this team who showed immense heart and resilience all throughout the campaign, the younger players stood up and became men while being led by the genius that is the Clifford brothers, Paudie and David. It is an incredible achievement for this club to play senior football next year, it is a massive reward for all the trainers who have worked over the years from underage upwards to develop the team of footballers that we have today. It is also a reward for the people who had the vision and foresight to form the club in 1970, this includes our current President, Mick Spillane and I'm sure the late Gene Moriarty and Pat Sweeney were watching from above and hopefully they will get to raise a glass tonight to celebrate the win!

Finally, a huge thanks to our team sponsors, Caroline and Mark Hallissey of the Golden Nugget who have been very generous over the years and to all the supporters who have followed the team through thick and thin.

LEGION

LOTTO

Lotto numbers: 5, 19, 22, 24. Bonus 2. Match 3s/ Lucky dip: Kathleen Murphy, Katie O Leary, Dan Murphy

U14 LADIES

Fitzgerald Stadium, no less was the venue for Killarney Legions under 14 ladies East Kerry final against our near neighbours, Kilcummin last Friday evening. In near perfect conditions and with a full squad of Legion players, led by Captain, Mia Cox the ball was thrown in and the game got underway to a rapid start.

In the first half, Legion pushed ahead to a strong lead notwithstanding some fluid play from Kilcummin and they taking their scoring opportunities when they presented themselves. The Legion ladies doubled down on their work in the first half though, with contributions from everyone on the bench into the second half. Kilcummin didn't give up, and battled on and dug out their scores along the way but there was too much room between the teams and Legion came out the deserved victors in the end.

We couldn't single anyone out as ALL the girls including the support from the u 12 panel, played a stormer and were a true credit to our club and crest.

Following the post match presentation by our chairman, John Keane to the Captain and team, the celebrations continued where we invaded four-star Pizza and mayhem ensued, with the girls still high on the excitement of their victory. We nearly had to call the ref back in!

It was a great evening and the girls thoroughly enjoyed themselves and had great fun! From playing the final in Fitzgerald Stadium, their deserved victory and topping it off in four star.

Thanks to our LGFA Chairman and Secretary,

Ted and Annette for facilitating the game being played in Fitzgerald stadium, Fitzgerald stadium staff on the day, the parents and our team supporters who always encouraged from the sidelines especially at the tougher matches we faced earlier in the season, our Club Chairman for presentation, Seanie and all the staff at four star who were very patient with us, but most importantly the girls themselves who did us as their coaches, and the club proud.

SENIOR LADIES

Our senior ladies travelled to Killorglin to take on Laune Rangers in the Bon Secours Junior Premier championship quarter final. A slow start saw the home team take a 3 point lead early doors. Laune rangers were more efficient in front of goals in the first half but our ladies stayed in touch thanks largely to 2 Eve Coffey goals. We trailed by 1 at half time. Laune rangers extended their lead in the second half with some well taken scores to lead by 6 at one stage. To our ladies credit they dug deep and fought their back into the game to narrow the deficit to 3 but were unable to get that all important 3rd goal with Laune Rangers deservingly advancing to the semi final on a scoreline of 1-13 to 2-07.

Not the end to the season we had hoped for but credit to our ladies on a long hard season, a season which saw us secure our D2 league status and field a 2nd senior team for the first time in our history. Thanks to the management team of Ted Healy, John McCarthy, Orla Culloty and David Randles for their commitment this year and we look forward to seeing our ladies back in action again next year

Kerry star goalkeeper collects 2026 ZuCar Golden Boot and Golden Glove awards

KERRY goalkeeper Mary Ellen Bolger is the winner of the 2026 ZuCar Golden Glove award.

Mary Ellen's fine save to deny Galway's Kate Slevin from close range in the 2026 TG4 All-Ireland Senior Championship final won the popular vote on the Ladies Gaelic Football Association website.

Mary Ellen, from the Southern Gaels club, was one of five nominees for the prestigious individual honour, along with Grace Amos (London), 2025 winner Helena Cummins (Roscommon), Lauren Fitzpatrick (Tipperary) and Nicole Hanley (Carlow).

Almost 2,500 votes were submitted for the Golden Glove award and Mary Ellen's save accounted for 732 votes, just 50 clear of her nearest challenger and 2025 winner, Roscommon's Helena Cummins.

Mary Ellen was presented with her award at Croke Park today by Ladies Gaelic Football Association CEO, Lyn Savage, and Gavin Hydes, CEO Joe Duffy Group, on behalf of ZuCar, the LGFA's Official Performance Partner and sponsor of the All-Ireland U-18 Championships.

This is the second time that a Kerry goalkeeper has won the ZuCar Golden Glove award, following success for Mary Ellen's Kingdom colleague Ciara Butler in 2024.



Antrim star Maria O'Neill with her 2026 ZuCar Golden Boot award and Kerry goalkeeper Mary Ellen Bolger with her 2026 ZuCar Golden Glove award. ZuCar are the LGFA's official performance partner and sponsor of the All-Ireland U-18 Championships. Photo by David Fitzgerald/Sportsfile



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CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

SENIOR

Rathmore Power Through to Final

Semi-Final: Rathmore 2-21 Milltown/Castlemaine 0-11

I have too much respect for both clubs to drag this report out. It was a one-sided contest all through, with Rathmore in full control. Paul Murphy, unsurprisingly, was the director-in-chief, while big Mary Ryan, usually a midfielder, proved as adept a target-man as his injured older brother usually is. Three two pointers and Fionn Murphy's goal just before the break meant that they led by 1-12 to 0-3 at that stage. Milltown/Castlemaine had defied a lot of predictions, including mine, first by beating An Ghaeltacht in the group stage and then seeing off Kenmare Shamrocks in the quarter-final. Rathmore were a whole other level, though, and quickly set about proving it.

Most impressive for Rathmore, perhaps, was the unity of the team display. This wasn't stars shining among lesser lights; they played as a team and I didn't see a single weakness that the opposition could target. Consider this; ten players shared the scores almost equally between them, and the introduction of players like Mark Reen top scorer with 1-2) and Brian Friel actually strengthened rather than weakened their hand. Milltown/Castlemaine were always defiant. Honestly, I'd give David Roche man of the match; he drove forward at every opportunity before picking up a head injury in the third quarter. So full credit to the Mid Kerry outfit, who exceeded an awful lot of outside expectations in this championship, but there was never a doubt about which team was going forward to the final.

Rathmore: William Casey; Cian O'Connor, Fionn Holohan, Dan Murphy; Darragh Nagle, Paul Murphy 0-2(tp), Alan Dineen 0-1; Andrew Moynihan, Ciaran Collins (0-4, 1tp, 1f), Fionn Murphy (1-1), Cathal Ryan (0-3, 1tp), Pdraig Moynihan (0-2) Brendan O'Keeffe (0-2, 2f), Mark Ryan (0-3), James Darmody. Subs: Brian Friel 0-1 (for James Darmody, 42 mins), Mark Reen 1-2 (for Brendan O'Keeffe, 47 mins), Mike Dennehy (for Darragh Nagle, 56 mins), Dean Fitzgerald (for Fionn Murphy, 56 mins), Anthony Darmody (for Cathal Ryan, 57 mins).

Milltown/Castlemaine: Cormac Leane, Anthony Kelliher, Michael Lynch (0-1), Stephen Roche; Pa Wren, David Roche (0-1), Aaron Dinham, Diarmuid Quirke, Gavin Horan, Oisín Spring, Dylan O'Neill, Gavin McKenna, Eanna O'Connor (0-4, 2f, tpf), Brendan Casey (0-2), Dara Hogan (0-1). Subs: Killian Kerins 0-1 (for Dylan O'Neill, 29 mins), Charlie Griffin 0-1 (for Oisín Spring, 42 mins), Kieran O'Carroll (for David Roche, bs, 42-60 mins), Seán Griffin (for Anthony Kelliher,

45 mins), Seán Hogan (for Diarmuid Quirke, 46 mins), Cian O'Connor (for Cormac Leane, 47 mins).

Referee: Patrick Dowling (Ballylongford)

Dr. Crokes Aiming for Third Title in a Row

Semi-Final: Dr. Crokes v Na Gaeil

Dr. Crokes have been there or thereabouts in every senior competition they have entered for a full generation now – and before anyone asks, I'm including the Ladies' team and the Intermediate hurlers in that. Na Gaeil are a lot younger as a club and have been missing some top guns for most of this competition. Jack Barry didn't feature, but Diarmuid O'Connor started and Oisín Maunsell made a big contribution off the bench. Mind you, Tony Brosnan was back for Crokes, and that was always going to be a huge plus for them.

I had Na Gaeil as massive underdogs. Not making excuses, but I'd say I'm not the only person to underestimate the Tralee outfit. Because they came out fast and hard and had Crokes under the cosh early on. Dan Goggin struck for a lightning goal straightaway and young Liam Cooper – who has some very strong ties to the Crokes within his own extended family – fired over a superb two pointer. Then it was Crokes' turn to take charge, Tony Brosnan (2), Micheál Burns, and Cian McMahon. It was more or less nip and tuck from then on. Na Gaeil will probably rue no less than eight wides in the half, but at the same time Keith O'Leary made a brilliant save to deny Charlie Keating a goal.. Cian McMahon's second point saw the sides go in level, 1-5 to 0-8. A fair reflection overall. A lot of great football – and maybe a few body bruises along the way – sorry now, and not encouraging dirty play or injuries ever, but personally I think the best meals usually contain a little bit of spice (except spice bag – that's not Irish 'culture', that's a marketing rip-off).

Second Half: Here we go! Crokes started to pull away a bit but Na Gaeil sprang Oisín Maunsell and the Kerry hurler fired home a goal created by a magnificent Stefan Okunbor catch. Liam Cooper nudged Na Gaeil ahead. Dr. Crokes, with Tony Brosnan now starting to look very much in control of his surroundings, reeled off a sequence of scores but Fergal Barry fisted over and Darragh Carmody's orange flag restored the lead. Dr. Crokes had a couple of good efforts go unrewarded and Jack Bourke fisted over after more good work from Diarmuid O'Connor. Desperation time now for Crokes – I can't be the only one reminded of that group game against Dingle? Up stepped Mark O'Shea to send a good ball inside. The magnificent part of it was the contest to win that ball in the first place, he had to dig it out under savage pressure. The shot itself? Maybe not so much....it dropped

well away from any inside forward and too short for the keeper to rush out to claim. On reflection, of course, Keith O'Leary will probably wish he had done so now, hindsight is easy. All I will say is that I don't think any keeper is going to come out in those circumstances, one bad bounce and you could have just coughed up the easiest goal imaginable. It does happen, I've seen it, and more than once.

Extra-time. Two points for Tony Brosnan. Darragh Reen with a two point free. Fergal Barry nudged Na Gaeil in front. But Na Gaeil lost Maunsell – who had been immense after his introduction – to a second yellow. Soon after Tony Brosnan hit the net and it looked like Na Gaeil's roaring defiance was sounding a little hoarse. Darragh Carmody with another orange flag after a breach gave them hope but Crokes came back fast with scores from Brian Looney (tp), David Shaw, and Cian McMahon. The proverbial overweight lady was definitely tuning up in the background now. In fact, Crokes had opportunities to seal it but were off target a small bit. It didn't look like it was going to matter....

Until it did. Na Gaeil put on one last powerful surge. Peter Doyle nailed a two pointer. I've said before I love the no-longer-quite-so-new rules. Four points down previously it was game over. Yes, yes, the odd miracle....but in 999 games in every thousand, everybody was just going through the motions at the finish. Now? Two points. One score. Not easy, but doable. Very doable. Oh, look at Jack Doyle....done.

Penalties. I hate them. Of course it's dramatic, but it feels like forced drama to me. I really feel that we need to unclog the fixtures calendar. More for rest and recovery, really, but it would free up time for the replays that games like this deserve.

I'm certainly not going through penalties one by one. Shooters and goalkeepers all did their best. Suffice to say that Dr. Crokes scored four from four and are through by what amounts to the skin of their teeth.

Dr. Crokes: Shane Murphy, Fonn Fitzgerald, Neil O'Shea, Mark Fitzgerald, Evan Looney, Gavin White, Brian Looney (0-3, 1tp), Charlie Keating, Mark O'Shea (0-2 1tp), Micheál Burns (0-4, 1tp), Gavin O'Shea (0-1), Tom Doyle (0-1), Cian McMahon (0-4, 1f), David Shaw (0-3), Tony Brosnan (1-7, 2f). Subs: Billy Courtney (for Mark O'Shea, bs, 9-10 min), Alex Hennigan (for Gavin O'Shea, 45 mins), Maidhcí Lynch (for Brian Looney, 50 mins), Billy Courtney (for Charlie Keating 54, mins), Michael Potts (for Tom Doyle, 55 mins), Brian Looney (for Micheál Brns, 70 mins), Cillian Fitzgerald for E Looney 74, Na Gaeil: Keith O'Leary, Jack Doyle (0-, 12p), Eoin Doody, Niall O'Mahony, Enda O'Connor, Andrew Barry, Damien Bourke; Fergal Barry 0-2, Diarmuid O'Connor (0-1), Stefan Okunbor (0-1), Dan Goggin (1-1), James O'Connor, Jack Sheehan, Liam Cooper (0-3, 1tpf), Darragh Reen (0-1). Subs: Oisín Maunsell 1-0 (for Eoin



Sean O'Leary in action for Kilcummin at the Intermediate County Final.
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Paudie Clifford in action for Fossa at the Intermediate County Final.
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Doody, 38 mins), Ruairi O hAiniféin (for James O'Connor 42, Peter Doyle 2p for D O'Connor (temp 48-50), Darragh Carmody 0-7, 2tp, 1tpf, 1f (for Liam Cooper, 51 mins, Jack Bourke 0-1 (for DanGoggin, 58 mins), Kieran O'Donovan (for Niall O'Mahony, 70 mins), Referee: Peter Curtin (Brosna)

FINAL PREVIEW

Dr. Crokes v Rathmore

The 2025 and 2024 East Kerry champions know each other very well. Crokes won their group encounter and won out the group. Rathmore beat Crokes by double scores in the County League back in April, but with respect to the Dr. Crokes players today, that was nowhere close to their championship team.

Crokes only barely scraped past Na Gaeil, while Rathmore were always in control against Milltown/Castlemaine. What makes that interesting is that Milltown/Castlemaine beat Na Gaeil by three points in the group stage. You know what that tells us?

Nothing. Absolutely nothing. This is an old media trope, it really is. The Dr. Crokes and Rathmore sides that will face each other next weekend are completely different to the ones that lined out back then. To win a Kerry club championship, you need to have your fitness work done. If you haven't already ticked that box, forget it. Nowadays you cannot catch up on that. You need to assimilate county players back into the fold fast. You need to be confident in the basic skills. You need a panel. Sorry, everybody loves the story about the tiny parish that defied empires. Frankly, Irish history is filled with examples of such examples taking on England, the foremost world power at that time – I make exception for the attempted alliances with the likes of France, but some of our most revered historical names....patriots and heroes to a man, but not exactly strategic experts. No, winning a Kerry Club Championship means having every box ticked, including the numbers. And you hope to keep players injury-free through a very tough playing schedule. And if all of that happens, you still need the little bit of luck to go your way.

Dr. Crokes and Rathmore tick all those boxes. I think Crokes have a slightly sharper cutting

edge up front – it didn't take Tony long to get up to speed, did it? But I think Rathmore have a bit more overall power spread around the field. This one is very hard to call, it genuinely is.

The thing is that I think any team that is at peak form right now has pushed too hard too soon. The County Championship is another slog for players. Timing is crucial. I just think that in terms of the County Championship, the likes of Dingle, safe from relegation but outside the knockout stages of the Club Championship, are quite possibly better off in the long run than the finalists of the Senior Club Final. That's a kink in the system. Long term I think trying to take county players out of the district championships is just fudging the bigger issue. When it comes to the Senior Club and County Football Championship, we need to either blend the pair (putting the club finalists straight into the county quarters is a no-brainer but doesn't actually free up much).

INTERMEDIATE

Cliffords Inspire Fossa to the Promised Land

Final:

Kilcummin 0-26 Fossa 0-22

Headlines are not my thing and that's definitely not a great headline. It's the obvious one from a national perspective. Look, the fact of the Clifford brothers playing guarantees the spotlight straightaway. I'd say most clubs would be happier without it in terms of preparation but look, it really is just how it works. And when they kick 0-21 between them out of 0-26 to take the club to senior....arrah, stop. If it wasn't Maurice Walsh or John B. Keane that wrote this script, it was Maeve Binchy. And the best thing is that it's completely true.

And I still think it's a bit disrespectful to Kilcummin. Because I thought they were magnificent too. In fact, heretical though it may sound I had Paul O'Shea as leading candidate from motm for much of the game. I still thought he made an incredible contribution. He looks to me like a man who is back to peak fitness and enjoying his football. These are not small

stories either. Nor was Paul ploughing any lone furrow for Kilcummin throughout, far from it.

David wasn't prominent early on and Paudie was actually doing his best work on or behind his own goal-line, with Kilcummin well on top in midfield. Fossa's opeed their account through Rian Colleran and added points from Ted O'Gorman (in fairness, he was a colossus and has really been the break-out player of this championship), Paddy Sheehan, and Eoin Talbot. I would say they are all players that are underestimated by some people outside the club, but not by anybody within it.

Kilcummin were much the better side at this stage thugh. Mikey Casey in particular was always dangerous as an inside sniper, and his early goal attempt was deflected off the post for a '45 converted by Brendan Kealy. Two booming two pointers from Paul O'Shea were the chief weapon as they moved into a 0-8 to 0-4 lead, but David was beginning to pick off his scores now and a patient build-up saw Paudie convert a great two pointer of his own from the left. However, great work by Cian Foley saw Mikey Casey raise an orange flag of his own to give Kilcummin a 0-12 to 0-10 lead at the break; it could have been a bit more.

I believe that it's in the third quarter that a majority of games are won or lost. Certainly this one saw a massive turnaround as Fossa, who now had the breeze, took over. If David Clifford had looked like Clark Kent at times in the first half (and that's a vast exaggeration; I'm working a metaphor here) then they had a phone booth in their dressing room. Because this was David at his best. Three orange flags from David, following Paudie's point straight from the throw-in, and it was Fossa who were four points in front. Kieran Murphy trimmed that with a great two pointer – this was thrilling football – but Kilcummin substitute Matt Keane picked off a fine score. This game was clearly going down to the wire. A scintillating move saw Kevin McCarthy send the ball invitingly back towards the rear Fossa post....only for Shane O'Sullivan to dart out and get just enough contact on it to deflect it away to no man's land. Close call, very close indeed.

Jack Fogarty and Matt Keane actually cut Fossa's lead to just one, 0-22 to 0-21. Could they



Patrick O'Sullivan, David Clifford, Man of the Match with his son Ogie, Jerome Tangney, Kerry Petroleum and Fossa Captain Sam Buckley following Fossa's win over Kilcummin in the Intermediate County Final.



The Ryan family celebrate Fossa's win on Sunday.

hold on?

With David in this kind of form, they could do better than hold on. His fifth orange flag stretched it. Kevin McCarthy pointed a free but David replied in kind and Darre Ryan pointed from play.

After reaching their third Intermediate Final in four years, Fossa are finally going up to senior. As for Kilcummin, who deserve an equal share of the plaudits for this enthralling spectacle, they have been very close in all four years, but have to go back to the drawing board. Such are the harsh realities of sport.

Fossa: Shane O'Sullivan, Sam Buckley, Paddy Sheehan (0-1), Brian Myers, Dan O'Connell, Eoin Talbot (0-1), Rian Colleran (0-1), Matt Rennie, Cian O'Shea, Ted O'Gorman (0-1), Paudie Clifford (0-4, 1tp), Darren Ryan (0-2), Jack Hallissey, David Clifford (0-15, 3tp, 2tpf, 2f), Emmett O'Shea (0-1, 1f). Subs: Fintan Coffey (for Matt Rennie, 40 mins), Mark Kennelly (for Cian O'Shea, 46 mins), Fionn Doyle (for Jack Hallissey, 48 mins), Harry Buckley (for Rian Colleran, 51 mins).

Kilcummin: Brendan Kealy (0-1, 1'45), Chris O'Leary, Dara Stack, James Williams (0-1), Seán O'Leary, Dara O'Callaghan, James Nagle, Paul O'Shea (0-4, 1tp, 1tpf), Colm Kelliher, Mark O'Shea (0-3), Kieran Murphy (0-3, 1tp), Cian Foley (0-1), Mikey Casey (0-3), Kevin McCarthy (0-1, 1f), Philip O'Leary (0-2). Subs: Kevin O'Gorman (for Colm Kelleher, 37 mins), Matt Keane 0-2 (for James Nagle, 37 mins), Jack Fogarty 0-1 (for James Williams, 49 mins), Ian Devane (for Mark O'Shea, 54 mins), Dan Moynihan (for Cian Foley, 56 mins).

Referee: Eoghan Ó Muircheartaigh (Dingle)

JUNIOR PREMIER

Keel Produce Late Winning Burst

Final:

Keel 0-14 Churchill 0-12

To be honest, I had Beale as strong favourites to win it out before a ball was thrown in at all. After that I reckoned both Keel, St. Senans,

and Ardfert would have decent chances. So I wasn't spot on, but in fairness, I wasn't a million miles away either. I personally think the Junior Premier has been the hardest competition of all to call, and generally the most entertaining, of the Kerry club championships. I hadn't realised it until it was pointed out to me but eight of the past ten finals went to extra-time

Keel made the better start, powered in particular by Keith Evans. He really did look county class all the way. That said, young Conor McGibney made him battle for everything. Yes, the county player won the duel with the lad just out of minor, no question about it, but the more I see of McGibney, the more I rate him.

Scores were at a premium for both sides. It was just 0-4 to 0-2 in Keel's favour late in the first half when Churchill opened the throttle. Joe Lenihan (he started at midfield but later moved into full forward – a clever move) and Darragh O'Sullivan boomed over two pointers and a brace from the impressive Seán Hickey suddenly meant Churchill led by 0-8 to 0-4 at the break.

Hickey and O'Sullivan (a free for a breach) pushed the gap out to six. In fact, they had chances to put the game pretty much to bed, but Ivan Parker was very unlucky to hit the post and both Keith and Gary Sayers went close, but not close enough, to raising orange flags. Keel were actually playing fine but – and this has been a little bit of a theme in this year's Junior Premier – just kicking too many decent scoring chances wide. They trailed by 0-12 to 0-6 with ten minutes to go.

At which point Keel suddenly started looking sharper. The return of a sin-binned player for Keel and Churchill losing some key performers, Joe Lenihan picking up a second yellow had an effect. Brian Mangan – he was superb – fired over an orange flag and Aaron Murphy added another. Mangan cut it back to one. This was a bit of a sudden tidal wave as substitute Cian Flynn landed yet another orange flag for Keel. It was the perfect time to go in front and in the few remaining minutes, Keel were able to maintain possession. Churchill had one last

chance from outside the arc in the last few seconds, but it was a real hit-and-hope effort and never really had much hope.

Keel: Stephen Cahillane, Eden Murphy, Gearoid Evans, Aaron Cahillane, Daniel Ashe, Liam Evans (0-1), Brian Mangan (0-3, 1tp), Lachlan Griffin (0-1), Thomas Ladden, Gary Sayers (0-1), Keith Evans (0-3), Fionán Griffin, Michael Byrne, Aaron Murphy (0-2, 1tp), Shane Evans (0-1). Subs: Dylan Prendergast (for Fionán Griffin, 38 mins), Cian Flynn 0-2, 1tp (for Michael Byrne, 46 mins), Gary Murphy (for Aaron Cahillane, 53 mins), Gavin Evans (for Daniel Ashe, 59 mins), Tomas Buckley (for Aaron Murphy, 60 mins).

Churchill: Ciaran Murray, Cian Donnellan, Tadhg O Slatara, Harry Benner, Hugh Lenihan, Paul Linehan, Ben Donnellan, Joe Linehan (0-2, 1tp), Kevin O'Connor, Paul Buckley, Cian McKenna (0-1), Conor McGibney, Darragh O'Sullivan (0-4, 1tp, 2f), Liam O'Donnell (0-1, 1f), Seán Hickey (0-4). Subs: Ivan Parker (for Ben Donnellan, half-time), Aaron Harty (for Seán Hickey, 45 mins), Michael O'Sullivan (for Harry Benner, 54 mins), Fiachra Griffin (for Darragh O'Sullivan, 53 mins) Referee: Brendan Brosnan (Glenflesk)

JUNIOR

Underdogs Finuge Triumph to Win Junior

Final:

Finuge 0-13 Knocknagoshel 0-12

Definitely not what I expected. Knocknagoshel have been on a great run of form over the past two years. They burned their way through a County League Division Five where Finuge needed a few late results to go their way to survive. Mind you, there is a caveat to that; they played most of it without their Kerry hurlers.

The story of the game itself is quickly told. Finuge played more football in the first half but didn't put enough of it on the scoreboard. It was all square at the break, 0-6 apiece, but Knocknagoshel needed two two pointer frees from Edmond Walsh while Finuge had already left a lot behind them. Finuge had made the

faster start with two opening points from Jamie Galvin and Darragh Conway. Knocknagoshel were surprisingly unproductive up front, with Finuge able to drop back and close out the options, but Edmund's accuracy and Conor Cahill with their first point from play very deep into the first half actually had them in front before Ivan Conway kicked a late equaliser for Finuge. That couldn't really be described as a fair reflection of general play. Finuge should have been further ahead and I suspected that they might have reason to rue it later on.

Impressive midfielder John Bell kicked an early two pointer in the second half for Knocknagoshel but Finue hit back immediately through Darragh Conway and a brace from Ricky Heffernan.

This was a real point for point game. Michael Walsh for Knocknagoshel, but Gavin O'Keeffe replied with a Finuge free. John Bell's second orange flag nudged Knocknagoshel ('The Mall' is a regional nickname claimed by a couple of different clubs; it would be like one club trying to claim the name 'Slíabh Luachra') back in front. But not for long. Gavin O'Keeffe pointed a free and with ten minutes to go it was 0-11 apiece and all to play for.

Shane O'Connell fisted over. Advantage Knocknagoshel. Ivan Conway with a reply. Jamie Galvin gave Finuge the lead. They had a great chance to put it to bed...just wide. Frenetic finish. There was more pace and excitement, in all honesty, in the last ten minutes than there was in the fifty before it. But the shooting accuracy was indicative of the grade (I believe it is the most influential factor at Junior and Novice).

In the end Finuge were the ones with just that precious single point more on the scoreboard and they will play Premier Junior next year.

Finuge: Kieran Mackessy, Ger Stackpoole, Gearóid O'Sullivan, Jeremy McKenna, Aidan O'Brien, Ricky Heffernan (0-2), Gavin O'Keeffe (0-4, 1tpf, 2f), Conor O'Keeffe, Eoghan Stack, Aodhán Shanahan, Shane Conway (0-1), Darragh Conway (0-2), Liam O'Brien, Jamie Galvin (0-2, 1f), Ivan Conway (0-2) Subs: Darragh O'Sullivan (for Liam O'Brien, 34 mins), Aidan Mahony (for Gearóid O'Sullivan, 46 mins), Mark McElligott (for Ger Stackpoole, 50 mins), Declan McCarthy (for Ricky Heffernan, 59 mins)

Knocknagoshel: Mike Casey, Eoin McSweeney, Joe Bell, Jack Walsh, Michael Walsh (0-1), Jack McElligott, Conor Sheehan, Shane O'Connell (0-1), Jack Brosnan, John Walsh, Cathal McElligott (0-1m), John Bell (0-4, 2tp), Conor Cahill (0-1), Edmond Walsh (0-4, 2tpf), Ciaran Mangan Subs: Billy O'Rahilly (for Conor Sheehan, 48 mins)

Referee: Eddie Walsh (Rathmore)

NOVICE

Final: St. Michaels/Foilmore 1-14 Scartaglin 1-13

It was a weekend that saw a lot of dramatic finales. I suppose you can't get closer than a penalty shootout, but this cracker between Bally/Foilmore and Scartaglin runs it very, very close. This was as entertaining a game as any. The tone was set immediately, Andy O'Connell



The large crowd attending the Fossa V Kilcummin game at the Fitzgerald Stadium.

Photo: Lucy Shalimova, Fitzgerald Stadium PR

firing over for the South Kerry men. Scart hit back straightaway through Michael Horan, who was outstanding all through (Bally/Foilmore marshalled him closely in the second half and had to do so), with an orange flag. Kevin Griffin equalised from a free. This was a rapid start to a football match, nobody was dipping toes to test the water here! Michael Horan didn't exactly cool the tempo by slaloming his way through and blasting a superb shot to the net. No bother to St. Michaels/Foilmore. Darragh Scanlon and Darragh Sugrue attacked at speed and drew a penalty smoothly converted by Kevin Griffin. Michael Horan and Shay Walsh (f) pointed for Scart but Kevin Griffin landed a two pointer free in between. Level pegging again. The second quarter, to be fair, was a bit more sedate – in the sense that Scattering Day of Puck tends to be slightly less gloriously chaotic than Fair Day. You're still never mistaking it for England's Henley Royal Regatta (although I hear that your man Prince Harry could be a bit of craic alright). There was still plenty of good football. St. Michaels/Foilmore led at the break by two, 1-7 to 1-5, but it could have been a lot more if captain Mikey Scanlon hadn't been denied by a great save by Cormac Walsh Murphy.

Kevin Griffin – last year's Kerry minor has stepped into senior ranks with consummate ease – opened the second half scoring from play before the game settled into a bit of a free-taking duel between himself and Shay Walsh. At the start of the fourth and final quarter, Bally/Foilmore still had that two point advantage thanks to a Griffin orange free and point from play, 1-11 to 1-9.

Matthew O'Sullivan came off the bench and immediately stretched the lead to three. Shay Walsh slotted a free and Cormac Walsh landed arguably the score of the day, a really majestic kick for two. Level pegging again and just minutes left.

Michael Horan teed up Luke McShane and he split the posts perfectly. Clock ticking very loudly now, just seconds left. Time enough for

big Matthew O'Sullivan to get one last monster shot off. Orange flag, and jubilation for St. Michaels/Foilmore, heartbreak for Scartaglin. The margins were that close in a great game.

St. Michaels/Foilmore: Brian Smith, Dan Cronin, Niall O'Sullivan, Steve Cronin; Donagh Sugrue, Darragh Scanlon, Mikey Scanlon, Cian Goggin (0-1, 1m), DJ Moran; Shane Goggin, Alan Goggin, Andy O'Connell (0-1), Kevin Griffin 1-7 (1-0 pen, 2f, 1tpf, 1tp), Jack Griffin (0-1), Enda Sheehan (0-1). Subs: Matthew O'Sullivan 0-3, 1tp (for Andy O'Connell, 37 mins), Cathal Casey (for Steve Cronin, 37 mins), Ian O'Sullivan (for DJ Moran, 37 mins), Adam Murphy (for Alan Goggin, 41 mins), Kevin Griffin (for Shane Goggin, 45 mins).

Scartaglin: Conor Mitchell; Christy Grimes, Aaron Gallagher, Giles O'Connor, Ryan Walsh Murphy, Pdraig O'Connor, Bryan Daly, Seán Horan, Cormac Walsh (0-3, 1tp); Darragh Buckley, Michael Horan 1-3 (tp), Gary Boyle, Brian Riordan, Shay Walsh (0-6, 3f, 1tp), Donnacha Daly. Subs: William McCarthy (for Donnacha Daly, 40 mins), Cillian Reidy (for Gary Boyle, 40 mins), Luke McShane 0-1 (for Brian Riordan, 47 mins), Ger O'Connor (for Aaron Gallagher, 47 mins).

Referee: Daniel Clifford (Laune Rangers)

GAILLIMH INDUCTED INTO MUNSTER HALL OF FAME

Another international sporting giant, and one even closer to home. I met him once, just a quick chat (he would have no idea who I am, by the way). Currow GAA had just opened a brand new sportshall and revamped their facilities. They had also played their first



ever Senior County

Championship as a club. It was 2014, I think it was early June? He told me that in his native Currow he had always been known as Mike Galway, after his All Ireland winning uncle. It was in Limerick that it became 'Mick', and he had no objections. He wasn't in attendance as a rugby man, by the way. He was in attendance as a Currow man, and as rightly proud as any of his neighbours. Genuinely great guy on a genuinely great day. And just to mention, St. Michaels/Foilmore, who are mentioned elsewhere in this column, actually won that game. And they were absolute class that day as well.

Mike Galway is an out and out gentleman. But 'Gaillimh' the player? It's not the 100+ times that he actually played in the red of Munster. It's kind of....like Moss Keane of the same parish, it wasn't just what he contributed on the field of play. He embodied the ethos, almost an avatar of what young rugby players should aspire to. Inducted into the Hall of Fame. People, what took ye so long?

LEONA MAGUIRE

Look, I know even less about it, but congratulations to Leona Maguire on winning the Solheim Cup with Europe. My understanding is that it will be her last. The Cavan golfer has been an inspiration, and not just on the course, since she and her twin sparted making national headlines as young teenagers. I am a big admirer of Rory McIlroy as well – this girl came a harder road and has always done it with class.

SHANE LOWRY – THE PEOPLE'S (AND ACTUAL) CHAMPION

Maybe it's just me, but there's always been something extremely likeable about Shane Lowry. You can easily imagine having a pint with the likes of Rory McIlroy or Pádraig Harrington and having a great time. They come across as really nice people. To be fair, I'm basing a lot on media sound bites; it's not like I've met any of these people. But in the same way that I can imagine having a pint with them, I can imagine seven or eight with Shane Lowry while watching the All Ireland Hurling Final (yeah, okay, the McDonagh Final, and we are a bit away from that anyway) and going to the chipper for a snackbox with everything (except mushy peas).

Now, all my information is secondhand. I didn't get to watch the Irish Open. It's a separate conversation, and look, I could go on a real rant here. Have you looked at how many games were on in the various local codes last weekend? That's local, and that's without the basketball in full flight. No, I did not get to sit down and watch the Irish Open. I did see on social media the lads who had a crane lift them up and had a few cans while watching the golf. Fair play to them; spot on.



Shane is genuinely passionate. He always has been. Watching his meteoric rise after his first Irish Open title in 2009, as an amateur – that should be in any top ten Irish Sporting Moments of this century. His winning putt at the end of a Ryder Cup where the American hosts did not cover themselves in glory (and I'm talking about the spectators and that clown show of an MC, not the players) is iconic. A few of his remarks during that tournament that were caught on the microphone....well, I will use the old euphemism 'this paper shall not print them directly, lest the ladies be offended'. Yeah, as if ladies would be reading newspapers! Stop, I'm only joking. I know ye know those words. I know ye better that that – the most of ye could give the Offaly golfer lessons when it comes to vocabulary.

I'm focusing on the golf. Even I will forego a few digs at the orange President Epstein – my understanding is that we are allowed to rename things at random now. And no, Áras an Uachtaráin is not being named the Connolly/Trump building....ah, I'll stop. It's just childish on my part now.

It was very windy on the first day in Doonbeg. And not in the sense that well, you are literally on the edge of the Atlantic; it's never not going to be windy. This was windy even by Doonbeg's normal standards. It was consequently a very slow day, with queues needed at some tee boxes. It was a very solid day for Shane. Two off the top. 67. I've been known to shoot the same myself over a round (obviously, not as an aggregate total, more the first five holes).

Then came Round Two. This was the Shane Show. All of a sudden, my phone was beeping quite a bit. Now, it does that at random anyway – my phone recently updated itself completely, which means I no longer understand how to work it, I was quite happy with the way it worked already – but this was Shane suddenly

just taking the course by storm. He just.... remember Tiger Woods in 1997, making Augusta look like a childrens' playground? This was that, except that it was an Irishman doing it on an Irish course. No wonder people were texting me.

And what I texted back – ah, the wisdom of hindsight! – was something along the lines of "Lads, it's Shane. There's a string of ten, even fifteen holes where he is up among the best in the world. At the start of the final round, he's always just three shots of getting into contention. But then it always goes wrong and he suddenly drops seven shots in three holes and that's that. Sorry, of course I'd love for him to win it....but we all know he won't". There ye are, people. It may surprise some of ye (I doubt it) to find out but I'm actually savage judgemental.

In fairness, there are a few of them of texted back and said that they think he has a bit more steel to him. That they knew what I was saying, but that he could be in with a chance. Ah, the innocence of my little lambeen friends! It's adorable in its own way.

Third round. There ye are now, you see. Shane is.....oh, wait. He's.....ah no, the fates are only playing with me now. 65. That's....the only reason that didn't propel him way up into contention is because he was well on top on the leaderboard already. This is not just excellence from Shane, which we have all seen before. This is absolutely consistent excellence. I'm a big fan of Sane Lowry, but to be honest, he's making a complete fool of me now.

Final Round. And he's just getting better and better. He's what, ten shots clear with five to go? Look, lads, don't be telling me these things. I remember Kerry being two points up in an All Ireland Final one time with just seconds left, a bit of an historic All Ireland....there were Lowrys on the playing field that day too, one of them just arrived on it with a couple of minutes...

Umm, Shane Lowry the clear winner of the Irish Open by eleven shots. Like eleven shots. I owe the man an apology. The next time I meet him, I'll get the first round. I'm not getting carried away though; he pays for his own snackbox.

LADIES ALL STARS

Congratulations to all twelve of Kerry's All Star nominations. They are goalkeeper Mary Ellen Bolger, defenders Deirdre Kearney, Eilís Lynch, Róisín Rahilly, Emma Costello, Aoife Dillane and Aishling O'Connell, midfielder Mary O'Connell, and forwards Niamh Carmody, Niamh Ni Chonchúir, Danielle O'Leary, and captain Siofra O'Shea. Of them all, Siofra is the only 2025 All Star hoping to retain it – only for injury, there really is no doubt in my mind that she would be going for three in a row. Remember how she was playing before she did her ACL? She really was flying that year.

I'm open to correction, but I'm almost certain that this is a first All Star nomination for Deirdre Kearney and Róisín Rahilly. Best of luck to them, and to all the other candidates as well.

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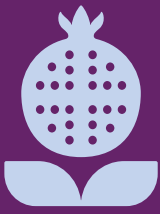
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They watch you from a distance and guide
you everyday,
They do become your angel
And look down from above,
A loved one never leaves you
Because you always have their love*

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**Anniversary Mass will be held on
Sunday 27th September in the Church
of the Sacred Heart Ballyhar at 10am**

**POWERFUL NOVENA TO
THE SACRED HEART**

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

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

(Mention your Intention Here)

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

6TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
LIL O'KEEFFE



BOUNARD, GNEEVGUILLA.
RATHMORE, CO KERRY.
WHO PASSED AWAY ON
SEPTEMBER 12TH 2020.

*A special Person, A smiling Face,
A loving nature, A heart of gold,
A memory fond and true,
In our hearts you will live forever
Because we thought the world of you.*

Sadly missed and lovingly remembered by
your Husband Mike, Sons Sean, Moss and
Michael, Daughter In Law Mary,
extended Family and Friends.

**Lil's Anniversary Mass will be held on
Sunday September 27th at 9.30am
at the Church of Holy Rosary,
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**BIRTHDAY
REMEMBRANCE**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**SHEILA
FLEMING**



CLYDINE, KILCUMMIN,
KILLARNEY

ON HER BIRTHDAY.

*If we could have a lifetime wish
And one dream that could come through
We would pray to God with all our hearts
Just to See and speak to you
A thousand words won't bring you back
We know because we've tried
And neither will a million tears
We know because we've cried
You've left behind our broken hearts
And precious memories too
But we've never wanted memories
We only wanted you*

Sadly missed by your loving husband Pat,
daughter Marcella, Sons David and John,
son-in-law David, daughter-in-law Katrin
and grandchildren.



**6TH AND 24TH
ANNIVERSARY**

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF

**BRIDIE &
DENIS HORAN**



SHINNAGH, RATHMORE,
CO. KERRY.
WHO PASSED AWAY
SEPTEMBER 16TH 2020 AND
SEPTEMBER 27TH 2002.

*A special day, another year,
A lovely thought, a silent tear,
A little prayer to keep in touch,
To the ones we miss and love so much.*

**Sadly missed and lovingly remembered
by Sheila, Donie, grandchildren and
great-grand children.**

*Anniversary Mass is on in St. Joseph's Church,
Rathmore on Sunday 20th September
at 11.30am.*



**A PRAYER TO OUR
LADY OF LA SALETTE**

Remember, dear Lady of La Salette, true Mother
of Sorrows, the tears which thou didst shed for me
on Calvary; be mindful also of the unceasing care
which thou dost exercise to shield me from the
justice of God; and consider whether thou canst
now abandon thy child, for whom thou hast done
so much. Inspired by this consoling thought, I come
to cast myself at thy feet, in spite of my infidelity
and ingratitude. Reject not my prayer, O Virgin of
reconciliation, convert me, obtain for me the grace to
love Jesus Christ above all things and to console thee
too by living a holy life, in order that one
day I may be able to see thee in Heaven.
Amen.

**NOVENA TO
ST ANTHONY**

O wonderful St. Anthony, glorious on account
of the fame of your miracles, and through the
condescension of Jesus in coming in the form of
a little child to rest in your arms, obtain for me of
His bounty the grace which I ardently desire from
the depths of my heart. (State your intention)
You who were so compassionate toward miserable
sinners, regard not the unworthiness of those
who pray to you, but the glory of God that it may
once again be magnified by the granting of the
particular request (State your intention) which I
now ask for with persevering earnestness. Amen
Pray one Our Father,
one Hail Mary, and
Glory Be to the Father, in honor of
Saint Anthony.
Saint Anthony, pray for us!

**NOVENA TO THE
SACRED HEART**

You have said O Divine Jesus, ask and you
shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock
and the door shall be opened to you. Relying
on these promises, I come with confidence
during this novena to beg of you the favours
that I need (make request). From whom shall
I ask Lord Jesus if not from you whose heart
is an unfailing source of graces and merits.
Most loving heart of my God. I believe in your
power, I believe in your knowledge I believe
in your personal love for me, and therefore
O Sacred Heart of Jesus I place all my trust in
you. Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory.
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