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# A Note from the **E** DITOR



Welcome to this week's Killarney Outlook. We have lots for you to enjoy in the magazine! The winners of the Killarney Looking Good Competition have been announced, the town is preparing for a very special Autumn Festival and the Models in Recovery have raised thousands for the Hospice Foundation.

Eddie Sheehy fills us in on happenings in Kenya this year, HeartBeat are planning a fundraiser and Anne Lucey looks at whats happening in town.

The Tánaiste Micheál Martin did a whistle stop tour of Killarney, students in Lissivigeen learned how to restart a heart and Kerry County Council wan to know "Are You Coming Home?"

We have all the action from the pitches, fairways and tracks, the basketball season is in full swing and Jimmy takes a look at All Things Sport!

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# MINISTER NOONAN LAUNCHES public consultation on the future of Ireland's National Parks

'Your Parks, Your Say' is the first phase of a national conversation to inform the definition, purpose and management of our National Parks.

Stakeholders and members of the public are encouraged to have their say across a range of topics including biodiversity conservation, education, visitor management and legislation.

The Minister also launched a new framework for management planning in Ireland's National Parks

The Minister of State for Nature, Heritage and Electoral Reform, Malcolm Noonan TD, has today (10th October 2024) launched a new public consultation on the future of Ireland's National Parks.

The initiative – titled 'Your Parks, Your Say' – will give members of the public and stakeholder organisations the opportunity to express their views on Ireland's National Parks across a range of topics, from biodiversity conservation and restoration to visitor amenities, education, community engagement and legislation. Definitions of what a National Park is will also be sought.



An amazing €35,477 was raised at the Models In Recovery Fashion Show which was held last month in the INEC. Pictured are representatives from the Kerry Hospice Foundation with some of the models who took part in the fundraiser.



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Kerry Homecoming Festival at Halloween opens this Friday, October 18th with the 2 day Global Gaelic Games Social Festival, in Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney - a gathering of 1000 Gaelic Football enthusiasts from far and wide taking part in non-competitive 9-a-side Gaelic games that emphasize inclusiveness and integration.

The festival programme features close to fifty free events and activities such as Samhain spectacles, storytelling, Jack-o-Lantern carving, genealogy workshops and heritage talks, stargazing, an American Wake at Kerry Writers Museum and much, much more.

The legendary Cailleach (Hag / Witch), will be the centrepiece of a thrilling Samhain spectacle in Listowel, Dingle, Kenmare and Tralee. The Cailleach is the goddess of the winter months. Her season begins on Samhain, October 31st, when the Goddess Brigid hands her staff over.

The Cailleach is associated with many locations across the Celtic lands. Her ability to form the landscape and mountains means that many prominent mountain landmarks are attributed to her. In Kerry she has given her name to the Hag's Glen in the MacGillivuddy Reeks mountains where the Hag of Corrán Tuathail (Carrauntoohill) plunged to her death in the lake known as Hag's Lake.

The Samhain Spectacles will be supported by a series of workshops in 16 towns and villages, in the run up, led by Juli Ní Mhaoileoin, the Dingle Druid, in which people of all ages will learn how to make traditional Samhain masks and Jack-o-Lanterns and they in turn can take part in the spectacles wearing their masks or bearing their lanterns.

Genealogy and family research feature heavily

in the programme with talks and workshops being presented by experts in the Killarney and Tralee libraries and in Castleisland and Killorglin.

Kerry's tradition of storytelling, particularly of the otherworldly kind at Halloween is also honoured through a number of storytelling sessions from Niall de Búrca and Tom Dillon throughout the county.

All of the existing seasonal Kerry festivals and some new ones, including an Féile Eile in Killorglin will also be joining in the fun - Kenmare Halloween Howl, the Patrick O'Keefe Music Festival in Castleisland, the Skellig Coast Archaeology Festival, the Kerry International Film Festival celebrating its 25th anniversary and Oireachtas na Samhna, both taking place in Killarney, as well as Tralee's annual National Circus Festival and The Tralee Half Marathon.

The Homecoming Festival provides a unique opportunity to deepen our linkages with the Kerry Diaspora, Mayor of Kerry, Cllr Breandán MacGearailt stated. "Despite being a small country on the edge of Europe, on the edge of the Atlantic, we have, over many generations developed a global network of Irish-diaspora, who are embedded into business, culture and society across the world. This is our way of welcoming our first, second, third and fourth generation of Irish back home, and showcasing our culture and history".

Ciara Sugrue, Head of Festivals and Events at Fáilte Ireland said

"Festivals and events play a crucial role in showcasing the rich cultural tapestry of Ireland, attracting visitors from around the world to come and discover Ireland. The Kerry Homecoming Festival is a perfect example of how we can celebrate our heritage as the Home of Halloween, engage our diaspora, and create unforgettable experiences for all. By bringing together diverse activities and traditions, we not only boost tourism but also strengthen the bonds within our communities. We are pleased to collaborate with Kerry County Council and the Department of Foreign Affairs on this exciting event, as part of our Global Irish Festival Series and we look forward to welcoming everyone to Kerry this Halloween for this special celebration."

Programme details are available on the Discover Kerry website - [www.discoverkerry.com/live/homecomingfestival/](http://www.discoverkerry.com/live/homecomingfestival/).





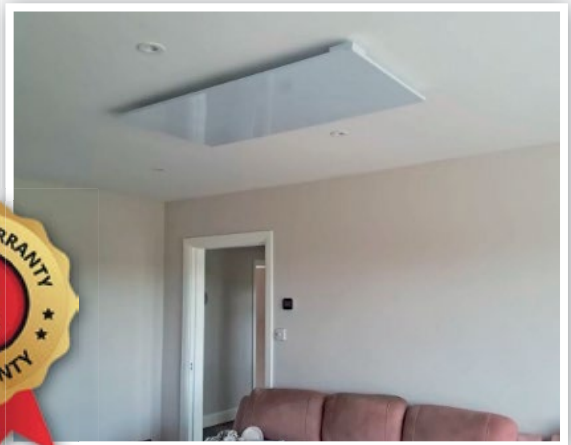
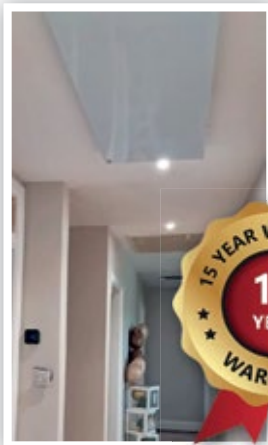
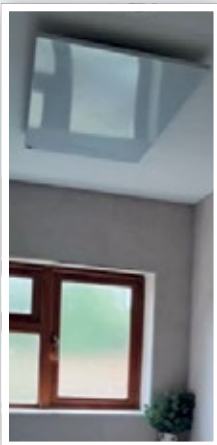
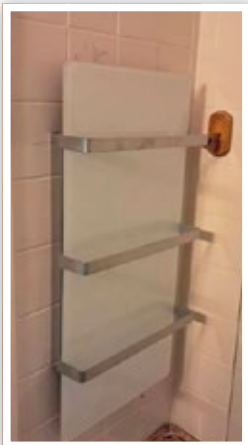


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# FF Candidate Welcomes AN TÁNAISTE TO TOWN

Fianna Fáil election candidate Linda Gordon-Kelleher proved that she is a natural at campaigning as she welcomed party leader and Tánaiste Micheál Martin to Killarney at the weekend.

No hand went unshaken as she brought him around the town to meet residents, business people and shoppers alike. Even the younger residents of Killarney got an opportunity to meet with the Tánaiste and Ms Gordon-Kelleher!

The whistle-stop visit to Killarney created a buzz in the town as many people lined up to have their photos taken with Ms Gordon-Kelleher and the Tánaiste.

The duo, with their team of canvassers, called to homes in Bishop Moynihan Crescent, Dalton's Avenue and Marrian Terrace where they received a warm welcome.

Linda Gordon-Kelleher is a first-time candidate for Fianna Fáil and has hit the ground running with her active campaign and social media presence. A mum of four, she is a well-known solicitor in Killarney.



An Taniste Michéal Martin TD Leader Fianna Fail and general election candidate Linda Gordon Kelleher canvassing with Maria O'Gorman, Sen. Mark Daly, Brian O'Leary, Ned O'Sullivan, Derry Murphy, Ina Kerins, Cllr Norman Moriarty, Sheila Dickson, Eugene Gordon, Jeff and Jennifer Gordon, Hannah Sharkey Keogh and Cllr Niall Kelleher in Killarney on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



An Taniste Michéal Martin TD Leader Fianna Fail canvassing with Fianna Fail general election candidate Linda Gordon Kelleher with the canvass group Sen. Mark Daly, Michael O'Shea, Sheila Dickson, Monica, Jeff and Portia Gordon, Cllr Niall Kelleher, Cllr Norma Moriarty and Derry O'Mhuiri on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



An Taniste Michéal Martin TD Leader Fianna Fail and Fianna Fail general election candidate Linda Gordon Kelleher with Pat McSparron and Daithi McGillicuddy on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



An Taniste Michéal Martin TD Leader Fianna Fail and Fianna Fail general election candidate Linda Gordon Kelleher with Grainne and Maria O'Sullivan on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



An Taniste Michéal Martin TD Leader Fianna Fail and Fianna Fail general election candidate Linda Gordon Kelleher with Conor Hennigan on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



An Taniste Michéal Martin TD Leader Fianna Fail and general election candidate Linda Gordon Kelleher canvassing Sheila O'Connor in Killarney on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



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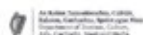
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He will be remembered for the differences he made in so many lives in his parishes in Brazil through his work and also by the people of Fossa on how



dedicated he was to his missionary work. He is survived by his brother Daniel Myers (Barleymount West) and many nieces and nephews. May He Rest in Peace.



*Pictured for the presentation cheque of €2,130 in Hotel Killarney is Pat Sheehan Weight Loss Coach Club Vitea Leisure Centre, Mary Horgan Secretary Comfort for Chemo Kerry, Louise Dunlea Manager Club Vitea Leisure Centre, Brid O’ Connor Patient Advocate for Comfort for Chemo Kerry & Conellie & Maisie Sheehan.*

## PAT’S 101KM MARATHON RAISES MONEY FOR COMFORT FOR CHEMO

Killarney Weight Loss Coach Pat Sheehan competed in the 101km Kerry Way Ultra Marathon on Friday 6th September at 9pm & ran through the night to 5.20pm on Saturday evening (over 20hrs) back to Killarney race course. From Dromid - Waterville - Caherdaniel - Sneem - Templenoe - Kenmare - Killarney race course all on the beautiful scenic Kerry way mountain trails.

This week, he presented funds which he raised to representatives from Comfort for Chemo.

## Maharees Conservation Association Wins Big at National Lottery Good Causes Awards 2024

An inspiring local organisation in Kerry has won big at this year’s National Lottery Good Causes Awards 2024.

The Maharees Conservation Association took home the top prize in the Heritage category, winning an impressive €10,000. The organisation was established in 2016 to enhance, protect, and preserve this unique coastline through community-led climate adaptation.

The Maharees, located on the Dingle Peninsula, is renowned for its long, uninterrupted blue-flag beaches and stunning coastline. This area is globally recognised for its spectacular sand dunes, which have unfortunately been severely impacted by the powerful Atlantic swells and strong winter winds.







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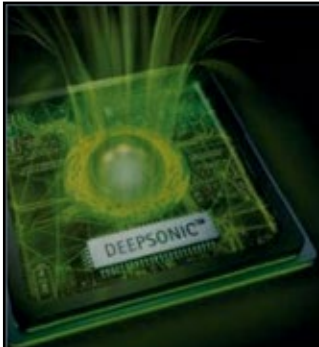


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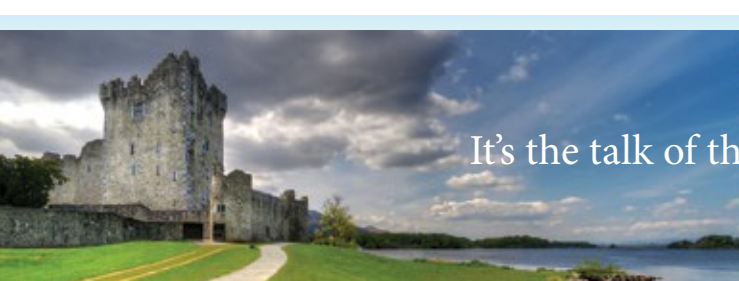


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It's the talk of the town...



With Anne Lucey

Anne Lucey looks at the positive news happening in the town of Killarney

### Older Drivers are safer drivers, conference told

The older drivers' conference in Tralee last week had some useful tips on road safety. But it also heard how other drivers - middle aged and younger - should be taught to respect older drivers.

By the way, an older driver is anyone over the age of 55.

Lack of manners on the road and levels of aggression and road rage have soared since the pandemic, the conference was told.

This will come as no surprise. Most of us will have experienced pent up behaviour like tail-gaiting and abuse in the past two years.

Many older drivers have long records of safe driving. Statistics show that they are least likely to be involved in a collision.

The roads are very different these days with more cars and trucks and vans all being driving faster and more aggressively. New road layouts such as multi-lane junctions and even roundabouts are much more complicated. Some people find it all confusing, the well attended conference at Tralee's lovely Rose Hotel heard.

Attendees were from Killarney, Cahersiveen and elsewhere in a highly successful event coordinated by the council and with help from other authorities like the Gardaí

It's sometimes easy to knock the council, and expose failings, but this is one event that was invaluable. It brought people together from all ends of the county. Hopefully it will be a template.

Among the take-aways were:

Road rage is a reportable offence.

But don't get involved. Simply take the car registration number and report to Garda Be clever about driving - don't go when the roads are particularly busy such as school times. And take breaks on long journeys.

Older people tended to have more money to spend on cars and many would consider electric cars. Electric cars have dashboards "out of Star Trek" and before buying one, people should make sure they are comfortable with operating from the bridge of a spaceship!

Consider an automatic car as you get older

as the driving is less demanding, and probably safer, was also advised.

Have ears as well as eyes tested - hearing is important for driving if only to hear the sirens behind you trying to arrest you for speeding!

Try to reverse into a car park space rather than having to reverse out was another useful tip

Medicals have been pushed forward to 75 but everyone should also know their limits and the possible effects of medication on driving.

There are provisions in licences for restrictions such as staying local and off motorways and not driving at night - a more challenging time to drive - to enable people to continue driving for as long as possible.

Former Kerry footballer Donnchadh Walsh, a physiotherapist with the Bon Secours hospitals said research found people who drove were "more confident, more connected with their communities and have a better quality of life".

Fear of driving is a real factor for older people and they should try to overcome it with taking a refresher lesson, was the advice. Even one lesson can instill confidence.

Anna May McHugh age 90 sounded the keynote - Keep going as long as you can and never doubt yourself! she advised. Wise words.

### Wild produce part of the new plan for national parks?

It's not just the deer rutting in autumn that is remarkable - the red-orange rowan berry is also out as are the sloes. The holly which is merely decorative is out too early.

A present from Prague reminded me this week that much of our native wild produce goes unused. Rowan berry shower gel smells great and is widely used in Central Europe for jams and even spells at Halloween.



Call of the wild...An Irish Red Stag during a downpour in cloghereen, Muckross, on Monday, during the annual rutting season - a favourite time in Killarney National Park. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

Similarly our sloe can be used for gin and wine and our elderberries for tonics and cosmetics. As for arbutus, of course there is lemonade to be named from this. New research programme for Killarney might echoe the Killarney furniture school and housewifery schools - if ever Simon Harris much-pledged college for Killarney comes to fruition, pardon the pun.

In the meantime, we are told of a consultation plan, finally, for all eight national parks including this country's first national park, Killarney.

With sloe and other trees plentiful where they are not hacked to bits outside the park I think this offers an ideal opportunity for people to have their say. I am thinking of suggesting that alongside historc craft workshops, we would look at setting up food, herbal and cosmetic businesses from the natural produce in the park itself.

Besides the potential, any such garden produce workshop would be a nice throwback and echo the once famous kitchen gardens of Muckross in the 1950s which produced tomatoes..

A consultation process will ask people what they want from their national parks given the competing demands for them to provide refuge for biodiversity, recreation for walkers, amenities for tourists and land for farming.

The 'Your Parks, Your Say' consultation will run until the end of the year. The first phase is an online questionnaire. Your Parks, Your Say - the future of Ireland's National Parks.

### Give all counties a bite of the Apple

The 13 billion euro Apple windfall: Why don't we do what JP McManus did with the GAA when it came to gifts for clubs and give every county 500 million euro? What that would do for Kerry would be miraculous. There is good news this week that after decades planning is finally being sought for the New Street Multi-storey car park and the Aras Phádraig primary care and theatre projects.

The full cost may well be in excess of 50 million euro for both projects. As far I can see, less than half of that is actually on the table, courtesy of the Urban Regeneration Development Fund

Were we to get our hands on the Apple money, these and other

projects stalled with almost thirty years in Killarney could advance. There is the Fitzgerald Stadium - I was at the Ballymac v Abbeydorney Ladies game in Tralee Mitchels recently and the pitch and club house on the foothills of Slieve Mish have to be seen to be believed. The Legion v Kilcummin followed. Apple's 500 million Euro would allow Cllr Niall O'Callaghan realise his 40 million dream for Fitzgerald's, one of the most scenic stadia in the whole country, let alone county. Then of course there is the cycle loop around the lakes, not to mention the N22 bypass the existing Killarney leg of which has been revealed as one of the busiest roads in the country. Jammed packed. We could do with the 500m in Killarney alone.



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## Great Results Celebrated at St. Brigid's

Students at St. Brigid's Presentation Secondary School received their Junior Cert results last week and were thrilled that all their hard work paid off.

"We are immensely proud to congratulate our Junior Cycle Students 2024 on their outstanding achievements in this year's Junior Cycle exams. The results they have been awarded are a testament to their hard work, dedication, and resilience", Róisín Moore principal of St. Brigid's Presentation told Killarney Outlook.

"Our students have performed exceptionally well, with many surpassing national averages in key subjects including Gaelge, English and Religious Education to name just a few. This accomplishment reflects not only their personal effort but also the commitment of our teaching staff, who have guided and supported them through their academic journey.

Equally, we recognise the vital role played by parents and guardians, whose support at home has been invaluable. The partnership between school and home is key to our students' success.

While today we celebrate academic achievement, we also acknowledge that exam results, while important, are not the full measure of our



students' abilities or potential. Each of our students brings unique talents, qualities, and contributions to our school community.

To our students, we say this: well done. You have achieved something significant, and we are so proud of you. As you look to the future, remember that the skills you've developed go beyond the pages of an exam paper. We look forward to seeing you continue to grow and flourish in the years ahead", she added.



Caoimhe Horan, Clodagh Finn and Amy Carroll



Consuela Preda, Caroline Kaleja, Ellen Cudden and Grace O Keefe

## Students Learn How To **RESTART A HEART**



Students gathered from a range of local schools in what was the launch of Restart A Heart 2024. This initiative locally managed through KCRU involves awareness and training on the essential steps to take in the occurrence of out of hospital cardiac arrest. With survival a mere 8.4% to hospital discharge it is essential that everyone knows the basic steps in the chain of survival.

This year's initiative will see 20 schools participate in a primary schools art competition focusing on school AEDs as well as 2 days of demonstrations at Killarney Outlet Centre on October 19th and 20th.

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# Local Success in National Jiu Jitsu Championship

Wilson Da Silva from Movement & Fitness Club & BJJ Killarney travelled to Dublin to the DCU sports complex on Sunday to compete in the AJP Tour Ireland National Jiu Jitsu Championship 2024. Not only was Wilson there to compete himself, but he was there to coach, mentor and support his 7 students who were there to compete, with the youngest of his students being 6 and 7 years old. BJJ Killarney Academy had an outstanding championships, winning 3 Gold, 4 Silver and 3 Bronze medals over the course of the day and BJJ Killarney Academy also won 3rd place overall in the team rankings, up against some fierce competition. While individual accomplishments are fantastic and rewarding, it is not all about the medal as Wilson explains:



*"We are our own little community, with family values. We are open to all, no matter the level of experience, gender, age, or fitness level. We look after each other, through good times and tough times. It was truly a dream come true to win the club award, and to see so many of my students compete at such a high level."*

**Competitors who represented BJJ Killarney @ DCU: Wilson De Silva, Derek Hussey, Fernando Buturi, Justin Giustino Taddei, Matilda Soffer, Mick Sheahan, and the starlets Fedir Kheilo (7) and Jonah Healy (6)** *Image circle right.*

BJJ Killarney caters for kids and adults of all ages and abilities, and are based at 49 New Street, Killarney.



Wilson and some of his students at DCU



Wilson and Fernando collecting Bronze for overall team results for BJJ Killarney

## AUTUMN TALKS TAKE PLACE IN KILLARNEY HOUSE

Photos: Valerie O'Sullivan



The popular Killarney National Park 'Autumn Talks Series' 2024, returned to Killarney House last Thursday night. The Auditorium was at full capacity, and many hundreds tuned into the Live-stream event, as Regional Manager NPWS, Danny O'Keeffe, (centre), gave an update and plan on the invasive Rhododendron and its control and status in Killarney National Park. From left, fellow colleagues, Padruig O'Sullivan, Organiser, NPWS, Divisional Manager NPWS, Eamonn Meskell, Brendan O'Neill, NPWS, James Doherty, NPWS and Jay Cornish, NPWS.



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# Models take to the Catwalk at Tiernaboul NS Fashion Show



A fantastic fundraising night was held at The Heights Hotel Killarney in aid of Tiernaboul National School. Junior models, Dan Hickey, Faye MacMahon, Ellen Casey, Charlie Lenihan, Lily Leahy, Emily McMahon, Archie Lenihan and Donal Jr O'Sullivan stole the show with their modelling skills. The best dressed lady on the night was Aileen Moriarty who was presented with a gift from Keane's Jewellers by organiser of the event Deirdre Leahy. Among the models on the night were students, staff, and parents at the school. All in all a great night for Tiernaboul National School.





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Valentia Transatlantic Cable Station foundation, announced - the inaugural “Subsea Cable Security and Resilience Symposium” taking place at the historic Valentia Island Transatlantic Cable Station in Valentia, Co. Kerry on Oct 10th – 12th.

Joined by Tánaiste, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Defence, Micheál Martin TD, as well as 85 representatives from 10 countries, who will review 15 presentations and discuss a range of topics in 7 panels.

Growing digital dependencies as well as recent geopolitical tensions and the concurrent climate crisis have placed the topic of critical infrastructure protection at the top of policy, industry and research agendas. This includes subsea telecommunications cables, across which over 99 percent of transcontinental data traffic transits and upon which countries across the globe increasingly rely as they continue to digitally transform their economies and societies

Delegates will discuss papers ranging from history to geopolitics to technology to security and resilience, with topics such as;

- Cable Protection in Cold War Strategic Thinking,
- Responding to threats to undersea cables
- Subsea Cable Resilience in the Caribbean
- Operating in a Heightened Geopolitical Context
- Subsea cable incidents: data collection, reporting and response

The Valentia Transatlantic Cable Foundation is proud to host this not-for-profit event at the place from where the first transatlantic cable was laid over 150 years ago. The event is run in collaboration with a team of Irish and international researchers as well as global industry actors, and with the generous support of AquaComms, Ireland’s Departments of Foreign Affairs and Defence, the IDA, Aurora, Philip Lee, Analysys Mason and the European Subsea Cables Association (ESCA).



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**30 DISTINCTIONS**  
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**Junior Cycle Students**



The Junior Cycle students of 2024 received their Junior Cycle Certificates Wednesday. The overall number of distinctions received by the 73 Junior Cycle students of 2023 stands at a fantastic 30- there were 17 distinctions in common level exams such as business, wood technology, science, history, art, graphics and geography, 6 distinctions in higher level papers in Irish, English and maths exams and 7 distinctions in ordinary level Irish, English and maths. A distinction means that the student achieved over 90% in their exam. ‘Only a small proportion of students nationally i.e. 4% of students received a distinction in the Junior Cycle exam of 2024 and the results from our students in the school reflect the excellent standard of teaching and learning. The results were certainly well above the national average. We are immensely proud of all our students who obviously worked diligently to achieve these results,’ stated Teresa Lonergan (Principal).





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## PRE-ENROLMENT EVENING

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# KILLARNEY COFFEE CUP PROJECT WINS OVERALL AWARD

A Killarney Coffee Cup project – a community initiative that has led to the removal of over 23,000 disposable coffee cups a week from the town – has been named the overall winner of this year's Killarney Looking Good Competition.

Killarney became the first town in the country and set a nationwide example when declaring war against disposable cups that were from bins, littering roads and blighting the national park. The end result of the project – which has had wonderful buy-in from local businesses and the community is that more than a million cups a year have been removed, eliminating 18.5 tonnes of waste.

In addition to winning the Green Hospitality category, the project was named the overall winner of the prestigious competition at a ceremony in the Great Southern Hotel, Killarney on Monday night.

The special guest, who presented all the awards, was GAA superstar Louise Ní Mhuircheartaigh who was a big hit with the packed attendance for her achievements in the GAA and her charm off the field of play. The other big winners on the night were Paud Murphy from Ross Road who was awarded the Yvonne Quill Memorial Volunteer of the Year Award – presented by the late Yvonne's husband

John and Pinewood Estate which won the Fr Michael Murphy Memorial Pride of Place Award presented by Fr Michael's brother, Bishop Emeritus Bill Murphy.

Keynote speakers on the night were Mayor of Killarney Cllr Maura Healy-Rae and Killarney Municipal District Manager Angela McAllen and the master of ceremonies was Killarney Tidy Towns Committee Chairman Michael Gleeson.

Over three decades after it was first initiated, the Killarney Looking Good Competition was revived last year with a new committee, new categories, new sponsors and a great sense of purpose. It was no coincidence that when the competition was relaunched, it led to Killarney being crowned the tidiest large town in the country, finishing just one point behind the overall tidy towns winner Abbeylisk in Co Laois.

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

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



Niall and Helen Keogh, Mill Road, receiving the biodiversity award from Killarney Municipal District Manager Angela McAllen, Mayor of Killarney Cllr Maura Healy-Rae, special guest Louise Ní Mhuircheartaigh and Tidy Town Committee Chairman Michael Gleeson.  
Picture: Marie Carroll O'Sullivan



Denis and Carol Hartnett of Foley's Restaurant and Townhouse receiving the best restaurant award from Killarney Municipal District Manager Angela McAllen, Mayor of Killarney Cllr Maura Healy-Rae, special guest Louise Ní Mhuircheartaigh and Tidy Town Committee Chairman Michael Gleeson.  
Picture: Marie Carroll O'Sullivan



Paud O'Donoghe, Ross Road, with his wife Julia, receiving the Volunteer of the Year award from Killarney Municipal District Manager Angela McAllen, Mayor of Killarney Cllr Maura Healy-Rae, special guest Louise Ní Mhuircheartaigh and Tidy Town Committee Chairman Michael Gleeson.  
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Representatives of the Killarney Coffee Cup project receive the overall Killarney Looking Good Award from Killarney Municipal District Manager Angela McAllen, Mayor of Killarney Cllr Maura Healy-Rae, special guest Louise Ní Mhuircheartaigh and Tidy Town Committee Chairman Michael Gleeson. Picture: Marie Carroll O'Sullivan

# Killarney Looking Good

## COMPETITION WINNERS 2024

### Best Large Commercial Premises:

Arbutus Hotel, College Street

### Best Small Commercial Premises:

Mr McGuire's Olde Sweet Shop, College Square

### Best Newly Painted Premises:

The Dungeon, College Street

### Best Public House:

Charlie Foley's Bar, New Street

### Best Hotel:

Cahernane House Hotel, Muckcross Road

### Best Restaurant:

Foley's Townhouse and Restaurant, High Street

### Best Café:

Deenagh Lodge, Knockreer

### Best Retail:

Kilkenny Design/Christy's Gift Store, Main Street

### Green Hospitality Award:

Killarney Coffee Cup Project

### Corporate Social Responsibility Award:

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### Restoration Award:

Tigh Mary Donal's, Muckcross Road

### Best Signage:

Killarney Golf and Fishing Club

### Best Guesthouse:

Killarney Lodge Guesthouse, Countess Road

### Best Private Residence:

Paradise House, Dromhale

### Best Large Estate:

Castle Falls

### Best Small Estate:

Monastery Gardens

### Best Roadside Garden:

47 St Brendan's Place

### Best Floral Display:

Hussey's Bar, High Street

### Best Primary School:

The Monastery, New Road

### Best Secondary School:

Killarney Community College, New Road

### Most improved Premises:

Quill's Irish Jewellery, Main Street/New Street

### Biodiversity Award:

Niall Keogh, Mill Road

### Best Public Building:

Killarney Railway Station

### Best Friendly Planting:

BeBé Crèche and Montessori

### Fr Michael Murphy Memorial Pride of Place Award:

Pinewood Estate

### Yvonne Quill Memorial Volunteer of the Year Award:

Paud O'Donoghue, Ross Road

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- 7 Ard na Be, Aghadoe
- 21 Park Drive
- 20 Dromhall Park
- Silver Birch, Ballycasheen
- Villa Alverna, Park Road

### Overall winner:

Killarney Coffee Cup Project



# KENYA KEEPS CALLING

While the focus of attention in our world continues to highlight the terrible situation caused by war in Ukraine, Middle East and Sudan, people continue to struggle in many other areas of the world including Kenya which is often highlighted by the work of The Kenya Education Project. Three volunteers from the project recently spent time working in Edmund Rice School and in projects in the village of Embulbul which help to alleviate the harsh living conditions experienced by many families on a daily basis.

Recent budget changes introduced by the government of Kenya pose new challenges for all families living in the slum village. Price hikes for basic food items, petrol, transport and health services have resulted in on-going hardship for an increasing number of families. Large amounts of clothes donated locally in Killarney were snapped up by needy families for new born babies and young children. 70 families received a gift of food which contained essential food items such as Rice, Ugali, Cooking Oil, Flour to help relieve the strain of providing one healthy meal a day for needy families.

School fees are set to increase in Edmund Rice School where 80 students currently attending are sponsored by funding provided by the Kenya Education Project. This sponsorship ensures a year's schooling, free text books and a hot meal each school day. Any increase in fees will cause hardship and challenges for many. The project hopes to increase its number of sponsored students in 2025. Presently 6 students are being sponsored to obtain skills training as a Mechanic, Tailor, Hairdresser and Beautician. The hope is that these qualified students will help ease the challenges and burdens on their families when they gain employment.

Each day the volunteers Miriam Malone, Michelle Griffin and Eddie Sheehy witnessed the terrible conditions many families face when they visited homes as

part of the work of the St. Vincent De Paul leader Regina. Cramped living conditions, overcrowding, absence of electricity and running water, dreadfully poor or absent sanitation make life a constant struggle for many who are often unemployed or limited to poorly paid casual work to support families. Supplying beds, mattresses and blankets from the project helps in a small way to ease the burden of slum dwellers. 60 children from the village receive a hot meal five evenings per week, which is organised by the parish and funded by the Kenya Education Project. This may be the only guaranteed meal some children receive as those attending government-run schools do not receive any food during the school day.

There was a noticeable increase this year in the number of requests for help from individuals in the village for support with medical needs such as buying medicines, attending clinics and health issues requiring surgery. Likewise families struggle to pay for shoes, uniforms and additional school costs. All requests were listened to and efforts made to respond to as many as possible if funds are available. Many families struggle and survive day to day but when an emergency arises such as arrears in rent or a health issue people are often left helpless and unable to access the services they require resulting in eviction from their homes or on-going illness and poor health.

All involved in the work of The Kenya Education Project value the wonderful support received each year locally in Fossa and in Killarney through the donation of clothes, footwear, medical supplies, sports gear and support of fundraising activities such as our Table Quiz and Coffee morning. Without the financial donations none of the above named activities would be possible year after year. This support is heart-warming and ensures our work continues to help people who have so few worldly possessions. Asante Sana



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# NEWS BITES...

## KILLARNEY PARISH SILVER CIRCLE



### WEEK 1 RESULTS

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Seller: Josephine Coleman  
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Seller: Josephine Coleman

### Winners of €100 each are as follows;

Carmel O'Doherty, Park Drive  
Seller: Tadhgie Fleming  
Ruairí Coghlan, Woodbury, Dromin, Fossa  
Seller: Eileen O'Connor  
John McCarthy, Dromhale Close  
Seller: J Dwyer / J Foley  
Katherine Cronin, Fossa  
Seller: Angela Leahy  
Patrick O'Sullivan, Ardshnavooley  
Seller: Danny Ferris

### Winners of €75 each are as follows;

Seanie O'Leary, O'Kelly's Villas  
Seller: Josephine Coleman  
Pat Nagle, Kilcummin  
Seller: Nuala O'Doherty  
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Congratulations to all winners, and thanks to all who supported, promoted and sponsored the draw this year. Tickets are still available from the Sacristies and Parish Office

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# Minister Foley announces NEW CLASSROOM FOR COOLICK NATIONAL SCHOOL



Minister for Education and Kerry T.D. Norma Foley has today announced that initial project approval has been given for a new classroom for Coolick National School.

The school in Kilcummin has recently been granted an additional mainstream class teacher, so this new classroom will help to provide additional accommodation for its students

Minister Foley said: "I welcome the provision of additional classroom. This is testament to the great work of staff and the growth and development of the school. I look forward to seeing the works progressing in a timely fashion."

Coolick National School was founded in 1870, making it one of the oldest primary schools in Kerry. In recent years, the school has also been approved for a new mainstream classroom, a special education teaching room, a classroom for children with special educational needs, the reconfiguration of smaller classrooms and additional sanitary facilities.

## Dogs Trust Shares Helpful Hints for a Happy Halloween as One-Third of Dogs Struggle with Firework Fear

Dogs Trust Ireland is highlighting that Halloween may not be a happy time for our furry friends. A recent study of dog owners revealed that 37% of dogs struggle to stay calm when fireworks can be heard. With dog's hearing being approximately four times more sensitive than humans\*, it's no wonder they find the whizz, pop and bang of fireworks disturbing. Almost half of respondents also noted that their dog struggles to stay quiet when someone is at the door or there is noise coming from outside, which is a likely occurrence with trick-or-treaters on Halloween night. In a poll on social media run by Dogs Trust, 68% of respondents said that fireworks had started in their area in September, with a shocking 11% stating they started as early

as August. Worryingly, 54% also noted that the fireworks weren't only being let off at nighttime but during daylight hours too. In a bid to help dogs and their owners, Dogs Trust has compiled top tips to help hounds have a spook-free season. The charity advises keeping dogs indoors if fireworks are going off, and if owners must bring their dog out, they should be kept on a lead. Dogs Trust also recommends making sure your dog is wearing a collar with an ID tag attached and ensuring their microchip details are up to date, so that they can be quickly reunited should they get a fright and escape. Finally, you should ensure there is a closed door between you and your dog when opening the front door to any visitors.







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# Locks Of Love for Loralynn

For almost 5 years, Joshua O'Sullivan from Ballydaly near Rathmore, has been growing his hair, and on the 2nd of November he will be donating over 13 inches of to make wigs for children.

Joshua who had always sported a Buzzcut, decided during the Covid lockdown to start growing his hair out for charity.

His motivation was the struggles faced by children who, due to illness or medical conditions, lose their hair and don't fully understand why they look different from their peers.

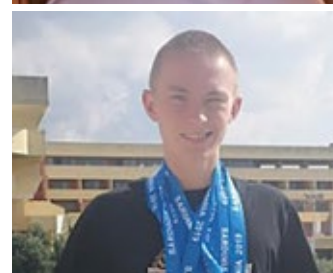
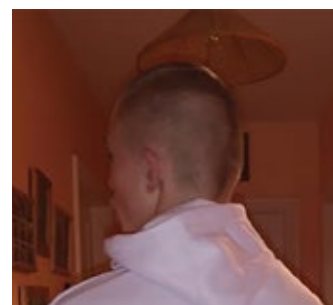
The 21-year-old qualified SNA and in his 3rd Year in University of Limerick studying to become an Engineering and DCG teacher, will be sending his hair to The Little Princess Trust.

The Trust provides free real hair wigs to children and young people up to 24 years, who have lost their own hair through cancer treatments or other conditions.

One of the charities to benefit from this service is the Locks of Love for Loralynn, the Children's Hospice Charity.

The average cost of a wig for a young person is €800. This covers the cost of making, fitting and styling.

So as well as donating the hair, Joshua has set up a GoFundMe page - Joshua O Sullivan: Raising Funds for Little Princess Trust - with the goal of raising €2000.



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*Pink Ribbon Day in aid of the Irish Cancer Society took place across the country on Friday last October 13th. Volunteers Kathleen Cronin, Eugene O'Sullivan, Maisie McCarthy and Betty McSweeney were among those who were collecting much needed funds on the streets of Killarney.*





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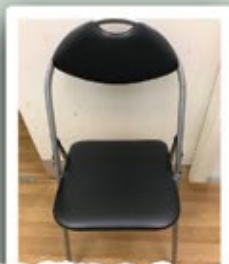
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and France who are set to thrill, delight and amaze the lucky audiences. Suspended from the ceiling by your hair?! Witness the impossible at the NCFI. Two Italian artists will happily string themselves off a beam of timber and suspend themselves from it as they are whirled and twirled around Siamsa Tíre theatre this November 2nd! Do not miss this incredible feat of strength and daring.

Speaking about the programme, Festival Director Con Horgan, said that he is working on a 'Circus for All' Policy, with an equity, diversity and inclusion lens. "The festival has been a wonderful example of how circus can and should be celebrated! We want to connect with all members of society and ensure there are no barriers between us and you, our joyous audience. Circus is a powerful force for connecting people and

challenging preconceptions. It creates beauty, fun, death-defying and life-affirming experiences. We do our work in public spaces and we know how to use our bodies to move beyond language barriers and create immediate human connection."

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Film Night - Join us for NCFI's much celebrated film night, Thursday 31st October, 7pm at the Kerry County Museum. This year the festival presents 'The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari', a 1920 German silent horror film directed by Robert Wiene and written by Hans Janowitz and Carl Mayer.

Considered the quintessential work of German Expressionist cinema, the film features a dark, twisted visual style, with sharp-pointed forms, oblique, curving lines, structures and landscapes that lean and twist in unusual angles, and shadows and streaks of light painted directly onto the sets. Admission is €5, free with Convention Ticket.

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# KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL STOPPING HOUSE BUILDING IN KERRY

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

Builders have expressed the view that it is easier to build houses in Cork than it is in Kerry. In Cork, for example, builders carry out the work, a snag list of any outstanding issues is created, the builders rectify those issues and any bond funds are promptly returned to the builder. Bond funds are amounts of money held back from the builder by the bank until all work has been completed. If the council delays signing off on the completion of the snag list, the bond funds are not released back to builder and they are left out of pocket. In Cork, once the snag list has been signed off, the maintenance of any new housing development is promptly taken over by Cork County Council.

Builders claim that it is much more problematic dealing with Kerry County Council. It can take years for an official snag list to be created. The saga does not end here. When that list is finally completed, more maintenance issues are added. Builders have claimed that this final stage can take years and can add unnecessary financial stress. In effect, builders are being used to maintain an estate, post-build. In many cases, the builder ends up just forfeiting the bond, as it becomes too costly to continue completing the constant snag lists generated by Kerry County Council. Works are rarely carried out with these bond funds and ultimately the money ends up in the road maintenance programme for the whole county.

While waiting for Kerry County Council to take over the maintenance of their estate, the residents are obliged to pay for that maintenance themselves, and all the while, Kerry County Council continue their delaying tactics. These residents already pay road tax which goes towards



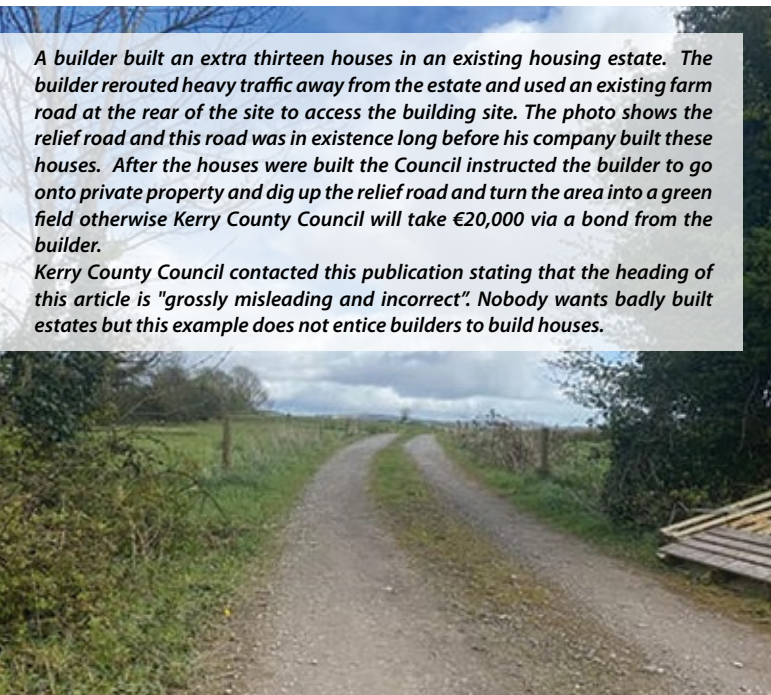
*This is a photo of an item on a snag list from a builder. Kerry County Council wants the builder to remove the fence and replace it with a fence that's a few inches taller. Because there is a slope in the green area the fence measures 2 mtrs when measured from the back and 1.85mtrs when measured from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

road maintenance. And they are also paying local property tax. Why are the most pressured group in society being treated so badly? Typically these are young people with young families struggling to pay bills and Kerry County Council has the power to make their lives a little bit easier but unfortunately, the opposite is the case.

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

*A builder built an extra thirteen houses in an existing housing estate. The builder rerouted heavy traffic away from the estate and used an existing farm road at the rear of the site to access the building site. The photo shows the relief road and this road was in existence long before his company built these houses. After the houses were built the Council instructed the builder to go onto private property and dig up the relief road and turn the area into a green field otherwise Kerry County Council will take €20,000 via a bond from the builder.*

*Kerry County Council contacted this publication stating that the heading of this article is "grossly misleading and incorrect". Nobody wants badly built estates but this example does not entice builders to build houses.*



*This is a photo of a manhole that was built in 2008. This manhole is in perfect condition after sixteen years.*

*The specifications on building a manhole has changed recently and Kerry County Council wants all the manholes in the estate dug up and rebuild under the updated specifications and this work will cost the builder €45,000. Kerry County Council does not accept that this decision is a gross abuse of power. There is no appeal system and no consequence for the decision makers.*

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We all have days when we may feel low, tired or just not like doing the things we need to do. This can sometimes put us in a bad mood and bring our energy down. The key thing to remember here is that being in a bad mood won't change the things that we need to do and will probably only make it worse.

**Here are three easy ways to shift your mood quickly.**

- Put your arms high into the air, smile and bounce up and down. If you feel ridiculous doing this, it means it's working. This action helps to interrupt a negative mood by creating a feeling of joy. The body reads a smile as everything is okay and the arms in the air signal abundance. Bouncing up and down allows the body to shake of any stress.
- Stop and write down at least five things you feel grateful for. It is difficult to be in a bad mood whilst feeling gratitude.
- Fold your arms across your chest so that your hands are on the outside of your arms. Gently and slowly, rub your arms up and down in a soothing comforting stroke. Breathe deeply and remind yourself that you are supported, safe and loved.

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too overpowering. Expect to see coloured "French Tips" with rich brown or mustard hues instead of the traditional white. This subtle change adds an autumnal touch to a beloved style while keeping the elegance and simplicity that make French Manicures so popular.

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Studies have shown the impact physical activity has on mental health and well-being is a very positive one. It is not just the body that benefits from working out but also the mind and our mindset. One such study published on January 2023 came to the conclusion that it also improves sleep patterns, improves symptoms of anxiety and also depression. Even small amounts of physical activity can make a difference so start small if you are thinking of getting started and be consistent with it. At B Well Fitness Club we very much put the person front and centre when it comes to overall well-being. We have incorporated activities such as yoga and pilates into what we offer, we have a coaching psychologist who works on a one-to-one basis with people but also works with groups on their mindset and motivational techniques and what are the typical stumbling blocks they encounter and then provides them with tools to deal with the very things that are stalling their progress or getting in their way.

We very much want people to be body aware or mindful during their yoga or pilates practice, focusing the mind, using their breathwork and making that mind/body connection. These classes are designed to not only boost our mood but also reduce stress and anxiety.

Classes such as spinning or HIIT classes can be viewed as the other end of the spectrum when it comes to physical exertion, but each in their own way, can improve mental health as they give an endorphin release and can help to increase energy levels.

At B Well Fitness Club it is part of our mission to offer a "one-stop-shop" for our clients. Mind and body work hand-in-hand so why would we ignore one half of that dynamic.

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L to r: Emma McDonald, Sheila O'Connell and Ann Marie Roche at the annual Careers Fair at the Kerry Sports Academy where MTU students had the opportunity to meet with employers from the region. Photo By: Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD



BEAUFORT

By Bridget Hartnett

**FIXTURES**

Beaufort senior men will begin their Mid Kerry championship home to Milltown/Castlemaine on Sunday, 20th October at 3pm. This will be followed by the U13 Mid Kerry Boys final. This will also be contested by Beaufort and Milltown/Castlemaine.

**RESULTS**

Senior men Barrett Cup final: Beaufort 0.11 Ardfert 2.07.

**LOTTO**

There was no winner of Beaufort G.A.A. Club lotto jackpot of €2,800 on Sunday, 13th October. Numbers: 7,9,10,13. Consolation Prizes: €80 Patie O'Connor, Ownagarry, James Giles, Listry, Sheila McCarthy, Kenmare, David Leane, Coolroe. The next draw for a jackpot of €3,000 will be on Sunday, 27th October. Tickets are available from usual sellers, shops, and public houses and online at [www.beaufortgaa.com](http://www.beaufortgaa.com).

Please note that online lotto closes at 7pm on draw night. Any tickets purchased after 7pm are entered into the next draw. Thank you to everybody who support the lotto and our lotto sellers.

**BRENDAN MARTIN CUP**

Thank you to Hannah, Fay and Fiadhna for bringing the Brendan Martin senior Ladies All Ireland cup to Beaufort on last Friday. Thank you to everybody who attended on the evening, MC Mary Anne Leane, and the all the organisers of the event.



Beaufort U8 Girls football team who finished their season on Sunday.

**EXERCISE CLASSES**

Autumn classes are beginning in Beaufort G.A.A Clubrooms, week nights Monday to Friday. Classes at present are Yoga and Pilates. Pilates with Colleen include Ladies, Men's and Active retired classes. Please contact Colleen at 086 1731469 for times and details. Yoga mixed class by Ondata-Well-Being. Please contact 087 2547746 for details or the Club at 087 9975737



Kerry Ladies with Mary Anne Leane, Joan O'Connor and Noel Spillane



Maurice Foley, Club Chairperson, Fiadhna, Gillian Breen, Ladies Chairperson, Fay, Hannah.

GLENFLESK

Written by: Seamus Healy

**COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER**

Glenflesk GAA club are organising a 'Pitch & Putt Classic' to help raise funds towards the purchasing of a wheelchair accessible vehicle for Jerry O'Leary, Cornhill. It will be held at Deerpark Pitch and Putt club on Upper Lewis Rd, Killarney on Bank Holiday Monday, October 28th. The organisers want to point out that it's going to be a fun day out for people, with a game usually taking about 1 hour to complete. It will be a 3 person team playing a scramble format and anyone can play, aged 9 to 90! For anyone with no access to clubs, there will be spare clubs on the day at Deerpark Pitch and Putt Club. A team can chose to play anytime between 08.30am to 3.30pm, just ring in and book your tee-time slot. The cost of entering a 3-person team is €60 (€20 p.p.). Tee-box sponsorship (from as little as €50), is also available for anyone who would like to donate but is not in a position to actually play. Places are filling up quickly! To book a tee-time please contact: Donnagh Moynihan, Corner Bar, Barradubh 087 2755481 or Connie O'Sullivan, Cue Club, Killarney 087 2833343

**LGFA U17 FINAL**

The U17 girls contested the B County Final against a very strong MKL Gaels side, which was held in Glenflesk under lights, loosing out on a scoreline

of 7:12 to 2:13. A few early goals gave MKL Gaels a strong lead, which we could never claw back, despite the girls battling bravely throughout and in particular putting in a great second half performance.

**LGFA WALK**

The ladies enjoyed a walk on Saturday morning around Lough Guitane, followed by breakfast which was kindly sponsored by the Kerry Way.

**WORLD TRIATHOLON CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Best of Luck to Declan O'Donoghue of Beheenagh, Headford and of Triumph Coaching - who will be representing Ireland at the World Triathlon Championships in Spain this week.

**UNDERAGE**

The U11 boys had their end of year party with some skills competitions followed by pizza! The U12 boys participated in the next round of the East Kerry 7 a side games programme where they hosted Firies and Spa. Well done to all players and coaches involved with these teams.

**NOTES**

If you would like anything added in the notes please email to [pro.glenflesk.kerry@gaa.ie](mailto:pro.glenflesk.kerry@gaa.ie) by Sunday evening.

IF YOU HAVE A STORY... Contact Aisling on: 086 0400 958





## WORLD MENOPAUSE DAY

### You, Your Weight and the Menopause

Did you know that it is World Menopause Day this Friday the 18th October?

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It's not all doom and gloom.

With the rise in women opening up about their experiences and with the want to understand more, I am really honoured, as a Slimming Consultant, to have experts and nutritionists help me to help my members and the community when they face these challenges.

Every woman's experience of the menopause is unique, but with the support of like minded people, you can definitely lose weight and manage many symptoms along the way.

Many women find they gain weight during this time, but with a few small changes it doesn't need to stop you

Research suggests that our muscle mass reduces during menopause and as we age, we tend to be less active. This means our metabolism can slow and we burn fewer calories. Reassuringly, evidence shows us that by eating a healthy balanced diet (which Slimming World encourages), and maintaining an active lifestyle can help to manage symptoms, sustain lean muscle, maintain our metabolism, prevent weight gain and support weight loss for life.

There are a few other small changes we can make to help with symptoms. These include:

- A good nights sleep
- Reduce or eliminate caffeine as it can worsen symptoms like hot flushes or night sweats.
- Lower impact activities such as yoga, swimming and cycling can help reduce pain and stiffness in joints
- Enjoying a diet rich in Calcium as the drop in oestrogen speeds up the rate at which we lose calcium from our bones
- A daily supplement of Vitamin D

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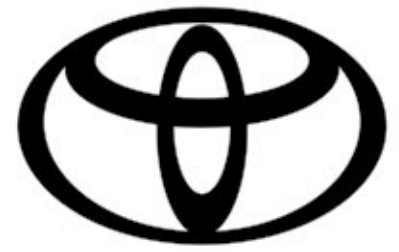
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LISTRY

Written by: Colette Leslie

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**LISTRY SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

We wish to thank all those who attended the Community Centre on Tuesday 8th October. Thanks to two Tony's for Transport . A Special Thanks to Chris from Killarney National Park for their lovely talk. Thanks also to Ciara, 2 Margaret 's, Mary, Natalia and Tony for all help and thank you people of the parish for coming on the day.

**LOTTO**

Jackpot €4,800. Winning Numbers 5,11,18, 27. Not Won. €100 Donagh Regan, Laharn. €50 Denise O'Sullivan, Ballymalis. €50 Michael Healy C/O Tim. €25 Dermot Lyne C/O John Wrenn. €25 Mark Keane, Culleenymore  
Jackpot next week: €4,950

**U15**

The U15 A team plays Laune Rangers on Sunday October 20th at 1pm in Milltown in the Mid Kerry div 1A final.

**U13**

The U13 B team will have a final V GGC. Time and date tbc

**SENIORS**

Best of luck to the senior team and management who play the East Kerry O Sullivan cup quarter final V Dr Crokes Saturday the 19th October V Dr Crokes at 2pm awa .

**Listry Meals On Wheels Service**

Listry Meals on wheels held a little happy retirement get together for Joan Barry which worked in Meals on Wheels for last 7 years. All first step childcare, Listry meals on wheels services and all Listry community centre wish Joan a long happy retirement.

Pictured are: Jerry Fitzgerald. Noreen Hickey. Tony Darmody. Tony O'Connor. Joan Barry, Natalia Kuskova. Margaret Lehane. Mary O'Callaghan. Ted Scannell. Sitting in front Vivien Coffey. Kay Darmody and Irene Shevchut



SPA

Written by: Deirdre O'Sullivan-Darcy

**EAST KERRY MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP 2024**

Division 3 Final: Fossa v Spa. Date / Time / Venue TBC. Extra time and winner on the day

**EAST KERRY O SULLIVAN CUP 2024**

Quarter-Finals – Saturday 12th October 2pm: Spa V Currow. First named team at home. Extra time and winner on the day

**SPA LGFA AGM** will take place in Spa on Wednesday 23rd October at 8pm. All welcome.

**HALLOWEEN PARTY**

Friday 25th October 6:30pm-8:00pm. Join us for lots of scary fun including face painting, tattoos, games and disco. Prizes also available on the night. All kids will get a treat bag.

**SPA LOTTO 14/10/24 RESULTS**

Numbers drawn: 2, 10, 17, 19. No jackpot winner. Lucky dips €50 each: Con Lynch, Online; Katie O'Leary, Mastergeeha; Mags Cahill, Tullig; Johnny & Noreen Doolan. Next weeks draw is on Monday 21 October @ 9pm for a

jackpot of €3,600. Play online" [https://play.clubforce.com/play\\_newa.asp?ll\\_id=573#Anchor](https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=573#Anchor)

**GLENFLESK RAMBLING HOUSE** will be on the 16th of November from 8 to 11 for the Jerry O Leary fund

**DEAR SANTA...**

That is right, you read it correctly. It is that time of the year again to start thinking about the Christmas shopping. You can access our online Spa GAA Club shop for club merchandise orders for Christmas on the website [www.gaelicplus.com](http://www.gaelicplus.com). Deadline is Monday October 21st.

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**ANY ITEMS FOR THE SPA NOTES** please contact Club PRO on 0857762411 or email [pro.spa.kerry@gaa.ie](mailto:pro.spa.kerry@gaa.ie) before 7pm on Sundays



Siobhan Donnelly from Cara Credit Union, Mikey Sheehy and Mary Fitzgerald of Comfort for CHEMO at the Information Seminar for Kerry charities at The Ashe Hotel on Thursday evening. Photo By : Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD .



Trish Kelly and Breda Dyland of Kerry Cancer Support Group at the Information Seminar for Kerry charities at The Ashe Hotel on Thursday evening. Photo By : Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD





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**KILCUMMIN**

Written by: Helen Moynihan

**TRACTOR RUN**

"The Ger Healy "My Kilcummin" Tractor Run on 27th October. Registration 10.30am to 12.15pm departing at 12.30pm starting and finishing at Kilcummin GAA Club House. All proceeds to Kilcummin LGFA and the Healy Family. Contact Tom on 0872383809". October MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Every Monday night, Rosary will be recited in Kilcummin Church Sacristy @7.15pm and Glounonea Grotto at 8pm on the same evening. Everyone welcome to attend.

**KILCUMMIN LOOKING GOOD** would like to acknowledge the support of Kerry County Council through the Community Enhancement Fund to support the purchase of a lawnmower & ancillary equipment which will be utilised to maintain the village of Kilcummin

**PASTORAL COUNCIL**

A meeting will be held to renew and strengthen the Parish Pastoral Council on Monday 21st October at 7.30pm. The strength of the PPC depends on your response. Do you wish to keep your church functioning into the future? We urgently invite you, new members to join Kilcummin Parish Pastoral Council. A recruitment drive is presently in place. If interested please sign forms which are available in the porches and return to the parish office as soon as possible.

**MASTERGEEHA FC**

**U14 GIRLS DIVISION 1: Mastergeeha 5-3 LB Rovers**

Scorers: Julia Casey, Anna Linehan, Michelle Doolan, Shauna O'Riordan & Ava Brosnan. Well done to our U14 girls who were triumphant over LB Rovers on Saturday. The match was a thrilling encounter with goals a plenty. Well done to all involved.

**LOTTO**

There was no winner on Friday 11th October 2024 of the Jackpot for €15,400. Numbers drawn were 7,10,22,27. Consolation prizes of €50



went to Donal Cronin (online); Joan Doran, Allman's Terrace; Donal Cronin (online); Croia Spillane, Kilbrean. The next draw will be on Friday 18th October for Jackpot of €15,600.

**KILCUMMIN GAA**

**O'SULLIVAN CUP**

Kilcummin are at home to Gneeveguilla on this Saturday October 19th at 2 pm in the quarter final of the O' Sullivan Cup.

**LOTTO**

There was no winner on Monday 07th October of the Jackpot for €13,750. Numbers drawn were 03,05,14,26. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Daniel Herlihy, Daniel Coffey, Timothy O'Sullivan, Conor, Miriam & Joanne Healy. The next draw will be on Monday 21st October for Jackpot of €14,000.

**RATHMORE GNEEVEGUILLA**

By Michael O' Mahony

**SHARE THE BUCKET**

Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group reminds you that Share the Bucket takes place weekly. The draw is every Friday evening in Teach Fáilte @8.30 pm and can be viewed live on our Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook Page. This week's jackpot was €215 and the winner was Michelle Warren. Tickets cost €2 each or 3 for €5. They are available at Teach Fáilte and can be bought online at <https://tinyurl.com/y2ade5om> or in local businesses where you see the Green Share the bucket.

Your support is greatly supported and all funds will go towards our new proposed community facility. We would like to thank our local businesses, shops and pubs who continue to support our project.

**BALLYDALY HALL**

Cards continue every Sunday night at 8.30p.m.

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**DAY OF PRAYER FOR HEALING**

Deacon Thady O'Connor and team will lead a day of prayer for healing through personal testimony and teachings on Romans 12. The healing programme will include the recitation of the most Holy Rosary, Divine Mercy, Music Ministry and will conclude with an individual blessing and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. You day of prayer will start at 2.30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Scartaglen on Sun. 20th October.

**rathmore@dioceseofkerry.ie DIOCESAN COLLECTION**

The annual collection of Mission Sunday will take place this weekend 19th/20th October Donations can be contributed online donate tab on the parish website [www.rathmoreparish.ie](http://www.rathmoreparish.ie) or drop into the Parish Office

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**NOTES**

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



Kerry Crime Prevention Officer Sergeant Mike Quirke,, Siobhan Donnelly from Cara Credit Union, Deirdre Twomey of PTSB, Marguerite Lynch from Bank Of Ireland and Tralee Chamber President Stephen Stack at the Information Seminar for Kerry charities at The Ashe Hotel on Thursday evening. Photo By : Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD .





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# Cllr. Maura Healy Rae/Mayor of Killarney wishes to highlight the latest update re N22 Kerry-Cork economic corridor received from Kerry Co Council



It is proposed to hold 2 open days at the **Great Southern Hotel, Killarney** on 11th and 12th November 2024, which will be open to the public, to get their views on the proposed transport solutions for this project. A briefing for the elected members is currently being arranged, prior to this. It is understood the preferred route will be revealed on these dates. This is a positive development, however, firm funding commitments are needed to ensure the scheme can progress thereafter.

## Support must be given to farmers when availing of farming schemes – Gordon Kelleher

Local Fianna Fáil General Election Candidate for Kerry, Linda Gordon Kelleher has called on more support to be given to farmers when they are trying to apply and avail of farming schemes.

Gordon Kelleher, who comes from a farming background herself, has said that even though



there is a huge number of schemes available to farmers and acknowledges some are very good, issues still remain.

“The issue with some schemes is the administration side of applying and actually drawing down the grants. It can be quite cumbersome on farmers, and they are often left to front the load in terms of financing the work done.”

“The worst thing of all is that farmers may spend a significant amount of time doing their paperwork to then not receive the full grant amount or there may be claw backs. This is a huge burden on farmers alongside doing their farming work.

Farmers in Kerry have experienced issues with the ACRES scheme and have had issues with the TAMS scheme. The issues surrounding the ACRES Scheme has caused a lot of stress for farmers and Gordon Kelleher has said we need to really listen to the word on the ground and implement a support network to counter that. “I know my party colleague and Minister; Norma Foley attended a meeting here in Kerry last month. She as well as others heard

the issues facing farmers here on the ground. The stress the ACRES scheme claw backs due to overpayments of the interim payment has caused is unacceptable.

“Farmers may have spent that payment on the expenses of running a farm. Similarly, the TAMs grants has had issues in that there is large capital expenditure required by the farmer in the hope of getting the grant drawn down, but then they aren’t getting grants or aren’t getting the full amount.

The general election hopeful stated that support must be given to farmers now, and that we cannot have farmers left in limbo on whether there will be claw back on the payments they receive, or if they will even receive the full grant.

“Farmers are the backbone of local communities, and one of the most important industries in our country. We must do everything we can to support farmers, and I will be engaging with my party colleague and Minister for Agriculture Charlie McConalogue on this.”



An Taniste Michéal Martin TD Leader Fianna Fail and general election candidate Linda Gordon Kelleher and Cllr. Niall Kelliher canvassing Stephen Donnelly in Killarney on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



An Taniste Michéal Martin TD Leader Fianna Fail and Fianna Fail general election candidate Linda Gordon Kelleher canvassing Tony O'Shea his daughter Aoife and grandson Willow in Killarney on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

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Cllr MAURA  
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If you require any advice or want an application form please ring

- Danny 087 2316055 / 064 6685315
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We are glad Kerry Co Council are giving people the opportunity to apply for this scheme.

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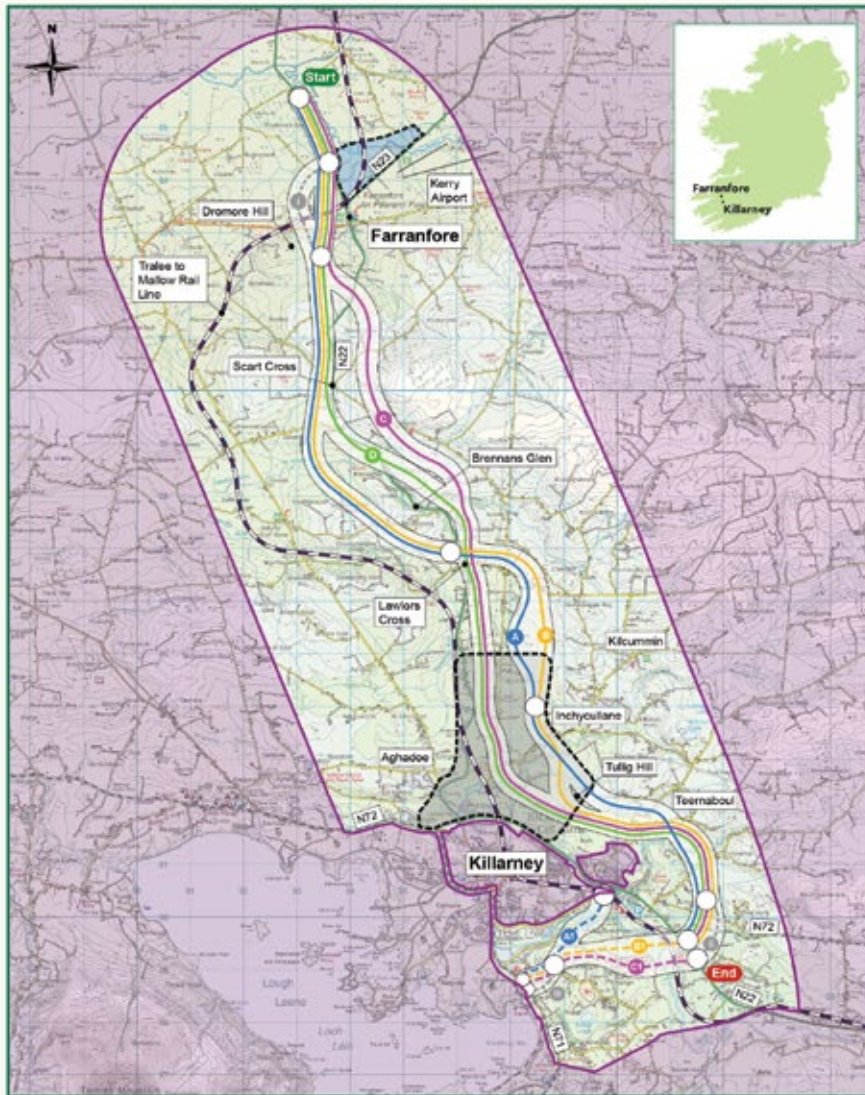
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# N22 FARRANFORE KILLARNEY

## Route Selection Public Information Session



**WHEN:**

11th & 12th November 2024

**WHERE:**

Great Southern Hotel,  
Killarney, Co. Kerry,  
V93 R866

A public information session on the emerging preferred route for the N22 Farranfore-Killarney bypass will be open to the public to get their views on the proposed transport solutions for this project.

I look forward to meeting people during the campaign in the coming weeks and I'm committed to ensuring Killarney has a voice in the heart of government and delivering the funds to build this route in this decade.

Thank you,  
Linda Gordon-Kelleher

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# Minister Foley welcomes funding for a new neurology consultant for University Hospital Kerry

Minister for Education and Kerry T.D Norma Foley has welcomed the confirmation of funding for a new neurology consultant for University Hospital Kerry.

Neurology is the branch of medicine dealing with the diagnosis and treatment of all categories of conditions and disease involving the nervous system

Around €2 million in funding is being provided for the expansion of neurology services next year in University Hospital Kerry, Midlands Regional Hospital Portlaoise, Wexford General Hospital, Mayo University Hospital and Letterkenny University Hospital.

Minister Foley said:

"I welcome confirmation from my cabinet colleague, Stephen Donnelly, that additional funding has been provided to recruit a new consultant neurologist for University Hospital Kerry.

"In Ireland around one-in-six people have a neurological condition. This can vary from diseases such as Parkinson's, Alzheimer's and Multiple Sclerosis to back pain, headaches, pinched nerves and stroke. This will improve the provision of neurological treatment for the people of Kerry and the surrounding region."

Funding is also being confirmed today for 2025 for further expansion of Health Service Executive Community Neuro-Rehabilitation Teams across the country, to help people after serious neurological illness or injury to improve health outcomes, reduce disability and improve quality of life. These teams of nurses, physios, occupational therapists and health care assistants are providing more care in an integrated way closer to people's homes. A total of 25 additional posts for these teams are being funded for 2025.



## LYME DISEASE



Wild deer wandering freely on the roads of Kerry, pose a significant threat to the safety of all road users and that combined with the added danger of contracting Lime disease from their ticks, makes it imperative that deer numbers are culled to manageable numbers, according to Councillor Michael Cahill, a candidate in the next General Election.

"We need a combined approach to the twin dangers posed by the deer roaming around Kerry. I believe the first piece has been put in place by Minister for Agriculture, Charlie McConalogue with the setting up of the Deer Management Strategy Group. I expect that they will arrange for deer numbers to be returned to manageable levels" stated the Fianna Fáil Councillor.

"The threat of contracting Lime disease is ever present with large numbers of deer on our doorsteps and I continue to believe that a specific department should be set up in University Hospital Kerry, for detection, treatment and research of this debilitating condition" said Cahill.

"UHK would be the perfect location for a Lime Department, given the proximity to such large deer herds in Killarney National Park and beyond. At present, even if Lime is diagnosed, patients often need to travel to Germany for treatment and this is a major imposition on people who are ill and stressed enough already. A Lime specific diagnostic and treatment section in University Hospital Kerry, makes a load of sense" added the South Kerry Councillor.

## Plans to Develop Áras Padraig Welcomed

Plans to finally develop the Áras Padraig drama venue on Lewis Toad, Killarney, have been welcomed by Fianna Fáil's Michael Cahill. The project is set to include a 300 seat theatre space, with rehearsal, exhibition and gallery space, along with an educational space and room for office facilities and Councillor Michael Cahill, a candidate in the upcoming General Election has said that Killarney town centre has been crying out for a drama venue for some time now and Áras Padraig is in a fabulous location.

"Given the long time interest in drama locally and also the number of visitors to Killarney annually, a drama venue in Áras Padraig will become a vital attraction for the town. It will provide, not alone entertainment for visitors and residents, but it will provide employment for actors and playwrights and will require staff to

run the venue" stated Councillor Cahill. "My campaign manager who lived in Killarney in his youth, recalls fond memories of the 'Áras'. It once hosted school 'hops' and then became a cinema for a time. Many shows were staged there and for a time it was home to Dóchas Drama Group and Killarney Judo Club. Killarney is the premier tourist destination in Ireland and the development of Áras Padraig can be the icing on the cake of its attractions for theatre goers" added the South Kerry Councillor.



## BEAUFORT TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

Fianna Fáil, General Election Candidate Councillor Michael Cahill call for the introduction of Traffic Calming measures in Beaufort Village is to go before the next meeting of Kerry County Council. Councillor Cahill said he has received numerous complaints from residents of Beaufort about the dangers of walking in the village, cycling and indeed driving through the village.

"People walk through the village, to and from their homes to the local GAA pitch, the Community Centre, to the shop/post office or to the bus stop and it can be quite a challenge. There is a heavy flow of vehicles through Beaufort Village on a daily basis and it is quite dangerous for

pedestrians, young and old" stated the South Kerry Councillor.

"I have submitted another 'Notice of Motion' to that effect for the next Council meeting calling on Kerry County Council to initiate a Traffic Calming plan for the village, including footpaths, pedestrian crossings, Public Lighting etc, so as to ensure the safety of the people of Beaufort and all those walking, cycling and driving the roads there" added Councillor Cahill.





**Cllr.**

# Michael Cahill

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Deerpark Pitch & Putt Club's Damien Fleming (centre) pictured with the winning Irish World Cup Pitch & Putt team after their success in El Vendrell, Barcelona last Sunday. Also included in photo are L to R: Michael Vaughan (Manager), Kieran Earls, Ian Dillon and Padraic Sarsfield.

## KERRY PITCH & PUTT CLUB NEWS

### IRELAND RETAIN TITLE

Although his involvement was not until very late in the tournament, Damien Fleming played his part in Ireland's World Cup Pitch & Putt victory in El Vendrell in Barcelona as Ireland retained the title and won the competition for a sixth time in total and a fourth in straight succession.

The Deerpark member travelled as the Irish team's reserve as he would put in for the final after Louth's Padraic Sarsfield had to unfortunately withdraw injured prior to the decider on Sunday morning. To that stage Ireland had dominated the tournament, becoming top seeds for the start of the knockout stages on Friday before defeating Switzerland in the quarter-finals.

On Saturday they had a semi-final victory over Galicia meaning they would play competition newcomers North Portugal in the final after they surprised hosts Catalonia in the other semi-final. Sunday's final started with a Doubles and Singles encounter as Damien partnered with Limerick's Kieran Earls to win their match 1 up with Kildare's Ian Dillon winning the Singles encounter to give Ireland a 2-0 lead.

The second part of the final consisted of three Singles matches as Kieran Earls' Singles win officially confirmed Ireland as winners as Damien and Ian Dillon's Singles matches were subsequently deemed draws despite both being ahead at the time meaning the official scoreline in Ireland's favour was 5-0. Our congratulations to Damien on his win in the Irish jersey as he becomes the second Kerry player to win for Ireland in a Championship event after his club-mate Derry McCarthy captained the 2005 Irish side to victory in the European Championship that year.

Damien officially became the first Kerry player to play for both province and country with his appearance in the decider but an announcement prior to last weekend means he will be quickly joined by another two players in the county

in achieving that feat. Both Brian McCarthy (Deerpark) and Ajay Barrett (Listowel) will be part of the Munster U16 side in Pitch & Putt Ireland's second Inter Provincial Challenge next month after playing for Ireland in a Challenge with Catalonia last year.

In total four of the six U16's in the Munster side will be from Kerry as Deerpark's Ben Kelliher and Tralee's Sophie Moynihan will be part of the team as well as the U16's in both Munster and Leinster are joining six Ladies from both provinces to create two 12-player teams. Continuing the Kerry involvement, Deerpark and Kerry U16 Officer Gearoid Cronin has been selected as manager of the Munster U16 side for the Challenge which will take place in Larkspur Park in Cashel on Saturday November 2nd next. Congratulations to all concerned for their selection for the Munster side in next month's event.

## KILLARNEY GOLF & FISHING CLUB (MEN'S)

### SINGLES STABLEFORD PLAYED ON KILLEEN; SATURDAY 12TH & SUNDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2024

Kindly sponsored by Donagh Hickey Motors

Winner: David O'Donoghue (17) 44pts  
2nd: Greg Lanigan (4) 41pts [best gross]  
3rd: John O'Brien (24) 40pts

#### Category 1

1st: Russell Fleming (8) 38pts bk9  
2nd: Kieran Cremin (11) 38pts  
3rd: Robert Cussen (7) 37pts bk9

#### Category 2

1st: Stephen O'Brien (15) 39pts  
2nd: Aaron McCann (15) 38pts  
3rd: Jamie Cooper (15) 37pts bk9

#### Category 3

1st: Gavin O'Neill (20) 40pts bk9  
2nd: James Arthur (19) 40pts  
3rd: Tadhg Gallivan (19) 39pts

#### Category 4

1st: John Twomey (23) 39pts bk9  
2nd: Joe McCarthy (23) 39pts bk9  
3rd: John O'Callaghan (25) 39pts

### OCTOBER MONTHLY MEDAL SINGLES STROKEPLAY PLAYED ON MAHONY'S POINT; SATURDAY 5TH & SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2024

Kindly sponsored by Duggan Steel

Winner: Crohan Fitzgerald (10) 65  
2nd: Peter Wickham (14) 67  
Best Gross: Donal Considine (0) 73

#### Category 1

1st Declan Kelly (8) 69  
2nd Ronan Twiss (10) 71 bk9

#### Category 2

1st James Devane (13) 69  
2nd Ger Moroney (11) 70 bk9

#### Category 3

1st Pat Carroll (15) 67  
2nd Sean O'Riordan (17) 69

#### Category 4

1st David Neeson (21) 67  
2nd John Griffin (28) 70 bk9

## KILLARNEY GOLF & FISHING CLUB (LADIES)

### COMPETITION RESULTS

### 18 HOLE SINGLE STROKE GOY HAMPERS PRIZE kindly sponsored by Daly's SuperValu played on Mahony's Point Course on 12th & 13th October 2024

Winner: Mary Looney (24) 69 nett  
2nd: Cora O Sullivan (24) 68 nett  
Best Gross: Tracy Eakin (+2) 70 gross  
3rd: Geraldine Rosney (40) 72 nett  
4th: Geraldine Collins (23) 72 nett  
5th: Helen Howard (27) 73 nett  
6th: Sinead Galvin (15) 73 nett  
7th: Nuala Meade (28) 73 nett  
8th: Anne Duggan (12) 73 nett  
Front Nine: Mary A Cronin (16) 34 nett





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Back Nine: Marian O Leary (30) 35 nett  
 13 Hole Competition: Mary O' Connor (22) 22pts  
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**ROSS GC, KILLARNEY (GENTS)**

**RESULTS**  
 On October 13th we held the Final of the Keanes Jewellers Medal Strokeplay competition, kindly sponsored by Keanes Jewellers.

The winners were:-  
 1st: Tony Fagan 65 (19)  
 2nd: Anthony O'Mahony 69 (20)  
 3rd: Dan Cronin 70 (9)  
 Best Gross: Alan Flynn 80  
 4th: Michael Barrett 71 (32)

**On Thursday Oct 10th our Seniors held their weekly competition.**

The winners were :-  
 1st: Michael J Casey 20 pts (10)  
 2nd: Pat Mitchell 19 pts (12)  
 3rd: Donal Doherty 19 pts (9)

**DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB**

**WORLD CUP**

We were delighted on Sunday afternoon to hear of Damien Fleming's involvement in Ireland's World Cup victory as he took part in the decider on Sunday morning against North Portugal in El Vendrell in Barcelona. Damien was drafted in after Louth's Padraic Sarsfield had to unfortunately withdraw through injury after Saturday's play. Damien combined with Limerick's Kieran Earls to claim a Doubles point as Ireland led by 2-0 at the halfway stage before they won all three Singles matches to secure a 5-0 win overall. Well done to Damien and the Irish team in general on retaining the title for the country as Damien follows our Vice President Derry McCarthy in being a member of an Irish team that has won a Championship event in the

sport.

**INTER-PROVINCIAL CHALLENGE**

We were also delighted last week to hear of the selection of both Ben Kelliher and Brian McCarthy for the Munster U16 team in the Ladies & U16 Inter-Provincial Challenge in Lakeside, Templemore on Saturday November 2nd next. Our U16 officer Gearoid Cronin has also been selected as Manager for the U16's as Listowel's Ajay Barrett and Tralee's Sophie Moynihan are also involved making four of the U16 players for Munster from the Kingdom. Well done to all concerned.

**SUNDAY DRAWS**

Fourball Betterball- Nett: Gearoid Cronin & John Looney 37½ and Gross: Gearoid Cronin & Niall O'Loughlin 49.

**CHRISTMAS HAMPER**

Sponsored by Daly's Supervalu takes place this weekend with draws on Saturday and Sunday. Entry €10 per player over 36 holes Singles V Par. Saturday draw at 9am and Sunday at 9.15am. Final event where Player of the Year points will be awarded.

**JERRY O'LEARY FUNDRAISER**

After the recent Night Time Pitch & Putt event we move to another fundraiser as club member Connie O'Sullivan Jnr is hosting this event in conjunction with Glenflesk GAA Club on the October Bank Holiday (28th) in aid of Glenflesk's Jerry O'Leary. Cost of a Team of Three for a Three Ball Scramble is €60 and play is over 18 holes. Contact Connie in relation to tee-times on 087 2833343.

**CHRISTMAS TURKEYS**

These begin from Sunday November 3rd. Further Information in the weeks ahead.

**BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB**

**CHRISTMAS HAMPERS**

Christmas was coming a little early to the ladies in Beaufort Golf Club on the weekend of the 12th and 13th October. The Christmas Hampers who were very kindly and generously



Ross GC member, Ger Flynn recently participating in the Disabled & Inclusive Golf Association (DIGA) competition at the Dundrum Hotel and Golf Resort in Tipperary. Ger acquitted himself very well and is now looking forward to more great days in the DIGA competitions. Well done.

sponsored by Mr. Dermot Walsh of Walsh's Supervalu Caherciveen. The ladies club would like to express a big thanks to Dermot for his sponsorship.

1st: Colleen Coffey (23) 35pts  
 2nd: Lady Captain Maire Ni Loinsigh (19) 35pts  
 3rd: Niamh O Donoghue (49) 33pts.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Laura Furlong on winning this year's Eclectic Competition.



Group of winners from various competitions held at Beaufort Golf Club with Lady Captain Maire Ni Loinsigh



Left to Right Lady Captain Maire Ni Loinsigh showing Karen Tess a framed copy of her card where she shot a course record 57nett playing off 18.





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## BALLYHAR DYNAMOS FC

### LOTTO

No.s 12, 21, 28, 30. No winner of the jackpot. 5 x €25 - Mia O Keffe, Furies. Ger Moloney, Killarney. Kianin Cronin, Furies. Shane Galvin, Scartaglin & Brida Clifford, Tralee. Next draw for a jackpot of €15,900 will take place on Sunday next 20th October at Hendersons Bar, Furies. Tickets available from committee members, Bridies, Spar, Hendersons Shops & Butlers Bar, Furies. Thanks to all those who support & help out with the club lotto.

### TEAMS

The club u17s (Division 1 South) travelled to Inter Kenmare for a mid week match with Ballyhar leading 0-1 at half time thanks to a Ross Lally strike. Inter Kenmare upped the tempo in the second half & despite a second goal from Lee Cirillio the home team ran out 6-2 winners. Eoin O Mahony was outstanding in goal and also impressive for Ballyhar were Conrad Long, Conor Giles, Tom Costelloe, Sean Brosnan & Colby OMeara.

The u12 white squad (Division 2 North) travelled to Listowel on Saturday morning where the home side won on a 0-5 scoreline with Shane Collins, Zach Goodman, Patrick Brosnan, Oisín Moynihan, Oisín O Sullivan & Harry O Flaherty playing well on the day.

The u12 Blue (Division 1) side travelled to Fenit on Saturday evening where the home side inflicted a 5-2 defeat on the Ballyhar Boys. Fenit led 3-0 at the break but goals from Jack Cooper & Jack Sheehy brought them back into the game before the home side pushed on to win the game late on.

The U14s (Division 1) hosted Camp Utd at Murt Scott Park where a Killian O Sullivan hat trick & a goal by Eoin Cremin ensured a 4-0 home win with Aaron Looney, Daithi Allen, Darragh O Sullivan & Adam Fleming playing well.

The Seniors (Division 1) welcomed Killarney Athletic B on Sunday to Murt Scott Park where a well struck goal by Luke Ring shot gave Ballyhar a 1-0 lead. Ballyhar looked comfortable in the second half but with twenty minutes to go the visitors struck for two goals & a third late on to take the points on a 1-3 scoreline. Best for Ballyhar on the day were Patrick O Connor, Dan O Shea, Michael O Sullivan & Eugene Deniel.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The club acknowledges & thanks the

Department of Rural & Community Development under the local enhancement scheme 2024 & Kerry Recreation and Sports Partnership & Kerry County Council for their recent financial assistance under the above schemes.

### MEMBERSHIP 2024/25

Membership rates for the coming season - Academy €25. U11s €40. U12s to U18s €60 & Seniors €70 with also €3 per training session and €2 towards referee expenses per game.

## KILLARNEY ATHLETIC AFC

### FAI JUNIOR CUP SENIOR A RESULT

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### ROUND 2 OF THE MUNSTER YOUTHS CUP

#### Kenmare 0-10 Athletic

Jack Rudden, Luke Doolan, Liam O'Brien, Evan Doona, Jake Nash

Great performance today from the lads as they advance to the 3rd round of the Munster Youths Cup. All 14 players contributed well and we'll need everyone as we head into a busy period of Munster and FAI cup games.

### U16 DIV 2

#### Killarney Athletic 0-3 Tralee Dynamos

The blues made the trip back to Tralee on Saturday evening for a late kickoff. The game started off as an even contest where both teams created chances early on. It was dynamos who broke the deadlock after a goal from a corner. Athletic stepped it up from here creating good chances with a clearance off the line, a scramble in the box from a corner and a great save from the dynamos keeper meant it was 1-0 at half time to the home side. Athletic started the half well with James coming close hitting the crossbar. The difference was that when dynamos created their chances, they took them. The hosts went onto score 2 quick goals which put the game to bed. The boys kept on fighting still pushing for a goal but it was just one of those days where the goal wouldn't go in the back of the net. With a second chance cleared off the line. I'd also like to wish Brendan a speedy recovery who got injured during the game.

Thanks to Tralee dynamo's for a sporting game

### BOYS U12

## Killarney Ath B 1 - 3 Park C

Jacob Slowakiewiz

The under 12B team welcomed the Park fc today, in a very entertaining game the boys went down to a 3-1 loss.

The boys played very well against a brilliant Park team. The score line does not reflect the game but you can't take anything away from the Park as they were clinical in front of goal. And are a very good side and they were a pleasure to host. The boys should be proud of their performance today.

### U12 GIRLS SOUTH

#### Killarney Athletic (Blue) v Kenmare FC

Athletic went up front early in the game with a lovely goal from Caitlin Hickey getting on the end of a free kick in from Maebh Coughlan. Later in the first half, Kenmare equalized and put pressure on Athletic. A fine save from Abbey O Leary kept it to a draw going in at the break. In the second half, Kenmare went ahead with a goal and held on to their lead till the final whistle.

Final score 1-2 to Kenmare FC. Captain for Killarney Athletic: Maebh Coughlan.

### U12 GIRLS SOUTH

#### Killarney Athletic Whites v Iveragh United

Killarney Athletic came up against a good Iveragh FC side this afternoon in Woodlawn. With conceding an early goal, Athletic found it hard to get into the game and let a good focused Iveragh side dominate the game. Iveragh didn't give much away and Killarney found it difficult to create any major chances. Final score 0-6 to Iveragh United. Captain for Athletic - Clara o Donoghue.

## KERRY SCHOOLBOY/GIRL SOCCER

### MIXED FORTUNE FOR KERRY SIDES IN U12 GIRLS NATIONAL CUP ROUND 1



A mixed bag of results for the two Kerry girls teams who played their opening fixtures of the National Cup. The opening round of the

U12 Girls National Cup saw a dominant



Ballyhar Dynamos u12s team white who were defeated away to Listowel celtic C on Saturday last in Division 2 north of the Kerry schoolboy/ girl league.



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u14s who defeated Camp juniors FC last weekend at Murt Scott Park in Division 1 of the Kerry schoolboy/ girl league.





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MEK Galaxy u16 boys division 2



Killarney Athletic u13 girls national cup

performance from St. Brendan's Park FC, who stormed past Ballingarry with a convincing 7-1 victory.

Park through goals from Caoimhe Field, Emily Savage, Natalia McDermott, Rose Ahern and Siun Foley delivered a strong performance to get over the line away from home. While in a closely fought contest, Tulla United edged out Tralee Dynamos with a hard-fought 2-1 win.

**KERINS STRIKES TWICE AS CASTLEISLAND ADVANCE IN U12 GIRLS NATIONAL CUP**

Round 2 of the U12 Girls National Cup saw Castleisland produce a commanding 3-1 victory over Newcastle West Town FC. Castleisland's Grace Kerin was the standout performer, netting twice to put her team in control of the match. Ava McCarthy also got on the scoresheet sending Castleisland through to the next round with confidence.

**CASTLEISLAND WHITE TAKES THE SPOILS IN ALL CLUB CLASH**

It was an U14 Girls National Cup tie with a twist in Georgie O'Callaghan Park as Castleisland AFC White emerged victorious over Castleisland AFC Green with a narrow 3-2 win in Round 1 of the U14 Girls National Cup. A game which pitted two sides from the same club against each other, was a thrilling affair from start to finish.

Goals from Mia Smyth, Bella Clifford and Elsie O Connor proved decisive to see Castleisland AFC White through to the next round.

**ROUND 2 EXITS IN U14 NATIONAL CUP FOR KERRY TEAMS**

Killorglin and Killarney Athletic were the only two Kerry teams that advanced safely from the perils of Round 2 in the U14 Girls National Cup. Killarney Athletic advanced with a commanding 3-0 win away to Holycross FC. Ada O'Leary, and a brace from Lillian Slattery sending Athletic into the next round. Killorglin meanwhile were 4-0 winners at home to Mungret Regional FC. Caherdavin Celtic secured a 4-2 victory over Tralee Dynamos AFC. Katelyn O'Brien and Tia Falvey both found the back of the net for Dynamos, but their efforts weren't enough to stop Caherdavin advancing to the next round. Breska Rovers were 6-1 winners over Listowel Celtic, while the tricky test against Limerick

teams continued with Newcastle West Town defeating Killarney Celtic 7-1.. Leah Mannix scored a consolation goal for Killarney Celtic.

**PARK ADVANCE AS CELTIC FACE EARLY EXIT IN 16'S NATIONAL CUP**

St Brendan's Park delivered a powerful performance on the road to advance in the 16's Girls National Cup, while Killarney Celtic would suffer defeat on home soil to Charleville AFC.

Park were 5-1 winners over Ballingarry, with Sofia Rybanska the star of the show, netting four goals, while Taylor Kate Leane also got on the scoresheet for Park. Charleville AFC came out on top in their clash with Killarney Celtic, winning 3-1. Despite a goal from Celtic's Sadbh O'Brien, Charleville secured their progression in the competition.

**KERRY U13 BOYS RECORD WINS IN RESCHEDULED NATIONAL CUP TIES**

Fenit Samphires, Killarney Athletic, Dingle and Iveragh United all recorded wins in their rescheduled National Cup Round 1 ties due to the orange weather warning a week prior.

Fenit Samphire impressed on the road with a 5-1 win over Aisling Annacotty to advance to the next round. Scott Akinyemi scored a brilliant hat-trick for the visitors, while Conor James and Conor McCarthy also got on the scoresheet, adding further gloss to the win. A hat trick from TJ O hAinfein saw Dingle record a 3-0 win at home to Lough Derg.

Killarney Athletic also had a big win in Limerick as they recorded a 5-1 win away to Regional United B. A brace each from Sean Quill and Lucas Uchtyl along with a Rory Moynihan effort, helping Athletic to the win. Iveragh United were too strong for Kilrush Crusaders as they recorded a 6-0 win.

**GIRLS LISTOWEL CONTINUE STRONG START TO U12 GIRLS NORTH SEASON**

Listowel Celtic remain unbeaten in the U12 Girls North as they recorded a second win of the season with a 6-0 triumph at home to Fenit. Katelyn Joy netted a hat-trick, while Orla O'Rahilly contributed with a brace, and Eimear O'Sullivan rounded off the scoring with a well-taken goal.

**OPENING WINS OF U12 GIRLS SOUTH FOR**

**INTER KENMARE AND IVERAGH**

Inter Kenmare and Iveragh recorded their first wins of the new season in the U12 Girls South, while MEK sit second after recording their second win of the campaign. MEK earned a 3-1 win over Killorglin, thanks to a brace from Abbie Coffey Straka and a goal from Emily Kavanagh. Sienna Boyle scored a consolation goal for Killorglin.

In a close-fought contest, Inter Kenmare edged out Killarney Athletic A with a 2-1 win. Ava McCarthy and Mary O'Sullivan found the back of the net for Kenmare. Iveragh defeated Killarney Athletic B 6-0 to take their first three points of the campaign.

**HIGH SCORING AFFAIRS IN U14 GIRLS DIVISION 1**

An action-packed round in the U14 Girls Division 1 saw Killarney Athletic B and Mastergeeha come out on top in high-scoring thrillers.

Killarney Athletic B triumphed 7-5 over Fenit in a goal-filled encounter. Ellie-Mae O'Sullivan delivered an outstanding performance, netting four goals, while Leah Heinemann added a hat-trick to power Killarney Athletic to their first win.

In another exciting match, Mastergeeha overcame LB Rovers with a 5-3 victory. Eilidh Cregan scored all three goals in a valiant effort for the visitors, who fell short against the unbeaten pole sitters.

**BOYS**

**PARK MAIN 100% START TO 12'S PREMIER**

St Brendan's Park made it four wins from four in the U12 Boys Premier, while Castleisland and Iveragh took three points for the first time in the latest round of action.

St Brendan's Park continued their unbeaten run with a 6-1 win over Killorglin . Alex Karpowicz opened the scoring and later completed his hat-trick in the second half, with Brendan Costello scoring just before half-time to put them back into the lead.

In the second half, Tadhg Gilligan netted two quick goals, followed by Karpowicz signing off his hat trick. Killorglin's Paidi O Muirheartaigh pulled one back late in the first half, but it wasn't enough to turn the tide.



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**BROKERS**



Listowel Celtic secured a 5-2 win over Dingle, with TJ Ahern scoring twice, alongside goals from Bradley Enright, Sean Kissane, and Christopher Bradley. Dingle's Noah Eadie and Conlaoich O Bric found the net, but it was not enough to prevent Celtic recording their first win of the season.

Castleisland edged past Inter Kenmare with a 2-1 victory. Goals from Pdraig Flynn and Noah McCarthy secured the win for Castleisland in a closely contested affair for their first win. While Iveragh United also earned their first three points with a 3-1 victory over Killarney Athletic.

**BALLYHAR CONTINUE TO SET THE PACE IN U14 DIVISION 1**

Ballyhar Dynamos stretched their unbeaten run to four games in Division 1 of the U14 grade as they continue to set the pace in the Division. Mastergeeha and Fenit are also unbeaten to start the season, while Park B recorded their first win of the season.

Dynamos had a sparkling performance with a 4-0 win over Camp. Killian O'Sullivan shone with a hat-trick, while Eoin Cremin also got on the scoresheet. Mastergeeha are two from two after they received a walkover from Inter Kenmare.

Fenit showcased their attacking prowess with a 7-1 victory over Tralee Dynamos recording consecutive wins in the process. Evan Neary, Cody Deady and Shea Gilligan each scored twice, while Jamie Hussey rounded off the scoring.

In a tightly contested affair, Park B edged out LB Rovers A with a 3-2 victory. LB Rovers' Finn O'Sullivan and Pdraig O'Connor found the back of the net, but it was not enough to stop the home side from taking their first three points.

**ACTION HEATS UP IN 16'S PREMIER**

The U16 Boys Premier served up a thrilling round of action, highlighted by a dramatic encounter between Killarney Celtic and Mastergeeha, as well as a competitive clash between Killarney Athletic and Tralee Dynamos.

In a nail-biter, Mastergeeha edged past Killarney Celtic A with a 4-3 victory in the local derby. Cillian Moynihan stood out with a remarkable hat trick for Mastergeeha, and Roan Guerin chipped in with a goal also. Jack O'Grady scored twice for the hosts, while Luca Mosca added another, not enough however to change the outcome.

Killarney Athletic played to a 2-2 draw against Tralee Dynamos. Leo Allen found the net for Athletic, while an own goal helped share the spoils. Meanwhile, St Brendan's Park secured their first win of the season with a commanding 6-1 victory over Listowel Celtic.

**KILLARNEY CELTIC**

**CELTIC LOTTO**

Numbers drawn 5,14,19,20. No jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €75. Next jackpot €12,600 on Monday October 21st . Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber



*Killarney Celtic U16B squad vs Tralee Dynamos*

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**CHARLEVILLE CHEESE PREMIER A St Brendan's Park 1-5 Killarney Celtic**  
*Sean Lovett 2, Kalvin O Sullivan, Wayne Sparling, Stephen McCarthy*

A strong 1st half performance laid the basis for this win over St Brendan's Park last Sunday. Celtic were 4 up by half time as they went top of the table.

**CHARLEVILLE CHEESE YOUTHS LEAGUE Killarney Celtic 2-2 MEK**

*Jake Downing, Liam Hennigan*  
Celtic came from 2 down to claim a point in this Youths League game. Despite enjoying the lion's share of possession Celtic found themselves 1-0 at the break. MEK stretched their lead before Celtic finally found the target to draw the game.

**U16 PREMIER Killarney Celtic 3-4 Mastergeeha**

*Jack O Grady 2, Luca Mosca*  
A slow start was to prove costly for the U16A team as Mastergeeha were clear by half time. Celtic kept battling to the end but could not pull back the early goals.

**U16 DIV 2 Killarney Celtic B 3-1 Tralee Dynamos**

*Tobias Iheme, Mark Bartlett, Andrew Sheehan*  
Celtic B overcame Tralee Dynamos in a most entertaining game played last week. A late goal made certain of the win after Celtic had led from the 1st half before Dynamos fought back

in the 2nd half.

**U12 PREMIER Killarney Celtic 3-0 Camp**

*Rowan Murphy, Dylan McCarthy, Erik Dominguez*  
Celtic continued their good start to the season with a win over Camp. Celtic mixed the short passing game with the long ball to good effect. Celtic were 2up by half time and sealed the win with a late goal.

**U12 DIV 1 Inter Kenmare- Killarney Celtic White**

*Erik Dominguez, Erik McGrath, Max Opala, Josh Buckley, Fionn Murphy, Adam O Sullivan,Conor Bartlett, Zsombi Vida*  
Celtic white were too strong for a game Inter Kenmare team.

**U12 DIV 2 MEK 5-2 Killarney Celtic Hoops**

*Evan Brosnan, Dwayne Koeller*  
Celtic Hoops played their hearts out against MEK and kept going to the final whistle.

**GIRLS U16 SFAI NATIONAL CUP Killarney Celtic 1-3 Charleville AFC**

*Sadbh O Brien*  
Celtic left themselves too much of a mountain to climb after they found themselves 3-0 down after 30 mins. Celtic pulled 1 back through Sadbh O Brien but were unable to add to their tally and thus exited the cup.

**U14 SFAI NATIONAL CUP NEWCASTLEWEST TOWN WON OVER KILLARNEY CELTIC**

*Leah Mannix*  
Our girls who are our U13 squad went out of the U14 National Cup to a stronger Newcastlewest team. The girls battled to the end and never gave up.





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Well done to all our crews and coaches who represented the club in force at the St. Michael's Head Of the River for Junior and Masters crews. Held on Saturday last, October 12th at O'Briensbridge, the 3km time trial was the first competitive outing of the new rowing season 2024/'25. The club had a total entry list of 65 crews, with representation in a further two composite crews. On the day, 63 of these crews competed with three wins, nine second place and six third place finishes. Congratulations to Rachel Fuller, Jenna Coffey, Angelina Kenny and Eva Stack, winners of the Womens J18 Quad and again to Rachel on her win in the Womens J18 Single. Congratulations also to Aaron O'Connor and Aaron Hegarty, winners of the Mens J14 Double. The success of the day was topped with the award on points of the Jim 'Monty' Aherne Cup for the best overall club in the Mens races, an honour also won by the club in 2023. Across a very busy weekend, special thanks to Sean Daly, Eoin Moynihan and Niall O'Donoghue who towed the two boat trailers to and from the event.

**CLUB BBQ**

A reminder that our End of Year BBQ social event takes place this Saturday, October 19th at the Muckross Park Hotel from 5pm with food served from 6pm. Individual ticket €18, family ticket €60.

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Castleconnell HOR, Sat Oct 26th, Castleconnell; Skibbereen HOR, Sun Nov 24th, Skibbereen; Muckross HOR, Sat Dec 7th, National Rowing Centre, Farran.

**FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB****RESULTS****N/S**

1st: Mary Shanahan & Mary Rose Felle  
2nd: Phyllis O'Regan & Michael McHugh  
3rd: Anne Looney & Maura G Moynihan

**E/S**

1st: Mary Gleeson & Evelyn O'Leary  
2nd: Margaret O'Sullivan & Maura B Moynihan  
3rd: Karen O'Keeffe & Imelda Healy  
Congratulations to all, well done.

**BRIDGE CONTINUES** every Thursday morning at The Castlerosse Hotel at 10am. Past members and new members are very welcome.

**WORKMAN'S ROWING CLUB NEWS**

Fantastic weather over the weekend which enabled our junior crews to enjoy the lakes of Killarney in a very productive weekend of training.

It was a privilege for Michael J and Mary Burns of Workman's Rowing Club to attend the Skibbereen Olympic ball last weekend where they met double Olympic gold medallist Fintan McCarthy.

Training continues as usual for all members.

**KILLARNEY SWIMMING CLUB**

Swimmers continue to train in all squads in preparation for upcoming galas.

The club held trials last week and is delighted to welcome new swimmers to the Development Squad of the Club very shortly.

The club had a great morning volunteering at Quest Adventure Race on Saturday and got the young swimmers involved in the action too.



Mary Burns of Workman's Rowing Club met double Olympic gold medallist Fintan McCarthy.

Killarney Swimming Club members pictured at Quest are Cathal Macky, Kate Quill, Gerladine Macky, Orlaith Macky, Lynne O'Neill, Samuel O'Neill, Evan O'Donoghue and Elaine O'Donoghue.



# Killarney Judo Club Celebrate their Youngest Ever Black Belts

Last Sunday, five members of Killarney Judo Club travelled to Dublin to take part in the National Grading. As part of their Grading, they had to compete in a number of fights along with a theory test.

After years of training since they were seven years old, Kate and Liadh Forde both earned their Black Belts at the age of sixteen. This makes them the youngest Black Belts in the club's history.

Congratulations also to Ciara Forde who earned her Blue Belt.

Furthermore, Jack and Muireann earned points towards their 2nd Dan Black Belt.

Next week, the club will host a Mini.Mon competition for players across Munster.



**Black Belts:** Kate Forde and Liadh Forde pictured in Dublin at the National Judo Grading



Aidan Forde, Muireann O'Brien, Kate Forde, Liadh Forde, Ciara Forde and Tim Kelly pictured in Dublin at the National Judo Grading



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## Mens Basketball League Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre Saturday October 12th

### SCOTTS LAKERS 80 TIPP TALONS 76

Report by Enda Walshe

Scotts Lakers got there in the end, but only just!! The visitors TippTalons had made a booming start to the fourth quarter, hitting 13 points in five minutes and putting themselves in the box seat with a 67- 61 lead. Coach Ron Howard called a time out and out of adversity was born a comeback. Mikah Blackwell was first to take a bite out of the lead, his five points making it a one point game. He then went to the free throw line to nudge the Lakers in front. All the while the Lakers defence had upped the ante getting some big stops in. Mark Sheehan danced in along the baseline to give some breathing space , Eoin Carroll bobbed and weaved inside , his points emphasising a 11-0 scoring run. Was order restored ? Not quite yet.

Miles Felletti, Sammy Bah and Justin Wickham gave the Premier boys a chance and despite Blackwell and Sheehans ice cold nerve it was still a one point game, 77-76, with seconds to go. The bumper crowd in the Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre had paid for their seats but they were sitting on the edge of them as the Lakers eventually saw out the game with Blackwell sealing the game from charity stripe.

The St Pauls support had played its part, something Coach Howard enthused about after. "I was so proud when I saw the fans out there cheering for us hard, and they were right there with us on our side, being the sixth man." Game MVP Blackwell felt the vibe as well ."The crowd is amazing , all these games are tough and we need everyone out there rooting for us. I look forward to seeing as many fans as we can for our game next weekend (against the Titans)."

The opening quarter was a slow burner, Blackwell finding his feet early while Justin Wickham was making his presence felt inside for the Talons. Shemarri Miles was pulling the visitors' strings but a three from Mark Sheehan kept the Lakers in tow. Both teams had run into foul trouble with the Talons cashing in to open up a 16-12 lead. Blackwell and another three from Jack O Sullivan drew the sides level but a late surge from Patrick Lanipekun put the Lakers in front at 21-17.

Blackwell took the bull by the horns and

when Oisin Spring, with a three point play following a quick break, found his range it was suddenly a ten point game. Eoin Carroll was working hard, he would finish the game with twelve rebounds, and further points from Lanipekun and Blackwell had the Lakers in charge as they hit the locker rooms, 37-28. This quarter was also notable as it saw Darragh O'Callaghan and John Hughes make their home National league debuts.

The third quarter saw the Talons grow into the game and it coincided with a period of sloppiness for the hosts as they struggled to get any rhythm, especially in offence. Miles, Niall Walsh and Arthur Geronimo gave the Premier men confidence and it took a period of inspirational play from Lanipekun with help from Rui Saravia to keep the Lakers in front. He first stole in for a dunk, then set up Carroll for a basket. He followed that with a three but Sammy Bah and Miles had the Talons on the Lakers shoulder. Balckwell nailed two threes and two free throws and that helped the Lakers hold a 56-54 lead going down the stretch.

Sensing the game may be theirs for the taking the Talons took on the fourth quarter with abandon. They answered Blackwells early five point contribution with baskets from Miles, Wickham, Bah and Miles Felletti. That gave them that 67-61 cushion and with the ball bouncing every way but the Lakers it looked as though the Tipp men were about to claim their ever win in National League basketball. But they didn't count for the coolness of Messrs Blackwell, Sheehan and Carroll who resuscitated the Lakers efforts to get them over the line. That resilience had Coach Howard smiling. "I'm always preaching to them about playing through adversity , they did it last weekend, and today they battled it out at tough times. These guys are young and with Mikah leading the charge for them they stepped up".

Mikah Blackwell led the scoring with 35 points, Patrick Lanipekun had 13, Mark Sheehan hit an important 12, Eoin Carroll grabbed 12 rebounds and 10 points, Rui Saravia 4, Jack O Sullivan 3, Oisin Spring 3. For the Talons Shemarri Miles top scored with 19 with good assistance from Sammy Bah with 16 and Justin Wickham with 14. Miles Felletti and Arthur Geronimo had 8 each.

The Titans are next to visit Killarney as they bring their unbeaten start down South. They had a very impressive win over the Limerick Sport Eagles last time out, following on from their opening day win against the Killarney Cougars. Michael Hayes and Charles Pepin have been most impressive for the Galwegians and they can count on

Mikah Blackwell (Photo courtesy of Inpho)



Patrick Lanipekun (photo courtesy of Inpho)



Oisin Spring (photo courtesy of Inpho)



Joseph Coughlan, Fortune Igbokwe and Victor Tashev for maximum effort. Tip off in the Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre is 7.30pm.

### TRIBUTE TO CAOIMHIN

Before the game the Club remembered the late Caoimhin O Donoghue, who was a player, coach and officer with the club. His premature passing in May left everyone in total shock and the game vs Tipperary Talons was the first home game since. A 24 second moment of silence was observed for a man who would have one of the first through the door supporting the team.

### Basketball Ireland National League Division One

### Killarney Cougars 84 Waterford Vikings 93

The Killarney Cougars put on a strong





display at the Presentation Gym on Saturday evening in this round two national League game, showing heart and determination against a strong Waterford Vikings side. Despite a late surge that had the home crowd on their feet, the Vikings managed to edge out the Cougars in a game that was fiercely contested until the final whistle.

Waterford got off to a fast start, with Jay Kavanagh sinking an early three-pointer that ignited a period of Viking dominance. By the 5-minute mark, they had stretched their lead to 15-5, with Denis Miculescu draining two more three-pointers to increase the pressure. But the Cougars, not to be outdone, rallied after a well-timed timeout. Kani Glover came alive, hitting two three-pointers and scoring 10 points in the first quarter, helping the Cougars finish the quarter strong, trailing 24-17.

The second quarter saw a rejuvenated Cougars side. Their defense tightened up, and the offense started to click. A three-pointer by Nathan Cox fired up the home crowd, and Joshua Strongman added six points during a dominant spell that saw Bill Wiseman put the Cougars ahead 28-26. The energy in the gym was palpable as the Cougars extended their lead to 32-26 midway through the quarter. But Waterford were quick to respond, with Kavanagh again leading the charge and James Aboaba proving to be a real threat on the boards. The Vikings managed to wrestle back the lead, closing out an exhilarating half ahead 41-36.

The third quarter was a tough one for the Cougars, as Waterford's Aaron Jackson began to take control of the game. Jackson was relentless, scoring 12 points in the quarter as the Vikings capitalized on several Cougars turnovers. The momentum swung firmly in Waterford's favor, and they built what seemed like an insurmountable 68-51 lead heading into the final quarter.

The determined Cougars never gave up and the fourth quarter was a testament to their fighting spirit. Nathan Cox caught fire, hitting three quick three-pointers that electrified the gym and brought the Cougars roaring back into the contest. With five minutes left, the gap had narrowed to just seven points at 77-70. Strongman and Glover, spurred on by the passionate home support, continued to chip away at the lead. A clutch basket from Patrick O'Regan brought the Cougars within two points, 82-80, with just over two minutes left on the clock.

The atmosphere was intense, with the Cougars on the verge of an incredible comeback. However, foul trouble caught up with the team, and the loss of Strongman proved critical. The Vikings, cool



*Cougars (15) Joshua Strongman versus Waterford Vikings*

under pressure, made the most of their opportunities at the free-throw line, sinking nine points to secure the win.

While the final scoreline favored Waterford, the Cougars' performance was packed with promise. Their young side showed flashes of brilliance, particularly in their ability to fight back from adversity. The team is growing, and with a bit more consistency, they have the potential to compete with anyone in the league.

Killarney Cougars appreciate the support of our Gameday sponsor Caroline Lemass Pilates, serving Killarney for over 15 years.

With this level of effort and determination, next weekend's away game against Moycullen in Galway promises to be another exciting battle. The Cougars will surely take the lessons from this hard-fought contest to come back stronger.

Top Scorers:



*Cougars (13) Kani Glover versus Waterford Vikings*

Killarney Cougars: Kani Glover – 25, Joshua Strongman – 22, Nathan Cox – 15, Andrew Fitzgerald – 10

Waterford Vikings: Aaron Jackson – 34, James Aboaba – 27, Jay Kavanagh – 11







## JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY

takes a look at all things sport...

# SENIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

### SEMI-FINAL

**Dr. Crokes 0-14**

**St. Brendans 0-9**

For the opening twenty five minutes of this game, Dr. Crokes looked like the force of old, or possibly even better. They were moving the ball fast, with every player having good options available whenever they got possession. St. Brendans were chasing shadows. Gavin White was the main driving force and Gavin O'Shea the focal point of a real blitzkrieg attack. St. Brendans were frantically trying to plug holes all over the field but Crokes were just too fast in both movement and thought. On the few occasions that they managed to attack themselves, a resolute defence were shutting down the final ball before danger could threaten, Evan Looney especially impressive.

The evergreen Brian Looney curled over the opening score – how many times over the years have we seen him put those ones over? A late hit on Odhran Ferris gave Jack Savage a simple free to level matters.

Crokes were already taking charge. Mark O'Shea was called for over-carrying – I thought it was a bit harsh, but in fairness the referee was very consistent for both sides on the principle of the player taking it into contact getting called on it. Good strength by Charlie Keating saw him shrug off the challenges and tee up Gavin O'Shea from close range for a simple point; it was very nearly a goal chance. David Saw coolly slotted a well-worked point. A great ball in by Micheál Burns saw Tony Brosnan draw a foul and the sharpshooter converted with ease.

0-4 to 0-1.

A great defensive block by Evan Looney saw Crokes emerge again, Gavin White feeding Tom Doyle for a score. Micheál Burns kicked a great score from the wing and added another from the other side. In between, Joey Nagle found Daniel Kirby for St. Brendans first score from play with almost twenty minutes on the clock. Jack Savage slotted another free. David Shaw lofted over a real beauty from long distance – David is playing with real confidence these days, and it's great to see. 0-8 to 0-2. This isn't likely to be pretty by the finish. If I know one thing about Crokes, it's that they don't step off the gas.

Except.....that's exactly what they did. What had looked like a formula one car in full flight was suddenly spluttering like an ancient Massey Ferguson. Part of that is credit to St. Brendans, who certainly did rise their game, but you'd have to say that Crokes left that door a little bit ajar when they should really have been nailing it shut. Tomás Kennedy, the youngest player on the field, had been battling hard against the tide and he kicked a good score. A sheer stubborn refusal to quit saw him chase down and contest what looked like a lost cause until he managed to get his hands on it and fist over. The lad has real guts. As for the prospect of him going over to play Aussie Rules? I have no idea whether it's on the cards or not and I know I'll make few friends by saying it, but I'll say it anyway. I'd tell any young lad that it's a fantastic opportunity and he should grab it with both hands.

0-8 to 0-5 at half-time. There was something wrong about that scoreline. Crokes had played absolutely majestic football. A lot of that stuff could and should be used in training videos for young players. They had completely taken St. Brendans to school. But just three points ahead? That has to raise doubts.

And the third quarter confirmed those doubts. Dr. Crokes quite frankly and quite

Action from the Dr. Crokes V St. Brendan's game



honestly looked pedestrian all of a sudden. Did they relax the gears? St. Brendans did make a few changes and upped their game, but not to any dramatic extent.

Tony Brosnan did notch two frees to open the second half scoring. It was St. Brendans, with Kerry hurler Daithí Griffin leading from the back, that were applying the pressure now. In fairness, Crokes' defence was good and St. Brendans were losing that final ball. They looked threatening, but you actually have to land with a few more of those jabs. I can't help thinking that Barry John Keane, who landed four points from play in the first half against Kenmare, or the biggest lockpick in the world Tommy Walsh, would definitely have been worth two or three points at that stage, but neither was available. Joe O'Connor did burst through for a point. Jack Savage slotted a free. Daihí got up the field to bring it back to a goal, 0-11 to 0-8. Frankly, don't bother looking for any highlights reel of



Action from the Dr. Crokes V St. Brendan's game



Action from East Kerry V Dingle



that third quarter; that was hard work rather than artistry.

Jack Savage picked up a black card in the 47th minute. No question or controversy about the decision, but it curtailed St. Brendans momentum at just the wrong moment. They did slice the gap back to a mere two points when Tom Hoare laid off to Paddy Lane for a good score.

Time was running out now. Crokes found one last bit of a burst in them. Brian Looney drew a free from Tomás Kennedy for Tony Brosnan to convert. Mark O'Shea laid off to Kieran O'Leary for the insurance point and Brian Looney capped off a magnificent display with the final score.

Crokes are back in a County Final after what I would consider a bit of a Jekyll and Hyde performance. That might actually stand them in very good stead; they will all know instinctively that this second half performance won't win the Bishop Moynihan Cup. And they will quietly know – they won't say it out loud too much – that they are perfectly capable of doing exactly that.

Dr. Crokes: Shane Murphy, Evan Looney, Fionn Fitzgerald, John Payne, Charlie Keating, Gavin White, Brian Looney 0-2, Mark O'Shea, Maidhcí Lynch, Micheál Burns 0-2, Gavin O'Shea 0-1, Tom Doyle 0-1, Tony Brosnan 0-5 (5f), David Shaw 0-2, Cian McMahon. Subs: Kieran O'Leary 0-1 (for Charlie Keating, 38 mins), Michael Potts (for Maidhcí Lynch, 47 mins), David Naughton (for Cian McMahon, 54 mins),

St. Brendans: Michael Tansley (Austin Stacks), Colin Griffin (Austin Stacks), Dylan Casey (Austin Stacks), Joey Nagle (Austin Stacks), Daithí Griffin 0-1 (Ardfert), Armin Heinrich (Austin Stacks), Pádraig White (John Mitchels), Joe O'Connor 0-1 (Austin Stacks), David Moran (Kerins O'Rahillys), Tomás Kennedy 0-2 (Kerins O'Rahillys), Jack Savage 0-3, 2f, 1m (Kerins O'Rahillys), Tom Hoare (Kerins O'Rahillys), Daniel Kirby 0-1 (Austin Stacks), Odhran Ferris (Ardfert), Paddy Lane 0-1 (Austin Stacks). Subs: Donagh Buckley (Kerins O'Rahillys) for Pádraig White 25 mins, Cian Holden (John Mitchels) for Odhran Ferris, 37 mins, Ben Hanafin (Kerins O'Rahillys) for Daniel Kirby, 43 mins, Alan O'Donoghue (John Mitchels) for Daithí Griffin, 49 mins, Earnan Ferris (Ardfert) for Jack Savage, 59 mins

Referee: Seamus Mulvihill (St Senans)

### Semi-Final

#### Dingle 2-16 East Kerry 1-14

And thus do empires fall. Not with a bang, but with more of a tired whisper. East Kerry have won four of the last five titles, and their only blip, falling to Austin Stacks in 2021, was a one-off impacted by covid restrictions. From the very start all eyes were on them – yes, it gave breathing space to the likes of Crokes and Dingle, but it can hardly be considered unfair in the circumstances and with the numbers and quality of players available to them.

They weren't really convincing coming into this game though. They coughed up 2-12 to Rathmore in their opening game. They saw off a game but limited Milltown/Castlemaine in Round 2A. Then came the quarter-final against St. Kierans, and that young outfit really put up hard questions. East Kerry won it out by two points, but only barely and certainly not in a convincing fashion.

Dingle were coming off the back of a fairly comprehensive club final defeat to Crokes when they faced Mid Kerry in the opening round. They had three goals scored in the first half – and went on to lose. A lesson learned there, one suspects. Certainly they blew a young South Kerry away and then saw off a listless Milltown/Castlemaine. Templeone actually started the quarter-final well, but Dingle soon took almost complete control. Paul Geaney is miles out in front of anybody for the Player of the Championship as far as I am concerned. So East Kerry were coming into this game with the big, almost unbackable reputation – but Dingle were looking like the form team.

Donal Down O'Sullivan looked sharp from the off and quickly clipped over a free. At the other end, Tom O'Sullivan had a good effort come back off the post. David Clifford opened his account with a free, while a Dylan Geaney effort after a lively Cathal Bambury was fouled dropped just short. Darragh Dan O'Sullivan had a good chance curl just wide. Neither side looked at full speed just yet. Paudie Clifford got the first score from play in the 12th minute but Paul Geaney opened Dingle's account with a free a minute later after Bambury drew another foul and Dylan Geaney set up Matthew Flaherty for their first

point from play.

Niall Donohue finished off the best move of the game with a point. That was scintillating football by East Kerry, really fast and clever passing to carve open the gap, and it wasn't far away from a goal chance.

In the 23rd minute Tom Leo O'Sullivan laid off to Dylan Geaney and ran on, Dylan's lobbed pass inside falling to the wing back and he neatly tucked it into the net. 1-2 to 0-4, and Dingle with their noses in front. Donal Down O'Sullivan brilliantly jinked to open a bit of space and tucked over from a tight angle, but Paul Geaney gathered a mark from Niall Geaney and tucked it over. Dingle ahead by 1-3 to 0-5 at half-time, and not undeserved, but it still felt like either team really had their shoulders behind the wheel just yet.

Donal Down fed Ronan Buckley for the opening score of the second half and Luke Crowley, who looked much livelier in his half, added another. Dylan Geaney replied with a free and it was level pegging again.

Luke Crowley won a free and, showing good awareness, spotted David Clifford making a run inside. He still had plenty to do to get the shot off, but this is exactly what the big man does and the net bulged again. 1-7 to 1-4 in East Kerry's favour. Would the champions start to burn off the challengers now?

It wasn't that they didn't try to; they just couldn't. Dylan Geaney slotted over but Luke Crowley won a free for Donal Down to cancel that out instantly.

Dingle were rising fast and hard. Tom O'Sullivan did brilliantly to ghost past defenders into the square before laying off to Paul Geaney – again, we all know what Paul does in situations like that and the net rattled again. Level pegging again, 1-8 to 2-5.

Dylan Geaney was absolutely on fire now. He lofted over a superb point, quickly added another, and then made it three on the trot with an even better effort.

Back came East Kerry, Donal Down O'Sullivan and David Clifford with frees. Tom O'Sullivan nudged Dingle back in front by the minimum. A great team move by East Kerry saw Luke Crowley feed Donal Down to fist over and leave the sides all square again.

Dingle had dived with two possible penalties already – those short range frees by Donal Down and David were just outside the square – and it was a case of third time unlucky aa



Emmett O'Shea sent a great ball to Ronan Buckley and the big man was definitely fouled inside the line.

David Clifford to take it. I have no idea what the popular debate about opting for a point is about. That's just nonsense. You take a sure point, and Dingle have a lot of time left to come up the field and get an equaliser or even a winner, and you know full well that they have forwards capable of it. A penalty is a great goal chance; of course you go for it. David did, a great penalty to the keeper's right, plenty of direction and even more power (I'm old school with penalties, put it on target and hit it hard). Gavin H. Curran is around a long time though and he went the right way and stretched to get just enough on it. A fantastic save, and easily the game's crucial moment. A nice touch to see David give him a quick congratulations on the save; greatness is about character more than anything else.

Extra-time. Hard going now. Paul O'Leary opened things for East Kerry but Conor Geaney replied. Paul Geaney lofted over and quickly added another - I'd say he was thinking about goal for the second one. A very well-worked Matthew Flaherty score had Dingle in front by 2-13 to 1-13 as the teams turned around.

The reigning champions were doing everything they could to turn the tide, but it felt like the old story of King Canute bashing the waves with his sword. Matthew Flaherty set up Conor Geaney for a point. Man of the match Dylan Geaney closed it out with the final two points of the game.

Dingle and Dr. Crokes facing each other in a County Final. Not for the first time (far from it – they even met in this year's Senior Club Final) or the last, and it should be one to savour.

Dingle: Gavin H Curran, Conor Flannery, Conor O'Sullivan, Tom O'Sullivan (0-1), Brian O'Connor, Darragh Dan O'Sullivan, Tom Leo O'Sullivan (1-0), Barry Dan O'Sullivan, Billy O'Connor, Cathal Bambury, Matthew Flaherty (0-2), Niall Geaney, Dylan Geaney (0-6, 1f), Paul Geaney (1-4, 1f, 1m), Tadhg de Brún Subs: Micheál Flannery (for Conor O'Sullivan, half-time), Conor Geaney 0-3, 2f (for Tadhg de Brún, 43 mins), Mikey Geaney (for Darragh Dan O'Sullivan, 48 mins), Tadhg de Brún (for Cathal Bambury, 64 mins), Seán Óg Moran (for Brian O'Connor, 79 mins), Brendan Kelliher (for Billy O'Connor, 80 mins)

East Kerry: Brian Kelly (Legion), Chris O'Leary (Kilcummin), Dan O'Brien (Glenflesk), Niall Donohue 0-1 (Firies), Kieran O'Sullivan (Fossa), Cian Lynch (Glenflesk), Paud O'Leary 0-1 (Gneeveguilla), Ronan Buckley 0-1 (Listry), Darragh Lyne (Legion), Seán O'Leary (Kilcummin), Luke Crowley 0-1 (Glenflesk), Ruairí Murphy 0-1 (Listry), David Clifford 1-2, 2f (Fossa), Dónal Down O'Sullivan 0-6, 3f, 1m (Kilgarvan), Paudie Clifford 0-1 (Fossa) Subs: Cian Gammell (Legion) for Kieran O'Sullivan, half-time, Dara O'Callaghan (Kilcummin) for Chris O'Leary, 45 mins, Finbarr Murphy (Legion) for Seán O'Leary, 48 mins, Emmett O'Shea (Fossa) for Ruairí Murphy, 57 mins,

Ruairí Murphy for Ronan Buckley, 61 mins, Kieran O'Sullivan for Niall Donohue, 70 mins Referee: Brendan Griffin (Clounmacon)

## 2025 MUNSTER SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

### Quarter-Finals

*Waterford v Tipperary, Limerick v Cork*

### Semi-Finals

*Limerick/Cork v Kerry  
Waterford/Tipperary v Clare*

Cork have been slowly but steadily improving over the past few years – they really needed to, for everybody's sake. I now rate them as the second best team in Munster, but it's a long drop off from first place. The semi-final between the two of us in Pairc Uí Caíomh will essentially be the Munster Final. Frankly, it just doesn't stir my blood at all anymore. The gulf in excitement between the Munster Hurling Championship and the Munster Football Championship is huge and it's only getting bigger. Don't expect that to turn around next year. Anyway with that appallingly rubbish group stage lumped in for no good reason afterwards, it can't even be described as an appetiser anymore. An amuse bouche, maybe?

## 2025 ULSTER SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

### Preliminary round

*Donegal v Derry*

### Quarter-Finals

*Antrim v Armagh, Tyrone v Cavan, Fermanagh v Down, Donegal/Derry v Monaghan*

### Semi-Finals

*Antrim/Armagh v Tyrone/Cavan  
Fermanagh/Down v Donegal/  
Derry/Monaghan*

Derry away to Donegal in the opening round. That one will be tasty. As always, Ulster is a conundrum. I still think that Derry are too reliant on McGuigan for scores, despite the formidable array of talent out the field. Will Armagh build momentum from winning Sam last year? I believe that Tyrone have the best overall football team, especially in attacking potential, but the ugly truth is that football games are no longer won by forwards, especially in Ulster. I'll go for a defensive Donegal to beat Tyrone in the Ulster Final. I'll admit that's a bit of a wild swing, though, almost any permutation is feasible in Ulster.



Team captains Kieran Kelly of St. Brendans Killarney, Calvin O'Sullivan of Tralee CBS with match referee, Seamus Mulvihill (St. Senans.)

## 2025 CONNACHT SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

### Quarter-Finals

*New York v Galway, London v Roscommon, Mayo v Sligo*

### Semi-Finals

*Leitrim v Mayo/Sligo  
New York/Galway v London/  
Roscommon*

Mayo to meet Galway in the Connaught Final. Have Galway got one last real throw of the dice in them? I think Mayo might actually be the more dangerous of the two this year.

## 2025 LEINSTER SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

### First Round

*Wexford v Laois, Carlow v Meath, Wicklow v Longford*

### Quarter-Finals

*Offaly v Carlow/Meath, Dublin v Wicklow/Longford, Kildare v Westmeath, Louth v Wexford/  
Laois*

### Semi-Finals

*Offaly/Carlow/Meath v Dublin/  
Wicklow/Longford  
Kildare/Westmeath v Louth/  
Wexford/Laois*





St. Brendan's no. 14 Darragh Keane gets his shot away despite the attention of Tralee CBS players Mark Riordan (3) and Daniel Moriarty (7)



Danny Lane no. 13 Tralee CBS pops a point over the bar in the first half.

The Leinster Championship is easiest of all to predict with a degree of certainty. Essentially, it can be summed up in two questions. Is there any team that can stop Dublin lifting their fifteenth Delaney Cup in row? And will there be more people at it than bigots at a Trump rally? The answer is a resounding no on both counts. On paper you'd expect Kildare to emerge from the other side of the draw, but Kildare have flattered to deceive in recent years.

## LATE DRAMA TURNS RUSSELL CUP FINAL THRILLER

*Russell Cup Final*  
**St. Brendan's 4-11**  
**Tralee CBS 4-10**

Paul Russell himself famously started an All Ireland Senior Final while still a student in St. Brendan's College, and last Friday his old alma mater claimed the Kerry Colleges Cup named in his memory against their oldest rivals Tralee CBS in one of the best colleges games in years, an absolute rollercoaster of thrills and spills all the way to the finish line.... and even then, the biggest sting in the tail was still waiting.

Calvin O'Sullivan opened the scoring for Tralee in a sunswept Fitzgerald Stadium with a great long distance kick. However, the Sem went down the field straightaway and an incisive burst by Éanna Hennigan saw him unceremoniously pulled down in the box. Up stepped Darragh Keane to coolly slot the penalty home and the Sem were in front. Back came Tralee, Cillian O'Brien finding Danny Lane, whose shot clipped just over rather than under the crossbar. Adrian O'Connor rose high to fetch the kick-out and set up Lane for the equalising point. Things got even better for them when the Sem failed to clear a speculative high ball from their square, with Calvin O'Sullivan nipping in to poke the loose ball home for a real poacher's goal. Darragh Keane, looking very dangerous

at this stage, notched a free after ood work by a lively Éanna Hennigan, but Tralee had their tails up now and Jason Gaynor gathered from Lane to fire over at the other end. 2-4 to 1-1.

Darragh Keane spotted a tiny gap and burst through it to fire home a smashing goal. At the other end Ronan Harrington O'Callaghan cleverly waited until the defender had gathered a ball in before deftly picking his pocket to snaffle possession and fire home from close range. 3-4 to 2-1.

Darragh Keane tried another incisive dash but the forewarned defence were able to steer him into a narrow channel – the Kilcummin man still had the awareness to fist over the bar from a tight angle. Calvin O'Sullivan replied and a foul on Eoin Tansley saw Jason Gaynor add a free to stretch Tralee's lead. St. Brendan's wingback Ryan Vickers was doing tremendous damage with his lightning pace and another great run forward saw him pick off a point for himself. Cian Hegarty went for a brilliant effort at goal from distance, only for an alert Drragh O'Connor to scramble it away for a fruitless '45. It's great to see a young player with the courage and inventiveness to make that attempt, exactly what an appreciative crowd want to see in games like this.

### **Half-time Tralee CBS 3-6 St. Brendan's 2-3**

The same made a few very effective changes at half-time and looked much sharper on the restart. Cian Hearty slotted a free and Éanna Hennigan added a good point from play. Once again, though, they succumbed to a relatively soft goal chance, with Calvin O'Sullivan's long range effort dipping into the net. 4-6 to 2-5, and it felt as if Tralee would raise a few more green flags before the finish.

The Sem responded well, though. Éanna Hennigan set up Cian Hegarty for a point over his shoulder and a foul on Darragh Keane saw Cian add another, with Darragh Keane converting a free of his own a minute later. Eoin Tansley won his second scoring free of the day for Tralee, Calvin O'Sullivan doing the honours.



Christy Killeen (Coiste Iarbhunscoileanna Chiarraí c/g) presents the Russell Cup to St. Brendan's Killarney captain, Kieran Kelly. Also in picture is Dermot Weeshie Lynch (Schools Servicing Officer GAA.)

A great move by the Sem saw Éanna Hennigan fist across for sub Liam Moynihan to fist to the net and suddenly the Sem were just two points behind, 4-7 to 3-8.

Back came Tralee, Calvin O'Sullivan popping over a score, but the momentum was with St. Brendan's now. Conor Moynihan took a good score Éanna Hennigan, really standing up now when the game was in the melting pot, added another. Just a single point between now.

Calvin O'Sullivan with a pressure-relieving point for Tralee CBS, but the fat was still sizzling loudly in the frying pan. Conor Moynihan with an absolute rocket – it crashed off the underside of the crossbar, bounced on the line, and out to safety....had it crossed the line? It was a real talking point – to be honest, your guess would be as good as mine, but play continued.



Cian Hegarty won a point scored by Darragh Keane, but a foul on Danny Lane did likewise for Calvin O'Sullivan. Two points between them now and almost four minutes of injury time played. All the Sem had left was one last throw of the dice, but sometimes, maybe just once in a lifetime, that one last throw is all you need.....Ryan Vickers, man of the match, made one last powerful burst up the field, the ball was worked to Cian Hegarty, and with just seconds left in the hourglass, he fired a dramatic goal to snatch the title out from under Tralee's noses. It was finally enough to get the Sem victory by a photo finish in an absolute epic finale.

The same teams will be meeting in the first round of Munster in the Corn Uí Taft. Judging by the quality and the excitement on view here, that one is likely to be standing room only.

St. Brendans: Ethan Clarke, Darragh Forde, Mark Corkery, Paddy Nash, Conor Moynihan (0-1), Kieran Kelly, Ryan Vickers (0-1), Patrick O'Donoghue, Oran Lynch, Jayden Hurley, Cian Hegarty (1-3, 2f), Jamie Fleming, Éanna Hennigan (0-2), Darragh Keane (2-4, 3f), Seán Lyne. Subs Daniel O'Sullivan (for Darragh Forde, 19), Luke Clancy (for Oran Lynch, half-time), Liam Moynihan 1-0 (for Jamie Fleming, half-time), Gerry Moloney (for Ethan Clarke, 49), Eoin Brosnan (for Seán Lyne, 50)

Tralee CBS: Darragh O'Connor, Conor O'Sullivan, Mark Riordan, Pádraig McElligott, David Cullinan, Eoin Tansley, David Moriarty, Adrian O'Connor, Tom Slattery, Cillian O'Brien, Calvin O'Sullivan (2-6, 3f), Eric Quirke, Danny Lane (1-2), Ronan Harrington O'Callaghan (1-0), Jason Gaynor (0-2, 1f). Subs Andy Costello (for Cillian O'Brien, 43), Stephen Harty (for Eoin Tansley, 46), Cian Fitzgerald (for Ronan Harrington O'Callaghan, 52)

Referee: Seamus Mulvihill (St. Senans)

**SOCCER**

**Ireland 2 Finland 1**



Ireland desperately, desperately needed this win. Finland would be considered minnows of the European game, to be honest, but so would we, regardless of how much some supporters like to pretend otherwise. Lose to Finland, and we are facing a very real possibility of relegation to the third tier.

And it looked very likely that we would lose this one for long periods. We were tentative enough at the start. There was no caution being thrown to the winds here. Finland actually looked slightly the more ambitious side – I suppose hme ground in Helsinki would do that – but frankly, a goal for either side was going to require a defensive mistake because neither team had anything like the creativity to open up one. That mistake happened in the 18th minute,

and it really felt like a disaster. I actually rate Nathan Collins. No, he's not a Paul McGrath or Denis Irwin or even a gruff and game Mick McCarthy, but he's as good as we have got and would pretty much always be making my first eleven for Ireland these days. But sometimes mistakes happen and he more or less gifted Finland's Joel Pohjanpalo an open goal. A first touch that heavy should only be happening on a planet like Jupiter. Kelliher did his best but one on one at international level, no player is missing that one. 1-0 down, and like I say, I never felt like Ireland were going to score two goals. Certainly not the way they were playing.

Ireland did at least respond well in terms of hunting the ball. Evan Ferguson did manage to hit the net, but it was very obvious that it was going to be ruled out for offside. Finland still actually look more dangerous, despite Ireland probably beginning to dominate possession. Pohjanpalo had another go at goal, but it wasn't a great effort.

Robbie Brady had a set piece but couldn't beat the wall. Finn Azaz – sorry, now, but he looked very ordinary to me over the course of the game – had a tame effort easily gathered. Nothing that would get you to rise out of your seat (or couch, in my case). Robbie Brady as a set piece specialist? Sure, he's not world class, but he's better at it than anyone else we have got. Robbie Brady as a full back? Stop. Wing back? Worse. He's the fifth man in a five man midfield when you have that luxury and we don't have that luxury. I'm not sure of Ebosele's ability to defend under pressure, but like how he breaks at speed and stretches the play; I'd have been starting him. Mind you, Liam Scales was really, really surprising me. I'd kind of made up my mind that he's game but limited – he forced me to reconsider. He just played with composure and with a measure of healthy confidence. Overall, though, that was a brutally poor first half by Ireland, and I can understand (certainly never agree with) some fans booing Ireland at half-time.

Shay Given tries hard to make the argument that Evan Ferguson's goal should have stood. Ah, Shay, I always respected you, but Eamonn Dunphy or Joe Brolly would give up on that one fast. You'd be as well off lighting a fire with wet turf as try to ignite a controversy with that.

Ireland have to chase the game in the second half and, strangely enough, I think that seems to take the shackles off. Damn all left to lose, lads, may as well go for it. And they do. Smozdics does well to open a chance, even if he inish is easy enough for the keeper. Ogbene is much more adventurous and it suits him. He tears into the danger zone and Finland, caught in the no mans' land of trying to protect a lead rather than attack, are forced to foul him. Up steps Robbie Brady – whom I would have taken off at this point) to send a lovely free kick into the box for Liam Scales to power home the header.

It's all Ireland now. And Ireland – let us whisper it – actually look capable of scoring a goal. It's a wonderfully nostalgic feeling. Finland need a leader to just step up, slow the ball down, start controlling the tempo. But they have as many players capable of that as we do, which is to say none at all. They actually have a great chance to go back in front straight after Ireland's goal (another heavy touch by an Irish player), but just can't produce the finish. In fact, we gift them yet another chance that again should be in the net.

With just ten minutes left, Heimir Hallgrímsson rolls the dice and decides to go looking for a winner. Good – a draw here will still leave relegation as the elephant in the room. I'm guessing Ogbene had just run out of steam. His touch may lack finesse, but in fairness he ran his legs off and I thought he was the one player who Finland feared. Ferguson is already well gone at this stage, and rightly so. He has yet to hit the heights for club or country after that long injury lay-off and Troy Parrott's club form has earned him a chance here.

Ireland with a winner! And there's a sentence I thought I would never again get to write. Nice by Ebosele to carve open space for himself – few enough Irish players will actually take players on from near the corner – and a nice ball to the back post. Finland have left that back door shockingly wide open. Lovely first touch by Robbie Brady (see? I'm not all negative!) and a great finish from what was actually a tight enough angle. Awful defending, but you still have to put them in.

Ireland with the win. It wasn't great when you factor in the quality of the opposition and the chances that Finland missed, but a win is a win and Ireland badly needed it. I honestly feel that coming out of that window with nothing would have seen calls for Hallgrímsson to go, and I couldn't face another year of Marc Canham pretending that negotiations with Pep Guardiola were almost wrapped up.

**Greece 2 Ireland 0**

It really isn't that long ago that Ireland fans were supremely confident. We are the mighty and much beloved Ireland supporters. We beat an Italian B team at the Euros once. We beat Germany once (and only once) upon a time. We beat Italy in New York. Ray Houghton put the ball in the English net. Etc. What had Greece done for the world? Ah yeah, lay down all the principles of modern philosophy, literature, architecture, art, and democracy for the Western world (granted, the Eastern world had them for at least a thousand years before that, but we don't talk about that). But we had this perception that Ireland were a major European soccer power and Greece were also-rans. I genuinely never understood it. Greece absolutely took us to school back then – that game in Greece may have been the worst Irish performance I





have seen, and it's not like that's a short list. I always knew that Stephen Kenny just didn't have much quality to work with, but that was the game that made me think the players aren't the only problem here.

That was then. No Irish fan, no matter how blinkered, can really pretend that we are on a par with Greece nowadays. Especially after they beat England – tough window for Lee Carsley. It's an old English failing, trying to squeeze too many similar word class players into too few positions. Remember Paul Scholes as a left winger because you had to play Lampard and Gerrard? I did rate Lampard and Gerrard better than Scholes – he was deadly accurate with the ball but lost if his team weren't dictating the play, the other two could stand in the trenches. Carsley gambled on a lot of attacking players rather than playing an actual striker. Kane is nearing the end of his team at the top level and the likes of Foden et al can't do that particular role. Playmaking and finishing are different art forms.

Ireland actually played fine against Greece. We looked lively at the start, Ferguson off target while shooting under pressure and Robbie Brady's attempted volley closed down fast. Greece should have done better with a shot blazed over and Caoimhin Kelliher makes a good save, but Ireland are actually looking up for a battle here. Relatively cautious, okay, but willing to go out and

play at the same time. Greece do look more dangerous, as you'd expect, but Kelliher makes another good save. A very good save, to be honest, and he catches the rebound as well. It looks more like a matter of how long we can hold out rather than whether we can, but Ireland are playing every bit as well as I had hoped. Kelliher with another great save on the half hour mark – that should really have been a goal.

I don't normally pay too much attention to half-time stats – too many of the metrics are too irrelevant. 'Pass completion' – were they completed in our half or theirs? But Greece had 65% possession and 14 efforts on goal (5 blocked, five wide, and four saved) to our two (one blocked and one wide). Yeah, that's a fair enough reflection of the play, but I'm actually quite happy with Ireland's display. Greece are playing really well but we just about deserve to be level at the break, and that's actually a fair achievement.

Not that it lasts long. Bakasetas has a tame effort gathered by Kelliher at the start of the half but then hits a better effort a minute later. I doubt if it would have beaten Kelliher, who was in top form, but for a deflection of Scales as he dived to attempt to block and instead diverted past his goalkeeper's outstretched fingers. An unlucky one to give away, but no need to blame anyone for that one; it happens.

Ferguson departs the game soon afterwards.

Great talent, but he has barely looked a shadow of himself in this window. Lack of match practice is the best case scenario; I'd worry that he still isn't physically right.

Greece actually should have had a second one almost ten minutes later, but it skews off the boot.

Ireland rang the changes and did pick up the tempo a bit. Jack Taylor looked lively - I had expected him to be way out of his depth – and his header forced a good save out of the Greek keeper on 70 minutes. That's about as good as it got for Ireland, though.

Just as the game reached injury time, Caoimhin Kelliher, after giving a superb exhibition all through the game, tried to slide a ball out right to a team-mate.....but it was easily read and intercepted, with Mantalos having the easiest of finishes to make it 2-0. Arrah, 1-0 was much the same as 2-0 at that stage and Greece were two goals better than Ireland on the night. Let's face it, Irish soccer has much bigger problems than coughing up a soft goal late in an inevitable defeat.

A shaky and unconvincing enough win, followed by what I consider a very creditable defeat to good opposition. No bad window at all overall. I do think all the talk of green shoots sprouting up is a bit of an exaggeration, but at least it feels like we have stopped scorching our own earth.



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## KILLARNEY LEGION

### U15 BOYS

Our U15 B Team were crowned Division 3 East Kerry Champions by defeating Rathmore A in a closely fought final in Rathbeg on Thursday evening. The teams exchanged goals throughout the first half and we led at half time by 3-4 to 2-4. Scores were harder to come by in the second half. With 10 minutes to go Rathmore hit the lead through a well worked goal. The boys dug deep and scored the last three points of the game to win by 2 points. Captain Ryan Twomey accepted the cup on behalf of the team. Thanks to Rathmore for a great game and to Evan Horan for excellent officiating.

The action then moved to Sunday where our U15 A team narrowly lost out to Firies in the final of the Division 1 East Kerry Championship in Kilcummin. Firies played with the wind in the first half. The teams traded scored through most of the first half with Firies pulling ahead towards the break to lead by three points, 0-7 to 0-4. The boys narrowed the gap to a point early in the second half before Firies struck for the All important goal to lead by four. Both teams had scores and missed chances but in the end Firies were deserved winners by 2 points.

Well done to our great friends and rivals Firies on a great win and Evan Horan was again the man officiating in the middle.

So the curtain draws down on the year for this group. Overall they have had a fantastic year winning four competitions and ending the year as Div 1 County League Champions, Div 9 County League Champions, Div 1 East Kerry League Champions and Div 3 East Kerry Championship winners. It caps off an outstanding year of success and development for this group. We look forward to their continued development in years to come.

### O DONOGHUE CUP

With East Kerry making an untimely exit from the County Championship the door is now open to commence the O Donoghue Cup. A reminder that we are due to face Fossa in the first round, with the game reverting to the Gortroe venue. The time and date will be confirmed in the coming days.

### SATURDAY MORNING ACADEMY

The final field session for the Saturday Morning Academy of 2024 went out with a bang ! We welcomed 60+ kids from Fossa for some Go Games and did our annual ceremony for the kids graduating from the Academy. We also



Killarney Camogie Club U13 Shield Winners 2024

did a cake sale fundraiser, with the support of Permanent TSB Kerry, in aid of the Dillon Quirke Foundation. A big thank you to all who supported the morning .. parents, coaches, baristas, PTSB staff who gave up their Saturday morning to all the bakers, and to all those who donated and helped run a wonderful morning.

### O SULLIVAN CUP

Our Senior B team made a disappointing exit from the East Kerry O Sullivan Cup on Saturday afternoon in Direen. The first half was an even affair and it was anyones game at half time. But Glenflesk started the second period much the stronger and eventually ran out convincing winners.

### ST BRENDANS COLLEGE

Well done to James O'Callaghan, Marco Mosca, Jayden Hurley, Cian Hegarty, Jamie Fleming, Conor Moynihan, Sean Lyne and Ethan Clarke who won the Russell Cup U15 on Friday afternoon with the Sem defeating Tralee CBS in a brilliant final played in Fitzgerald Stadium by 4-11 to 4-10. The team came back from six points down at half time to edge the game with a goal right at the end of the second half , scored by Cian Hegarty. Paul Moriarty was a member of the management team.

### U13 GIRLS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

The U13 girls were crowned Division 4 Club champions after a hard fought battle against Annascaul/Castlegregory in Caherslee on Saturday afternoon. The teams were well matched and this was reflected in the half-time scoreline of 2-2 to 1-7. A strong start to the second half saw the girls take a six points lead only to have Annascaul / Castlegregory level the game with less than five minutes to play. But the girls again dug deep and played with intent and heart which was converted swiftly into points. They held out for a deserved victory given their

work rate and effort throughout the entire club championship. The final score was 2-11 to 3-6. A big thank you to Annascaul/Castlegregory for a superb game and to the parents for their support all season.

### DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

The Club extends its sympathies to the family of Teresa Hanrahan, Moyvane. Teresa's granddaughter Keri Ann played an integral part in our Senior Ladies recent win while her son Mike and family are all deeply involved in the club. May Teresa rest in peace.

### LOTTO

Results Monday October 7th. Numbers were 13, 21, 22, 26. Bonus No 9. No jackpot winner. Match 3s / Lucky Dips: 1. Kathleen Murphy, Mangerton 2. Antoinette O Sullivan 3. Norann O Connell 4. Tew Melabonth 5. Con and Denis Lucey

## KILLARNEY CAMOGIE

### AGM

Our AGM takes place on 7th November 2024 in Spa GAA Club at 8pm. All members and parents welcome. We would like to thank everyone that has volunteered this past year and we would encourage all members to come forward for any of the positions for 2025. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact our Secretary Eimear Flynn

### MEDAL PRESENTATION

We held a medal presentation on Monday 14th October in Spa. Medals were presented to the following teams: U15 Div 2 Féile Winners 2023, U15 Div 2 Féile Winners 2024 and U13 County Shield Winners 2024. Many thanks to Danielle O'Leary (All Ireland winning footballer with Kerry & All Ireland club camogie champion with Clanmaurice) and Kate Lynch (All Ireland club



Killarney Camogie Club U15 Féile Div 2 Winners 2023



Killarney Camogie Club U15 Féile Div 2 Winners 2024





camogie champion with Clanmaurice & senior camogie player with Kerry) for presenting the medals on the night. Thanks to the committee members for organising the evening

**IRISH CANCER SOCIETY CHEQUE PRESENTATION**

We were delighted to raise an incredible €1000 for the Irish Cancer Society during our Veronica Stack Memorial Tournament. The cheque was presented to Veronica's husband Jason & daughter at our Medal Presentation on Monday evening.

**FOSSA**

**LOTTO**

The numbers drawn on 13/10/2024 for a jackpot of €5,700 were 5, 8, 17, 18. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Tracey Sheehan, Alice O'Shea, Cait and Aine Griffin, Michael O'Keeffe, Breda O'Shea.

**U12 GIRLS**

The U12 Girls in finishing up their season played two games in the last week. Firstly, on the road when they travelled to Firies last Friday and again this evening where they welcomed Beaufort to Fossa for their final game. We continued to see progression in this group and there was plenty good football on display in these last games.

Well done to all the girls who participated during a full season of games. Thanks also to the U10 Girls for helping out tonight and throughout the season. Well done to all our own young Fossa refs who covered all our home games, they did a great job every time.

Thanks also to both Beaufort and Firies and to all our other opponents for all the sporting games. Finally, thanks to the parents for bringing them to training and every evening to games and for nurturing a love of fun, football & friends.

**MINOR LADIES**

Congratulations to our young U18 team who now are Kerry County League Champions 2024. This morning they won their Minor County League Final beating Firies Football, Hurling & Ladies Football Club in JP O'Sullivan Park, Killorglin. Our Captain Molly Collins won the toss and elected to play up the hill. A close enough 1st half followed but vital scores at the right time saw our young girls go in with a nice lead at the break.

After the break Fossa started strongest and got on top with two early goals and from there on in finished very strongly. Firies were dangerous, had lots of goal chances of their own and were in it for a long way. However, with all our players working hard and contributing well and our substitutions slotting in seamlessly we ran out ready winners in the end.

Comiserations to Firies Football, Hurling & Ladies Football Club, thank you to Laune Rangers, GAA for the use of the facilities, and well done to this exceptionally talented team of young girls, proving you really can't keep a good team down for very long.

**U-13 GIRLS**

Well done to our U13 Girls who put up a gallant display against Laune Rangers GAA in their County Championship Final this evening in the John Mitchells GAA Complex.

Tadhg Jack O Leary Gneeveguilla Captain, and East Kerry PRO Michael Healy.



On a horrible evening for football both sides battled to overcome the conditions, each had their opportunities but it was our rivals who had more of the luck in front of goal, slotting home when most needed. In a well contested game both sides enjoyed spells of dominance but it was Laune Rangers who ran out deserving winners.

Well done to all our U13 Girls, some who were getting their 1st taste of competitive action, who tried hard and will in time come to appreciate the achievement and realise how hard it is to get to any County Final. Well done to all the parents who braved the weather to support and to the Coaches who got them here.

**SYMPATHY**

Deepest sympathy is extended to the Myers family, Barleymount on the passing of Fr. Sean Myers in Brazil.

Fr. Sean Myers born in Barleymount West on 18.08.1930. He went to Cahoreigh National School and then on to St. Brendan's College Killarney. After his Leaving Cert, he joined the Redemptorists and was ordained on 22.10.1957, afterwards was sent to Rome for further studies. In the Spring of 1960 Fr. Sean started his missionary work in Brazil. Over the next 64 years he worked in many different parishes in very remote parts of Brazil, with some of his parishes the size of Munster. On occasion Fr. Sean would travel back home on holiday and would tell the people of Fossa about his mission, the spiritual Christian people of his parishes, their extreme poverty and the rough and tough conditions he dealt with. He was much loved by the Brazilian people who he described as "very like the Irish people".

He will be remembered for the differences he made in so many lives in his parishes in Brazil through his work and also by the people of Fossa on how dedicated he was to his missionary work. He is survived by his brother Daniel Myers (Barleymount West) and many nieces and nephews. May He Rest in Peace.

Fossa GAA members would like to extend sympathies to the Coffey family on the passing of Jim Coffey, Gortroe. Jim has been a constant at Fossa GAA grounds since we moved there; right from the start there are many photos of him helping out as a youngster when the

Kacper Robak, Crokes Captain and East Kerry Vice Chairman Gary O Halloran.



development of the playing field and clubhouse were happening and ever since, Jim would frequent the grounds for a stroll and would always have a friendly word with our members, we will miss Jim around the grounds. May his gentle soul rest in eternal peace.

**EAST KERRY**

**KILLARNEY MEDALS AND TROPHIES SPONSORED EAST KERRY DIVISION 4 MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL**

**Gneeveguilla 4-13 Kenmare Shamrocks B 0-08** Helped by a superb performance by Oisín O Leary, Gneeveguilla were worthy winners of the East Kerry Division 4 Minor Championship, as a strong second half performance helped them to a comfortable victory over Kenmare Shamrocks B.

Kenmare got off to the better start, with points from Dylan Tangney and Robbie Guest. Gneeveguilla responded with 4 points in a row, with O Leary getting 2 and 1 each from Dylan O'Brien and Con Deely. When Jack Murphy intercepted the ball from Kenmare goalie Ewan McCarthy, he passed the ball into the empty net. Centre back Darragh O'Sullivan then struck over a superb 45 for Kenmare. Just before half time, Gneeveguilla had a chance to take a commanding lead. After being awarded a penalty, Deely hit his shot well, but McCarthy made a great save to keep his side well in the contest. All to play for in the second half.

It was from here on that O Leary started to dominate proceedings. He kicked over 3 brilliant curling points, and also was involved in the move that lead to Murphy's second goal. It was all Gneeveguilla now, with a Guest free all that Kenmare would respond with. 2 late goals from O'Brien, confirmed the win, and Gneeveguilla defended well in the last few minutes, to deny Kenmare any goal chances, and claim the Division 4 title.

**MD O SHEA SPONSORED EAST KERRY U15 FINALS.**

Division 1: Firies 1-10 Killarney Legion 0-11  
Division 3: Rathmore 3-06 Killarney Legion B 3-08

**EAST KERRY U17 CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS**





Division 2: Killarney Legion V Cordal. Sunday 20th Oct 12pm

Division 3: Fossa V Spa, Sunday 20th Oct 12pm

**O SULLIVAN CUP**

First Round: Gneeveguilla 3-14 Fossa 4-10

Quarter Final: Killarney Legion 0-10 Glenflesk 2-12

Quarter-Finals: Saturday 19th October 2pm

Dr Crokes V Listry, Kilcummin v Gneeveguilla

**MONTHLY MEETING**

The monthly meeting of the East Kerry Board takes place on October 22th at 9pm in Heights Hotel Killarney.

**EAST KERRY ALL STARS**

The launch night for the 2024 East Kerry All Stars, sponsored by the Aquilla Club and the Kerryman, takes place on Thursday Oct 24th at Gleneagle Hotel Green Room at 8pm.

**DR CROKES**

**SENIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Dr. Crokes 0:14 St. Brendan's 0:09**

Our senior footballers secured their place in their second county final of the year after a good win over St. Brendan's on Saturday. Brian Looney opened up the scoring in the first minute with a point after a fantastic run from Evan Looney. We controlled much of the first quarter, leading 5 points to 1 after 15 minutes. Our opposition kept our defiance busy for the afternoon, clocking up some good scores from play. We led 0:08 to 0:05 at the break. The second half was much like the first, we started well, scoring the first point of the half from the throw in. Kieran O'Leary was introduced in the 7th minute of the half and was unlucky not to raise the green flag when an effort on goal was brilliantly saved by the St. Brendan's goalie. Working hard both in defense and up front, we ran out deserving winners. We now face Dingle in the Final on October 27th at

The nominees have been announced for the 2024 TG4 Players' Player of the Year Awards in the Senior, Intermediate and Junior grades.

The winners will be revealed at the 2024 TG4 All-Star Awards banquet at The Bonnington Dublin Hotel on Saturday, November 16th.

Kerry's TG4 All-Ireland Senior Championship winner Kayleigh Cronin, Galway's Nicola Ward and Armagh's Lauren McConville have been nominated for the TG4 Senior Players' Player of the Year Award.

Cronin was Player of the Match in the TG4 All-Ireland Senior Final victory over Galway and remarkably consistent throughout the campaign, while Ward also enjoyed an outstanding season for the runners-up, with her most eye-catching display coming against Dublin in the stunning TG4 All-Ireland Senior Championship quarter-final victory at Parnell Park.

Armagh's McConville starred for the Orchard County in 2024 as they captured the Lidl National League Division 1 and TG4 Ulster title, before progressing to the last four of the All-Ireland series.

All three players have also been nominated for TG4 All-Star Awards.



Firies U15 Boys who captured the coveted division one East Kerry silverware pictured along with their coaches Mike O'Shea, Dermie O'Mahony, Stephen O'Brien, Conor Henderson and Niall Donohoe.

2:30pm in Austin Stack Park.

**LOTTO** took place October 14th Numbers drawn were 8, 9, 12, 28. Jackpot of €7,700 was not WON. 4 patrons matched 3 numbers and receive €100 each. Jackpot for draw on October 21st will be €8,000. Play online by following the link below and follow instructions attached [https://play.clubforce.com/play\\_newa.asp?ll\\_id=734#Anchor](https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=734#Anchor)([https://play.clubforce.com/play\\_newa.asp?ll\\_id=734#Anchor](https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=734#Anchor))

**KATHLEEN'S GENTAL EXERCISE CLASSES** will continue on Thursdays from October. Dates are the 17th, 24th and 31st at 11am in the clubhouse. You don't have to be a member of the club to join.

**FR. PADDY'S CARDS NIGHT** will return on Wednesday 16th October at 8pm.

**GENTAL YOGA** continues in the Clubhouse on Thursdays from 6:15pm - 7pm. It is €40 for 4 weeks, valid over 5 weeks.

**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.

**NOTES**

If anyone has anything they want to add to our club notes please email [pro.drcrokes.kerry@gaa.ie](mailto:pro.drcrokes.kerry@gaa.ie)

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By Nicky Barry

You're not going to believe this, but I'll write it anyway,  
For it's a love story, that doesn't happen every day.  
There I was outside my pub, smoking my briar pipe,  
When this pair approached me, to say how much they liked,  
To see an old guy puffing, and would it be OK,  
If they joined me for a while, as they had something to say.  
They told me they had heard inside, that I was a poet,  
And could I read them something, of romantic note.  
So I read them a recent one, entitled 'Love that Lasts',  
Which appeared in the Outlook, in the month just passed.  
They were lovers in their thirties, and most pleasant company,  
And half-way through the poem, yer man dropped on one knee.  
I wondered what was going on, as did his puzzled partner,  
For he fumbled in his pocket, and produced a sparkler,  
Which he put on her finger, and she burst into tears,  
For this was a proposal, which made folk watching cheer.  
He asked her if she'd marry him, and she gasped she would,  
Then she begged me to keep reading, my poem of true love.  
This was a glorious moment, which really touched my heart,  
For the power of poetry, that night sparkled in the dark!





## A Word of Victory

*"Now a person that is put in charge as a manager must be faithful. As for me it matters very little how I might be evaluated by you or by any human authority. I don't even trust my own judgement on this point. My conscience is clear but that doesn't prove that I'm right. It is the Lord Himself Who will examine me and decide" (1 Corinthians 4:2-4 NLT).*

Welcome back dear student, while visiting a sports arena recently, I noticed outside an alcove area with much debris from a homeless person who had taken shelter there. Inside the building was pristine and warm and much fruitful activity was taking place. The misery of the people who were hanging out there at night after everyone was gone home, seeking a refuge from the weather filled me with sadness. It must feel like an enormously hopeless situation to be in. I thought to myself 'well there will be a steel fence up here pretty shortly to keep them out'. That's how these broken people are dealt with for often they refuse help. But the humanity of some shredded clothing, litter and cardboard impacted my heart. Building more homeless shelters is only bandaging the hole in the bucket – hurting people need real solutions from the Truth - to know that there is a Saviour Who loves them, Who died for them, and Who longs for their deliverance because He - Jesus, paid for all that for each one of us. People get deceived - falling into drugs, alcohol and other addictions resulting in destruction, lost relationships, and paralyzed lives from all kinds of pain. The Lord Jesus came to set the captives free, to heal the broken hearted and bind up their wounds - to bring healing and restoration. "When they cried out to the Lord... God sent His Word to heal them and delivered them from their destructions" (Psalm 107:19-20).

Hearing of how our Government has been flippantly spending money would make one's blood boil when there are so many services needing provision. It seems like only the on-trend issues are being funded. I believe there are many people who are fed up, and I sincerely pray for mercy for this nation - and our leaders. Ireland has long been enriched by legal immigrants who came here to work and make a better quality of life for themselves, but we cannot save the world - only God can do that! Getting back to the Scripture above, I love the Apostle Paul's humility - you can hear his heart for pleasing God alone. What he speaks is the Truth - all of us will give an account to God one day - sooner than many might imagine - of every word we have spoken, and of how we used God's provision, blessings, and resources, including the Gospel. Last week we saw that God owns everything. Every owner wants a return on their investments. The Lord is no different. It may be easy for government to waste taxpayer's money, but ultimately, it all belongs to God. So, they are setting themselves up for judgement if they are not stewarding His stuff effectively - to bring about God's will: to free the captives; to help those in need, and to love others.

Reminder: The March For Jesus takes place on 26th October next - that's the Saturday of the Bank Holiday next weekend, at 2pm in Dublin. It will be a wonderful family day out with amazing worship, prayer, face painting, balloons etc.. to celebrate Jesus from every denomination. I know it's a big journey, but it will be worth it to see our nation impacted for the Lord. It will send a loud message to government pre-election from the heart of our nation and will bless God's heart.

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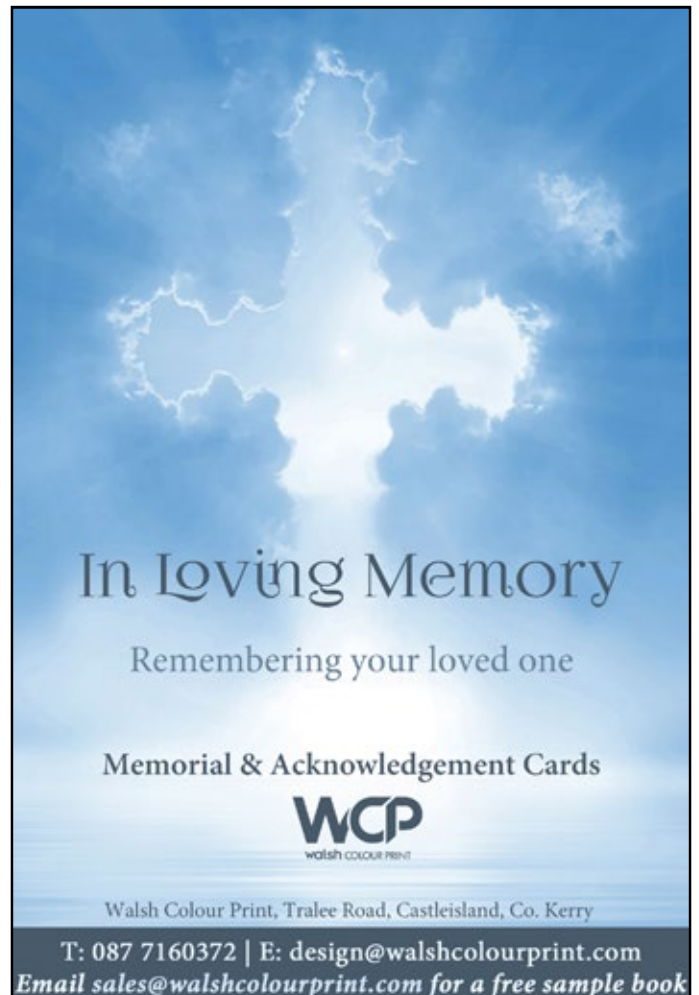


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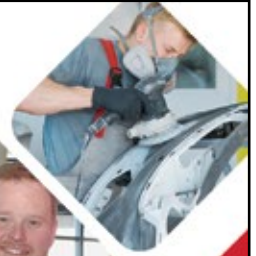


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