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Welcome to this week's Killarney Outlook.

We have all the local news for you to catch up on including plans announced for a new link between the bypass and Park Road.

The community is rallying around a mother and her son who were seriously injured in a horrific fire accident, locals in the town are helping to ensure everything is spic and span ahead of judges visits for the upcoming Tidy Towns competition and families are coming together to cycle for loved ones in the upcoming Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle.

Kilcummin Parish is coming together this weekend to mark the Golden Jubilee of their parish church, a Kerry photographer has been shortlisted in a prestigious competition and the Blessing of the Lilies drew hundreds to the Friary in Killarney.

A charity event for Palestine is planned for early next month, a Live Aid exhibition opens in Killarney this week and a fully funded acting scholarship has been launched at the West End School of Acting.

In sport, the annual Garda 7-A-Side Blitz took place, Killarney Valley AC are celebrating two days of success at the Munster Championships and Jimmy takes a look at All Things Sport.

Hope you all enjoy this week's Killarney Outlook!

Aisling Crosbie



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COMMUNITY RALLIES BEHIND FAMILY

Following Serious Fire Incident in Loreto

A community has united in support of a local family following a serious fire incident in the Loreto area shortly after 10.30pm on Saturday night.

Emergency services, including Gardaí and Fire Service personnel, responded to the scene following reports of an explosion and fire. It is understood that at least as 6 people sustained burn injuries in the incident.

Among those most seriously injured were Loreto National School pupil Tom Zajec and his mother, Kristina, who are currently receiving treatment in intensive care for severe burns. Both remain in a critical condition as they face a long and difficult recovery.

A GoFundMe appeal has been established by Maura MacCarthy to assist the family with mounting medical expenses and specialist treatment costs. The appeal has received widespread support from the local community. Loreto National School also held a non-uniform day fundraiser on Wednesday, with pupils, staff and parents coming together to support the family during this difficult time.

"We're just praying our little junior infant and his mother pull through this terrible accident," said Padraig O'Sullivan of Loreto National School.

The exact circumstances surrounding the incident have not yet been officially confirmed and investigations are continuing.

The thoughts and prayers of the wider community remain with Tom, Kristina, their family and all

those injured in the incident.

The Mayor of Killarney, Cllr. Martin Grady has expressed his sincere sympathy following the serious fire incident over the weekend in which a number of people were injured.

Describing the event as "heartbreaking," the Mayor said his thoughts are with those injured, their families, and everyone affected by the incident. He wished all those involved a full and speedy recovery.

The Mayor also paid tribute to the emergency services gardai, ambulance and fire service who attended the scene, acknowledging their professionalism, dedication and swift response during a difficult situation. "On behalf of the people of Killarney, I extend our best wishes to all those affected and thank everyone who assisted in the response," he said.

The exact circumstances surrounding the incident have not yet been officially confirmed and investigations are continuing, but it is understood that those gathered around the fire pit had been using an insect repellent spray to ward off midges and other insects on the warm evening. It is believed that a sudden flare-up occurred from the fire pit, resulting in serious injuries to a number of people seated nearby.

"On behalf of the people of Killarney, I extend our best wishes to all those affected and thank everyone who assisted in the response," he said.

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Mayor Grady Donates Part of Wages to Kerry Cancer Service and Calls for State Funding

Mayor Cllr. Martin Grady has pledged to continue supporting the Kerry Cancer Support Trust CLG, revealing that he has donated 5% of his councillor's wages to local charities since entering politics three years ago.

Speaking in support of the charity's Healthlink Transport Service, Mayor Grady praised the organisation for providing free transport to cancer patients attending treatment appointments across Kerry, West Cork and parts of Limerick.

"The Kerry Cancer Support Trust provides an invaluable service for people facing cancer and deserves proper Government support," he said.

According to the charity's 2025 Impact Snapshot, almost 8,000 cancer-related appointments were supported during the year, including thousands of transport journeys to treatment centres in Cork and Limerick. Demand for the

service increased by 18%, with 254 volunteers contributing more than 5,100 hours.

Despite its vital role, the organisation relies heavily on fundraising and community support, with transport services costing approximately €5,500 per week to operate.

Mayor Grady said it was disappointing that such an essential service receives little statutory funding and called on both the Government and the HSE to provide sustainable financial support.

"No patient missed treatment because of transport difficulties in 2025. That achievement shows the importance of this service and why its future must be secured," he said.

The charity plans to expand services in 2026, including exploring a wheelchair-accessible vehicle, increasing awareness campaigns and continuing its campaign for HSE funding.



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New Transport Link between Bypass and Park Road planned as Funding Approved for Killarney projects

Deputy Michael Healy-Rae has warmly welcomed confirmation that two significant Kerry County Council housing infrastructure projects have been approved for funding under the Government's Housing Infrastructure Investment Fund (HIIF).

The projects, which were submitted by Kerry County Council, will unlock the potential for hundreds of new homes in Killarney and Tralee and represent a major step forward in addressing housing supply challenges in the county.

Deputy Michael Healy-Rae said:

"I am delighted to see these projects progressing and securing support under this important Government funding stream. Housing remains one of the greatest challenges facing our communities and we must do everything possible to ensure that suitable infrastructure is put in place to allow housing developments to proceed."

"As recently as last week, I raised a number of these projects directly with Housing Agency officials during the Housing Committee and sought updates on their progress. During my time in Government, I consistently lobbied for investment in enabling infrastructure projects such as these because there is little point in zoning land if the roads and services required to access it are not delivered."

"These projects will unlock significant housing potential in Killarney and Tralee and provide the infrastructure needed to support both private and social housing delivery into the future. They are exactly the type of practical investments that can make a real difference."

Deputy Michael Healy-Rae also paid tribute to Kerry County Council officials and elected



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members who have worked extensively on the proposals.

"I want to acknowledge and thank the management and staff of Kerry County Council for the considerable amount of work that goes into preparing these applications. These projects do not happen overnight. There is a huge amount of planning, engineering and engagement involved and credit is due to all concerned."

"While I am pleased that these projects have secured funding, there were other worthy projects submitted by Kerry County Council that were unsuccessful under this particular call. We

now need to continue working with Government and the Department to ensure those projects are considered under future funding rounds because the housing need remains significant."

The two projects have the potential to directly facilitate approximately 950 new homes, with wider enabling effects supporting up to 1,369 housing units in the Killarney area through associated development opportunities and infrastructure improvements.

THIS KILLARNEY PROJECT INVOLVES:

- * Development of a new transport link between the N22 Killarney Bypass and the R876 Park Road.
- * Addresses congestion issues within Killarney town.
- * Opens up access to substantial residentially zoned lands close to the town centre.

Benefits:

- * Direct housing potential of approximately 500 housing units.
 - * Wider housing multiplier effect estimated at 581 housing units.
 - * Standalone Part 8 process expected during Q2/Q3 2026.
 - * Integrated Part 8 process associated with bypass upgrades and roundabout works expected during Q3/Q4 2026.
 - * Funding approved: €19.1 million.
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New Afternoon Tea Experience Launches at Aghadoe Heights

Aghadoe Heights Hotel & Spa has introduced a luxurious new Afternoon Tea experience, offering guests the opportunity to indulge in an elegant culinary journey while enjoying breathtaking views over the Lakes of Killarney.

Created under the direction of Executive Head Chef Cyrille Durand, the Afternoon Tea has been reimagined as an individually curated four-course experience. Guests can savour a selection of delicate savoury bites, exquisite pâtisserie and beautifully crafted sweet treats, all prepared using the finest ingredients.

Set against one of Ireland's most spectacular backdrops, the new

offering combines exceptional cuisine with the renowned hospitality of Aghadoe Heights, creating a memorable experience for locals and visitors alike.



The launch forms part of a series of enhancements at the five-star hotel, which continues to invest in providing exceptional dining, luxury accommodation and wellness experiences.

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Community Effort Brightens Killarney Streets

If you've noticed a fresh splash of colour around Killarney in recent days, it's thanks to the dedicated efforts of local volunteers and businesses working together to enhance the town's appearance.

Members of Killarney Tidy Towns were out in force on Monday evening, carrying out painting and maintenance work on the bollards along Mission Road as part of their ongoing programme to keep the town looking its best.

The group was joined by staff from The Killarney Park, who volunteered their time to paint and brighten the area around Kenmare Place. Their contribution was warmly welcomed and highlighted the positive impact that can be achieved when local businesses and community groups work together.

Killarney Tidy Towns expressed its appreciation to everyone who took part, noting that the collective effort has helped make a visible difference to the town centre ahead of the busy summer season.

The group is always keen to welcome new volunteers and is encouraging anyone interested in helping to come along and get involved.

Volunteers meet every Monday evening at 6.00pm at the High Street Car Park. Whether you can spare an hour or an evening, all help is greatly appreciated in keeping Killarney looking beautiful for residents and visitors alike.



Faha National School Students Launch Cookbook Through Junior Entrepreneur Programme

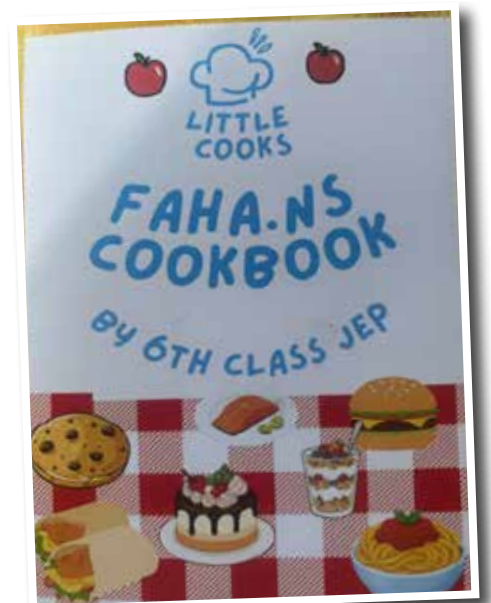
Sixth Class students at Faha National School have successfully produced a wonderful cookbook as part of their participation in the Junior Entrepreneur Programme.

The cookbook features a wide variety of recipes contributed by the students themselves, showcasing their creativity, enthusiasm and teamwork. From family favourites to delicious treats, the publication offers something for every home cook.

The project provided pupils with valuable experience in planning, collaboration, marketing and entrepreneurship while creating a product that the whole community can enjoy.

The cookbook is now on sale for €10 and is available to purchase from the school, the pupils and their families.

Congratulations to all the students, teachers and families involved in bringing this fantastic project to life. Their hard work and dedication have resulted in a publication that they can be very proud of.





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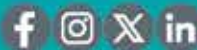
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The Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle will hold special significance for one local family this year, as the Cronin family take on the 180km challenge in memory of their beloved brother and uncle, Gene Cronin, who passed away in January.

As the family welcomed cyclists back last year, amongst them his brother Patrick, it was Gene's wish and hope that, following his courageous and hard-fought battle with cancer, he would be well enough to take on the Ring of Kerry cycle this year. It was a plan made with real optimism and something he held close to his heart and truly looked forward to.

Sadly, that wish was not to be fulfilled.

This year, his family will honour Gene by completing the 180km journey in his memory, with his brothers Dermot, Sean and Patrick, nieces Aisling and Norrita, among those taking part, carrying him with them every mile of the way and holding close the promise made when he was still very much part of those plans.

Gene, who hailed from Cronin's Shop on Park Road and was the devoted husband of Fiona, was well known and fondly remembered by many. In later



Preparing for the upcoming Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle, Anto Cronin, Noritta Cronin, her dad Pat Cronin and her son Louis O'Connor.

years, he worked as part of the concierge team at the Europe Hotel, where his warm personality, helpful nature and friendly smile left a lasting impression on guests and colleagues alike.

Gene loved getting out on his bike and the freedom and happiness cycling brought him, so it feels especially fitting that the family honour his memory by taking on this iconic challenge together.

As they prepare for the miles ahead, the family are raising funds for the Kerry Hospice Foundation, whose care, compassion and support mean so much to families facing incredibly difficult times. They will be forever grateful to the palliative care team for the kindness, dignity and support they showed Gene and their family during his final days. Their compassion brought great comfort at a time of deep sadness and will never be forgotten by the family. By cycling the Ring of Kerry, they hope not only to celebrate Gene's life and the hobby he loved, but also to give something back to a charity that provides such vital care and support to so many people throughout Kerry.

The family would be deeply grateful for any

donation, no matter how big or small. Every contribution will help the Kerry Hospice Foundation continue its incredible work and will be a meaningful way to honour Gene's memory. They have been deeply touched by the support, encouragement and generosity received to date as they take on this challenge in remembrance of a much-loved husband, brother, uncle and friend who will always be missed and never forgotten.

Adding to the occasion, Anto Cronin will once again take on the Ring of Kerry aboard his trusted Penny Farthing bicycle, a remarkable feat that has become synonymous with his participation in the event. This year's cycle is especially meaningful for Anto as he is also raising funds for the Kerry Hospice Foundation, a cause very close to his heart. His late father-in-law, Andy O'Sullivan, availed of the outstanding care and support provided by the Foundation, and Anto is proud to support the organisation that meant so much to Andy and his family during a difficult time.

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Anne Lucey looks at the positive news happening in Killarney



THE DEATH OF A JOURNALIST

WB Yeats wrote of the death of an airman during World War 1. For some reason the poet's words came to mind last Sunday when we gathered for John O'Mahony's removal. "I know that I shall meet my fate/ Somewhere among the clouds above; Those that I fight I do not hate; those that I guard I do not love". The words could just as easily apply to a local journalist.

The idealism of the journalist and the detachment they are meant to have covering so much tragic and comic is not too dissimilar. The foreign correspondent is much lauded, even by the media itself. But the local journalist "embedded" in their community has a tougher station: there's no fancy plane to lift them from the conflict zone. They must face their subjects every day.

Doing the work in your own town can be even more tricky and more so again in a tourist town where there is great sensitivity if the good side is not always put on display!

We remembered John on Sunday and also the huge changes in the trade and craft of journalism.

As well as with the Now and Then and The Kingdom, he had served with the Kerry's Eye and as a freelance for the nationals, broadsheet and tabloid.

Eamon Keogh, the photographer, brought



Photographers Valerie O'Sullivan and John Reidy pictured at John O'Mahony's removal on Sunday evening with copies of The Kingdom Newspaper.

along old copies of the Killarney papers. The printed world is under attack. Reading a newspaper is no longer a mark of intelligence and broadmindedness. Or even taste. The blanket of "online" has replaced the old tabloid/broadsheet distinction.

The phone is handier to read in bed, as Don MacMonagle observed.

Still, no one can beat the impact or excitement of opening a morning paper. An edition of 1981 Now and Then was gleefully studied and for a moment became newsworthy again last Sunday.

John, like most of us, had to adapt to survive in an industry that has become in a word: tumultuous. His Killarney Today was a paper but without the print, as he said himself.

Change is on the way again even as I write: Data centres as we are learning are not environmentally friendly. Or permanent. A new survey finds broadcast (listening) or video clips (looking) the thing now. The great satirical Phoenix died this week. There is even talk of a return to old style printed paper in some countries.

But whatever the format change, there is one constant among journalists: humour. Sometimes black. Always irreverent. And on Sunday people who knew John better than I recalled his humour.

He'd have enjoyed every minute of the fun and the reflection outside the funeral home on Sunday, Valerie O'Sullivan and Michelle Cooper Galvin said, recalling photos John would send them for a laugh. We are better at fighting others' causes than our own, Donal Hickey reflected.

As we went our separate ways from the fine guard of honour and send off led by Aisling Crosbie of this parish, I remarked to Breda Joy how local journalism was more trying than the work of the foreign correspondent. "There's more snipers in Macroom than in Beirut!" Breda retorted- recalling what a councillor in Macroom once told her when she worked for The Corkman newspaper.

Go raibh dheis Dé ar anam John.

FINALLY : AGE FRIENDLY PARKING EXPLAINED

When two fairly astute and fairly experienced Killarney people did not know what age friendly parking was, I decided to investigate. The conversion arose in the light of the parking of vans in those and other spaces labelled "Age friendly" The council have come back to me

Age Friendly parking spaces in Killarney are courtesy spaces intended to assist older people in accessing town centre services. They are marked as Age Friendly and should be kept available for senior citizens to utilize, Owen O'Shea Kerry County Council spokesman explained..

There is no national legislation covering these and Age Friendly parking is not provided for in road traffic legislation. However, normal pay and display rules apply in these spaces, as a valid parking ticket is still required to park in these bays, no matter the age of the driver. A parking fine will be issued if there is no parking ticket displayed.

Wardens enforce the regulations relating to the 15-minute parking bays.

Killarney MD will continue to monitor these areas and take enforcement action where offences are identified, Owen assured this column.

Now a few further things strike me. Apart from the fact these spaces are rarely not occupied by younger and van drivers. Could these not be free for the first 15 minutes for the aged? And it would be interesting to see if there is a penalty for younger people taking up these spaces. I'd like to be a fly on the wall when and if those parking in the friendly bays are challenged as to their age. Life is getting so complicated.

KILLARNEY'S "BLOOM"

Killarney's first home and garden festival in half a century was a great success. The fine weather helped enormously and people gathered from all around Kerry. The stands ranged from wool fertilizer pellets by Sneem man Jiri Kohler to a fine collection of common and not so common plants from County Meath by Smarty Plants.

West Cork was well represented on the herb front. MD O'Sheas and Boyles and others had fine plant stands, some offering 10 percent off.

Outdoor jacuzzis, camping vans and a large modular home by Crafted Homes Ireland with materials all supplied locally drew huge interest.

As did the food. A lot of work was put into the organisation including parking which was seamless.

However there was one common gripe: the price of the children's bouncy castle was far too expensive at 12 euro per child. This will have to be addressed going forward. Children love the bouncy castle, but 12 euro per child and no family discount, seriously? It left a bad taste all over the venue and I heard several complaining. Families

are having to deal with the cost of living crisis and surely the bouncy castle could be included in the entrance price. Or at least discounted.

That aside, Brendan Fuller provided lively commentary and there seems to have been plenty of talks on solar panel installation and such.

The race course is an ideal venue for these and other gatherings.

One other thing - could the parking at the top of Ross Road be rearranged on days such as race days and garden festival days. The cars and camper vans held up the traffic and might there be an arraignment to have these in the Killarney House yard just for the day?



Danny's dream home: John and Lorraine of Jovin and crafted homes stand with Danny

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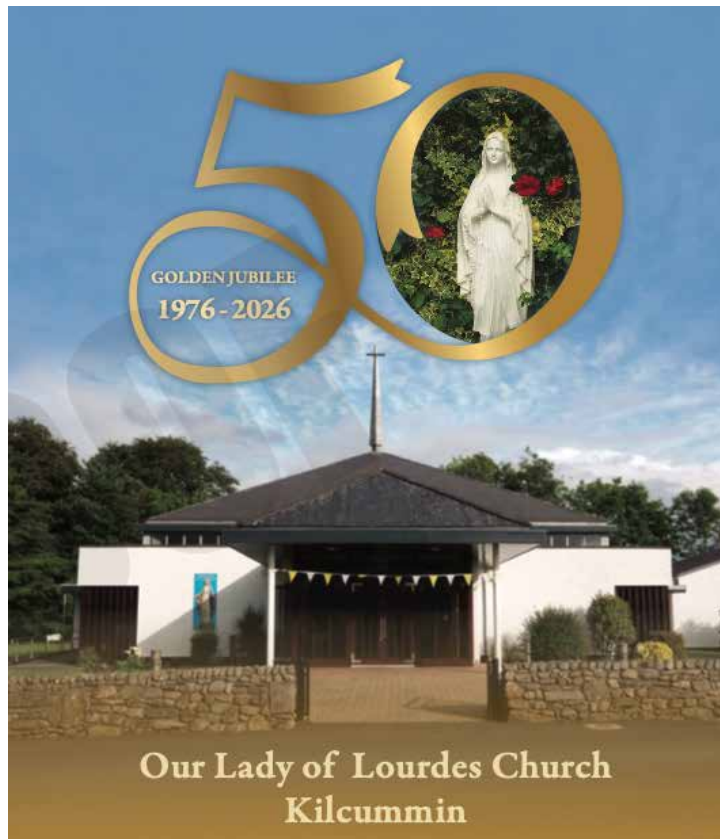
Golden Jubilee of Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Kilcummin Parish is preparing to celebrate a significant milestone this weekend as Our Lady of Lourdes Church marks its Golden Jubilee, commemorating fifty years at the heart of the local community.

As part of the celebrations, Kilcummin Parish Pastoral Council has warmly acknowledged the outstanding contribution made by the pupils of Sixth Class in the parish's three national schools – Anabla, Coolick and Kilcummin National Schools.

The students undertook extensive research and wrote the text for a special commemorative information booklet produced to mark the occasion. The Council praised the dedication and commitment shown by the young people, most of whom are 13 years old, drawing a meaningful connection with Saint Bernadette Soubirous, who was just 14 years old when she experienced the apparitions at Lourdes.

The Council extended its good wishes to the students as they prepare to begin a new chapter in their lives when they move to post-primary education in September 2026.



"May Our Lady of Lourdes bless them and support them in the new phase and challenges in their lives," the Council said.

The Golden Jubilee celebrations also provide an opportunity to remember and honour the many volunteers whose dedication

and hard work contributed to the building, development and ongoing life of Our Lady of Lourdes Church over the past five decades. Many of those volunteers have since passed away, and prayers were offered in gratitude for their service. A special welcome was extended to those who are still living and able to participate in the anniversary celebrations.

Special thanks were also extended to Helen, Margaret, Iryna and Maura of the Community Employment Scheme for their continued commitment and support of parish activities, including the production of the weekly parish newsletter and their assistance in printing and compiling the Jubilee booklet.

Acknowledgement was also given to Murphy Print for designing the booklet cover and to Seán Kelly for providing the photographs featured in the publication.

As the parish community gathers to celebrate fifty years of faith, service and community spirit, the Golden Jubilee promises to be a memorable occasion for all who have contributed to the life of Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

KASI Celebrates 25 Years of Supporting Asylum Seekers and Migrants

The Killarney Asylum Seekers Initiative (KASI) marked its 25th anniversary with a special celebration at the Brehon Hotel, bringing together community leaders, supporters, volunteers, and service users to reflect on a quarter-century of service and advocacy.

Among those attending the milestone event were Bishop Bill Murphy, Sheila Casey, Seán O'Grady, Mayor of Killarney Cllr Martin Grady, Marilyn Catalan-Counihan, and Michael Gleeson, all of whom paid tribute to the organisation's lasting contribution to the region.

Founded in 2001, KASI has become a vital support service for asylum seekers, refugees, migrants, and their families in Kerry and beyond. Over the past 25 years, the organisation has provided a wide range of services designed to promote inclusion, empowerment, and community integration. Its support services and activities include a drop-in service, information and advice, administrative support, advocacy, outreach to Direct Provision centres, awareness-raising programmes in schools and the wider community, free English language classes, after-school support, training workshops, volunteering opportunities, and intercultural events. KASI also operates an outreach service at the Drishane Direct Provision Centre in Millstreet, Co Cork, where staff support families and individuals four days each week. This project is funded by the HSE South region.

Speaking at the anniversary event, guests acknowledged the dedication of KASI's staff, volunteers, and supporters who have worked tirelessly to assist some of the most vulnerable members of society while fostering understanding and diversity within local communities.

The organisation's aims and objectives continue to focus on providing a multifunctional space for drop-in services, meetings, training,

coordination, and intercultural events. KASI also provides information relevant to the needs of service users and develops educational, language support, health, social, and cultural programmes.

In addition, the organisation supports individuals and families living in Direct Provision, undertakes awareness-raising and advocacy work on international protection and immigration issues, and collaborates with local agencies to enhance service provision. Through networking and partnership-building with organisations nationwide, KASI continues to contribute to best practice and policy development in the sector.

As KASI celebrates its silver jubilee, the organisation remains committed to promoting inclusion, equality, and support for people seeking protection and a new life in Ireland.



Pictured at the KASI 25th anniversary event held at the Brehon Hotel was Bishop Bill Murphy, Sheila Casey, Sean O Grady, Mayor of Killarney Cllr Martin Grady, Marilyn Catalan-Counihan and Michael Gleeson.

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Goran Loncar - Earth-lit Crescent Moon - Out of this World.

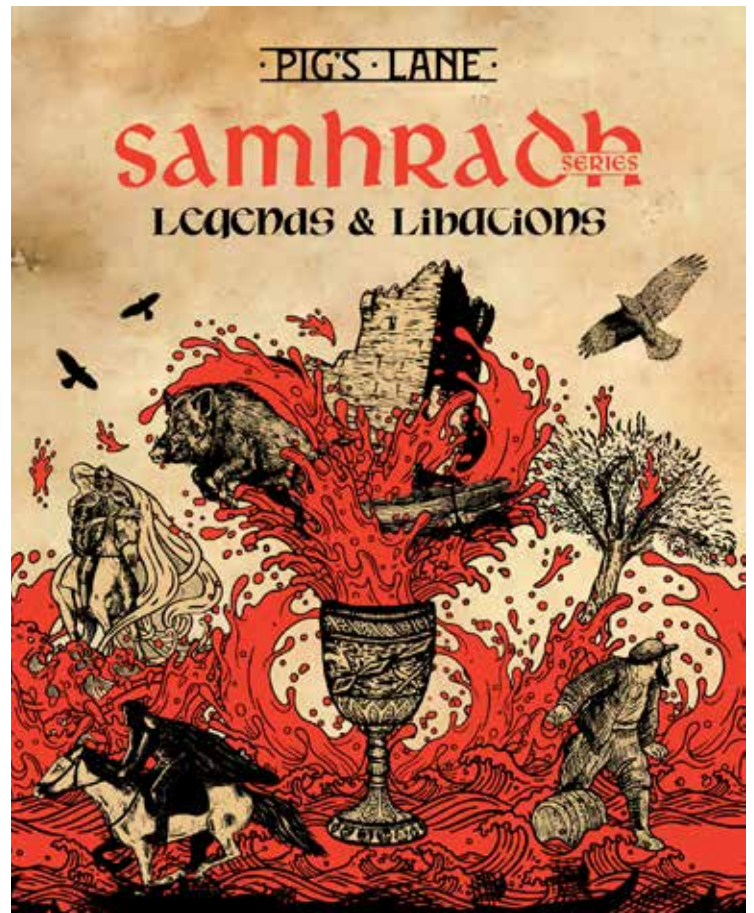
The beauty and wonder of Ireland's night sky takes centre stage as the public are asked to vote for their favourite photo in the 2026 Reach for the Stars astrophotography competition. Organised by the School of Cosmic Physics at the Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies (DIAS) the shortlisted images in this year's competition include two entries from Killarney-based photographer Goran Loncar with his two images Gap of Dunloe, capturing a small house under the Orion constellation, and Earth-lit Crescent Moon, featuring a crescent Moon with subtle detail visible across its shadowed surface. From the Moon rising in alignment with the Poolbeg Chimneys and the Milky Way arching

over Ireland's rugged coastline, to aurora lighting up the Pollnabrone Dolmen, alongside comets, distant galaxies, star trails, and detailed views of the Moon's surface, the entries to this year's competition highlight just how rich and varied Ireland's night skies truly are. Members of the public are invited to view the shortlisted images and vote for their favourite as part of the Public Choice Award. The full exhibition is available to view online at www.reachforthestars.ie/exhibition where visitors can take their time exploring the images before casting their vote. Voting is open until 5pm on 13 July 2026 and is limited to one vote per person, giving everyone an equal chance to support the image that captures

their imagination. The winning photographers in the 'Out of this World' and 'Back on Earth' categories, as selected by the judging panel, will receive a prize package that includes: **Publication of their images on the DIAS and The Irish Times websites;** **Passes to the three sites of the Astronomical Observatories of Ireland – DIAS Dunsink Observatory, Armagh Observatory and Planetarium, and Birr Castle Demesne;** **A €500 voucher for photographic equipment; and a digital subscription to The Irish Times.** For more information, to view the shortlisted images, and to vote visit www.reachforthestars.ie/exhibition

Samhradh Series, Legends & Libations at Pigs Lane

Pig's Lane is kicking off its Samhradh Series, Legends & Libations, a unique cocktail experience that brings the eerie and enchanting world of Irish folklore to life through storytelling, featuring leading seanachai Ray O'Sullivan. On exclusive dates, during June, July and August, Pig's Lane's hidden Whiskey Parlour will come alive with ancient stories and local lore as Ray guides guests through an unforgettable evening. Hear stories of restless spirits, otherworldly encounters, and the powerful figures said to roam Killarney's mist-covered lakes and ancient woodlands. From the enigmatic Arthur Edward Guinness to the spectral Chieftain O'Donoghue, the memories of this storied landscape linger just beneath the surface. The evening promises a fully immersive experience, featuring three of Pig's Lane's signature cocktails.



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Rossbeigh Beach Remembrance Walk to Bring Bereaved Families Together This Father's Day

Kerry Father's Day remembrance walk invites families across Munster to honour children lost too soon.

The Kerry Mile in Memory Walk will take place at Rossbeigh Beach on Sunday 21st June, offering a shared space of remembrance and support for bereaved families

Families across Kerry and Munster who have experienced the heartbreaking loss of a child are being warmly invited to take part in the Kerry Mile in Memory Walk, taking place at Rossbeigh Beach, Glenbeigh, on Father's Day, Sunday 21st June.

The annual walk has been running since 2007 and was founded by Glenbeigh, Kerry parents Mary and Ger Kelly in memory of their daughter Zoë Anna, who died at just 28 days old. Over the years, the walk has raised more than €30,000 for FirstLight, while becoming an important annual gathering for families who wish to walk in memory of a child.

This year's walk takes place during FirstLight's 50th anniversary year. FirstLight provide free professional counselling and support to parents and families who have experienced the death of a child aged 0 to 18, no matter the circumstances of that loss.

Speaking about the origins of the walk, Mary Kelly said: "We dedicate the walk to Zoë and all other children and anyone who has lost a child. Some people call it Zoë's walk, but I don't personally because it's not just about Zoë. Everyone comes for their own reasons, it's a communal thing."

Mary has spoken openly about the importance of support following the death of a child, and how FirstLight, then known as ISIDA, became a lifeline for her family after Zoë Anna's death. Reflecting on grief and the need for families to feel supported, Mary said: "People always ask how you get over it, but people who have actually been through it know that you don't



get over it. You learn to live with it, and it does get easier, but you don't get over it."

The Kerry Mile in Memory Walk also carries a special significance by taking place on Father's Day. For Mary, the date is an important reminder that grief affects the whole family, including fathers and siblings, who can sometimes feel overlooked after the loss of a child.

Mary added: "Don't forget the dads and other siblings. I found that the focus was on me, but I have a husband and three other children. Dads and other siblings should not be forgotten."

Andrew Mernagh, FirstLight General Manager said:

"The Kerry Mile in Memory Walk is a deeply meaningful event, rooted in love, remembrance and community. For families who have lost a child, grief does not follow a timeline, and opportunities like this can offer a gentle space to remember, to connect with others, and to feel less alone. As FirstLight marks 50 years of supporting bereaved families in Ireland, we are honoured to support this walk and to invite

families across Munster to take part, whether they have previously engaged with FirstLight or not."

The walk welcomes parents, siblings, grandparents, extended family members, friends and anyone who wishes to walk in memory of a child.

Event details

What: Kerry Mile in Memory Walk

When: Father's Day, Sunday, 21 June

Where: Rossbeigh Beach, Glenbeigh, Co. Kerry

Time: The walk will begin at 3pm, with attendees encouraged to arrive from 2.30pm

Cost: Free to attend

Donations are welcome and can be made via the Kerry Mile in Memory Walk iDonate page: <https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/kerrymileinmemorywalk2026>

Families who wish to learn more about FirstLight's services, or find out how to support the charity, can visit firstlight.ie.

MOMENTUM MUST CONTINUE ON KERRY'S MOST SIGNIFICANT ACCIDENT BLACKSPOT

While I welcome and acknowledge the progress on the N22 between Killarney and Farranfore which has been identified as Kerry's most significant black spot, it is essential that the momentum achieved is maintained and that the project continues to advance without delays.

Recent figures have shown that this route remains the county's most significant accident blackspot, with a disproportionate number of fatalities and serious injuries occurring along this section on the N22. Further lives have been lost on this section of road since the survey was completed, which adds to the safety concerns.

For those who travel this road daily, the safety concerns are not theoretical; they are a reality that continues to have devastating consequences for individuals and

families. While the connectivity and economic benefits of the proposed bypass are substantial, justification for this project should also consider road safety given these figures.

This motion is not intended to criticise the work completed to date; rather, it is a call for continued urgency and commitment to ensure that the positive momentum now established is maintained and strengthened.

It is vital that the Government and the Transport Infrastructure Ireland maintain their focus on delivering this long-awaited project as the people of Kerry have been waiting for more than 20 years.

Given the continued loss of life and serious injuries on this route, these statistics cannot and should not go unrecognised.



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DIP@DUSK



All Ireland prepares for the longest day of the year, hundreds of people across the country are set to swap their usual summer swim for a fundraising dip in support of mental health.

From 18–21 June, beaches, lakes and rivers across Ireland will become the backdrop for DIP@DUSK, Grow Mental Health's nationwide Summer Solstice fundraiser, which is encouraging people to host their own sea swims, wellness events and community challenges to raise vital funds for free mental health support services.

What makes DIP@DUSK different is that there is no single event. Instead, communities are creating their own moments of connection, whether that's sunrise swims, kayaking adventures, fitness challenges, beach gatherings or fundraising dips with friends and family.

In Kerry One Stroke at a Time will take place at Banna Strand on Friday

20 June. Participants will gather for an evening of connection and community before taking part in a fundraising dip in support of Grow Mental Health.

At a time when demand for mental health support continues to grow, the campaign aims to raise awareness and funds for Grow Mental Health's 101 free support groups operating online and in communities across Ireland.

The story offers strong local angles, colourful visuals and human-interest case studies from organisers, participants and Grow Mental Health members who have experienced the impact of peer support firsthand.

Register, create your own DIP@DUSK event or learn more at:

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Fully Funded Acting Scholarship for Young People Launched

New initiative supports aspiring young performers through professional acting training.

Kerry International Film Festival (KIFF), in partnership with West End House School of Arts, recently launched a new Acting Scholarship Programme for young people.

The program is facilitated by West End House School of Arts and funded by Kerry International Film Festival through an anonymous donation specifically ring-fenced for this initiative.

The initiative provides access to high-quality creative training for young people aged 15 - 18 from underserved communities - including LGBTQ+, Traveller, immigrant communities, and Youth Justice participants - in a supportive and professional environment.

Now midway through the course, which runs until June 30th at West End House, the 10-week programme offers participants the opportunity to develop acting and writing skills, build confidence through performance, and work toward a professionally recorded monologue.

A small cohort of participants was selected through a video application process to ensure a focused and committed creative group. Now, nearly halfway through the course, the participants are having an excellent experience, with one student commenting, "It's the only



Pictured at West End House School of Arts are tutor Charlie Hughes with students Cian Kelly, Abi O'Leary, and Brendan Locke, participants in the Kerry International Film Festival Acting Scholarship Programme.

place I've ever felt like I belong."

The course facilitator, experienced tutor and actor Charlie Hughes says of this programme, "We all deserve a chance to explore the arts and hopefully we are in a position to provide that for these young people."

As part of the program, the students will receive professionally filmed self-tapes suitable for auditions and acting reels, professional headshots, a certificate of completion as well

as mentorship and collaborative creative experience in a safe and inclusive environment. The programme will conclude with a celebration event where participants can share their work with family and friends.

While the scholarship is not positioned as a pathway to fame, it is designed to provide participants with practical tools, creative confidence, and an experience they can take pride in.

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Scan for full racing schedule, entertainment line-up, and tickets:



CYCLE RAISES VITAL FUNDS FOR COMFORT FOR CHEMO



The Three Peaks Cycling Challenge on June 6th was an incredible day. We were blessed with dry weather from mid-morning, allowing the stunning beauty of Caragh Lake, Glencar, and Bealach Beama to truly shine. The new routes proved to be a welcome challenge, and we were absolutely thrilled to welcome a record number of cyclists this year.

Comfort for Chemo Kerry and Killarney Cycling Club would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated in and supported the event.

We are incredibly grateful to our wonderful sponsors, and to everyone who contributed to making the day such a success. A special thank you goes to the volunteers from both Comfort for Chemo and Killarney Cycling Club, who generously gave up their time to ensure all our cyclists were fed, watered, and looked after from start to finish.

Finally, we want to wish everyone participating in the Ring of Kerry Cycle the very best of luck on Saturday, July 4th.

Award Presentation to KERRY FRIENDS OF MOTOR NEURONE

Christy and Mary Lehané were pleased to accept an award on behalf of Kerry Friends of Motor Neurone from the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association at the William Fry offices in Dublin on Thursday the 4th June 2026.

The award was presented on behalf of the IMNDA by guest speaker Irish International Rugby Player Gordon D'Arcy

This day also marked Global Motor Neurone Disease day.

The Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association also launched their 5- year Strategic Plan for 2026 – 2030 on the same day.



Photo shows l/r: Christy Lehané, Chairman of Kerry Friends of Motor Neurone, Gordon D'Arcy Guest Speaker and Mary Lehané KFMN.



Traffic management system on the Sleah Head Drive

Kerry County Council will re-establish the advisory clockwise traffic management system for motorists on Slí Cheann Sléibhe during the peak visitor season, from Friday 26th June to Friday 11th September. During this period, the Council invites vehicles to travel in a clockwise direction around Cheann Sléibhe, commencing in Daingean Uí Chúis, then on to Ceann Trá, Cheann Sléibhe, Com Dhíneol, Dún Chaoin, Baile an Fheirtéaraigh, Murióch, An Fheothanach and return to Daingean Uí Chúis.

A Kerry County Council employee will be stationed each day from 10.30 am to 4.00pm at Com Dhíneol encouraging vehicles travelling anti-clockwise to respect the advisory.

Visitors will be encouraged to follow the recommended route from the outset resulting in more time to relax and enjoy the magnificent views, attractions, history and culture of this beautiful part of Kerry. Local access will be maintained as normal.



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Blessing of the Lilies



Blessing of the Lilies on the Feast of St Antony 13th June at the annual St Antony's Novena by Fr Joe Condren OFM in the Franciscan Friary Killarney on Saturday.

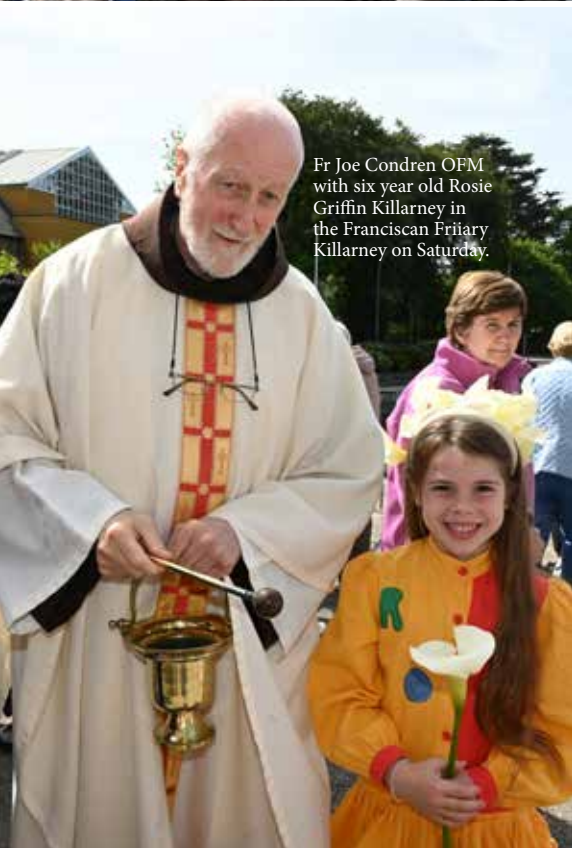
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Blessing of the Lilies on the Feast of St Antony 13th June at the annual St Antony's Novena by Fr Joe Condren OFM in the Franciscan Friary Killarney on Saturday.



Blessing of the Lilies on the Feast of St Antony 13th June.



Fr Joe Condren OFM with six year old Rosie Griffin Killarney in the Franciscan Friary Killarney on Saturday.



Joan Buckley, Siobhan and Anne O'Sullivan, Sheila Casey and Cait Murphy at the Blessing of the Lilies on the Feast of St Antony 13th June at the annual St Antony's Novena by Fr Joe Condren OFM in the Franciscan Friary Killarney on Saturday.



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Spraoi Chiarraí Celebrates 21st Season of Free Summer Concerts in Killarney

One of Kerry's most successful youth traditional arts initiatives is set to return this summer as Spraoi Chiarraí launches its 21st season of free concerts in Killarney.

Founded and directed by Tim O'Shea, the award-winning youth Irish Folk and Traditional Music and Song mentorship collective continues its mission of showcasing the finest young musical talent from across County Kerry while providing invaluable performance experience in a professional concert setting. Following more than two decades of success, organisers are delighted to announce that all sponsors have once again pledged their support, ensuring that all concerts remain free to the public.

The first of five summer concerts takes place on Saturday, July 4th, at 8pm in St. Mary's Church of Ireland, Killarney. The opening concert will feature acclaimed accordion player Maighréad Ní Lúasa, originally from Coolea, Ballyvourney, together with students from her music school in the Fermoy area. They will be joined by Tim O'Shea and members of the Spraoi Chiarraí collective for an evening of outstanding traditional music and song.

The concert series will continue throughout July and August at St. Mary's Church of Ireland, one of Killarney's most historic and intimate performance venues. Audiences can look forward to performances featuring fiddle, Irish harp, accordion, flute, whistle, Uilleann pipes, guitar, harmonica, bodhrán and vocals.

The programme has become an important cultural fixture in Kerry's summer calendar, offering both locals and visitors an opportunity to enjoy high-quality traditional arts performances free of charge. The group has also been invited once again to perform at Puck Fair this August, further recognising the contribution it makes to preserving and promoting Ireland's rich traditional heritage.

Spraoi Chiarraí aims to showcase local young Irish traditional talent, mentor emerging performers, provide experience in professional concert settings, celebrate the traditional



culture of the southwest of Ireland and offer a free cultural experience for families and visitors alike.

All five concerts will take place at 8pm on the following Saturdays:

- July 4, • July 25, • August 1,
- August 15, • August 22

Admission to all concerts is free and families are especially welcome.

Organisers have expressed their gratitude to their sponsors and supporters, including Kerry County Council's Killarney Municipal District, Kerry Arts Office, Community Support Fund, Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, Kerry Gems Publishing and the Vestry Committee of St. Mary's Church of Ireland.

The Anam Sessions Return

Following the success of last year's pilot programme, "The Anam Sessions" will also return this summer, presenting a series of free early evening concerts at Anam, East Avenue

Road, Killarney.

Produced and curated by Tim O'Shea, the sessions will feature Irish folk, traditional, singer-songwriter and Afro-Irish acoustic music. Supported by Kerry Arts Office and Kerry County Council, the concerts will take place from 7pm to 9pm every second Wednesday during July and August.

Concert dates are:

- July 1, • July 15, • July 29, • August 12,
- August 26

Featured performers include Fiona Doyle (Beaufort), Samuel Kiwanuka (Tralee), Mike Walsh (Knocknagoshel) and Philip Crickard (Ardfert), alongside Tim O'Shea and a range of guest musicians.

With two exciting summer programmes offering free live music across a variety of genres, organisers are inviting locals and visitors alike to come along and support some of the finest emerging musical talent in Kerry. For further information contact Tim O'Shea on 087 2814550 or visit timosheaandfriends.com. Bigi linn – everyone is welcome.

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the anxiety-producing situation is avoided, the symptoms go away. As a result, the symptoms of anxiety will be worse the next time, and avoidance is more likely.

There are many things you can try to help you learn how to manage feelings of anxiety, starting with a healthy diet and exercise plan, along with mindfulness and breathing exercises. Avoid Alcohol as this can affect your mental health and can make anxiety worse in the long-term.

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Wine for Palestine - Sip, Support, and Make a Difference:

Charity Event for Palestine in the Heart of Killarney



On Sunday 5th July 2026, Ancient Rituals Studio and Killarney for Palestine will host Wine for Palestine, a relaxed charity evening of wine, photography, poetry, and raffle prizes – with all proceeds going directly to displaced families in Gaza.

From 19:00, guests are invited to sample hand-selected wines and nibbles, hosted by Nate of the Grapes of Craic Wine Club. Nate, known for his fun and informative wine evenings in The Wine Buff and around Kerry, will guide attendees through the evening's selection in his usual down-to-earth style.

The evening will also feature the ACLAI Palestine Children's Photographic Exhibition, curated by Killarney photographer Sally MacMonagle – a striking collection not to be missed. There will also be poetry readings and a raffle with excellent prizes.

Where the money goes:

Every euro raised on the night will support displaced families in Gaza directly assisted by Killarney for Palestine (KFP).

Event details:

What: Wine for Palestine Charity Evening

When: Sunday 5th July 2026, 19:00 – 22:00

Where: Ancient Rituals Studio, Chapel Lane, Monearmore, Killarney, V93 EP28

Tickets: €45 p/p - we advise that you book the event online ahead of time as capacity is limited.

Ticket link: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/killarneyforpalestine/2243328>

OR scan the QR on the poster image attached

Live Aid Exhibition Opens in Killarney This Week

Music lovers and nostalgia enthusiasts are in for a treat this week as a special Live Aid exhibition opened in Killarney on Monday evening.

The exhibition celebrates one of the most iconic events in music history – the legendary Live Aid concert of July 1985, which united millions of people around the world in support of famine relief efforts in Ethiopia. More than four decades later, the event remains a defining moment in popular culture and a landmark in the history of live music.

For those who remember watching the historic broadcast, the exhibition promises a wonderful trip down memory lane, featuring memories and moments from a day that changed the music world forever.

Among the many unforgettable performances from Live Aid, few captured the imagination quite like that of Freddie Mercury and Queen. Mercury's electrifying stage presence and the band's now legendary set at

Wembley Stadium are widely regarded as one of the greatest live performances of all time, cementing his place as one of rock music's most iconic frontmen.

The exhibition offers visitors an opportunity to relive the atmosphere, music and memories of that extraordinary day while introducing younger generations to an event that brought together some of the world's biggest musical stars for a common cause.

Located in the Department of Arts, Sport & Tourism, directly opposite Killarney Garda Station, the exhibition is open to the public and admission is completely free.

Organisers are encouraging local residents and visitors alike to drop in and experience this unique celebration of music history.

Whether you were there in front of the television in 1985 or are discovering Live Aid for the first time, this exhibition is well worth a visit.

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**JUNE
TUESDAY
30** **THEATRE**

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**JULY
THURSDAY
2**

FILM

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Documentary and panel discussion on the Kalem Film Company who made ground breaking films in Killarney during the pioneering years of American cinema. Panel: Tony Tracy (Producer) and Padraig O'Sullivan (NPWS), in conversation with Susan Goodwillie (West End House).

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**JULY
FRIDAY
3** **MUSIC**

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**JULY
TUESDAY
7**

LITERATURE

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A fascinating insight into two pioneers of American literature. Join Patrick O'Sullivan Greene and Gráinne Hurley in conversation with Ronan McGreevy, *Irish Times*.

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**JULY
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'Check, Clean and Dry' boats and fishing equipment to protect wildlife



Protecting our environment from invasive species

Minister for Nature, Heritage and Biodiversity Christopher O'Sullivan TD, has urged all water users, including anglers, boaters, canoeists and other river users to follow the Clean, Check, Dry biosecurity protocol to protect native wildlife and habitats.

This follows recent reports from the Marine Institute confirming the presence of a plague caused by a water mould (fungal like organism), affecting the native white-clawed crayfish in the River Camac at Corkagh Park, Clondalkin.

White clawed crayfish are a globally threatened species protected under the Wildlife Act and listed on Annex II and Annex V of the Habitats Directive. They are found in rivers, streams, and lakes around the country. Outbreaks since 2015 have shown that this disease results in the complete elimination of white-clawed crayfish populations in affected waters. It is not a risk to humans, pets or livestock but it is difficult to manage and control

in affected waters. All users can protect our waterways and wildlife by following the Check, Clean, Dry method.

WATER USERS ARE REMINDED TO:

Check equipment and clothing for any signs of mud, plant or animal material that has been in contact with the water or river banks. Remove anything you find and dispose of safely.

Clean everything thoroughly, ideally using hot water. Pay close attention to areas that are damp or hard to access.

Dry for as long as possible. If you cannot dry your equipment, consider using an appropriate disinfectant.

Members of the public who see dead crayfish in the area are asked to inform the NPWS by sending reports to info@npws.gov.ie or by logging records directly to the National Biodiversity Data Centre at www.invasives.ie.

“Self-Employed: The Forgotten Community” Book Proceeds to Support Kerry Mental Health Association

KERRY Mental Health Association is delighted to endorse the important work produced by Dan O'Donoghue in his book “Self Employed – The Forgotten Community” which was launched at The Brehon Hotel, Killarney on Thursday 11th June.

The book is a powerful guide for self-employed individuals who want to build a business that supports their lives – not consumes them.

The Tralee-based author challenges the hustle-driven mindset and offers a smarter, more sustainable way to succeed.

It shines a light on the many tough realities of being self-employed and the importance of looking after your mental health while offering practical guidance and reassurance from cover to cover.

The General Manager of Kerry Mental Health Association, John Drummey, said: “Working for yourself can offer freedom and flexibility, but it can also bring unique pressures that are often invisible to others.

“Congratulations to Dan for writing a timely, useful and compassionate book for the self-employed community that acknowledges that ambition and vulnerability can coexist, and that resilience is something we can actively build.

“We are especially grateful that proceeds from the book will support Kerry Mental Health Association.”

By addressing the mental health challenges that may arise from self-employment, Dan has created a valuable resource that empowers people to look after their businesses and themselves.

Dan O'Donoghue, who is originally from Valentia Island and has built successful businesses, said: “This is not another feel-good business book, it's a lifeline complete with hard-earned lessons from the real world without the classroom theory.

“The self-employed employ most of the workforce, yet because we don't shout, protest or complain, we are often the ones left alone.

“I am delighted to donate the proceeds to Kerry Mental Health Association who share many of the key messages in the book to connect with others, stay active, prioritise sufficient sleep, and never be afraid to ask for help.”

Self-Employed: The Forgotten Community, published by Orla Kelly Publications, is available from <https://buythebook.ie/product/self-employed-the-forgotten-community/> for only €20 plus postage/packaging.



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Killarney Active Retirement Association Holds Successful AGM

Killarney Active Retirement Association enjoyed a fantastic turnout at its Annual General Meeting, marking another successful year for the vibrant organisation.

A special presentation was made to the well-known and highly respected Nancy Hegarty, who recently stepped back after an extraordinary 33 years of dedicated service. During that time, Nancy served the organisation with distinction at National, Regional and Local levels, making a remarkable contribution to the Active Retirement movement. Patricia Keane also stepped down from her position after completing her term of office. Members expressed their sincere appreciation to both ladies for their commitment, dedication and invaluable service over many years.

The Association extends its warmest wishes to Nancy and Patricia for good health, happiness and enjoyment in the years ahead. There is no doubt that their wealth of experience, knowledge and guidance will continue to be an invaluable resource to the newly elected officers and committee.

The incoming officers are Joan O'Sullivan, Chairperson; Teresa Commins, Secretary; and Helen Foley, Treasurer. They will be supported by seven committee members who have taken on various supporting roles within the organisation.

Members wish the new committee every success in the year ahead and hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved summer break.

Killarney Active Retirement Group meets every Friday from September to June in the spacious and welcoming KDYS Centre from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm. Throughout the year, members enjoy a wide variety of activities, including guest speakers, exercise sessions, training programmes, shows,



day trips, holidays and tea dances.

New members, both male and female, are always welcome. The group offers a warm and friendly atmosphere where people can enjoy tea and coffee, make lasting friendships and participate in activities at whatever level suits them.

The Association's aim is to help prevent loneliness and isolation, encourage friendship and promote an active and enjoyable lifestyle. Anyone who feels they would benefit from joining, or who knows someone who might, is encouraged to come along in September. A warm welcome awaits, and you certainly won't be disappointed.

Water and Me / Mise agus Uisce

Kerry student a winner at this year's Uisce Éireann Green-Schools poster competition



Photographed at the Green-Schools Water Awards Ceremony in Dublin were, (L- R) Joanne Scott, An Taisce Green-Schools Programme Manager; student Julia Keane, Meentogues National School, Co Kerry, and Roisin Bradford, Communications Manager Uisce Éireann.
Pic: Iain White/Karl Hussey Photography

A pupil from Meentogues National School, County Kerry was among the winners at an annual awards ceremony held in Dublin recently. Julia Keane was named as the regional winner in the primary school junior category of the Green-Schools poster competition and received her award at a ceremony held in Dublin city centre last month.

Wood Quay in Dublin 8 was the venue for the awards ceremonies, which were held over the course of two days. They were held to recognise the efforts of primary and secondary students across the country who participated in the Green-Schools Water Programme in the 2025-26 academic year, and to honour the winning students in this year's poster competition.

The theme of this year's poster competition was "Water and Me / Mise agus Uisce", and participating students were asked to design a poster centring on moments when water has mattered to them.

The response from pupils of the participating schools was impressive, with 1,600 entries received across the junior primary, senior primary and secondary categories. The standard of entry was exceptionally high and the judging panel had a hugely difficult task in choosing their winners. Twelve regional winners were each awarded a €100 voucher and had their poster professionally framed, while three overall national winners were also announced at the ceremony.

Secondary school students were also invited to enter a video competition, also on the theme of 'Water is Life'. The national winner and two runners-up were given their prizes at the ceremony. A full list of all winners is available to view at [Water Poster & Video Competition 2026 | Green-Schools](#).

For more information on the sponsorship and how we support it, please visit [Water Education in Schools | Conservation | Uisce Éireann \(formerly Irish Water\)](#)

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FR SEAN O'CONNOR CELEBRATES 100TH BIRTHDAY IN KNOCKNAGREE

Family, friends and neighbours gathered at Doonasleen, Knocknagree, on June 9th to celebrate the 100th birthday of Fr Sean O'Connor O.S.A., one of Ireland's oldest serving priests.

Born in 1926, Fr Sean grew up in Doonasleen with his twin sister Peg and six siblings. He attended school in Knocknagree before entering the Augustinian Order and was ordained in Rome in 1952.

Despite battling tuberculosis shortly after ordination, a serious illness that required lengthy hospitalisation and major surgery, Fr Sean went on to serve in numerous appointments throughout Ireland, including Callan, Fethard, Drogheda, Galway, Ballyhaunis and Dungarvan, where he now resides with the Augustinian community at Abbeyside.

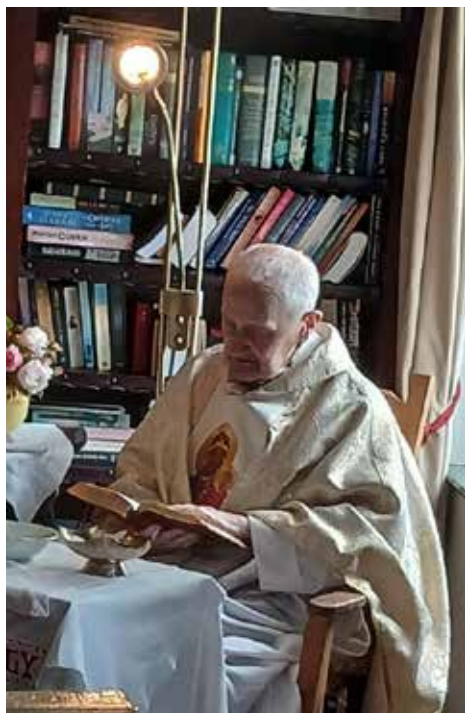
The birthday celebrations began with Fr Sean celebrating Mass in his family home before guests moved to the Knocknagree Community Centre for refreshments and entertainment.

A proud supporter of local GAA, Fr Sean was presented with a specially commissioned Knocknagree jersey bearing the number 100. Another highlight of the day was a visit from Bishop Ray Browne, who travelled from Cork to personally congratulate the centenarian priest. Throughout the celebrations, Fr Sean spoke warmly of his love for his native Sliabh Luachra, its rich musical traditions and his pride in coming from the small rural community of Doonasleen.

The special occasion marked a remarkable milestone in the life of a priest whose century of faith, resilience and service continues to inspire all who know him.



Cousins reunite: Back Row L - R Nono Fitzgerald, Joan Hourigan, Dan Francis Murphy and Sr Brigit O'Connor. Front Row Peggy Riordan, Nora O'Regan and Fr Sean O'Connor.



Fr. Sean saying mass



Front L - R Bishop Ray Browne, Fr Sean O'Connor and Nora Murphy, Standing Christy Lehane, Pat, Siobhain, Tim and David O'Connor and Aoife Merrick.



Fr Sean wearing his Knocknagree jersey walking on to local GAA pitch with his nephew Tim.



Bishop Ray Browne and Fr. Sean having a chat



Fr. Sean with the Knocknagree Senior Footballers.

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Last chance for CAO applicants to register a change of course choices online by 5pm on 1st July

FINAL TASK

The state exams conclude next Tuesday, 23rd June and the thoughts of exhausted candidates are no doubt turning to holidays, travel or summer jobs. But there is still one very important task to be done. Those who applied to the Central Applications Office (CAO) must now turn their attention to the CAO course change of mind facility. This provides each applicant a last chance, if s/he wishes, to register a change of course choices online by 5pm on 1st July.

OPTION

Not all applicants to CAO avail of the change of mind facility. Many applicants are happy with the course choices they submitted by 1st February. On the other hand, others will have changed their minds about the courses they would like to study. Whatever your reason for submitting a change of mind form, make sure you know exactly what you are applying for. Don't list any courses which you haven't researched. Don't apply for any course which you know that you won't accept if it's offered to you. Most important of all, never apply for a course in which you haven't the slightest interest just because your friends are applying for it.

CALMLY

If you decide to submit a change of mind form, work calmly on your choices before going online. Start from scratch and write out your new list of courses. Don't tinker with your original list while online as it's very easy to make a mistake. Check the minimum and special requirements for each course you are including on the change of mind form.

CHANGING

When you are happy with your revised choices, open your CAO account via the "My

Application" facility. To make changes to your existing course choices click on Change/Add Level 8 Course Choices or Change/Add Level 7/6 Course Choices. You can then use the New Courses list to enter new courses, disregard existing course choices, or reorder your existing course selection. Enter all the courses that you wish to apply for in your order of preference on the new list/s. Every choice is important so fill up all ten choices in each category. Check that your course choices are listed in correct order and that the codes are correct.

SEPARATE

The two course categories – Level 8 and Level 7/6 – are totally separate from each other for the purpose of submitting a change of mind form. You may change one category and leave the second category unchanged or you may change both. On the other hand, you may decide to stick with the choices you submitted by 1st February last.

UPDATED

If you change courses online, CAO will send an acknowledgement to your email address. Check that your courses have been updated by using the "My Application" facility by 5pm on 1st July. You may change your course choices free of charge as often as you wish up to the closing date. The final change of mind form that you submit is the one that will count for your CAO offers. So, be sure to check online before 1st July to make sure that all is in order.

WINDOW

After the 1st July you can make no further changes to your CAO application form. So, the remaining days provide you with a valuable window of opportunity. Use the time to put some serious thought into your choice of college courses. With the state exams done and dusted, you can give your undivided attention

to submitting a 'change of mind' form that truly contains your course interests. It will be time well spent if you achieve your course of choice when the college offers are issued on the 26th August.

CHECKLIST

- You have until 5pm on 1st July to avail of the CAO "Change of Mind" facility
- Not all applicants to CAO avail of the change of mind facility
- Don't list any courses which you haven't researched.
- Don't apply for any course which you know that you won't accept
- Never apply for a course in which you haven't the slightest interest
- Work on your new list of course choices before going online
- Check the requirements for the courses you are including on the change of mind form
- The two course categories are separate from each other on a change of mind form
- The remaining days provide you with a valuable window of opportunity
- After the 1st July you can make no further changes to your CAO application form
- The Leaving Cert (LC) exam concludes on Tuesday, 23rd June
- CAO 'Change of Mind' Form closes at 5pm on Wednesday, 1st July
- Leaving Cert results will be published on Friday, 21st August
- CAO Round One offers will be available at 2pm on Wednesday, 26th August

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Schools Honoured with STEM Awards



Several schools in Killarney and Castleisland have been recognised for their commitment to science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education after receiving prestigious Research Ireland Curious Minds Awards for 2026.

Among the schools receiving Gold Awards were Killarney Community National School, Scoil Atha na mBlath, Kiltallagh NS, Castlemaine and Castleisland's Naomh Charthaigh Boys National School. A special distinction was awarded to Muire Gan Smál National School, Castleisland, which received the county's only Platinum Award, recognising its outstanding integration of STEM learning throughout school life.

The Curious Minds Awards celebrate schools that encourage pupils to develop curiosity, creativity and problem-solving skills through hands-on science and technology activities. Projects completed by students included biodiversity studies, coding and programming, engineering challenges and practical investigations designed to inspire a lifelong interest in STEM subjects.

Announcing the awards, Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, James Lawless TD, congratulated the schools and praised teachers for fostering a culture of exploration and discovery in classrooms across the country.

In total, 17 schools across Kerry received Curious Minds Awards this year, with the achievements of the Killarney and Castleisland schools highlighting the strong emphasis being placed on STEM education throughout the region.

The awards are funded by Research Ireland and recognise excellence in inquiry-based learning, encouraging young people to ask questions, test ideas and develop skills that will benefit them throughout their education and future careers.

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KILCUMMIN PARISH

Written by: Helen Moynihan

TIDY TOWNS ADJUDICATOR

With the impending arrival of the Tidy Towns Adjudicator expected over the next few weeks, we would ask all house holders to make a special effort outside their houses to ensure it is presented at its very best. Please ensure if you are a dog owner that you take on your responsibilities associated with dog fouling on footpaths and park. We appreciate and thank you for your assistance and co-operation.

TRIP TO KNOCK

The Annual Parish Pilgrimage to Knock on Saturday, 27th June, leaving Kilcummin village @7am. Food/refreshments in Gort (optional) morning and evening. Cost €30. For more information please contact Kilcummin Post Office.

CHURCH EVENTS

Holy Cross Graveyard Mass on Wednesday, 1st July @ 7.30pm and Old Kilcummin Graveyard Mass on Wednesday, 5th August @ 7.30pm.

KILCUMMIN COMMUNITY GAMES

The County final of Pitch and Putt took place on the 6th of June in Tralee. Aodhán O'Halloran representing Kilcummin came first, Aodhán will now go on to Offaly and represent Kerry in the National finals in July.

ART COMPETITION

Congratulations to Dara O'Donoghue who won a gold medal in the U12 Art competition in the County Finals, also to Rachel O'Riordan who won gold in the U8 Art Competition. They now go through to the All-Ireland, which will be held on the weekend of the 5th/6th September.

THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH GOLDEN JUBILEE 1976 – 2026

As we joyfully celebrate the 50th Anniversary we warmly invite all

parishioners from our Parish and beyond to join us on this special day. We're honoured to welcome Bishop Ray and all the other priest's, we hope everyone in our community will be part of this milestone. All are warmly welcome.

KILCUMMIN GAA

GOLF CLASSIC

Kilcummin GAA Golf Classic held in May in the excellently presented Kenmare G. C. was a resounding success according to PRO Mike Riordan. The funds raised will enable the purchase of equipment to maintain their playing surfaces to a high standard. The club appreciates the sponsors, players, organising committee and general membership who supported the yearly event in a variety of ways. The overall winning team were sponsored by Corcoran's Food Equipment and comprised of Jer Lenihan, Mary Cronin and Nicola O'Mahony.

LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Monday 15th June for the Jackpot of €8,750. Numbers drawn were 02,07,10,23. Consolation prizes of €50 Susan O'Gorman, Helen Moynihan, Brendan O'Sullivan, D. Will. Our next draw will be on Monday 29th June for Jackpot of €9,000. Thank you for your continued support.

MASTERGEEHA FC LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Friday, 12th June for the Jackpot of €8,200. Numbers drawn were 06, 08, 18, 25. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Anne Doran, Allman's Terrace; Tommy O'Connor c/o Tom Ulick; Danny O'Donoghue, Kanturk (c/o John Cronin); Ber Fitzgerald, online. Our next draw will be on Friday 19th June for Jackpot of €8,400.



Paddy O'Sullivan presenting the "Anthony O'Sullivan" cup to Nicola O'Mahony of the winning team at the recent Kilcummin GAA Golf Classic event



Aodhán O'Halloran, Pitch & Putt Winner.



Rachel O'Riordan & Dara O'Donoghue Art Competition

BEAUFORT PARISH

By Bridget Hartnett

FIXTURES

Senior men will be home to Dingle in Div. 1 and away to John Mitchel's in Div. 7A next weekend

LOTTO

The lotto jackpot will be €4,200 on Sunday 21st June. Tickets are available from usual sellers, shops, public houses and online on www.clubforce.com. Thank you to everybody who support the lotto.

GOLF CLASSIC

Beaufort G.A.A Club Annual Golf classic will take place on Friday, 19th June in Beaufort Golf Club. It is a 3-person team event, the 2 best stableford scores at each hole to count. Cost is €200 per team and €50 for anybody who wish to book tee box sponsorship. More information and booking from Colm at 087 6737414.

HEALTH SCREENING

As part of our Healthy Club initiative, the Dillon Quirke foundation will

be holding free health screening at Beaufort G.A.A. Club on Wednesday, 8th July. It is for 45 players from 12 to 18 years of age. To book a place for your child, please contact Mary 086 0640065 or Bridget 087 9975737.

MEMBERSHIP

Beaufort G.A.A. Club membership is still open. For information on Club and Gym membership, please contact Patie on 087 2515311.

SUMMER CAMP

As part of their Healthy Club initiative, Beaufort will host a summer camp from 6th to 10th July in Beaufort G.A.A. Complex.

It is open to ages 4 to 14 and will run from 10am to 2pm. Cost is €65 for one child, 2nd child, €60 and 3rd and subsequent children is €55.

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GOOD LUCK to Mike Breen, Sean O'Brien and the Kerry team and management against Armagh this weekend.

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GLENFLESK PARISH

Written by: Sean Daly

FLESK FEST

Flesk Fest returns this weekend with a packed programme of music, entertainment and community spirit. Festival goers can look forward to a fantastic line up of live bands and performers catering for all tastes, along with a full bar, a wide selection of food options, the popular Mothers & Others Tournament and a fun filled Family Day. With something for all ages and plenty of great craic guaranteed, the festival promises a memorable weekend for locals and visitors alike. All are welcome, and tickets will be available to purchase at the gate throughout the weekend.

BASKETBALL

Congratulations to Clodagh O'Sullivan who had the huge honour of captaining the Ireland U17 Ladies Basketball team in the Four Nations tournament held in Scotland last weekend.

LOTTO

There was no winner of Glenflesk Lotto which took place on 8th June. Jackpot €7,200. Numbers drawn 4, 19, 24, 27. Consolation prizes of €50. Ciara O'Donoghue, Beálnadeega, Joan & Jack O'Leary Coracow, Joan O'Leary (Sellers' Prize), John McCarthy (Online). Next draw 22nd June. Jackpot will be €7,400. Thanks to all who support our Lotto & to Damien McCarthy & HR Buddy for sponsoring our tickets.

DYLAN CROWLEY

Well done to our U11 boys who competed so well in the Dylan Crowley Memorial Tournament last weekend. It was played in very warm conditions, and the lads gave a fantastic account of themselves throughout the day

with games against Kilcummin, Fossa, Legion and Rathmore. A sincere thank you to Gneeveguilla GAA Club for their hospitality and for hosting such a well organised tournament. It was a great day of football.



Glenflesk U11 boys who competed in the Dylan Crowley Memorial Tournament last weekend in Gneeveguilla.

RATHMORE | GNEEVUILLA PARISH

By Michael O' Mahony

GNEEVUILLA ATHLETES

Huge congratulations to all our Athletes that brought home a haul of medals from the Senior and Masters Track and Field Championships at MTU Cork on May 6th and 7th.

Mairead O'Neill: silver in the senior hammer. Meghan Sheahan: silver in the U20 Hammer. Nicola Dwyer: WFD silver, Javelin gold O40 and Relay Gold O35. Julie Dwyer: WFD gold O70, Javelin gold O70, Relay gold O35. Marie Murphy: Gold 200m O40. Oonagh Quinn: Gold javelin, Gold relay, silver discus O40. Gemma O'Connell: Gold Discus, Gold relay, silver hammer, silver javelin Bronze shot, bronze WFD all O40. Jodie Monson: gold 100m O35, Gold LJ O35 and gold relay. Fred O'Sullivan: WFD gold, Discus Bronze O55 and Relay Gold. Sean Murphy: Gold Hammer, Silver Javelin, Bronze discus - all over 60, Relay Gold O50. Sheila O'Donoghue: Gold in Shot, Hammer Discus and WFD (with a championship best in WFD), Silver in Javelin and long jump - all O55 and Gold in the relay O35. Fred Whoriskey: Bronze in Discus O50 and Gold in the Relay O50. Michael Quinn: gold in relay O50. Paddy O'Donoghue: Golds in the Shot, WFD Discus and Javelin O90. David Fleming: Gold in Shot and WFD O85.

Niall O'Donoghue: golds in Shot, WFD, 400m, 800m and LJ O60, Silver in 200m and Team gold in relay O50.

Well done to all our athletes that competed in the U14 - U19 Championships at MTU Cork last weekend May 13th and 14th. Results to follow next week.

LOTTO

No winner of last weeks Lotto, Jackpot for this coming Friday June 19th, €13,000 + Bonus draw for €1000

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 pm and can be viewed live on our Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook Page. This week's jackpot winner was Páraic Finnegan who won €202

Tickets cost €2 each or 3 for €5. They are available at Teach Fáilte and can be bought online at <https://tinyurl.com/y2ade5om> or in local businesses where you see the Green Share the bucket.

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

SYMPATHIES To Mary Ellen (Moynihan, Burney & Shrone) & family, Boston, USA on the death of her husband George & to his beloved sister Ann & to all the Moynihan family. May George rest in peace

KERRY GAA

Congratulations to Kerry on their win over Kildare

Final score Kerry 3-22 (31) Killdare (17)

Kerry now entertain Armagh this weekend in Fitzgerald Stadium.

TURENCAHILL COMMUNITY GROUP SUMMER LUNCH & DANCE

Sunday 21st June 1pm. Tickets now on sale!! To book/enquire, please contact 085 8771949 / 087 9924821 / 087 6722750 Tickets €40 / €10 Children / Under 5s Free. Tickets must be paid for in advance. Back by popular demand: Join us once again for our annual 3 Course Lunch followed by teas & coffees in the Marquee & an afternoon of dancing, music, laughter. Lunch by Denis Doody. Music by The Kelts.

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

Tureencahill Community Group presents a fun evening of Bingo for all the family! Saturday, June 20th, 7-9 PM. 10 games. €1000 worth of prizes. Tea, coffee, minerals and sweet treats will be available to buy on the night. Your support would be very much appreciated

NOTES

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

LISTRY PARISH

Written by: Colette Leslie

LOTTO

June 14th 2026, Jackpot €3,000. Numbers Drawn: 5, 6, 21, 16. No Winner. €100 Mary Margaret McCarthy, Scotland. €50 Danny Grifftin, Keel. €50 Irene & Noah Rodriguez, California. €25 Marian Scannell, Coolroe. €25 John Kerins, Faha. Jackpot next weekend 21 June 2026, €3,150

LISTRY SENIOR TEAM

Our seniors play Annascaul away next Sunday June 21st at 2pm in Round 10 of the Co League. We are appealing to all our supporters to come out and support the lads in this important game.

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SPA PARISH

By Leanne Cronin



Spa Mothers & Others Team who travelled to Mallow for the LGFA Munster Blitz



Spa Boy's U11 team at the annual Dylan Crowley tournament

SPA MOTHERS & OTHERS AT MUNSTER BLITZ

Spa LGFA Mothers & Others enjoyed a fantastic day at the Munster Blitz in Mallow last Saturday. A panel of 14 players proudly represented the club, taking on teams from Limerick, Cork and Tipperary in a series of enjoyable and competitive games. There was plenty of skill, determination and fun on display throughout the day, while the organisation and hospitality in Mallow were once again exceptional. The day was a great celebration of sport, friendship and camaraderie, with the group rounding off a memorable occasion with well-earned refreshments afterwards. Well done to all involved.

BOYS U11S AT DYLAN CROWLEY MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

Spa's Boys U11s enjoyed a great day of football at the annual Dylan Crowley Memorial Tournament in Gneeveguilla last Saturday. The team opened with a win over Listry before facing strong opposition in Kenmare and Rathmore, who later contested the Cup Final. A Semi-Final victory over Legion earned Spa a place in the Shield Final against Kilcummin, with a late Kilcummin goal proving decisive in a closely fought contest. The Spa players can be very proud of their efforts, attitude and performances throughout the day, representing the club superbly. Thanks to the Crowley family and everyone in Gneeveguilla for organising another excellent tournament.

UNDERAGE GO GAMES ROUND-UP

It was another busy and enjoyable period for Spa's youngest players, with teams across a number of age grades taking part in Go Games and blitzes. The U8 girls featured in blitzes hosted by Fossa and Laune Rangers, showing great enthusiasm and improving skills despite challenging weather conditions on one occasion. The U10 girls fielded two teams at a well-attended blitz in Dr Crokes, where all 17 players enjoyed plenty of possession and impressed with their teamwork, determination and football ability. The U10 boys hosted Legion in a series of entertaining Go

Games, producing another strong display with excellent skill, effort and sportsmanship shown by both teams. Spa's U8 boys also enjoyed a Go Games outing against Rathmore. Across all age groups, it was encouraging to see the continued progress being made by the young players, whose commitment and enthusiasm are a credit to themselves, their coaches and their families. Well done to all involved and thank you to the host clubs and visiting teams for providing such positive sporting experiences.

KERRY SOUTH REPRESENTATION FOR SPA PLAYERS

Congratulations to our young Spa players who recently represented Kerry South in development matches. At U14 level, James Brosnan lined out for Kerry South in matches against Cork, while Sam O'Shea, Eric Corcoran and Aidan Hickey represented Kerry South at U15 level against Meath. A special congratulations to Aidan, who had the honour of captaining the U15 side on the day. Well done to all four players.

OTHER CLUB NEWS

Congratulations to senior players Ciaran Spillane and Vanessa Dineen on their recent engagement. The club wishes them every happiness and best wishes for the future.

THE KERRY U20 ALL-IRELAND AND MUNSTER TROPHIES have been making the rounds, where Spa were proudly represented by player Joey McCarthy and team management member Conor Gleeson. One particularly special moment came at Spa U16 training, where Joey posed for a photograph with selector Mike O'Donoghue, who was a member of the last Kerry team to win the All-Ireland U21 title in 2008!

CLUB LOTTO

Spa Lotto 15/06/2026 Results. Numbers drawn: 1, 17, 18, 23. No jackpot winner. Lucky Dips €50 each: Dermot Clifford, Shane Wickham, Mary Devane, Seamus O'Donoghue, Grainne O'Connor. Next week's draw will be on Monday 22 June for a jackpot of €7,800. Play online via www.spagaa.com/draws



James Brosnan, who proudly represented Kerry South U14s last week



Joey McCarthy and Mike O'Donoghue with the U20s Munster & All Ireland Trophies



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By Dermot Cronin
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The day began with the stirring sounds of Tina Turner's Simply The Best as Kerry Under-20 All-Ireland winner Dara Stack of Kilcummin led the parade of schools carrying the Clarke Cup. He was joined by representatives of Scoil Iognáid Rís, Dingle, carrying the Andy Merrigan Cup, recently won by the Dingle senior club team in the 2026 All-Ireland Club Final.

Welcoming participants, Garda Eddie Walsh said that more than 4,000 children have now taken part in the blitz since its inception 22 years ago. He thanked the many sponsors, volunteers, Fitzgerald Stadium Committee members, stewards, serving and retired Gardaí, student Gardaí and Transition Year students from St Brendan's College whose support ensured the smooth running of the event.

Garda Walsh also congratulated the Kerry Under-20 team on their recent All-Ireland success and welcomed Dara Stack, former Kerry star and Under-20 selector Mike Frank Russell, and current Kerry senior footballer and teacher Tadhg Morley. Best wishes were also extended to Annablatha National School principal Patricia O'Shea on her forthcoming retirement.

Following 45 group games, the competition progressed to the knockout stages. Scoil Mhuire Killorglin, St John's Kenmare, Monastery National School and Kilcummin National School emerged from the quarter-finals to contest the semi-finals.

St John's Kenmare overcame Monastery National School, while Scoil Mhuire Killorglin defeated Kilcummin to set up a final showdown. After a

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day of outstanding football, St John's Kenmare emerged victorious to claim the Tadhg O Súilleabháin Memorial Cup, much to the delight of the players, supporters and teacher-manager Tadhg Morley. The cup was presented by Sean O'Sullivan on behalf of the O'Sullivan family, with Inspector Kevin Long also in attendance.

Individual honours went to Cian Lenihan of Kilcummin National School, who received the O Cinnéide Memorial Trophy as Boys' Player of the Tournament, while Mía Lynch O'Doherty, also from Kilcummin National School, was presented with the Garda Pádraig Twohig Memorial Trophy as Girls' Player of the Tournament by Inspector Kevin Long and Garda Diane Collins.

Concluding proceedings, Garda Eddie Walsh thanked the schools, teachers, parents, volunteers and players for making the blitz another tremendous success and said he looked forward to welcoming everyone back in 2027 for another memorable day of football and community spirit.








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Cardio has long been the poster child for weight loss — and for good reason. Activities like running, cycling, and swimming burn a high number of calories in a relatively short time. That immediate calorie burn can create the energy deficit needed for weight loss, making cardio a fast and effective tool, especially for beginners. Plus, it boosts heart health and endurance, which pays off far beyond the gym.

Strength training, on the other hand, plays the long game. While a weights session may burn fewer calories upfront, it builds lean muscle — and muscle is metabolically active. The more of it you have, the more calories your body burns at rest. That means weight training subtly increases your daily energy expenditure, even when you're not working out. It also shapes your physique, improves bone density, and helps prevent the dreaded "skinny-fat" look that can come from losing weight without building strength.

So which is better? The real winner is combining both. Cardio helps you burn calories quickly, while strength training transforms your metabolism into a more efficient machine. Together, they create a powerful synergy..

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Anyone can be affected by blurred vision. It could be a sign of getting older and/or needing new glasses, tiredness, or too much sun. But there are many other cause

s, and it could be one of the symptoms of a range of conditions including:

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

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

What are the symptoms of blurred vision?

Blurred vision is hazy and unfocussed, as though you

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

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

How do you treat blurred vision?

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

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Citizenship Ceremonies

Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd June 2026

Citizenship Ceremonies are major events in Ireland, symbolising new beginnings for thousands of people. With such large numbers attending, the impact on a town like Killarney is significant not just for traffic, but also for local businesses, accommodation providers and restaurants.

Key Details about Traffic Management in Killarney

- **Dates:** The next Irish Citizenship Ceremonies will take place on **Monday, 22nd and Tuesday, 23rd June 2026** at Gleneagle Killarney.
- **Attendees:** Over 10,000 people are expected to attend across five ceremonies over the two days.
Ceremony times Monday: 11:00 | 13:00 | 15:00.
Ceremony times Tuesday: 11:00 | 13:00.
Duration: Each ceremony is approximately 30 minutes.
- **Traffic Delays:** Significant delays are anticipated, especially near the **Gleneagle Arena** and along **Muckross Road** between **09:30 – 16:30**.
- **Parking:** Parking at or near the venue will be **very limited**. Guests are encouraged to leave cars at their accommodation and use shuttle buses.
- **Shuttle Services:** Free shuttle buses will run from the **train station** and from **Scott's Street**, starting at **08:00**



Advice for Attendees and the Local Community

- ✓ **Allow extra travel time** if you are heading to or through Killarney on these dates.
- ✓ **Use shuttle buses or walk** where possible to avoid congestion.
- ✓ **Plan ahead** if you live locally - routine journeys may take longer than usual.
- ✓ **Accommodation providers** are being asked to advise Attendees to avoid driving to the venue.



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Welcome for confirmation of HIQA registration for new Killarney Community Nursing Unit

Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry and Spokesperson on Older People, Michael Cahill, has welcomed confirmation that HIQA registration has been granted for the new Killarney Community Nursing Unit (CNU), paving the way for residents to move into the long-awaited facility.

Deputy Cahill, who is also a member of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Health, said confirmation from HIQA to HSE South West that registration will take effect from Monday, June 15th is a very positive development for older people, families, staff and the wider Killarney community.

“This is excellent news and represents a major step forward for older persons’ services in Kerry. The granting of HIQA registration gives certainty that this state-of-the-art facility can now progress towards welcoming residents,” said Deputy Cahill. “I want to acknowledge the ongoing work of HSE management, healthcare staff, residents and their families throughout this process. I



particularly welcome the positive engagement that has taken place with staff representatives and the fact that an agreed negotiated position will now proceed to ballot.”

Following engagement with staff representatives, the agreed position is due to proceed to a union

ballot between June 14th and June 21st. Subject to approval, a phased transfer to the new unit is expected to commence during the week beginning July 13th, following staff engagement and training.

“As Fianna Fáil Spokesperson on Older People and as a member of the Oireachtas Health Committee, I firmly believe that our older citizens deserve access to modern, comfortable and high-quality care facilities as close to home as possible.”

“The new Killarney Community Nursing Unit will provide a first-class environment for residents while supporting the dedicated staff who provide such vital care every single day,” he added.

“I will continue working to ensure that investment in older persons’ services remains a priority and that communities across Kerry have access to the healthcare facilities and supports they need,” concluded Deputy Cahill.

Relocation of Kerry Specialist Mental Health Assessment Hub as “a major step forward for mental health care in Kerry”

Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry and member of the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Health, Michael Cahill, has welcomed the relocation of the Kerry Specialist Mental Health Assessment Hub to the HSE Kerry Integrated Healthcare Hub in Tralee, describing it as a significant development in improving access to urgent mental health supports across the county.

The service, which has moved from its initial base at Caherina House to the Integrated Healthcare Hub at Rathass, adjacent to University Hospital Kerry, provides a specialist alternative pathway for people who require urgent mental health services.

“This is a very positive development for mental health services in Kerry. When someone is experiencing a mental health crisis, it is vital that they can access timely, specialist and compassionate care in the most appropriate environment,” Deputy Cahill said.

“The Kerry Specialist Mental Health Assessment Hub has already proven its value since it was established, and this move will allow the service to develop further by strengthening links between mental health teams, hospital services, GPs, primary care and community supports.”

The Hub allows GPs to directly refer patients for same-day access to expert mental health assessment, with care provided by Consultant Psychiatrists and Clinical Nurse Specialists in Mental Health.



Deputy Cahill, who serves on the Oireachtas Health Committee, said improving access to mental health services must remain a priority.

“One of the key benefits of this Hub is that it offers an alternative to attending the Emergency Department where appropriate. Previous analysis of attendances at UHK showed that more than half of people presenting with mental health difficulties could potentially have been assessed through the Hub instead.

“That means people can avoid lengthy waits in an Emergency Department setting and instead receive specialist assessment, support and a clear

care plan in a more suitable environment.”

“This is exactly the type of joined-up healthcare we need to see more of. By bringing services closer together, patients benefit from better communication, faster access to supports and improved continuity of care.

“I want to acknowledge the commitment of all HSE staff involved in delivering this service. Mental health affects families in every community across Kerry, and continued investment in accessible, community-based services is essential,” concluded Deputy Cahill.

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KILLARNEY VALLEY AC ENJOYS MEDAL HAUL AT MUNSTER U14-U19 CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Munster Athletics Championships continue with this weekend focusing on the U14-U19 competitors. Killarney Valley AC enjoyed a hugely successful weekend with athletes producing a series of outstanding performances to bring home an impressive 28 medals, including 12 Munster titles.

The club made a strong start on Day One, securing five provincial crowns. Lauren McEvoy claimed gold in the U17 100m, while Brayane Outtara stormed to victory in the U14 200m. Fionn Culloty added another title in the U15 1500m, David Watson cleared a personal best 1.83m to win the U17 High Jump, and the U18 girls' 4x400m relay team of Megan O'Reilly, Tara O'Sullivan, Bebhinn O'Donoghue and Maddie O'Riordan also struck gold.

Killarney Valley athletes added five silver medals through Charlie Clarke, Lauren McEvoy, Elle Fleury, Antonya Lejwoda and Klara Moraczewska, while bronze medals went to Leo Allen, Conor Duffin, Katie O'Sullivan, Sinead Coleman and Anna O'Shea. Numerous athletes also reached finals and recorded personal bests across the track and field events.

The momentum continued on Day Two with seven more Munster titles. Relay success featured prominently as the U16 girls, U18 girls and U18 boys all captured 4x100m gold medals. Individual titles were won by Leo Allen in the U18 400m hurdles, Finian Swarbrick in the U14 Pole Vault, Daniel Smith in the U15 Pole Vault and Dominik Wasila in the U19 Long Jump.

Further medals came from Lauren McEvoy, Junior Mayunga and Kieran Moloney, who secured silver, while Elle Fleury, Charlie Clarke and Junior Mayunga added bronze medals to the club tally.

Across the two days of competition, Killarney Valley AC amassed 12 gold, eight silver and eight bronze medals, with four relay teams crowned Munster champions. The results highlight the exceptional talent, dedication and hard work throughout the club and provide further evidence of Killarney Valley AC's continued rise on the provincial athletics stage.

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Killarney Valley AC athletes pictured at the Munster Championships



Two Days of Success for Killarney Valley AC at Munster Championships

Killarney Valley AC enjoyed a hugely successful weekend at the Munster Track and Field Championships held at the MTU Athletics Track in Cork, bringing home an impressive 28 medals over two days of competition.

Competing in ideal weather conditions, club athletes secured 12 gold, eight silver and eight bronze medals, while many others achieved personal best performances and reached championship finals.

Among the highlights were three outstanding relay victories against top-class opposition. The Under-16 Girls 4x100m relay team of Elsie O'Doherty, Sophie Culloty, Ellie O'Sullivan and Elle Fleury claimed gold, while the Under-18 Girls quartet of Sophie Duke, Maddie O'Riordan, Naoise Cronin and Lauren McEvoy also struck gold in their 4x100m relay.

The Under-18 Boys team of Ronan McGrellis, Jack Culloty, Junior Mayunga and Leo Allen completed a memorable relay treble by winning gold in their 4x100m final.

Club coach Tomas Griffin praised the athletes for their commitment and performances throughout the championships.

There was also significant success for Killarney Valley AC's growing pole vault squad, which continues to make great strides at provincial level. Several athletes secured podium finishes under the guidance of coaches Alan Burke, Finian Swarbrick and Daniel Smith.

The championship results underline the strength and depth of talent within Killarney Valley AC, with athletes excelling across a wide range of track and field disciplines and providing plenty of encouragement for the remainder of the season.

Coach Tomas Griffin pictured with the athletes





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- 2nd: Seán Murphy (23) 31pts.
- 3rd: Pdraig Collins (13) 29pts.
- 4th: Tom Coleman (13) 29pts
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RESULTS OF THE WEEKLY 9 HOLE COMPETITION (12TH AND 13TH JUNE)

- 1st: Finola Geary, 16pts (19)
- 2nd: L Nuala Ward, 16pts (22)

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18 HOLE STABLEFORD (CATEGORIES) HELD ON 13TH & 14TH JUNE ON KILLEEN COURSE
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- Overall Winner: Josephine O'Sullivan 38pts(20)
- Division 1 Winner: Kelly O'Donoghue 36pts(-02)

- Division 1 Runner Up: Anne Moynihan 35pts(05)
- Division 2 Winner: Julie Leonard 38pts(27)

- Division 2 Runner Up: Mary Looney 34pts(22)
- Division 3 Winner: Aoibhe Coghlan 33pts(31)
- Division 3 Runner Up: Breda Neeson 32pts(31)
- WINNER OF THE 11 HOLE STABLEFORD COMPETITION
Peggy Barrett 20pts(23)

ROSS GOLF CLUB (GENTS) ON JUNE 13TH AND 14TH WE HELD A CLUB STABLEFORD COMPETITION.

The winners were:-

- 1st: Cormac O'Donoghue 41 (15)
- 2nd: Donie Broderick 37 (13)

Division 1

- 1st: Donald McSweeney 34 (9)
- 2nd: Kevin O'Callaghan 32 (9)

Division 2

- 1st: Derek McAllister 37 (16)
- 2nd: Mike O'Keefe 36 (13)

Division 3

- 1st: Gerard Murphy 36 (21)
- 2nd: Seamus McCarthy 29 (19)

ON FRIDAY JUNE 12TH WE HELD OUR FRIDAY EVENING MIXED SCRAMBLE.

The winners were:-

- 1st: Daniel Cronin, Mary Moynihan, Maurice Coffey, Anthony O'Mahony.
- 2nd: David Murphy, Mary Nash, Niall O'Connell, Patrick Gallagher.
- 3rd: DJ Hayes, Anthony Cahill, Noreen Hayes, Seb Meenan
- 4th: Sean Hickey, Sheila O'Mahony, Luke Looney, David Coughlin.

CALLAWAY SUMMER OPEN SERIES (TUESDAY OPEN DAYS)

June 2nd result

- 1st: Gillian Cunningham. Warrenpoint GC. 20 (12).

- 2nd: Ian Cronin . Killarney GC. 19 (2)

June 9th result

- 1st: Anthony O'Mahony. Ross GC 18 (10)
- 2nd: Seamus O'Donoghue Ross GC 18 (6)

BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB - LADIES

18 HOLE STROKEPLAY COMPETITION PLAYED ON SATURDAY 13TH AND SUNDAY 14TH JUNE.

The competition was very generously sponsored by Siopashoo, Cahersiveen.

- 1st: Mary Jo Coffey (41) 66 nett
- 2nd: Marian Kerrisk (24) 70 nett
- 3rd: Maura Kennedy (38) 71 nett

NOREEN MOORE COMPETITION.

Best of Luck to all the ladies taking part in the Noreen Moore competition.

They take on Tralee Golf Club on Sunday 21st June.

KERRY PITCH & PUTT

Last Sunday saw the staging of the County Strokeplay Championships for adults in Deerpark as there was a new named added to the Senior Mens Cup.

Former County Board Chairman James Dignan of Castleisland took advantage of a final round



Photographed at the presentation of prizes for the Donie Broderick sponsored competition at the Ross GC are (l to r) Lucas Cronin, Seamus McCarthy, Daniel Ling, Winner, Donie Broderick , Sponsor, Daniel Cronin, Captain, Sam Guerineau



Photographed at the presentation of prizes for the recent stableford competition sponsored by John Cuskelly Painter & Decorator are (l to r) Steve Shine, Shane Dennehy, John Fleming, David Murphy, Winner, John Cuskelly Sponsor, Daniel Cronin, Captain, Frank Guerineau

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Trevor O'Donoghue, Sales Director Liebherr Container Cranes, Donie Buckley, Liam Sheehy, Keith Hassett CEO Kerry Parents and Friends, Vincent Casey and Frank Shaw at the Kerry Parents and Friends 38th Annual Golf Classic at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Trevor O'Donoghue, Sales Director Liebherr Container Cranes main sponsors, winning team members James Somers, Brian Scannell and Paul Collins, Tommy Galvin Organiser, Keith Hassett CEO KPFA (second row) Con Mc, Darren Walsh, Keith and Shane Slattery 3rd (back from left) Donie Buckley, Liam Sheehy, Frank Shaw and Vince Casey 4th at the Kerry Parents and Friends Association 38th Annual Golf Classic at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

of five under par for a winning total of 14 under par as like in the Tralee Senior Scratch Cup last month he piped Gavin Carroll by a single stroke in the finish. Carroll had shot the best final round of seven under par to move to 13 under for the tournament as he finished ahead of Deerpark's John McGrath on 12 under with 36-hole leader Stephen Conway having to settle for fourth on 11 under par.

The Intermediate Mens saw Ajay Barrett continue his magnificent 2026 thus far with another county title to go with his Junior Matchplay success back in April. The Listowel player shot the best 36-hole score of any player with 11 under par as although he dropped back to nine under overall after the playoff, he still had four shots to spare in the finish. Deerpark's James Fleming finished ahead of club-mate Gearóid Cronin on countback in claiming second place on five under par.

The Junior Mens event saw another player continue a good vein of form as Deerpark's David Harnett followed on from his run to the National Junior Matchplay semi-finals with a 10-shot victory over club-mate James Foley. Harnett finished one under for the tournament to add another county title to his collection as the Ladies grade saw Eileen McCarthy record a convincing win in the Gross section with a score of 119 (+11). Tralee's Catriona O'Connor won the

Nett prize with a score of 105 as Silvia Raicu of Tralee won the Second Gross prize on countback from club-mate Bernadette O'Regan with a score of 152.

The County Board congratulates all prizewinners last Sunday as it commends Deerpark on the condition of the course in advance of its hosting of the Munster Strokeplay Finals next month. Thursday (June 18th) sees the Paul O'Sullivan Memorial Open begin in Listowel for a three-day period as the event will be the first Open Singles held in Kerry since Deerpark discontinued their Open back in 2012. Next Tuesday night (June 23rd) sees us in Listowel again then for the conclusion of the Bob Casey Memorial Inter-Club Strokeplay.

Finally, the County Board would like to offer its sympathies to the family of John O'Mahony, Killarney on his death last week. John gave our sport great coverage in both the Kingdom Newspaper and his website Killarney Today down through the years.

DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB

COUNTY STROKEPLAY

Congratulations to David Harnett (Junior Mens) and Eileen McCarthy (Ladies) on their wins last Sunday on home turf as we also say well done to the two James- Fleming (Intermediate Runner-

Up) and Foley (Junior Runner-Up) on finishing second in their grades. Hard luck to both Gearoid Cronin and John McGrath on missing out on the prizes as we say a big thank you to our Grounds Committee for their efforts getting the course ready last week.

FLESK RESTAURANT SUMMER SERIES

June 10th Results- It was very, very tight between the Top 2 teams last week as one of our winners continued his recent streak of Hole-In-Ones! Winners: Jason Reen, Ronan Browne & Lucas Uchtyl 34¼ and Runners-Up: Jason O'Connor, Jean O'Shea, Donnacha Slattery & Alan O'Leary 34½. Same again next Wednesday night at 6.45pm.

COLLINS CHARITY OPEN

Well done to both Aodhan O'Halloran and Fionn O'Callaghan on winning the Mens Nett prize at this event in Cork last week.

PAUL O'SULLIVAN MEMORIAL OPEN

The County Board are running this event in Listowel until Saturday evening. Full details from the County Board Facebook Page itself.

BOB CASEY

Best Wishes to both our teams as they head for the conclusion of this event in Listowel next Tuesday night.

CLUB STROKEPLAY

Sponsored by Charlie Foleys Bar this three-day multicard will take place next weekend from



Kerry Pitch & Putt Chairman Damien Fleming pictured with some of the prizewinners from the County Ladies Strokeplay Championships in Deerpark last Sunday Eileen McCarthy (Deerpark, Gross Winner, right) and Silvia Raicu (Tralee, Gross Runner-Up, left). Absent from photo Catriona O'Connor (Tralee, Nett Prize).



Kerry Pitch & Putt Chairman Damien Fleming pictured with the winner and runner-up from the County Junior Mens Strokeplay Championships in Deerpark last Sunday, Deerpark duo David Harnett (Winner) and James Foley (Runner-Up).



Kerry Pitch & Putt Chairman Damien Fleming pictured with the prizewinners for the Senior and Intermediate Mens County Strokeplay Championships in Deerpark last Sunday: L to R: Ajay Barrett (Listowel, Intermediate Winner), James Dignan (Castleisland, Senior Winner), Gavin Carroll (Tralee, Senior Runner-Up), James Fleming (Deerpark, Intermediate Runner-Up).

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Friday June 26th-Sunday June 28th. Further details next week. A note also that Sean Kelly's Chairman's Prize has been postponed from Friday July 3rd to a later date TBC.

COURSE CLOSED

Please note that the course will be closed all day Saturday due to the staging of the Kerry v Armagh game in Fitzgerald Stadium.

MUNSTER STROKEPLAY

Please note in advance of this event which the club are hosting on the weekend of July 19th next month, the Committee have decided that the course will close to all general play from Monday July 6th. An announcement regarding official practice times for competitors will be made in due course.

DEEPEST CONDOLENCES

The club was saddened to hear of the death of John O'Mahony last week. John gave the club great publicity throughout his time in the media both with the Kingdom Newspaper and his website Killarney Today. We offer our sincerest sympathies to his family and friends.

Killarney Golf & Fishing Club Honours Long-Serving Staff Members

Killarney Golf & Fishing Club recently celebrated a remarkable milestone as two valued members of staff, Patrick Fleming and Marian O'Doherty, marked 30 years of dedicated service.

In a tribute shared by the club, Patrick and Marian were thanked for their loyalty, professionalism and hard work, which have played an important role in the continued success of Killarney Golf & Fishing Club.

The pair were honoured by colleagues and club members in recognition of their outstanding commitment and contribution over three decades. A special presentation of flowers and a commemorative cake was made to mark the occasion.

The club described the achievement as "a true milestone" and extended its congratulations and appreciation to both staff members on reaching 30 incredible years of service.



KILLARNEY BRIDGE CONGRESS -

a great success

Last weekend, 12th to 14th June saw Bridge players from England, Scotland, Wales, Belgium and from all over Ireland converge in Killarney to compete in our 2nd International Bridge Congress. Last year when a group of bridge players from Killarney got together and put plans in place to set up this Congress, they

hoped that it would be success and that it could be continued annually. Last year was such a success that the decision was taken to roll on and make it an annual event. Last weekend, the congress proved to increase in popularity with many more competitors taking part in the competitions.

The Castlerosse Park Resort was the venue for this prestigious event which took place over three days and the hospitality by the Management and Staff was second to none with all competitors complimenting the venue and the beautiful setting. Competitors who were also booked into a number of hotels and guest houses enjoyed the weather and took time out between games to experience Killarney, many cycling through the National Park, others enjoyed a game of golf, while some did a bit of retail therapy. Some choose to stay on for a few extra days to experience what Killarney has to offer..

There are some high costs involved in bringing a congress to Killarney and we are indeed very grateful to a number of businesses who help us with the cost with sponsorship. Without the generosity of these businesses it would have been impossible to get this Congress up and running. Our sincere thanks to Kerry County Council, Castlerosse Park Resort, Spillane's Seafoods Lackabane, Tricel, Dovidia, Keanes Jewellers, Killarney Golf & Fishing Club, Sleep London & Truffle Honey. Our sincere thanks too to the local Bridge Clubs for their support and the loan of their equipment. We are already putting plans in place for next years Congress and looking forward to this event growing over the coming years.



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Super Blues team Girls U10 Runners Up Aoibhe Sheehan, Lauren O'Sullivan, Beithinn O'Donnell, Amelia Healy (back from left) Amber O'Donoghue, Orlaith Audley, Alanna Kelliher, Robin O'Leary with Karena McCarthy Marketing Manager Killarney Credit Union Sponsors, Ted Healy team manager and Donie Murphy Chairman Killarney Athletic FC.



Dux Team Matthew Doyle, Liam Sheehan, Arran Griffin, Ronan Daly, Cormac O'Suilleabhain, Alexander Sheridan, Cillian Dennehy O'Shea, Michael Moran, Cillian Mulcahy celebrate their win at the Killarney Credit Union Killarney Athletic FC 7-A -Side finals in Woodlawn, Killarney on Sunday.
Photos: Michelle Cooper Galvin



Kilcummin Crew team Semi finalists Under 10 Caiden Smyth, Tommy O'Sullivan, Luke Casey, Ollie Collins, Finn Cronin and Alexander Collins Marc McCarthy, Jack Egan, Daniel Coffey, Jamie Lyne, Odhran Smyth, Oisín Egan (back from left) with Donie Murphy Chairman Killarney Athletic FC, Conor Collins team manager and Karena McCarthy Marketing Manager Killarney Credit Union Sponsors.



Celtic Team Under 10 Runners Up Conor Buckley, Nathan Foley, Eanna Myers, Odhran O'Shea (back from left) Cayden Koellan, Arron O'Callaghan, James Keane, Paddy Lynch with Dan Keane team manager, Karena McCarthy Marketing Manager Killarney Credit Union sponsors and Donie Murphy Chairman Killarney Athletic FC. Missing from the photo is Frankie Favier.



Dux Team Winners of the Under 10 final Matthew Doyle, Liam Sheehan, Danny Shevlin, Arran Griffin, Ronan Daly (back from left) Cormac O'Suilleabhain, Alexander Sheridan, Cillian Dennehy O'Shea, Michael Moran, Cillian Mulcahy with Donie Murphy Chairman Killarney Athletic FC, Nigel Sheehan, James Daly and Jonathan Sheridan team managers and Karena McCarthy Marketing Manager Killarney Credit Union Sponsors.

It was a lovely day at Woodlawn today when 7 teams took part in the our annual under age 7 a side tournament which is sponsored by Killarney credit union. Under 10 Boys Lucky Dux 2 Brexit FC 1 Kilcummin Crew and Celtic all took part in the underage boys with Lucky Dux and Celtic reaching the final It was a close game and went to extra time and penalties. Lucky dux coming out as champions for 2026.

The girls tournament was just as exciting where QPR took on the Super Blues and QPR turning out victorious winner 3 goal to 1. Thank you to Killarney Credit Union again for sponsor and to the referee and all that helped out on the day.



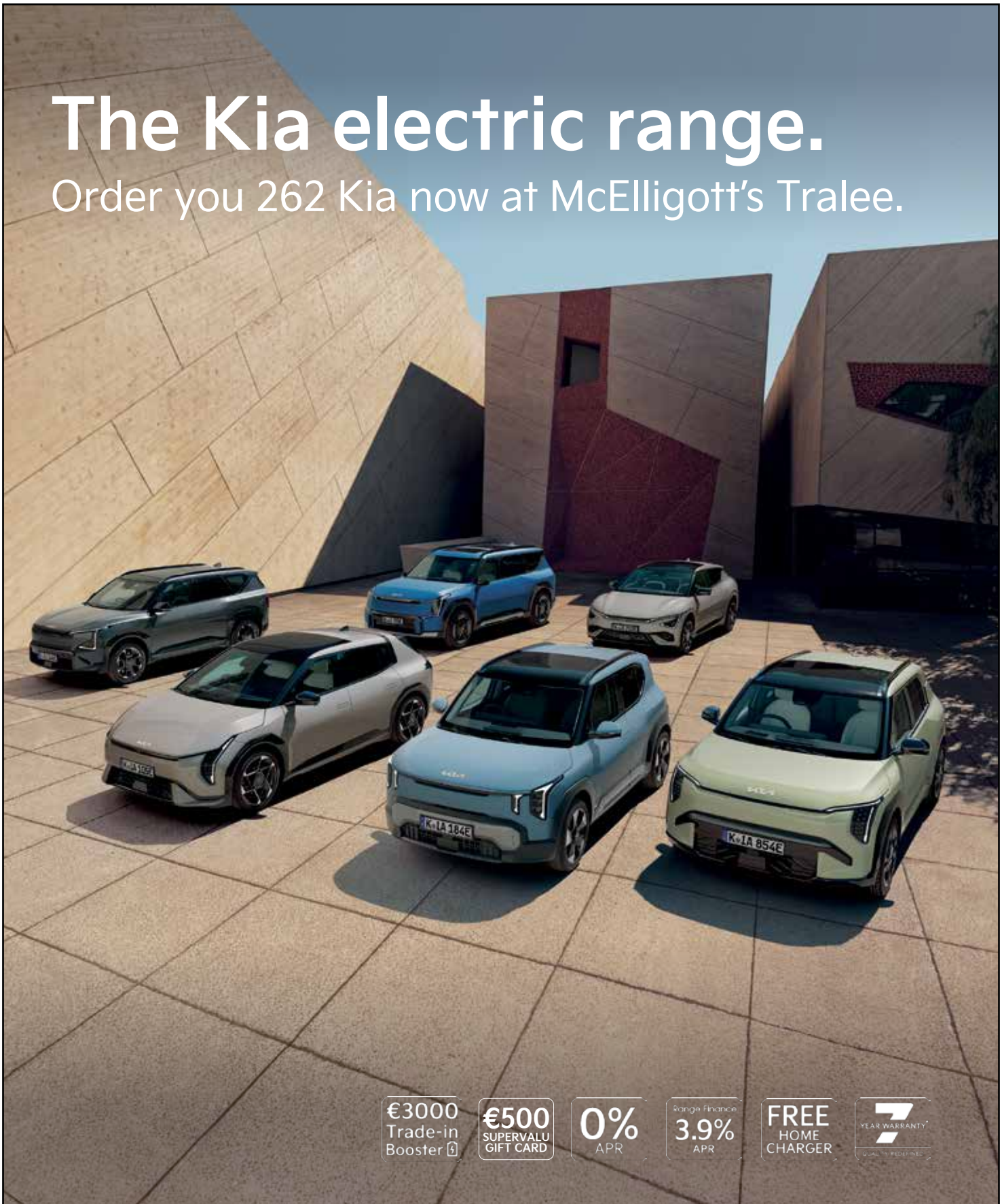
Girls U10 semi-finalists Cora Murphy, Nancy O'Riordan, Captain Clodagh Corkery, Natalie Murphy and Saoirse O'Sullivan (back from left) Nell Kiely, Olivia Bradley and Elenor Fleming with Karena McCarthy Marketing Manager Killarney Credit Union Sponsors and Donie Murphy Chairman Killarney Athletic FC at the Killarney Credit Union Killarney Athletic FC 7-A -Side finals in Woodlawn, Killarney on Sunday.



Brexit Team Semi-finalists Under 10 Paul Darlington, Kevin O'Connor, Lachlan McDonald, Rian Brosnan (back from left) Dylan Daly, Diego O'Leary, Daniel O'Sullivan, Callum Brosnan with Donie Murphy Chairman Killarney Athletic FC, Tom O'Leary and Wayne McDonald Team Managers and Karena McCarthy Marketing Manager Killarney Credit Union Sponsors at the Killarney Credit Union Killarney Athletic FC 7-A -Side finals in Woodlawn, Killarney on Sunday.

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KENNEDY CUP WRAP

The 2026 Kennedy Cup campaign for Kerry came to a close on Friday afternoon with a deserved 3-1 victory over Midlands, ensuring the Kerry Schoolboys League squad signed off their week in UL on a positive note and secured a 15th place finish overall.

While the week brought its share of highs and lows, disappointments and successes, the final standings only tell part of the story. For this talented group of players, the Kennedy Cup was a valuable learning experience filled with moments that will help shape their footballing futures.

The tournament began positively for Kerry as they negotiated a difficult three team group containing North Tipperary and West Cork. Two hard fought draws saw them finish second in their group and advance to the quarter-final stage of the Bowl, demonstrating from the outset that they were capable of competing with some of the strongest schoolboy sides in the country.

Their opening fixture against North Tipperary was a contest that highlighted both Kerry's attacking potential and defensive discipline.

Throughout the game, Kerry created the better opportunities and could easily have claimed all three points. TJ Ó hAiniféin was at the centre of much of Kerry's best attacking play. One particularly brilliant run saw him weave past several defenders before attempting to set up Yevhenii Mamontov inside the six-yard box. The resulting effort was saved before Rory Moynihan's follow up header was also denied.

Mamontov came close again midway through the first half when he rounded the goalkeeper but could only find the side netting. Luke Clifford and TJ both tested the North Tipperary defence from distance, while Kerry keeper Hunter Boyou was called into action only sparingly at the opposite end.

The second half followed a similar pattern. Kerry continued to push for a breakthrough, with

Tommy Ó Súilleabháin, Artem Zhandra and others all coming close. North Tipperary enjoyed some late possession but Boyou remained assured between the posts.

When the final whistle sounded, the score remained 0-0, but Kerry could take confidence from a strong performance that suggested there was more to come later that evening.

The second group game against West Cork provided far more drama. Donncha Ó Murchú gave Kerry a deserved lead before half-time, arriving at the back post to finish an excellent move and put the Kingdom in control.

However, West Cork responded strongly after the interval, scoring twice in quick succession to turn the game on its head.

To the credit of the Kerry players, heads never dropped. Instead, they dug deep and found a way back into the contest. Cillian Scannell was on hand to finish from close range after excellent work by Paul McGrath, securing a 2-2 draw that ultimately proved enough to send Kerry into the Bowl competition.

Two draws may not have looked spectacular on paper, but they reflected a side that was organised, competitive and difficult to beat, West Cork finished in seventh spot and were pushed to the limit in the end.

The reward for their efforts was a quarter-final clash with Donegal, who beat them earlier in the season during their inter league campaign.

Unfortunately, this would prove to be the most heartbreaking day of the tournament. The final scoreline of 3-0 perhaps did not accurately reflect the effort Kerry produced throughout the contest.

The lads competed bravely from the first whistle to the last and remained fully committed even as the game slipped away from them.

Donegal took the lead through a penalty midway through the opening half, with Hunter Boyou correctly guessing the direction but unable to keep the effort out. Kerry responded positively and created opportunities of their own, including a promising chance that narrowly

missed the target.

A superb save from Boyou shortly before half-time kept Kerry within touching distance at the break. The second half, however, proved cruel. A second penalty extended Donegal's lead before a well worked set piece resulted in a third goal.

At that stage the mountain became too steep to climb. Yet even in defeat there was much to admire. Kerry continued to battle, press and compete until the final whistle. The players never accepted the result and never stopped trying to find a route back into the game.

The defeat meant Kerry's hopes of challenging for silverware had come to an end, but there were still placement games remaining and valuable opportunities to finish the week strongly.

The first of those placement fixtures came against Limerick District on Thursday. Unfortunately for Kerry, they found themselves chasing the game almost immediately.

An early goal was followed by a second shortly afterwards, and despite creating opportunities of their own, Kerry struggled to recover from the difficult start.

One of the moments that summed up their misfortune came when Yevhenii Mamontov produced an excellent run only to see his effort crash back off the post.

Liam Mac Gearailt threatened from set pieces while Rylan Flynn and Hunter Boyou both produced important saves during the game, but Limerick District proved clinical in front of goal.

By half-time the game had effectively been decided at 4-0, though Kerry continued to compete strongly throughout the second period. Evan O'Donoghue, Jack Clifford and Luke Clifford all looked to spark a comeback, while Boyou produced several excellent saves to prevent further goals.

The defeat was disappointing, but it set up one final opportunity to finish the week on a positive note. That chance arrived against Midlands in the battle for 15th place on Friday.

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were determined to end their campaign with something to show for their efforts. The performance that followed was arguably the perfect reflection of the groups character. Having endured disappointment in previous matches, they responded with one of their best displays of the tournament.

Cillian Scannell opened the scoring midway through the first half with a superb finish into the bottom corner after excellent movement down the left wing. Kerry continued to create chances, with Tommy Ó Súilleabháin going close before Mamontov doubled the lead with a fine finish to make it 2-0.

Midlands pulled one back before half time to ensure a nervous second period, but Kerry showed tremendous maturity to manage the game.

Hunter Boyou produced a brilliant double save early in the half to preserve the lead before Jack Clifford effectively sealed victory with one of the moments of the week, unleashing a rocket from outside the box that flew into the net for Kerry's third goal.

Even when Midlands were awarded a late penalty, fortune finally smiled on Kerry as the effort drifted wide.

When the final whistle sounded, the celebrations reflected not just a single result but the relief and satisfaction of ending a demanding week on a winning note.

The 3-1 victory secured 15th place overall and provided a fitting reward for the effort the players had shown throughout the tournament. Great credit must go to head coaches Adrian O'Donoghue and Pa McGrath, who guided the group throughout the week, along with assistant coach Rory O'Sullivan and Mike Crossan. Their commitment, preparation and support ensured the players remained focused and united through both the highs and lows of the competition.

Representing Kerry at the Kennedy Cup is a privilege, but it also carries pressure and expectation. The management team helped create an environment where the players could enjoy the experience, develop their skills and grow as individuals.

While the quarter-final defeat to Donegal will undoubtedly linger in the memory, the overall picture is one of progress and development. The squad competed well throughout the week, remained competitive in every game and demonstrated resilience whenever setbacks arose.

Most importantly, they left UL having learned valuable lessons and having finished their campaign with a deserved victory. And as they celebrated that final whistle against Midlands, it was clear that finishing on a high was a reward fully earned.

KILLARNEY CELTIC

CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 8,14,16,23. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €40. Next jackpot €10,600 on Monday June 22nd. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through Clubzap.

SUMMER CAMPS

Booking for the Killarney Celtic Summer Camps are now open. Week 1 is Monday June 29th - Friday July 3rd. Week 2 is Monday July 13th - Friday July 17th. Booking through the clubzap link on our social media pages. For more information contact 086 224 3435

KENNEDY CUP

Well done to our players and coaches who were part of the Kerry squad at the Kennedy Cup in Limerick last week.

KDL PREMIER LEAGUE FINAL vs Killarney Athletic at Mounthawk Park on Saturday June 20th at 6pm.

SYMPATHY

Killarney Celtic was saddened to hear of the passing of John O'Mahony. John gave Killarney Celtic outstanding publicity over the years. The club extends its sincerest condolences to the extended O'Mahony family.

AGM

Killarney Celtic AGM will be held on Wednesday June 24th in the clubhouse at 7pm.

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC AFC

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- €100 James O Connor
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- €100 Pauline McSweeney
- €100 Der Brosnan

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Monday 22 nd June

Pitch 1

- 7.00 Senior Tim Jones Butchers v The Lake hotel
- 7.25 Senior Flesk Restaurant v Jack C's Ultra
- 7.50 Senior Fake Madrid v Macisback FC
- 8.15 Senior Tim Jones Butchers v Flesk Restaurant
- 8.40 Senior Lake Hotel v Des FC

Pitch 2

- 7.00 Senior MD Oshea V the Aghadoe Show
- 7.25 Senior Murphy Masters V Crystal Covers
- 7.50 Senior Wiggots Warlocks V Des FC
- 8.15 Senior MD Oshea v Murphy Masters
- 8.40 Senior The Aghadoe Show v Wiggots Warlocks

Tuesday 23 rd June

Pitch 1

- 7.00 Senior Tim Jones Butchers v Jack C's Ultra
- 7.25 Senior Lake Hotel v Macisback FC
- 7.50 Senior Jack C's Ultra v Fake Madrid
- 8.15 Senior Flesk Restaurant v Macisback FC
- 8.40 Senior Tim Jones Butchers v Fake Madrid

Pitch 2

- 7.00 Senior MD Oshea v Crystal Covers
- 7.25 Senior The Aghadoe Show V Des FC
- 7.50 Senior Crystal Covers v Wiggot Warlocks
- 8.15 Senior Murphy Masters v Des FC
- 8.40 Senior MD Oshea v Wiggots Warlocks

Wednesday 24 th June

Pitch 1

- 6.45 Senior Tim Jones Butchers v Macisback FC
- 7.10 Senior Lake hotel v Fake Madrid

- 7.30 Senior Jack C's Ultra v Macisback FC
- 8.00 Senior Flesk Restaurant v Fake Madrid
- 8.25 Over 35 Impact Boys v Last Orders
- 8.50 Senior Lake Hotel v Flesk Restaurant
- 9.15 Over 35 Pre Maradona v Impact Boys

Pitch 2

- 6.45 Senior Md OShea v Des FC
- 7.10 Senior The Aghadoe Show v Wiggots Warlocks
- 7.35 Senior Crystal Covers v Des FC
- 8.00 Senior Murphys Masters v Wiggots Warlocks
- 8.25 Over 35 Mackeys Crew v Leanes Tool Hire
- 8.50 Senior Murphys Masters V The Aghadoe Show
- 9.15 Over 35 Last Orders v Mackeys Crew

MASTERGEEHA

CONGRATULATIONS SHAUNA

A massive congratulations to Shauna O'Riordan, who proudly represented the Ireland U14 SFAI Team in a warm-up match ahead of the prestigious Schoolboys/Girls Football Association Cup, which takes place at the University of Limerick next week.

The tournament brings together national and regional football associations from across Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales, the Isle of Man, and Jersey, showcasing some of the best young talent from these nations.

Everyone at the club, along with your coaches, is incredibly proud of your achievement and the dedication and hard work that has brought you this far.

We wish you and your teammates the very best of luck as you represent both your club and your country with pride.

Best of luck, Shauna

MASTERGEEHA LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on 12th June 2026 for the Jackpot of €8,200. Numbers drawn were 6, 8, 18, 25. Consolations Prizes of €50 each to the following Anne Doran Allmans Terrace Tommy O'Connor C/o Tom Ulick, Danny O'Donoghue Kanturk (C/o John Cronin) & Ber Fitzgerald Online. Our next draw will take place on Friday 26th June 2026 at the Village Inn for a Jackpot of €8,400.



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HOME WIN FOR KERRY FC

Kerry FC 1-0 Athlone Town

By David Moriarty

Kerry FC were fully rested after the mid-season break, and they returned to action on Friday night as they took on Athlone Town back at home in Mounthawk Park.

Kerry FC finished the mid-season point with a 2-0 loss away to Cobh Ramblers, while Athlone Town ended the halfway point in similar circumstances, losing three on the bounce. Both sides wanted to start the second half of the season with a bang, and the home support hoped it would be the men in Green.

The last time these two faced off was in Athlone in an entertaining 0-0 draw, with Matthew Connor putting in a stellar performance between the sticks to keep his clean sheet intact. The last time the two faced each other in Mounthawk Park was Matchday Two, where a Cillian Tollett eighty-seventh-minute strike was enough for all three points to head back to the midlands. A draw and a loss so far this season for The Kingdom, so they hoped to get their first win against Athlone on their third time of asking this season.

All tickets on Friday were just a fiver, and with secondary schools finished for the year and just a few exams left to be completed, the weather made it an even better occasion and excuse for the Mounthawk faithful to come down to support their local in droves on Friday evening.

FIRST HALF

The game got underway under clear skies at Mounthawk Park, with Kerry FC looking to build momentum from the opening whistle. Colin Healy's side settled quickly into the contest and enjoyed some encouraging spells of possession during the early exchanges, although clear-cut opportunities were initially at a premium.

Athlone Town's first setback arrived in the seventeenth minute when Evan O'Connor became the first player to enter the referee's notebook following a jersey pull.

Kerry continued to look lively on the ball, moving possession confidently through midfield, but neither side was able to create a significant opening during the opening stages of the contest. A blow arrived for the hosts in the twenty-fourth minute when captain Sean McGrath was forced off through injury with a suspected hamstring problem. Daniel Okwute was introduced in his place and would go on to make a decisive impact on the evening.

Athlone produced their first meaningful effort in the twenty-fifth minute. Patrick Ferry worked space from a tight angle and drove a shot towards goal, but Matthew Connor reacted sharply to make an excellent save and push the ball clear of danger.

Kerry responded positively. In the twenty-ninth minute, Cian Brosnan tried his luck from distance, but his ambitious strike drifted over the crossbar. Two minutes later, Athlone midfielder Brian



Cian Brosnan being closely marked!
Photo: Konrad Pytowski

McManus was shown a yellow card as the visitors attempted to disrupt Kerry's rhythm.

The home side came agonisingly close to opening the scoring in the thirty-third minute. Sean O'Connell delivered an inviting free kick into the penalty area, where Ewan Lee expertly brought the ball down before laying it into the path of Jonas Häkkinen. The defender struck first time from inside the box, only to be denied by a superb save from Athlone goalkeeper Brendan Clarke. It was comfortably the best chance of the half and one that Kerry will have felt should have resulted in a goal.

Athlone's Callum Cleary received a yellow card a minute later as the intensity of the contest increased. Kerry remained on the front foot, and Sean O'Connell tried another effort in the thirty-fifth minute, striking from well outside the area, but his shot drifted wide of the target.

Two minutes of added time were signalled at the end of the half, but neither side could find the breakthrough before the interval. The teams went into the dressing rooms level after a competitive but scoreless opening forty-five minutes.

SECOND HALF

Kerry emerged for the second half with renewed purpose and were rewarded in the fifty-third minute with the decisive moment of the match.

What appeared to be a lost cause near the byline was transformed into a goal through the determination of Daniel Okwute. Thomas Considine looked set to shepherd the ball out of play, but Okwute refused to give up, dispossessing the Athlone defender before cutting inside and firing a shot on goal. Athlone managed to block the initial effort, but Ryan Perez reacted quickest to the rebound and tapped home from close range to score his first senior goal for Kerry FC, sparking celebrations around Mounthawk Park.

Athlone almost responded immediately in the fifty-sixth minute when substitute Cillian Tollett met a cross with a powerful header. Once again, Matthew Connor came to Kerry's rescue with a brilliant save to preserve the lead.

As the visitors pushed for an equaliser, Kerry remained organised and disciplined. Robert Keane was introduced for Cian Brosnan in the sixty-fourth minute to provide fresh energy, while Ewan Lee picked up a yellow card four minutes later.

Athlone continued to threaten and came close in the seventy-first minute when Brian McManus unleashed a fine effort from distance. Connor produced another outstanding save, demonstrating why he was one of the standout performers on the night.

Kerry managed the game intelligently during the closing stages. Matthew Britton replaced goal scorer Ryan Perez in the eighty-third minute as the home side looked to see out the victory.

The hosts nearly added a second goal in the eighty-eighth minute. Daniel Okwute produced a brilliant run down the left flank before drilling a dangerous ball across the face of the goal, but no Kerry player was arriving to apply the finishing touch.

Five minutes of additional time were indicated, and Kerry almost sealed the result on the counterattack. Okwute was again at the centre of the action, breaking forward and finding himself through on goal, but Clarke made an important save to keep Athlone's hopes alive.

Those hopes would ultimately come to nothing as Kerry defended resolutely through the remaining minutes. The final whistle was greeted by loud celebrations from players and supporters alike as Kerry FC secured another valuable victory at Mounthawk Park.

Ryan Perez's first senior goal for the club proved the difference between the sides, while Matthew Connor's series of crucial saves ensured Kerry kept a clean sheet. Combined with Daniel Okwute's influential performance from the bench, it was a night that underlined the character and determination within Colin Healy's squad as they returned to action with a deserved three points.

The Kingdom are just six points off the playoff places as they must now travel to the capital next Friday night as they take on UCD AFC in Belfield. Kerry FC Team: Matthew Connor; Sean O'Connell, Sean McGrath(C), Cian Murphy, Jonas Häkkinen, Cian Brosnan, Samuel Aladesanusi, Ryan Perez (GOAL '53), Vince Borden, Niall Brookwell, Ewan Lee.

Subs Used: Daniel Okwute, Robert Keane, Matthew Britton

Athlone Town Team: Brendan Clarke (C); Evan O'Connor, Aderinsola Adewale, Aaron Connolly, Patrick Ferry, Brian McManus, Gradi Lomboto, Peter Grogan, Thomas Considine, Callum Cleary, James Crawford.

Subs Used: Cillian Tollett, Robert Lyons, William Smith, Reece Webb.

DR CROKES

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LOTTO took place on June 15th Numbers drawn were 7, 14, 20, 26. Jackpot of €7,100 was not WON. 8 patrons matched 3 and receive €50 each. Jackpot for draw on June 22nd will be €7,400. Play online by following the link below <https://member.clubspot.app/club/dr-crokres-gaa/fundraisers>

BINGO

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

CONDOLENCES to the O'Carroll family on the passing of Eileen's sister, Sheila Mangan, and to the O'Mahony family on the passing of John O'Mahony. May they rest in peace.

NOTES

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

LEGION GAA

SYMPATHIES

The club extends its sympathies to the family of James Lucey who passed away this week. Ar Dheis De go raibh a Anam

LOTTO

Lotto Numbers: 1, 6, 8,12. Bonus 18. No jackpot winner. Match 3s/Lucky Dips: Marie O Connor, Joan Doran, Darren Oliver. Next weeks jackpot €6000 Plus €10000 for bonus ball

BEST WISHES

The club sends its best wishes to Padraig Brosnan who is recovering from a recent operation

U 12 GIRLS

Our u12 girls made the long trip to Listowel last Monday evening to take on the hosts in the latest go game in the county league series.

2 teams from legion a 10 a side and 9 a side took to the field taking on our hosts in a great evening for football.

It took our girls a while to settle but once they did their skill determination and endless fighting spirit shon through. This lead to 2 great performances by both teams Listowel Emmets were excellent through also and we thanks them for hosting us and we look forward to repaying the favour in a few weeks time. Also thanks to the young whistlers from Listowel who were wxcellent at refereeing both games.

U12 BOYS

Our U12 boys were in action on Sunday evening last away to our neighbours Kilcummin.

Two very competitive games were played, with excellent skill, determination and effort on display from all players.

A big thank you to Kilcummin for hosting and for providing such sporting and competitive games.

We now have a short break for a few weeks before turning our attention to the East Kerry



Glenflesk Mothers and Others team who took part in the Munster LGFA Mothers & Others Blitz held in Mallow last Saturday. They train every Monday evening and are always looking for new members. All are welcome!



Killarney Legion U11 boys took part in the Dylan Crowley Tournament in Gneeveguilla and represented the club brilliantly throughout the day.

League, where we look forward to returning with renewed energy and enthusiasm. Well done to all the boys .

EAST KERRY GAA

U14 COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

West Kerry 5-8 Eoghan Rua 4-6

North Kerry 3-15 Eoghan Rua 4-09

EAST KERRY JUNIOR LEAGUES 2026

Division 1 & 2, Round 1, Tuesday 30th June at 7:30pm

Firies V Glenflesk, Legion V Dr. Crokes, Rathmore bye, Listry V Currow, Gneeveguilla V Kilcummin

Round 2, Tuesday 7th July at 7:30pm

Rathmore V Firies, Glenflesk V Legion, Dr. Crokes bye, Kilcummin V Listry, Currow V Gneeveguilla

Round 3, Tuesday 14th July at 7:30pm

Glenflesk V Rathmore, Firies V Dr. Crokes, Legion bye, Kilcummin V Currow, Listry V Gneeveguilla

Round 4, Tuesday 21st July, Time: TBC

DIV. 2 FINAL

Tuesday 21st July, Time: TBC

Dr. Crokes V Rathmore, Legion V Firies, Glenflesk bye

Round 5, Tuesday 28th July, Time: TBC

Rathmore V Legion, Dr. Crokes V Glenflesk, Firies bye

DIV. 1 FINAL

Tuesday 4th August, Time: TBC

NOREEN LYNCH BLITZ

Noreen Lynch GAA blitz day took place last week in Barraduff Community Field. Conditions

on the day were challenging for all players. The large attendance present were delighted with the standard of football on the day. The format was seven aside games. Every player got lots of game time to improve and develop skill levels during the well run event. Thanks to Niamh Brosnan (Glenflesk) for supporting Vince Cooper East Kerry GDC in completing the match day programme. It was fantastic to see all the boys and girls in the Junior classes showing such great determination representing all schools with great pride. Congratulations to Barraduff NS on winning the shield on the day.

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

Kerry South U14/U15/U16 were in action over the weekend. It was great to see all the club players representing East Kerry in all age groups. Kerry South U14 played two excellent developmental games in Eire Og Cork. Every player gained valuable match day experience. Kerry South U15 played Meath U15 in Rathdowney, Laois. Every player got game time during the match showing the benefit of squad rotation at this level. Kerry South U16 played Cork Red in Aghabullogue GAA Club Grounds. The standard of football was superb with two well balanced teams serving up a fantastic open game of football . It was great to see all Kerry South teams been supported in such fantastic numbers across the country. These matches are important learning tools for the development of all players.

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KERRY SAIL INTO THE QUARTER FINALS

Kerry 1-19 Kildare 0-8

By Dan Kearney

Kerry secured a home quarter-final in the TG4 All-Ireland Senior Championship with a convincing victory over Kildare at Cedral St Conleth's Park in Newbridge.

Emma Costello was magnificent in a superb Kerry performance where Danielle O'Leary finished with 1-3.

The Kingdom were in control for long periods and produced an efficient display that saw them build a commanding lead before comfortably seeing out the contest. Defeat means Kildare must now face Tipperary next weekend in a bid to reach the last eight and avoid a relegation play-off.

Emma Costello opened the scoring for Kerry with a chance that might have been a goal, before Aoife Rattigan quickly levelled for the hosts. Kerry then began to take control through

scores from Jaydn Lucey, Danielle O'Leary and Niamh Ni Chonchúir.

The game's decisive moment arrived midway through the first half when Kerry struck for a goal. Caoimhe Evans surged forward on a powerful run before finding O'Leary, who used a clever dummy hop to create space to finish confidently to the net.

That score helped Kerry seize the initiative and they continued to build momentum through points from Siofra O'Shea and Mary O'Connell. Kildare responded with scores from Molly Aspell and Alannah Prizeman, but Kerry finished the half strongly.

Lucey added another point before O'Shea converted two frees to leave the visitors with a commanding 1-9 to 0-3 lead at the interval.

Kildare had battled hard but were left to rue a number of missed opportunities in the opening period, while Kerry could also have added further goals.



Niamh Ni Chonchuir of Kerry in action against Lisa Shaw of Kildare during the TG4 All-Ireland Senior Championship round 2 match between Kildare and Kerry at Cedral St Conleth's Park in Newbridge, Kildare. Photo by Piaras Ó Midheach/Sportsfile

Any hopes of a Kildare comeback were quickly extinguished after the restart. Aishling O'Connell and O'Shea extended the lead before Rattigan briefly interrupted Kerry's run of scores.

Kerry continued to dominate possession and territory, with O'Shea, O'Leary, Niamh Carmody and Róisín Rahilly all finding the target as the gap continued to widen. Rattigan and Aspell worked tirelessly for Kildare and accounted for most of their scoring, but Kerry always looked in control.

Further points from O'Shea, Carmody, O'Leary and Kiera Furey completed an impressive afternoon for the visitors, who finished with ten different scorers.

The final whistle confirmed a comprehensive Kerry victory and a place in the home quarter-finals, while Kildare's championship hopes now hinge on next week's clash with Tipperary.

Scorers for Kerry: D O'Leary 1-3; S O'Shea 0-6 (4f); J Lucey 0-2; N Carmody 0-2; N Ni Chonchúir, M O'Connell, E Costello, A O'Connell, R Rahilly and K Furey 0-1 each.

Kildare: A Rattigan 0-4 (2f), M Aspell 0-3, A Prizeman 0-1.

KERRY: ME Bolger; R Rahilly, D Kearney, E Lynch; A O'Connell, E Costello, A Dillane; A Galvin, M O'Connell; N Carmody, N Ni Chonchúir, C Evans; J Lucey, D O'Leary, S O'Shea. Subs: L McMahon for J Lucey (50), É Ní Laighinn for A O'Connell (50), N Quinn for C Evans (50), M Mulvihill for N Ni Chonchúir (53), K Furey for D Kearney (54).

KILDARE: C Nallen; M McDonagh, E Wheeler, L Shaw; H McLoughlin, R Sargent, L Lenihan; N Murphy, G Wheeler; L Curran, J Harney, M Aspell; A Rattigan, A Murnane, A Prizeman. Subs: M Doyle for M McDonagh (39), A Cahill for N Murphy (48), A Mahon for L Shaw (48), L Reilly for J Harney (50), S Galvin for L Curran (50).


Referee: C McCarthy (Cork).



Aishling O'Connell of Kerry in action against Meabh McDonagh of Kildare during the TG4 All-Ireland Senior Championship round 2 match between Kildare and Kerry at Cedral St Conleth's Park in Newbridge, Kildare. Photo by Piaras Ó Midheach/Sportsfile




Gillian Wheeler of Kildare in action against Aoife Dillane, left, and Niamh Carmody of Kerry during the TG4 All-Ireland Senior Championship round 2 match between Kildare and Kerry at Cedral St Conleth's Park in Newbridge, Kildare. Photo by Piaras Ó Midheach/Sportsfile



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COMFORTABLE WIN TAKES KERRY TO ROUND THREE

ALL IRELAND ROUND 2B Kerry 3-22 Kildare 0-17

Conleth Park is a lovely stadium. It's set at a slightly lower angle than most stadia, which does take a little bit of getting used to in terms of viewing angles. My only issue with it is size. The official capacity is listed as 15,000. That would be true if they were all hobbits. Arrah, small details. On with the game.

I didn't really want to be saying it out loud, but I think this was always expected to be the end of the road for Kildare. They qualified for Sam Maguire on the basis of winning last year's Tailteann Cup. Fair enough, but I personally believe that there are a few teams in this year's Tailteann Cup who would be a bit stronger than the Lilywhites at the moment.

It's a pity. I always liked Kildare. You think of players like Glenn Ryan, Anthony Rainbow, Martin Lynch, the ageless Johnny Doyle. Great players, they never had quite enough of them at the same time. And of course, all the Kerry connections. Leixlip footballer Jack O'Shea. Seamus Moynihan would make any all-time greatest fifteen during his tenure in the green and gold, but his older brother wore a white intercounty geansaí before him. Jack O'Connor managed Kildare, and his sons Cian and Éanna both played for the county. And who can forget Mick O'Dwyer and Páidí Ó Sé, master and apprentice on opposing sides in the '98 semi-final. Dwyer was still that bit too cute as yet, God rest him. Gaillimh cuter still afterwards, though. Micko's son couldn't break into the Kerry team; but he had the last word with an All Star with his adopted county. Cian O'Neill, of course.

When I think of Kildare nowadays, I go back to the U20 All Ireland semi-final in 2018. A certain David Clifford and Seán O'Shea were otherwise occupied in making their debut seasons with the Kerry seniors, but Kerry had a strong team out. Remember, they were coming off a run of four minor titles in four years (albeit Tyrone won the first U17 minor title in 2017).

We were well beaten. There was actually only a point in it in the finish, but it was one of those where the final margin flattered the losing side. They were the better team all through. Jimmy Hyland, in particular, cut absolute wreck. Kildare had a decent senior team at the time - Kevin Flynn, the Hylands, Keith Cribbin....Keith's younger brother Paul was on the panel; he gave one of the greatest exhibitions of colleges football I ever saw against Coláiste na Sceilge in 2009, only to lose out to a last minute Éanna O'Connor goal. Looking at that U20 team (they beat Mayo by two points in the All Ireland Final)



David Clifford in action for Kerry v Kildare.
Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans

and those Kildare seniors under Cian O'Neill, I really thought that Kildare were going places. Yes, Dulin was juggernaut, but with Meath in decline, Kildare could absolutely establish themselves as a strong number two in Leinster. Except that they simply never did. And I don't really know why.

Kerry were hurting a little bit after that Donegal game. I genuinely felt that people were reading too much into that one; Donegal are not as good and Kerry not as bad as some people seemed to be concluding. No, I didn't expect Cork to beat Ballybofey in Donegal, but I was very confident in myself that we would see off Kildare. I say 'we', but obviously I wasn't going to be doing any of the heavy lifting!

Kerry firmly set out their stall around the middle third right at the start. Mark O'Shea and Seán O'Brien were understated excellence again. You don't see much of them on highlight reels after matches, what they do is constant domineering effectiveness. And around them....Brian Ó Beaglaóich was my man of the match. Joe wasn't far behind him. Paudie Clifford....look, any team that lets this guy set the tempo is going to be doing any temperate waltz! Diarmuid O'Connor and Paudie Clifford with early efforts curling wide. Diarmuid has his power back but I felt that he looked like a player who needed playing minutes to get back up to top gear. Graham O'Sullivan, another dynamo, opened Kerry's account from a mark. Kildare were clearly playing very defensive. Weather the storm and look to counter.

Five years ago it was helping underdogs keep the winning margin down, but only by suffocating the games. Nowadays? Well, Joe O'Connor booming over a two pointer was a Kerry statement in its own right.

Paudie to Evan Looney.... good save by the keeper. As far as I could tell, he was going to be having a few more of those to make before the final whistle.

'45 taken short. Joe O'Connor to Paul Geaney and straight between the posts. Dylan Geaney could hardly travel back to Dingle town scoreless after Paul kicking a point, sure the family would never let him forget it, so he promptly swung over a two pointer. 0-6 to 0-0. A bit ruthless? Too right. Championship football. Don't relax.

They relaxed. Ah, lads. Well taken point by Jack Robinson, but he basically had all day to pick his spot.

Paudie Clifford was flying here and showed it with a two pointer. Robinson with his second. Lads, there's a serious blip on my radar. No, it's fairly obvious that Kildare are not going to beat Kerry today, but you give the likes of Conaty, Gallen, O'Donoghue room like that in a knock-out game? They will lap that up all day.

Kickout superbly fielded by Mark O'Shea (Shane's kickouts were brilliant). Straight into Paul Geaney and over the bar. Seán O'Brien with another. David Clifford with a goal chance.... yep, have to admit that keeper is good. Robinson with two more points. Joe O'Connor with an effort that dropped just short, could have been dangerous, but well cleared. Darragh Kirwan with a good score. We are looking deadly in midfield and going forward. Defensively? I'm beginning to have real doubts. Harder roads ahead, lads.

David Clifford on the scoreboard, but Robinson replied in kind. He has five points kicked without much pressure being put on him. Alex Beirne pointed for Kildare. 0-11 to 0-7. Just four points in it. The game should be over as a

contest, it's entirely our own fault that it isn't. Brilliant work by Brian Ó Beaglaóich and Graham O'Sullivan finished it off with his second point. Joe O'Connor with a great turnover and Dylan Geaney pops it over. David Clifford swivelled and fired over. Brian Ó Beaglaóich with a fine two pointer. That's more like it. Joe O'Connor to Paul Geaney, goal chance but cleared. Ben Loakman had the last score of the half for Kildare.

Double scores. 0-16 to 0-8. And it looks like Kerry will be the team scoring goals; Kildare haven't had a single chance at one yet.

David Clifford pointed to open the second half and then sent one into Brian Ó Beaglaóich to fist over another. Direct football. Alex Beirne replied from a free.

Electrifying pace from Evan Looney to slice through Kildare before laying off to Paul Geaney, but his shot was deflected at the last second. Paudie Clifford slotted the '45 and his brother added a point from play.

Brian Byrne with a point for Kildare. Darragh Kirwan, who is growing into the game, with a very good two pointer. Almost twenty minutes left.

And then it's over. It's just that fast. At this level, one slip will finish you. Eoin Sheehan's kickouts had been decent up to that point (Kerry turned over a good few, but that's because Kerry were simply winning so many individual duels around the field, especially in the middle third) but he finally put one too close to a Kerry player. And that Kerry player was David Clifford....'nuff said. 1-20 to 0-12.

Keith Evans to David Clifford to Diarmuid O'Connor.... 2-20.

Darragh Kirwan with a point. Dylan Casey replied. Kirwan again, a two pointer this time. Brilliant long distance foot pass by Tony Brosnan, and Seán O'Brien popped it over. Brian McLoughlin closed out Kildare's account with another orange flag. Three out of Kildare's four last attempts have been orange flags. How much would they have been worth earlier on? One last flourish by Kerry. David Clifford across the square and there's Gavin White to fist home.

Huge scoreline. Were Kerry brilliant? No. They were very, very good, but they were able to physical dominate and Kildare, respectfully, were very limited. I'm a bit worried about

how Brian Ó Beaglaóich came off limping. He definitely had a brilliant game, but with his history of injury....

Look, a win is a win, and that's the bottom line. But things are about to get tougher. We're at the business end now.

Kerry: Shane Murphy, Evan Looney, Jason Foley, Dylan Casey, Brian Ó Beaglaóich (0-3), Mike Breen, Graham O'Sullivan (0-2, 1f), Mark O'Shea, Seán O'Brien (0-2), Joe O'Connor (0-2, 1tp), Paudie Clifford (0-3, 1tp, '45), Diarmuid O'Connor (1-0), Paul Geaney (0-2), David Clifford (1-4), Dylan Geaney (0-4, 1tp). Subs: Gavin White 1-0 (for Brian Ó Beaglaóich, bs, 50-75 mins), Keith Evans (for Paul Geaney, 53 mins), Tony Brosnan (for Joe O'Connor, 53 mins), Armin Heinrich (for Mike Breen 57 mins), Paul Murphy (for Evan Looney, 57 mins), Killian Spillane (for Diarmuid O'Connor, 62 mins), Tadhg Morley (for Jason Foley, bs, 64-75 mins), Tomás Kennedy (for Paudie Clifford, bs, 66-75 mins).

Kildare: Eoin Sheehan, Ryan Burke, Mark Dempsey, Harry O'Neill, James McGrath, Padraic Spillane, Brian Byrne (0-1), Kevin Feely, Brendan Gibbons, Shane Farrell, Darragh Kirwan (0-6, 2tp), Colm Dalton, Ben Loakman (0-1), Alex Beirne (0-2, 1f), Jack Robinson (0-5). Subs: Brian McLoughlin 0-2, 1tp (for Shane Farrell, 44 mins), Ryan Sinkey (for Colm Dalton, 49 mins), Eoin Cully (for Jack Robinson, 53 mins), Tommy Gill (for Harry O'Neill, 62 mins), Darragh Swords (for James McGrath, 64 mins).

Referee: Niall Cullen (Fermanagh)

KERRY U20 TEAM 1998

Just for the record, these are the two teams that played in that U20 semi-final in 1918.

Kildare: Aaron O'Neill; Mark Dempsey, Mark Barrett, DJ Earley, Stephen Comerford, Jason Gibbons, Ruadhan O'Giollan, Aaron Masterson, David Marnell, Darragh Ryan, Padraic Nash, Tony Archbold, Jimmy Hyland, Brian McLoughlin, Paddy Woodgate. Subs: Shane O'Sullivan, Mark Glynn, Jack Bambrick, Cian Costigan, Sam Doran, Niall Murphy.

Kerry: Brian Lonergan, David Naughton, Stefan Okunbor, Michael Reidy, Mike Breen, Graham O'Sullivan, Daniel O'Brien, Mark Ryan, Diarmuid O'Connor, Fiachra Clifford, Eddie Horan, Dara Moynihan, Donal Down O'Sullivan, Bryan

Sweeney, David Shaw. Subs: Sean O'Leary, Brian Friel, Cormac Linnane, Michael Foley, Michael Potts, Cian Gammell.

Round 2A

Donegal 1-13 Cork 0-17

The first shock of the weekend, and you really have to credit Cork. I've rated them this year, in fact I was expecting a tougher Munster Final than we got. But then Donegal hammered us (yes, hammered, they were in cruise control in that second half). Cork had a struggle before overcoming Meath. And then to get drawn against Donegal in Ballybofey. I was certain that Cork would battle, but I was equally certain that they would lose.

And without taking away from Cork, and all I have seen are match reports and highlights, but it sounds like Donegal were on top without ever really hitting top gear. They led by 0-4 to 0-1. Michael Murphy pounced on a risky short kick-out and passed to O'Donnell for a goal. Both sides left goal chances behind them as Donegal led by 1-7 to 0-5 at the break. Ten minutes later the gap was seven. And then.... well, did Cork rise or did Donegal wilt? I don't know. But I do know that Cork have two pointers in their arsenal. Sherlock started doing his thing – early days, but he has to be in All Star conversations. Luke Fahy. Tommy Walsh. Sherlock again and Cork in front. Donegal had chances, including a rasper of a goal shot in the dying seconds that just blazed over. A crash landing back to earth for high-flying Donegal and a huge boost for quarter-finalists Cork.

Louth 2-20 Armagh 2-19

To be honest, I gave Cork more of a chance against Donegal than Louth against Armagh, and it's not like I was giving Cork much of a chance. Armagh started like a house on fire. Somehow, Louth just about hung on. Crucially, they were able to win a good bit of fifty/fifty possession, and there are few enough teams can say that against this Armagh outfit – we'll have a fair battle on our hands this weekend in that regard. Louth actually led by two at the break, but Armagh took control again. They looked to be starting to pull away before Dara McDonnell struck for a goal and Armagh's



Up close and personal, Joe O'Connor in action for Kerry v Kildare. Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans



Evan Looney and Tony Brosnan in action for Kerry v Kildare. Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans

Sisyphus was back at the bottom of the ill again. Noproblem, they pushed two clear with seconds remaining and it looked like they had weathered the storm.

I thought there was a bit of hit-and-hope about Sam Mulroy's effort, truth be told. I'd have tried to work a better effort at a two pointer – I think he was trying to lob it into the open square. As it was, I expected it to be gathered....I'm guessing Rafferty saw it late? However it happened, it brushed his outstretched hands....and fell into the net to give Louth a one point win.

Spare me all the talk about the clock and the hooter. Both teams knew the ball was in play. It's a thing to correct before other games, but no great controversy. Armagh coughed up a bad goal in a game they never convincingly put to bed. And RTE can roll out the conspiracy theorists all they want; Armagh are both smart and tough enough to be looking forward instead of backwards. They aren't gone yet, far from it.

Galway 3-21 Westmeath 2-21

Galway had a huge crowd behind them and gave them full value. Shane Walsh buried a cracking goal early on and Cian Heron added another. Paul Conroy was back to his formidable best. Matthew Tierney added a third goal. Westmeath had scored a string of points before that third goal left Galway in a commanding position at the break. Westmeath put up a good challenge but Galway genuinely looked like potential champions. They led by nine points with as many minutes remaining. Except that the drama was just getting started. Two pointers from Robert Forde and Sam McCartan and Jack Duncan's goal suddenly had the gap down to two points. Galway have been in tight spots before, though, and it showed as they clipped over the crucial scores with the game on the line. A goal in it at the end, but I don't think anyone can dispute Galway's credentials in a game that they dominated for fifty minutes plus against quality opposition. They weren't really flying high on my radar before now, but I wouldn't want to be getting them in the quarter-final draw (and I do know and respect the size of the obstacle between us and the quarter-final!

Tyrone 0-22 Mayo 1-18

This always looked like being the closest game – I don't think anyone was expecting those Cork and Louth comebacks! - and it didn't disappoint. Level pegging at 0-8 apiece at half-time and just a point between them in the finish. It was nip and tuck in the first half, Conn Kilpatrick fisting over the equaliser just before the half-time whistle. That could easily have been a goal, but Jordan Flynn could also have asked harder questions of Niall Morgan after being put through by a lively Kobe McDonald. The second half was a cracker. I would say that Mayo had a slight edge in general play but Tyrone were that little bit more efficient on the scoreboard. Tyrone dominated the third quarter, Darren McCurry coming off the bench to ignite their challenge. They were three clear entering the fourth quarter. Mayo weren't

going away, though, Kobe McDonald with a two pointer and Paul Towey having a goal effort cleared off the line after rounding Niall Morgan. In the 54th minute Darragh Beirne's goal put Mayo two in fron. Two McCury points to one from Ryan O'Donoghue made it a one point game. Niall Morgan equalised with a '45 but Sam Callinan coolly fisted over what looked like a winner. However, there was one last dramatic twist as Niall Morgan stood over a two point free and nailed it to give Tyrone the victory. Close run thing; I suspect that we haven't seen the last of Mayo yet.

Round 2B Monaghan 1-20 Roscommon 0-14

There's a lot of talk in the aftermath about Roscommon's collapse in the second half, having been the surprise team of the year and putting it up with defiant excellence to everybody who came before them. But I genuinely suspect that Monaghan aren't getting enough credit for their football. In the first half they played with the wind and led at the break by five points. But that was after kicking nine wides, dropping two short, leaving two goal chances behind them, and trailing by four at one point, mostly thanks to Daire Cregg. I'd say Gabriel Bannigan, generally one of the most considered and considerate managers out there, had a few words to say at half-time! Roscommon actually got the opening scores of the second half to cut the gap to two points. But then it seemed as if their engines stuttered and died. Or, more precisely perhaps, Monaghan tightened up and started really picking them off. They pushed it back out to five and this time, against the wind, they were able to control the play and always tack on a few points when they needed to. Roscommon can look back on a great year that ended rather abruptly. Monaghan are still looking forward, and I suspect a few teams are underestimating them.

Derry 1-20 Meath 1-24

Two of the great counties of yore. Meath have only re-asserted themselves after lying dormant by their own standards for well over a decade. Derry had a great young team start to emerge around a decade ago, the likes of Glass and McGuigan and so on. They rattled the glass ceiling fairly hard, but I honestly thought that they would have been in a couple of Senior All Ireland Finals by now, but it hasn't happened. Mind you, a lot of teams started picking up on physical training and the like around that time. Ulster, always and ever a cross between a lucky dip and an MMA melee, became even more so. This was a fairly intriguing match-up, I was giving Derry the nod.

The first half was tight enough. Tough enough too, with no less than four black cards, two apiece, in the second quarter. We saw against Donegal how big a price teams pay now for being down a man. Funnily enough, I personally have always been an advocate of thirteen-a-side at the top level. I want the most

skillful players to have space to work, even now with the new rules teams are working on killing off the space.

Meath looked the better side in the opening half, but young debutant James Sargent kept Derry in it. Great run for the goal and a clever finish under pressure. We all know who Kobe McDonald is; I'm telling ye, Sargent is another star minor who has brought it all straight into senior ranks. Level pegging at half-time, 1-9 apiece, and four men getting an extra ten minutes of a half-time break after one of those poser schmozzles that too many lads indulge in while going in at the break. It was Meath ahead by 1-14 to 1-13 when the lads returned, but three points on the trot gave Meath a good lead. Derry kept plugging away, but the Royals always had enough to see out the game after that. In the end McGuigan had a good effort at another two pointer drop short and it was substitute Killian Smyth who finally put the game to bed. A good win on the road for Meath, another year of licking wounds for Derry.

Cavan 0-16 Dublin 1-24

Well. Are the Jacks back? Con O'Callaghan is certainly back, and any questions about how much his absence impacted Dublin were certainly answered. He was at his imperious best here, kicking 1-9. With him as the focal point, Dublin looked a much improved side. Mind you, Dublin will admit that they are still a long way from the team of a decade ago (to be fair, we might never see a team like that again). Cavan actually led early on, but once Dublin clicked into gear, it was obvious from a long way out who was going to win. Dublin soon led by 0-6 to 0-3, and should have had a goal as well. Back came Cavan to lead by 0-9 to 0-7, but Con O'Callaghan's two pointer restored parity. Look, I realise that it's a statement of the bleeding obvious, but the fact that Dublin only kicked a single two pointer is a real issue for them. And there isn't an easy answer. It's very difficult to ask a team who completely dominated the sport by focussing on efficiency to suddenly start going for hit-and-hope efforts. Dublin led by just a single point at the break, but it felt like a game where Cavan needed to be at least three in front to stave off Dublin. Sure enough, the Metropolitan (yup, an old but genuinely nickname for the Dubs). They had three fairly decent goal chances without taking any, but did pick off some good points. Cavan, to their credit, stayed with them as long as possible, but leading by 0-16 to 0-14, Dublin bega to pull away and in the end it was fairly comfortable. Con O'Callaghan's late penalty just iced a cake that was already baked.

ROUND THREE

KERRY V ARMAGH (Fitzgerald Stadium, Saturday, 4.00pm)

We caught them cold last year. Sparked by Seán O'Shea, Kerry produced the best twenty minutes of football played by themselves or any other team last year? Can we do it again?

Jaysus, I have no idea. I'd make us favourites on home ground at full strength – there's an obvious issue there, though. Kerry have blooded a lot of good players but Armagh.... physically strongest team out there, full bench, long range accuracy, tight discipline (it used to be a perennial weakness of theirs). If they go all out....well, I've been saying for a while that I am only worried about one team, and it's this one. An awful lot depends on primary possession. If we let them get their running game going.... but then again, if they drop into a shell, I think Kerry can shoot out their lights. I'll give us a tentative – very, very tentative – nod.

MAYO V MEATH

McHale Park, Saturday, 6.00pm

I thought Mayo were partly unlucky against Tyrone and partly the author of their own misfortunes. They created the chances, just didn't put enough of them away. Meath are solid, I feel that Mayo have the potential to be more than that. Mayo and potential...how many decades now have we been singing that particular song? But I expect them to have enough in the tank for this one.

DUBLIN V DONEGAL

Croke Park, Sunday, 1.15pm

Your guess is as good as mine as to which Donegal or Dublin team show up. The Donegal who trounced us twice, or the Donegal that have been beaten favourites in Ballybofey twice already? The rejuvenated Dublin led by King Con that brushed aside Cavan with quite a bit to spare....or the Dublin we saw in all of their other games, limping along, limited in scoring ability. Donegal are a good bit better than Cavan; I suspect that they are a fair bit better than Dublin as well. As for any idea that the men on the sidelines have history....ah, lads, give over. Stop trying to inject drama. These are grown men and they will be focussed purely on winning, not any past history. Don't be trying to inject any false drama; there will be plenty on the field anyway.

MONAGHAN V WESTMEATH

St. Tiernach's Park, Sunday, 4.00pm

Two sides who have been a bit overlooked. Both are a good bit better than I expected them to be. I fancy Monaghan, I really think they have replaced Roscommon as dark horses this year. People forget that they took Armagh to extra-time in this year's Ulster Final. Westmeath have some impressive scalps under their belt already, and they certainly will put up a ferocious battle, but I respectfully expect St. Tiernach's Park to be the end of their journey for this year.

LADIES GAA

GROUP STAGE ROUND TWO

Kerry 1-19 Kildare 0-8

Two wins from two, and both of them comfortable. Kerry are now guaranteed a home



Danielle O'Leary of Kerry in action against Emma Wheeler of Kildare during the TG4 All-Ireland Senior Championship round 2 match between Kildare and Kerry at Cedral St Conleth's Park in Newbridge, Kildare. Photo by Piaras Ó Mídheach/Sportsfile



Emma Costello of Kerry in action against Lara Curran of Kildare during the TG4 All-Ireland Senior Championship round 2 match between Kildare and Kerry at Cedral St Conleth's Park in Newbridge, Kildare. Photo by Piaras Ó Mídheach/Sportsfile

quarter-final. Now, let's not be getting carried away; we certainly haven't met the top guns yet. But Kerry do look almost a transformed side in terms of pace, power, and quick decision-making. There's a confidence there. Kerry threatened to blitz Mayo right at the start. We took a while getting on the scoreboard though. Daniell O'Leary with the first burst.... was she fouled? I thought there was a tug, but the whistle didn't blow. Siofra O'Shea's turn next, but Kildare were able to bottle her up. Danielled again, but the pass was just a fraction too far and Corla Nallen won that race. Emma Costello's turn to power her way through, and she blasted a shot that dipped just over – I don't think it was a point that she was looking for. I was getting a little uneasy. Kerry were slicing through at their ease, but looking for

goals. For me, a tendency to always go for the jugular has actually been a slight weakness in this Kerry team; they lost games by going for goals that they would have won if they had taken their points. I'm not saying never go for it; just don't always go for it. Bird in the hand, etc. Great work by Alannah Prizeman for Aoife Rattigan to clip over an equaliser. Kerry got an awful lot of pressure on Prizeman, credit to her for power and presence of mind. Jadyne Lucey had the option of passing it back to Niamh Carmody with a goal chance on, but took her point instead. Kerry were finding their groove now. Danielle O'Leary and Niamh ní Chonchúir with very well-worked scores. Kerry did get a scare at the other end. Gillian Wheeler spilled it under pressure but recovered brilliantly and actually

got off a good shot, but Mary Ellen Bolger was well positioned and gathered it safely. The thing is that Kildare seemed to be afraid to shoot from outside the Kerry square. Everything was being worked in close, and this Kerry defence is simply never going to open up like that.

Kerry were much more direct, especially with their half back line bombing forward at every opportunity. Danielle O'Leary, a perfect target all through, gathered and ran at Kildare, dummied a pass, and cut inside before drilling it low and hard to the net. 1-4 to 0-1. Siofra O'Shea added a free. Mary O'Connell powered forward and split the posts.

Molly Aspell slipped cleverly into space and kicked a good point. Alannah Prizeman turned and curled over a beauty first time. Lana Curran got stood up well by Aoife Dillane at the expense of a free – given that she was nearly in on goal, I thought Aoife did really well in the circumstances. Aoife Rattigan, very surprisingly, kicked the free high and wide, a very rare blip by a very good free-taker.

Kildare were still taking too much out of the ball, though. Kerry showed them how it's done, two long kick passes and Jady Lucey just turned and fired over first time.

Siofra O'Shea added two frees before the break to leave Kerry leading by 1-9 to 0-3.

Meabh McDonagh had two chances to open the second half scoring, but couldn't take either. Instead, it was Aishling O'Connell who fisted over after good work by Niamh ní Chonchúir, and Aishling then won a free converted by Siofra. Aoife Rattigan slotted a free of her own, but Siofra replied in kind after a foul on Aoife Dillane. Kerry's half back line, especially Ema Costello, were absolutely imperious here. Danielle O'Leary and Molly Aspell traded points. 1-13 to 0-5.

Niamh Carmody boomed over from long distance, she was just barely inside the arc. Roisín Rahilly fired over. It wasn't a case of whether Kerry would win now, it was a case of by how much.

Aoife Rattigan with a Kildare point after Deirdre Kearney closed off any path towards goal. Siofra O'Shea fisted over at the other end, though, and Niamh Carmody added another. Aoife Rattigan pointed one last free and then went for goal with one – not really on, but sure, it's not like there was much to lose at that stage. As it was, Eilís Lynch was alert to the danger. Molly Aspell closed out Kildare's scoring before Danielle O'Leary and sub Keira Furey finished off a comprehensive and very impressive Kerry victory.

Kerry: Mary Ellen Bolger, Roisín Rahilly (0-1), Deirdre Kearney, Eilís Lynch, Aishling O'Connell (0-1), Emma Costello (0-1), Aoife Dillane, Anna Galvin, Mary O'Connell (0-1), Niamh Carmody (0-2), Niamh Ní Chonchúir (0-1), Caoimhe Evans, Jady Lucey (0-2), Danielle O'Leary (1-3), Siofra O'Shea (0-6, 4f). Subs: Leah McMahon (for Jady Lucey, 50 mins), Éabha Ní Laighinn (for Aishling O'Connell, 50 mins), Niamh Quinn (for Caoimhe Evans, 50 mins), Mikaela Mulvihill (for Niamh Ní Chonchúir, 53 mins), Keira Furey 0-1 (for Deirdre Kearney, 54 mins).

Kildare: Corla Nallen, Meabh McDonagh, Emma Wheeler, Lisa Shaw, Hazel McLoughlin,

Ruth Sargent, Laoise Lenihan, Nanci Murphy, Gillian Wheeler, Lara Curran, Jessica Harney, Molly Aspell (0-3), Aoife Rattigan (0-4, 2f), Aoife Murnane, Alanna Prizeman (0-1). Subs: Mayah Doyle (for Meabh McDonagh, 39 mins), Abaigh Cahill (for Nanci Murphy, 48 mins), Amy Mahon (for Lisa Shaw, 48 mins), Lia Reilly (for Jessica Harney, 50 mins), Siofra Galvin (for Lara Curran, 50 mins).

Referee: Conor McCarthy (Cork).

NBA FINALS

The New York Knicks. Somehow I just couldn't ever root for the Knicks. I don't know exactly why. It's not as if a cheerful culchie from the outskirts of Killarney grew up immersed in NBA culture. Killarney does have a strong basketball tradition that goes back to at least the late forties, but not so much the NBA. Yes, in the early nineties Michael Jordan took the game into the stratosphere, around the same time as NWA were revolutionising hip hop. You see a lad footing turf while happily singing along to 'Straight Outta Compton'....well, as the saying goes, many and diverse are the faces of God.

The Knicks.....no. Sorry, but just no. They are like the Dublin of America. I like Dublin people, I really do. But they completely dominate our cultural and sporting landscape. They are always the favourites, just by weight of numbers, and we have always been a people who root for the underdog.

The Knicks started off every year with hope, and their challenge always looked realistic early on before fading away. And that was the natural order of things. Patrick Ewing, Carmelo Anthony....great players, but they don't wear rings.

Not that I'd be rooting for the San Antonio Spurs. Texas and Florida always strike me as.... how do I put this....monocultural? Draped with overtones of Gilead? Now, I've never been to neither place, and those I have met from there have been lovely people, but I think I've read two many westerns from the forties and fifties where the heroes are very clean-cut, very macho, and very, very caucasian. Think about the movie 'High Noon' for a minute. Kaly Jurado was gorgeous, witty, obviously loved him, but

no, Gary Cooper was always going to end up with Grace Kelly, even though, quite frankly, she was up herself for a lot of that movie. It's no fault of the players or supporters, but ah no, I couldn't be cheering for the Spurs.

But the Knicks? It's nothing against the players. Nothing against the supporters – definitely not, their response to Donald Trump in Game Three was a highlight moment. This is New York, your majesty, they absolutely despise you. And like, yeah, 1973, that's a long time. You couldn't really begrudge them

But the celebrity hangers on....ah, lads. I'll allow a couple of them. The likes of Ben Stiller and Mariska Hargitay have put in their time. Jerry Seinfeld was there in the hard years and never made it about himself. I was very, very sceptical about Anne Hathaway, but it turns out, in fact, that she has been a fan since childhood. Spike Lee attended a lot of their games over the years, but not because he wanted to see the Knicks, he wanted to be seen himself. Great filmmaker, but pure showboater. Chris Rock is even more annoying as a constant duracell bunny, but I don't find him particularly funny anyway, so that might be my own bias. Bad Bunny I can forgive, purely for the Spanish songs at the Superbowl. He's also one of the few who doesn't gurn for the cameras.

Timotheé Chalomet. Stop, lad. Brilliant actor, his performance in 'The King' as Henry V may be the best I have seen (Dune was chronically bad). But when a lad with an accent and a silent 't' in his name is pretending to eat a hotdog and very gingerly give someone a high five....sorry, Timotheé, you are not that good an actor. Cardi B...I don't know. There's a bit of New York 'in your face' about her and it might be genuine.

Sydney Sweeney. No, stop. I'm not saying that Sydney Sweeney isn't one of the versatile actresses of all time, easily capable of a repertoire that includes but is not strictly limited to 'kind of vaguely cute, in a very petulant and complaining way'. I'm just saying that if so, it is very well hidden.



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Large Crowd Gathers at Killarney Friary for Feast of St. Anthony Celebration

The Feast of St. Anthony was celebrated in impressive fashion at the Friary in Killarney on Friday morning, with a large congregation gathering for the 10 a.m. Mass.

An estimated 500 to 600 people attended the celebration, filling the church and spilling out into the surrounding grounds. The remarkable turnout reflected the deep devotion and affection many hold for St. Anthony and the long-standing tradition of celebrating his feast day.

The Mass was described as a joyful and uplifting occasion, bringing together people of all ages in prayer, reflection, and community spirit. The atmosphere throughout the celebration was one of warmth, faith, and gratitude, making it a memorable event for all who attended.

This year's preacher for the nine-day novena was Fr Joe Condren OFM, a Dublin native who is well known to the Killarney Friary community. Fr Joe was a member of the Killarney Franciscan community from 2000 to 2002 and again from 2011 to 2014, where he formed many lasting connections with parishioners and local families.

Since leaving Killarney, Fr Joe has ministered in Zimbabwe and served as Vicar Provincial of the Irish Franciscan Province from 2017 to 2023. He is now based in Rome at St Isidore's College, the Irish Franciscan College, and is involved in ministry at the General Curia, the headquarters of the Order of Friars Minor (OFM).

His presence as novena preacher this year was warmly welcomed by the congregation, many of whom were delighted to renew acquaintances with him. Throughout the novena, Fr Joe's reflections and preaching were greatly appreciated, helping to make the celebration a spiritually enriching experience.

The large attendance at the Feast Day Mass highlighted the important role the Friary continues to play in the spiritual life of the local community. For many present, the Feast of St. Anthony was not only a religious observance but also an opportunity to gather with friends, neighbours, and visitors in a shared expression of faith.

Those attending spoke of the special sense of unity and inspiration experienced during the Mass, making it a truly fitting celebration of one of the Church's most beloved saints.



A Word of Victory

"Rather, you must grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. All Glory to Him, both now and forever!" (2 Peter 3:18).

Welcome back dear student, Peter warns that before the Lord Jesus Christ returns, there will be scoffers, controlled by their own sinful desires, who will mock believers in Jesus. He alerts us to get priorities in order, for everything will be tested by fire, just as in the past the earth was judged by water. Some spend all their energy and lives building empires that will one day become a heap of ashes (1 Corinthians 3:11-20). Sadly, many turn away from laying a proper spiritual foundation that would benefit both themselves and their children because of carnal activities. The greatest generational wealth and blessing - True Wisdom, and Peace, is found in the deep richness of drawing closer to God through the Lord Jesus. At life's end it's all that will matter. When some Greeks met Philip, they had a simple request "Sir, we want to see Jesus" (John 12:21). Watching a video recently on the Titanic, I saw it sinking and falling down to the ocean floor. It depicted how all the debris went flying off the ship, including masses of documents. No doubt much of the fragments were expensive, perhaps even priceless, and so important - BEFORE the ship sank. How much stuff do we value and look after meticulously that's really worthless in the whole scheme of eternity? Like, will Jesus look for material accomplishments, or account balance sheets when we close our eyes and meet Him? No, but He is going to say one of two things - 'well done, good and faithful servant' or - 'depart from Me, I never knew you! (Matthew 25:23; Matthew 7:21-23). One is a joyful prospect; the other, chilling.

Folks carefully curate their financial and legal matters, and protect their most valuable earthly assets, yet ignore their eternal, ultimate destiny. Multitudes chase and celebrate great personal feats and exploits, but spiritually they are illiterate weaklings. Not wishing to offend or sound judgemental here friend, but don't ignore the greatest achievement you will ever gain. Salvation - being made right with God through the sacrifice that His Son Jesus gave for the forgiveness of our sins, resulting in redemption from the kingdom of darkness, is the most precious Gift ever given (Colossians 1:9-14). See, it's not a thing - it's Him! Oh, that we would see the Lord Jesus and would earnestly seek His face and grow to know Him more every day. Then, when it's time to leave this earth at a ripe old age, a sign will be posted saying, 'Gone home'.

We are not destined for destruction, but for Grace, Mercy, and Love (Hebrews 10:38-39). Premature death, sickness, breakdown, and isolation are not God's plans for life on earth. The only way of finding out His good and perfect will is through the study of His Word, and taking the time to pray, asking the Holy Spirit to reveal God's Truth. Our freedom and peace is what the Lord Jesus paid for with His Blood (Galatians 5:1). The world tries to convince people to look to the universe for light in themselves, and through babbling unanswered prayers (Matthew 6:6-23). What is being taught as light, is actually deep darkness. But the Living God, Creator of all, is waiting to be found by those who seek Him (Jeremiah 29:11-14). The greatest Architect has carefully considered plans and blueprints to create a beautiful legacy in our lives, if we will invite Him in, and submit to His Lordship (Isaiah 61:1-9; John 3:16). Submission means humbly yielding to God's Spirit to see His Kingdom reign. Then, we will see the Lord Jesus and reflect His Glory forever!

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 Holy Spirit, please give us compassion and courage to help them in any way we can. Amen.
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & 1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

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On Paddy's First Anniversary, his family wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to all those who sympathised with and supported us following our sad loss. We offer a special word of thanks to all who came to the scene of the accident, especially the first responders, the Gardai from Kenmare and Killarney, and Fr. Niall Howard, who administered the Last Rites. Your kindness and care were a great source of comfort to our family.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who called to our home, attended Paddy's removal and funeral, sent Mass cards and messages of sympathy, and especially to those who travelled long distances to be with us during such a difficult time. Our sincere thanks to the guards of honour from Paddy's former colleagues in Kerry County Council, Glenflesk GAA, and the Ring of Kerry cyclists. The respect and friendship shown to Paddy and our family meant so much to us. We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to Michael O'Shea and his team at O'Shea's Undertakers for their exceptional care, compassion and guidance throughout. Their professionalism and support were a great help to us at a very difficult time.

We are very grateful to Tadhgíe Fleming and all the priests who concelebrated Paddy's Funeral Mass. In a very special way, we remember Paddy's cousin, the late Fr. Paddy O'Donoghue RIP, and our beloved nephew and cousin, Fr. Odhrán Furlong PP RIP, New Ross, Co. Wexford, both of whom so faithfully concelebrated the Funeral Mass and whose loss since has been deeply felt by all who knew and loved them.

We also thank the cathedral organist and Paddy's daughter-in-law, Katie O'Donoghue, whose beautiful singing added so much to the celebration of Paddy's life. We extend our sincere thanks to the Glenflesk Singers for their beautiful singing at the graveside. Their contribution made Paddy's final farewell especially meaningful and brought great comfort to our family.

A special word of thanks to Sandra and all the staff at Killarney Printing for their kindness and assistance in preparing the Mass booklets.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as a sincere expression of our gratitude. The kindness, support and prayers we received over the past year have been a great source of strength and comfort and will never be forgotten.

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Forever loved and dearly missed by his beloved wife Brenda, his children Florence, Áine, Denise, Brenda, Báirbre, Patrick and Alice, his grandchildren, sons- and daughters-in-law, and his extended family.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & 1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

MICHAEL FURLONG



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On the first anniversary of Michael's passing, we his family would like to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all who supported us during the past twelve months especially extended family, friends and neighbours.

A special thanks to all who attended Michael's rosary, removal and funeral Mass. A sincere thanks to everyone who sent Mass cards, letters, online condolences, kind messages, those who called and brought food to the house, and those who travelled long distances to attend the funeral. We truly appreciated it all.

A special word of thanks to Fr. Kieran O'Brien for his guidance, support and thoughtful words in the meaningful celebration of Michael's funeral Mass.

To Helen Kerins and Denis Crowley, thank you for the beautiful music and singing that enriched the funeral Mass, it was very personal and touching.

Thanks to the doctors, nurses and staff at University Hospital Kerry who took such wonderful care of Michael when he was in their care.

Grateful thanks to Dr. John Geaney and his staff at Cahernane Meadows who gave great care to Michael over many years.

Thanks to Liam Sheehan and his staff at Sheehans pharmacy for their endless support.

A special thank you to Michael O'Shea Funeral Directors, and all at O'Sheas funeral home for their kindness, professionalism and care at such a difficult time.

As it would not be possible to thank everyone individually, we hope this acknowledgment will be accepted as token of our appreciation and the Holy Sacrament of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

1st Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, 21st June at 8:00am in St. Marys Cathedral, Killarney.

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Amen.

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