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With Killarney looking it's best, the town is basking in sunshine and celebrations with a fantastic placing in the IBAL rankings, the combined efforts of the staff at the Killarney Municipal District Offices along with the help of volunteers from the Tidy Towns Association has ensured that Killarney is Looking Good for the upcoming judging in the National Tidy Towns Competition. A generous Killarney couple has donated money in memory of a loved one, The Dunloe Hotel is celebrating 60 years of hospitality and funding has been announced for a Teen Hangout on Park Road.

Anne Lucey reveals that the Fossa Straight has come with a price tag nearing €4 million, while international friendships flourish through Killarney's Town Twinning initiatives. The town is also preparing to welcome 15,000 people on Monday for the Citizenship Ceremonies, a momentous event for all involved.

A Killarney woman who made a remarkable recovery following a devastating accident is helping teens to build up their confidence, community spirit was to the fore at the Three Peaks Challenge and a Killarney woman is taking on the Ring of Kerry cycle in honour of her dad.

A wonderful day for a wonderful young man was held in memory of Dylan Crowley at a tournament in Gneeveguilla, a Killarney athlete has recorded a personal best on the European stage and Killarney man Diarmuid O'Carroll is joining Sparta Prague as a first team coach.

Here's to sunshine, community, and all the great things happening in Killarney - have a fantastic weekend!

Aisling Crosbie



One of the most beautiful wild flowers of the Kerry mountains, the Greater Butterwort known also as the Kerry Violet pictured on Mangerton Mountain by Niall Keogh

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Killarney Aims for Gold in Tidy Towns Competition

Killarney is setting its sights on Tidy Towns glory, buoyed by a strong showing in the latest Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL) League rankings. The positive result is seen as a timely morale boost as the town prepares for the upcoming visit from Tidy Towns adjudicators.

According to Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, the impressive IBAL performance reflects the ongoing dedication of local volunteers, residents, and businesses to maintaining high environmental standards. The Chamber emphasised that this recognition is "just the tonic" the town needs as it strives for top honors in this year's Tidy Towns competition.

The IBAL judges ranked Killarney third overall in the country and congratulated everybody who played a part in what they termed "a superb performance".

Chamber Co-President and Tidy Towns committee member, Johnny McGuire, said what was most encouraging is that no less than seven of the 10 sites inspected on this occasion received the top A grade and the judges were very impressed by all the approach roads to town.

"You only get one chance to make a first impression and it's great to hear that the impact Killarney gives when approaching the town is a very good one," Mr McGuire said.

He said enormous credit is due to the management and staff of Killarney Municipal District Council who have performed in an outstanding fashion and they are leading by example by presenting the town at its very best.

"It's not that long ago when Killarney was languishing well down the IBAL league table but the team in the town hall and dedicated volunteers have really turned that around and created a town we can all be very proud of," the Chamber official said.

"We've steadily climbed up the table and we



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improved from 10th position at the start of last year to third place overall on this occasion. Thanks must go to the council management, the elected representatives and, especially, the dedicated outdoor staff who can be really proud of their work".

Mr McGuire called on everybody in the town to play their part – no matter how small – as the judges in the national Tidy Towns competition and, more locally, the Killarney Looking Good awards, prepare to make their deliberations in the coming weeks.

"Cigarette butts and food-related litter were all that held Killarney back this time. We would urge people just to think twice before they discard such items going forward," he said.

Mr McGuire said it is heartening that Killarney is

in the bronze medal position in the IBAL league and if everybody plays their part, there is no reason why it can't take gold again in the Tidy Towns competition.

The An Taisce report for Killarney stated:

"A superb performance by Killarney, as with so many previous IBAL surveys. The many summer tourists will appreciate the fact that there are seven top ranking sites, with none heavily littered. Top ranking sites included all the approach roads, the attractively laid out town centre environment at Kenmare Place, Riverwalk in Killarney National Park and Plunkett Street – the latter had brightly painted premises and lovely 'olde' style street signs."



Noreen and Patrick O'Connor Present Donation to Kerry Friends of Motor Neurone

Kerry Friends of Motor Neurone were honoured to receive a generous donation of €1,000 from Killarney couple Noreen and Patrick O'Connor during a recent event at Killarney Racecourse.

In celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary, Noreen and Patrick made the heartfelt decision to forgo personal gifts. Instead, they invited their family and friends to make donations to a cause close

to their hearts, Kerry Friends of Motor Neurone.

"Motor Neurone Disease holds deep personal meaning for the couple, as Patrick's sister, Mairead (Maud), sadly passed away from MND 16 years ago," said Christy Lehane, Chairperson of the charity. "We are truly grateful to Noreen and Patrick for their generosity and thoughtfulness."



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The Dunloe Hotel & Gardens celebrates 60 years of exceptional Irish hospitality, scenic beauty, and enduring legacy this year. Since first opening its doors on June 2nd, 1965, the hotel has become a cherished landmark nestled in the heart of Kerry, renowned for its panoramic views of the Gap of Dunloe, its warm welcome, and its deep-rooted ties to the local community.

Officially opened by then Taoiseach Seán Lemass, the hotel was hailed at the time as "European modernity coming to Kerry," a sentiment echoed in the pages of both regional and national newspapers. That same timeless elegance and genuine Irish charm continue to define The Dunloe Hotel & Gardens today.

Set on a 64-acre estate of lush gardens and parkland, the hotel offers a blend of contemporary comfort and natural tranquillity. Guests enjoy a host of outdoor pursuits including horse riding, fishing, tennis, and walks with awe-inspiring views of the surrounding landscape.

The Dunloe Hotel & Gardens is part of the prestigious Killarney Hotels Collection, alongside sister properties The Europe Hotel & Resort and Ard na Sidhe Country House. Its founding was the vision of Dr. Hans Liebherr, who first came to Ireland in 1958. His passion, investment, and dedication laid the foundation for what has become a hallmark of excellence in Irish hospitality.

"The Dunloe Hotel & Gardens has always been a place where memories are made – from family holidays to weddings, and everything in between," said Michael Brennan, Managing Director of the Killarney Hotels Collection.



Jason Clifford, General Manager, Michael Brennan, Adrian Stehr and David Cronin pictured with staff members at The Dunloe Hotel & Gardens on their 60th anniversary May 2025.

Photo: Don MacMonagle - macmonagle.com archive

"As we reflect on our 60-year journey, we're incredibly grateful to the generations of guests who have made The Dunloe part of their lives. We're very proud of our past and excited for what lies ahead."

With six decades of history and hospitality behind it, and many more ahead, The Dunloe Hotel & Gardens continues to embody the values of innovation, quality, and heartfelt service that have defined its journey from the very beginning.



Sean Lemass - Opening The Dunloe - 2nd June 1965

PROTECTING NATIVE SPECIES

Sika deer, a species introduced to Killarney from Japan, should be removed completely to protect our native oak woodlands and our native Red deer, according to Fianna Fáil TD, Michael Cahill. Sika are not yet classified as an 'invasive species' but the Kerry Deputy believes that, given the fact they are not native and that they pose a threat to our native Red deer and oak woodlands, we should be pushing for their reclassification and removal.

"The explosion in the numbers of deer, now seen wandering far from Killarney National Park is a sign that there is insufficient food sources to keep them in their usual haunts. As they have no natural predator, culling is the only way of managing their numbers. And the fact that our native oak trees are under threat from deer eating the bark must ring alarm bells" stated Deputy Cahill.

"The sheer vastness of numbers means that deer of both species are a danger on roads throughout Kerry and are also the cause of recent rises in the incidence of Lyme disease, borne by ticks that attach themselves to deer. If we wish to protect both our native Red deer and woodland oak, and reduce the spread of Lyme, it makes sense that we have a major cull

of deer" said the Fianna Fáil Spokesperson on Older People and Tourism. "I have raised this in Dáil Éireann and have been advised by the Minister that there is ongoing work being done at EU level and by the Irish Deer Management Strategy Group (IDMSG), and that protection of our native woodlands is a priority. I will continue to push for this significant cull" added Michael Cahill TD.





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RESPECTED BUSINESS LEADER TO SPEAK AT CHAMBER LUNCH

Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce has announced a distinguished guest speaker for its upcoming members' lunch.

Renowned economist and prominent business leader Danny McCoy will address attendees at the event, which takes place on Wednesday, June 25th at 12:30 PM in the Great Southern Hotel, Killarney.

Mr McCoy has been the chief executive of the Irish Business and Employers Confederation – the country's largest business representative organisation and largest lobbying group – since 2009 and he is one of the foremost and respected authorities on business matters in the country.

He has held lecturing posts at University College London, the University of Oxford, Trinity College Dublin and Dublin City University and he has been senior economist at the Central



Bank of Ireland and the Economic and Social Research Institute.

Mr McCoy has also been a valued consultant to the European Commission and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development.

He is a member of the Royal Irish Academy, a Knight of the Order of the Star of Italy, an Honorary Fellow of the Irish Academy of Engineers, Adjunct Professor at the Trinity College Dublin Business School and Vice President of the Statistical and Social Inquiry Society of Ireland.

Mr McCoy has attended business-related meetings at the US White House and in Downing Street, delivered speeches at the United Nations General Assembly of the International Labour Organisation and he has been keynote speaker at over 40 international conferences.

He has transformed IBEC to be the largest lobbying organisation in Ireland and third largest in Europe and, during his tenure, it has doubled in scale and trebled in profitability.

NETWORK IRELAND KERRY

Celebrates Second Anniversary with Wellness Reset Event

Network Ireland Kerry marked its second anniversary with a special "Wellness Reset" event at The Belfry, Ballyseede Castle Hotel, Tralee. Held on Wednesday evening, the June gathering offered members a unique evening of wellness and reflection before a summer break from monthly events.

Vice President Designate and Secretary, Roisin Smullen, served as MC for the night. Two inspiring member-led sessions took centre stage: Dr. Sara Morrissey Tucker, a seasoned yoga therapist and MTU researcher, led "Yoga Snacks by Sara," offering practical yoga tips for daily life. Claire Kingston of Limit Less Life Coaching followed with "Mindfulness Meets Empowerment," guiding attendees through mindfulness exercises, music, and empowerment tools for personal and professional use.

Members Letitia Fealy (Lotus Optimisation) and Diane Crean (Crean McCann Property) also showcased their businesses during the "Minute on the Mic" segment.

The evening concluded with refreshments and celebrations as members toasted two successful years of Network Ireland Kerry, which continues to grow as a hub for professional women across Kerry.

After a summer break, the Network returns in September with three major events, including a charity coffee morning, an inter-branch event, and the prestigious Network Ireland National Conference and Awards in Killarney.

For more, visit: www.networkireland.ie



Committee members, Aisling Foley (Network Ireland Kerry Vice President), Emily Reen (President of Network Ireland Kerry), Denise Healy and Roisin Smullen, pictured having fun at the Network Ireland Kerry June event in The Belfry, Ballyseede Castle, Tralee on Wednesday evening (June 11th). Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography



Ciara Brosnan and Rachel Redmond pictured at the Network Ireland Kerry June event in The Belfry, Ballyseede Castle, Tralee on Wednesday evening (June 11th). Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography



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At our meeting on **TUESDAY 24TH JUNE** starting @ **8pm** in the Church of the Resurrection Parish Centre, Park Road (V93 WN32), we are delighted to be welcoming our guest speaker **Consultant Neurologist Dr Helena Moore** of Tralee Bon Secours Hospital, who will be talking about Stroke Recovery & Rehabilitation and how Stroke affects the person, carer & family.

Helena will also talk about Migraine, Multiple Sclerosis (MS) & other ailments.

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Funding Announced for Killarney Teen Hangout Project on Park Road

Minister for Children, Disability, Equality, and Kerry TD Norma Foley has announced €50,000 in funding to develop a new recreational space for teenagers in Killarney.

The Killarney Teen Hangout will be located on the Park Road, Killarney. The project includes an outdoor 'hangout' shelter, sheltered seating area, integrated Bluetooth speakers, outdoor exercise units, boxup outdoor locker and bike racks. The shelter will be prefabricated and brought onto the site. The features and equipment included in the final design will ensure that teenagers with additional needs will be able to access it, this will include wheelchair accessibility. The location of the site is adjacent to a private carpark with train and services 3 mins walk from the site.

The funding, secured through the Dormant Accounts Fund, aims to address the growing need for teenage-specific amenities such as multi-use games areas (MUGAs) and social "hangout" spaces. The initiative recognises the increasing teenage population and the limited number of recreational facilities currently available for them.

Local Authorities, in partnership with their local Comhairle na nÓg, were invited to submit proposals developed in consultation with young people. Applications were evaluated by both youth and adult panels.

Kerry County Council's successful application will see the creation of a "Killarney Teen Hangout," offering a safe, inclusive, and engaging environment for teenagers.

Minister Foley commented:

"This funding will provide innovative and exciting recreational spaces for teenagers in our county. By providing safe, inclusive spaces for our young people, we are investing in the future of our communities. I'm especially pleased that young people played a central role in shaping and assessing these projects."

Commenting on the news, Michael Cahill said, "This is fantastic news for



young people in Killarney and a welcome investment in their wellbeing, social development, and inclusion. Teenagers are too often left out of the conversation when it comes to community amenities. The €50,000 secured for the Killarney Teen Hangout project is a vote of confidence in our youth and a recognition of their right to accessible, safe, and inclusive spaces where they can connect and grow."

Michael Cahill also praised the collaborative approach taken in developing the project, with meaningful input from young people via Kerry Comhairle na nÓg, Kerry's youth council. "Young people were at the heart of this application, and I commend Kerry County Council and our local Comhairle na nÓg for ensuring the voices of teenagers were heard and acted upon. This is exactly how community planning should be done, with young people, not just for them."

Michael Cahill concluded, "This is a step in the right direction for Kerry and a strong endorsement of our young people's needs and ideas. I look forward to seeing this project take shape and will continue working to secure further investment in youth services and spaces throughout the county."



Celebrating Jackie Daly's 80th Birthday at Gleneagle Club

A special night of music and celebration is planned to honour the legendary Jackie Daly on his 80th birthday at Gleneagle Club, Killarney, on Friday, 27th June 2025.


Widely regarded as one of Ireland's most influential accordion players, Jackie will be joined on the night by long-time musical collaborators Matt Cranitch, Eileen O'Brien, and Paul De Grae for an evening of unforgettable traditional music.

Adding to the celebrations, support on the night comes from rising trad ensemble TEORAINN, featuring Sean Butler, Eoin Foley, Timmy Keane, Finin O'Conaill, Sean and Colleen Angland, Vyha O'Leary, and Mahilet O'Leary.

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Anne Lucey
looks at the positive news
happening in Killarney



MILLIONS OF EURO FOR THE FOSSA STRAIGHT



Over one month on, I finally got the figures for the Fossa straight. And they are not narrow! Just to recap, the road project is under the control of Kerry County Council.

The N72 Fossa Traffic Calming and Enhanced Cyclist and Pedestrian Improvement Scheme commencing West of the N72 / R563 junction at the Golden Nugget Bar and Restaurant to East of N72 L4040 Gap Cross junction is 1.574km in length.

Now, no one for the past month could give me an exact price. I asked some councillors and they told me it was three million euro. On e-tender comment sites I saw figures of up to five million.

The truth is closer to five than three. The final approved tender figure is €3,976,388.91. And this excludes VAT.

The aim of the project in Fossa is to address safety issues the council said.

The design provides speed management, improves the existing active travel facilities and includes measures for Safe Routes to School. And apparently it follows the Design Manual for Urban Roads & Streets and the National

Transport Authority's (NTA's) Cycle Design Manual, which are mandatory design standards for roads through urban areas.

Sorensen Civil Engineering Ltd. had submitted the most economically advantageous tender Drainage and landscaping is included.

The tender assessment report was submitted to TII for approval.

So there it is - just over a kilometer and a half and the cost is four million euro. And I have rarely heard more concern about a project and more dissatisfaction. Not the works, but the design, it has to be stressed. Sorensen are simply doing what they tendered for.

At this stage, I think our public representatives in Killarney and our TDs need to be more forensic. They need to read the small print in major projects, ask the hard questions before giving approval. And find out the cost when the tender is awarded.

NEW REGIONAL HEALTH STRUCTURE EQUALS THE RETURN OF THE HEALTH BOARDS

Twenty years ago, Micheal Martin's big idea as health minister, apart from banning smoking, was the creation of the HSE.

The centralised system would work better than the health boards which were vulnerable to local pressures and be more accountable, Micheal as health minister felt in 2004.

Mary Harney who succeeded him implemented the disaster that is the HSE.

Kerry became part of a massive regional health forum that included Cork city and county councils of Carlow, Cork, Kilkenny, South Tipperary, Waterford and Wexford.

And guess what now? The latest thinking is that local people need local access.

Centralised and stream lined how are you, the HSE became a labyrinth. Or perhaps a maze. No

one knew where to go or how to get into it and getting out of it often posed problems.

Just to give you a taste of the disaster the HSE as conceived by our Taoiseach was. When I had a query on the acute hospital in Tralee I had to go to a private PR agency in Dublin. When I had a query about a community hospital I had to go to a communications office in Cork; and when it was to do with other health matters then the place was the HSE central office in Dublin. Then there was also the Department of Health. It was a mess. And frequently you would get a reply saying this after all was not the right place. So what it was like for patients can be deduced from that. Streamlined? No.

Now we are to have six new 'health regions'. The responsibility will be for community care as well as hospitals is all in the one place now. Again.

What we have of course is a return of the old health boards. Kerry is now once more with Cork City and Cork County.

However the last meeting of the regional health forum elicited important information thanks to questions by Deirdre Ferris and Marie Moloney.

Deirdre got a list of the empty buildings owned by the HSE in Kerry while Marie received the first written commitment by the HSE to a primary care centre in the Áras Phádraig site. The HSE said it was "fully committed".

"There have been a number of previous attempts to provide a primary care facility in Killarney, with little positive results on the same," Julie O'Neill, Integrated Healthcare Manager Kerry, HSE South West said.

"Both the HSE and Kerry County Council officials are of the opinion that the provision of the Theatre and a Primary Care facility on the same site in an urban setting will be complementary to each development from a planning and sustainability view point," the manager added.

LET OUR RIVERS RUN FREE

The canal at Ross is being cleared thanks to a question by Michael Cahill TD in the Dáil.

Lots of our rivers are clogged and unsightly. It is some years since the late Sheila O'Donoghue raised concern about the build up in the Flesk River near her.

It was nearly an island, Sheila said at the time. Could they not clean it, she wondered.

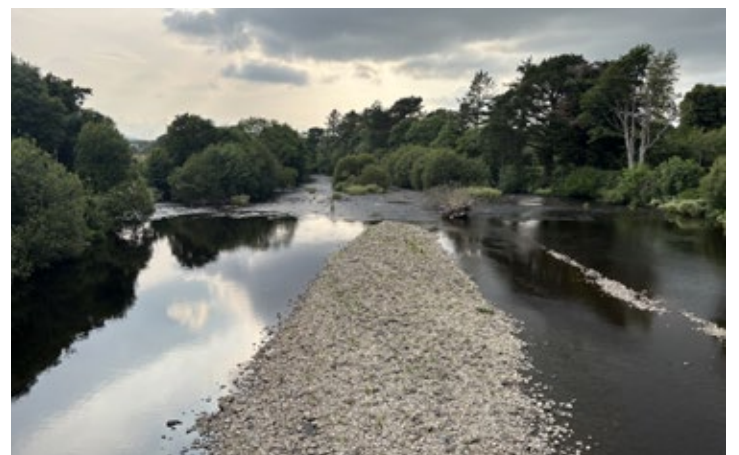
Well it was not cleaned. And now it is an island and it is very unsightly. Rivers have input from conservation bodies including the NPWS and Inland Fisheries Ireland but they are primarily the responsibility of the OPW and the Kerry County Council. The OPW will actually fund most of the cost of clearing a river but it is up to the council to put forward the case there is a risk of flooding.

Looking at the Flesk at the moment, there is a clear risk of flooding with further build up and if not flooding then the erosion of the banks is on the cards too. The water is having to circumvent the growing island and indeed islands and is forming channels. That means a greater body of water and faster flowing is building up on either side.

There was an interesting motion to come before the council meeting on Monday in Tralee by Robert Brosnan. He asked that Kerry County Council

flood division engage with the OPW, IFI, and landowners to plan for river/stream clean-ups over the coming months. Alas though it wasn't moved presumably because before it was reached Robert and his colleagues in Sinn Féin stormed out over some perceived insult about their party structure which was later withdrawn,

I have to tell you I am far more interested in cleaning up the rivers of the present than the past. It is a great pity the motion was not moved. Let our clogged rivers run free is what I say!



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COMMUNITY FIGHTING BACK Against Invasive Enemy



Many hands....Nick Gaffney, left, and Jim Phipps, , men's shed member, together with men's shed members from across Ireland with local Meitheal Volunteers, have descended upon Abbey Wood in Killarney National Park to tackle the scourge of invasive rhododendron. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan (file photo)

A major community initiative aimed at tackling the widespread devastation caused by the invasive rhododendron plant in the 27,000-acre Killarney National Park is making remarkable headway. Since 2014, dedicated volunteers from the Killarney Mountain Meitheal have been at the forefront of the fight, contributing an estimated 30,000 work hours to date. Their tireless efforts have formed the backbone of an ambitious programme that continues to gain momentum—and deliver significant results. This grassroots movement, driven by a deep commitment to protecting the park's natural biodiversity, stands as a powerful example of community action in the face of ecological threats. The National Parks and Wildlife Service – which is spearheading the project – has confirmed that thousands of acres have been cleared by park staff, paid contractors and volunteers. NPWS Divisional Manager, Eamonn Meskill, said the ongoing eradication work is necessary in such a hugely important area for biodiversity, including ancient oak and yew woodlands. The Trustees of Muckross House are the main sponsor of the voluntary Mountain Meitheal which sees dozens of volunteers taking to the woods to tackle the

rhododendron, every Sunday and Tuesday morning, from October to May.

To date, the Trustees have provided funding of €120,000 for insurance, equipment, fuel, training and food. The specialist training involves chainsaw-handling courses, as well as instruction in trail design and maintenance, manual handling and the use of pesticides.

"It is a pleasure to be in a position to support the work of the Meitheal," declared Muckcross House General Manager Shane Treacy.

"The dedication displayed by the volunteers is staggering and it reflects the esteem in which the National Park is held by the people of Killarney.

"The Trustees look forward to working with the NPWS and supporting the Meitheal for many years to come," he added.

One of the Meitheal founders, Johnny McGuire, said the project has involved the equivalent of 1,000 volunteers annually.

"We're working to clear rhododendron from highly sensitive areas of the National Park under the auspices of the management of the NPWS but we wouldn't be in a position to achieve our goals without the support of the Trustees of Muckcross House and the NPWS," he added.

Mr McGuire said the volunteers are encouraged that the necessary resources have been put at the



No Logging off...Paddy McGuire, left and Gabriel Breen, Killarney Meitheal Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan (file photo)

disposal of the NPWS to keep the wonderful State asset that is the National Park in an appropriate condition.

"We take great satisfaction in experiencing the transformative impact of the recent purchase of two specialist, heavy-duty machines by the NPWS to eradicate the rhododendron in an efficient, labour-saving, speedy way," he said.

The Mountain Meitheal held a total of 53 workcamps between last October and this May with an average of over 20 volunteers per outing.

"These sessions are essential for giving native plants an opportunity to regenerate naturally," said Mr McGuire

Specific areas in the National Park which have been the focus of the Meitheal work include the Blue Pool, Bluebell Wood and the

Abbey Wood.

Another sponsor, Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, provided food, accommodation and transport for three Men's Sheds workcamps which saw 120 men from all over the country volunteering for three days of clearance duties in Killarney.

Companies and organisations in Killarney are also turning out in sizeable groups to help with the clearance work and the organisers would be delighted if more people were willing to get involved in that way, even on a once-off basis.

Killarney National Park, which is home to rare plants and animals, is one of the most important areas for biodiversity in Ireland, but invasive species, such as rhododendron, have been a major threat to that biodiversity.



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Killarney Town Twinning Association Strengthens International Ties with Visits from Santeny and Concord Delegations

The Killarney Town Twinning Association (KTTA) recently celebrated a week of international friendship, welcoming esteemed guests from two of Killarney's twin towns—Santeny, France, and Concord, North Carolina, USA.

KTTA was honoured to host Seynabou Diop, President of the Santeny Twinning Association (Paris region), along with her daughter Maelle. The visit marked a significant step forward in fostering collaboration between the two communities. During their stay, Seynabou and Maelle were welcomed by KTTA Chairperson Seán Counihan, signed the KTTA visitors' book, and were presented with the Association's commemorative shirt and pin as a symbol of enduring friendship.

The Santeny-Killarney connection, which continues to grow, is set to open doors in education, culture, sport, and tourism. "We see great potential for Killarney clubs and groups to benefit from this collaboration, especially given Santeny's close proximity to Euro Disney and central Paris," said Counihan.

Maelle Diop is currently undertaking a two-week internship with the Killarney Community Youth Service (KCYS), gaining experience in a professional Irish setting. The KTTA acknowledged KCYS's warm hospitality and active support for this cross-cultural initiative. Seynabou also expressed interest in returning to Killarney later this year with a group of young people from Santeny, further deepening the exchange between the two communities.

In another heartwarming reunion, KTTA also welcomed Jace Padgett, granddaughter of former Concord Mayor Scott Padgett, who was instrumental in signing the sister city agreement between Concord, North Carolina and Killarney over 30 years ago.

Her visit included a meeting with Sheila Dickson, current KTTA secretary and daughter of the late Cllr. Murt O'Shea, a founding figure in



the Concord partnership, as well as a touching visit with Eileen O'Callaghan, widow of Cllr. Dermot O'Callaghan, another key player in the early years of the twinning initiative. Mayor Maura Healy-Rae and Matthew Farrell, Municipal District Officer, took time to greet Jace and present her with a KTTA shirt and pin, while also signing the distinguished visitor's book.

As KTTA continues to grow its international

partnerships, it invites local clubs, schools, and citizens of all ages to get involved. The association stands ready to support anyone interested in forging new international friendships and enriching Killarney's global presence.

For more information or to become involved, please contact the KTTA.

Citizenship Ceremonies Return to Killarney

Killarney will welcome over 15,000 visitors on Monday, June 23, and Tuesday, June 24, as the town hosts seven citizenship ceremonies at the Gleneagle Arena over the two days.

To facilitate the smooth running of the events, a comprehensive traffic management plan will be in place around the Gleneagle. A free shuttle service will operate from Killarney Bus and Train Station as well as Scotts Street, beginning at 8:00 a.m. each day.

Accommodation providers are asked to inform their guests about the shuttle service and to encourage them to either walk or leave their vehicles parked at their accommodation, as parking around the Gleneagle will be very limited. Traffic delays are expected, and all

attendees are advised to allow additional travel time. Local residents should also plan ahead, as increased traffic may affect journeys in and around Killarney throughout both days.

Ceremony Schedule:

Monday, June 23:

Registration for the first ceremony opens at 10:00 a.m.

Final ceremony concludes at 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 24:

Registration opens at 10:00 a.m.

Final ceremony concludes at 3:30 p.m.

These ceremonies mark a significant moment for many individuals and families, and Killarney is proud to play host once again to the national event.



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Summertime celebration

will focus on historical links

The fascinating stories of The Great Gatsby author F Scott Fitzgerald and the man who built Washington, John McShain, will be brought to life in Killarney in early July when the town hosts a culture-rich summertime celebration that will focus on great historical links.

New research reveals strong anecdotal evidence that the man who penned The Great Gatsby 100 years ago had close family connections with Kerry and that exciting link will be celebrated during the two-day Celebration of Irish and American Friendship.

At the Anam Arts and Culture Centre on the evening of Thursday, July 3rd, talented Killarney author Patrick O'Sullivan Greene, who has written an extensive biography tracing the life and times of F Scott Fitzgerald, will deliver what promises to be an engaging talk, Revolution, Rejection and Revival, that will tell the story of Fitzgerald's Irish-American journey.

It will feature a vivid insight into the brilliant but turbulent life of the acclaimed novelist, essayist and short story writer, revealing his surprising relationship with his Irish identity.

In keeping with the theme, the event, which will commence at 5.00pm, will also feature a Great Gatsby dance spectacular, tuition on how to dance the Charleston and the musical magic of Jack Patrick Healy, Killarney's very own Liberace.

At the same venue at 5.00pm the following evening, July 4th, the life and times of the great John McShain will be told in word, poetry, music and song.

The top class production, co-produced by schoolteacher Noel P O'Sullivan and performing artsschool professional Fiona Crowley, will chart the life and times of the McShain family, their time in Killarney and their incredible legacy in the town.

"Killarney will always be extremely grateful to the McShain family, not only for the gift of Killarney



At the launch of the 'Celebration of Irish and American Friendship in Killarney' at the Anam Arts and Culture Centre Killarney were front from left, Mayor of Killarney Maura Healy-Rae, Sylwia Cytrynska (Killarney Chamber), Patrick O'Sullivan Greene (author of Gatsby: Death of an Irishman), Diarmuid Leen (Committee Chairman) and Johnny McGuire, (Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce Co-President). Back from left are Noel Kennelly (Heineken Ireland), Padraig Treacy (Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce Co-President), John Ahern (Killarney Municipal District Town Engineer), Cllr Martin Grady (incoming Mayor of Killarney) and Dan O'Leary (Killarney Valley Classic & Vintage Club). Picture: Eamonn Keogh

House and Gardens but for the donation of Inisfallen Island, Ross Castle and 8,000 acres of parkland, mountains and lake, which John and Mary McShain presented to the town," Noel P said.

"The old saying 'History will tell you what happened but a song will tell you how it felt' captures the essence of this production, which will bring the McShain story to life through a moving and powerful synergy of the arts," he added.

Earlier on July 4th, at 4.00pm, a visiting choir from the Church of St Alphonsus and St Patrick, in the Archdiocese of Chicago, will perform on the steps of St Mary's Church of Ireland while, throughout the afternoon, there will be free fun activities for children on the streets of Killarney,

including face painting, balloon art and favourite Disney characters joined by the famous man on stilts. The distinctive beat of the drum will sound on College Square with a family friendly interactive drum experience that evening with a street celebration scheduled to get underway at 7.00pm with a spectacular show featuring lively marching bands, colourful cheerleaders, motorcycle dream machines, fantastic floats and so much more for what promises to be a wonderful eve of Ring of Kerry Cycle party as Killarney welcomes thousands of charity champions to town.

And to get end the night on a high note, favourite local trad band The Rising, will perform on the Main Street stage to get everybody

dancing and singing along and that will be the perfect warm-up for the big Nathan Carter Summer Spectacular concert – with special guests – at the Gleneagle INEC Arena on the night of July 4th with tickets now on sale from €35.65. With the 100-year celebration of the opening of Killarney National Park – gifted to Killarney by the Bourn-Vincent and McShain families – scheduled for 2032, Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce initiated a programme in 2023 to acknowledge that landmark occasion and to celebrate past and present links and this summertime celebration will certainly achieve that.

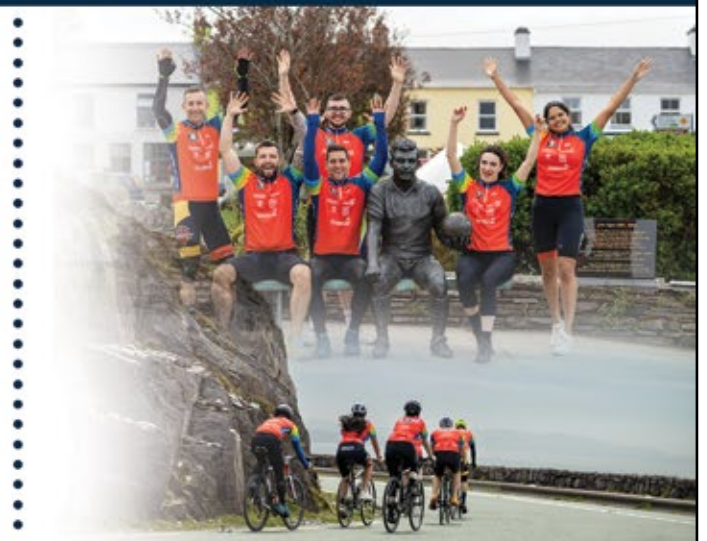
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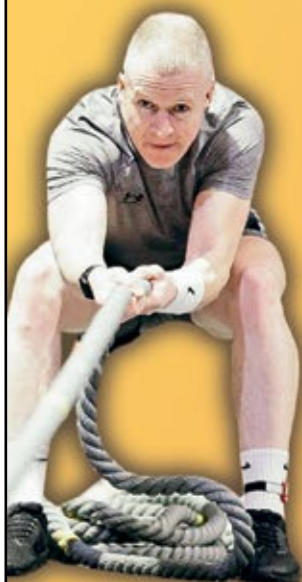
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Paddy's commitment to causes, his powerful work ethic and his infectious enthusiasm brought success to many ventures.

His sporting talents were quickly recognized while an engineering student at University College Cork. He has the rare distinction of holding a Sigerson Cup Medal as well as a Cork Co. Championship medal winning both in 1969. These achievements were followed by winning the inaugural All Ireland Club Championship with East Kerry in 1971. All the while he regularly lined out with Glenflesk in their various games, which included a County Junior Championship win in 1970. Participation in the Ballyvourney football tournament was a 'must' every summer. Paddy managed to find time to act as secretary and selector with Glenflesk Club.

Having qualified with a Bachelor of Engineering Degree, Paddy spent a few years working in Cork, but there was never a doubt that he would return to his native Kerry where he spent the remainder

of his career with Kerry County Council. Not a fan of bureaucratic niceties Paddy's focus was on the delivery of a reliable and abundant supply of water to the people of Kerry through council and group schemes.

Paddy's espousal of the sport of cycling brought him to many parts of the country while travelling thousands of miles. He was an avid participant in the annual Ring of Kerry Cycle.

Paddy was an integral part of the technical development of St. Agatha's Park in the early 70's. His leadership and engineering acumen transformed some grazing land and a railway embankment into a top class playing pitch which is utilized by successive generations. His expertise was also freely available during the construction of the accompanying GAA Hall.

Paddy's esteem in the community was evident at the removal of his remains when a Guard of Honour was formed by Co. Council staff, Ring of Kerry Cycle Committee and the Glenflesk GAA Club. It was fitting that Paddy's remains were lowered at Killaha Graveyard to the strains of the local anthem, "Glenflesk of You we are Proud".

(Pat Favier)



THE LATE PADDY O'DONOGHUE



Paddy O'Donoghue was part of the team that were crowned Clonkeen Parish League Champions 1978



Paddy O'Donoghue was part of the team that were crowned County Junior Champions 1970

Pretty Polly Site Raised in the Dail



The development of the former Pretty Polly site in Killarney as a location for a Training Centre of Excellence for the Hospitality Sector, is being pushed strongly by Fianna Fáil TD, Michael Cahill, who recently submitted a Parliamentary Question on the matter to the Minister for Further and Higher Education; Research; Innovation and Science.

"I called on the Minister to expedite the development of a Hospitality Training Centre of Excellence at the former Pretty Polly site at Upper Park Road in Killarney. I impressed upon the Minister the experience available locally in Killarney, which is the capital of tourism in all of Ireland and delivers a product of excellence to its visitors" stated Fianna Fáil Spokesperson on Tourism.

"Killarney is the obvious location to train future Hospitality Providers in diploma and degree courses, where experience placements can be sourced easily and nearby. Experts in the Hospitality Sector already operate in Killarney and their experience will be vital in delivering excellence in practice to potential students" said Deputy Cahill.

"The Minister advised me that Kerry Education and Training Board (KETB) is preparing a Preliminary Business Case in conjunction with SOLAS for Killarney under the FET College of the Future Major Projects.

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Miracle recovery put Roisin on the road to fitness

A KILLARNEY WOMAN WHO MADE AN ASTONISHING RECOVERY AFTER BREAKING HER BACK IN A HORSE RIDING ACCIDENT IN 2021 IS NOW USING HER SKILLS AS A PERSONAL TRAINER TO HELP TEENAGERS TO BUILD CONFIDENCE, IMPROVE FITNESS AND LEARN HOW TO TRAIN THE RIGHT WAY.

Roisin Clifford required extensive and painstaking rehabilitation after her accident but, during that difficult recovery period, she discovered her true calling in health and fitness.

She spent long hours in the gym improving her physical recovery and mental well-being and the success of her own transformation, through exercise and weight loss, sparked a new passion, leading her to become a certified personal trainer.

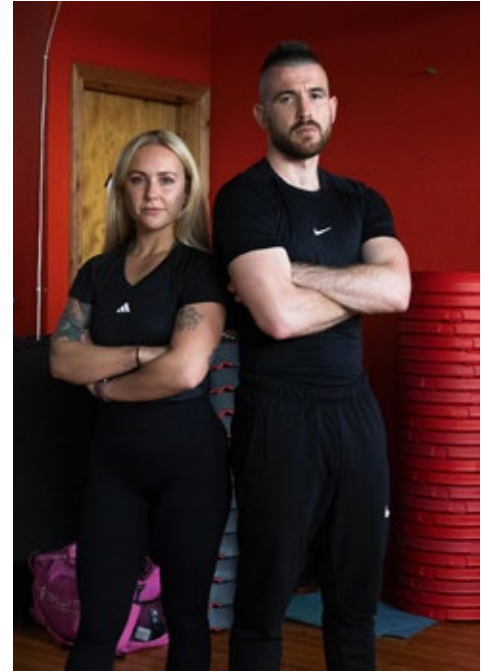
Roisin (27) made a wonderful recovery and she has now teamed up with professional boxer and fitness coach Darragh Keogh to help others to get in shape. They are based at the Peak Performance Academy in Killarney and they will host a teen fitness and boxing camp from

Monday, June 30 to Thursday, July 3.

Roisin and Darragh have worked closely with the Kerry senior football team at the Centre of Excellence in Currans and they have also provided valuable strength and conditioning services to a number of GAA clubs in the county. Professional boxer Darragh brings a wealth of experience to the role following a successful boxing career while he also holds a degree in sports science as well as being a qualified personal trainer.

Darragh (30) enjoyed a successful run on the boxing circuit in Australia where he won several amateur titles and was crowned the Australian Gold Coast champion and North Queensland champion in 2018. He also won an Australian Golden Glove Championship in 2019 and was an Australian Boxing Council Champion in 2021.

He turned professional in July 2021 and went undefeated in three fights in the super welterweight category. Since his recent return to Killarney, Darragh has concentrated on



Darragh Keogh and Roisin Clifford

coaching and passing on his boxing skills to others.

The four day camp, which will run from 11.00am to 1.30pm each day, for boys and girls aged from 13 to 16, will feature a mix of boxing, physical training and practical gym education. The participation cost at the Peak Performance Academy in Deerpark Retail Park is €120 and bookings can be made by contacting 086-0672939 or 087-2470632.

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Aghadoe Heights Hotel & Spa is putting a fresh spin on Sunday dining this summer, with the launch of a new family-friendly lunch offering in its Heights Lounge – and a generous deal for parents.

Starting this weekend, the five-star hotel overlooking the Lakes of Killarney will offer complimentary kids' meals from the hotel's newly updated kiddies' when two adults dine from the Heights Lounge Sunday Lunch menu. The offer is open to children aged 12 and under and includes a starter, main, and dessert from the kiddie's menu.

As part of the refresh, a classic Sunday Roast will also be introduced to the Heights Lounge – a welcome addition for locals and guests looking for a more relaxed alternative to the hotel's formal Lake Room.



"We know families are looking for something easy and enjoyable on a Sunday, especially during the summer when things are a little more laid-back and they have more time to get out and about," said General Manager Brian Bowler. "The Heights Lounge is the ideal spot – it's elegant but informal, with unbeatable views and now, a Sunday roast the whole family can enjoy for a great deal."

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Community Spirit Shines at Three Peaks Cycling Challenge

The annual Three Peaks Cycling Challenge proved to be a resounding success this past weekend, as cyclists from near and far came together for a day of fitness, fun, and community spirit.

Organised by the Killarney Cycling Club in partnership with the Killarney Cardiac Response Unit, the event brought together cyclists of all levels who tackled a scenic and challenging route through Kerry's stunning landscapes. Participants praised the event for its strong sense of camaraderie, well organised food stops, and the infectious good humour shared throughout the day.

Organisers expressed their gratitude to all who took part, as well as those who supported the event behind the scenes.

"We're incredibly thankful to everyone who made this day so special – from the cyclists to the sponsors, volunteers, and supporters," said a spokesperson for the event. "It's events like this that highlight the amazing spirit of our community."

The organisers also extended thanks to Killarney Outlook for its coverage of the event, helping to highlight the positive impact and community involvement of the Three Peaks Cycling Challenge.

A long list of local businesses and individuals provided sponsorship and support, including Sheahan's Centra Muckross Road (The Sheahan Group), Dan Linehan's Bar, M.D. O'Shea's,



Killarney Cycling Club members who took part in the Three Peaks Challenge.

Performance Bike Fit (John Crowley), Sherry FitzGerald Coghlan, kp3 Coffeehouse, Aldi, Lidl, SuperValu Killarney, Top of Coom (Creedon Family), and many others. Several anonymous donors also contributed generously.

Additional thanks were extended to the O'Sullivan Family of Whitebridge Manor for promotional support, An Garda Síochána for traffic management, and Dan O'Connor for his dedication and behind-the-scenes work. Support vans were provided by Tadgh McCarthy and Clothesline Canopies, with further logistical support offered by food stop hosts including Whyte's of Kenmare and the Creedon Family at Top of Coom.

Volunteers from both the Killarney Cycling Club and Killarney Cardiac Response Unit were instrumental in ensuring the event's success, serving as marshals, drivers, and support staff throughout the route.

As the cycling season continues, organisers also wished the best of luck to those participating in upcoming charity events including the Down Syndrome Kerry Cycle on Sunday, 22nd June, and the iconic Ring of Kerry Cycle on Saturday, 5th July.

With another successful edition of the Three Peaks Challenge now complete, the organisers are already looking forward to welcoming participants back next year for what promises to be another memorable day in the saddle.



Cyclists taking a break at The Top of Coom.



Members of Killarney Cardiac Response Unit pictured at the Race Course on the day.



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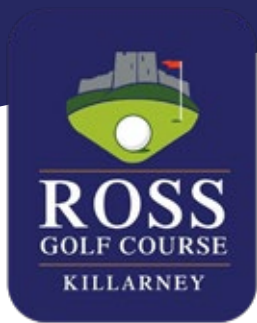
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Who: Open to all golfers

"We're incredibly proud of how far we've come in 30 years," said Karl McCay, General Manager at Killarney racecourse. "This summer is about celebrating our past, embracing our future, and welcoming everyone to be part of it."

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Eithne Murphy to Take on Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle in Honour of Her Father

On July 5th, Eithne Murphy, originally from Gneeveguilla and now living in Castleisland, will take on the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle for the very first time. She's doing so in support of the Irish Kidney Association, a cause that holds deep personal meaning for her.

This year's cycle holds special significance: it coincides with the anniversary month of her father Ted Murphy's life-changing kidney transplant, which he received twelve years ago. Eithne's participation is a heartfelt tribute to her father's journey and a way to give back to the organization that supports kidney patients and their families across Ireland.

By joining thousands of other cyclists on the scenic 170km route, Eithne is not only challenging herself physically but also helping raise vital funds and awareness for those affected by kidney disease.

The eldest of three sibling sisters, Eithne is cycling in honour of the deceased kidney donor to her father whose kidney transplant in July 2013 at Beaumont Hospital marked a major turning point in his health and his family's life following nearly three years of dialysis treatment.

What led to Ted's diagnosis of end-stage kidney disease was that he presented at Mallow General Hospital feeling extremely unwell and was transferred from there to Cork University Hospital. After a series of tests, doctors discovered he had been born with just one kidney – and that it was failing. He quickly progressed to dialysis



Eithne Murphy with her dad Ted

treatment which he depended on to keep him alive, and the news came as a major shock to the whole family.

"It was such a difficult time," Eithne recalls. "We had no idea anything was wrong. Watching him go through dialysis attending Tralee General Hospital three times a week and seeing how it affected his energy and quality of life and watching him lose weight was heartbreaking"

Now retired from his long career at Munster Joinery, Ted still resides in Gneeveguilla. He is the proud grandfather of five grandchildren, the youngest of whom, Dervila (11) was born just three months after his transplant.

"We're so glad to still have our dad here with us," said Eithne. "He's been able to watch his grandchildren – who were very young when he got sick – grow up, and we never take that for granted. The transplant gave us more time together, and we'll always be thankful for that."

Eithne, who herself a mother of two and works at an accountancy practice in Killarney, is participating in the iconic Ring of Kerry charity cycle to give back to the Irish Kidney Association, who supported her father and family throughout his journey.

"I'm so grateful for everything the Irish Kidney Association has done. Taking part in this cycle is my way

of saying thank you and honouring my dad's kidney donor and their family. It's a small gesture, to show my appreciation."

She's encouraging others to support her efforts, not only to raise funds but also to spread awareness of kidney health and the importance of organ donation. "Any support you can give would mean the world – not just to me and my family, but to so many others who rely on this incredible charity including over 2,500 dialysis patients and their families from around the country. Thank you for helping me give back and raise awareness for this vital cause."

At the heart of the legendary Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle is the Irish Kidney Association (IKA), the grassroots charity that founded the event 43 years ago. Since then, the IKA has played a pivotal role in not only organising the iconic ride but also in raising crucial awareness and funds for kidney patients. This year, the IKA is calling on cyclists of all levels to join the event on Saturday, July 5th, to support kidney disease awareness and organ donation. For those not cycling, the IKA encourages everyone to support participants like Eithne and others who are taking part in the cycle to raise funds and awareness for the charity.

To support Eithne's fundraising efforts for the Irish Kidney Association, please visit <https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/EithneMurphy651>



A ROYAL WIN IN THE KINGDOM! Kerry Player Lands €2,000 a Month for 5 Years

An online player from Kerry has kicked off their week in style, winning a dreamy €2,000 a month for the next five years in last night's (16th June) EuroDreams draw. The winner matched six numbers on their Quick Pick ticket purchased on the day of the draw, securing the Tier 2 prize.


The winning numbers in last night's EuroDreams draw were: 6, 17, 23, 29, 30, 35 and the Dream number was 3.

EuroDreams launched in Ireland just over two years ago, and unlike other draw-based games, the annuity top prize which is worth €7.2 million will be paid in monthly tax-free payments of €20,000 spread over 30 years. Similarly, the Tier 2 prize will be paid in monthly tax-free payments

of €2,000 spread over 5 years. The game is played in eight countries, namely Ireland, Austria, Belgium, France, Luxembourg, Portugal, Spain and Switzerland, with draws taking place every Monday and Thursday evening at usual National Lottery agents nationwide, online or at www.lottery.ie or through the National Lottery app.

The National Lottery has confirmed that a notification and an email has been sent to the online player in Kerry. The winner is advised to make contact with the National Lottery prize claims team on 1800 666 222 or email claims@lottery.ie and arrangements will be made for them to claim their prize in Lottery Headquarters.

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The Week Through The Eye Of the Lens



Pictured at a special legacy Concert at Muckross House, Killarney which is part of the Trustees of Muckross House and Muckross Research Library 60th anniversary projects undertaken.. An evening of music and dance and the premiere of 'The Muckross Suite' by JJ O'Shea was unveiled at Muckross House on Saturday night. Staff and Trustees of Muckross House, front row from left, Bernadette Randles, Chairperson, Trustees of Muckross House, Ann Tangney, Head Guide, Aoife O'Sullivan, Muckross Research Library, Dr. Catherine Foley, Emeritus Associate Professor, Irish World Academy of Music and Dance, University of Limerick who was revisiting the traditional Irish dance styles of North Kerry which she undertook 40 years ago, at Teach Siamsa, Finuge, Patricia O'Hare, Archivist Muckross Research Library, back row from left, Shane Treacy, Manager, Muckross House, Donal Hickey MC and Trustee of Muckross House, David Lynch, Muckross Research Library, JJ O'Shea, Composer, Muckross Suite, Mary Walsh, Muckross House Guide, Brigid Hartnett, Vivienne Heffernan, Muckross House Research Library and Fionn Doherty-O'Hare, Muckross Research Library. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

The Rehearsal...Jonathan Kelliher, rehearsing his step dancing style, in Muckross House, Killarney, watched by members of County Kerry's elite traditional Irish dancers, including Mossie Walsh, Jimmy Hickey, and David Geaney. They were all taught in the traditional style of the late, Jeremiah Molyneux of North Kerry. The concert was a culmination of a legacy project by the Trustees of Muckross House and Muckross Research Library. Part of the project involved a series of interviews with Dr Catherine Foley, Emeritus Associate Professor, Irish World Academy of Music and Dance, University of Limerick who was revisiting the traditional Irish dance styles of North Kerry which she undertook 40 years ago, at Teach Siamsa, Finuge. An evening of music and dance and the premiere of 'The Muckross Suite' by JJ O'Shea was unveiled at Muckross House on Saturday night. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

A Special Guest at Kilcummin National School's Wellbeing Week!

The entire Kilcummin National School community was absolutely thrilled to welcome a very special guest during our Wellbeing Week, none other than Kerry Football star, David Clifford!

From the moment he arrived, excitement rippled through the school. David kindly took the time to visit every class, much to the delight of the pupils and teachers. His visit added something truly magical to a week already packed with joy, from our Parents' Association-sponsored Rainbow Run and bouncy castles, to pizza parties and even a cosy pyjama day!

Having David join us for our Sixth Class pupils' final send-off made the occasion even more special. His generosity, warmth, and inspiring words left a lasting impression on both children and staff.

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DYLAN CROWLEY UNDER 11 TOURNAMENT 2025

Saturday, 14th June – Gneeveguilla GAA Grounds

The Dylan Crowley Under 11 Tournament returned once again to Gneeveguilla GAA grounds on Saturday, June 14th. This much-loved annual event, organised by Dylan's aunt Kathleen and Sean O'Sullivan, is held in honour of Dylan Crowley, a young boy whose passion for sport, particularly football, left a lasting impression on all who knew him. Dylan sadly passed away in August 2013.

Twelve teams took part in this year's tournament: Firies, Kilcummin, Rathmore, Killarney Legion, Listry, Kenmare, Glenflesk, Currow, Scartaglen, Cordal, Fossa and hosts Gneeveguilla.

Tournament Results:

Division 1 Final:

Kilcummin vs Killarney Legion – Winners:

Killarney Legion

Division 2 Final:

Rathmore vs Kenmare – Winners: Rathmore

Division 3 Final:

Gneeveguilla vs Currow – Winners: Currow

Presentations were made by Dylan's brother Byran and sister Emer, adding a personal and heartfelt touch to the day.

A big thank you to all the teams and their mentors for their enthusiastic participation and sporting spirit, they were a credit to their clubs and families.

Special thanks to Dylan's former teammate Mark O'Leary, who opened the tournament with Amhrán na bhFiann, and to Declan

Buckley, who led the team parade on the pipes before the semi-finals, a moment always eagerly anticipated by the young players.

The organisers would like to say a huge thank you to Joan Heapes and Marguerite McAuliffe for first aid duty, and to Sean O'Keeffe, Gneeveguilla GAA Club, the Ladies Committee, stewards and referees, whose combined efforts ensured the event ran smoothly from start to finish.

Dylan was a fun-loving and energetic boy with a deep love for all sports, having played football and basketball with Gneeveguilla and soccer with Mastergeeha. The tournament offers his family, friends and the wider community a lovely way to remember Dylan, celebrating his memory through the sport he loved so much.

Division 1 Final Winners: Killarney Legion



Division 2 Final winners: Rathmore



Division 3 Final: Winners: Currow



Brendan Brosnan, Christy Crowley (Dylan's dad) and Mike Morrissey at the tournament.



Emma Cremin Eileen Crowley (Dylan's mother), Emer Crowley (Dylan's sister), Elaine Keane, Lorna Cagney



Joan Heapes and Marguerite McAuliffe with Sean O'Sullivan organiser who is also Dylan's uncle in law



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Tesco Ireland Launches “STRONGER STARTS COOKS” PROGRAMME IN KILLARNEY

Tesco Ireland has introduced Stronger Starts Cooks, a free, six-week educational programme focused on children's health and nutrition. Rolled out to nearly 3,000 pupils in 42 primary schools, the initiative is currently running in Gaelscoil Faithleann, Killarney, involving 69 students.

Aimed primarily at 5th class pupils, the curriculum-aligned programme includes hands-on cooking workshops, lessons in food science and safety, and a guided visit to a local Tesco store. Students learn about food origins, nutrition, and budgeting in an engaging, real-world context.

A recent parent survey highlights strong support for such initiatives:

92% of Munster parents want more food education in schools.

58% believe their children lack nutritional knowledge.

68% say their children don't know where their food comes from.

Developed with teachers and a qualified dietitian, and delivered by education specialists Real Nation, the pilot has been met with enthusiastic feedback—95% of pupils enjoyed the experience.



Primary school students from Gaelscoil Faithleann, Co. Kerry is pictured enjoying a cookery session as part of Tesco Ireland's newest school programme, Stronger Starts Cooks. Stronger Starts Cooks is a new, free six-week programme which will be delivered to almost 3,000 primary school pupils across 42 primary schools this year, supporting children's health and wellbeing by giving them hands-on experience with food and nutrition.



Primary school students from Gaelscoil Faithleann, Co. Kerry is pictured enjoying a cookery session as part of Tesco Ireland's newest school programme, Stronger Starts Cooks.

Dogs Trust Issues Hot Weather Warning FOR DOG OWNERS

The charity is advising dog owners to walk their dogs during cooler mornings and evenings to prevent heatstroke which can be fatal. Tips and advice on keeping canines cool can be found on [DogsTrust.ie/HotWeather](https://www.dogs-trust.ie/HotWeather)

With the sunny weather set to make a comeback this week and temperatures reaching into the twenties, Dogs Trust is reminding dog owners to protect their pooches during the summer months. Dogs aren't able to handle the heat as easily as people can, and high temperatures can quickly become dangerous, and potentially fatal, for them.

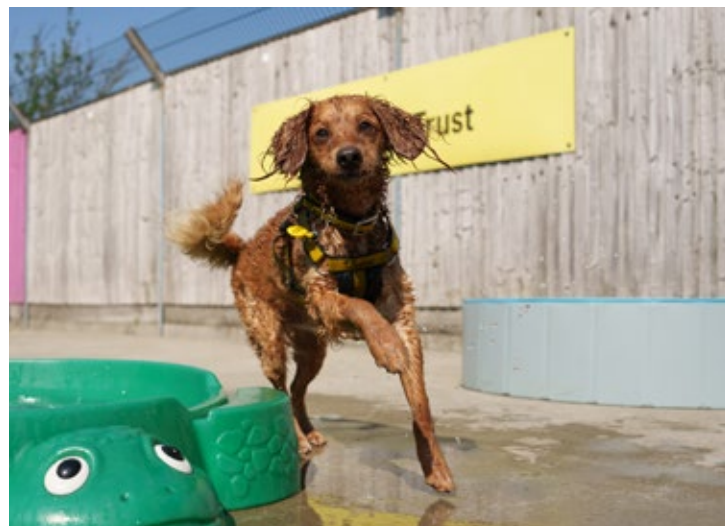
Exercise is one of the biggest risk-factors for dogs developing heatstroke with more than two-thirds of cases occurring from simply walking in the heat.* Dogs Trust recommends walking dogs in the cooler times of the day such as early morning or later in the evening when temperatures aren't as high. The charity also advises owners to keep walks short, bring plenty of water for your dog to drink and take breaks in the shade if needed.

While all dogs are susceptible to heatstroke, certain breeds with flatter faces such as Bulldogs and Pugs can be up to fourteen times more likely to be affected.** Dogs Trust is also warning owners with older dogs, overweight dogs, or dogs with underlying health conditions to remain extra vigilant during the warmer summer months, as these dogs are more likely to struggle with the increased temperatures.

While exercising dogs in hot weather is the most common cause of heatstroke, dogs need to be kept cool while at home too. Dogs Trust advises owners to always ensure their dog has somewhere cool and shaded to relax both indoors and outdoors. Make sure they also have

access to plenty of cool, fresh water throughout the day to keep them hydrated.

The charity is also reiterating the ever-important message to never leave dogs alone in a hot car. On a 22-degree Celsius Day, the temperature in a car can rise by 11-degrees in just 10-minutes. Parking in the shade or rolling down the windows does little to alleviate this, so please, never take the risk.



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Pictured at the launch of The Irish Times Ireland's Greenest Places 2025 in association with Electric Ireland are Beth Healy (12), Laura Gargiuto Keenan (12) and Jaxon Okon (2). PIC JULIEN BEHAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Kerry Business Career Coach Lisa Fitzpatrick Named Among AIBF's Top 5 Women in Business 2025



Lisa Fitzpatrick pictured with Kieran Ring (Vice-Chair AIBF Adjudication Board), Bevin Mahon (AIBF President) and Bevin Mahon (AIBF President) she was officially recognised with her AIBF Top 5 Women in Business accreditation.

Lisa Fitzpatrick, founder of Lisa Fitzpatrick Coaching and a proud Kerry native, has been named one of the AIBF (All-Ireland Business Foundation) Top 5 Women in Business 2025 by the All-Ireland Business Foundation.

Lisa was presented with the honour live on stage at the All-Ireland Entrepreneurs Summit in Croke Park, where she shared insights on leadership, mindset, and personal growth with a packed audience of business leaders.

With a 20+ year background in business, Lisa launched her coaching business to help professionals grow, navigate change and excel with confidence and clarity.

Lisa is a certified Business & Career Coach. She combines her experience from the corporate world with a deep passion for helping others grow both personally and professionally.

Her coaching is centred around four powerful pillars: self-belief, confidence, clarity, and action. Whether she's working with high-performing professionals, individuals seeking career change or growth, or leaders navigating transitions, Lisa helps her clients make empowered decisions and move forward with purpose.

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RATHMORE | GNEEVGUILLA PARISH

By Michael O' Mahony

SHARE THE BUCKET

Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group reminds you that Share the Bucket takes place weekly. The draw is every Friday evening in Teach Fáilte @8.30 pm and can be viewed live on our Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook Page. This week's jackpot was €210 and the winner was John Hurley. Tickets cost €2 each or 3 for €5. They are available at Teach Fáilte and can be bought online at <https://tinyurl.com/y2ade5om> or in local businesses where you see the Green Share the bucket.

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

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Join the Divine Mercy Hour in the Church of the Holy Rosary Gneeveguilla. It is streamlined on MCN Gneeveguilla on every First Friday.

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KERRY LADIES FOOTBALL

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BEST OF LUCK to the Kerry team & management & especially Shane Ryan & Paul Murphy against Cavan in Fitzgerald Stadium this weekend

NOTES

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

SPA PARISH

By Leanne Cronin

CREDIT UNION SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 1

Spa are scheduled to play Dr.Crokes in Round 10 at home in Spa on Sunday 22nd June at 2pm (please keep a look out on ClubZap for any changes)

CREDIT UNION DONAL CURTIN CUP DIVISION 3 SEMI-FINAL

Our ladies side will play Fossa in the Donal Curtin Semi-Final on Monday 23rd June (venue and time TBC) Best of luck to players and management in their quest to get into the final of this competition

KEANES SUPERVALU DIVISION 3A MINOR FIXTURES

In the first round of this competition Spa will play NaGaeil in Spa at 7pm on 30th June. In their group are Listry, Listowel Emmets and NaGaeil.

NOTES

Any items for our notes please contact Leanne 085-7762411

LISTRY PARISH

Written by: Colette Leslie

LOTTO

June 15th 2025. Jackpot €10,000. Numbers Drawn: 4, 6, 12, 24. Not Won. €100 Nicola McCarthy, A Bakers View. €50 Holly O Meara, Online Entry. €50 Heather Miller, Faha. €25 John Kerins, Faha Court. €25 Aaron O' Shea, Lissivane East. Jackpot next week 22/06/2025 €10,150

SENIORS

The senior team are away to castlegregory Sunday 22nd June at 2pm

U11S

The U11s took part in the Dylan Crowley Memorial Blitz in Gneeveguilla on

Saturday. They played some excellent football throughout the day and were beaten in the semi-final after a great effort. Well done to all involved

U16S

The U16 County League Thursday 26th June Listry play Crokes at home Throw-in is at 7pm – best of luck to the team

KERRY MINORS

Best of luck to Danny Murphy David McCarthy and the Kerry minor team and management who play Mayo in the championship semi final.



The Listry Team who took part in the Dylan Crowley Tournament in Gneeveguilla at the weekend.



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KILCUMMIN PARISH

Written by: Helen Moynihan

KILCUMMIN LOOKING GOOD

Kilcummin Looking Good/Jingle and Mingle Committee would like to sincerely thank everyone who supported our recent Coffee Morning. We're very grateful to all who contributed with home baking, their time, and generous donations. Your support made the event a great success and helps us continue our work for a successful Jingle and Mingle 2025.

TIDY TOWNS ADJUDICATOR

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

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Corpus Christi Procession will take place on Sunday 22nd June after 11.30am Mass. All groups and organisations are invited to take part in this year procession.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Significant Wedding Anniversaries will be celebrated on Saturday 6th September in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kilcummin, for couples in our parish and outside with special Anniversaries this year eg. 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60. You are invited to renew your marriage vows at this Mass. Please spread the word.

KILCUMMIN GAA By Donal Barry PRO

SENIOR COUNTY LEAGUE DIV 1

Kilcummin Seniors will look to secure Credit Union Senior Football League Division 1 status on Saturday evening when they play host to Glenflesk in Round 10 of the Credit Union County League. Throw in time of 7pm.

SENIOR COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 7B

Kilcummin are due to face Listowel Emmets away in their Credit Union Senior Football League Division 7 Cup Round 6 tie on Sunday at 2pm in Páirc Mhic Shithigh.

LADIES FOOTBALL

Many thanks to all those who helped out and contributed to the Kilcummin LGFA annual church gate collection last weekend.

MINORS

Our minor Ladies play their Group 8 Shield Final v Dr Crokes at Lewis Rd on Thursday next the 19th June at 7pm. All support appreciated.

UNDER 12'S

Well done to our U12 Girls that travelled to Churchill last night for the latest in the series of Lee Strand county league Go Games. Brilliant football played by our girls on the night.

DYLAN CROWLEY MEMORIAL BLITZ

Our U11 boy's squad delivered an outstanding performance at today's

Dylan Crowley Memorial Blitz in Gneeveguilla, showcasing both skill and character throughout the competition. The team opened their campaign in impressive fashion, securing victories in all three group games to finish as group winners. The football displayed was of the highest quality, with every squad member making vital contributions to these successes. A physically demanding semi-final against a very good Glenflesk side tested the boys' resolve before securing their place in the final. The decider against Legion produced a superb first-half performance to establish a commanding position at the interval. While the second half saw the momentum shift, the lads battled to the final whistle before ultimately falling to a narrow defeat. We extend our gratitude to the tournament organisers for running such an excellently organised competition, and to our travelling supporters whose encouragement was greatly appreciated throughout the day.

FEILE

Last Sunday evening saw the club host a mini Kerry Feile inviting both Glenbeigh/Glencar and Ardfert to play a series of matches with our own side that are heading to Feile on the weekend of June 27th/28th. It was a great work out for all the teams involved and many thanks to all the parents who volunteered and help to run the event successfully

UP FOR THE MATCH

The Clubhouse will be the place to be on Friday evening when we have an up for the match special ahead of the 2025 All Ireland Feile. Starting at 7.15pm, Donal Barry will chair a number of panel discussions from players who were at the 1992 and 2007 Feile as well as show casing some of the stars of Scor from within the club. The team of 2025 will be presented to the crowd at 8.45pm.

GAA LOTTO

There was one winner of our lotto on Monday 16th June for the Jackpot of €2,750. Numbers drawn were 06,10,19,23. Congratulations to DJ Fleming. Our next draw will be on Monday 30th June for Jackpot of €2,250.

NOTES

If anyone has anything they want to add to our club notes please contact Donal by emailing pro.kilcummin.kerry@gaa.ie or Text/WhatsApp 087-7023681 before 8pm on Sundays.

MASTERGEEHA F.C.

LOTTO

There was no winner on Friday 13th June 2025 of the Jackpot €8,000. Numbers drawn were 09,14,16,25. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Robert Kerins; Colm Lenihan; Jessica O'Neill, Mastergeeha; Mary Carroll, Maulyarkane. The next draw will be on Friday 20th June for Jackpot of €8,200.




The Kilcummin Team who took part in the Dylan Crowley Tournament at the weekend.

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GLENFLESK PARISH

Written by: Sean Daly

RIP

Glenflesk GAA would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family and friends of the late Paddy O'Donoghue on his sad passing. He was a true Glenflesk stalwart as a player, mentor and lifelong supporter. May He Rest in Peace

COMMUNITY GAMES

Best of luck to all the participants competing in the athletics County Finals this weekend in An Ríocht in Castleisland.

DYLAN CROWLEY

Well done to the Glenflesk U11 boys who took part in the Dylan Crowley Memorial Blitz last weekend. They played fantastic football against Kenmare, Rathmore and Legion to get to the semi final where they just fell short against a very strong Kilcummin side. They played with tremendous heart and spirit throughout the day. Thanks to Gneeveguilla and the Crowley family for hosting a great tournament.

EOGHAN RUADH

Well done to our Glenflesk boys Danny Healy, Jason Culloty, Tiernan Cronin, Micheal O'Donoghue, Sean Angland, Colm Kelly & Dara O Sullivan representing Eoghan Ruadh U14's tonight v Castleisland District in Fitzgerald Stadium winning on a score line of 5-11 to 5-8.

LOTTO

There was no winner of Glenflesk Lotto which took place on the 9th of June. Jackpot €6,600. Numbers drawn 8, 16, 27, 30. Consolation prizes of €50: Eileen Reen c/o Corner Bar, Corner Bar (Sellers Prize), Denis O'Donoghue, Knockanes, Nora Mai O'Sullivan, Curraghglass. Next draw will take place on Monday 23rd June. Jackpot will be €6,800. Thanks to all who support our Lotto & to Diarmuid Lynch Plumbing & Heating Ltd for sponsoring our tickets.

NOTES

If you would like anything added in the notes, please email to pro.glenflesk.kerry@gaa



The Glenflesk Team who took part in the Dylan Crowley Tournament at the weekend.

BEAUFORT PARISH

By Bridget Hartnett

FIXTURES

Beaufort will be away to Glenbeigh/Glencar, Friday, 20th at 8pm in round 10, Co League, Division 1.

The Division 6 team will be home to Glenflesk on Sunday, 22nd at 2pm also in round 10.

RESULTS

Beaufort 1.23 Ballymacelligott 1.14 in senior Co League, Div.1, round 7 back game.

GOLF CLASSIC

Beaufort GAA Club annual Golf Classic was held on Friday, 13th June in Beaufort Golf Club.

It is one of the main fundraisers for the Club. Thanks you to the organisers, main sponsor, M.F. Decorating, all the team and tee box sponsors and Beaufort Golf Club for hosting the event. Results: 1st Inverary Guesthouse Team 90pts,

2nd Owens McCarthy Team 90pts, 3rd Gerard Doyle Team 88pts, 4th Jer's Kerry Gardens Team 88pts,

'Longest Drive' Dara Kealy (Fexco), 'Nearest the Pin' Donie Kiely (Sean Kelly)

MOTHERS&OTHERS

Well done to Beaufort Mothers and Others who had a great day out on Saturday, 14th in their first Munster blitz held in Mallow G.A.A. Complex. Under the Management of the experienced Davy Leane and ably assisted by Gerry Kelliher, they played 5 games against Tuosist, Eire Óg, Rockwell Rovers, Roanmore and Aghada. They competed very well in all the games.

LOTTO

The next draw for a jackpot of €6,400 will be on Sunday, 22nd June. Tickets are available from usual sellers and online at www.beaufortgaa.com.

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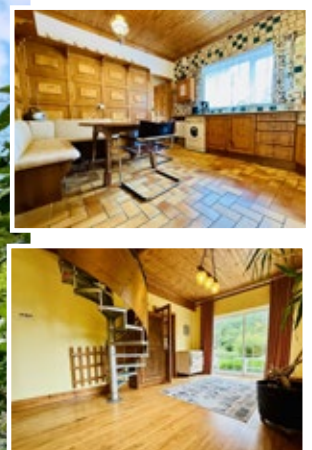
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KILLARNEY SWIMMING CLUB

The club attended the Michael Bowles Invitational Meet in Douglas last week. 15 swimmers attended the gala. Congratulations to Divo Lucic-Kovacevic who had 3 top 10 finishes, Samuel O'Neill with 2 top 10 finishes and 8 personal bests and Matthew Myles placed 3rd in the 800m free. The club is preparing for final competitions, the Munster Swim Festival at the end of June and the 2025 Irish Summer National Age Group Youth & Senior Championships in July.

KILLARNEY VALLEY ATHLETIC CLUB

The Munster Juvenile U14-U19 T&F Championships were held in MTU Cork over the weekend and Killarney Valley AC had some great performances.

The first medals of the day were to Sinead Coleman who came 3rd in the U13 Pole Vault and Ellie O'Sullivan who came 3rd in her U15 Pole Vault. Antonya Lejwoda came 3rd in the U17 Triple Jump. Katie O'Sullivan came 4th in the U16 Triple Jump. Taesha Veerasoo came 2nd in the U17 Javelin.

Fionn Spellman was 2nd in the U14 200m and 3rd in the 80m and along with Eanna Mulligan, Olamide Smith, Aaron O'Sullivan came 1st in the U14 4x100m relay. Kieran Moloney came 1st in the U15 Discus. Babatunde Smith was 1st in the U16 High Jump and 4th in the 100mH. Conor Duffin came 2nd in the U16 3K and 3rd in the 1500m. Dominik Wasila came 2nd in the U17 Long Jump. Finn Moloney was 3rd in the U17 Pole Vault. David Watson was 2nd in the U17 High Jump. Klaidas Merkevicus, Leo Allen, Dominik Wasila and Gabriel Kawalczyk came 3rd in the U18 4x100m Relay

Congrats and well done to all.

SUMMER CAMPS

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RESULTS FOR 12TH JUNE

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3rd: Marie O'Sullivan Kenmare & Horst Rosler

Congratulations, great scores

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations also to The Killarney Bridge Congress committee of Marie Moloney, Phyllis O'Regan, Ciaran Broadbery, Joan Lenihan, Theresa McCarthy and Anne Wren and the many helpers for a wonderful and successful Congress held last weekend.

SUMMER BRIDGE

Summer bridge continues every Thursday morning at 10am at The Castlerosse Hotel. All bridge players are welcome.



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20 Years After Historic Club First Damien Fleming Named on Irish Team for European Championships

*Damien and Derry from the time after he won
the 2021 National Matchplay*



Deerpark's Damien Fleming has been named on the Irish team for the upcoming European Team Championships, which take place in Lucan, Dublin on the weekend of July 20th. The announcement comes as another milestone in an already remarkable career for the former Irish No. 1, who is currently ranked No. 9 in the country.

Damien brings a wealth of experience to the national side. Over the course of his career, he has captured three National Senior Men's Matchplay titles, three Irish Opens, and a National Senior Men's Strokeplay title, achievements that place him firmly among the elite in Irish pitch and putt.

His selection for the Irish team is particularly poignant this year, as it comes 20 years after fellow Deerpark clubman Derry McCarthy captained Ireland to victory in the same competition, held in Holland in 2005. The connection between the two club legends was memorably captured in a photo from 2021, taken after Damien won that year's National Matchplay, highlighting the rare distinction they share as Deerpark and Kerry's only two winners of the prestigious tournament.

Damien was also a member of the Irish team that claimed the World Cup title last year, defeating North Portugal in the final in El Vendrell, Barcelona. Though he now lives in Cork with his family, Damien remains deeply committed to Deerpark, serving as the club's current Secretary.

As the reigning champions from the last staging in 2018, Ireland will be hoping to defend their European crown next month, and with the likes of Damien in the lineup, their prospects look strong.

DIARMUID O'CARROLL JOINS SPARTA PRAGUE as First Team Coach



FORMER KILLARNEY ATHLETIC STAR TAKES NEXT STEP IN COACHING CAREER

Diarmuid O'Carroll, a former underage standout with Killarney Athletic and a four-time NIFL Premiership winner, has been appointed as a first team coach at Czech giants Sparta Prague. O'Carroll leaves his position as Newcastle United U21 manager to join the coaching staff of Danish

head coach Brian Priske at one of Central Europe's most storied clubs.

O'Carroll's coaching career has been steadily rising in recent years, building on his playing experience across clubs in Northern Ireland, Scotland, and beyond. His move to Sparta Prague marks a significant step up into continental European football at the senior level.

Everyone at Killarney Athletic has expressed pride in O'Carroll's journey and offered best wishes for the next chapter in his coaching career.

Diarmuid was a standout talent from his earliest days with Athletic, and it's no surprise to see him making waves on the international stage with the club saying "We at Athletic wish Diarmuid the best of luck with his new adventure".

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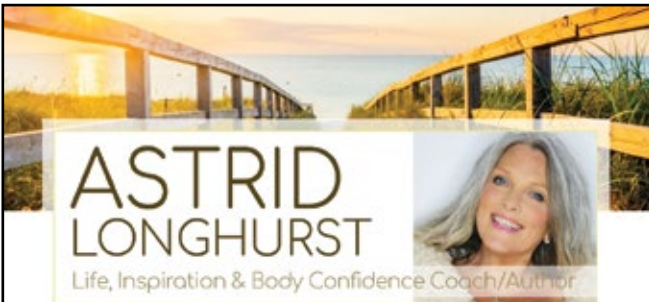
What you need:

- low-calorie cooking spray
- 2 skinless and boneless chicken breasts, cut into strips
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 50g sundried tomatoes, finely chopped
- 1 tsp paprika
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 150ml hot chicken stock
- zest and juice of ½ unwaxed lemon
- 150g dried tagliatelle
- 200g plain quark
- large handful spinach
- handful fresh basil leaves, to serve

Method

1. Spray a non-stick frying pan with low-calorie cooking spray and put it over a medium heat. Add the chicken and cook for 5 minutes, or until browned. Add the garlic, sundried tomatoes, paprika and oregano and cook for a further minute or so, before adding the stock and lemon zest and juice. Simmer for 5 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, cook the tagliatelle according to the pack instructions.
3. Stir the quark and spinach into the sauce and mix well. Season lightly and cook for a minute or so to wilt the spinach.
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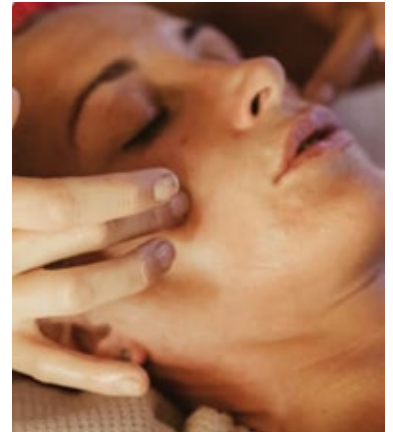
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As the weather gets warmer and the days grow longer, we often think about improving our health and getting into better shape. As you prepare to enjoy the outdoors this summer, don't forget a plan for keeping your eyes happy as well.

Avoid getting "sunburn of the eye"

When sunlight shines off water, sand or other highly reflective surfaces into your eyes, it can cause a very painful condition called photokeratitis. This is when the sun's ultraviolet rays burn the surface of your eye. Pain, redness, blurriness and even temporary vision loss are symptoms of this condition. Prevent photokeratitis by wearing sunglasses that are marked "100% UV protection." Also, wear a broad-brimmed hat for added eye protection.

Prevent "swimmer's eye" in the pool

Pools can be tough on the eyes. Chemicals used to keep the water clean, such as chlorine, can affect the natural tear film that keeps our eyes moist and healthy. The result can be Red, gritty-feeling eyes and blurry vision. Keep eyes feeling and looking good by wearing swim goggles in the pool, and splash your closed eyes with fresh water immediately after getting out of the pool.

Keep dry eye at bay

Spending time outside when it

is hot, dry or windy can irritate a common condition called dry eye. A hot, dry environment affects the tear film, drying out the eye's surface. To protect your eyes in these conditions, wear wrap-around glasses to keep wind from your eye's surface. Also, use artificial tears (preferably those that are preservative-free) to keep eyes moist and refreshed.

Don't play around with eye safety

Spending more time outside often means more outdoor work and play. Whether mowing the lawn, trimming weeds or playing baseball, always wear the proper protective eyewear. More than half of all eye injuries occur at home, yet only about one out of every three people wears eye protection when they should. Don't be an eye injury statistic!

Quit smoking

When thinking about getting healthy this summer, think about quitting smoking. Cigarette smoke, including second-hand smoke, not only worsens dry eye, but is a risk factor for many eye diseases, including cataracts, macular degeneration and more. Quitting smoking reduces your risk of getting eye disease and other major health problems.

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Work begins on Ross Castle Canal clean-up- *CAHILL*

Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry, Deputy Michael Cahill, has welcomed an update from the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, James Browne TD on the cleaning of the Canal by Ross Castle in Killarney.

By way of Parliamentary Question, Deputy Cahill asked the Minister for clarification on the cleaning of the Canal by Ross Castle in Killarney into the lake and for the works to be expedited.

The Minister informed Deputy Cahill that consultation on this issue with local representatives of the relevant stakeholders and positive discussions about those issues have taken place.

The Minister went on to confirm that the NPWS, the National Parks and Wildlife Service, will be clearing the Bunrower end of the Canal, and this is much needed according to Deputy Cahill.

"I am happy to hear that the National Parks and Wildlife Service is progressing this matter. The Minister has confirmed to me that the NPWS will be clearing the Bunrower end of the canal" stated Deputy Cahill.

"I acknowledge the Ministers response of the scale of work being significant, but this work needs to be carried out as soon as possible in order to preserve the lake. It is vital the NPWS continues to engage on the ground and keep locals informed on its progress" said Deputy Cahill.



Concluding Deputy Cahill stated he was pleased to hear the NPWS will maintain an open channel to the Canal at Ross Castle to continue to allow boat access.

"Finally, I am pleased to hear that the NPWS will continue to allow boat access along the Canal at Ross Castle and this is absolutely vital to the local

economy in Killarney" said the newly elected TD. "This is essential in the summer months and it is a hotspot for boats and visitors. I'd like to thank the Minister for his engagement on this matter, and I look forward to further engagement as it progresses," concluded the Fianna Fáil Spokesperson on Tourism.

ENERGY BILLS SET TO INCREASE DUE TO SOARING NETWORK COSTS – *Pa Daly TD*

Sinn Féin spokesperson on the Environment, Climate and Energy, Pa Daly TD, has called on the government and energy regulator to ensure that rising network charges do not lead to increases in household bills.

Teachta Daly said: "Households have been hit with another blow following the announcement that their electricity bills were set to soar by at least €83 due to rising network charges.

"Ireland already has the highest electricity prices in Europe. Hundreds of thousands of households are in arrears. And rates of energy poverty are at record highs.

"Ordinary workers and families are already at breaking point as the cost-of-living crisis rages on. They simply cannot afford another price hike.

"At the same time, significant investment is urgently needed in our electricity grid. That is not in question.

"Without it, we have no hope of meeting our



housing targets, let alone anything else.

"Households, however, should not be punished for Ireland's infrastructural deficits that successive Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael governments created.

"What we need is a fair funding model, with the burden more equitably distributed. Large energy users like data centres should be paying their fair share.

"Direct exchequer investment also has a role, as outlined in Sinn Féin's proposals for a renewable energy investment fund.

"I am calling on government and the regulator to do everything in their power to minimise the impact of these network charge increases on households. Many are already at breaking point.

"I am also urging them to keep their election promise of bringing down the cost of energy. While a minuscule reduction in the PSO is on the cards, this will be completely wiped out by increased energy prices.

"Households will already be considerably worse off as the government has callously decided not to provide households with an electricity credit this year despite the fact that prices remain 60 – 70 per cent higher than 2022."



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9.45 PM

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MINISTER FOLEY announces €118,000 in funding for stroke survivors in Kerry

Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Kerry T.D Norma Foley has today announced €118,000 in funding for an exercise programme to help stroke survivors in Kerry.

It is one of the innovative projects will receive funding of €2.8 million under the latest round of the Disability and Participation Awareness Fund.

Cork Stroke Support will deliver the exercise programme to help stroke survivors.

Minister Foley said:

"This funding of €118,000 will provide an evidence-based exercise programme for stroke survivors in Kerry and the wider South West region.

There is also funding for a wonderful range of projects to support people with disabilities of all ages to live full and active lives. They include sailing voyages, forest singing workshops, school therapy dog programmes and fully inclusive circus performances. These projects will offer new and exciting opportunities for people with disabilities to show their talents and abilities and to reach their true potential."

The fund is operated on behalf of the Department by Rethink Ireland, and each of the successful projects will receive both grants and non-financial support as part of the funding model.

Gaza Cannot Be Forgotten Amid Wider Middle East Tensions

Seán Kelly, MEP for Ireland South and Leader of Fine Gael in the European Parliament, has said that while broader regional instability in the Middle East is alarming, Europe must not lose sight of the ongoing humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza.

"We are at a dangerous juncture," Kelly said. "The escalation between Israel and Iran has rightly raised alarm bells, but it cannot be used as a smokescreen to cover what is still happening, every day, in Gaza."

"The reality is this: civilians in Gaza are still being killed indiscriminately. Humanitarian aid is still being blocked. Children are still starving. These are not background details in some wider geopolitical drama – they are atrocities in their own right," Kelly continued.

"We need to show leadership, not through airstrikes or threats, but through diplomacy, pressure, and principled action. Dialogue must replace destruction," he stated.

Electric Vehicle Grant Scheme Reopens for Taxis, Hackneys and Limousines

Minister for Transport Darragh O'Brien today announced that the 2025 Electric Small Public Service Vehicle (eSPSV25) Grant Scheme will re-open on Monday 23rd June.

The scheme was initially launched in February with a €12.5 million budget. It received a record number of applications, which have now been assessed. Almost €7.5 million has been allocated to successful applicants, meaning just under €5 million will be available when the scheme re-opens.

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From 23rd June anyone eligible for the scheme and interested in applying for the grant can find detailed information, including application forms and guidelines, on the National Transport Authority's website: <https://www.nationaltransport.ie/taxi/latest-news-for-spsv-operators/>

For further updates and information on electric vehicle initiatives, visit Zero Emission Vehicles Ireland at www.zevi.ie.



While acknowledging the growing risks of regional spill-over, Kelly urged that restraint and de-escalation must be the immediate focus. "This isn't just about Israel and Iran – it's about preventing an all-out regional war that would have devastating consequences far beyond the Middle East."

"But let's be clear: Gaza cannot be pushed to the side. The suffering there is not just an unfortunate side-effect of conflict – it is the direct result of choices being made on the ground," Kelly said.

He praised the Irish Government's recent steps in response to the crisis. "Ireland is showing what leadership looks like. The moves on illegal settlement goods and the Tánaiste's push for meaningful legislation – these are not symbolic.


These are acts of real political courage."

Kelly also called on the European Union to live up to its principles. "We cannot be the EU of values in name only. If we say we care about human rights, then breaches must carry consequences. The EU-Israel Association Agreement cannot continue without accountability."

"Yes, we must work to prevent further escalation across the Middle East," Kelly concluded. "But we cannot – and must not – look away from Gaza. Doing so now would be a betrayal not just of the people of Gaza, but of everything this Union claims to stand for."

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visual accents with 20-inch alloy wheels in 'Diamond Cut' aero design, bumpers with carbon-look elements, and aluminium pedals. The interior of the all-wheel drive vehicle sports a feel-good ambience throughout. The driver and front passenger sit on the Intelli-Seats Pro swathed in Alcantara and certified by Aktion Gesunder Rücken e.V. Alternatively, they can also choose front seats in nappa leather at no extra charge. The electric sliding panoramic glass sunroof supports the airy feeling of space, even in the second row.

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Superb second half seals the deal for Kerry Ladies

Siofra O'Shea of Kerry in action against Melissa Duggan of Cork during the TG4 All-Ireland Ladies Football Senior Championship Round 2 match between Cork and Kerry at Supervalu Páirc Uí Chaoimh in Cork.
Photo by Michael P Ryan/Sportsfile

KERRY 5-7 | CORK 2-9

By Dan Kearney

Siofra O'Shea and Danielle O'Leary struck for 2-4 and 1-2 respectively as Kerry produced a super second half to defeat a spirited Cork by seven points at a resplendent but windy Páirc Uí Chaoimh and advance to the quarter-finals of the TG4 All Ireland Championship.

Kerry outscored Cork by 4-4 to 0-3 in a power packed second half as the home side couldn't cope with the All Ireland champions intensity.

Kerry, playing into the breeze, got off to the best possible start when Niamh Ni Chonchúir smashed the ball to the back of the net after two minutes.

Danielle O'Leary nearly had a second goal a minute later but shot wide and Cork punished them to the full when Aine O'Sullivan raised a green flag with a fine individual effort after initially losing control.

Katie Quirke from a free and a Melissa Duggan shot that came off Mary Ellen Bolger's fingertips pushed Cork two ahead although Siofra O'Shea replied with a free after a foul on O'Leary.

Cork were the dominant team however and Hannah Looney sliced through for a point which was followed by a superb goal from Katie Quirke in the 15th minute to push Cork 2-6 to 1-1 ahead, as Cork turned over the Kerry kickout.

Rosie Corkery, Abbie O'Mahony, and Laura O'Mahony added points before Kerry got a welcome brace of scores from an O'Shea free and substitute Caoimhe Evans left Kerry with a more manageable 2-6 to 1-3 deficit at half time.

Quirke scored within seconds of the second half throw in but then Kerry got the goal they craved when after a fine turnover from Evans, O'Leary found O'Shea for a goal.

Whereas Kerry were passive in the first half, they were now much more aggressive and O'Shea scored her second goal in the 38th minute after an exchange of passes with O'Leary.

O'Shea added a free and O'Leary, now looking



Aoife Dillane of Kerry in action against Shauna Kelly of Cork during the TG4 All-Ireland Ladies Football Senior Championship Round 2 match between Cork and Kerry at Supervalu Páirc Uí Chaoimh in Cork.
Photo by Michael P Ryan/Sportsfile



Kerry players before the start of the second half during the TG4 All-Ireland Ladies Football Senior Championship Round 2 match between Cork and Kerry at Supervalu Páirc Uí Chaoimh in Cork.
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dangerous, scored from play, followed by scores from O'Shea (free), O'Leary and O'Shea from play once more before Cork got a welcome reply from Aoife Healy but the visitors lead by 4-7 to 2-9 with 46 played. Another series of passes between



Danielle O'Leary of Kerry in action against Shauna Kelly of Cork during the TG4 All-Ireland Ladies Football Senior Championship Round 2 match between Cork and Kerry at Supervalu Páirc Uí Chaoimh in Cork.
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O'Leary and O'Shea saw O'Leary finish for Kerry's fifth goal to finish off the Cork challenge.

Kerry are now certain of a home quarter final but Cork must travel to Mayo next weekend to keep their season alive.

Scorers - Kerry: S O'Shea 2-4 (0-3f), D O'Leary 1-2, N Ni Chonchúir 1-0, R Dwyer 1-0, C Evans 0-1.

Cork: K Quirke 1-2 (0-2f), A O'Sullivan 1-0, L O'Mahony 0-2, M Duggan 0-1, H Looney 0-1, R Corkery 0-1, A O'Mahony 0-1, A Healy 0-1

Kerry: M.E. Bolger; E Lynch, E Costello, F O'Donoghue; N Broderick, A O'Connell, C Lynch; M O'Connell, A Galvin; N Carmody, N Ni Chonchúir, N Quinn; D O'Leary, R Dwyer, S O'Shea. Subs: A Dillane for N Broderick, C Evans for N Quinn (both 23), R Rahilly for F O'Donoghue(29, J Lucey for N Carmody 47, K O'Connor for R Dwyer 55.

Cork: S Murphy; S Kelly, S Leahy, M Duggan; A Corcoran, S Cronin, R Corkery; M O'Callaghan, A Healy; A O'Mahony, L O'Mahony, K Horgan; A O'Sullivan, H Looney, K Quirke. Subs: E Cleary for R Corkery H/T, A McDonough for K Horgan 41, L Hallihan for A O'Sullivan 549 A Ring for L O'Mahony 49, S McGoldrick for M O'Callaghan 50.

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Prizegiving at Killarney Golf & Fishing Club



Killarney Golf & Fishing Club Mens Club Prizegiving for the Cork Golf Day on the 25th of May 2025, kindly sponsored by Calor Gas. Front from left - Eric Dunlea (Winner), Mike McAuliffe (Captain), Noel Moynihan (Runner Up). Back from left - Cormac O Sullivan (Category 2 Winner), Eoin Brosnan (Category 3 Winner)
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Killarney Golf & Fishing Club Mens Club Prizegiving for the Tralee Golf Club Exchange Day on the 8th of June 2025. Kindly sponsored by Donie Broderick Plumbing & Heating. Front from left - Paul O Sullivan (Winner), Mike McAuliffe (Captain), Ryan Neeson (Runner Up). Back from left - Colin Feeley (Category 1 Winner), Dan Walsh (Category 4 Winner), Donie Broderick (Sponsor). Photo : Conor Healy Photography



Killarney Golf & Fishing Club Ladies Club Prizegiving for the Dromoland Castle Exchange Day kindly sponsored by The Killarney Brewing Company. Front from left - Julie Kelly (Runner Up), Annette McNeice (Vice Captain), Ailish Mulcahy (Winner). Photo : Conor Healy Photography



Killarney Golf & Fishing Club Ladies Club Prizegiving for the Eileen Murphy Foursomes Competition kindly sponsored by Safeguard Security and New Strands Hair Salon. Front from left - Annette McNeice (Vice Captain), Geraldine Doran (New Strands Hair Salon), Eimear O Donnell (Winner), Frank Doran (Safeguard Security), Julie Kelly (Winner), Sinead O Shea, Kate O Leary (Runners Up). Photo : Conor Healy Photography



Killarney Golf & Fishing Club Ladies Club Prizegiving for the Cork Golf Club Exchange Day Competition kindly sponsored by Calor Gas. Front from left - Kathleen Brosnan (2nd), Moira Quinlan (Winner), Annette McNeice (Vice Captain), Noreen O Callaghan (2nd). Photo : Conor Healy Photography



Killarney Golf & Fishing Club Ladies Club Prizegiving for the Australian Spoons Competition kindly sponsored by Donagh Hickey Motors, Rathmore. Front from left - Marie O Brien (Winner), Donagh Hickey (Sponsor), Annette McNeice (Winner), Breda Duggan (2nd). Photo : Conor Healy Photography



Killarney Golf & Fishing Club Ladies Club Prizegiving for the Tralee Golf Club Exchange Day Competition kindly sponsored by Adams of Tralee. Front from left - Marie O Brien (3rd), Marie Chawke (Winner), Annette McNeice (Vice Captain), Emma Loughnane (Winner), Geraldine Collins (2nd)
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Killarney Golf & Fishing Club Ladies Club Prizegiving for the Killarney Cup Competition kindly sponsored by The Gleneagle Hotel & Apartments. Front from left - Josephine O Sullivan (3rd), Paul O Sullivan (Winner), Annette McNeice (Vice Captain), Elaine O Sullivan (Winner). Photo : Conor Healy Photography

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MEN'S RESULTS

14/15th June 18 Hole Stableford sponsored by the Men's Branch

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1st: Kevin Byrnes (11) 41 points
2nd: Daniel Anthony O'Sullivan (22) 40 points
3rd: Daniel G O'Sullivan (24) 39 points

Yellow tees

1st: Manjit Gill (18) 39 points
2nd: John Doherty (24) 35 points

CAPTAIN'S DAY

Next Sunday 22nd June is Captain Vincent Darby's Captain's Day, sponsored by Fergus Foley, Anthony McElligott, CRL Oil and the Men's Club.

LADIES' RESULTS

14th/15th June 18 hole Stableford sponsored by The Great southern Hotel

1st: Rita Kelleher (24) 36 points
2nd: Noeleen Mackessy (28) 32 points
3rd: Stephanie Lane (28) 31 points

CAPTAIN'S DAY

Next Sunday 22nd June is Lady Captain Susan Darby's Captain's Day, sponsored by the Ladies' club.

DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB

IRISH MENS TEAM TRIAL

We congratulate Damien Fleming on finishing top of the Irish Mens Team Qualifier for the European Championships in Lucan next month after finishing top of the field on Saturday in Lakeside. Damien will be part of a six-player Irish team, 20 years to the time Derry McCarthy captained Ireland to victory in the same event in Holland back in 2005. After waiting so long to get an Irish jersey to wear it twice in the space of one year with last year's World Cup success in mind is something we are all incredibly proud of Damien's achievement. We wish both him and the Irish team the very best of luck in their preparations for the event in the coming weeks.

COUNTY STROKEPLAY

Congratulations to the extended cousins Brian and Eileen McCarthy on being in the prizes last Sunday at the County Strokeplay in Tralee. Brian won the Junior Mens title after 54 holes with Eileen winning the Ladies Nett. Well done to James Fleming, Connie O'Sullivan Jnr (Intermediate) and Niall O'Loughlin (Junior) on making the Final 18 in their respective grades as well.

WEDNESDAY SUMMER SERIES

In association with the Fleck Restaurant - June 11th Results- Winners: Bobby Kelly, Hugh O'Sullivan, Stanley Wade & James Whelan 34 1/3 and Runners-Up: Ben Kelleher, Sean O'Mahoney, Jean O'Shea and Kyle Morrissey 34 2/3. Same again every Wednesday night this summer at 7pm.

COURSE CLOSED

Please note that due to a combination of both course maintenance and the staging of the Kerry v Cavan game in Fitzgerald Stadium on Saturday the course will close to all play at 6pm on Friday evening and not reopen until Sunday morning's draws. The course is also closed next Tuesday



Some of the participants at the Castlerosse Golf Club Exchange Day very kindly sponsored by Anne O'Leary, The Laurels



Winners of the Castlerosse Golf Club Exchange Day very kindly sponsored by Anne O'Leary. The Laurels on Saturday 14th June were Lourda Kelly, President Betty O'Farrell and Caitriona Shanahan pictured with Lady Captain Elaine Casey

June

Winners were Lourda Kelly, President Betty O'Farrell and Caitriona Shanahan
Well done to everyone who played

LADIES OPEN DAY

Mark your diaries we will be hosting a Ladies Open Day on Thursday 26th June. Booking is now available via the BRS App.

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS MEET & PLAY

Meet and play every Wednesday morning. Meet in the Club House 10.00am tee off 10.30am. All members welcome.

GOLF LESSONS

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

KILLARNEY GOLF & FISHING CLUB (LADIES)

COMPETITION RESULTS

The Laurels GOY Prize 18 Hole Single V-Par played on Killeen Course on 14th & 15th June 2025

Winner: Julie Kelly 4 up (18)
2nd: Ailish Mulcahy 3 up (13)
Best Gross: Margaret Campion 5 down
3rd: Elizabeth O'Farrell 1 up (14)
4th: Patricia Walsh 1 up (33)

Division 1

1st: Jim Morris +2 (12)
2nd: Michael O'Keeffe +2 (12)

Division 2

1st: David Murphy +3 (14)
2nd: Barry O'Grady +2 (14)

Division 3

1st: John O'Driscoll +2 (23)
2nd: Conor Corcoran -2 (37)

On Thursday June 12th our Seniors held a 10 hole stableford competition.

The winners were :-

1st: Pat Mitchell 24 pts (12)
2nd: Dermot O'Connor 19pts (7)
3rd: John Joe Healy 19 pts (18)
4th: Ned Buckley 19 pts (10)

On Friday 13th we held our Friday Evening **Mixed 10 hole scramble**

The winners were :-

1st: Daniel Ling, Brenda Kelliher, Maurice Coffey
2nd: DJ Hayes, David Murphy, Peg Wickham
3rd: Peter Wickham, Lucas Cronin, Eoin Moriarty

FIXTURES

On Friday 20th our Friday evening mixed 10 hole scrambles will continue.
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Best of luck to our Jimmy Bruen team who will travel to Doneraile on Saturday next to take on their hosts in the second round of that competition at 3pm.

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RESULTS OF PODGE CUP GOLF OUTING SATURDAY 14TH JUNE 2025 PLAYED IN KENMARE GOLF CLUB

1st: Ger Wallace (21) 40pts

2nd: Jonathon Casey (7) 36pts (B9)

3rd: Alan Flynn(6) 36pts

4th: Jim Morris (14) 35pts.

5th: Aidan O Connor (9) 34pts.

Front Nine: Junior Finnegan (35) 19pts

Back Nine: David O Sullivan (Sr) (18) 19pts

Nearest the Pin; Brian Clarke

Longest Drive: Ger Wallace

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Another great day was had at the Ross GC.



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Photo : Conor Healy Photography

The winners there were;

1st: Catherine woods

2nd: Barbara O'Shea

3rd: Nora Long

The prizes were sponsored by the Castlerosse Hotell, Kieran Crehan & the Castlerosse Ladies Club respectively.

THE WEEKLY COMPETITION this week will be held over Friday and Saturday.

SOCIAL GOLF

Social Golf continues on Wednesday morning. Meet at 10.15am to play at 10.30am. Book on BRS.

MIXED SCRAMBLES

Mixed scrambles every Tuesday at 6pm. Visitors welcome.

GOLF LESSONS

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

Firies GAA to Honour Donie McCarthy's Legacy with 2025 Golf Classic

Firies GAA Club is proud to announce the Donie McCarthy Memorial Golf Classic, set to take place on Saturday, July 19th, 2025, at Maine Valley Members Golf Club, Killorglin.

This champagne-style golf classic—open to teams of four with GUI handicaps applied (maximum adjusted handicap: 24 for men, 36 for ladies)—will be a celebration of Donie's life, legacy, and dedication to Firies GAA. Players will compete for exciting prizes, including four-balls at Tralee Golf Club and Dromoland Castle Golf Club, as well as awards for Top Team, Nearest the Pin, and Longest Drive.

Michael Quirke, former player and member of the organising committee, spoke on the importance of the event and Donie's enduring impact:

"Donie epitomised what it means to be a club stalwart. His passion for the game and dedication to Firies GAA were boundless. He had a remarkable ability to nurture young talent, and his influence is still very much alive in the club today. He would be immensely proud to see our second pitch in Ballinvarrig become a reality. During his playing days, Donie helped secure the O'Sullivan Cup in 1979, and later went on to coach and manage countless Firies teams. Since his untimely passing in November 2022, we've been committed to honouring his legacy in a meaningful way."

The Golf Classic was officially launched over the June Bank Holiday weekend in Páirc Éamonn, with Donie's family, friends, and former teammates in attendance. Firies GAA would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to L&M Construction, New York City, for once again serving as the event's primary sponsor. Their continued generosity and strong ties to the club make events like this possible.

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KERRY'S KENNEDY CUP CAMPAIGN

Kerry's Kennedy Cup campaign came to a heart-wrenching conclusion on Friday as a stoppage-time winner from Galway condemned them to an agonising 1-0 defeat in the 7th/8th place playoff.

It was a cruel end to what had been a superb week of soccer from a talented and determined Kerry squad, who played with pride, discipline, and attacking flair throughout the tournament, ultimately finishing in a creditable 8th position out of 30 teams.

The week began with great promise, and Kerry wasted no time in making their intentions clear. They opened their campaign with a controlled and clinical 2-0 victory over North Tipperary on Monday.

After a cagey opening to the first half, Kian Cronin broke the deadlock in the 22nd minute with a composed finish, becoming the first Kerry player to score at this year's tournament. North Tipp rallied, but Kerry stood firm, showing maturity beyond their years to manage the game.

Then deep into stoppage time, Listowel Celtic sharpshooter and team captain Joe Joy produced a moment of brilliance, lobbing the keeper with a superb dinked finish to seal the win and get Kerry off to the perfect start.

Tuesday brought a double-header to complete the group stage. Kerry showed no signs of fatigue and produced one of their most impressive displays of the tournament in a dominant 3-0 victory over South Tipperary. Joe Joy was simply electric, scoring twice and playing a central role in another.

He nearly opened the scoring in the second minute with a sharp run and shot, before finally finding the net in the 12th minute. Fed down the right by Max Moynihan, Joy showed quick feet to get into the area with a slick dummy, he evaded the last Tipp defender, before calmly finishing into the bottom corner.

Kerry doubled their lead on 27 minutes when Joy's dangerous cross was turned into the net by a Tipperary defender under pressure. They nearly added a third before half-time when Cronin's inswinging corner was tipped over the bar by the Tipp keeper.

Kerry's tournament continued after the break. Moynihan fired wide on 38 minutes before Joy added his second and Kerry's third in the 40th minute. The South Tipp defence failed to deal with a long clearance, and Joy was alert, rounding the keeper before slotting home. Moynihan and Marc Cremin both had chances to add to the tally in a commanding performance. The third and final group match on Tuesday afternoon saw Kerry face South Belfast with top spot on the line and they delivered once again, beating the Ulster side 3-1 to complete a perfect group stage campaign with three wins from three.

Kerry started at pace, with Killian O'Sullivan and Joe Joy combining well down the right. Moynihan struck first in the 8th minute with a powerful long-range effort that flew past the keeper. However, South Belfast hit back immediately, taking advantage of a lapse in the



Kerry's Kennedy Cup Team and mentors

Kerry defence to equalise just a minute later.

Despite the setback, Kerry remained composed. Net minder Leni Rujevcan was solid at the back, while Joy and Cronin continued to probe up front. A lovely move nearly saw Shea Horan restore Kerry's lead, but his shot was well saved. O'Sullivan also came close just before the break, heading narrowly over from a Moynihan corner. The breakthrough came in the 44th minute. Daniel Diggins sent a long free kick into the box, sparking a neat move finished off by Joy, who slotted confidently into the bottom corner to put Kerry 2-1 ahead. He was involved again late on, turning provider with a smart assist for O'Sullivan, who buried the third goal to seal the win and confirm Kerry's place in the Kennedy Cup quarter-finals.

Wednesday's draw pitted Kerry against a strong Donegal side, and for the first time in the tournament, Kerry came up short, losing 2-0 in a tense and tactical battle.

The first half was a tight affair, with both teams creating half-chances. Connie O'Connor was commanding between the posts, making several key saves to keep Donegal at bay. But the pressure finally told just after the 20-minute mark when Donegal forced the ball over the line after a goalmouth scramble to take the lead.

Kerry regrouped and pushed hard for an equaliser after the break. Marc Cremin went close early in the second half with a rasping effort that whistled just wide. Joy and Moynihan continued to threaten, but Donegal's defence was rock solid.

The killer blow came in the 55th minute when Donegal converted a brilliantly struck free kick from the edge of the area to make it 2-0. Kerry kept fighting until the end, Joy had a shot blocked, and from the resulting corner, Gerry Moroney's powerful header crashed off the bar, but it wasn't to be. Donegal's defensive resilience saw them through, and Kerry's hopes of lifting the Cup were dashed.

With little time to rest, Kerry turned their attention to the Plate competition, facing Waterford in Thursday's semi-final. Despite taking an early lead through a fine Moynihan strike, Kerry ultimately succumbed 4-1 to a ruthless Waterford side.

Moynihan's opening goal, a crisp shot from the edge of the box gave Kerry hope, but Waterford responded immediately with a goal straight from the restart. They then took the lead before the break with a well-worked move, leaving Kerry with work to do in the second half.

The boys in green and gold threw everything at Waterford in the second half, but the Munster rivals struck twice more on the counter in the dying minutes to secure their place in the final. That left Kerry with one final task, a 7th/8th place playoff against Galway on Friday. Despite playing their fifth game in as many days and with tired legs across the pitch, Kerry gave it everything in search of a strong finish.

The first half was closely fought. Kerry looked to exploit the flanks, with Joy and O'Sullivan linking up to good effect. Joy came close after muscling past a defender, sending a long-range effort

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narrowly wide. Defensively, Kerry were resolute as the back four of Brosnan, Cremin, O'Leary, and O'Sullivan anchored by Rujevcan stood firm to repel Galway pressure.

In the 27th minute, Daniel Diggins tested the Galway keeper with a fierce drive from distance, while Joy saw a header saved shortly after. At the other end, Cremin made a crucial block to deny a Galway shot as the clock ticked into the final ten minutes.

Both teams pushed for a winner in the closing stages, and just when it looked as though penalties might decide the contest, Galway launched one last attack. With Kerry stretched and energy reserves depleted, they were caught out by a late break, and Galway struck with virtually the last kick of the game to snatch a dramatic win.

It was a devastating way to finish the week, but there was no shame in defeat. Kerry's players left everything on the pitch and showed incredible resilience, unity, and talent throughout the tournament. Topping their group this Kennedy Cup campaign was one to be proud of.

Kerry's Class of 2025 can look back on this week with pride. The heartbreak of Friday will fade, but the memories made and the progress shown will endure. The future is bright for this talented group of players.

Diggins proud of Eighth Placed Finish At Kennedy Cup

"It was a super week for us. When we came up here, I suppose we were looking at maybe the Bowl. We might be able to get into that and win it, but to top our group against all the top teams that we played and won every game and nine points. It was a super week for the boys.

The Donegal defeat, I think really sucked the energy out of the lads. These things happen in sport. You don't get the rub of the green every time. And I just thought that those results really knocked the lads back, for all the effort that they had put into the previous three games. And that game, they didn't really have much in the tank for the last two games.

But we had got what we really came for. And the top eight finish in Ireland after finishing twenty fourth in the last competition when we won our All Ireland competition up here earlier in the year. We got silverware for that, and we jumped sixteen places to eighth. You have to be proud of that.



Killarney Celtic winners of the Charleville Cheese Premier A title

In the last game there, Galway and ourselves were making substitutions for the penalty shootout. We were preparing for the penalty shootout. And maybe that cost us there with the ball in over the top. And fellas weren't in the right position, look that happens.

We're still very proud of the lads, the effort they put in for the last six months for this. But it is not until they come up to see how fit they have to be. The draining of the games, the two on Tuesday, and then you're going back on Wednesday and trying to win that game to get into the semi-final. It just really does take it out of them."

KILLARNEY CLETIC

CADBURY KICK FIT is now at Killarney Celtic. Ladies, try something new, join up, meet new people. It's only 1 hour per week from 7pm-8pm. Start date was Wednesday May 28th and the programme continues on the following Wednesdays.

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Numbers drawn 2, 5, 8, 21. No jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €50. Next jackpot €15,000 on Monday June 23rd. Jackpot is capped at €15,000 with the additional €200 going on to the 1st jackpot after the next jackpot win. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through clubzap.

KILLARNEY CELTIC SUMMER CAMPS

Week 1 is from Monday June 30th - Friday July 4th. Week 2 is from Monday July 14th - Friday July

18th. Bookings through Clubzap Clubs App.

KILLARNEY CELTIC AGM will take place on Wednesday June 25th at 7pm in the clubhouse.

CONGRATS to Noah Brosnan and Cormac O'Sullivan who played for Kerry in the recent Kennedy Cup tournament.

WELL DONE to the Football for All section who finished their season with a trip to Fota Wildlife Park. The players and their families had a great day. Training resumes in September.

CHARLEVILLE CHEESE PREMIER A
Tralee Dynamos 0-2 Killarney Celtic

Matt Keane 2

Killarney Celtic won the Charleville Cheese Premier A title for the 7th season in a row after they defeated Tralee Dynamos at Mounthawk Park last Sunday. Celtic started the stronger and put together opportunities in the 1st half but were unable to take them. Sean Lovett and Blake Bolster all went close early on. Sean Lovett, Jason Kerins and Graham O'Reilly had chances as the half wore on but the game remained deadlocked at the break. Tralee Dynamos carved out their 1st real chance of the game but almost immediately it was Celtic who responded to edge in front. Sean Lovett and Graham O'Reilly combined to set up Matt Keane for the breakthrough. Celtic strengthened their grip on the game when Matt Keane doubled the advantage from the penalty spot. Celtic almost were in for a 3rd when Matt Keane again threatened the Dynamos goal. Celtic managed the game well to the finish to complete the 7 in a row. Congrats to the squad and management.

KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL OPEN EBIKE CHARGING STATIONS IN KILLARNEY AND KENMARE

Kerry County Council, with funding support from Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), has launched the first two new eBike Charging Stations as part of a countywide pilot scheme aimed at supporting sustainable, active travel. The stations located on Mission Road near the Monsignor Hugh O' Flaherty Memorial, Killarney and at the Library on Shelbourne Street, Kenmare are now complete and fully operational.

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Last Sunday 15th June the Killarney Athletic A.F.C. under 10 Boys 7 A Side competition took place. In the final were Fossa Warriors and Tralee Dynamos. The final went to extra time and penalties with Fossa Warriors winning 5-3 on penalties after a cracking game.

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Under 12 Girls Killarney Athletic 7 A Side

On Saturday 14th June the Killarney Athletic AFC under 12 girls 7 a side competition took place between Sue Per Strikers and Geeha Girls.

The Geeha Girls were the final winners. We would like to thank Killarney Credit Union for sponsoring the tournament.



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KERRY SCHOOLED BY MEATH

Group Stage Game Three

Meath 1-22 Kerry 0-16

Ouch. This was a bad one, really bad. Sometimes the cloud just doesn't have a silver lining and this was one of those.

We can dig for excuses. Kerry were already guaranteed to qualify for a quarter-final and a certain lack of intensity is understandable. Except that won't wash; so were Meath. And an extra week's rest is a huge advantage in this artificially elongated championship format. We had plenty to play for – we just didn't show up to play for it.

We had a load of injuries. True, very true. Diarmuid O'Connor, Brian O'Beaglaioch, Paudie Clifford, Barry Dan O'Sullivan, Paul Geaney, and Seán O'Shea. They would all be starting as first choice. That's two starting midfielders (I'd be hoping to have Joe at ten and bring Graham back into defence) and our top three scoring forwards. That will hurt any team. But Meath were missing two of their top front men in Matthew Costello and James Conlon. I didn't think Kerry were lacking potency up front; we just lacked supply lines. Beaten in midfield and deeply uncomfortable when Meath ran at our defenders – which Meath did every chance they could get. And if we stood off them, they were quite happy to pick off two pointers. Some days are these days.

Remember 2001? That utterly helpless feeling in the second half as Kerry were absolutely wiped out by the Royals. Declan Quill got our sole score of the second half. This wasn't quite that bad, but it was certainly in that kind of territory. In fact, it might be a small bit worse, in that a lot of us (absolutely including yours truly) were quietly confident. I felt that Meath had slightly over-performed against Dublin and we would have enough to see off their challenge, even with the injuries (I was unaware of Seáníe's absence until shortly before the game).

Kerry had the two early attempts but both tailed wide. Ruairí Kinsella had a shot wide at the other end, but it had gotten a touch and Meath keeper Billy Hogan calmly opened the scoring with the '45. Meath are already looking sharp. Keith Curtis had a glance at goal but wisely took his point. A turnover on Joe O'Connor allowed Meath to run at us again, Shane Ryan forced into a great save. With advantage played, Jordan Morris tapped over the resultant free.

At last Kerry seemed to find her gears. Micheál

Tony Brosnan in action for Kerry on Saturday.
Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans



Burns slotted over after a nice team move. David Clifford got out in front and sent over a great two pointer (notably, it was our only one all game). Tony Brosnan won the kickout and set up Dylan Geaney for a point to put Kerry in front. Tony added another himself and David wasn't far away with another two point effort. This was a lot more like.

Ciarán Caulfield at wing back was already dominating the play and he raced forward to set up Donal Keogan for a point. Conor Duke was completely unmarked as Meath won the kick-out and he split the posts.

A foul on Gavin White saw Killian Spillane open his account. Dylan Geaney exchanged a good one-two with David Clifford before clipping over and Kerry were two points to the good again, 0-7 to 0-5.

That didn't last long. Meath took over and never again relaxed the reins. Eoghan Freyne opened his account and added a free after more good work by the outstanding Caulfield.

Freyne, invariably Meath's top scorer, was really hitting form and nailed a lovely two pointer. Ruairí Kinsella added another and Conor Duke notched a point for himself. Meath were the dominant side in general play, and now it was really beginning to show on the scoreboard as Jordan Morris made it 0-13 to 0-7. It could have been worse, but Billy Hogan's two point free drifted wide.

A foul on David Clifford saw him pull one back, but just before the break, Kerry were caught with just two players forward and Eoghan Freyne had a simple free to put his team six points in front.

Half-time Meath 0-14 Kerry 0-8.

Jack O'Connor had his work cut out.

In fairness, Kerry did look more confident when they re-emerged. A black card for Cathal Hickey after fouling Gavin White gave us the numerical advantage as well. Dylan Geaney had a great goal chance but couldn't keep the shot under the crossbar. A point was worth a lot at that stage, though, and he added a superb second

point. Meath came on the attack themselves but Jason Foley managed to get it away from Cian McBride with danger looming. Killian Spillane with a Kerry point, just a goal in it now. Seán Coffey made it 0-15 to 0-11 and Conor Duke added another. I hate to say it, but it felt as though it was Meath with the extra man, not Kerry. We wasted three good chances in a row before Killian Spillane slotted a badly needed free.

Paul Murphy follows up after David Clifford's free falls short and he leaves a goal between them again. Tony Brosnan and Dylan Geaney combined to set up David Clifford for a score. Two points in it now. Kerry could take something from this game yet....

Then Meath simply and effectively stepped up to burn off our challenge. Ruairí Kinsella had plenty of space to line up his point – frankly, too much space. Shane Ryan had to make a brilliant save to parry the returned Cathal Hickey's rocket. Seán Coffey at the back post just couldn't knock in the rebound at the back post – a real let-off for the Kingdom.

It's all Meath now. Ruairí Kinsella with loads of space, an all-too familiar feeling by now, and he promptly takes a two pointer. Conor Duke with another. We are being orn apart, Kerry are completely floundering.

Meath come again. A goal feels inevitable and it duly arrives, Bryan Menton firing home. 1-21 to 0-14.

David Clifford with a point. Goal chance? Arrah, not really. Tony Brosnan with another. Just futile defiance at this point, and everybody knows it. The Meath supporters are in full song. We can't exactly blame them, can we? Ciarán Caulfield, my man of the match, wraps it up with a final point.

A bad day for Kerry. Very bad. We thought – or at least, I thought, that we had a deeper bench than that. Midfield and defence were in trouble all day. Once again we didn't have the necessary stamina late on. We all know that Munster isn't a hot enough fire to forge steel. Our kick-outs need to be faster and players need to give Shane



High Flying Meath.
Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans



Hands off.... Kerry's Joe O'Connor in action v Meath. Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans

options. We need, and this is absolutely crucial, to be much faster to contest the breaking ball (which is why Graham O'Sullivan is up in the half forwards). We coughed up two pointers with far too much space for the shooters and could only take one ourselves. In the modern game, that'll always cost you.

Look, some of the inquests are a bit over the top. Let's not be throwing out any babies in the bathwater. Jack O'Connor has been coach, manager, or selector for twenty six successful Kerry teams in All Ireland Finals. Questions do deserve to be asked but we are still in a quarter-final. And look, being a small bit cynical, but a big game - hopefully Cavan supporters will travel - in the Fitzgerald Stadium is a huge boost for Killarney town. As a team, of course we would have been better off without it, but that pays a lot of bills for all of us.

The road is harder than we realised. We do need players back and we need to reconsider options. There are five teams with a realistic chance of winning the Sam Maguire. At full strength or very close to it, we will still be in that mix. Just about. Take two midfielders, three absolutely top quality forwards (I would literally have David, Paudie, and Paul as our main threats, in that order) and there's few enough teams will live with it. Three hard games now in three weeks? I still say that it's stamina at least as much as skill that will win this year's All Ireland - and I don't believe that we have enough of it. Meath: Billy Hogan (0-1, '45), Seamuis Lavín, Seán Rafferty, Ronan Ryan, Donal Keogan (0-1), Seán Coffey (0-1), Ciaran Caulfield (0-1), Bryan Menton (1-0), Adam O'Neill, Conor Duke (0-5, 1tp), Ruairi Kinsella (0-5, 2tp), Cathal Hickey, Jordan Morris (0-2, 1f), Keith Curtis (0-1), Eoghan Frayne (0-5, 2f, 1tp). Subs: Cian McBride (for Adam O'Neill, half-time), Eoin Harkin (for Cathal Hickey, 53 mins), Shane Walsh (for Eoghan Freyne, 58 mins), James McEntee (for Ruairi Kinsella, 68 mins), Diarmuid Moriarty (for Seán Rafferty (68).

Kerry: Shane Ryan, Paul Murphy (0-1), Jason Foley, Tom O'Sullivan, Tadhg Morley, Mike Breen, Gavin White, Joe O'Connor, Mark O'Shea, Graham O'Sullivan, Tony Brosnan (0-2), Micheal Burns (0-1), David Clifford (0-5, 1tp, 1f), Killian Spillane (0-3, 2f), Dylan Geaney (0-4). Subs: Dylan Casey (for Mike Breen, 48 mins), Ruairi Murphy (for Micheal Burns (48), Conor Geaney (for Graham O'Sullivan, 58 mins), Sean O'Brien

(for Mark O'Shea, 58 mins), Dara Moynihan (for Killian Spillane, 66 mins).
Referee: Joe McQuillan (Cavan).

GROUP STAGES ROUND-UP

GROUP ONE

Tyrone are one of those hard to read teams, deadly on form but a little bit unreliable. Mind you, when you look at what's coming through the ranks, they will be a superpower in the next few years. Certainly Cavan haven't beaten them in years and it never looked likely in Brewster Park either, with Tyrone winning by 0-31 to 0-18, with Darren McCurry the main man. Tyrone top the group. Still a wild card for me, but with that week's rest, they will be dangerous. Donegal and Mayo was absolute blood and thunder. These games may only artificially elongate the championship and lighten player's energy reserves and supporters' wallets along the way, but some of them can be really thrilling and this was one. Donegal, with the likes of Gallen, Murphy, and Ciarán Moore - look, even if Donegal go out at the next hurdle, that lad must be nigh on a shoe-in for Young Footballer of the Year. Mayo were not short of heroes themselves - are they ever? They bow out with their heads high, but I imagine that will be small comfort. Stephen Rochford spoke very graciously after a cracking game of football. Jimmy McGuinness...winning doesn't ever cheer him up, does it? Arrah, that's some people's style of management, fair enough.

GROUP TWO

You just don't know what to make of Cork. They were taken apart by Roscommon in the League. Gave Kerry two superb games in Munster. And then just failed to show up against Meath - yeah, hindsight gives a different view of that one now! Cork do have plenty of work put in and good footballers. Beating Roscommon doesn't exactly come as a major shock, but it wasn't expected either. Cork take the third spot and an away quarter-final by 1-17 to 0-17. They could rattle a big gun yet!

GROUP THREE

With respect, possibly not the strongest group. But Monaghan have that little bit of something about them. Big men and hard runners. They put up 2-6-15, that's great scoring. And it's

not like Down are any pushover; they gave Monaghan plenty of it. Monaghan have their quarter-final, while Down are at home next weekend. Tough draw, though.

Clare bowed out, but Peter Keane was justifiably proud of his team afterwards. They gave it absolutely everything and came very close to reeling Louth (themselves absolutely one of the huge gaelic football stories of this year) in, but just fell short and bowed out. Louth got in for two first half goals, and in the end a gallant Clare were just left chasing that to the bittersweet finish.

GROUP FOUR

The eponymous 'group of death'. Dublin, with Con O'Callaghan back, looked very much back to themselves. And I do mean, 'very much back to themselves'. That was Dublin with the assurance of old. Stephen Cluxton has looked mortal on more than a few occasions this year; he was imperious here. Peadar O'Cofaigh Byrne reminds me of Michael MacDara McAuley - not necessarily the most refined footballer, but a hugely effective one. Lee Gannon has grown into a really good footballer. Have they been quietly building up a head of steam? I don't care what anybody says; that's still a really talented Derry team. They can't seem to get the results ever since that penalty shootout National League title, but I'd have the likes of the phenomenal Conor Glass, Brendan Rogers, and arguably Shane McGuigan on any starting fifteen and they have runners. Dublin had to survive a few late scares and only won by two points (0-22 to 0-20) but they have a definite hint of brimstone about them and restricted Derry to just three points in the last quarter. Derry bow out - I remember those lads coming through as minors and college players (simply because they played Kerry - have a look at the line-outs for the 2016 Hogan Cup Final, you'll know a lot of the names on both sides). Afew of their careers are moving closer to a finish; personally I like them and I hope they end up with silverware at some stage.

I would say that Donegal against Mayo was the most openly entertaining game of last weekend, but Galway v Armagh was the best. Two really big guns genuinely going at it. Galway had just enough in the tank to win by a very short head in the finish, Mind you, I think it's significant that Galway had to win

just to keep their hopes alive, whereas Armagh were already guaranteed to go through. Kieran McGeeney put in a few of the younger players and they fitted in seamlessly. The fact that there is clearly very real depth in their panel (unlike us) and a week's rest is a big advantage to them. Right now they are unquestionably my favourites to retain the Sam Maguire.

PRE-QUARTER-FINAL DRAW KERRY V CAVAN

Not the worst draw we could have gotten, but after last weekend, we are facing an uphill road. This Cavan team deservedly beat Mayo. If we were at full strength, I'd certainly fancy us in Killarney. I'd certainly be hoping for two players back and a big improvement. Cavan had a few wides and shots dropped short against Tyrone, plus two good saves by Morgan....if they take those scores, we will be in trouble. But home venue and a hurting team with a point to prove? I'd be actively expecting a completely different performance.

DUBLIN V CORK

Like I say, Dublin look like they are coming good at the right time. A few players back in harness and a bit more intensity. Cork are a good side. The likes of O'Driscoll, Taylor, Maguire, and O'Callaghan can rattle anybody. But can they put enough on the scoreboard against Dublin? I'd be surprised. I don't expect them to go out easily, but I do expect them to bow out.

DOWN V GALWAY

I strongly felt that it was the long road that took too big a toll out of Galway last year (look, I'm not begrudging Armagh, who had to earn it the hard way, but that All Ireland Final had a lot more drama than quality football overall) and once again, I think their energy levels are being sapped. Can Shane Walsh repeat his form of that second half? Can they get Damien Comer back in harness? A fit Comer is like a human torpedo in that full forward line. This Galway team have been rattling around a Sam Maguire for the last couple of years (as we well know from three years ago!) and nobody could really begrudge them (well, okay, Mayo could and would). I expect them to get over this hurdle but the fuel tank will drop a little bit lower and there's a lot of road to be travelled yet.

LADIES Group Stage

Kerry 5-7 Cork 2-9

Cork and Kerry have a longstanding and healthy rivalry in Ladies gaelic football going right back to the seventies. Even when either side isn't going great, they are always able to give each a real rattle and last weekend in the second game of the group stage, it was a similar story. Neither side was particularly impressive in a stoic enough first half, but Kerry, especially their lightning full forward line, were able to open the throttle.



*bigail Ring of Cork in action against Danielle O'Leary of Kerry during the TG4 All-Ireland Ladies Football Senior Championship Round 2 match between Cork and Kerry at Supervalu Páirc Uí Chaoimh in Cork.
Photo by Michael P Ryan/Sportsfile*

Kerry opened with a bolt of lightning as Niamh Ó Chonchúir blasted home a goal. Danielle O'Leary was just inches wide with another effort but Cork were soon level, Áine O'Sullivan recovering after spilling the ball to fire past Mary Ellen Bolger. Katie added a free and Melissa Duggan, a cornerback who has never actually played cornerback, roaming at will, scored a trademark point that Mary Ellen Bolger had to be alert to tip over. Siofra O'Shea pointed a Kerry free after good work by Danielle O'Leary. Hannah Looney replied to make it 1-3 to 1-1 in Cork's favour but at the end of the first quarter, Katie Quirke struck for a brilliant individual goal that left Cork five points in front. With twenty minutes gone, points from Rosie Corkery, Abbie O'Mahony and Laura O'Mahony meant that Kerry were trailing by 2-6 to 1-1. Late in the half, Siofra O'Shea scored Kerry's second point from a free and Caoimhe Evans, not long after being introduced off the bench, fired over a good score.

Half-time Cork 2-6 Kerry 1-3

Katie Quirke opened the second half scoring but already Kerry looked a lot more lively. Caoimhe Evans made a great turnover and sent a peach of a ball into Danielle O'Leary, who soothingly laid off to Siofra O'Shea who drilled it past the keeper. Rachel Dwyer added a third Kerry goal to draw things level. Laura O'Mahony nudged Cork back in front but six minutes later the Rathmore and Southern Gaels poachers combined again for another goal for Siofra. That one came off a long ball into a lively Rachel Dwyer – that long ball was really beginning to work for Kerry. Truth be told, I'm a little surprised that Cork didn't drop in a sweeper. Certainly O'Shea and O'Leary were cutting wreck now, with Siofra kicking three points (2f) and Danielle adding two. There was a palpable sense of Kerry growing into the game and Cork's challenge fading now. Aoife Healy did pull a point back but it was just Cork's

third point of the second half and with a minute left, the outstanding Danielle O'Leary with a precise finish into the bottom corner scored Kerry's fifth goal. Disappointment for Cork who gave Kerry plenty of it for forty minutes, but it's Mark Bourke's team who take another step forward for a home quarter-final on their quest to retain the Brendan Martin Cup.

Kerry: Mary Ellen Bolger, Eilís Lynch, Emma Costello, Fay O'Donoghue, Niamh Broderick, Aishling O'Connell, Cait Lynch, Mary O'Connell, Anna Galvin, Niamh Carmody, Niamh Ní Chonchúir (1-0), Niamh Quinn, Danielle O'Leary (1-2), Rachel Dwyer (1-0), Siofra O'Shea (2-4, 3f). Subs: Aoife Dillane (for Niamh Broderick, 23 mins), Caoimhe Evans 0-1 (for Niamh Quinn, 23 mins), Rosie Rahilly (for Fay O'Donoghue, 29 mins), Jadyn Lucey (for Niamh Carmody, 47 mins), Kayla O'Connor (for Rachel Dwyer, 55 mins).

Cork: Sarah Murphy, Shauna Kelly, Sarah Leahy, Melissa Duggan (0-1), Aimee Corcoran, Shauna Cronin, Rosie Corkery (0-1), Máire O'Callaghan, Aoife Healy (0-1), Abbie O'Mahony (0-1), Laura O'Mahony (0-2), Katie Horgan, Aine O'Sullivan (1-0), Hannah Looney (0-1), Katie Quirke (1-2, 2f). Subs: Emma Cleary (for Rosie Corkery, half-time), A McDonough (for Katie Horgan, 41 mins), Leah Hallihan (for Áine O'Sullivan, 49 mins), Abigail Ring (for Laura O'Mahony, 49 mins), Shauna McGoldrick (for Máire O'Callaghan, 50 mins).

Referee: Shane Curley (Galway).

**CAMOGIE
GLEN DIMPLEX ALL
IRELAND INTERMEDIATE
CHAMPIONSHIP
Group Stage Round Two
Down 0-11 Kerry 0-13**



Siofra O'Shea of Kerry after her side's victory the TG4 All-Ireland Ladies Football Senior Championship Round 2 match between Cork and Kerry at Supervalu Páirc Uí Chaoimh in Cork. Photo by Michael P Ryan/Sportsfile

Kerry made the long trip up to the Liatroim Fontenoy's in County Down for the second and probably most important game in the group stage of the All Ireland Intermediate Championship. The home side, who played a Division above Kerry in the National League, would probably have been slight favourites but a determined Kerry had just that little bit more firepower in the crunch moments and emerged successful with a hard-fought victory that guarantees them a berth in the knock-out stages and most likely a semi-final.

The pitch was absolutely immaculate but a lot of rain made the conditions testing. Kerry made a strong start, with good work by Ellen O'Donoghue setting up Shannon Collins for the opening score. Sara Louise Graffin shot an equally impressive score in response but Down left a few scoring chances behind them. A long ball from Niamh Leen saw Amy O'Sullivan gather and turn her opponent for a superb score and she quickly added another. Two frees by Patrice Diggin put daylight between the teams and another one after good combination by O'Sullivan and Kate Lynch had Kerry leading by 0-6 to 0-1.

It took almost 17 minutes for Paula O'Hagan's free to double Down's tally but she added another one within a minute to make it 0-6 to 0-3. Patrice Diggin scored a beauty from long distance but O'Hagan wasn't long in replying. Down were very much finding their range now and Blathnaid Savage and Dearbhla McGee clipped over two very good scores to leave just one point between them, 0-7 to 0-6.

A foul on Kathryn Ryan saw Patrice Diggin slot her fifth point but Aimee McAleenan had the last say of the first half to leave just a point between the teams and everything to play for. Down emerged quickly out of the blocks for the second half and Kerry were slightly fortunate when Paula O'Hagan couldn't quite control a pass from Saoirse Sands as she bore down on goal. Paula O'Hagan soon had the teams level and Blathnaid Savage teed up Dearbhla McGee

to put Down into the lead for the first time.

Kerry were definitely struggling here and it took no less than 16 minutes for them to open their second half account with a very long range free by the impeccable Patrice Diggin. Aoife Behan fired over a glorious point to nudge Kerry back in front and Patrice added another free. Kerry ahead by 0-11 to 0-9. This one was going down to the wire.

With six minutes left Paula O'Hagan stood over another free to trim the gap back to one. Both sides were beginning to tire now, understandably so in the conditions. A foul on Niamh McGrath saw O'Hagan curl a free just inches wide. A minute later Dearbhla McGee sent in a dangerous ball but Aoife Fitzgerald did very well to catch and clear and Niamh Leen managed to clear. With time nearly up, O'Hagan split the posts and it was level pegging, 0-11 apiece.

Jackie Horgan, a leader as always, steadied the Kerry ship with a great score and Caoimhe Spillane added another. 0-13 to 0-11 now and just seconds left.

Down had one last throw of the dice, Paula O'Hagan with a dangerous shot at goal, but Aoife Fitzgerald lunged to brilliantly bat it away and Niamh Leen cleared just before the final whistle.

Two precious points in it and it was Kerry celebrating on the long road home. They play Kildare at home in their final group game but with two wins from two, are certainly guaranteed to progress.

Kerry: Aoife Fitzgerald, Sarah Murphy, Rachel McCarthy, Roisín Quinn, Niamh Leen, Aoife Behan (0-1), Patrice Diggin (0-7, 7f), Ruth O'Connor, Ellen O'Donoghue, Kate Lynch, AnnMarie Leen, Shannon Collins (0-1), Amy O'Sullivan (0-2), Kathryn Ryan. Subs Jackie Horgan 0-1 (for Ellen O'Donoghue, half-time), Caoimhe Spillane 0-1 (for Shannon Collins, 40), Amy McCarthy (for Kathryn Ryan, 51)

Down: Cassie Fitzpatrick, Aoife McDowell, Dearbhla Coleman, Emily Fitzpatrick, Dearbhla

Savage, Clare McGilligan, Blathnaid Savage (0-1), Orlaith McCusker, Sophie McGrath, Aimee McAleenan (0-1), Beth Fitzpatrick, Dearbhla McGee (0-2), Paula O'Hagan (0-6, 5f), Sara Louise Graffin (0-1), Saoirse Sands. Subs Niamh McGrath (for Sophie McGrath, 42)
Referee: Brian Kearney (Kildare)

RUGBY URC FINAL

Leinster 32 Bulls 7

It's a weird one. There is a small part of all of us in Munster that would secretly love to see Leinster crash and burn. And let's be honest; it's mostly envy. Leinster are by far and away the top dogs in Irish rugby. A playing generation ago that was us and Ireland were right up there among the best teams on the planet. Munster are certainly no longer that; we aren't even close to being on a par with Leinster anymore, and despite the bluster on paper (and plenty of it), Ireland are no longer the power that we were. To be honest, rugby as a whole has declined in the popular consciousness and is financially struggling in a lot of countries, including Ireland. The club game has grown a lot more expensive without that particular cake (i.e. audience share) growing at the same rate. Nonetheless, if we want Ireland to stand tall on the big stages, we need Irish teams doing well and Leinster winning the URC is a positive thing overall. And they won it in style.

Jack Conan powered over with just five minutes on the clock. And it was all about power and precision, not a lot of guile. Good, that's an important weapon. Sam Prendergast put over the conversion – far too much was made of Sam too young, and it has since become apparent that he has a way to go yet, but he is accurate. Just eight minutes later, Luke McGrath chips it delicately into space and Jordie Barrett, in his last game for Leinster, reminds everybody why he is one of the all-time legends of the game. Once again Prendergast obliges and it's 14-0. This game already feels over; the Bulls are outclassed.

It's all Leinster. Lowe should actually have added another – I'd have put the house on him there, but the ball just wriggled away from his grasp. No matter. Once again Leinster flex their muscles, once again there's just too many blue shirts with pace and power, and this time it's Josh Van Der Flier who breaks through the cover and darts home. 19-0 at half-time and it isn't remotely flattering.

An early second half penalty for Leinster widens the gap. I really would have Crowley ahead of Prendergast for Ireland, and I don't think that's bias, but as a pure kicker, Prendergast is a fraction ahead.

At last the Bulls are on the board. Fifty minutes gone and they managed to drive a maul over the Leinster line before Van Der Merwe got it down. Easy conversion for Van Goosen. Could a game of rugby be about to break out? Frankly, no. The Bulls play a power game but Leinster can match that.

61 minutes. Prendergast with a miss. I'm not meaning to be cruel, there's been enough nonsense talked about this talented young lad to last anyone a lifetime, but that was a bread and butter one. Mind you, I remember a gangly enough and awkward looking Ronan O'Gara. Back then, you'd be hoping that the likes of Gaillimh and Claw would watch out for the children and keep them safe. And baby-faced Johnny Sexton – he was good but my God, that young fella was born cranky. An older generation probably thought the same about young Ward. Becoming the best is a very hard road, and scrutiny doesn't particularly help. Six minutes later Sam has a penalty to make up for it, and he does.

Fintan Gunne goes wide for one last try and Ross Byrne converts.

Maybe just a little bit too easy to be a really memorable game in Croke Park, but it's silverware in the cupboard and a stepping stone. We've all had worse days.

KENNEDY CUP

Donegal 2 Kerry 0

After a hugely successful group stage – and as prone to exaggeration as Kerry can be about these things, it really was great – unfortunately the knock-out stages just never really fell Kerry's way.

Kerry faced Donegal in the Cup Quarter-Final. It was a well-contested game and both sides had a few early chances but Donegal gradually took a bit of control and managed to bundle home a goal late in the first half. In the 55th minute an excellent Donegal free-kick found the net. Kerry did push hard late on and had the lion's share of possession overall but Donegal had



Killian Spillane clears the ball.
Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans

great composure. Joe Joy did draw a brilliant save out of their goalkeeper and Gerry Moroney powering a header off the crossbar, but that was as close as Kerry got.

That put Kerry into the Plate semi-final against waterford. Kerry got the perfect start as Max Moynihan sent a left-footed strike past the keeper in the 6th minute, but Waterford equalised with an absolute rocket of a shot less than a minute later. Fatigue was definitely taking its toll on the Kerry players at this stage, but that's not to take away from the excellence of Waterford, who dominated from then on and won by 4-1 in the finish. In fact Waterford went on to beat the Limerick District League in the Kennedy Plate Final, their first ever silverware from the Kennedy Cup.

Galway in the Plate Play-Off. Regardless of the result, this would be Kerry's final game. It was very good play by both sides, with Joe Joy just

wide with a chance and Daniel Diggins forcing two good saves out of the goalkeeper. It was still scoreless at half-time though. The second half was another ding dong affair. As injury time started to unfold, both sides started making a few substitutions to prepare for penalties when Galway pounced on one last opportunity and forced home a late winner.

Tough on Kerry, given the overall quality of their performances. Overall, though, manager Danny Diggins can be very proud of his team, and a jump from 16h place last year to 8th place overall this year is a huge leap that will have a hugely positive impact on our seeding going forward (it's based on our three-year average, and being in the top eight (i.e. pot one in the draw) is an absolutely colossal advantage for teams.



A REAL COOL DUDE

By Nicky Barry

Goalkeepers are a breed apart, and mostly extroverts, Like Liverpool's Bruce Grobbelar, who could act the lunatic.

And then there's Caoimhin Kelleher, a modest introvert, With the looks of a film star, like yer man Brad Pitt.

He manned the gap for Liverpool, to win the Premiership, And having gone to Brentford, will now be sorely missed, For he can save and score penos, as he once was a striker,

With Ringmahon Rangers, as a Cork teenager.

He's not into histrionics, for he's a real cool dude, At least I thought he was, until he came up and stood, In with the band in Mary Donal's, at the second bite, Of a wedding celebration, late on Sunday night.

Big brother Tim wed Jenn Foley, a lassie from Blackrock, The epitome of elegance, of good ole Kerry stock.

Well anyway Caoimhin was called, up to sing a song, And to my astonishment, thrilled the wedding throng.

He belted out The Breakfast Roll, and drove the punters wild, As Mum Jackie in the crowd, gazed at her boy with pride.

I met Caiomhin afterwards, and held both the hands, That we'll all depend on, when he's playing for Ireland!

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LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 15/06/2025 for a jackpot of €10,950 were 2, 9, 19, 26. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; John Sheehan, J.K. Kissane, Colm Talbot, Bella Donaghy, Owen McKenna. 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>

FOSSA MEITHEAL

The Fossa Meitheal begins again for the summer, if you can spare an hour and a half on a Tuesday evening from 6.30 to 8pm it would be greatly appreciated. Meeting on the top of the Nugget hill (at the old German flats) just to do a tidy up of our beautiful parish, there is a job for everyone!

KILLARNEY LEGION GAA

U11 BOYS

Pride of place this week goes to our U11 Boys who were crowned Dylan Crowley Champions 2025 after a superb day of football in Gneeveguilla on Saturday. The boys played five games in total and went undefeated, showcasing their talent and team spirit throughout. They saved their best for last in a dramatic final against Kilcummin. After conceding three early goals, they found themselves in serious trouble approaching halftime. But showing incredible resilience, they kicked three late points to go in just four points down at the break. The second half saw the boys come out with real hunger. They dominated the closing stages, kicking six unanswered points to complete a memorable comeback and secure the title. This is the first time Legion has lifted the Dylan Crowley Cup since 2017, and this group of lads proved themselves fantastic ambassadors for our club. We're looking forward to watching their journey continue in the green and white.

A huge thank you to Gneeveguilla for hosting a brilliant tournament – well organised and played in great spirit all round.

Match Results Group Games

Legion 3-4 – Rathmore 1-1

Legion 4-6 – Kenmare 1-5

, Legion 0-4 – Glenflesk 1-1

Semi-Final.. Legion 5-9 – Listry 1-1

Final Legion 1-9 – Kilcummin 3-1

An added bonus was John Hegarty being crowned Player of the Tournament following on from his sister Clodagh getting a similar recognition earlier in the week at the Garda Blitz.

SENIOR B MEN

Our Senior B Team secured a good win in Rpsund 10 of the County League on Friday evening in Dieren against Tousist. The early stages were even but as the first half wore on we got more on top. A well taken penalty by Daire Murphy approaching half time saw us lead 1-8 to 0-4 at the interval. The second half was an even affair with both sides trading scores. In the end we ran out 7 point winners. Thanks to Tousist for a good sporting game. Well done to all the players. Great to see so many young players gaining experience and playing so well in this team. The final round is against Rathmore B in



Siofra O'Shea of Kerry is presented with the Player of the Match Award by Trina Murray, LGFA President after the TG4 All-Ireland Ladies Football Senior Championship Round 2 match between Cork and Kerry at Supervalu Páirc Uí Chaoimh in Cork. Photo by Michael P Ryan/Sportsfile

two weeks time. Final Score Killarney Legion 1-15 Tuosist 0-11.

U8 BOYS

A busy weekend for our U8 Boys who travelled to Furies on Monday to play their counterparts there and then welcomed Fossa to Dieren on Saturday morning. The boys did great and are showing a marked improvement week on week.

U14 GIRLS

It proved to be a tough day at the office for our U14 girls Green team as they faced Southern Gaels in a Division 2 semi final on Sunday afternoon. From the first whistle, the opposition showed sharpness, discipline and intensity that proved difficult to match. Despite a committed effort from our squad, we struggled to gain control in key areas of the pitch and found ourselves under sustained pressure. The opposition capitalized on their chances well, showing clinical finishing and solid defensive organization throughout.

There were still positives to take: the team battled until the final whistle, showed heart, and never gave up. Matches like these are tough but valuable, offering important lessons as we continue to grow and improve together.

We regroup, refocus, and look forward to the U13 and East Kerry competitions.

MOTHERS AND OTHERS

Our Mothers and Others had a busy Saturday taking part in the LGFA Munster Blitz in Mallow. Fielding a small but mighty team great football, energy, and connections were made with clubs from the province of Munster and the President of LGFA Triona Murray took time out of her busy schedule to chat with the team on our 7 years bringing women into our Club embracing the ethos of Gaelic4M&O.

WEDDING BELLS

Congratulations to senior player David O Sullivan and Tara O Shea as they celebrated their wedding day in Portugal during the week.

GARDA BLITZ

Congratulations to Clodagh Hegarty, who was named the Girls Player of the Tournament in the Kerry Garda schools Blitz which was held in Fitzgeralds Stadium on Monday. Twenty three teams took part, and Clodagh was the standout candidate for the award. Hard luck to Darragh O'Toole whose Fossa team lost narrowly in the final.

LOTTO

Results Monday June 9th. Numbers were 3, 4, 6, 21. Bonus No 23. No jackpot winner. Match 3s / Lucky Dips: 1. Eamon O'Brien Two Mile 2. Jack O'Grady 63 Ardshanavooley 3. Joan Doran Allmans Terrace

EAST KERRY NEWS

GARDA SIOCHANA GAA BLITZ

It was great to see twenty three primary school teams from Kerry and Cork schools participate in the Fitzgerald Stadium on Monday. Playing matches in this excellent venue gives all players great confidence to improve and develop all skills of the game in a superb tournament. The format was four groups on the day. Players got loads of game time during the seven aside matches. Eddie Walsh (Coordinator) deserves great credit for running such a great event ably assisted by large volume of community volunteers on the day. Thanks to Der Brosnan (Fitzgerald Stadium) for the use of the superb facilities on the day. St Brendans College TY students for refereeing matches on the day. These students played in this tournament as young lads it was fantastic to observe them supporting East Kerry GDC Vince Cooper in completing the blitz on the day. Congratulations to Nagle Rice Milltown on winning the event. Days like these will long live in the memory for our future stars.

DYLAN CROWLEY TOURNAMENT

Gneeveguilla club grounds hosted the Dylan Crowley U11 tournament last Saturday. Games were played in a sporting manner with all



DR. CROKES Mothers & Others team travelled to Spa this week where they competed in a fun blitz against Spa, Dingle and Glenflesk.

teams showing fantastic skill levels on the day. Great atmosphere all day with all supporters appreciating the superb effort made by all volunteers in running such an excellent event. Brendan Brosnan and Jim O Connor were excellent referees on the day. Clubs were delighted with the amount of games played with all players gaining valuable experience improving and developing during the day.

CONDOLENCES

Sympathies from all in the East Kerry Board to the families of East Kerry GAA would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Paddy O'Donoghue on his sad passing.

He was a member of East Kerry's 3 in a row County Championship winning team from 1968 to 1970, and also part of the historic 1971 All Ireland Club winning team. He also showed great dedication to his club Glenflesk, and will be greatly missed. May He Rest in peace.

DR. CROKES

SFL DIV. 5

Dr. Crokes 4:24 Valentia 1:12

We made the long trip to Valentia and our B

side put in another good performance. Goals from Brendan Coppinger, Dara O'Shea, Aodhan Burns and Liam Kelleher helped us to another win which keeps us top of the table before our final two games against Asdee and Austin Stacks.

US OPEN

Congratulations to Tommy Pierce who won our US Open competition. Thanks to everyone who supported.

LOTTO took place June 16th. Numbers drawn were 4, 10, 17, 18. Jackpot of €8,000 was NOT WON. 10 patrons matched 3 numbers and receive €40 each. Jackpot for draw on June 23rd will be €8,300. Play online by following the link below and follow instructions attached https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?Il_id=734#Anchor(https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?Il_id=734#Anchor)

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.

WELL WISHES to club stalward Donie O'Leary who recovers after a recent surgery.

CONDOLENCES to the family and friends of Dermot Galvin on his recent passing.



Georgina O'Shea of Seefin Aviation presenting gear to the U14 East Kerry Team. Photo Matt O'Neill.

Sympathies also to the family and friends of Paddy O'Donoghue. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha.

NOTES

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



Killarney Legion Senior B Team secured a good win County League win on Friday evening in Direen against Tousist.

CURROW CLAIM CUP GLORY AS SUPER SEVENS CONCLUDES IN STYLE

The curtain came down on the 2025 Credit Union Schools Super Sevens with a thrilling evening of Senior Boys Finals at the Nagle Rice Community Centre on Tuesday. The climax of six action-packed weeks featured 250 games and showcased the talent and commitment of over 900 players, coaches, and mentors.

Senior Boys Cup Final

Currow 26 – Fossa 14

Currow etched their name into the history books with a first-ever Cup triumph, overcoming a spirited Fossa side in a fiercely contested final. After a tight opening half, Currow surged ahead with a powerful second-half display to complete an unbeaten campaign — seven wins from seven — and claim a memorable Grand Slam title. Their victory mirrors the recent success of the Currow Senior Girls team, underlining the school's growing basketball pedigree.

MVP: Adam McCarthy (Currow)

Bronze Final

Holy Family Rathmore 23 –

Knockaderry 21 (After Overtime)

In a pulsating encounter, Holy Family Rathmore battled back twice to force overtime and ultimately snatched victory in the dying seconds. Knockaderry had led for much of the game, but Rathmore's resilience paid off as they found the crucial baskets when it mattered most.

MVP: Evan Burke (Holy Family Rathmore)

Shield Final

Gaelscoil Bheantraí 17 – Gneeveguilla 16

In a contest full of flair and intensity, Bantry's Gaelscoil Bheantraí edged out Gneeveguilla with a dramatic late score. The Cork visitors trailed for most of the match, but a late surge saw them claim the Shield in one of the tournament's most entertaining and skilful encounters.

MVP: Tadhg Ó Húrdail (Gaelscoil Bheantraí)

Plate Final

Knocknagree 25 – Kilcummin 24

Fans were treated to a classic as Knocknagree snatched a dramatic win with a last-second basket, breaking Kilcummin hearts in the process. The game swung back and forth with both sides enjoying dominant spells, but it was Knocknagree who found the killer blow in a truly memorable finale.

MVP: Cian Lenihan (Kilcummin)

Credit Union Schools Super Seven Boys All-Star Team 2025

Kaelen Gleeson (Gneeveguilla)

Mark O'Connor (Fossa)

Tomas Déiseach (Gaelscoil Bheantraí)

Cathal O'Connor (Currow)

Karl Thompson (Holy Family Rathmore)

Cathal Foley (Cullina)

Ruben O'Leary Griffin (Knockaderry)



Cup Winners Currow NS.



AllStar Super Seven team 2025.



Plate Winners Knocknagree



Cup Runners up Fossa



Shield Winners Gaelscoil Bheantraí



Bronze Final Winners Holy Family Rathmore



Plate Runners up Kilcummin



Shield Runners up Gneeveguilla



Bronze Final Runners up Knockaderry

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

FINAL TASK

The state exams conclude next Tuesday, 24th June and the thoughts of exhausted candidates are no doubt turning to holidays, travel or summer jobs. But there is still one very important task to be done. Those who applied to the Central Applications Office (CAO) must now turn their attention to the CAO course change of mind facility. This provides each applicant a last chance, if s/he wishes, to register a change of course choices online by 5pm on 1st July.

OPTION

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

CALMLY

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

CHANGING

When you are happy with your revised choices, open your CAO account via the "My Application" facility. To make changes to your

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

SEPARATE

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

UPDATED

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

WINDOW

After the 1st July you can make no further changes to your CAO application form. So, the remaining days provide you with a valuable window of opportunity. Use the time to put some serious thought into your choice of college courses. With the state exams done and dusted, you can give your undivided attention to submitting a 'change of mind' form that truly contains your course interests. It will be time

well spent if you achieve your course of choice when the college offers are issued on the 27th August.

CHECKLIST

- You have until 5pm on 1st July to avail of the CAO "Change of Mind" facility
- Not all applicants to CAO avail of the change of mind facility
- Don't list any courses which you haven't researched.
- Don't apply for any course which you know that you won't accept
- Never apply for a course in which you haven't the slightest interest
- Work on your new list of course choices before going online
- Check the requirements for the courses you are including on the change of mind form
- The two course categories are separate from each other on a change of mind form
- The remaining days provide you with a valuable window of opportunity
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Have Your Say: Irish Study Explores Children's Vision and Lifestyle



An Irish research team is calling on parents, teachers, coaches, and optometrists across the country to share their insights into how modern childhood habits may be impacting eyesight. The study, led by Eoin Kerin at the Centre for Eye Research Ireland in TU Dublin, is exploring how screen time, outdoor play, and physical activity relate to the growing issue of childhood myopia (short-sightedness). With over 500 responses already gathered, it is one of the largest and most comprehensive studies of its kind globally, and uniquely includes input from those who care for, teach, or look after the eye health of children in everyday life. "We're asking the people closest to children to help us understand what might be contributing to changes in vision," Eoin explains. The anonymous survey takes just five minutes to complete and is open now at: https://redcap.link/CAMS_Survey All responses will help shape future awareness campaigns and strategies to support children's eye health across Ireland.



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KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL STOPPING HOUSE BUILDING IN KERRY

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

“ERRATIC PLANNING DECISIONS WITHOUT CONSEQUENCES FOR KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL”

Builders have expressed the view that it is easier to build houses in Cork than it is in Kerry. In Cork, for example, builders carry out the work, a snag list of any outstanding issues is created, the builders rectify those issues and any bond funds are promptly returned to the builder. Bond funds are amounts of money held back from the builder by the bank until all work has been completed. If the council delays signing off on the completion of the snag list, the bond funds are not released back to builder and they are left out of pocket. In Cork, once the snag list has been signed off, the maintenance of any new housing development is promptly taken over by Cork County Council. Builders claim that it is much more problematic dealing with Kerry County Council. It can take years for an official snag list to be created. The saga does not end here. When that list is finally completed, more maintenance issues are added. Builders have claimed that this final stage can take years and can add unnecessary financial stress. In effect, builders are being used to maintain an estate, post-build. In many cases, the builder ends up just forfeiting the bond, as it

becomes too costly to continue completing the constant snag lists generated by Kerry County Council. Works are rarely carried out with these bond funds and ultimately the money ends up in the road maintenance programme for the whole county.

While waiting for Kerry County Council to take over the maintenance of their estate, the residents are obliged to pay for that maintenance themselves, and all the while, Kerry County Council continue their delaying tactics. These residents already pay road tax which goes towards road maintenance. And they are also paying local property tax. Why are the most pressured group in society being treated so badly? Typically these are young people with young families struggling to pay bills and Kerry County Council has the power to make their lives a little bit easier but unfortunately, the opposite is the case.

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



A builder built an extra thirteen houses in an existing housing estate. The builder rerouted heavy traffic away from the estate and used an existing farm road at the rear of the site to access the building site. The photo shows the relief road and this road was in existence long before his company built these houses. After the houses were built the Council instructed the builder to go onto private property and dig up the relief road and turn the area into a green field otherwise Kerry County Council will take €20,000 via a bond from the builder. Kerry County Council contacted this publication stating that the heading of this article is "grossly misleading and incorrect". Nobody wants badly built estates but this example does not entice builders to build houses.



This is a photo of a manhole that was built in 2008. This manhole is in perfect condition after sixteen years. The specifications on building a manhole has changed recently and Kerry County Council wants all the manholes in the estate dug up and rebuild under the updated specifications and this work will cost the builder €45,000.

Kerry County Council does not accept that this decision is a gross abuse of power. There is no appeal system and no consequence for the decision makers.



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

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Remembering when choosing your flowering shrubs that you find out the flowering period as this can determine the position that you are going to plant your shrub.

A good example of a deciduous flowering shrub that will flower for a long period over the summer is a shrub called Potentilla. It comes in a good range of colours also, including white, yellow, orange and red. It is a medium to small sized shrub and if you have a small space, Potentilla Red Ace is quite a compact one and would be suitable.

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The Irish Hotels Federation Kerry Branch hosted its Q2 HR Forum yesterday in the elegant surroundings of the Rose Hotel, Tralee. The event brought together hospitality professionals from across the region for a morning of learning, connection, and inspiration. The forum featured an outstanding lineup of guest speakers, each offering valuable insights on key aspects of diversity, inclusion, and wellbeing in the workplace: Pictured L-R: Madina Zikare, Muckcross Park Hotel & Spa; Deirdre O'Grady, AbilityWise; Susan Kelly, The Rose Hotel; Maura Harris, The Grand Hotel; John Drummey, Kerry Mental Health Association; Eilis Loughrey, Gleneagle Group; Caroline Doherty, The Dromhall Hotel; Jadwiga Surmiak, Gleneagle Group; Leona McEnery, Hotel Killarney; Maura Mangan, The Ashe & Manor West Hotels; Naoise Murtagh, The Rose Hotel; Duncan Wooldridge, Aghadoe Heights; Lisa Coffey, Ballygarry Estate and Jimmy Flaherty, Gleneagle Group.



A Word of Victory

*"Our Father in heaven, Holy is Your Name.
May Your Kingdom come.
May Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread, and forgive us our sins,
as we have forgiven those who sin against us.
And don't let us yield to temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one, Amen." (Matthew 6:9-13)*

Welcome back dear student, knowing how to pray can be a puzzle, and some folks just stick to a learnt off childhood prayer, rather than engaging in conversation with God personally. Jesus' relationship with God was personal and consistent, and His disciples recognised that power, peace, and miracles were the result. So, they asked the Lord to show them how to pray, and this is what He taught. Many people call it the 'Our Father' or 'The Lord's Prayer'. It's not so much a prayer as an illustration of how to talk to, and bond with God. There is a procedure to communicating with an earthly king. An invitation must be received, and a meeting set up, out of which a relationship may begin – if you're lucky. It takes time, but more than that, favour. "For God is the King over all the earth, praise Him with a song of praise." (Psalm 47:7) It's not easy to get an audience with King Charles in Buckingham Palace, but it is simple to establish relationship with the King of all kings. The humble sacrifice of the Lord Jesus makes it possible – for He became the bridge between man and God. He is the only Way to the Father (John 14:6). One day all the great kings and celebrities will each bow before God, and the titles and applause they received here on earth will fade into obscurity. Jesus told us to pray using His Name as the keycard and bring Glory to the Father (John 14:13-14; John 16:23). We worship God because He is Holy. This links up with the first commandment (Exodus 20:3). "Enter His gates with thanksgiving, into His courts with praise; give thanks to Him, and praise His Name" (Psalm 100:4).

Every king reigns over a kingdom. God's Kingdom is in heaven, but because of Jesus' sacrifice, His Kingdom is available for us here on this earth. Jesus said to pray that heaven manifests here on earth. How? By yielding in obedience to God, worshipping Him alone, and leaning upon Him for provision, mercy, and protection, we can enjoy His Kingdom benefits right here, right now. Forgiveness is a requirement though, for there is no offence in heaven's hearts. It takes faith; but 'faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God' (Romans 10:17). When we immerse ourselves in God's promises and learn His ways, following in obedience to His Word, our faith is enriched and strengthened to bring God's purpose and plans into reality. This isn't the power of positive thinking, or manifesting occultic powers, it is simply believing that God's Word is true, trusting His timing and His deliverance. When we live this way, totally submitted to God, fear will depart, because in relationship with the Lord of Heaven's Armies, you will fear no evil (2 Kings 6:15-17; Hebrews 2:14-15). And His Holy Spirit leads us upon the right paths. It's a beautiful place to live. Sure, there are evil and awful things happening in the world, but we can live in the midst of difficult circumstances knowing that God loves us, that He has a good plan, and that Jesus, the Prince of Peace has already won our Victory.

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KNOCK PILGRIMAGE: We welcome you to join us, this Jubilee Year of Hope, as the Irish Bishops consecrate Ireland to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Bus for Knock Shrine Basilica departs the Church of the Resurrection on Sunday June 22nd at 6.30 am, €25 return. Further enquiries and bookings please ring: 087-1336866 / 087-2626187. Prayer, Reflection and Song with Deacon Thady.

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The Kennedy family pictured at The Friary at the Blessing of the Lilies Ceremony during St. Anthony's Novena.



Eileenann Nagle pictured at The Friary at the Blessing of the Lilies Ceremony during St. Anthony's Novena.

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As we fondly remember our father Michael John on his first anniversary, we his children Patrick and family, Mary, Margaret and Diarmuid wish to express our sincere gratitude to all who sympathised with us on our sad loss. We really appreciated all the messages of condolences, mass cards, phone calls and flowers. We were really touched by so many who attended his removal and funeral and by the wonderful memories of Michael John that you kindly shared with us. Thank you to the Doctors and nurses of Millstreet Medical Centre and CUH for their great care and attention shown to Michael John and to Reen's Pharmacy for their assistance over the years.

Thank you to the Rathmore Pantomime Group and all those who stood for the Guard of Honour as the funeral arrived to the church. Our deepest gratitude to Fr. Pat for celebrating a beautiful mass and for his friendship, support and kind words for Michael John.

Thank you to the sacristan and to Joan and Sheila for the wonderful singing and music. A heartfelt thank you to John D. O' Keffe Undertakers and Tony for their kindness while organising the funeral arrangements and their professionalism shown throughout those difficult days. Our deep appreciation to Linda's Restaurant and the Rathmore Hall Committee for the food and refreshments after the funeral.

A special thank you to our neighbours, relations and a wide circle of friends for being so kind to Michael John especially in the last few years. As it is impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our gratitude and appreciation. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.

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22 panels + Solax IES 5kW
Inverter + 10kWh Battery

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