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A Note from the EDITOR



In a week when we celebrated Shrove Tuesday, we have a busy magazine for you to enjoy. Young scientists from Meentogues displayed their project at the Intel® Mini Scientist Grand Final in Dublin, the Meitheal were out in force again tackling woodland restoration and there was a huge turnout for the Soroptimist's annual coffee morning fundraiser.

An Taoiseach Micheál Martin officially opened an exhibition on the origins and early years of Fianna Fail in Kerry, Dr. Crokes GAA Club honoured their award winners and Listry GAA Club and MEK Gaels held their Valentines €26,000 draw.

Members of the victorious team that won the Senior County Camogie Championship almost six decades ago were honoured at the Fitzgerald Stadium, Kerry Library is inviting everyone to get lost in a good book and top students have been honoured at national level.

A coffee morning to raise funds for Kerry Stars was a resounding success, the South Kerry Jobs Fair is going from strength to strength and there has been a broad welcome for roads funding in Kerry.

In sport Kerry FC kick off their first division campaign, we have plenty of action from the basketball courts and Jimmy takes a look at All Things Sport.

Sit back and enjoy this week's Killarney Outlook Magazine.



Aisling Crosbie



A beautiful sunset captured in Kilcummin by Catriona Hughes

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Meentogues NS Pupils Shine at Intel® Mini Scientist Grand Final

Three students from Meentogues NS in the parish of Rathmore represented their school with pride at the Intel® Mini Scientist Grand Final Competition in Dublin last Friday.

Conor Fleming, Ivy Cahill and Pdraig McCarthy showcased their project, The Five Elements and How Important They Are in Our Daily Lives, impressing judges and visitors alike with their knowledge and presentation skills.

The Intel® Mini Scientist competition gives primary school students the opportunity to explore science and technology through project-based learning and exhibitions. Pupils from 4th, 5th and 6th classes are invited to create science projects which are first exhibited in their own schools. Winning projects then progress to the prestigious Grand Final event, where the overall Mini Scientist is crowned.



Pdraig McCarthy, Ivy Cahill and Conor Fleming, Meentogues National School who took part in the Intel® Mini Scientist Grand Final Competition in Dublin last Friday. Photo Marc O'Sullivan Photography.

Pancake Treat for Meitheal Volunteers on Shrove Tuesday

On Shrove Tuesday, the hardworking members of the Meitheal were treated to a delicious surprise in recognition of their ongoing dedication and community spirit.

Thanks to the generosity and culinary talents of Orla, chef at Bricín, volunteers gathered to enjoy a wonderful pancake feast prepared especially for them. The thoughtful gesture brought smiles all around as the team took a well-earned break to celebrate the traditional pancake day together.

The Meitheal volunteers, known for their tireless efforts and commitment towards woodlands restoration, greatly appreciated the treat. The warm pancakes, served fresh on Shrove Tuesday, provided not only a tasty indulgence but also a moment of camaraderie and appreciation for all their hard work.

The pancakes, served fresh on Shrove Tuesday, went down a treat with the hard workers who give up their time voluntarily twice a week.





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Hundreds of people turned out for a fantastic morning of food, friendship and fundraising at the Killarney Soroptimist Club's Annual Pancake & Coffee Morning on Shrove Tuesday. Held on Pancake Tuesday at the Killarney Avenue Hotel from 10.30am, the much-anticipated event once again proved to be a highlight on the local calendar. The venue was filled with a warm and welcoming atmosphere as members of the community gathered to enjoy delicious pancakes, freshly brewed coffee and lively conversation. The popular annual fundraiser was organised in aid of two vital local services Rockmount Care Centre in Kilgarvan and St Mary of the Angels in Beaufort, both of which provide essential care and support within the community. Thanks to the tremendous support on the day, significant funds were raised to assist the invaluable work carried out by both centres. Guests also enjoyed raffles and door prizes, which added to the excitement and generosity of the occasion. Among the standout prizes was a two-night bed and breakfast stay at the luxurious Hayfield Manor Hotel, which drew great interest. Tickets were priced at €20, with every euro raised going directly to the chosen beneficiaries. The strong attendance reflected the high regard in which the Killarney Soroptimist Club is held and the continued willingness of the community to support worthy causes.

Hundreds Attend Fantastic Pancake & Coffee Morning Hosted by Killarney Soroptimist Club



Teresa Irwin, President of Killarney Soroptimist Club pictured with Siobhan Matthews, National President of the Soroptimist Club along with members of the Killarney branch of the Soroptimists Club.



Angela Curran, Maud Malone, Brid Fitzpatrick, Kathleen Pyne, Jacqui O'Sullivan Betty Twomey and Cecilia O'Shea



Deirdre Doyle, Emily Myles, Mags Brosnan, Joan Buckley, Maureen Culloty and Mary O'Connor.



Teresa Irwin, President of Killarney Soroptimist Club pictured with her daughters Emir, Clodagh and Ciara and granddaughter Jacquelyn Owens.



Jim and Sheila Morris pictured with Siobhan Matthews, National President of the Soroptimist Club



Sheila Lynch and Mary Murphy at the coffee morning.



The O'Donoghue family, Michelle, Lauren, Darragh and Gavin enjoying the coffee morning.



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Galentine's celebrations were in full flow in Killarney on Sunday last when groundbreaking Irish supplement brand SISTERLY hosted a morning of connection, restoration, and inspiration in collaboration with Killarney Plaza Hotel & Spa.

Taking place in the welcoming surrounds of Café du Parc in the iconic hotel, guests were warmly greeted with revitalising health shots, teas, coffees and SISTERLY tastings before immersing themselves in a deeply restorative sound bath led by Emma West of West Sound & Wellness. Designed to support stress reduction, improve sleep quality, and enhance mental clarity, the session used transformative frequencies to restore balance and nurture mind, body and spirit.

Following the sound healing experience, guests enjoyed a vibrant buffet-style brunch featuring fresh, nourishing options including cucumber water infused with Killarney Urban Farm marjoram, berry smoothies, brûléed grapefruit, coconut yoghurt and granola, banana bread French toast, protein pancakes with berry compote and more. The relaxed setting encouraged connection, reflection, and meaningful conversation among attendees.

The morning concluded with an insightful and practical panel discussion on fuelling the female body for success, led by SISTERLY Co-Founder Aoife Matthews alongside SISTERLY Nutritionist & Gut Expert Georgie Murphy, and Sound Healer Emma. Drawing on evidence-based nutrition, wellness expertise and real-life experience, the panel explored ways to support female energy, focus and overall wellbeing. Topics included optimising nutrition for long-term success, embracing simplicity, spending time in nature, and recommendations for calming, mindful practices.

The uplifting event left guests feeling inspired and refreshed, with SISTERLY offering a special on-the-day discount on their hero product, The Elevator, a premium supplement formulated with highly bioactive nutrients in scientifically proven dosages to support energy, immunity, and hormonal balance. Guests also enjoyed a generous 20% off any spa treatment at the Killarney Plaza Hotel.

A SISTERLY TWIST TO VALENTINE'S WEEKEND at Killarney Plaza Hotel & Spa



Breakfast is served at Valentine's event



Lara O'Brien & Fiona O'Sullivan



Speakers at the SISTERLY Valentines event

The Europe Hotel & Resort Raises €10,760 for BUMBLEance in Festive Fundraising Campaign



Michael Brennan and Adrian Stehr, Managing Directors of the Killarney Hotels Collection, presenting the cheque to Ritchie Walsh, BUMBLEance Driver, and Samantha Jones, BUMBLEance Operations Manager.

The Europe Hotel & Resort has announced the remarkable success of its Christmas fundraising campaign, revealing that a total of €10,760 was raised in support of BUMBLEance.

The funds were generated through the sale of the hotel's signature chocolate bars, which proved hugely popular with guests and supporters over the festive season. The initiative combined seasonal goodwill with a touch of excitement, as one of the bars contained a coveted Golden Ticket.

The lucky recipient of the Golden Ticket won an unforgettable overnight stay in the hotel's luxurious Hans Liebherr Suite, a prize valued at €3,000. The exclusive suite, known for its elegance and breathtaking surroundings, added an extra layer of magic to the campaign and encouraged strong participation.

Management at The Europe Hotel & Resort expressed their delight at the generosity shown by guests and the wider community, noting that the funds raised will go towards supporting the vital work carried out by BUMBLEance. The charity provides safe, comfortable and child-focused transportation for Ireland's youngest patients travelling to and from hospitals, hospices and treatment centres nationwide.

The hotel thanked everyone who purchased a chocolate bar and helped make the campaign such a meaningful success, highlighting once again the powerful impact of community support during the festive season.

Pictured are Michael Brennan and Adrian Stehr, Managing Directors of the Killarney Hotels Collection, presenting the cheque to Ritchie Walsh, BUMBLEance Driver, and Samantha Jones, BUMBLEance Operations Manager.



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Killarney Chamber Launches 2026 with Ambitious Vision

Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce has set out an ambitious and confident vision for 2026 following a well-attended Chamber Luncheon at the Dromhall Hotel on Wednesday, 11 February.

Chamber President Johnny McGuire welcomed members and thanked the local business community for its continued support, which contributed to a successful Christmas season in Killarney. New members CSG and Activate Gym were formally introduced and warmly received. Events Manager Claire Frawley outlined a packed calendar ahead, including AbleFest, St Patrick's Festival celebrations, Wander Wild Festival and a new Summer in Killarney Festival, all expected to boost visitor numbers and local trade.

Keynote speaker Patrick O'Donoghue of the Gleneagle Group detailed an exciting year for the newly rebranded Killarney Arena (formerly the INEC), which contributes an estimated €60 million annually to the local economy and is projected to attract up to 300,000 visitors in 2026. Major events include Oireachtas Rince na hÉireann, the Irish Hoteliers Federation Ball, the 20th anniversary of Killarney BikeFest, citizenship ceremonies, Oireachtas na Samhna and a range of high-profile performances. The luncheon also marked the introduction of the Chamber's new office team: CEO Norma O'Regan, Events Manager Claire Frawley and Office Administrator Sophia McGrath. The overall message was clear - Killarney is moving forward with strong momentum, collaboration and a dynamic events programme set to deliver significant benefits for the year ahead.



Garrett Power, Kerry IHF Chairman and Johnny McGuire (Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce President).
Pictures: Eamonn Keogh



Ciara Roche, Chris Davies (Killarney Racecourse) and Rosemary O'Connor (Killarney Organic) at the Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce members luncheon in The Dromhall Hotel Killarney.



Norma O'Regan (Killarney Chamber), Johnny McGuire (Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce President) and Brian Foley (Activate Gym).



Bernadette Randles (Dromhall Hotel), Pat O'Leary (Kerry Tourism Industry Federation), Colette O'Connor (Tralee Chamber Alliance) and Norma O'Regan (Killarney Chamber) at the Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce members luncheon in The Dromhall Hotel Killarney.



Patrick O'Donoghue (Gleneagle Group CEO), Johnny McGuire (Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce President), Breffni Ingerton (Gleneagle Group Director of Business Tourism) and Ciaran Cronin (Gleneagle Group CFO).



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Thank you, Peter & Mary O'Rourke, Rathmore.



Anne Lucey
looks at the positive news
happening in Killarney



A HUNDRED YEARS - A SHORT TIME IN POLITICS

The spirit of Fianna Fáil was very much alive at the opening of "Soldiers of Destiny, Fianna Fáil in Kerry 1926-1933" in Tralee Monday morning. This is the story of Fianna Fáil from its foundation in May 1926 to the general election of 1933 when the party's vote in the Kerry constituency was the highest in the entire country. It is the work of Owen O'Shea based on his doctoral thesis and subsequent book. There was an energy in the room I haven't come across recently.

Taoiseach Micheal Martin was in flying form, flanked by the party's two TDs, Minister Norma Foley with her Kerry flag and Michael Cahill.

The 1927 poster: "Fianna Fail provides the Remedy", set out the objectives of Eamon de Valera's fledgling party

Fianna Fáil was "not an abstentionist party", it proclaimed. It proposed, if elected, to repudiate partition, and to develop fishing and other industries for the Gaeltachts.

It was also to secure credit for agricultural and industrial development.

And this one: "Secure by prompt legislation, following enquiry, that no town tenant should be obliged to pay an excessive rent, or be

liable to eviction without reasonable cause, and further to provide adequate facilities for the purchase of his house by the occupying tenant."

The party which was in charge longer than most has met few of these objectives, I felt. The fishing industry in west Kerry is decimated; the Dingle harbour is now to be a marina for tourists and housing is geared towards short-term lets, not Irish speaking locals. As for housing...

Would FF of 100 years ago be proud of today's party? I asked An Taoiseach..

Micheal Martin was adamant they would. Yes, rents were too high, he said. The way to tackle that was more house building.

But 100 years ago Ireland was one of the poorest places in Europe. There had been extraordinary progress - free education, growth in third level and the recent security of tenure meant for the first time there was an end to no fault evictions, he replied,

It was always a party for the ordinary person, to improve their lives, An Taoiseach said.

I came away chewing over a few things - which



Historian Dr Owen O'Shea welcomed guest speaker, An Taoiseach, Micheál Martin, TD, to the 'Soldiers of Destiny, Fianna Fáil in Kerry 1926-1933' exhibition at Kerry County Library, Tralee on Monday, (February 16th).

Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography

is what a good exhibition does. There was a bit of myth busting going on. The Civil war was only part of the political story. Independent politics may be waning again, giving way to a more collective sense, a sense of collective responsibility, just as in the early days of the State.

Can Fianna Fail pull it off a second time? Return from Tír na n-Og and not fall off the horse in Bealagh Oisín? Never mind a week in politics being a long time: A hundred years is a short time in politics in Kerry, I came away thinking.

The exhibition moves to Killarney Library on March 10th.

MARTELLO TOWERS AND UNDERSEA CABLES - AND THE THREAT

If you are a fan of Glengarriff and Garnish Island, you will know how the highest point on that lovely garden island is the Martello Tower. There are Martello remnants too on the coast in Dingle and west Kerry and their name is a misspelling - after a tower in Corsica's Mortella Point.

Martello Towers dotted the trade routes coast from Ireland to South Africa and to India under the British Empire. They date to 1804 and to fear invasion by the French. They are squat, cylindrical. They were meant to hold gun batteries against invading ships and later they were also used to host communications signals.

The funny thing is they are not a whole pile different to the undersea cables - fat rubber encased copper - that stretched from south Kerry and Valentia to New Foundland 50 years later. Miles were laid deep in the ocean and several broke before success.

I have seen them in scrap yards and on people's desks fished from the depths.

They are a wonder of the world.

These days we are being asked to fund the defence of the undersea cables and some question why we should. Just as the Martello Towers and the undersea cables were part and parcel of an imperial world, back then, many of today's cables are actually symbols of the new imperial world order.

Ireland now is part of the EU and is being frightened into paying to defend the cables underneath our overfished waters. (The same EU with consent from this State has decimated our fishing industry).

But the real new order is where a few tech guys own and control the world in the way countries and empires once did.

Most of the cables are not sending messages between friends, but serving huge technology firms to route enormous volumes of data through Irish waters to Europe. Ireland benefits yes. But the question is should we pay to defend this global corporate network?

KILLARNEY STARS FRONT THE GLOBAL GLOSSIES. COULD THEY FRONT A LOCAL CAMPAIGN FOR A THEATRE?

Not that I am a fan of celebrity culture - I wouldn't recognize most of them. There are too many. The celebrity list is like the old litany of the saints. And that list too had to be cut back. There are too many minor celebrities crowding the pages. However we in Killarney have two real stars. I was in M&S a week ago and had to double back. There was our own Jessie Buckley, a girl from Killarney on the magazine stands, on the front of Vogue no less.

Then that very weekend a huge full page ad in the FT Weekend glossy magazine and who was in it? Michael Fassbender advertising a leading Italian scent Acqua di Parma. Set in the city of Parma.

Both come from tourism families. But there is more to Killarney than tourism. And there has always been. There is a fine tradition of acting. Our parents and grandparents spoke of

the visiting musicals to the Town Hall and that flame has been kept alive and passed on.

So, is it not time for a proper theatre for the town, once again. Perhaps we could get our A-List celebrities to front it? By the way, I am not sure the site for the theatre should be the Aras anymore. That whole area might now be good for a multi-storey car park since that is what people want. But wouldn't a theatre be lovely in the grounds of Killarney House? Or maybe turn the house itself into a theatre? It wouldn't take much and there's an outdoor performance area already there. Just a thought.



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Coaching the 2 doubles:
Photos: Valerie O'Sullivan

Muckross Rowing Club to Honour Three Olympians This Weekend

Muckross Rowing Club will celebrate a proud milestone on Sunday, 22nd February, with the official launch of three new racing boats named in honour of its Olympians - Paul Griffin, Sean Casey and Cathal Moynihan. The trio represented Ireland at the Olympic Games in 2004 and 2008, having first worn the green jersey at junior and U23 level before progressing to senior international competition. The club says it is immensely proud of their achievements and is delighted to recognise their

contribution to Irish rowing by naming the new boats in their honour. The triple boat launch will take place at 2pm at the club's boathouse, followed by a blessing and light refreshments. All are welcome to attend, including members past and present, supporters, friends and family. Parking will be available at Muckross House car park, with limited accessibility parking near the boathouse by prior arrangement.



Marko Tot and former Olympian Sean Casey.



Marko Tot and former Olympian Sean Casey, and Ronan Fahy and Cian Scannell,
Coaching the 2 doubles: Elaine Daly and Maurice Coffey.



Marko Tot and former Olympian Sean Casey, (left) Ronan Fahy and Cian Scannell, Coaching the doubles: Elaine Daly and Maurice Coffey (steering the launch).

Rathmore Student Honoured at ATU Entrance Scholarship Awards

A Rathmore student was among 55 high-achieving first-year students honoured at the recent Entrance Scholarship Awards at Atlantic Technological University (ATU).

Ciara Hughes, a former student of Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra, received the award in recognition of her outstanding Leaving Certificate results. She is now studying Home Economics & Biology at ATU's St Angela's campus in Sligo. Scholarship recipients achieved over 550 CAO points and were presented with a €500 bursary and a specially commissioned trophy. The awards were presented by ATU President Orla Flynn, who congratulated the students on their dedication and achievement, wishing them continued success in their university journey.

ATU, which now has a student population of over 30,000, continues to see strong growth in applications and interest nationwide.

ATU President Dr Orla Flynn presents the Entrance Scholarship Award to Ciara Hughes from Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra, Rathmore now studying Home Economics & Biology at ATU's St Angela's campus in Sligo.



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TAOISEACH OPENS CENTENARY EXHIBITION ON FIANNA Fáil IN KERRY

Exhibition at Kerry Library marks early years of the party in Kerry constituency

The Taoiseach and leader of Fianna Fáil, Micheál Martin, has officially opened a new exhibition on the origins and early years of the Fianna Fáil party in Kerry. This year marks the centenary of the foundation of the party in 1926 and the exhibition, presented by historian Dr Owen O'Shea, focuses on how the party developed and grew in Kerry in the late 1920s and early 1930s.

At Tralee Library on Monday morning, Mr Martin said the exhibition "has provided a deep insight into the foundations and rapid growth of one of democratic Europe's most successful political parties."

The exhibition is called "Soldiers of Destiny, Fianna Fáil in Kerry 1926-1933" and is supported by a Commemorations Bursary from the Royal Irish Academy. It tells the story of Fianna Fáil from its foundation in May 1926 to the general election of 1933 when the party's vote in the Kerry constituency was the highest in the entire country.

It will be on display at Tralee Library until 28 February and at Killarney Library from 10 to 31 March.

Mr Martin said: "This exhibition draws on the work carried out for Owen's brilliant thesis and book 'From Bullets to Ballots: Politics and Electioneering in Post-Civil War Kerry.' This work, completed under the supervision of Professor Diarmuid Ferriter and published by UCD Press is a striking example of the type of work being carried out by a new generation of historians."

He continued: "Owen's past work on the Civil War in Kerry was one of the most important contributions to the national remembrance of its centenary. In a balanced and fair way, he showed how the war was more intense and prolonged here than anywhere else. What Owen has done is to make a major contribution to answering the question of another leading historian – after the division of the Civil War, how did we so quickly move forward as a country and leave that conflict behind?"

New research about the establishment of party branches, the results of elections, the role of newspapers and propaganda all form part of the display as do profiles of the seven Fianna Fáil TDs who represented Kerry between 1926 and 1933. Relatives of those TDs were present for the official opening on Monday.

"The foundation of Fianna Fáil was a transformative moment in Irish politics and represented a new phase of Civil War politics in Ireland. In this, its centenary year, I am presenting the story of the party in Kerry where its organisational and electoral successes were without parallel in this period," said Owen O'Shea.

"I am very grateful to the Royal Irish Academy for funding this exhibition and I hope it will attract anyone with an interest in Irish history and politics," he added.



Dr Owen O'Shea showing An Taoiseach, Micheál Martin, TD, the historic stories and photos displayed as part of the 'Soldiers of Destiny, Fianna Fáil in Kerry 1926-1933' exhibition at Kerry County Library, Tralee on Monday, (February 16th). Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography



Presenting an image of Eamon Kissane TD taken by the photographer, Daniel MacMonagle, from l-r were: Don MacMonagle (grandson of Daniel), Dr Owen O'Shea, An Taoiseach Micheál Martin, TD, Alan Dore (great-grandnephew of Eamon Kissane) and Eilish Dore (grandniece of Eamon Kissane). Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography



Former county councillors, Anne McEllistrim, Johnnie Wall and Ted Fitzgerald with An Taoiseach Micheál Martin, TD, and Minister Norma Foley at the 'Soldiers of Destiny, Fianna Fáil in Kerry 1926-1933' exhibition at Kerry County Library, Tralee on Monday, (February 16th). Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography



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Dr Crokes GAA Club Honours 2025 Award Winners



Members of Dr Crokes GAA gathered to celebrate their Award Winners 2025, recognising outstanding contributions both on and off the field, with the special presentation night set for February 14th, 2026 at the East Avenue Hotel.

Karl McMahon was named Club Person of the Year, while Eanna Kavanagh received the prestigious John Moynihan Award. Dedicated supporters Seamie and Marian O'Donoghue were honoured as Supporters of the Year in appreciation of their continued commitment to the club.

On the playing side, Brendan Coppinger was recognised as Junior Footballer of the Year, with Alec Hennigan named Young Footballer of the Year and Neil O'Shea taking the title of Senior Footballer of the Year.

In the ladies' categories, Siofra Randles was awarded Young Ladies Player of the Year, while Meagan Kelly was named Senior Ladies Player of the Year.

Hurling honours went to Fionn Dineen as Young Hurler of the Year and Dave Kenny as Senior Hurler of the Year.

Rounding off the awards, Pádraig O'Shea was acknowledged for his dedication and leadership as Coach of the Year.

The awards highlight another successful and memorable year for Dr Crokes, celebrating excellence, commitment and the strong community spirit at the heart of the club.



Pádraig O'Shea was acknowledged for his dedication and leadership as Coach of the Year.



Seamie and Marian O'Doherty were honoured as Supporters of the Year



Frances O'Sullivan and Eoin Brosnan at the awards



Eanna Kavanagh received the prestigious John Moynihan Award.



Karl McMahon was named Club Person of the Year

Ann Bartlett pictured with Meagan Kelly who was named Senior Ladies Player of the Year.



Neil O'Shea who won the title of Senior Footballer of the Year pictured with his family



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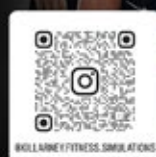
Organised by Belief Fitness Hub, Josie & Eric McDonnell, this is the third edition of the event following two hugely successful races in June and October, which drew athletes and spectators from all over Ireland to the heart of Killarney.

This event features a Special Guest appearance from Ireland's HYROX World Champion, competing in the Men's Pro Solo division on Saturday at 2pm, followed by an exclusive HYROX Workshop at 4:00pm for anyone looking to improve their race performance.

Expect more than just racing — HYROX Killarney is a full Health & Fitness Community Day. Bring the family, enjoy a coffee at the Racecourse Café, book a yoga session with Nave Yoga, relax in the sauna or ice baths, and soak up the stunning scenery of Killarney National Park while watching top-class fitness action.

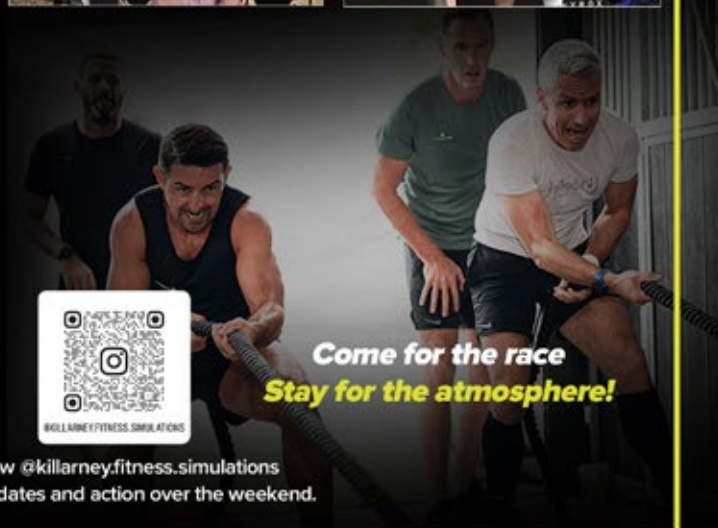


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Muckross Rowing Junior Club Celebrates Outstanding Success at First Sligo Head of the River Outing



Muckross Rowing Club Junior Club proudly marked a major milestone in the club's development with its first competitive outing to the Sligo Head of the River, returning home with an impressive 7 wins from 26 crews.

A total of 54 junior athletes aged between 12 and 16 years, supported by 10 dedicated junior coaches, travelled to compete, with many parents and club members playing a vital role in making the trip possible. For several of the young rowers, this was their very first race experience.

Competing on an unfamiliar course and navigating a new racing environment, the juniors showed exceptional resilience and composure. The bitter cold weather made the achievement even more noteworthy, as the young athletes demonstrated determination, focus and team spirit throughout the day.

Traditionally, due to distance, cost and travel



logistics, Muckross crews compete on familiar waters such as the Marina in Cork, the National Rowing Centre, and the O'Brien's Bridge & Castleconnell stretch in Limerick. However, under the leadership of the Junior coaching team, the decision was made to broaden competitive experience and provide juniors

with the opportunity to race against clubs they would not usually encounter.

The event saw Muckross compete against strong crews from:
Enniskillen Royal Boat Club
City of Derry Rowing Club
Sligo Rowing Club
Carrick-on-Shannon Rowing Club
Belfast Boat Club

Racing took place on the 3km freshwater, non-tidal Garavogue River, home to Sligo Rowing Club - a safe yet testing stretch of water that provided an ideal competitive environment for junior athletes.

A club spokesperson commented:

This was about much more than medals. It was about giving our juniors new experiences, building resilience and confidence, and strengthening friendships within the club. To secure seven wins from twenty-six crews, in freezing conditions and on a new course, speaks volumes about their character and preparation."

The visit also helped to strengthen and build upon long-standing relationships within the 2 clubs and the Irish rowing community, reinforcing connections that have developed between clubs over many years of competition and shared sporting history.

Special thanks were extended to the parents and volunteers whose support ensured the safe transport of crews and equipment and who provided encouragement along the riverbank throughout the day.

With 54 juniors representing the club and continued growth in participation, the future of Muckross Rowing Club looks exceptionally strong.

KILLARNEY CAMERA CLUB NEWS

Banna Beach Sunset Claims Novice Title

This week saw the announcement of the results in the Novice Category, with members showcasing a beautiful array of images inspired by the theme 'Sunset'.

Congratulations to Pat Daly, whose winning photograph, 'Banna Strand', is a stunning and deeply evocative capture of a moment that feels almost sacred in its stillness. Taken at Banna Strand, the image shows the sun resting on the horizon, casting a rich, glowing orange across the sky. Above, a tranquil wash of blue lingers - that fleeting contrast visible only for a few breath-held minutes at the close of day.

The wet sand mirrors the sky's brilliance, stretching the sunset's glow across the shoreline in a luminous reflection. At the water's edge, a solitary figure stands facing the light - still, contemplative and quietly absorbed in the scene. Further out, three swimmers drift gently on the evening tide, their small silhouettes suspended in colour and calm.

Their presence elevates the photograph beyond a simple landscape. What might have been solely a beautiful sunset

becomes something more human - a meditation on how differently we experience wonder. One pauses. Others float. All are held within the same fleeting moment of natural beauty. There is a serenity in the composition that makes you wish you were there — feeling the cool evening air, hearing the soft rhythm of the water, and sharing in that quiet pause when nature seems to ask nothing except that you look... and simply be.

Winners – Novice Category

Pat Daly – 'Banna Strand'

Mike Kennedy – 'Sunset'

Maryann Heidtke – 'Catching the Sunset'

A sincere thank you to all members who continue to take part in club competitions. It is wonderful to see such enthusiasm and especially rewarding to witness the steady improvements in everyone's work.

Keep shooting and capturing those precious moments — they are memories in the making!

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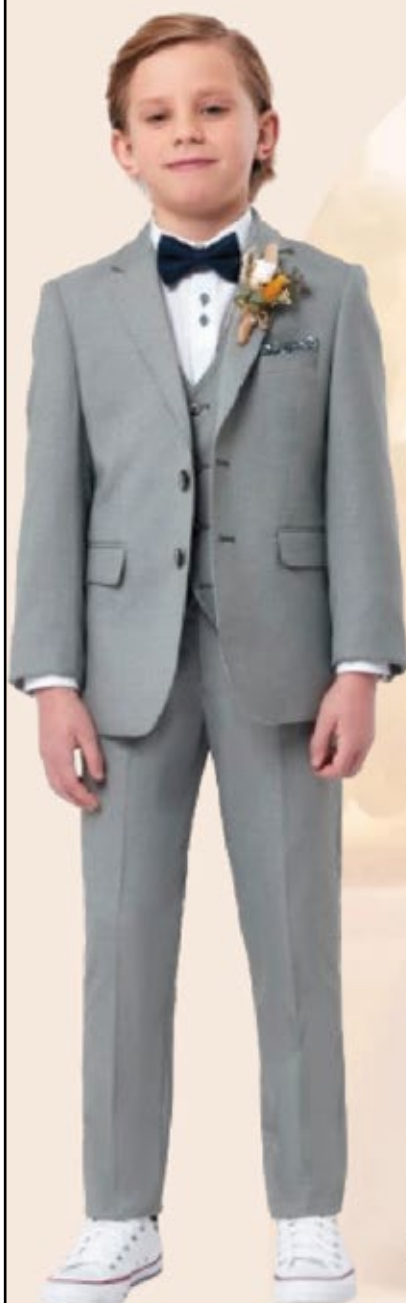
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Listry GAA and MKL Gaels Announce Winners of €26,000 Valentine's Draw

Listry GAA and MKL Gaels held their €26,000 Valentine's Draw on 14th February 2026 at a gala event in Faha Court Bar & Restaurant.

The draw was organised to raise funds for the development of a new all-weather astro pitch and continued facility improvements at Fr Allman Park, Listry, benefiting both clubs.

The draw winners were:

€20,000 – Nuala & Bernadette O'Connor, Glenbeigh

€1,000 – Brian O'Sullivan, Clarina, Limerick

€1,000 – Kerry Friends & Parents (donated by an anonymous winner)

€1,000 – Eamon McGuire, Killarney

€1,000 – Patrick Eviston, Killarney

€1,000 – Liam Corcoran, Castlemaine

€1,000 – Trevor & Anna Flynn, c/o Listry GAA Club

The clubs expressed their gratitude to all participants, describing the draw as an overwhelming success.

Funds raised will go directly towards constructing a new astro pitch for both Listry GAA and MKL Gaels, as well as improving training and playing facilities, ensuring enhanced opportunities for players of all ages for years to come.



Denis Murphy (centre) Chairman of Listry GAA Club pictured presenting a cheque for €20,000 to John O'Connor who was representing Nuala and Bernadette O'Connor. Also included are Brian Prendergast, Kay O'Sullivan, Geraldine Galvin, Breda Nugent, Jerome Kennedy, John O'Connor and Andrew O'Sullivan.



Breda Tangney pictured with her nephew John O'Connor who was presented with the winning prize of €20,000 on behalf of Nuala and Bernadette O'Connor.



Lou Quirke, Norma Clifford and Joan O'Sullivan



Mike and Maura Kennedy at the draw



Margaret Lehan, Kathleen Hobbins and Kathleen Courtney



John Joe Courtney and John Lehan at the Draw



Kathleen Wrenn, Breda Tangney, Carmel Kennedy and Noreen O'Shea at the draw



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He has strengths in a wide range of areas within internal medicine, including Cardiology, Paediatrics, Care of the Elderly, Palliative Care, Dermatology, Mental Health, and he enjoys dealing with complex medical cases. His specialist interests include Musculoskeletal Medicine, Joint Injections, and complex neurological conditions such as vertigo and migraines.

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At our meeting on **TUESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY** starting @ **8pm** in the Church of the Resurrection Parish Centre, Park Road (V93 WN32), we are delighted to be welcoming back our guest speaker **DR. ANNA W. O'SULLIVAN** Senior Clinical Psychologist with the HSE who this time will be focusing on the following topics:

-  **Neuroscientific based reasons for why we need to sleep for good physical & mental health**
-  **Optimal sleep duration per night and the impact of insufficient sleep over time**
-  **Practical sleep quality improvement strategies and ways to help you improve your sleep**
-  **Sleep patterns for different stages of our life span (Baby, child, teen, parent, perimenopause, older adult)**
-  **The most common difficulties with sleeping (or lack of sleep)**

Anna will talk about the many simple self care related actions that can maintain or even improve our sleeping habits.

There will be a Q & A session as well at the end of the meeting, followed by refreshments & chat afterwards.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. COME ALONG & JOIN US!



Legendary 1968 & 1969 Killarney Camogie Team Finally Honoured at Fitzgerald Stadium

There were emotional scenes at Fitzgerald Stadium last Sunday as the legendary Killarney camogie team of 1968 and 1969 were finally honoured for their historic achievements, almost six decades after their county triumphs.

The special presentation took place at half-time during Kerry's clash with Laois in Division 2A of the National Camogie League, as the crowd rose to acknowledge a team whose place in local sporting folklore has long been assured.

The Killarney side were crowned Senior County Camogie Champions in both 1968 and 1969 after defeating Ballyduff, yet remarkably, they were never formally presented with the county cup at the time. On the day of their 1968 victory, the trophy was not available, and was again absent for the 1969 presentation.

After years of the cup's whereabouts remaining unknown, the Kerry Camogie County Board recently succeeded in locating the missing trophy. Last Sunday, members of that historic team finally got their long-awaited moment as the cup was presented to them in front of a proud home support.

The occasion marked not just a celebration of camogie success, but also a unique chapter in Killarney's sporting history. In 1969, the club achieved a remarkable double, capturing the Senior County Hurling Championship title as well with a narrow 2-6 to 2-5 victory over Austin Stacks.

The camogie team had been coached by the late Tom Galvin and Dermot Moynihan, who were fondly remembered on the day. Several surviving members of the panel were in attendance to accept the belated presentation, while family members represented teammates who have since passed away.

It was a lovely day, filled with pride for a team who had waited nearly 60 years for the recognition they so richly deserved.



The team pictured at Fitzgerald Stadium on Sunday last: Included are: Ann Marie Russell, Chairperson Kerry Camogie, Denis O' Donoghue, Louise Galvin, Michelle Cooper Galvin, Tadgh Galvin, Louise Moynihan, Elaine Moynihan, Karen McAuliffe Hurley, Peggy O'Sullivan, Bernie Lenihan, Cait O'Sullivan-Darcy, Mary O'Sullivan Darcy, Sheila O'Donoghue, Norah O'Connor, Mary O'Connell, Amanda Heffernan, Mary Donoghue, Sean Kelly, Sheila Moriarty Breeda Corcoran, Peggy Ryan, Marie Flynn, Joan Shanahan, Mary O'Sullivan O'Connor, Maura Fitzgerald and Mary Coleman.

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Kerry Library invites you to 'Get lost in a good Book' for Ireland Reads Day

Kerry Library is proud to join libraries across Ireland in celebrating Ireland Reads, a national campaign to get the whole country reading during February, culminating with Ireland Reads Day on Saturday, 28 February.

The campaign, part of the government Healthy Ireland programme, celebrates and promotes the many benefits of reading for wellbeing and enjoyment. The theme for 2026 is 'Get lost in a good Book' and Kerry Library is inviting people across county Kerry to take part. If you have never been to a library or have not visited one for a while, take time on Saturday, 28 February to call into any of the nine Kerry libraries. If you cannot visit in person, Kerry Library provides e-books, e-audio, e-newspapers, e-magazines, e-learning courses and e-languages on its website www.kerrylibrary.ie.

Libraries will also host a number of activities for children on the day. Local author of Shipwreck, Deirdre Laide, will visit Killorglin and Killarney libraries to tell the story of some of the world's most famous sunken ships and their underwater discoveries (booking required and suitable for 7

to 11 years of age). Storytime sessions will also take place in Kenmare, Listowel and Tralee libraries along with regular lego and construction playtime sessions in Castleisland, Caherciveen and Dingle libraries. Please contact each library for further information.

Kerry County Librarian, Tommy O'Connor said: 'We are delighted to bring the national campaign to celebrate reading to our community. People of all ages are encouraged to visit their local library during February to view the range of services now available and where library staff will be pleased to assist you. Ireland Reads is all about encouraging people to take time for themselves to enjoy the benefits of reading.'

"Visit your nearest library during February and you will be surprised at what libraries now provide - much more than books," he said.

Visit www.irelandreads.ie for more information about the campaign.



IN THE TOP 1.4% NATIONALLY FOR mathematician Róisín!

A gifted first-year student, Róisín Donnelly, from Castleisland Community College has achieved remarkable success in the 2026 Irish Maths Teachers' Association (IMTA) First Year Online Quiz. Demonstrating exceptional mathematical ability, she scored an impressive 95%, placing her among the top 1.4% of all participating students nationwide. She was presented with a medal for achieving this high standard of maths from the Irish Maths Teachers Association. The competition is held annually for First Year students and consists of 15 multiple-choice problem-solving questions to be answered within a 40-minute period. The maths quiz challenges students with problemsolving questions designed to stretch mathematical understanding beyond the classroom syllabus. The 2026 competition was undertaken by 18,660 students from 280 schools across the country.

Susan O Halloran and Yvonne Rice (Teachers in the Maths Department) expressed pride in her achievement; 'Róisín's high score is a reflection of her dedication, talent, and strong analytical thinking,' said Susan O Halloran. Principal Máiréad Corridan added to this stating that 'her result highlights not only her individual potential but also the strong culture of learning and enthusiasm for mathematics within the school. Her outstanding performance has brought great pride to the school community, and she is being warmly congratulated by students and staff alike. The school looks forward to supporting her continued growth in mathematics and celebrating many more successes in the years ahead.'



In the photo from left Susan O Halloran (Maths teacher), Máiréad Corridan (Principal) Róisín Donnelly, Yvonne Rice (Maths teacher)

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Garrett Power, General Manager, The Muckross Park Hotel & Spa, Killarney is congratulated by outgoing chairman Brian Lawlor after his election as Chairman of the Kerry Branch of the Irish Hotels Federation (IHF) at the agm of the IHF in The Dromhall Hotel, Killarney this week. Photo by Don MacMonagale

Garrett Power, Managing Director of Muckross Park Hotel & Spa, has been elected Chair of the Kerry Branch of the Irish Hotels Federation (IHF), which represents hotels and guesthouses across the county.

A Kerry native, Garrett brings over twenty years of senior leadership experience to the role, having previously held the positions of General Manager of Cliff at Lyons, Hotel Manager at The InterContinental Dublin, General Manager with The Culloden Estate & Spa in Belfast and multiple leadership positions at The Merrion Hotel.

He also serves as Chair of the Fáilte Ireland Destination Experience Development Plan (DEDP) for Killarney and as Director of TouristSOS. Garrett is recognised for strategic vision, commercial acumen and a people-centred leadership style focused on elevating hospitality excellence and strengthening Kerry's global tourism reputation.

Commenting on his election as Branch Chair, he says: "It is a great honour to lead the Kerry Branch of the Irish Hotels Federation. Our hotels and guesthouses are the beating heart of Kerry's economy, helping to sustain over

GARRETT POWER ELECTED CHAIR OF IHF KERRY BRANCH

16,000 tourism livelihoods throughout the county. I look forward to representing them and working closely with my IHF colleagues to engage with Government and industry partners to address the challenges we face head on, including the very high costs of doing business within our industry."

"On behalf of my colleagues and fellow hoteliers in Kerry, I wish to express our deepest gratitude to our outgoing Chair Brian Lawlor for his leadership and the tireless commitment throughout his tenure. During this time, he has provided a strong voice for local hotels on behalf of our sector, ensuring the voice of Kerry tourism was heard at the highest levels."

IHF President Michael Wagner says: "I am delighted to congratulate Garrett on his election. His extensive experience is a tremendous asset to the IHF as we advocate for our members and our wider tourism industry. As Ireland's largest indigenous employer, supporting over 270,000 livelihoods, our sector is the backbone of the national economy. It is critical that we secure the right conditions to ensure a sustained, long-term recovery. I look forward to working with Garrett to drive our key priorities in economic growth, sustainability, and the development of the next generation of hospitality talent."

Ministers Lawless and Foley launch First-of-Its-Kind Education Partnership to Support Students with Care Experience

Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, James Lawless, and the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality, Norma Foley have launched a landmark initiative to support students with care experience in the education system.

A care-experienced student is someone who has lived in foster care, residential care or is in aftercare. Young people with care experience are among the most vulnerable young people in society and often transition to adulthood without the family support available to many of their peers.

Munster Technological University, University College Cork, Kerry



ETB, Cork ETB, Tusla, and EPIC (Empowering People in Care) have now come together to help these students to navigate further and higher education systems.

The education partnership, which is the first of its kind in Ireland, will provide a coordinated 'one stop shop' information hub of pre-entry and post-entry supports for students with care experience. This includes career guidance

and a named personal support advocate in each college.

The state currently provides care for around 5,000 children who cannot remain in the care of their parents. Almost 90 per cent of these children are in foster care, which provides a safe and stable environment and is the preferred option where possible.

Other types of care include children living with relatives

(known as kinship care), care in residential facilities, care for separated children seeking asylum and special care for children who are very vulnerable with complex psychological and sociological profiles.

The education partnership is based on the needs and requirements identified from the lived experience of young people with care-experience. Munster Technological University, University College Cork, Kerry ETB, Cork ETB, Tusla, and EPIC have committed to a range of supports with the clear aim to reduce barriers, improve participation and enhance educational outcomes for care-experienced student.






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Taking A Step Back In Time...

URBAN TENURE AND REFORM IN EDWARDIAN KILLARNEY

By Tadgh Quill-Manley

In the early years of the twentieth century, the town tenants of Killarney were finding their voice. At a time when the Irish land question dominated national politics, a parallel struggle was unfolding in market towns across the country. Reports in newspapers during the Edwardian era reveal a determined local movement seeking fairness, security and dignity for urban tenants.

At a meeting of the Killarney branch of the Town Tenants' Association in December 1905, the Chairman told those gathered that he felt honoured to address them. Ireland, he said, was living through a period of awakening. After years of neglect, people were beginning to assert their rights. This applied not only to farmers but to town tenants, whose grievances had long been overshadowed by rural agitation. While agricultural and rural tenant reform had rightly commanded attention, it was now time, he argued, for town tenants to organise on their own behalf. The Association offered unity and a collective voice. Its aims were clear: proper housing for workers at fair rents; an end to short leases, heavy fines and the confiscation of tenants' improvements; greater access to home ownership through expansion of the Small Dwellings Act; fairer taxation of land values; and practical measures to encourage town improvement, support local industry and reduce excessive transport charges. Central to the complaint was insecurity. A tenant might rent a property at a high rate, pay a fine to secure a lease, invest years of labour and savings in building up a business, and yet have no lasting protection. A landlord could raise the rent or terminate the lease, effectively seizing the fruits of the tenant's improvements. In some cases, leases of 21 or 31 years expired only for rents to be increased dramatically. One example described a house built for £200 or £300 on a nominal ground rent of five shillings; when the lease ended, the rent rose to six pounds. Though legal, such practices were denounced as deeply unjust. Housing conditions for the poorest were equally troubling. In cramped lanes, three or four families might share a single small dwelling. It was hardly surprising, the Chairman observed, that misery drove some towards drink. Far better would be clean, decent homes - even at slightly higher rents - offering stability and self-respect.

By May 1906, attention had turned to strengthening the movement. After a conference in Cork, the branch secretary wrote to Mr Briscoe, urging the appointment



of a dedicated organiser and suggesting that each branch contribute to a common fund. In reply, Mr Briscoe expressed confidence that a forthcoming Bill would address many grievances, but stressed that success depended on "absolute unity" and firm resolve. The Killarney branch resolved to invite him to the county and to organise a demonstration. Funds were modest - £3 had been raised by canvassing two streets - but enthusiasm was strong. Killarney was proposed as a central venue for a county gathering, and arrangements were set in motion.

By 1908, the Kerryman paper could adopt a lightly humorous tone about the branch's "war chest", built up to defend any member in dispute with a landlord. For the moment, it suggested, landlords were keeping quiet. But if old habits returned - exorbitant demands or unreasonable conditions - the tenants would be ready. The struggle, it hinted, might prove as stubborn as the earlier land war. Support came from influential quarters. The Most Rev. Dr Mangan, Bishop of Kerry, sent a sympathetic letter, consistent with his reputation for siding with the oppressed. Other towns were urged, half in jest, to revive or establish their own leagues. If places such as Listowel, Tralee or Kenmare were silent, it could hardly be because all grievances had vanished.

In 1910 the branch continued its steady work. Members were reminded that a subscription of just one shilling secured the Association's backing in times of difficulty. A letter from Mr John Breen of High Street expressed gratitude for the branch's sympathy following a family bereavement - evidence that the organisation also fostered solidarity beyond politics. Addressing the branch that year, Mr Eugene O'Sullivan, M.P., declared that reform of town tenure was among the most urgent issues facing Ireland. Towns shaped public opinion

and national life; their influence must be independent and healthy. Yet under existing conditions, tenants remained at the mercy of landlords and speculative middlemen. Real progress, he insisted, depended on the tenants themselves. Half-hearted efforts would yield little. But united and persistent action could secure meaningful legislation. He welcomed provisions in the new Budget proposing a tax on building land near towns, arguing that such measures would encourage the sale of land at reasonable prices and enable local authorities to provide cottages at fair rents. He also pledged to press for the inclusion of Lord Kenmare's town properties in any sale of his estate, while warning that division among tenants would only weaken their cause.

The story of the Killarney Town Tenants' Association is not one of dramatic confrontation, but of steady organisation and civic resolve. Through meetings, modest subscriptions and appeals to public opinion, ordinary townspeople sought security in their homes and businesses. Their campaign reminds us that Ireland's struggle for justice was fought not only on the land, but in the streets and shopfronts of its towns - and that lasting change depended, above all, on unity and perseverance.

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TERTIARY

The National Tertiary Office (NTO) was established in 2023 to coordinate further and higher education progression pathways from Further Education & Training (FET) courses to Higher Education Institutions (HEI). A links scheme already existed between Post Leaving Cert (PLC) courses and HEI's. However, the number of places available to PLC graduates in the links scheme is limited and there is no guarantee of success, particularly in much sought after courses.

GUARANTEE

Tertiary courses developed by HEIs and Education and Training Boards (ETB) provide a definite path to a third level qualification where progression from further to higher education will be completely seamless. The tertiary course enables an applicant to start a degree at an ETB college and complete it at a university. From day one of a tertiary course, students are registered at both the ETB where they are commencing their course and the partnered university. This provides the student with access to dual supports and services including libraries, sports, and other campus facilities as well as academic, health and wellbeing supports.

ENTRY

You don't need the same leaving certificate points for a tertiary course as a person applying for the same degree via the CAO. Each tertiary degree has different entry requirements. The entry requirements are at the bottom of each individual course page. Students may need to submit proof of achievement in other learning, such as certain subjects in the Leaving Certificate or LCA, to meet the entry requirements for the course. Mature students, aged 23 or over, may have different entry requirements. For some courses, applicants need to submit additional documentation and/or participate in an interview or submit a portfolio. Refer to the course information section in the course page of the NTO website for those details. The course provider will be able to advise you of any additional paperwork which is required for your application. The contact details for the course coordinator can

be found in the course page.

APPLY

Applying for a tertiary course is straight forward. An applicant can apply directly through the course information page of the NTO website, www.nto.ie, from November 2025 to late September 2026. However, Applications for the BSc (Hons) in Occupational Therapy will close on 1st March, 2026 and applications for the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) will close on 12th April, 2026. The website also provides a full list of courses for 2026.

JOINT

A tertiary course is a joint further and higher education degree programme. Students commence their third level experience in further education with the ETB but will complete the remainder of the course in the local higher education colleges. It varies from one year to two years studying in the FET college, depending on the course. It's expected that more than fifty tertiary courses will commence this September in areas like Business, Digital Business, Business Tourism, Business Psychology, Media Production, Applied Sports Science, Nursing, Information Technology Management, Public Health, Sustainable Engineering Technology and Social work. It's fairly certain that additional degree programmes will be available before the closing date for applications.

COLLABORATION

Tertiary Degrees are offered by 14 ETBs, partnering with 8 HEIs. New locations are being added every year. Munster TU (MTU) is collaborating with ETB Kerry to provide tertiary courses in a B.Sc in both General and Mental Health Nursing, BA in Arts (Animation, Visual Effect & Motion Design) and a B.Sc in Occupational Therapy. University College Cork (UCC) is collaborating with Cork ETB to provide a Degree in Social Work. Other Technological Universities participating in the tertiary scheme this year are TU Shannon (TUS), Atlantic TU (ATU), South East TU (SETU), TU Dublin (TUD) as well as Institute of Art, Design and Technology, Dun Laoghaire (IADT), National College Ireland (NCI) and Dundalk Institute of Technology (DkIT).

More traditional universities are collaborating on the development of joint tertiary courses but it is not yet known whether any will be ready for 2026 entry. Tertiary courses are a wonderful development and have expanded to about fifty plus courses in 2026.

PATHWAY

Tertiary courses are a new pathway to a Bachelor's degree, at Level 8 or Level 7. The course information section in the course page of the website details the qualification available. Applications for the courses are now open. Applications for tertiary course are separate from applications to CAO and from applications for PLC Courses.

CHECKLIST

- Tertiary courses offer guaranteed pathways from further ed. to higher ed.
- Tertiary courses are a new pathway to a Bachelor's degree, at Level 8 or Level 7
- A tertiary course is a joint further and higher education degree programme
- MTU is collaborating with ETB Cork and ETB Kerry to provide tertiary courses
- Applying for a third-level tertiary course is uncomplicated
- Apply directly through the course information page of the NTO website, www.nto.ie,
- Tertiary courses may be applied for now until late September
- Students commence their tertiary course experience in a further education college
- Students complete their tertiary course in the linked higher education colleges
- From day one, students are registered at both the ETB and the partnered university
- Applications for CAO courses, PLC courses and tertiary courses are independent
- NB: UCC is accepting applications for its full-time & part-time Diploma in Dental Nursing until Wednesday, 11th March 2026

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Donations were also made through the club's website and QR code, with every euro raised helping the athletes on their journey to the Games. The club expressed sincere gratitude to everyone who attended and contributed to such a great event.



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END OF AN ERA FOR 'CELTIC MIST' RESEARCH VESSEL

The yacht once owned by Charles Haughey will carry out its final surveys this year

The Irish Whale and Dolphin Group (IWDG) has announced that 2026 will be the final season for its dedicated research sailing vessel, Celtic Mist. The 17-metre yacht was donated to the IWDG by the Haughey family in 2011 and has surveyed more than 100,000 km of Irish inshore and offshore waters since 2012.

The vessel undertakes systematic visual surveys for whales, dolphins, porpoises and wider marine wildlife around the Irish coast, contributing essential long-term data for marine conservation, research and policy.

Celtic Mist has circumnavigated the island of Ireland on five occasions, sailed to the Isle of Man and the Inner Hebrides, Scotland twice to connect with like-minded groups in the UK. In 2018 she embarked on a seven-week expedition to Iceland where she rounded the famous Hornstrandir, Iceland's most northernmost peninsula, entering into Arctic waters in search of humpback whales.

Last year, the Celtic Mist completed a 3,300 km survey with Fair Seas as part of the campaign for Marine Protected Area (MPA) legislation to protect, conserve and restore Ireland's marine environment. Over 11 weeks, volunteer skippers and crew recorded more than 2,000 individuals of eight species of whale and dolphins.



Celtic Mist around Fastnet Lighthouse, Co. Cork © IWDG_Eoghan Quinn

A LASTING MEMORIAL TO JAMES LAST UNVEILED IN TRALEE



The Mayor of Tralee and his fellow councillors in the Tralee Municipal District unveiled a memorial on Friday morning at Austin Stacks Park to mark the links between the town and the renowned German composer, James Last. Pictured front from left: Cllr. Deirdre Ferris, Patrick O'Sullivan, Chairperson Kerry GAA, Rose O'Callaghan, Tralee, Cllr. Terry O'Brien, Mayor of Tralee, Bridget Fitzgerald, Kerry County Council, Cllr. Anne O'Sullivan and Eamon Cunningham, Tralee Municipal District Officer, (back row from left) Cody O'Shea, Mary Daly and Billy Leen from Billy Leen Artistic Memorials and Cllr. Angie Bailey. Photo: Pauline Dennigan

The Mayor of Tralee and his fellow councillors in the Tralee Municipal District unveiled a memorial on Friday morning to mark the links between the town and the renowned German composer, James Last.

Last and his orchestra played two concerts at Austin Stack Park in 1983 and 1984 during the Rose of Tralee International Festival and the concerts are fondly remembered as among the greatest and most memorable music performances in the town's history.

"Last's concert of 28 August 1983, which included a 42-piece orchestra at Austin Stack Park was shown on German television and has been viewed on YouTube over 220,000 times," said the Mayor of Tralee, Cllr Terry O'Brien.

During that concert, James Last famously wore the Kerry GAA jersey on stage, and the orchestra performed the 'Rose of Tralee'.

"These were important cultural highlights in our town's history, and I am pleased that we have a lasting memorial to those special times here near the entrance to Austin Stack Park," said Cllr O'Brien.

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SPA PARISH

By Leanne Cronin

RESULTS

Our Senior Men began their East Kerry Super League campaign with a narrow defeat. Spa 2-10 Killarney Legion 0-17

FIXTURES

East Kerry Super League – Division 1B (Senior Men), Round 3. Spa travel to Furies Sunday, 22nd February, throw-in at 12.00pm.

Remaining East Kerry Super League Fixtures:

1st March v Kenmare (Away)

8th March v Rathmore (Home)

The Credit Union Senior Football County League begins on 15th March.

Full details will follow. For all fixtures and any changes, keep an eye on our fixtures page at www.spagaa.com/fixtures

KERRY PETROLEUM SENIOR CLUB FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP DRAW 2026

Spa have been drawn in group 1, and for the second year in a row will face Dr Crokes and Rathmore, as well as All Ireland Champions Dingle.

We will begin our campaign against neighbours Dr Crokes. The matches will be played later in the summer, determined by Kerry's progress in the

All-Ireland Championship.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Reminder that 2026 membership subscriptions are now due. Existing Gym Fobs were deactivated on 31st January for members who hadn't renewed by then. To renew your membership, visit our website www.spagaa.com/membership_products or contact one of our registrars Ger Mangan – 087 251 2266 / Deirdre O'Sullivan Darcy – 085 121 6359

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The best way to stay up to date on Spa GAA news, events, fixtures and results is to download the ClubZap app and subscribe to Spa. You can also visit our website www.spagaa.com for all the latest news, updates, fixtures and results.

CLUB LOTTO

Spa Lotto 16/2/2026 Results: Numbers drawn: 1, 5, 6, 12. No jackpot winner; Lucky Dips €50 each: Catriona Carroll, Online; Lyno; Mary Quirke c/o Ann Mc; Noel O'Sullivan, London. Next week's draw will be on Monday 23 February for a jackpot of €8,700

RATHMORE | GNEEVEGUILLA PARISH

By Michael O' Mahony

SHARE THE BUCKET

The weekly Share the Bucket draw takes place every Friday at 8pm in Teach Fáilte and is streamed live on the Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook page. This week's jackpot of €210 was won by Helen Marie O'Donoghue. Tickets cost €2 each or three for €5 and are available at Teach Fáilte, online at <https://tinyurl.com/y2ade5om> and in local businesses displaying the green Share the Bucket sign.

GNEEVEGUILLA ATHLETIC CLUB

The first novice team home was Marie Murphy, Michelle Knee and Cheryl Carmody. Individually, Marie Murphy placed second and Cheryl Carmody third in the novice category. Mary O'Shea secured first place in the O-40 category. There was no winner of last week's lotto draw, with the jackpot now standing at €9,600 for Friday, February 20th.

SYMPATHIES

Sympathy is extended to Con Murphy, Caroline and family, Scrahanfada, on the death of Martina Dineen, whose funeral took place in Clonkeen on February 2nd.

To Timothy Dineen and family, Knocknagree, on the death of Sheila Dineen, Cullen, whose funeral took place on January 29th.

To Pat O'Keeffe, Michael, Catherine and Geraldine and families on the death of Peggy O'Keeffe, Tureencahill, whose funeral took place in Gneeveguilla on February 10th.

Rathmore GAA Club also extends sincere sympathy to Nora Cronin and family on the death of Neilie Cronin. May they rest in peace.

SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

Holy Family National School, Rathmore, is now enrolling for September 2026. Enrolment forms are available from local pre-schools and the school office and must be returned by Friday, February 27th, 2026. Contact 086 1806018 for further details.

Hollymount National School is also enrolling for September 2026. The school offers a small, family-focused environment, favourable class sizes, extra-curricular activities and an after-school club. Forms are available from the school office.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NETWORK (PPN)

The Kerry Public Participation Network links the local authority with

community, voluntary, social inclusion and environmental groups. Registered groups receive updates, funding information and insurance benefits. Registration is free at www.kerryppn.ie

For more information phone 066 7183672 or 087 4888360, or email ppn@kerrycoco.ie

LOCAL AUTHORITY UPDATE

CLlr Maura Healy-Rae has confirmed that a new public light has been erected on Station Road, Rathmore. In response to her motion regarding poor lighting and the pedestrian crossing adjacent to the church, Kerry County Council has advised that an application will be made to Transport Infrastructure Ireland for funding to upgrade lighting and crossings in Rathmore town, with proposals currently at design stage.

ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

The Rathmore St Patrick's Day Parade will take place on Sunday, March 15th at 12.30pm. The Grand Marshal is Donal O'Leary, a well-known GAA personality and current chairman of the Kerry GAA Supporters Club.

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NOTES

Items for inclusion in the notes can be sent to Michael O'Mahony at momahony14@gmail.com or by text to 087 6676817 before 6pm.



Pictured at the Kerry Co. Roads event are Marie Murphy, Michelle Knee, Cheryl Carmody, and Mary O'Shea, all members of Gneeveguilla Athletic Club

LISTRY PARISH

Written by: Colette Leslie

LOTTO

Jackpot €3,000. Numbers Drawn: 6, 9, 14, 21. No Winner. €100 John Kearin, Faha Court. €50 Kevin McCarthy, Dromkerry. €50 Esther Brosnan, Muckross. €25 Mary Lucey, Aghadoe. €25 Lou Quirke, Laharn. Jackpot next weekend 22/02/26 €3,150

LISTRY & MKL ASTRO FUNDRAISER

WINNERS ANNOUNCED - FUNDRAISING DRAW RESULTS - 14TH FEBRUARY
Winners: Nuala & Bernadette O'Connor, Glenbeigh, €20,000
Brian O Sullivan, Clarina, Limerick, €1000. Kerry Friends & Parents (donated

by anonymous winner) €1,000. Eamon McGuire, Killarney, €1,000. Patrick Eviston, Killarney, €1,000. Liam Corcoran, Castlemaine, €1,000. Trevor & Anna Flynn, C/O Listry GAA Club, €1,000

A sincere thank you to everyone for participating, It was an overwhelming success and we greatly appreciate your support!

SENIORS

Seniors play Fossa at home in round 3 of the East Kerry super league, Sunday 22nd February at 12 noon. All support welcome.



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By Dermot Cronin
Financial Advisor

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GLENFLESK PARISH

Written by: Sean Daly

CONDOLANCES

The late Jimmy Hegarty, Coosane, Glenflesk, who has died in Trim, Co. Meath, was an outstanding and exemplary footballer with his local club during its fledgling years in the 1950's and 1960's. With his genial manner and infectious enthusiasm Jimmy secured the co-operation of local landowners into permitting young boys to practice their football skills on Summer evenings, which sometimes extended into the moonlight! Jimmy acted as unofficial coach to the budding footballers in the area when the Club was seeking to make a sporting impact in the community. Each Summer Jimmy would organise a team to participate in the annual Ballyvourney tournament, always ensuring to visit St. Gobnait's Well for celestial support! Jimmy's talents were recognised by the Kerry selectors when he was chosen at centre-back on the county Junior team which played Cork in 1964. He was an integral part of the East Kerry team of 1971 which won the inaugural All-Ireland Club Championship. Many generations of students benefited from his coaching expertise when he taught in Killarney and latterly in Trim. The sympathy of the Glenflesk G.A.A. Club is extended to the Hegarty, Horan and Nolan families. (Pat Favier)

COMMUNITY GAMES

Congratulations to Juan Àvila who had great success at the swimming County Finals in Tralee last Sunday winning the gold medal in the U12

Freestyle competition. Juan will now go on and represent Glenflesk and Kerry at the National Finals in July in Kilkenny.

STEPS CHALLENGE

Glenflesk GAA Healthy Club & Community have completed this year's Steps Challenge with an incredible total of over 7,800KM. Thank you and well done to everyone who joined in over the past five weeks. Your energy, and support made it something special for the whole community. Couch to 5K continues every Monday & Thursday at Glenflesk GAA 7pm. The lights will be on for everyone - walkers, runners, families, and neighbours, all welcome to come along.

CHAMPIONSHIP

The draw for the Kerry Petroleum Intermediate Club Championship was made last week and Glenflesk have been drawn in Group 4 along with Kerins O'Rahillys, Beaufort and Castleisland Desmonds.

MEMBERSHIP

2026 Club Membership is due and available to purchase on the following link: <https://shorturl.at/VTvli>

PRO WHATSAPP GROUP

Stay up to date with everything happening in the club by joining the Glenflesk PRO WhatsApp Group. Just text 086 6052054

KILCUMMIN PARISH

Written by: Helen Moynihan

KILCUMMIN N.S.

Kilcummin N.S. is accepting enrolments for September 2026. Enrolment forms available from our website at kilcumminns.com or from the school office. Kilcummin NS Open Day will be held on Friday, 27th February from 11.15am – 1pm. Everyone welcome.

LINE DANCING

Are you interested in learning how to line dance? For further information in bringing classes to Kilcummin area, please contact Carmel on 087 6437686.

KILCUMMIN LOOKING GOOD

Kilcummin Looking Good continues to play a vital role in enhancing the appearance, pride and community spirit of our area. Through the dedication of volunteers, the organisation has helped maintain and improve our local environment, making Kilcummin a welcoming and attractive place to live and visit. As we look to the future, the committee is now seeking new members to help support and strengthen the organisation. Fresh ideas, new energy and shared responsibility will ensure Kilcummin Looking Good can continue its valuable work for years to come. We warmly encourage anyone with an interest in community development to get involved and support this important local initiative. Kilcummin Looking Good A.G.M. will take place on Tuesday, March 3rd at 8pm in the Rural Development Office. Everyone welcome to attend, your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

KERRY COMMUNITY GAMES

Kerry Community Games Annual Church Gate Collection will take place this weekend, 21st & 22nd of February at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kilcummin. Your continuous support is greatly appreciated.

KILCUMMIN COMMUNITY ALERT

Kilcummin Community Alert will hold their Annual Church Gate collection next weekend, February 28th and March 1st. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

DOG FOULING

We are aware of the issue of dog fouling not only is it very unsightly and unhygienic, it is an offence to allow a dog under your control to foul a public place. Failure to clean up after your dog can lead to "on the spot fines and/or prosecution. If you wish to report dog fouling as a problem in your area, phone 066 7162000 or email environ@kerrycoco.ie

LITTER PICKING

Due to all the hedge strimming along most roads a lot of rubbish has been exposed. If you would like to volunteer to keep the roadside free of litter within close proximity to your home it would be of great help. Please be mindful of your safety in doing so. Bags are available by contacting the Rural Development Office on 064 6643357.

KILCUMMIN COMMUNITY GAMES

Congratulations to Nessa Brosnan who won the bronze medal in the U16 Butterfly and to Henry McCarthy who won the pewter medal in the U12 breaststroke County Finals which took place in Tralee last weekend. Well done also to Saffron McCarthy and Aoibhinn O'Leary who reached the finals in their events.

INDOOR SOCCER COUNTY FINALS

Best of luck to our U13 boys and girls teams who will compete in the indoor soccer County Finals over the next 2 weekends.



Nessa Brosnan who won the bronze medal in the U16 Butterfly



Breeda Corcoran, originally from Kilcummin was a member of the camogie team who were crowned Senior County Camogie Champions 58 years ago. Breeda pictured with the cup which was missing up until recently. The team were honoured at the Fitzgerald Stadium at half time between the Kerry V Laois National Camogie League opener.



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South Kerry Jobs Fair goes from Strength to Strength

Employers attending the annual South Kerry Jobs Fair in Killarney said they were delighted with both the numbers and quality of the job seekers attending the event. Organised by South Kerry Development Partnership (SKDP), the event saw more than 1,000 job seekers come through the doors of the Great Southern Hotel to meet on a one-to-one basis with potential employers. More than 61 exhibitors including employers from sectors such as hospitality, engineering, finance, medical and retail were present with jobs on offer ranging from apprenticeships to highly skilled IT/Engineering roles along with a range of statutory agencies and NGO's spanning enterprise, education, social protection, disability and family support.

SKDP's Enterprise Officer Joanne Griffin said that she was delighted with the success of the event, which is now in its 5th year in its current format. "We had a waiting list of potential employers seeking to attend the event this year and we were only limited by the space available to us at the venue" Joanne said. "It is now becoming established as one of the main events in Kerry in terms of job seekers securing employment and many of the employers at the event have already indicated their wish to return again next year" Joanne added.

Amongst the new employers attending the event this year was construction firm Jovin Projects who had a range of employment opportunities available. Their spokesperson Gráinne Sands said that they had met a number of potential new employees for the range of positions they had on offer at the event. Iza Dian of Tesco echoed this saying that they were delighted with the event and the range of potential employees they met there. "It is out first time undertaking such an event and we had great interest from those attending" she said. Seán Ramsay of the ESB said they had a range of positions available in the organisation



Front L-R Gretel O'Sullivan – South Kerry Skillnet; Joanne Griffin – SKDP Enterprise Officer; Mary Murray – South Kerry Local Area Employment Service; Padraig Moynihan – Intreo Back L-R: Aidan Savage – Kerry Local Link; Caoimhe Spillane – The Great Southern Hotel; Noel Spillane – CEO, SKDP; Niamh Randles – Morgan McKinley.

from IT to Engineering to Electricians and Finance roles and they were very happy overall with the response they received at the event while Stephen O'Brien of sustainable engineering company Glanua noted that he had met a number of potential new engineers for his company at the event.

SKDP CEO Noel Spillane expressed his thanks to all those involved in supporting the event including The Great Southern Hotel, Intreo, Local Link Kerry, South Kerry Skillnet, South Kerry Local Area Employment service, and Morgan McKinley and said that he is delighted

to see the event going from strength to strength "Since its inception originally as an event to support employment in the hospitality sector, it has now expanded into an event that attracts employers from a broad range of industries who see the benefits of being able to meet potential employees on a face-to-face basis in an informal setting" Noel added. "The fact that many of the companies attending seek to return year after year for the event is a testament to the professionalism behind the organising of it as well as the quality of potential employees in attendance" he concluded.

Kerry ETB representatives explore values at national conference

Kerry Education and Training Board (ETB) representatives Pat O Sullivan (Ethos coordinator), Fiona O'Brien (Principal Killorglin Community College), Con Moynihan (Director of Schools, Youth and Music), Marie O Riordan (Killarney Community College Ethos lead Teacher) and Maire Keane (Killarney Community College Ethos Lead Teacher) pictured at the annual ETBI Let's Talk Ethos Symposium.

The symposium, which featured a keynote address from the Ombudsman for Children Dr. Niall Muldoon, also delved into key themes including antiracism, online regulation, and LGBTQ+ inclusion.

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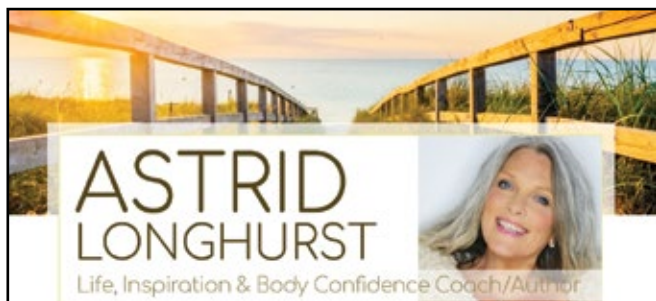
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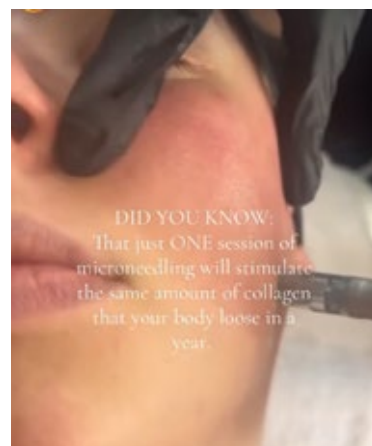
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More vacant and derelict properties to be turned into social homes as Government announce expansion of Buy and Renew Scheme

Scheme has already brought almost 1,000 previously disused homes into use as social housing

The Government has today announced a significant expansion of the Buy and Renew Scheme, ensuring that more long-term vacant and derelict properties across the country will be transformed into high-quality social homes. Under a new expanded approach, building contractors will, for the first time, be able to directly acquire and refurbish vacant and derelict properties, providing a new delivery channel for bringing disused buildings back into productive use.

Before works begin, contractors must enter into an agreement with a local authority or an Approved Housing Body (AHB) to purchase the homes for social housing when completed. Previously, the scheme was only open to local authorities and AHBs to directly deliver social housing and today's change to the scheme will allow greater scope for restoring more properties.

To date, over 960 previously disused homes have already been brought back into use through the scheme. With the enhancements now being introduced, the pace of renewal is set to accelerate, helping to reduce dereliction and increase the supply of social homes nationwide.

Importantly, the eligibility criteria for the scheme is also being updated so that properties must now be both vacant and derelict, ensuring that the scheme is targeted at the most challenging buildings—those which are less likely to be taken on by private owners through other supports such as the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant.

Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, James Browne TD emphasised:



"I've repeatedly said that allowing buildings to lie idle when homes are needed is not acceptable. Bringing long term derelict buildings back into productive use is one of the most effective ways of increasing supply as well as revitalising communities in our towns and cities.

"Expanding and building on the success of the of the Buy and Renew Scheme will allow us to tackle some of the most challenging properties, increase the supply of high-quality social homes, and support local builders and tradespeople in the process.

"This approach will help ensure that no building with potential is left idle and that more families can access secure, sustainable homes. Additionally, by tackling the scourge of dereliction, this scheme helps to regenerate town centres."

Originally introduced in 2016, the Buy and Renew Scheme enables local authorities and AHBs to purchase or acquire long-term vacant or derelict properties, refurbish them to required standards and make them available as social housing. The expansion announced

today maintains this core purpose while adding a contractor-led pathway to increase the volume of homes delivered. It will also offer new work opportunities for local builders, tradespeople and small contractors as well as give certainty to contractors who are prepared to restore vacant and derelict properties with the assurance of a guaranteed end purchaser.

The forthcoming Derelict Property Tax, due to be introduced in 2027, is also expected to help generate a strong pipeline of suitable properties for renewal under this and other Government schemes.

As part of the Government's Housing Action Plan 'Delivering Homes, Building Communities', local authorities will continue to enhance their dereliction-tackling efforts by expanding Derelict Sites Registers, improving enforcement and advancing compulsory acquisitions where owners fail to engage. A national aggregated Derelict Sites Register including mapping and standardised information will also be published annually.

CALL FOR MINISTER TO EXAMINE TAXATION LEVELS FOR CARERS

ClIr. John O'Donoghue has called on Kerry County Council members to write to the Minister for Finance and the Minister for Social Protection and ask that taxation levels on Carers Benefit and Carers Allowance be re-examined, and that if possible these be excluded from being considered an income".

Speaking at the February meeting of Kerry County Council, ClIr. O'Donoghue said:

"This issue has hit the headlines recently as many carers received letters from Revenue stating that they have tax liabilities. While I absolutely accept that whether carers realised it or not, their allowance was always taxable, I feel now is a good time to seek to have the system revised and if possible that carers allowance be exempted from income tax. Revenue themselves have said that less than 10% of carers will be affected, but since the number is so small, and it in all likelihood wouldn't affect the public finances that much, I am calling for the allowance to be exempted. It is a means tested allowance, and as all other means tested benefits are not taxed, it would bring it in line with the others. It is estimated that carers save this country approximately €20 billion per year as they look after family members in their homes, and this vital work should be supported in any way possible. The Carers Allowance is quite modest and I feel very strongly that it should not be reduced through taxation. I hope my NOM will be supported by my colleagues.



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Broad welcome for €65 Million Roads Funding for Kerry



Minister Michael Healy-Rae: "a decisive turning point" for Kerry's roads.



Deputy Danny Healy-Rae raised the need for increased funding for roads and bridges in Kerry at every opportunity in the Dáil.



Fianna Fáil TD Michael Cahill said the €65 million investment "will protect and renew roads in County Kerry."



Minister Norma Foley: Improving the road network and infrastructure through County Kerry is a priority for me as Minister,

A broad political welcome has greeted confirmation that Kerry will receive more than €65 million in combined national and regional roads funding for 2026, including €33,690,825 for the county's national road network.

Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Michael Healy-Rae described the allocation - more than double last year's €14.2 million - as "a decisive turning point" for Kerry's roads.

"When I made the decision to go into Government, it was to deliver for Kerry and this is exactly what I meant," he said. "Securing €33.6 million for our national roads is a serious statement of intent and a huge leap forward after years where Kerry's national road network was allowed to fall behind.

"People don't want talk - they want tar, tar and more tar - and that is what this allocation will deliver."

He said he worked directly with Transport Minister Darragh O'Brien and Minister of State Seán Canney to ensure Kerry's needs were prioritised, adding: "This allocation represents a huge catch-up after years of underinvestment and

sends a clear message that Kerry's national road network is now a priority again."

Deputy Danny Healy-Rae also welcomed the announcement, which includes €31,367,325 for regional roads.

"I welcome the funding for roads announced today which includes €31,367,325 for regional roads in Kerry and €33,690,825 for national roads in Kerry," he said. "I have been working on getting funding for many of these projects for many years and have raised the need for increased funding for roads and bridges in Kerry at every opportunity in the Dáil."

Fianna Fáil TD Michael Cahill said the €65 million investment "will protect and renew roads in County Kerry."

"I am delighted to welcome significant investment in our regional and national roads here in County Kerry," Deputy Cahill said. "This funding will make a real difference in communities right across the county allowing safer roads and more efficient journeys." He added: "Fianna Fáil is committed to maintaining and strengthening our national and regional road

networks right across the country. Today's investment ensures that our roads remain safe and meet the needs of all road users."

Minister for Children, Disability and Equality and Kerry TD Norma Foley confirmed that Kerry would receive €33.6 million in national roads funding and €31.3 million for regional roads.

"Improving the road network and infrastructure through County Kerry is a priority for me as Minister," she said. "I am delighted to confirm that Kerry is to receive funding of €65 million for national and regional roads in the county. I wish to thank my Fianna Fáil party colleague Darragh O'Brien T.D., Minister for Transport, for engaging with me and providing this funding for Kerry."

Projects to benefit include funding for the N22 Killarney Bypass, the N70 in Cahersiveen and from Sneem to Blackwater Bridge, the N86 Tralee to Dingle, works in Glenbeigh, Kenmare to Bonane, Muckcross, the Ring of Kerry South, Creamery Cross, Milltown Castlemaine and Listry Bridge.

The funding forms part of a €1.5 billion national roads package announced by Minister O'Brien,

with €718 million allocated to regional and local roads nationwide.

The Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr Michael Foley, has welcomed the allocation of €65m in funding for roads infrastructure in Kerry which has been announced today by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII).

"This is a very welcome and significant investment in the roads infrastructure here in Kerry and will allow Kerry County Council to progress many key projects across the county which will be of benefit to motorists and all road users," said Cllr Foley.

The funding includes €6m for the N86 Ballynasare to Ballygarret, €2m for the further development of the Farranfore to Killarney Bypass, and €4.5m for N70 Blackwater Bridge to Sneem.

"I welcome also the announcement of funding for safety works, pedestrian crossings, pavement improvements and bridge rehabilitation works.

"Kerry County Council looks forward to working with TII in continuing to enhance and improve our local roads network," said Cllr Foley.



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2nd: Anita O'Sullivan 36pts (31)

**LADIES 13 HOLE SINGLE STABLEFORD
HELD ON MAHONY'S POINT SUNDAY 15TH
FEBRUARY**

Winner: Mary Kearney 23pts (09).

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2026 MEMBERSHIP

Please note membership for this year will be due as of March 1st. Membership Rates will be the same as 2025. Further details in due course.

COMMITTEE

We are happy to confirm that both Ger O'Connor (Vice Chairman) and Noel Moynihan (Treasurer)

have recently been co-opted to both roles by the Committee.

COUNTY BOARD UPDATE

Please note the County Board have set up a Whats App Group this year to keep everyone updated on competitions. Details available from the Club Noticeboard. We encourage anyone wishing to play in competitions to ensure they are registered early as the County Board are seeking to start the Tim Scannell Inter-Club Matchplay in March. Teams must be entered by Friday February 27th next.

SCRAMBLE

The County Board are holding an 18-hole Scramble in Tralee on Sunday March 1st at 10.45am. Open to Adult and U16 members. Dress Code will be enforced.

St. Paul's Under 8 Boys provided half-time entertainment at the Dominos Men's National League on Saturday February 14th at the Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre between Utility Trust St Pauls Lakers and Limerick Sport Eagles



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FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB

RESULTS FOR 12TH FEBRUARY

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1st: Don O'Sullivan & Hanneke Neiman

2nd: Mary Rose Felle & Mary Shanahan

3rd: Finola Spillane & Ger Foley

E/W

1st: Patricia Lynch & Ann Clerkin

2nd: Tim & Mai Corcoran

3rd: Mary Gleeson & Evelyn O'Leary

Congratulations, well done everyone.

President Margaret O'Sullivan recently held her charity fundraiser and the chosen charity is the very deserving "Comfort for Chemo". We had a wonderful turn out on the day.

"Comfort for Chemo Kerry" is currently fundraising to raise €5 million to build a new, state-of-the-art, purpose-built chemotherapy unit in Tralee, Co. Kerry. The project aims to provide a dedicated, comfortable, and dignified environment for cancer patients in a standalone facility. They are hoping that this project will start at the end of this year.

MUCKROSS ROWING

CLUB

BOAT LAUNCH

A reminder of this weekend's special boat launch event for the club's three newest boats which are being named in honour of Paul

Griffin, Sean Casey and Cathal Moynihan. All are welcome to the boat launch taking place this Sunday 22nd February at 2pm at the club's boathouse. The blessing and launch of the boats will be followed by light refreshments. Parking at the Muckross House main car park. Those who require parking close to the boathouse are asked to make contact with a club member and we will be pleased to assist through our committee.

SLIGO HOR

Last weekend, the club's younger rowers embarked on the long journey to Sligo to take part in the Sligo Head Of the River for the first time. The cold conditions on Saturday did not deter our crews who had a very successful outing on the River Garavogue. The club enjoyed a successful weekend, winning seven events including the Mens J14 Octuple and Quad, Womens J16 Quad, Four and Double, Womens J14 Octuple and Single. Congratulations to all our winning crews and well done to everyone on a very successful weekend for the club. Special thanks to the coaches and parents who supervised the trip and to Alan Lyne who towed the boats to and from Sligo. We would also especially like to thank Hegarty's Family Service Station for their support with boat transport.

UPCOMING

Cork HOR, Sat Feb 28th, Cork city marina; Muckross HOR (rescheduled), Sat Mar 21st, NRC Farran.

SPA MUCKROSS

COMMUNITY GAMES

SPA MUCKROSS CHAMPIONS AT COMMUNITY GAMES COUNTY SWIMMING FINALS

Congratulations to all the Spa Muckross swimmers who competed at the Community Games County Swimming Finals in Tralee on Sunday.

A huge well done to our County Champions:

U16 Boys Relay Team – Evan O'Donoghue, Daniel Cremin, Samuel O'Neill and Torin Lyne

U13 Boys Relay Team – Colin Murphy, Reece O'Donoghue, Adam Tomlinson and Oisín O'Donoghue Sheehan.

Individual County Champions:

Reece O'Donoghue – U12 Backstroke

Daniel Cremin – U14 Breaststroke

Zarah Tomlinson – U14 Butterfly

Samuel O'Neill – U16 Breaststroke

These four individual champions, along with both relay teams, will proudly represent Kerry at the National Finals in Kilkenny this July.

Congratulations also to medal winners Ryan Tomlinson 3rd place U10 Freestyle; Adam Tomlinson 2nd place U12 Backstroke; Aoife Coffey 3rd place U16 Backstroke; Orlaith Mackey 4th place, U16 Backstroke.

A fantastic achievement for all swimmers.

KILLARNEY JUDO CLUB

FIRST-TIME FIGHTERS IMPRESS AT MUNSTER JUDO

Killarney Judo Club hosted the Munster Mini Mon development competition on Sunday, February 15, at Lissivigeen National School, welcoming almost 90 young judoka from across the province.

Competitors under the age of 13 travelled from Cork City, Limerick, Waterford, Macroom and Tralee, creating a strong and varied field. As a development event, players were grouped by age and ability rather than traditional weight categories, ensuring fair and competitive matches for all.

Killarney Judo Club was well represented, with 26 competitors taking part, including 13 children making their competition debuts. From the youngest competitors aged just seven to the oldest debutants at 13, all showed excellent determination, sportsmanship and club spirit throughout the day.

Among those making their debut were Robyn Bowler Hegarty and Bríd O'Connor, aged 13, who impressed with confident performances against All Ireland Champions in their first competition.

Special mention goes to Patrik Polubnak and James Maher, who acted as referees and role models for the younger athletes.

The club enjoyed a successful day on the mats, finishing with an impressive medal haul of four gold, nine silver and 13 bronze medals.

Attention now turns to the Galway Open on March 7, where Killarney competitors will face some of the best young judoka in the country.



Spa Muckross U13 Boys Relay Team – Colin Murphy, Reece O'Donoghue, Adam Tomlinson and Oisín O'Donoghue Sheehan



Spa Muckross Boys Relay Team – Colin Murphy, Reece O'Donoghue, Adam Tomlinson and Oisín O'Donoghue Sheehan.



Back - Samuel O'Neill, Torin Lyne, Daniel Cremin, Evan O'Donoghue, Orlaith Mackey, Aoife Coffey, Zarah Tomlinson. Front - Colin Murphy, Oisín O'Donoghue Sheehan, Reece O'Donoghue, Adam Tomlinson and Ryan Tomlinson.



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Fossa Swim team that competed in the County Finals of the Cairn Community Games in Tralee Sports Complex on Sunday 15th February. The 25 swimmers took home 37 medals across a range of individual and relay events, with two swimmers winning gold medals and advancing to the National Community Games Finals later this year.

The club's children's classes are currently full; however, anyone wishing to make enquiries can visit Killarneyjudo.com or contact Tim on 086 260 1591.

KILLARNEY SWIMMING CLUB

Killarney Swimming Club would like to wish Aoibhin Heinemann and Aoife Coffey the best of luck this weekend as they compete in the McCullagh International Meet at the National Aquatic Centre in Dublin. Both Aoife and Aoibhin qualified for this meet earlier in the season, which runs over 3 days. This is a major, high-level competition attracting top Irish and International swimmers, serving as a key competition on the swimming calendar. This is the first time the club has attended the McCullagh. Both girls have trained extremely hard over the past few months for this meet. The club is very proud of them, and we wish them all the best over the weekend.

Best of luck also to Evan O'Donoghue and the Munster Squad who will compete at the Skills Academy Interprovincials at the NAC this weekend.

Congratulations to club swimmers who represented their community games areas on Sunday in Tralee for the county Swimming Finals. 8 club swimmers will go to the Community Games National Finals in Kilkenny in July representing Kerry. Zarah Tomlinson, Samuel O'Neill, Daniel Cremin, Reece O'Donoghue, Robbie Fennelly, Kate Kissane, Juan Avila, Evan O'Donoghue and Adam Tomlinson.

KILLARNEY VALLEY ATHLETIC CLUB

Our road racing athletes were in action this weekend. Congratulations to John Doyle who took on the Seville marathon and completed it in a time of 2:57:38. Great running.

Congratulations to Natalie Breen who continues her great form as first female finisher in the Tralee 10 Mile. Well done also to Elaine Lanigan, who ran a personal best, and Caitriona Shanahan who also put in strong performances in Tralee.

Tickets for our Streets of Killarney 5 Mile are

selling well. This race has sold out in the previous two years so go to <https://eventmaster.ie/event/EWvBi4EF74> to secure your ticket. For anyone wishing to join the club you can email us at killarneyvalleyac@gmail.com.

KILLARNEY RFC

KILLARNEY RFC WIN MUNSTER JUNIOR LEAGUE DIVISION 3

KILLARNEY RFC 44; WATERFORD CITY RFC 7.

Killarney RFC hosted Waterford City RFC on Sunday in Aghadoe in their final league match in Division 3. Having secured promotion last week with an almost perfect record this season, Killarney celebrated with another convincing victory, winning 44 -7, and scoring eight tries in the process.

On a very changeable wintery day, conditions made handling difficult and the visitors nabbed an early converted score before Killarney got into gear. Second row Eoin Gleeson found himself at the end of a flowing move on the wing and rounded to touch down for a try converted by Ciaran O'Brien. Soon after Adam Walsh opened his account, again converted by O'Brien. A second try 3 minutes later by Walsh put Killarney 19 - 7 ahead. Excellent open field garryowens from Harry Kelly kept piling on the pressure on Waterford defence. Craig McKenzie Vass took a superb crash ball powering through the defence to give Killarney a commanding



Pictured are Aoibhin Heinemann and Aoife Coffey with Head Coach Sean Farndon, attending the McCullagh International Swim Meet this weekend.

lead at 24 - 7, just before Adam Walsh secured a personal hat-trick with his third score.

Not to be outdone, flying hooker McKenzie Vass touched down with his second try before half time to leave scores at the interval 34 - 7. Conditions deteriorated considerably just after the break and proved very challenging, however Liam Randles finished a fine flowing back line move to score out wide. Donnacha Greely's conversion came back off the post. The final score of the afternoon went to Killarney stalwart Paul Moynihan who capped a super carrying display with a try to leave the final score at 44 - 7. Huge congratulations to Captain Matt McAuliffe, and Captain on the day Aaron Jones, who lifted the League Cup for Killarney. Thanks to club sponsors, Scott's Hotel Killarney, who hosted a great night of celebrations.

With the league concluded, the Munster Cup campaigns continue next week away again to Waterford City, and next Senior XV game in Aghadoe will see Thomond RFC from Limerick visit on 1st March in the Munster Junior Cup 1st Round. Report by Declan Fuller

U14 BOYS

Killarney 12 - 27 Bruff RFC

Earlier in the day, our U14 Boys took to the pitch in the Munster Shield. Despite a very brave performance and some brilliant passages of play, a strong Bruff RFC side took the win with a 27-12 scoreline.

The score doesn't reflect how hard our boys



Killarney Judo Club member Ronan Daly winning Gold



Killarney Judo Club members Brid O'Connor and Robyn Bowler Hegarty

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fought until the final whistle. There are plenty of positives to take into training this week as they continue their Shield journey!

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Well done to Jennifer Nash, Killarney and partner Helen on winning division 2 ladies doubles county championship and to Adele O'Brien, Killarney on runners up.

Good luck to Jennifer Nash, Sinead Galvin and Adele O'Brien on representing Kerry at grade d



KILLARNEY RFC WIN MUNSTER JUNIOR LEAGUE DIVISION 3

on Sunday in Waterford, also good luck to Adele O'Brien at nationals on Saturday in Dublin.



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Utility Trust St Pauls Lakers vs Limerick Sport Eagles Report

**Dominos Men's
National League
Saturday February 14th
Killarney Sports and
Leisure Centre**

**Utility Trust St Pauls Lakers 61
Limerick Sport Eagles 93**

Preview by Enda Walshe

Sometimes in sport things can come at you when you least expect it. Utility Trust St Pauls Lakers came into this clash in the finest of form, winning eleven league games in a row and sitting top of the Southern Conference. They knew that, in Limerick Sport Eagles, a battle would ensue but the confidence gained from that winning run would stand to them. The Treaty County men are National Cup Champions, the Lakers closest rival for top spot and a side full of quality. What unfolded though was not in the script.

The Eagles soared on Killarney, defended with an intensity that up-scuttled the Lakers, attacked with speed, power and precision that the hosts couldn't contain and the more the the Lakers tried the more difficult it got for them. The upshot of all that was that the game was over as a contest at half time and the points were heading past Adare before the final buzzer. In Alexander Carlisle, Ryan Leonard, Ajay Ryan Walsh and Darragh Horkan the visitors had the best players on the night and that quartet combined for 71 points. But all's not lost for the Lakers as qualification for a home quarter final is entirely in their own hands with three games remaining and there is no doubt this week will be spent shaking the effects of this defeat off.

Mark Sheehan gave the Lakers the best possible start with a smart basket but the Eagles looked sharp from the off. American Alexander Carlisle looked confident early on and his three point play epitomised their early intensity. Alongside Horkan and Leonard they helped to open a 12-2 lead, and a Lakers timeout was needed. It reaped dividends initially with Eoin Carroll and Stephen Kelly netting but Leonard struck from downtown to ease his side out again. Jack O Sullivan and Sam Grant added further points but in a further blow to the hosts, Grant limped out of the game after suffering a dead leg. A Fred Klimas three made it double scores at the end of the quarter, 4-12.

The Lakers started the second quarter brightly with Kelly and Carroll hitting five without reply and the game seemed to have steadied. But Leonard netted twice from downtown to dispel that notion with Carlisle in support. Carroll was doing his best in the paint but the Eagles introduced Ajay Ryan Walsh into the game

to devastating effect, his athleticism causing boundless problems. Carlisle was unerring also and his three pointer with 50 seconds to go in the half made it 51-24.

With a mountain to climb, Mark Sheehan gave the Lakers an early footing with a three but Walsh was at it again and alongside Leonard they opened the gap again. The Eagles did a great job defensively on Steve Kelly but he broke through and this was a time when the Lakers had to put in a few stops to quell the momentum. That was easier said than done with Daniel Shahab, Darragh Horkan and Kirill Yakovlev all adding to their total. Despite the best efforts of Carroll and Sheehan the lead was extended to 80-46.

With the game gone beyond their control Coach Luke O'Hea gave his squad a run out and both Springs, Cathal and Oisin got their names on the scoresheet. The Eagles did likewise and while the result was never in doubt it did afford squad members extra minutes. The result, 93-61, in favour of the Eagles, moves them level with the Lakers at the top of the Southern Conference with a 14-5 record. Maree are looming in third with two games in hand, and a 12-5 standing so the remaining three games will be pivotal to the final placings. The top two in the Conference have a home quarter final and if successful a home semi final so the onus to finish as high as possible is huge. The Lakers are away to Templeogue next weekend, home to Drogheda Wolves on March 7th and then have what could be a defining game against Maree on March 14th in Galway. Still loads to play for and the perfect opportunity to bounce back.

Eoin Carroll was best for the Lakers with 26 points, Steve Kelly hit 13, Mark Sheehan 8, Sam Grant and Jack O Sullivan 4 each.

For the Eagles Alex Carlisle had 24, Ajay Ryan Walsh 18, Ryan Leonard 15, Darragh Horkan 14.

**Dominos Womens
Superleague
Saturday February 14th
Killarney Sports and
Leisure Centre**

**Utility Trust St Pauls 84
Flomax Liffey Celtics 65**

Preview by Enda Walshe

Utility Trust St Pauls signed off on their regular home season in style when they accounted for Flomax Liffey Celtics on a 84-65 scoreline. What the last two weekends has shown is that James Fleming's side are worthy title contenders when you consider that they accounted for established Superleague sides like Trinity Meteors and the Celtics with style. The win was their seventh in a row and keeps them at the



Action from the Dominos Womens Superleague
Photo by Molly

business end of the table. Next weekend will see them travel to Killester for a meeting of what is the two teams in the land.

This win was built on the axis of Maisie Burnham and Lorraine Scanlon who combined wonderfully at times. Both hit twenty points, rebounded in the double figures but also combined telepathically at times. Outside them Tara Cousins pulled the strings and bagged twenty points herself as well as two steals. Kerry footballers Leah McMahon and Siofra O Shea were also outstanding at both ends of the floor while Deirdre Geaney and Lovisa Hevinder also made the scoresheet. Defensively they were very tight at times, restricting American Brooke Kane to half her usual totals and Irish international Sorcha Tiernan to ten points.

It was the Kildare side who made the quicker start despite a Lorraine Scanlon basket and a Maisie Burnham three. Destinee Bursch, Sorcha Tiernan, Katie Williamson and Aine O Connor were all on target, helping their side into a 12-5 lead. But the introduction of Leah McMahon injected some energy and after the same player netted, Burnham, Scanlon and Cousins helped to tie up the game at 16-16, Bursch and O'Connor on target for the Celtics. But the Scanlon - Burnham chemistry was starting to flow and despite the promptings of Destinee Bursch the Celtics advantage was reversed to 24-23 in the home side's favour.

Williamson and Tiernan put the Celtics noses in front early in the second period but Cousins took up the mantle in the next few minutes, netting and assisting for Scanlon. Cousins hit a long three and that gave St Pauls the forward motion and Scanlon was now imperious inside. Cousins with a three and Burnham made it 40-31 before Lovisa Hevinder made her mark from distance. It looked like the hosts would have a significant advantage at half time but Bursch single handedly dragged her side into the dressing room only six behind, 44-38.

The third quarter was a slow burner with only Aine O'Connor on target in the opening three

minutes. But Scanlon was at the end of a well worked move to get her side's scoring going. Siofra O Shea , with a neat jumper, kicked off a productive period of scoring with Scanlon on target twice and Cousins and Burnham striking from downtown. Aine O Connor did reply for her side to keep them in touch while Brooke Kane started to find some joy. But Scanlon was smoothness personified inside, all that helping her side 62-52 ahead.

Tiernan tried to give her side the best possible start to the final quarter but O Shea and McMahon ensured their side still held the whip hand. Offensively the same duo were influential at this stage , both netting threes , a feat that was immediately repeated by Lovisa Hevinder. That 9-0 run turned a manageable deficit into a mission impossible for the Celtics with the clock against them as well, at 3.51 to go. The lead allowed St Pauls to run the bench with Deirdre Geaney scoring and Naoise O Connor , Annie Brosnan , Clodagh O'Sullivan all joined on court by the evergreen Lynn Jones. They steered the ship home to an important and impressive 84-65 triumph.

Maisie Burnham, Tara Cousins and Lorraine Scanlon all netted 20, Siofra OShea had 9, Leah McMahon 7, Lovisa Hevinder 6, Deirdre Geaney 2.

For the Celtics Destinee Bursch had 19, Aine O Connor 18, Sorchia Tiernan 10, Kate Williamson and Brooke Kane 8 each.

Dominos Men's National League Thursday, February 12th Presentation Gym, Killarney

Killarney Cougars 74 Utility Trust St Pauls Lakers 98 Preview by Enda Walshe

This was a curious derby, one in which both teams can take something out of it. Killarney

Cougars can point to the fact that they outscored their opponents in two of the quarters and were within touching distance heading down the final straight. Utility Trust St Pauls Lakers will be delighted to have gained their eleventh win in a row without ever hitting the heights of previous performances but the most important thing at this time of the season is the win. It comes too ahead of a titanic clash with National Cup champions Limerick Sport Eagles on Saturday night and it seems that all the squad came through unscathed and ready to go again.

The Lakers had much the better of the first quarter but the hosts battled diligently in the middle quarters to have the game at 71-64 heading into the final period. But the visitors finished the game much the stronger, outscoring the Cougars 27-10 to cap off a 98-74 win. Not for the first time this season Steve Kelly ran the show for the Lakers , with 37 points and 9 assists but Kenny Shimwa , Simon Olanipekun and Paul Adedeji combined for 69 points for their side. The contrast though was Josh Vermiglio was their only other scorer with five points. American Joshua Philips was unable to line out due to injury and his loss was certainly felt. But the biggest difference was the contribution of the home grown players as Eoin Carroll, Mark Sheehan and Jack O'Sullivan netted 41 points between them.

The Lakers started the game smoothly with Jack O'Sullivan and Steve Kelly netting early. Kenny Shimwa was a force in the paint for the Cougars but the Lakers opening was best summarised by a Sam Grant dunk after the same player did some sterling defensive work. The same trio helped the Lakers into a 11-6 lead with Paul Adedeji giving Shimwa a dig out. Eoin Carroll then entered his name on the scoring list as did Mark Sheehan with Simon Olanipekun replying. The Cougars called a time out , 17-8 in arrears , but things didn't improve as Kelly and O Sullivan hit threes almost immediately. Marko Bencic was also effective for the Lakers for the remainder of the quarter but Shimwa and Olanipekun helped the Cougars tiptoe back into the game, the deficit now 30-19 at

quarters end.

Kellys customary drives to the rim were effective all evening and he started the second quarter in that vein and when Grant finished buoyantly the Lakers pushed the lead back out to 37-23. Olanipekun was doing similar to Kelly for his side with the help of Josh Vermiglio and that helped the Cougars keep pace . Jack O Sullivan was again in good form , one basket particularly memorable following a Carroll assist while Kelly kept the engines running. But credit to the Cougars they stayed in the fight, with a Grant three helping the Lakers 57-47 clear heading to the dressing rooms.

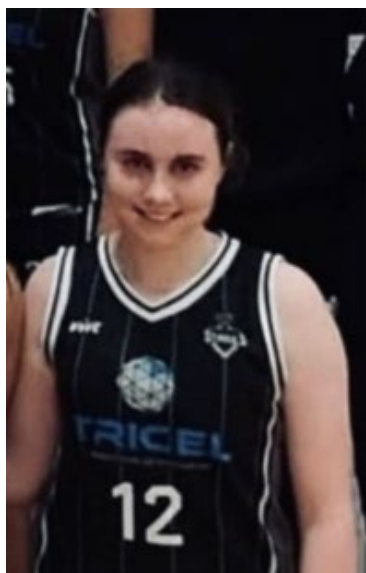
Kelly, Carroll and Grant, with a three, again gave the Lakers the best possible start to the second half and the lead was again pushed back out to 16, 67-51. Kelly was soon to make it 71-54 and the game was now entering a critical period for the Cougars. Any further slip and it was curtains but Shimwa , Olanipekun and Adedeji ensured they had their best period in the game, going on a 10-0 scoring run and pulling it back to a seven point game, 71-64 . The Lakers would have welcomed the buzzer for the end of the third quarter as offensively they had slightly lost their way.

But that was soon put right as they tackled the final quarter with abandon. Inside the opening two minutes, Carroll started to show his worth in the paint and Kelly and O'Sullivan made it 79-64. The Lakers run was briefly interrupted by a Shimwa three but undeterred the same trio combined for a further nine points , the latter effort being a Kelly three. That purple patch effectively put the game to bed as the Cougars challenge faltered. Indeed Shimwa would prove to be their only scorer in the period while Mark Sheehan added two from beyond the arc . Captain Eoin Carroll had the final word in the Killarney Derby helping his side to a 98-74 triumph.

Steve Kelly had 37, Jack O Sullivan 17, Sam Grant and Eoin Carroll 16 apiece, Mark Sheehan 8, Marko Bencic 4.

Kenny Shimwa was the Cougars best with 30 , Simon Olanipekun had 24, Paul Adedeji 15 and Josh Vermiglio 5.

St. Paul's members
Leah McCarthy,
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TEAMS

Both u12 boys teams were in action with the A squad getting the better of Killarney Athletic C away on a 1-4 result in the shield/trophy competition thanks to goals from Darren Foley with two and one each from Conor Ryan & Diarmuid Sheehy with Jack O Callaghan & Tadhg Fitzgerald also playing well.

The U12 B squad won away to Killarney Celtic D on penalties in the Bowl Competition after the game finished 1-1 with Ryan O Sullivan on the score sheet. Leo Duffin & Jack O Mahony putting in strong performances on the day.

The U14 A squad were defeated at murt scott park by Killarney Celtic C on penalties after a 1-1 draw thanks to a goal by Josh Nelligan after a fine pass from Darragh McLaughlin. The Penalties did not go our way but Adam Quirke, Ruben O Leary Griffin, Ciaran Ferris, Mark van der Merwe & Ollie Kirwan were impressive on the day.

The U14 B squad got the better of Milltown FC A in the Shield/Trophy competition with a fine 3-1 home win thanks to goals from Jack Cooper, Darragh Curran & Jack Sheehy with Aidan Barry, Diarmuid Fitzgerald, Lachlan Leslie, Evan Greensmyth, Dara Flaherty & Ewan Myers putting in big efforts.

The Club U16s travelled to Castleknock Celtic (Dublin) in the last 32 of the National Trophy and forced extra time after a 1-1 draw with man of the match Daire Cornally heading powerfully to the net. It was not to be as Castlenock took their chances in extra time to win on a 1-3 scoreline. Ballyhar put in a great effort with Dan Duggan, Paddy O Shea, Ryan Quilter, Jamie Murphy, Eoin Casey, Alex Finn, Jamie O'Brien, Jack Kelly & Cillian Casey all playing well.

The seniors progressed to the second round of the Celsius Menswear Cup thanks to a gallant 2-0 home win over Lenamore Rovers. Niall Donohoe with two second half goals with Charles O

Doherty, John Power, Alan Moriarty, Danny Cronin, Mike Daly, Pdraig O Connor, Declan O Connor & Patrick O Connor, Ross Lally & Conor Giles giving it their all.

The Club U11 boys travelled to Kenmare and put in a great effort with goals by Jack O Mahony & Odhran Nicholson in a good squad effort.

The U12 girls braved the elements and defeated Iveragh FC on a 3-1 scoreline at murt scott park thanks to goals from Anna with two & one from Aislinn with Sarah Daly the player of the match in a great squad effort in poor weather conditions. The U15 boys lost 0-2 at home to Fenit Samphires in the Shield/Trophy. It was two second half goals that undid Ballyhar with Joshu O Sullivan, Alex Finn, Eoin Cremin, Dan Ryan, Daithi Allen, Luke Bartlett & Darragh O Sullivan in fine form. The Club Youths in Cup action were in a David V Goliath game away to premier opposition Killarney Athletic in the Jimmy Falvey Youth Cup. The Killarney boys took the win on a 8-3 scoreline. Conor Edwards with two goals & one from Jayden Mujeini with good performances from Eoin O Mahony, Ross Lally, Cillian Slattery, Conrad Long, Conor Giles, Tom Costello & Aaron Moriarty all playing well. The shield competition now awaits this group.

The U13 B squad put in a fine effort on Sunday last at home to Camp Juniors B in the John Joe Naughton Shield. They took camp to extra time after a 3-3 at full time thanks to two goals from Tadhg Fitzgerald & a fine strike by Darren Foley. Camp added two goals in extra time to run out 3-5 winners. Ballyhar played well with Matthew Hickey, Shane Collins, Padaig Allen, Luca Mulchinock, David McKenna, Adam Czimor, Patrick Brosnan, Harry Flaherty & Rhys Nolan all playing well in a good squad effort.

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC AFC

BOYS UNDER 16 NATIONAL CUP LAST 32

Our young blues made the long journey to Dublin to take on St Kevin's Boys, and while unfortunately we didn't get the result we were hoping for, it was a valuable experience against top-class opposition. St Kevin's Boys showed exactly why they are regarded as one of, if not the best team in Ireland, playing the game at an extremely high level and reminding everyone that they are the reigning National Cup champions. To their credit, the Athletic

lads never stopped working, competing right up to the final whistle and showing great character throughout. This group has enjoyed some excellent runs in the Schoolboys National Cup over the years, but on this occasion we came up against a truly outstanding side. We wish St Kevin's Boys the very best of luck in the remainder of the competition. A huge thank you to all the parents and supporters who travelled to Dublin on the day – your support never goes unnoticed.

NATIONAL TROPHY U14 BOYS- ROUND OF 32

Killarney Athletic A 5 - 1 Clonmel Town A

Sean Quill x 3, Trey Hurley x 1, Mark Doonan x 1

The lads travelled to Clonmel today for a tough draw against a very strong team from Clonmel. The match started well for the boys as Sean Quill opened up the scoring with a well taken finish lobbing the keeper after 3 minutes which settled our nerves. Sean struck again 9 minutes in with another very well taken finish. The lads fought hard all half and dominated the play with their skill and fight. It could have been more at halftime. They boys regrouped and went out strong in the second half with Sean Quill scoring early in the second half to give Athletic a comfortable 3-0 lead. The boys controlled the second half and scored two more very well taken goals from Trey Hurley and a calm finish from Mark Doonan put them up 5-0. A few injuries for Athletic during the game meant that the entire squad contributed to the hard fought victory. Onto the round of 16 in the National trophy for the lads. Very proud of each and every player today, they were all fabulous. Man of the match was Artem Dzhandra who was spectacular at centre back for Athletic.

BOYS U13 CUP

Killarney Athletic B 2 - 3 Dingle A

Both teams served up a cracking cup tie in Woodlawn today. The first half started very evenly with both sides competing hard. Dingle made the breakthrough through a penalty with 10 mins left. The second half saw Dingle double their lead very early on. This seemed to spurn on Athletic and quickly got one back after a terrific move finished off brilliantly by Jakub Slowakiewicz. Athletic piled on the pressure and the equaliser came from a brilliant strike by Luke O'Sullivan. The final 10 mins played out frantically from end to end in a typical cup tie where Dingle scored a winner when extra time



Ballyhar Dynamos FC U13 B squad who lost at Murt Scott Park to Camp Juniors in the John Joe Naughton shield after extra time on Sunday last.



Ballyhar Dynamos u14 A squad who were recently defeated by Killarney Celtic on penalties in the u14 Trophy/ Shield competition.

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UNDER 13 BOYS DIVISION 2 SHIELD RD. 1

Killarney Athletic Cs 4 v Tralee Dynamos Bs 3

Filip Kowalczyk x 3, Sean Doolan x 1

We welcomed Tralee Dynamos Bs to Woodlawn on a cold Saturday morning and it transpired to be a very entertaining game. The Athletic boys started strong and took a well deserved lead with a clinical finish from Filip Kowalczyk after some very good build up play. Dynamos rallied and drew level mid way through the 1st half. The boys continued to pile on the pressure and took the lead once again through a tidy finish from Sean Doolan from the edge of the box. Athletic started the second half strongly and should have added to their lead with the crossbar stopping a Nathan Horgan shot. Filip continued his brilliant display from the first half adding 2 more goals, including a lovely finish from the edge of the box. Dynamos kept fighting and made for a nervous finish when awarded a penalty which they converted and then had an indirect free from inside the box in the dying minutes which they failed to convert. The boys showed great resilience to hold on for a well deserved 4-3 win. A brilliant team performance from all the Athletic boys, a special mention to Filip Kowalczyk who was excellent from start to finish

Thank you to Dynamos, the referee, and all who came out to support the boys.

GIRLS U16 PREMIER

Killarney Athletic 3 - 1 MEK

Ella Murphy x 1, Sheolagh Daly x 1, Lillian Slattery x 1

On a miserable evening the girls welcomed MEK to Woodlawn, in a very competitive game the girls took the lead with an Ella Murphy goal a beautiful finish from inside the box. In the second half a few girls had to leave so we took the opportunity to play our regular goal keeper out field Sheolagh Daly went in up top as an emergency striker and with min five minutes she hit a beautiful strike in to top corner leaving the goal keeper no chance. MEK played really well and had some good opportunities as the half went with a ball cleared off the line to keep the score at 2 nil!

Our third goal came from Lillian Slattery after great work down the right from Esme O Sullivan. MEK got one back with nine minutes to go and had a few chances to increase their score but the girls held on for the win in the end.

We would like to thank MEK and the referee for a great game.

U14 GIRLS PREMIER

Killarney Athletic 5 v Castleisland 1

Evie Doolan x 3, Lucy Myles x 1, Erica Moloney x 1
Player of the Game Evie Doolan Midfield.

MASTERGEEHA

U12 GIRL'S PREMIER

Killorglin 1 v Mastergeeha 3 League Champions!

Olivia O Connor, Gracie Maher [2]

On a cold, wet afternoon, our U12 girls sealed the Premier Division title with an outstanding 3-1 victory over a very strong



MEK U8s that played Ballyhar Dynamos Saturday morning

Killorglin side. Knowing a win was essential, the girls showed great determination from the start. Olivia O'Connor opened the scoring, meeting a superb corner from Mia Burke to give us the lead. Killorglin responded with some early pressure, but our defence lead by a commanding Kate Doolan stood firm. The nerves began to settle when Gracie Maher doubled the advantage with a beautiful glancing header. Gracie struck again soon after with a fantastic finish to make it three. Killorglin did pull one back with an excellent goal, but the day belonged to Mastergeeha. Huge credit must go to this group of players who have gone through the entire league campaign unbeaten. Their commitment, enthusiasm, and love for the game shine through every time they train and play.

As a club, we are incredibly proud of this special team.

U14 GIRL'S PREMIER

Killarney Celtic 0 v Mastergeeha 2 12/2

Gracie Maher, Ruby Moynihan

A great win on Thursday night under the lights at Celtic.

This was another 50/50 battle with our near neighbours, with neither side giving an inch over the full 70 minutes. Credit to both teams for a highly competitive and sporting game.

The breakthrough came in the first half with a cool one-on-one finish from Gracie Maher. That was followed in the second half by a long-range strike from Ruby Moynihan.

Massive well done to all the girls on both teams for their effort and performance.

Thanks to Killarney Celtic for a very sporting contest and to Tom Kerrisk on the whistle.

U12 BOY'S PREMIER

Mastergeeha A 1 v Killorglin 0

MOTM: Sean Breen

Goal Scorer: Mathew Cahill

Mastergeeha FC Captain: Dara Burchill

Mastergeeha U12s had early home fixture vs Killorglin AFC this morning. The weather didn't play its part as game tipped off in freezing temperatures but the support from parents and friends on the side-line was huge in tough conditions. Mastergeeha very unlucky again to miss a couple of chances in the first half from Thomas O'Sullivan, Thomas Corkery and Dara Burchill. Dara O'Keefe with some great attacking right play A tough physical first half from both teams. Mathew Cahill putting us on the score line with a goal on the 44th minute, great switch of play from Josh O Sullivan in centre midfield to find Ronan O Neill in the box for Mathew Cahill to get the ball over the

line in a scrappy goal. A great overall team performance by Mastergeeha today, in tough freezing windy conditions. Today's Man of the Match goes to Sean Breen, outstanding performance in right back. Big thanks to Mastergeeha committee again for again for hot drinks and refreshments, for both teams and families. Very much appreciated on a wet, windy day in Kilbrean Park. Special mention to today's referee Brendan O Sullivan for a very fair sporting, physical game.

U13 BOY'S JOHN -JOE NAUGHTON CUP/ TROPHY ROUND

Killarney Athletic A 2 v Mastergeeha A 0

U13 BOY'S JOHN -JOE NAUGHTON SHIELD ROUND 1

Park C 4 v Mastergeeha B 1

U15 BOY'S HEALY FAMILY CUP/TROPHY ROUND 1

Camp A 4 v Mastergeeha B 0

MASTERGEEHA LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Friday 13th February for the Jackpot of €4,800. Numbers drawn were 1,10,14,26. Consolations Prizes of €50 each to the following, Darragh Brosnan Kilbrean, Donal O Sullivan, Jenny Healy Mairead Buckley Online. Our next draw will be on Friday 20th February at the Village Inn for Jackpot of €5,000.

KILLARNEY CELTIC

CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 1,8,19,24. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €30. Next jackpot €7,200 on Monday February 23rd. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through clubzap.

U15 CUP

Killarney Celtic A 4-0 Killarney Celtic C

Emmanuel Iheme 2, Cormac O Sullivan, Killian O Sullivan

Celtic A led early on through Cormac O Sullivan but Celtic C came back into the game but missed a penalty. Celtic A responded with 2 goals to lead 3-0 at the break. In the 2nd half Celtic A added another goal when Emmanuel Iheme netted.

Listowel Celtic B 1-4 Killarney Celtic B

Luke Clifford, Fionn Culloty, Conor Doherty, Cillian Scannell

Killarney Celtic B qualified for the next round of the Cup after a fine display in Listowel. Killarney were stronger overall and showed their class through the game with some fine play.

U13 DIV 1

Killarney Celtic B 2-2 Killarney Celtic C

Illia Pomishchik, Conor Bartlett, Cian O Connell, Eryk McGrath

Celtic B and Celtic C shared the points in this encounter which went right to injury time when Celtic C equalised. Celtic C opened the scoring before Celtic B edged ahead and then it was time for the late drama as Celtic C grabbed a late goal to leave the points shared.

U13 TROPHY/SHIELD

Killarney Celtic B 4-4 Castlemaine.

Castlemaine win on penalties

Illia Pomishchik

Celtic U14B battled all the way to the end in this entertaining encounter but just came up short after penalties.

GIRLS U14 PREMIER

Killarney Celtic 0-2 Mastergeeha

In a vital match for the league race it was Mastergeeha who struck for the all important goals

CONGRATS to Emmanuelle Iheme who made the KSBGL Team of the Week

KERRY SCHOOLBOY/GIRL SOCCER

NATIONAL

KERRY U12 AND U13 BOYS ADVANCE IN INTER LEAGUE

Both the Kerry U12 and U13 Boys booked Cup Quarter Final ties at the weekend, both via 2-1 results littered with drama and big moments.

In the U12 tie, Kerry edged past Lisburn Castlerea with a 2-1 win thanks to a brace from Igor Jasiński. His two goals proved decisive in a tightly contested encounter on the Killarney Celtic astro, ensuring Kerry's place in the next round.

The U13 side also booked their progression after an extra-time battle away to Inishowen. Kerry ran out 2-1 winners following a determined display, Tadhg Gilligan grabbed Kerry's first goal, while as time was running out, Dylan McCarthy raced through on goal sending a tidy finish past the keeper to seal the result and send the travelling support into raptures.

PARK REACH LAST EIGHT AS MEK SUFFER LAST 16 EXIT

It was a day of mixed emotions for the St Brendan's Park U16 Girls and MEK Galaxy U12 Girls in their respective National Cup/Trophy ties on Saturday last.

There was success in the U16 Girl's National

Killarney Celtic U13B and U13C squads at their recent U13 Div 1 match



Cup Last 16 for St. Brendan's Park, as they produced an impressive performance to secure a 2-1 victory over Termonfeckin Celtic in Christy Leahy Park.

Laura Heaphy grabbed the equaliser for Park, before Sofia Rybanska's long range free landed in the back of the net, a goal that proved decisive, sending Park through to the next round and continuing their strong cup campaign.

In the U12 Girl's National Trophy Last 16, MEK saw their run come to an end following a 4-0 defeat to Regional United, despite their efforts throughout the tie.

ATHLETIC REACH LAST 16 AS KENMARE SUFFER DEFEAT

A mixed weekend of results in the U14 Boy's National Trophy Last 32 saw Killarney Athletic book their place in the last 16 stage, while Inter Kenmare suffered defeat and their campaign came to a conclusion.

Killarney Athletic delivered an excellent performance on the road to advance, recording an emphatic 5-1 away win over Clonmel Town. Sean Quill was the standout performer with a superb hat-trick, while Trey Hurley and Mark Doonan also found the net to round off a confident display and seal progression to the next round.

It proved a tougher outing for Inter Kenmare, whose campaign ended following a 4-1 defeat away to Portmarnock. Ben Leonard grabbed Inter's goal on the day, but the hosts proved clinical to secure their passage and bring Inter Kenmare's run to a close.

GIRLS

MASTERGEEHA CROWNED U12 PREMIER CHAMPIONS

After another three points were secured by Mastergeeha in their 3-1 win away to Killorglin in Dragons Den, they were crowned Maher's

Meats U12 Girl's Premier Champions.

A clinical display in front of goal proved the difference, with Gracie Maher leading the way by netting twice, while Olivia O'Connor also got on the scoresheet to seal the victory. Mia Bruton was on target for the home side.

ATHLETIC AND GEEHA SECURE BIG POINTS IN 14'S TITLE RACE

Killarney Athletic are the new leaders in the O'Sullivan's Bakery U14 Girl's Premier, while Mastergeeha sit second as both secured big results last weekend.

Mastergeeha produced an impressive away performance to claim a 2-0 victory over the former league leaders Killarney Celtic. Goals from Gracie Maher and Ruby Moynihan ensured the visitors took all three points after a disciplined display at both ends of the pitch. Killarney Athletic enjoyed a strong outing as they recorded a convincing 5-1 win against Castleisland. Evie Doolan was the standout performer with a superb hat-trick, while Lucy Myles and Erica Moloney also found the net to round off an excellent team performance.

DYNAMOS END DINGLE'S UNBEATEN RUN

A big result in the O'Sullivan's Bakery U14 Girl's Division 1 saw Tralee Dynamos defeat league leaders Dingle in emphatic fashion on the road, handing them a first defeat of the season in the process.

In a clinical display in front of goal, Tia Falvey proved the difference between the sides, scoring all four goals in a 4-0 win for the Tralee side, to cap a superb individual performance and guide her team to a big win for their hopes at the league title.

ATHLETIC, LB AND CAMP PICK UP POINTS IN 16'S PREMIER

There were home wins for Killarney Athletic and Camp Juniors last weekend, while LB Rovers also secured three points on the board



Mastergeeha U12 Girls



Kerry U12 Boys

courtesy of a walkover against Listowel Celtic. Killarney Athletic produced a strong performance to claim a 3-1 win over MEK. Goals from Ella Murphy, Sheolagh Daly, and Lillian Slattery ensured Athletic took all three points after a composed display across the pitch. Camp were also in impressive form as they recorded a comprehensive 6-0 victory against Fenit. A brace from Órlaith Flynn set the tone, with further strikes from Holly O'Driscoll, Lucy Kennedy, Roisin McCarthy, and Grace Cawley rounding off an excellent team performance and a deserved win.

BOYS GOALS, DRAMA AND PENALTIES IN JOHN JOE NAUGHTON ACTION

Last weekend saw action in U13 Boy's John-Joe Naughton Cup/Trophy Round 1 along with the Round 1 knockout games in the Shield, as the race for silverware continues across the county. In the Cup/Trophy games, Killorglin A edged a thrilling contest with Camp A, coming out on top 4-3. A superb hat-trick from Jack Moloney proved decisive, with Páidí Ó Mhuirheartaigh also on target in a narrow but deserved win. Dingle A also progressed after a 3-2 victory over Killarney Athletic B. Lúí Ó Sé, Darragh McCarthy, and Jamie Murphy found the net for Dingle, while Jakub Slowakiewicz and Luke O'Sullivan replied for Athletic.

Killorglin B were 5-1 winners against Fenit B thanks to goals from Oisin Griffin (2), Dylan Doona, Senan O'Donovan, and Nathaniel. LB Rovers A delivered a strong performance to beat Inter Kenmare B 5-1, with Conor Slattery, Liam O'Hanlon (2), Darragh Walsh O'Boyle, and another O'Hanlon strike sealing the result, while Naoise Orpin scored for Kenmare. Park B had a 6-0 win over MEK B, led by a Cody McKenna hat-trick, plus goals from Michael Lynch (2) and JJ Whyte. Killarney Athletic A defeated Mastergeeha 2-0, while the tie between Ballyhar A and Castleisland A was postponed.

In the Shield Round 1 knock-outs, Killarney Athletic C claimed a narrow 4-3 win over Tralee Dynamos B in an entertaining tie. Filip Kowalczyk was the standout performer with a superb hat-trick, while Sean Doolan also found the net to seal the victory.

Listowel Celtic B produced a strong display to defeat Tralee Dynamos A 4-1, with goals coming from Davi Flores, Tomas Gibbons, Robbie McCool, and Charlie O'Sullivan. Park C also advanced after a 4-1 success against Mastergeeha B. Ryan Greensmyth and Aidan McCarthy (2) were on target for Park, while Cillian Cronin replied for Mastergeeha.

Camp B progressed after extra time with a 5-3 win over Ballyhar B. Tadhg Fitzgerald (2) and Darren Foley scored for Ballyhar, but Camp edged the tie in the additional period.

Castlemaine came through a dramatic encounter with Killarney Celtic B. The sides drew 4-4 after extra time, with Illia Pomishchuk scoring all four for Celtic, before Castlemaine prevailed 4-3 on penalties. Their goals came from Kieran Sheehan (2), Darragh Bell, and an own goal. In the shootout, Billy Galvin, Sheehan and Bell all converted their penalties, before the winning penalty kick was taken by Joshua

O Connor.

Castleisland B also needed penalties to advance after a 1-1 draw with Iveragh B. Tommy Enright scored in normal time and then converted in the shootout alongside Louis Barry and Keagan O'Brien, with goalkeeper Kayden Hourigan making some big saves. Michael John Moran scored for Iveragh.

SIDES ADVANCE AS HEALY FAMILY CUP/ TROPHY AND SHIELD TAKES SHAPE

The race to crown the various U15 Boy's Cup, Shield, and Trophy winners will be an interesting one after the weekend served up plenty of dramatic contests up and down the county.

In the Cup/Trophy Round 1 ties, Camp A advanced with a 4-0 victory over Mastergeeha B, while Listowel Celtic A enjoyed a strong 5-2 win against Tralee Dynamos. Park A delivered one of the standout performances of the round, defeating Castleisland B 7-1. Kian Cronin led the scoring with four goals, supported by Daniel Diggins (2) and Dylan McEvoy.

Killarney Celtic B progressed thanks to a 4-1 win over Listowel Celtic B, with goals from Jack Clifford, Fionn Culloty, Conor Doherty, and Cillian Scannell. Castleisland A secured a 3-0 victory away to Killorglin A, with Yehveni Momontov completing an impressive hat-trick. Fenit A also moved on after a 2-0 win over Ballyhar A.

An all-club clash saw Killarney Celtic A defeat Killarney Celtic C 4-0, courtesy of strikes from Cormac O'Sullivan, Killian O'Sullivan, and Emmanuel Iheme (2).

In the Shield knock-outs, Park B edged a tight contest to beat Killorglin B 2-1, with Corey Kinsella scoring both goals. Iveragh A advanced via walkover against Killarney Athletic D, while LB Rovers A booked their place in the next round with a 2-1 win over Fenit B, thanks to goals from Finn O'Sullivan and Chams Tarkhani

U12 GIRL'S NATIONAL TROPHY LAST 16
MEK 0-4 Regional United

U16 GIRL'S NATIONAL CUP LAST 16
St. Brendan's Park 2-1 Termonfeckin Celtic

MAHER'S MEATS U12 GIRL'S PREMIER

Killorglin 1-3 Mastergeeha

MAHER'S MEATS U12 GIRL'S DIVISION 1

MEK B 2-0 Inter Kenmare

Ballyhar 3-1 Iveragh

O'SULLIVAN'S BAKERY U14 GIRL'S PREMIER

Killarney Celtic 0-2 Mastergeeha

Killarney Athletic 5-1 Castleisland

O'SULLIVAN'S BAKERY U14 GIRL'S DIVISION 1

Dingle 0-4 Tralee Dynamos

U16 GIRL'S PREMIER

Killarney Athletic 3-1 MEK

Camp 6-0 Fenit

Listowel Celtic 0-3 LB Rovers w/o

BOYS

U12 BOY'S INTER LEAGUE PRELIM QUARTER FINAL

Kerry 2-1 Lisburn Castlereagh

U13 BOY'S INTER LEAGUE PRELIM QUARTER FINAL

Inishowen 1-2 Kerry AET

U14 BOY'S NATIONAL TROPHY LAST 32

Clonmel Town 1-5 Killarney Athletic

Portmarnock 4-1 Inter Kenmare

EBS U12 BOY'S PREMIER

Mastergeeha A 1-0 Killorglin

EBS U12 BOY'S DIVISION 2

Listowel Celtic B 6-0 Fenit B

U12 JOHN MURPHY BOY'S SHIELD /TROPHY ROUND 1

Milltown 6-2 Park B

U13 BOY'S DIVISION 1

Killarney Celtic C 2-2 Killarney Celtic B

U13 BOY'S JOHN-JOE NAUGHTON CUP/ TROPHY ROUND 1

Killorglin A 4-3 Camp A

Killarney Athletic B 2-3 Dingle A

Ballyhar A P-P Castleisland A

Fenit B 1-5 Killorglin B

LB Rovers A 5-1 Inter Kenmare B

Park B 6-0 MEK B

Killarney Athletic A 2-0 Mastergeeha A

U13 BOY'S JOHN-JOE NAUGHTON SHIELD ROUND 1

Killarney Athletic C 4-3 Tralee Dynamos B

Listowel Celtic B 4-1 Tralee Dynamos A

Park C 4-1 Mastergeeha B

Ballyhar B 3-5 Camp B AET

Killarney Celtic B 4-4 Castlemaine AET (Castlemaine won 4-3 on pens)

Castleisland B 1-1 Iveragh B AET (Castleisland won 3-1 on pens)

U14 TOM HAYES BOY'S TROPHY /SHIELD ROUND 1

Tralee Dynamos B 3-2 Fenit B

U15 BOY'S HEALY FAMILY CUP/TROPHY ROUND 1

Camp A 4-0 Mastergeeha B

Listowel Celtic A 5-2 Tralee Dynamos

Park A 7-1 Castleisland B

Listowel Celtic B 1-4 Killarney Celtic B

Killorglin A 0-3 Castleisland A

Ballyhar A 0-2 Fenit A

Killarney Celtic C 0-4 Killarney Celtic A

U15 BOY'S HEALY FAMILY SHIELD ROUND 1 (KNOCK-OUT)

Killorglin B 1-2 Park B

Iveragh A 3-0 Killarney Athletic D W/O

LB Rovers A 2-1 Fenit B

BOYS TEAM OF THE WEEK

1. Kayden Hourigan (Castleisland U13)
2. Cillian Cryan (Milltown U12)
4. Joshua O'Connor (Castlemaine United U13)
5. Artem Dzhandra (Killarney Athletic U14)
3. Darren Brosnan (Tralee Dynamos U14)
6. Emmanuel Iheme (Killarney Celtic U15)
7. Daniel Smith (Listowel Celtic U12)
8. Liam O'Hanlon (LB Rovers U13)
9. Jack Moloney (Killorglin U13)
10. Kian Cronin (St Brendan's Park U15)
11. Filip Kowalczyk (Killarney Athletic U13)

GIRLS ROLL OF HONOUR

1. Ellie Fleming (Mastergeeha)
2. Naoise Flynn (Castlemaine United)
4. Eve McEvoy (St Brendan's Park)
5. Kate Doolan (Mastergeeha)
3. Ciara Cronin (St Brendan's Park)
6. Esme O'Sullivan (Killarney Athletic)
8. Niamh O'Callaghan (Camp Juniors)
7. Jayah O'Reagan (MEK Galaxy)
10. Evie Doolan (Killarney Athletic)
9. Holly O'Driscoll (Camp Juniors)
11. Tia Falvey (Tralee Dynamos)

SSE AIRTRICITY MEN'S FIRST DIVISION

KERRY FC KICK OFF THEIR FIRST DIVISION CAMPAIGN

UCD AFC 2-1 Kerry FC

Kerry FC began their SSE Airtricity Men's First Division campaign on Friday night as they took on UCD AFC in Belfield. Kerry FC enjoyed an impressive off-season, both on and off the pitch. Signings and wins in the Munster Senior Cup have the Kingdom crowd geared up hugely for what promises to be the biggest season yet.

Last season, our first trip to Belfield came with a memorable game and result. Two penalty saves from Tim Oliver-Hiemer, and a winning penalty from captain Sean McGrath ensured all three points were heading back to the south on a cold and wet night in the capital.

On Friday, the First Division was back, Kerry FC was back in League of Ireland action, and the Kerry faithful were in full voice on the opening night.

FIRST HALF

The opening stages were played at a lively pace, with both sides pressing high and trying to establish early control. UCD enjoyed spells of possession, but Kerry FC looked dangerous on the break, with Daniel Okwute and Cian Murphy working hard to close down space and force mistakes.

The first notable moment arrived in the 19th minute when Dara Kavanagh's poor clearance was blocked by Murphy, and the ball ricocheted into the path of Okwute. The chance developed quickly, but Kavanagh recovered well and gathered the ball at the second attempt to prevent a major scare.

Kerry FC's intensity was reflected earlier in the half when Niall Brookwell received a yellow card in the seventeenth minute for a challenge in midfield. UCD continued to build pressure and came close on the half-hour mark when they struck the post from close range inside the six-yard box, a major let-off for Matt Connor and the Kerry FC defence.

UCD threatened again soon after when the ball dropped to Luca Cailloce on the edge of the box, but his shot was gathered comfortably by Connor in the thirty-second minute. While UCD had created the clearer openings, Kerry FC began to grow into the contest as the half progressed and started to deliver more threatening balls into the area.

That approach paid off in the forty-third minute, although in an unfortunate fashion for the home side. Okwute delivered a dangerous cross into the box, and Carl Lennox, attempting to deal with it, turned the ball into his own net. The own goal gave Kerry FC a 1-0 lead and rewarded their improved spell late in the half.

UCD attempted to respond before the break but were unable to find an equaliser, and Kerry FC went into half-time with the advantage.



SECOND HALF

UCD returned for the second half with renewed urgency and quickly began to tilt the game in their favour. Kerry FC were forced into more defensive work, and the intensity of the contest increased as both sides fought hard for control.

The physical edge of the match showed early in the half when Cian Murphy received a yellow card in the fifty-third minute as he protested a foul given against the Kingdom. UCD's Mikey McCullagh then followed him into the referee's notebook two minutes later, as the game became more stretched and competitive.

The equaliser arrived in the fifty-eighth minute. A free kick from deep was delivered into the Kerry FC penalty area, and Carl Lennox rose to meet it, making amends for his earlier own goal. He reached the ball just before Matt Connor could claim it and guided it into the net to bring UCD level at one goal apiece.

Kerry FC tried to respond quickly and nearly regained the lead in the sixty-first minute. Brandon Bermingham delivered a cross into the area, and Murphy met it at the near post, but his header drifted wide of the target.

UCD continued to press and came close again in the sixty-fourth minute when Hugh Smith struck a shot from inside the box, only for Connor to produce a superb save to keep Kerry FC in the match.

However, the turnaround was completed a minute later. In the sixty-fifth minute, UCD produced a well-worked move with good interplay, and a cross was delivered into the area for Ciaran Behan, who nodded the ball into the far corner to make it two-one.

Colin Healy reacted by making changes, with Luke Palmer replacing Bermingham in the seventy third minute, while UCD introduced Colin Bolton for Louis Dignam. UCD then freshened their midfield and defence in the eightieth minute as Killian Cailloce and Michael

Raggett came on for Stephen Mohan and Smith. Kerry FC pushed forward in the closing stages and made a late change of their own when Cian Brosnan replaced Sean McGrath in the eighty-seventh minute. UCD looked increasingly comfortable managing the game, although the match took another twist late on.

Adam Wells had been booked earlier, and in the ninetieth minute he was shown a second yellow card, leaving UCD to see out the game with ten men. Four minutes of stoppage time were added, and Kerry FC attempted to take advantage, but UCD defended resolutely and limited the visitors to half-chances.

The full-time whistle confirmed a two-one win for UCD AFC on the opening night, as Kerry FC were left frustrated after leading at the break but being unable to withstand UCD's second-half response. Kerry FC must now dust themselves off and get back to the drawing board as they play their first home league game of the 2026 season next Friday, as they take on Athlone Town in Mounthawk Park, which promises to be another tough contest.

UCD AFC Team: Dara Kavanagh; Luke O'Regan, Eanna Clancy, Luca Cailloce, Carl Lennox (OWN GOAL '44, GOAL '59), Adam Wells (RED CARD '90); Hugh Smith, Stephen Mohan, Mikey McCullagh, Ciaran Behan (GOAL '65); Louis Dignam.

Subs: Colin Bolton for Dignam (73), Killian Cailloce for Mohan, Michael Raggett for Hugh Smith (Both 80), Niall Hologan for McCullagh (90+3).

Kerry FC Team: Matt Connor; Ewan Lee, Killian Cantwell, Jonas Hakkinen, Sean O'Connell; Niall Brookwell, Vincent Borden; Daniel Okwute, Sean McGrath, Brandon Bermingham; Cian Murphy.

Subs: Luke Palmer for Bermingham (73), Cian Brosnan for McGrath (87).



JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY

takes a look at all things sport...

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Kerry 2-17 Galway 3-14

Well, we might have been counting an amount of chickens about to be hatched, but instead what we definitely got in the finish was a curate's egg. Once upon a time everybody knew about the curates' egg – the parish priest would always get a good egg for his tea. The curate's egg...would be good in parts.

And Kerry, when they were good were very, very good. I liked the start. It seemed to me that Galway were slow in their build-up, a lot of passing before a tame enough shot into Shane Murphy. Kerry, on the other hand, were much more direct. I loved the long, accurate kick-passing. Joe O'Connor long into David Clifford, quick release to Dylan Casey, and Kerry on the scoreboard. Armin Heinrich with a good burst forward, and Micheál Burns from a tight angle made no mistake. Another nicely worked Kerry move, and Keith Evans coolly slotted over.

Joe O'Connor was lording midfield (he was Kerry's best player overall for me), Clifford was a perfect long target with Evans buzzing around him, Armin Heinrich was driving well, Micheál Burns was tigerish, and Cillian Trant wasn't far behind him. Matthew Tierney did pounce on a scrambled clearance to open Galway's account, but David Clifford did gather another high ball and lay off to Trant for a point. In fact, the keeper tipped it over – for me, being honest, a more experienced finisher would have buried a goal there. Shane McGrath (he was my actual man of the match; I thought he was superb) notched Galway's second score.

Kerry were on top now anyway, but Galway didn't help their own cause by coughing up a fairly cheap turnover in their own square. I remember the genial Jerome O'Shea at a Kerry Supporters Social playfully telling Marc Ó Sé how he disapproved of defenders playing ball near their own goal – "just belt it clear, Marc!" I'd be from the same school. Galway should have gathered, but in nipped a Kerry player (Armin, I found out after) to deftly poke it away. Tony Brosnan snapped it up and drilled a piledriver – fair play to Eamon McGrath for a great save, but an alert Keith Evans was following up and slotted the rebound. Good predatory instincts by Kerry, but that was poor defending, to be honest.

The response said a lot about Galway, and maybe a bit about Kerry too. Galway, for once, moved the ball up the field fast. Great football, to be sure, and a Kerry defence that had been calm and controlled against a slow build-up suddenly looked discomfited. Matthew Tierney – along with McGrath, I thought he was involved in everything good about Galway – cut in at a very tight angle and just squeezed it into the net. Not as bad a goal to cough up as Kerry's one – it was very well crafted at speed – but not one you'd be happy with coughing up at the same time.



We have something they don't, though, and his name is David Clifford. Evan Looney produced a good clearance and the ball came to David. Straight over the bar for two points. Another well-worked Kerry move, out to David just outside the arc, another two points.

Matthew Tierney with a good score. That's 1-2 out of 1-3 for him. Kerry were well on top though. Micheál Burns with a high ball lamped in, keeper wasn't confident enough in grabbing it, and David Clifford calmly tapped it into the net. Kerry won the knockout and Burns notched a point himself, with Tony Brosnan adding another. Galway had chances in the last minutes of the half but dropped two good chances short – even allowing for the wind, they left quite a few behind them like that overall.

Half-time Kerry 2-10 Galway 1-3.

Both sides left chances behind them before Oisín Mac Donnacha fired over a two pointer. Good work by Tony Brosnan helped set up Joe O'Connor for a well-deserved point. Kerry were much the livelier side, Trant picking off two points and Evians another. 2-14 to 1-5.

Galway needed something to kick-start them. Shane McGrath kicked a great two pointer. Should have added another point, yet again, it dropped short. No matter, Cillian Ó Laoi split the posts.

David Clifford with a point. 2-15 to 1-8, 54 minutes on the clock. Losing it from here would be an indictment of any team. Yes, I do remember Dublin in the league last year. But there was a gale force wind that day, they had lorded the entire second half, and anyway lightning doesn't strike twice. I'm actually tempted to make a break for the car. Not because the game isn't entertaining; it most certainly is. But it's so cold.....it's kind of "I am just going out and may be some time" poetry kind of cold. It's brass monkeys being worried about their chance of procreating kind of cold. The Winter Olympics don't want this kind of

cold. But I'll toughen it out.

Just for those of you of a scientific bent, lightning actually does strike the same spot twice. It actually does it often. Also, blue moons happen every two to three years.

Matthew Tierney with a two point free – the only dead ball score of the game, make of that what you will. Sub David O'Flaherty with a point.

Good work by Eddie Healy to get the ball to Cillian Trant, who laid off to David Clifford. He looked to loop it into the top corner, the keeper did well to get a hand to force it over the bar. 2-16 to 1-11. Nothing to worry about.

Tony Brosnan caught in possession. Tony could have done better, but where were the options? Kerry are starting to look tired and making tired decisions. A couple of them are arguing about mistakes – lads, this isn't any debating forum. Look behind ye. Galway are bursting forward, superb by Maher, while ye are making conversation. Sure enough, Galway once again raced through our defence and Cian Hernon applied the finish.

And then they did it again. A fantastic sprint by Shane McGrath, John Maher bursting a gut to keep up with him and gather the offload. No chance for Shane Murphy. An unlucky slip by Eddie Healy in defence allowed Dylan McHugh to fist over. He could well have had a go at goal from there.

Dylan Casey had opened Kerry's account, now he added their last score. Two clear. Galway with the momentum, though. Shane McGrath with a long range effort. Great effort, as it happened, and Shane Murphy had to tip it over the crossbar. Orange flag, and Galway with their draw. From 2-14 to 1-5, to 2-17 to 3-14. We can quibble about one or two refereeing decisions if we want; the fact is that Galway found the door slightly ajar and forced it open by playing good football.

Last chance to win it. Long ball to David, and he gave it to Cathal Brosnan. Very tight angle....



Action from the Kerry V Galway game at Austin Stack Park at the weekend. Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans

too tight. Just outside. In a perverse way, I don't mind. Galway deserved their draw. We already had our bit of grand larceny against Roscommon; another one would be pushing things a bit.

I wouldn't be drawing too many conclusions from this game. Winter ground and both sides very understrength. You'll see different football in summer. Yes, young players on both sides have definitely put their hands up for championship, always good to see. There's clearly stuff for both sides to work on, nothing wrong with that either.

Kerry: Shane Murphy, Evan Looney, Jason Foley, Dylan Casey (0-2), Armin Heinrich, Tadhg Morley, Graham O'Sullivan, Joe O'Connor (0-1), Liam Smith, Cillian Trant (0-3), Seán O'Shea, Micheál Burns (0-2), Tony Brosnan (0-1), David Clifford (1-6, 2tp), Keith Evans (1-2). Subs: Eddie Healy (for Graham O'Sullivan, 51 mins), Mark O'Shea (for Liam Smith, 53 mins), Donagh Shine O'Sullivan (for Micheál Burns, 56 mins), Cathal Brosnan (for Tony Brosnan, 64 mins), Paul Murphy (for Jason Foley, 69 mins).

Galway: Eamon McGrath, Johnny McGrath, Ryan Roche, Jack Glynn, Brian Cogger, Cian Hernon (1-0), Sean Kelly, Kieran Molloy, Matthew Tierney (1-4, 1tpf), Shane McGrath (0-5, 2tp), Ciarán Mulhearn, John Maher (1-0), Fionn McDonagh, Robert Finnerty, Oisín Mac Donnacha (0-2, 1tp). Subs: Finnian Ó Laoi 0-1 (for Brian Cogger, 27 mins), Daniel Ó Flaherty 0-1 (for Ciarán Mulhearn, 42 mins), Charlie Power (for Ryan Roche, 45 mins), Dylan McHugh 0-1 (for Kieran Molloy, 47 mins), Liam Ó Conghaile for O Mac Donnacha (61).

Referee: Paul Faloon (Down).

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP DRAWS

Senior Club Championship

Group One

Dr. Crokes, Dingle, Rathmore, Spa

Well, isn't that a lovely group? Judging by this draw I wouldn't say this is a week for Spa to buy any National Lottery ticket! You have the All Ireland club champions – although Dingle might well feel the after-effects of that

long and gruelling campaign and have been susceptible to summer migration in recent years, not to mention the couple of top players living in Australia. Rathmore, who beat Spa fairly comfortably and put up a great battle in last year's County Semi-Final. And just to top it off, Spa's campaign opens with an away game to Dr. Crokes, the reigning champions, who have definitely had the indian sign over their neighbours in all competitions in recent years and who will have been incentivised after that loss to Mid Kerry last year.

Realistically you'd fancy Crokes and Dingle to advance from this group, but Rathmore were excellent last year and nobody will fancy playing them. Too close to call, I reckon.

Group Two

Kenmare Shamrocks, Templenoe, Austin Stacks

I'd have Stacks right up among the overall favourites – they will have recent county players on their subs' bench and arguably have the most depth in their panel. Kenmare Shamrocks probably have the most in-form player in the country right now – Seán O'Shea's performance against Donegal was reminiscent for me of Seán Cavanagh in 2008 or Maurice himself back in 1997. Moreover, not least because of the same Seán's work in SP Inbhearr Scéine, Kenmare have a lot of blossoming young talent. Suggestions that they are a one man team are just lazy characterisation in my opinion. My own feeling is that Templenoe are likely to struggle. They have been batting above their weight for so long that I think we have all started to take them a little bit for granted, but I think the inhibitions of population size might finally be catching up with them.

Group Three

Na Gaeil, An Ghaeltacht, Milltown/Castlemaine

A tough group to call. Na Gaeil, with players involved with Kerry in both codes, had struggled for a couple of years and may have been lucky that relegation wasn't on the table once or twice, but last year they were a revelation, powering their way to the final. With all the big guns like the Barrys, Okumbor, and Diarmuid O'Connor in play, the only part of the jigsaw in question is whether the likes of Maunsell, Sheehan, and Devine can provide scores equal

to their quality of play. An Ghaeltacht bring an All Ireland trophy with them back to senior ranks, again, that long campaign might take a toll. But they are physically big and have a range of scoring threats. Milltown/Castlemaine have taken some fairly comprehensive defeats in the last couple of years. The team that won promotion had an older profile. Mid Kerry football is unquestionably on the rise, but I think it will be another two years before we really see that.

Intermediate Championship

Group One

Fossa, Ballymacelligott, Glenbeigh/Glencar, Gneeveguilla

Fossa have been knocking really hard on the door in recent years, reaching two finals in three years. A fully fit Paudie Clifford could be that little bit extra to get them over the line.... arrah, you'd be as well off throwing darts at the moon as guessing at the favourites in the Intermediate. But Fossa will certainly be aiming to get out of the group at the very least. Ballymac....well, when I say that Fossa have been knocking hard on the door....Ballymac have finally gotten promotion from the Premier Junior, and are bringing an All Ireland trophy with them. They also have a good young contingent pushing into senior ranks. It's a big jump, though. Glenbeigh/Glencar are not the force that they were; I suspect that their clash with Ballymac will have a big say in how the group plays out and Ballymac would be slight favourites there for me with that bit extra in terms of firepower. A full strength Gneeveguilla are a big handful for anybody, but my understanding is that they will be missing a couple of key players.

Group 2

Kilcummin, John Mitchels, Furies, Ballydonoghue

Kilcummin had a good run at it last year and will rattle cages along the way again. Serious contenders, especially with the O'Shea brothers in form. John Mitchels are an old power but certainly not the force they were – is it just me, or did the move outside of town to their undeniably superb facilities maybe work against them a little bit? I don't really see them getting out of the group. Furies are

another young side who pushed hard last year and have made very good progress in recent years. I thought they were maybe a little bit unlucky not to reach the knockout stages last year, and I think they can do it this time around. They have scoring power, I rated James Horgan even before his excellent Sigerson campaign. Ballydonoghue....a tough outfit, and Jason Foley has been an absolute phenomenon for them in championship football, but have they enough? I fancy Kilcummin and Furies to emerge from this group.

Group 3

Killarney Legion, Listowel Emmets, Laune Rangers, St. Mary's Cahersiveen

Tough group. Legion are a match for anybody when on song, but they struggle to put the choir together. For me they have been slightly less than the sum of their parts, good football, but not enough of it shows on the scoreboard. They should certainly be able to get out of the group. Listowel Emmets are defensively solid and Joe Joe Grimes was one of the players of the championship for me last year. It'll take a good team to beat them, but there's plenty of good teams chasing an Intermediate title. Laune Rangers could not have run Stacks any closer two years ago and will be very disappointed with failing to qualify last year despite their opening win over Legion. They have been unlucky with injuries and absentees in recent times. The quality is there, though, Clifford, Cleary, the Hassetts....if they click, and it is a big 'if', they really could go all the way. South Kerry football is struggling, and there's nopoint deying it. St. Marys will go out swinging – they gave Glenflesk a ferocious battle last year – but I do expect them to bow out at the group stage.

Group Four

Kerins O' Rahilly's, Glenflesk, Beaufort, Castleisland Desmonds

There's no easy groups, but that one is savage altogether. No matter what, there's going to be two good teams gone at the first hurdle. Beaufort are probably overall favourites for me – I know, they'll love me saying that! But I just think that they have quality all over the field. In fact, I thought that they were caught on the hop by that late Paudie Clifford goal last year, having left a fair few goal chances behind themselves. Glenflesk are another team that are always there or thereabouts. They have just been unlucky, I don't think they have had their first choice fifteen on the field at any one time in recent championships. And they haven't brought Wayne Quillinan in because he is a nice guy. Don't get me wrong, Wayne is a very nice guy, but he won't be teaching them the finer points of social etiquette!

Rahillys didn't qualify last year. They are finding it difficult to replace players like David Moran and Tommy Walsh – so would any other club. Again, they are perfectly capable of qualifying, but do they have the strength in depth to go all the way? Respectfully, I don't think so. Castleisland Desmonds are a mercurial side. It almost seems to me that they can rattle any of the top teams, but struggle to put away more



David Clifford in action from the Kerry V Galway game at the weekend. Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA fans.

average sides. You never really know what you are going to get.

Junior Premier

Group 1

Listry, Annascaul, Tarbert, Ardfert

Lads, that's another tough group. Listry have been knocking hard on that door and with that midfield diamond and a scoring inside line, they'll be very dangerous again. Ardfert at full strength (they will need the hurlers on board) can take anybody. Possibly need another reliable scorer. Tarbert, last year's Junior champions, have been on the rise for the last few years. I can't see them winning the competition out, but they will have a say in the final destination. Annascaul didn't get out of the group last year and, good side though they are, I don't think they have improved enough to get through – the likes of Killian Falvey, Gearóid Lyne, and Colm Moriarty have plenty of time to change my mind, though!

Group Two

Keel, Waterville, Duagh, St. Pat's

Keel bowed out to St. Senans in last year's semi-final and they will certainly be looking to go at least one step further if not more. There's a reason Keith Evans is playing with the Kerry seniors and there will be at least one more of the clan reaching that level in the next year or two. For years all you needed to know about any Keel game was "How much did Gary Sayers score?" Those days are gone. Gary is still deadly, but he's a long way from their only threat now. Waterville, Duagh, and St. Pats will have a fair battle for the second qualifying spot. Duagh with Cormac Dillon....maybe.

Group 3

Piarsaigh na Dromoda, Currow, Churchill, Brosna

Churchill are a very solid Division Two outfit and very consistent. I can certainly see them getting out of the group. Currow could feel a fair bit of justified grievance after last year's controversy and they have a really solid team anyway. Mind you, there's nothing easy in this

group for anybody. Dromid have a fine team, St. Marys' main rivals in South Kerry in recent years. Graham O'Sullivan drives their engine, Niall Ó Sé is as deadly a sharpshooter as ever, and Donagh Shine O'Sullivan has been in with Kerry already this year. Brosna are another tough, consistent outfit.. The likes of Eamon Kiely and Timmy Finnegan are great footballers, but they always need Adam Barry wearing his shooting boots.

Group Four

St. Senan's, Ballyduff, Reenard, Castlegregory

Of course you'd have to fancy St.Senans after last year's campaign. Last two campaigns, really, and the form of the likes of Cillian Trant, Seán O'Connell, the Kennellys, Dillon, Foran, McGrath....they could win it out. Plenty of wild cards, though. Ballyduff....when it comes to football, they can beat anybody any time they hurl the handle along with the hatchet. Hurling comes first, though. Castlegregory are real dark horses for me. Thomas O'Donnell is in with Kerry, Cian O'Grady is nigh on as dangerous, Maurice O'Connell, veteran Alan Fitzgerald....I wouldn't fancy taking them on. Reenard have good footballers in the likes of Seán Teahan, Mark Sugrue, and Michael O'Leary, but I don't think they have the strength in depth to maintain a championship run.

Group 1

Cordal, Valentia, St. Michael's-Foilmore, Sneem/Derrynane

I think you'd have to fancy St. Michaels/Foilmore. Ian O'Sullivan is a quality attacker. If they had Jack Clifford and Matthew O'Sullivan....ah well, sure, if wishes were wings we would all be flying. Cordal are always there or thereabouts; I'd certainly expect them to get out of the group. Killian Dennehy is one of the best young prospects in the country, let alone Kerry, and if they have Philip O'Connor back from injury..... They may as well get used to the road down to South Kerry! Valentia have made a great return after very early folding, and with Emmett Daly they always have a chance. Sneem/Derrynane have handy forwards as well, Zak Fayen, Ruairi

Burns, Tom Clifford....up against it, though.

Group Two

Moyvane, Ballylongford, Finuge, Tuosist
Tough group to call. I'd fancy Moyvane, last year's finalists, to get there again, with the Stacks, Mulvihills, and Darragh O'Keeffe on board. After that? Your guess is as good as mine. Tuosist surprised a few of us last year, they punch above their weight. Ballylongford had a tough campaign last year and to be honest, it's not going to get any easier this time around. I'd say the same for Finuge. The likes of Gavin O'Keeffe, Jeremy McKenna, Ivan Conway, and Ricky Heffernan are fine footballers, but you are a long way from the days of the Corridans, Galvins, and Eamonn Fitzmaurice.

Group Three

Beale, Cromane, Lios Póil

I suspect that Lios Póil have drawn the short straw here. Beale must be short odds to win the competition outright after reaching last year's final. A great all-round team, but I'll certainly be looking out for Rob Stack. Kerry currently have a lot of midfield options – a good campaign by Stack will definitely see him join that company. Cromane have quietly become really solid as well, aside from their brilliant ladies' team, and Darren Houlihan is a huge handful for any opposition. But you can say the exact same for Lios Póil, who gave Trabert a fierce rattle in last year's semi-final. Marc Ó Máinnín, Cormac and Cian Ó Cinnéide, Maitiú Seán Ó Grifín....I suspect that contest between Cromane and Lios Póil will end up being the pick of the group games.

Group Four

Scartaglen, Skellig Rangers, Knocknagoshel, Kilgarvan

Last group to call, and as tough as any of them (if I had realised it was going to be this hard, I wouldn't have started this). Scart had a very good campaign last year, and that was without Eddie Horan fully fit. Knocknagoshel, with Edmund Walsh and the McElligott brothers, reached last year's North Kerry Final after a good run in the Junior Championship. They'll be a serious handful for anybody. Kilgarvan, with Daniel Casey in particular outstanding, surpassed expectations in both the league and championship last year. They will be up against it, but sure, that's never bothered them before. Skellig Rangers....look, don't be asking me which of the O'Sullivans are 'Lovey O'Sullivans' and which are the 'Glen O'Sullivans'. All I know is that they are all footballers. Skellig can match anybody in terms of the football....but can they match them on the scoreboard? An awful lot depends on Darragh O'Sullivan's shooting boots.

CAMOGIE

Points Shared in Kerry's League Opener

Very National League Div 2A Kerry 0-11 Laois 0-11

Points dropped or a point gained? Hard to

say, really. Kerry, with Patrice Diggin driving everything, opened up a 0-5 to 0-1 lead. Danielle O'Leary was Kerry's only other scorer, while Aimee Collier had Laois' match opener. Those three shared the scoring total between them. Patrice had 0-8, 6f, 1'45, for Kerry and Danielle had 0-3. Collier, who was absolutely superb, had 0-11, 9f. Teams with real ambition for the year need more threats than that. No shortage of effort by Kerry. As well as the aforementioned, I thought Caoimhe Spillane battled her heart out. Michelle Costello came out from defence to mark Laois' deadly playmaker Aoife Tynan, and that worked a charm. In fact, all the Kerry players put in huge effort.

The problem was the lack of a first touch. The sliotar kept being spilled into rucks that just slowed the game. 0-7 apiece in the first half. 0-4 apiece in the second. I've been watching this Kerry team for quite a while now, and they are capable of a much higher tempo than this. First game of the year, in fairness, and the rust showed. But it's a fast and hard campaign - they are away to Meath next week – and they will have to get up to game speed quickly.

Kerry: Aoife Fitzgerald, Michelle Costello, Sara Murphy, Rachel McCarthy, Roisín Quinn, Niamh Leen, Ellen O'Donoghue, Patrice Diggin (0-8, 6f, 1'45), Caoimhe Spillane, Laura Collins, Ruth O'Connor, Kate Lynch, Shannon Collins, Jackie Horgan, Danielle O'Leary (0-3). Subs Amy O'Sullivan (for Kate Lynch, 43), Kathryn Ryan (for Shauna Collins, 55), Amy McCarthy (for Laura Collins, 59)

RUGBY

Six Nations Ireland 20 Italy 13

It wasn't good. No question about that, Ireland were fortunate enough to come away with a win. In fact, to read or listen to a lot of the post mortems, you'd get the impression that Ireland lost. It's a bit of an issue with international rugby for me. We are always either the best team in the world....or the absolute worst. There's no in between.

Did Sam Prenderast have a poor game? Oh yeah, definitely. Is he the reason for our malaise? If Jack Crowley had started, would we have won at our ease? No, of course not. That's a false narrative and any podcast slash broadcasters you hear pontificating about it are only clickbait merchants. Yes, I absolutely include some of our recent heroes on the field; they are much better with a ball than a microphone and should desist from using one of those things.

Ireland start reasonably well. Balaucoune certainly looks good but our transition into attack is just perceptibly off. A more tuned in team would have had two tries on board, especially after Italy's early yellow card (I thought it was harsh enough, but I'm not really confident on the technical rules myself at this stage).

There we go. A bit more cohesion by Ireland, and McCloskey does well to make it easy for Jamie Osborne to finish. Prenderast skews

the conversion – I don't care about the points; I'm worried about his confidence. The amount of outside abuse he has taken....it's taken on a life of its own at this stage and it's unhealthy for everybody.

Italy are playing really well. That's something that's only grudgingly acknowledged afterwards. Ireland were poor; fair enough, no dancing around that. But Italy aren't getting enough credit. They are very nearly in for two tries before Garbisi slots a penalty. 5-3. We are second best here. Relax, plenty of time. Jaysus, lads, I didn't mean to relax that much! Craig Casey with a yellow, not much he could do about it. Italy in. Too easy. Garbisi with the conversion. We look panicky; Italy look ravenous.

Half-time. Italy 10, Ireland 5. I'm sorry, my heart goes out to the young lad, but Prenderast has to come off. It will only get worse long before it gets any better, that's the ugly truth of it. He's having a mare.

Nope, Andy Farrell is backing his man. Fair play if it works out, but I'll be surprised. Furlong on, though, and that should certainly help.

Good penalty to the corner and Ireland's muscle helps Jack Conan power over. Not exactly subtle rugby but we are back level. Poor attempt at a conversion.

Italy well on top. Ireland are only hanging on, to be truthful. Good break, and Lynagh goes over. Pass was forward, though. A real let-off. One team is playing rugby here, and they aren't wearing green.

Kelliher, Byrne, and Gibson Park are on for Ireland. Changes had to be made. The game is screaming out for one particular change, though, and it feels like the whole world bar Andy Farrell knows what it is.

There you go. 56 minutes, Jack Crowley for Sam Prenderast. Huge cheer from the crowd. Tough on Sam to hear that, but absolutely nothing worked for him. Some days are these days, it's happened to every player in every sport sometime.

Sure enough, two minutes later Ireland finally get a bit of width and Balaucoune stretches to get over. Crowley converts and Ireland are in front.

Crowley with a penalty and he nails it easily. Just like that, it's Ireland who look imperious. Italy still have their moments, but the dominance and the confidence is gone. Ireland, with Lowe and Gibson Park giving them width, are looking like a decent echo of the former number one team. Still just an echo, though, let's not kid ourselves.

Final whistle. A win is a win, and they do say that there's no such thing as a bad win. I'm not sure that I'd agree with them.

Well done to Holly Davidson on being the first woman to referee a Six Nations game, did fine. No, of course not. I repeat, well done, Scotland. Oh, and well done to Scotland. I've an awful feeling that England will make us bear the brunt of that one in Twickenham. Would the Millenium Cup be adequate consolation for losing the Calcutta Cup? No, of course not. I repeat, well done Scotland.

FOSSA

LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 015/02/2026 for a jackpot of €6,450 were 1, 6, 21, 26. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Jim O'Reilly, Peter McEnery, Tadgh Kelly, Tom Coffey, Batt O'Sullivan.

Tickets are available from our sellers and can also be bought online with the following link <https://fossagaa.clubforce.com/products/lotto/fossa-gaa-club-lotto>

NATIONAL CLUB DRAW - FOSSA GAA

For the 1st time Fossa GAA are participating in the GAA National Club Draw and all the money from every ticket sold by Fossa stays in our Club. The easiest way to support this is buy your ticket(s) via Foireann. You can log into your own account and you will see on right "Enter Draw". The following executive members can also enter you to the draw via their own Foireann account: Pat Sheehan, Domhnall O'Sullivan, Peter O'Shaughnessy, Siobhan Kissane, Maria Vaughan, Katherine Butler, Karen McGlynn, Mike Cahillane, Amy Moriarty, Peter Kelliher, John O'Neill, Michael Talbot & Merry Talbot.

Physical tickets will also be available and will be in circulation next week.

Please support the draw and it is hoped members will buy and also sell tickets; there are great prizes to be won, see our Facebook page to view the prizes and all money stays in our Club.

EAST KERRY SUPERLEAGUE

Kilcummin proved much too strong against a weakened Fossa side in Rd 2 of the superleague on Sunday morning. In spite of heavy underfoot conditions, Kilcummin put up a big score in the opening half and struck for two goals, leading at the break, 2-11 to 0-3 with the Fossa scores coming from Jack Clifford and Cathal Breen.

A fine two pointer from Cathal Breen at the start of the second half was as good as it got for the home side and as both sides ran their benches it finished Kilcummin 2-17, Fossa 0-8. Next up is an away fixture next Sunday morning against Listry at 12 noon.

KILLARNEY LEGION

MANAGEMENT TEAMS 2026

With the competitive football back in action, here is the full list of our Management teams for 2026 and we wish them all the very best of luck

Senior men

Nigel Shevlin, Chris Davies, Philip Gammell, Mark Tracey, Marcus Twomey & Jamie O'Sullivan.

Minor Boys

Enda Murphy, Peter O'Leary, Paul Moriarty, Eoin O'Carroll, Bryan Griffin, Darragh O'Doherty

U16 Boys

Fergal Moynihan, Joe Hurley, Eoghan MacSweeney, Diarmuid O'Donoghue, Ted Healy, Cian Gammell (S&C)

U14 Boys

Liam O'Toole, Eamonn Maguire, Ger Moynihan, Sean Culloty, Donal Culloty, Kyle Griffin

U12 Boys

Kieran O'Shea, Fergal O'Donnell, Andy O'Sullivan, Derek Pyne, Sean Pierce, James O'Neill

Senior ladies

Ted Healy, John McCarthy, Orla Culloty

Minor girls

Kieran O'Shea, Ted Healy, John Bowler, Sharon O'Shea, Noelle O'Brien.

U-16 girls

Ian Bowler, Jason Stack, Shelly Browne

U-14 girls

John Doona, Conor Myles, Sharon O'Grady, Mark Mannix, Liam Grimes, Christina O'Grady

U-12 girls

Eamon Maguire, Shirley Corcoran, Trevor Farry, Denise Doolan

EAST KERRY LEAGUE

Round 2 of the EK League saw us make the short trip to Spa last Sunday where we emerged with a single point victory in an entertaining close fought game Spa 2-10 Legion 0-17

FIXTURES

Next Sunday EK League seniors away to Rathmore at 12noon

ACADEMY

THE 3-6 year old section of the Academy are back in action with a fun indoor session at Loretta National School v93 AY90. It's an hour of learning the skills of Gaelic football in a friendly and fun environment with fully vetted coaches. It's on from 10-11 am on every Saturday morning up until and including Saturday 7th March and then on the 14th March we have a full Academy return outdoors in Derreen. All new kids are very welcome. Any query please contact Justin 086 3684108 or Derek 089 2299769

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is now due for all members. Sign up in the Clubzap app or click on your renewal email. Any queries please contact Fiona 085 8263358

FUN RUN

We are continuing our running sessions on the back of last years success! Every Thursday Night at 7:30pm - 8:15pm on pitch 3. These sessions are open to everyone from U13 to adults. The beauty of the sessions is that everybody runs at their own pace. Come along for a bit of fun and get fit!

LOTTO

Lotto Numbers: 2,14, 17, 26. Bonus 18. No jackpot winner. Lucky dips: Gillian Buckley, David O'Sullivan, Vincent Scott.

Please support Legion Club Lotto. Play online or buy at Hegarty's, sheahans muckcross road, Bowlers Rock Road, Healys new street or any of the bars that sell tickets. Thanks for your support.

NOTES

Anyone with any item they would like to see included in the weekly club notes (births, engagements, congrats, etc) please message Elaine 086 8398821 or Kevin 087 2484394

EAST KERRY GAA

Division 1A

Firies 0-15 Kenmare 0-17, Killarney Legion 0-17 Spa 2-10

Division 1B

Listry 3-08 Gneeveguilla 2-11, Fossa 0-07 Kilcummin 2-17

Division 2

Dr Crokes 3-20 Cordal 1-05, Currow 2-17 Kilgarvan 0-05

ROUND 2 THIRD ROUND SUPER LEAGUE FIXTURES

First team named is at home

Div. 1A

Rathmore V Legion, Firies V Spa, Kenmare bye

Div 1B

Glenflesk V Kilcummin - Sunday at 1pm

Listry V Fossa, Gneeveguilla bye

Div. 2

Dr. Crokes V Currow - Friday 20th at 7:30pm

Cordal V Scartaglen, Kilgarvan bye

Unless stated, all above games are Sunday 22nd February at 12 noon

COACHING ACADEMY

Rathmore/Gneeveguilla U13 Coaching Academy sessions were completed during the week. Thanks to both clubs for providing all players with excellent Astro Turf pitches to improve and develop over the last few weeks. All players have seen improvement in skill levels with regular attendance developing all aspects of Gaelic Games. Small Sided Games combined with excellent Athletic Development Sessions gave all players plenty of time to improve and develop. Thanks to Don Casey (Rathmore) and Donie O'Connor (Gneeveguilla) for supporting Vince Cooper East Kerry GDC in completing the varied coaching sessions. The feedback was positive from players and coaches showing the value of working together to gain positive results.

SYMPATHY

Sympathies from all at East Kerry GAA to the families of Jimmy Hegarty, a member of East Kerry's winning team in the inaugural All Ireland Club Championship Championship in 1971.

DR CROKES

FR. PADDY'S CARDS continues on Wednesdays at 8pm in the clubhouse.

KATHLEEN'S GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS for seniors will return in the clubhouse on Tuesday February 3rd at 11am. All are welcome.

LOTTO took place on February 16th Numbers drawn were 12, 16, 21, 22. Jackpot of €18,500 was NOT WON. 10 patrons matched 3 numbers and receive €40 each. Jackpot for draw on February 23rd will be €18,900. Play online by following the link below and follow instructions attached <https://member.clubspot.app/club/dr-crokes-gaa/fundraisers>

BINGO

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

CONDOLENCES to Joe O'Shea and family on the recent passing of his sister Peggy O'Regan in Birmingham. May she rest in peace.

NOTES

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

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MUNSTER MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND 1

Kerry 1-07 (10) Tipperary 2-03 (9)

MINORS CLAIM FIRST GAME IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP

Venue: Brosna

Referee: Conor McCarthy (Cork)

Kerry Manager Jeremiah O'Sullivan got his tenure of minor manager off to the perfect start with a hard fought win against Tipperary in Brosna on Sunday. In last year's fixture Tipperary came out with a one-point win in Fethard. In testing conditions both sides weren't able to showcase their full array of talents. The early stages of the match didn't help either side to settle. Rain made it difficult for both to handle the ball and get a footing in the game. The premier county adapted better in the early exchanges. Grace Hogan with a brace, one from a free as they opened up a two-point lead. Sadhbh O'Sullivan got Kerry off the mark with a point in the fifth minute. Weather conditions improved but both sides were guilty of some poor handling due to the mixed nature of the weather. Kerry settled some more and were rewarded with a goal eighteen minutes into the game. Fossa's Tara O'Sullivan raising the first green flag of the afternoon. Tipperary soon

responded with a goal themselves. Aoibhinn Casey who was a late change to the Tipperary side saw what looked like a shot for a point fly into the corner of the net. It gave Tipperary the lead but Kerry finished the half the strongest scoring three unanswered points to go in at the break two points in front. Ashlyn Falvey and a brace from Naoise O'Donoghue saw the sides go in at the break Kerry 1-04 Tipperary 1-02.

The second half saw both sides reduced to 14 each. Kerry's Ashlyn Falvey was the first to receive a yellow card at the start of the second half. Tipperary captain Grace Hogan received a yellow seven minutes into the half. Kerry made three substitutions at halftime to help build on a strong finish in the first half. Kerry opened up a three point lead five minutes into the half with a point from play by Sadhbh O'Sullivan. The next score didn't come till the thirty eight minute. Tipperary's Chloe O'Neill with a goal to draw the sides level. Credit to Kerry they responded with a point from Kelsey Cummins to retake the lead. Sadhbh O'Sullivan added a free as Kerry opened up a two point lead. Tipperary

threw everything at Kerry sensing the possibility of getting something out of the game. Clare Fitzgerald with a point for Tipperary saw the deficit reduced to the bare minimum. With four minutes remaining Tipperary threw everything at them but Kerry held firm for the victory.

Kerry Scorers: T O'Sullivan (1-00), S O'Sullivan (0-03), K Cummins (0-01), A Falvey (0-01f), N O'Donoghue (0-02)

Tipperary Scorers: C O'Neill (1-00), C Fitzgerald (0-01), G Hogan (0-02 1f)

Kerry Team: C O'Mahony, R Daly, A Brosnan, J Lee O'Connor, S Flynn, S Ni Shlattara, F Lynch, M Teahan (C), L Griffin, T O'Sullivan, S O'Sullivan, K Cummins, A Falvey, E Evans, N O'Donoghue
Subs: A Doyle for S Flynn h/t, E Dillane for S Ni Shlattara h/t, B Curtin for E Evans h/t, S Heasman for R Daly 39mins, C O'Sullivan for A Falvey 44mins, I Wynton for C O'Sullivan 52mins

January Finals at The Squash Club

With the squash club at Gleneagle Leisure continuing to grow, two sets of finals were held last Thursday night, for mens and women's divisions, generously sponsored by BSPM Energy. For the ladies, up first were Orla Clifford (Team Noreen) and Mary Curran (Team Maree). Orla was coming into the game in great form and Mary just back from a break knew it was not going to be easy. Mary battled well but lack of game time gave the tie to Orla for a 3-0 win to team Noreen. Next up was Orla O'Leary against Éabha Lynch. A cracking match that went to five games. Éabha held her nerve and won 3-2 for team Maree. Then to Amanda Brosnan against Joanne McCarthy who stepped in to play for Sabrina Flanagan due to an unfortunate injury. Joanne took early control and took a 2-0 lead. But Amanda was having none of it and got back a game. Joanne then upped the pace and took the third so 3-1, with the two ladies' teams even, leaving a decider for the ladies captains Noreen Tobin and Maree Molan. We couldn't pick a favourite here and the game went in Noreen's favour taking the win at 3-2. A great battle and win for Team Noreen!

The men were next up and it was also tightly contested. First up was David Kearney versus Eoin Horan - the Gleneagle Leisure Manager and a great Squash club member. After getting his team over the line in the Semis he started the night with a win against David to give his team a 3-0 lead. Next up in Division 3 was much fancied Alan Moriarty vs Stephen Moore. Alan went into a 2-0 lead and was looking good but Stephen found form and came back to win the game 3-2. Neil Kavanagh now faced Barry O'Sullivan in Division 2 and Neil needed a win to get the team back on track. Barry was having other ideas and was all square at 2-2 but

Neil brought out the big shots and won 3-2 giving his team a little hope of winning the night. Eduard (Edo) Sabic stepped up to a monumental task against Tony Mackey needing a 3 0 whitewash but Tony's delightful squash was too good and took the game 3-0. Games were very close but Tony saw each game out. A great team effort for team Tony to win the top spoils.

Once again a great night and massive thanks to Tim and Adri O'Leary from BSPM energy for some cracking prizes. And as always a big thanks to Gleneagle Leisure team and all the volunteers for making these great



At the presentation of prizes of the Gleneagle Squash Club Killarney monthly competition outing sponsored by BSPM Energy Consultancy were front from left, Maree Molan, Tim O'Leary (BSPM Energy), Noreen Tobin (ladies winner), Tony Mackey (mens winner), Adriana O'Leary (BSPM Energy) and Eduard Sabic. Back from left are Amanda Brosnan, Barry O'Sullivan, Connie Doyle, Neil Kavanagh, Mike Crowley, Orla Clifford, Stephen Moore, Orla O'Leary, Ryan Kavanagh, Arthur Murphy, Donnagh Crowley, Mary and Ray O'Callaghan, Bernice Enright and Eabha Lynch. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



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THE PERSON

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Maurice O'Meara

General Manager

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by John O'Sullivan

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By Nicky Barry

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And a punctured lung as well,
which was not my plan,
As I climbed aboard a bike,
an 82 year old man.
It was not supposed to be like this,
I keep telling myself,
For it was inglorious, and I had
no help.
Rachel Blackmore often crashed,
when going for the line,
And Laurence of Arabia, fell of camels
all the time,
But there was glory in those falls, as
heroes bit the dust,

Unlike my humble tumble, from a
borrowed bike at dusk.
Eventually I got to my feet,
and how I do not know,
For now I am in Rehab, and doing
things real slow.
It was no big deal, in the grand
scheme of things,
Or the daily trivia, in the lives of kings.
My life will never be the same,
as it used to be,
When I was independent, free from
pain and misery.
They say I'll get over it,
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"I am greatly afflicted; renew and revive me, O Lord, according to Your Word"
(Psalm 119:107 Amplified Bible).


Welcome back dear student, there is a saying... 'it knocked the stuffing out of me' meaning something caused such distress; exhausting and weakening the one affected. As a kid my bicycle was my transport if I wanted to meet friends during school holidays. I was not at all mechanical, so nothing was more upsetting than when my tyres were flat. But lo and behold when someone fixed it, the tyre was re-inflated, and my freedom and joy was restored! Life can be like that bike. All is great at times, then bang – your gallop is halted. "My earthly life clings to the dust, revive and refresh me according to Your Word" (Psalm 119:25-28 – also verse 50, and verse 93). Negative experiences rock a person's confidence in themselves, and in others. Toxic encounters leave a bitter taste. Health issues, or financial problems are heavy stressful weights to navigate through. But there is Good News - the Word of God revives us!

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord God, when I will send famine on the land - not a famine of bread or a thirst for water, but a famine of hearing the Word of the Lord. People will stagger from sea to sea and roam... seeking the Word of the Lord but won't find it. Beautiful girls and strong young men will grow faint in that day, thirsting for the Lord's Word" (Amos 8:11-13). Could this be why so many struggle with anxiety, oppression, unhealed trauma, or physical infirmities - because there is a severe lack of knowledge of God's Word in today's world? Beautiful generations have been duped into believing that God is not relevant to them - that they instead have the 'power of the universe' within them to bring their own success, and that faith in Jesus is weird and unnecessary - only fit for sad people. There's plenty of rituals, formulas, and step programmes promoted, but relationship through the Living Saviour with the God Who created and knows us inside out, is frowned upon as freakish. Yet statistics don't lie. Suicide, breakdown of minds, marriages, families, and societies all point to something lacking (Hosea 4:6). Never before have we had so much therapy, and organisations helping humanity; yet problems worsen. People lean more on drink, drugs, prescription meds, and social media - anything to get a feeling of peace, joy, and significance. Once Jesus met a woman who was fetching water when everyone else was inside out of the midday sun. There was a reason she was alone. Her sinful lifestyle shunned her from others. She was isolated, in troublesome pain. She had knowledge of religion, but no revelation of God. She had sought love and found turmoil. Jesus asked her for a drink and talked to her about receiving His Living Water that leads to eternal life. This personal encounter with the Messiah changed her forever. He knew things about her life by the Holy Spirit, which caused her to run and tell her villagers that she had met God's promised Saviour (Psalm 139:1-12). Meeting Jesus not only affected her, but impacted the whole neighbourhood, and many had life changing experiences with Him as a result of her testimony (John 4:14-42). Jesus said, if we abide in His Word: continually obeying His teachings, living in accordance with them, then we are truly His disciples, and we will know the Truth, and that Truth that we know and understand, shall set us free (John 8:31-32; John 7:37-38). God's plan for you dear one, is not a deflated life - it is to revive you with His Living Water! We need You Lord Jesus, as the air we breathe.

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NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART

You have said O Divine Jesus, ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and the door shall be opened to you. Relying on these promises, I come with confidence during this novena to beg of you the favours that I need (make request). From whom shall I ask Lord Jesus if not from you whose heart is an unfailing source of graces and merits. Most loving heart of my God. I believe in your power, I believe in your knowledge I believe in your personal love for me, and therefore O Sacred Heart of Jesus I place all my trust in you. Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory. Say 3 times for 3 days and request will be granted. Never known to fail. Must publish.

PRAYER TO THE LITTLE FLOWER ST THERESE

O Little Therese of the Child Jesus, please pick for me a rose from the heavenly gardens and send it to me as a message of love. O Little Flower of Jesus, ask God to grant the favors

I now place with confidence in your hands . .
(mention in silence here)

St. Therese, help me to always believe as you did in God's great love for me, so that I might imitate your "Little Way" each day.

Amen

NOVENA TO ST. MARTHA

O St. Martha, I resort thee and to thy petition and faith, I offer up to thee this light which I shall burn every Tuesday for nine Tuesdays. Comfort me in all my difficulties thro' the great favour thou didst enjoy when Our Saviour lodged in thy house. I beseech thee to have definite pity in regard to the favour I ask (Mention favour).

Intercede for my family that we may always be provided for in all our necessities. I ask thee St. Martha to overcome the dragon which thou didst cast as thy feet.

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