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Garda Gillian O'Donoghue pictured at Killarney Garda Station as she prepares for the upcoming Plunge for Palliative Care in Association with the St. Patrick's Festival Killarney. She was joined by her fabulous Little Blue Heroes buddies, Alexis, Frankie, Adam and Alannah who were helping her by taking part in a video to promote the event which will take place at Beech Road Car Park in Killarney on St Patrick's day after the parade.

  
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# A Note from the EDITOR



“ The preparations for the Killarney St. Patrick's Day festival are well and truly underway with organisers pulling out all the stops to ensure the event will be the best one ever! From Duck Races to Plunge for Palliative there is something for everyone at this year's five day festival.

Ablefest, an inclusive festival as part of the St. Patrick's celebrations has been launched, the community of Glenflesk has rallied around the Lenihan family, following a devastating fire at their home and Killarney Musical Society are looking for patrons.

A local student is on a mission to help children in Africa, Dochas Drama Group are ready to tread the boards and Paul is set to launch his new book of poetry.

Historic buildings in Killarney have received funding, Friary Folk Group were singing their hearts out for Comfort for Chemo and Strictly is ready to Go Country at the INEC.

Registration is now open for this year's Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle, two Killarney sisters are taking to the stage on TG4 this Sunday and Clubs continue to hold their annual awards night.

We have all the news from the pitches, courts and fairways along with Jimmy's take on All Things Sport!

Hope you all enjoy this week's Killarney Outlook.”

*Aisling Crosbie*



*A Magical image of Muckross Lake on a cool February evening captured perfectly by John Cronin*



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Duck, Duck, WIN!

# A QUACKING GOOD TIME FOR A GREAT CAUSE

Get ready for the most exciting race of the year! The highly anticipated Great Duck Dash rubber duck race is making a splash once again as part of the St. Patrick's Festival Killarney, and you don't want to miss it. This fantastic event offers participants the chance to adopt a rubber duck, cheer it on as it floats to victory, and win amazing prizes – all while supporting Down Syndrome Kerry.

How It Works: It's simple – adopt a duck (or a whole flock!), and let the currents decide your fate. The fastest and luckiest ducks will take home fantastic prizes. And remember, the more ducks you adopt, the better your chances to win big!

Every duck adoption costs €5 which directly benefits Down Syndrome Kerry, making a difference in the lives of many.

Bring your family and friends for an afternoon of excitement, laughter, and community spirit. Don't worry if you can't make it in person, your duck will still race, and winners will be contacted after the event.

**Race Details:**

- Tickets: €5 per duck
- Start Location: The bridge at the playground off Port Road.
- Directions: Enter the National Park opposite St. Mary's Cathedral, follow the river to your right. The start point is just a five-minute walk away.
- Parking: Cathedral carpark or parking spaces along port road

Join us for this quacking good time and help support an incredible cause. Adopt your duck today and get ready to race your way to victory!

For more information and to adopt your ducks, visit [www.stpatricksfestivalkillarney.ie](http://www.stpatricksfestivalkillarney.ie)



*Pictured getting into the fun of the 'quacking' race at the launch this week are, Jason Clifford, Chairperson, St Patrick's Festival Killarney, Ciara Austin, Festival Manager, Ciara Brosnan and Derek O Leary from the Festival Committee, Claire Spillane, Katie Gleeson and Denis Cronin from Down Syndrome Kerry. Photo: Don MacMonagle*



*Getting their ducks in a row.... Claire Spillane and Katie Gleeson. Photo: Don MacMonagle*

# REBECCA ON A MISSION TO HELP AFRICAN CHILDREN

Killarney student, Rebecca Kenny, who is currently studying Primary School Teaching in Mary Immaculate College is travelling to Uganda in June 2025 to volunteer with Nurture Africa's Education Programme.

"During my time in Uganda, I will be working closely with Nurture Africa to help support both children and teachers in education. Nurture Africa works to empower people by providing access to education in order to achieve self-sufficiency", Rebecca, who is the daughter of Noel and Mary Kenny from Ballyhar.

In order to go Rebecca must raise €2250 for the organisation and to cover travel costs and has created an idonate page to do so.

All the money raised will go towards Nurture Africa and the fantastic work which they do.

If you would like to help Rebecca on her quest to support children in Africa, you can do so by scanning the QR Code or by donating on the following link: <https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/RebeccaKenny1>





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## WORD PERFECT.... From Banker to Bard, Paul To Launch New Poetry Book

A banker who became a bard is about to release a mesmerising new book of poetry and images that showcase Kerry at its very best.

Paul Byrne described his new publication, *For The Love of Kerry*, as exactly that – a real labour of love given that he relishes nature and his passions in life include the written word and capturing snapshots of the great outdoors.

Born in Collooney, Co Sligo in 1967, Paul's family moved to Listowel when he was just a year old and he was educated in Scoil Réalta na Maidine and St Michael's College.

After graduating from UCD, Paul's career in financial services kept him in Dublin but after 25 years involved in senior banking, and a decade in other sales roles, he moved to Killarney three years ago.

His said his new surroundings present the perfect opportunity to enjoy nature and to seek inspiration from Kerry's sheer beauty.

*For The Love of Kerry* features 36 original and beautifully crafted poems with some stunning accompanying images captured by Paul on his outdoor adventures and driven by his love of literature.

Much of his inspiration was found in Killarney National Park – very close to his home on Loreto Road – and Paul said what really drives him is a sense of spirit, soul and scenery.

"I have always enjoyed writing and the magic of the written word. What I put down on paper

is all about respect for the place we live in and the people we live alongside," he said.

His work for the new book was inspired by the outstanding natural beauty he has observed since he moved back to Kerry with his partner, Bridget, in 2022.

"The work is initially inspired by what I see through the camera lens and that is followed by a period of reflection and the application of a vivid imagination," he said.

Fans of his work have described his poetry as building a bridge between senses and nature with his words communicating the very essence of Kerry.

Delving into his new collection, the reader should prepare to journey through lakes, rivers, waterfalls, valleys, islands, castles, beehive huts, monastic sites and experience the stunning scenery of Kerry.

*For The Love of Kerry* – which will be in hardback and retailing at a great value €15 – will be officially launched by Mayor of Killarney, Cllr Maura Healy-Rae, at a reception in Killarney House at 8.00pm on Thursday, March 6 with Paul available for book signings from 7.30pm.

There will be poetry readings and some wonderfully atmospheric music on the night and those that haven't already experienced Paul's poetry are in for a real treat.

*For The Love of Kerry* will be his second book and it's a follow up to his previous publication *Inspirational Musings* which hit the shelves in 2020.



Paul has previously read at The Helix in Dublin and Listowel Writers' Week which is quite appropriate given that he can trace his love of poetry back to his childhood in the Kerry town and a love for William Butler Yeats and Seamus Heaney.

"It was an emotional homecoming after a 40-year absence and it stimulated my poetic muse and led to this collection being completed over the past three years," he said.

*To muse about Kerry, is a wonderful thing,  
To meditate on Kerry, a precious divine right  
The world over, they come  
To absorb her vistas, and embrace her charm  
Her undeniable and unquenchable beauty  
Forever etched in the mind.*

**Paul Byrne**

## DÓCHAS DRAMA GROUP

*will take to the stage with two one act plays!*



*The cast of Alternative Accommodation*



*The cast of the Tinkers Wedding*

### Alternative Accommodation by Pam Valentine

In this short thought provoking drama, we meet Anna, a widow and her three grown-up children Anna, a stay at home wife and mother all her life, comes face to face with some of the problems that life can throw up in our later years. With comic moments and some unexpected twists in the tale, this play will keep you guessing and engaged throughout. The cast are, Peggy Doolan, Mary Carroll, Geraldine McGlynn and Neilius Stacpoole and is directed by Liz Ryan.

### The Tinker's Wedding by J.M.Syngé

*The Tinker's Wedding* is a hilarious comedy set on a roadside in early twentieth century Ireland. The play begins with Sarah Casey determined to marry Michael Byrne, despite his reluctance and the presence of his drunken mother. They encounter many obstacles along the way, including a priest who hesitates to marry them without the proper payment. The play builds to an exciting climax. The cast are, Amber Reidy, Conor Brosnan, Mary Murphy, Don Rohan and is directed by Mabel Counihan.

The plays will run in the Killarney Avenue Hotel from Tues 25th Feb-Fri 28th Feb. Tickets are 15 euro and bookings are on Eventbrite.ie. There will be a limited no of tickets available at the door on the nights.





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# Killarney St. Patrick's Festival to Host ABLEFEST

## An Inclusive Music & Arts Celebration

The Killarney St. Patrick's Day Festival is proud to present Ablefest, an all-inclusive music and arts festival designed for people with additional needs, their families, and friends. Taking place on Sunday, March 16th, from 12 PM to 4 PM at this year's Festival Hub located at Beech Road car-park V93AW26.

Ablefest promises a day of music, creativity, and entertainment where everyone can fully participate and enjoy.

The festival will feature an exciting line-up of live performances, including local entertainers DJ Donal and Thingamajig, leading up to the highly anticipated headline act at 3 PM – Jake Carter and his band.

In addition to fantastic live music, Ablefest will offer a variety of interactive experiences, including sensory-friendly areas, face painting, puppet shows, line dancing, food trucks, drum workshops, nail painting, animal roadshows, and much more. The event is designed to be accessible and welcoming to all, ensuring a joyful and memorable experience for attendees.

"We are delighted to host Ablefest as part of the Killarney St. Patrick's Festival. This event embodies inclusivity, creativity, and community spirit, offering a space where everyone can celebrate together," said Jason Clifford Chairperson of the festival committee

Tickets for Ablefest are available now at [www.stpatricksfestivalkillarney.ie](http://www.stpatricksfestivalkillarney.ie).

Join us for an unforgettable day of fun, music and inclusion at Ablefest 2025!



Soaking up the festival vibes of fun, vibrance and inclusivity, at the launch of Killarney's newest festival 'Ablefest', an all-inclusive music and arts festival designed for people with additional needs, their families, and friends. Taking place on Sunday, March 16th, from 12 PM to 4 PM at this year's Festival Hub located at Beech Road car-park, were (left to right) James Doyle, Festival Organiser Jason Clifford and Timmy Dennehy with Ian O'Connell, Aisling Bradley, Sarah McGough, Mickey Mouse, Aoife Bradley & Ronan Foley. Picture Marie Carroll-O'Sullivan.

Pictured from left: Paidí Bradley, Louise Kaya, Sailí Mai Bradley, Karen & Kate Neenan. Picture Marie Carroll-O'Sullivan.



Excited for a brand new festival in Killarney! Able Fest, in conjunction with St Patrick's Day, hits Killarney, the first one outside of Dublin, on March 16th & 17th at Beech Road car park. Tickets available at [www.stpatricksfestivalkillarney.ie](http://www.stpatricksfestivalkillarney.ie). Gearing up for Able Fest Killarney were Back row: Tony Foley, James Doyle, Catherine Doyle, Jason Clifford, Marie & Tim Dennehy, Caroline Foley, Louise, Patrick & Ella Kaya, Jane O'Donoghue, Ian O'Connell, Maureen Hegarty, Sarah & Shirley McGough, Aster Pierce, Róisín Flaherty, Mickey Mouse, Caroline Neenan, Susan Pierce, Beliza Griffin, Ciara Austin, Stella Maloney. Front row: Kate & Karen Neenan, Paidí, Sailí Mai Bradley, Aisling & Aoife Bradley, Ronan Foley. Picture Marie Carroll-O'Sullivan.



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## SHOCK AT ROSS ROAD LITTERING

A regular litter picker on the Ross Road area, Paudie O'Donoghue was shocked on Saturday last when he came across a large amount of litter which was dumped near two memorials for young people who lost their lives in road traffic accidents.

"I was walking down Ross Road with my rubbish back when I met a man who said I would need more than one bag with the amount of rubbish that had been dumped", Paudie told Killarney Outlook.

Paudie took on the task to clean up the dumping ground ensuring that the Ross Road area was litter free again.



## COMMUNITY RALLIES AROUND THE LENIHAN FAMILY FOLLOWING DEVASTATING FIRE



The home of Linda and Derry Lenihan which was destroyed in a fire on February 2nd.

The community in Glenflesk have rallied behind a family who lost their home in a devastating fire on the 2nd of February.

The destructive fire ripped through the home of Derry and Linda Linehan's home in Killaha, Glenflesk but thankfully the couple along with their daughters Lucy and Rose escaped injury, however their home and all their belongings have been destroyed.

Local Garda, Gillian O'Donoghue has launched a GoFundMe to help the family rebuild their house in the hope that they can return to Killaha again, hopefully by Christmas time.

"Every little bit will help. Please donate via the GoFundMe website.....'Help the Linehan's to Rebuild their House", Gillian said.

The link to the GoFundMe is: <https://gofund.me/54c74115>

*The glue that holds it all together*

## FEMALE MEMBERS OF KILLARNEY VALLEY CLASSIC & VINTAGE PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE



Members of Killarney Valley Classic and Vintage enjoying a cuppa at their last meeting.

An integral part of the Killarney Valley Classic & Vintage Club are the many female members, and others who are involved since the club's inception. The female members are very important to the club, keeping it strong, and are considered to be the glue that keeps it together!

Many of the female members of the club had different reasons to join, for some it was the childhood memories of a father or grandfather with engines or other parts up on the kitchen table, along with oil and smells of diesel/petrol. Others have always had an interest in vintage cars or vehicles. But mostly, it was to meet new people and be part of the local community.

The census of the group is a feeling of belonging, great support, achievement and motivation. It is a place where everyone is welcome, can have a chat about anything, learn something new, or get involved with a local project/funding. There is no place like it.

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**Anne Lucey**  
looks at the positive news  
happening in Killarney

## A BRIDGE TOO FAR?



Michael Cahill, TD and his son Cllr. Tommy Cahill.

A footbridge linking the Killarney bus and rail stations could now cost an astonishing five million euro.

Once part of the same rail yard, the stations are separated by a high railing after the great sell-off of State property in the 1990s. The great sell-off of course paved the way for the Celtic Tiger which devoured us, is still chewing us, and seems to be returning for another big bite.

The result of that era is tourists and elderly people dragging luggage for half a kilometer.

Most recently the council in Killarney - on foot of a motion by John O'Donoghue has agreed to ask owners of The Killarney Outlet Centre for a way through - a suggestion inspired by this column, as John generously acknowledged.

A 2019 review identified that the option of a new pedestrian bridge spanning two tracks and landing on the main platform in the railway station is the preferred technical solution. A lift and steps would be provided on either side of the railway

tracks, the National Transport Authority has told TD Michael Cahill.

"The pedestrian footbridge, lifts, steps and pedestrian walkways, would cut the walk and reduce the interstation walk time to around 2 to 3 minutes."

However, there is "a significant cost attached to this proposal".

The original estimate in 2019 was "very approximately" estimated as being between €1.5 million and €2 million.

"Given construction inflation in the intervening period, and cost outturns on similar type projects, a cost range of between €3 million and €5 million in current values is considered more prudent," Hugh Creegan of the NTA said.

"This scheme is regarded as a low priority investment and is not being progressed at present," he also said.

By the way Michael Cahill and his team - his son Tommy, secretary Lynda Horgan and no doubt Killarney's Brian Sugrue are playing a blinder for Killarney. Michael is to open an office in New Street shortly.

Pa Daly our only opposition TD and our only regular rail user is also focusing on the Rail Service from Kerry. He called on the Government, Irish Rail and the National Transport Authority to urgently restore catering services on the Tralee to Dublin rail service.

"Despite assurances that the issue would be resolved and a tender would be awarded in 'early 2024', the food trolley has yet to return. This was only ever supposed to be a temporary suspension during Covid when passenger numbers dipped," Pa said.

New tracks are the next item!

## NOTICE BOARDS NEEDED FOR KILLARNEY

A digital notice board is to be proposed for a central location in Killarney.

Last week we spoke about the way Killarney is so spread out it feels as if it has no centre and how a shuttle bus could help bring it together. It is difficult too to find out when clubs and bodies whether it's the sheds or the choirs meet.

Pubs and Churches have retreated as key centres of communication. And supermarket notice boards go only so far..

Councillor Marie Moloney is to propose a digital notice board along the lines of the one she has been involved with in Kilcummin. This would provide rolling news and notices. The Market Cross or outside the Town Hall would be ideal locations.

I think cinemas and other entertainments could maybe look at joining such a platform. It could be physical or digital and it might also serve to warn people about nuisance activities like the new trend for e-biking and cycling on footpaths.

Cycling on footpaths has become a serious problem in Killarney. Is there a way to curb it? Might schools and also agencies such as the Killarney Immigrant Support Centre, along with employment agencies, be asked to inform our newer residents this kind of activity is not acceptable. A regular patrol in and around the town by gardaí and traffic wardens targeting people cycling on the footpaths would send out a warning. By the way, nothing so far has replaced our Joint Policing Committee where councillors and community representatives could bring such issues to the notice of Gardaí and the public.

## PILGRIM FOXES

There was a great appetite not so long ago for attributing human characteristics to native wild animals. Now it feels that the only animals we really are close to are cats and dogs. And they mop up all the attention.

The goose, the fox and the crow were once just as familiar. The fox crops up often. My ears pricked up when I heard a wonderful interview this week by Jerry O' Sullivan on Radio Kerry with a woman, a natural storyteller, from Mountcollins who rears fowl part time. Last year the fox was stressing her geese and they stopped laying.

Foxes are clever animals. And we have complex relations with them. They are beautiful creatures but they are also able to outsmart us. A fat duck of my own walked away a while back; and descendants of an injured fox we helped almost two decades ago still come to the back door for food for their young. Imagine then my fascination when I came across the figure of the pilgrim fox in Christ Church Cathedral a few weeks ago.

Dublin is getting some bad press on litter and violence. Dublin in the late '70s or early '80s was worse. It was drab, dirty and dreary and heroin filled and bent on obliterating its historic past. And there was no Luas. Christ Church is alongside Wood Quay where

a bland office building was plonked in the heart of Viking Dublin. The Cathedral is just up from the Luas stop at the Four Courts. The building is great. But the floor tiles are the true marvel. The fox appears in all his glory - hat on and walking stick and his packed lunch on his back. Off on that great medieval excuse for travel: a pilgrimage. Spring and early summer would see hundreds on group pilgrimages to Spain, England, France and even the Holy Land. The package tours of their time. Somethings never change. But Dublin has. And for the better.



This tile design is unique to Christ Church, but the tiles are not original to either the first church on the site (built around 1030), or to its 12th and 13th century rebuilds. Due to insufficient foundations, the cathedral roof collapsed in 1562 — shattering most of the medieval tiles, so what you see today are copies of the originals, installed in the 1870s.





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# Would you like to become a Patron of 'Evita' in association with Killarney Musical Society.....

Excitement is building amongst KMS as we enter into our last few weeks of rehearsals, costumes are arriving, sets are in transit, and the cast are giving it their all as we edge ever closer to bringing Evita to life on the stage of the Gleneagle INEC Arena.

We are putting out our final call on local businesses and individuals this week to support this production of Evita by becoming a Patron for 2025, or perhaps you would like to take up the opportunity of some advertising space in our official show program.

A patron of KMS is first and foremost a Friend of our society, and plays a key role in ensuring the society's success and longevity. Patrons provide financial assistance, encouragement, and advocacy helping us to sustain our high quality productions, along with giving a platform for our wonderful local talent. The generosity of our Patrons has allowed us to be in a position to attain stunning sets, colourful costumes, lighting, sound, orchestra and professional standard performances down through the years. To all of you who have already supported us in patronage this year we thank you.

Killarney Musical Society is and always will be deeply grateful to our patrons for your unwavering support. Your contributions not only help to fund our productions but also foster a love for musical theatre amongst our local community, enabling performers of all ages to shine on stage. As a society we are both humbled and honoured that some of our patrons have in all honesty been a patron of

ours for every show in our history, 39 years of being on our journey with us, Thank you.

The society would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our patrons and to let them know that we consider them all as cherished members of our extended family, and we recognise that without your generosity, kindness, commitment and support it would not be possible for the society to bring many magical performances to life on stage each year. We are on our last push for patronage for this year's production of Evita taking place in the Gleneagle INEC Arena, March 11th. To March 13th. 2025, so there is still time to become a Patron of KMS.

Pam Brosnan is our patronage co-ordinator and she would be delighted to hear from you, you can contact her on 086 3344345 or by email pambrosnan49@gmail.com. Patronage is at a cost of €120 and for this you will receive Two Complimentary Tickets to our opening

night performance, Tuesday, March 11th. 2025, a complimentary programme and your name or business listing appearing on our programme patrons listing. Due to printing time constraints we can only accept patronage up to and including Wednesday, February 26th. 2025. Anyone is welcome to become a patron, it's not just for our wonderful business community, but for everyone, individuals, groups, friends or family alike. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts as you continue to give us the opportunity to do what we love to do, perform on stage year after year as we take pride in delivering an amateur production with the highest level of professionalism to you, our audiences and supporters.

Remember tickets for 'Evita' are available only via Ticketmaster.ie or Gleneagle INEC Arena on 064 6671555. And finally remember to keep up to date with all our news by visiting our social media outlets.



Pam Brosnan and Phil Spillane hard at work behind the scenes at Killarney Musical Society.



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## Daytime Clubbing Party for the over 30s comes to Killarney

A nightclub experience aimed at early risers; The 30+ Club comes to the iconic Gleneagle INEC Arena from 5pm-9pm on Saturday 3rd May.

If someone told you that you could go to a nightclub, dance for hours, grab a kebab before catching the last bus home and wake up on Sunday morning feeling fully refreshed, you'd think they were mad! That's exactly what "The 30+ Club" event offers, and having already sold over 100,000 tickets across UK & Ireland, the organisers are now bringing the party experience for those who've 'still got it' to the Gleneagle INEC Arena.

Organiser Barry O'Kane said "We have been blown away by the incredible response to these events and we simply can't keep up with the demand – tickets sell out within days of going on sale. We're seeing a really broad range of people coming to us, from those who want to party but still parent the next day, to hen parties, right through to people that haven't been to a club in 20 years and want to re-live the magic of their youth."

The Killarney launch party will take place in

leading events venue Gleneagle INEC Arena on Saturday 3rd May, from 5pm-9pm and will feature a much-improved experience than you might remember from clubs in years gone by. Expect huge production, stage show and giveaways creating an unrivalled atmosphere. The all-important ingredient in a good club night is the music, so a lot of thought and consideration has gone in to the playlist; expect musical nostalgia covering hits from the 1980s-2000s across a range of genres.

If previous 30+ Club events are anything to go by, the Killarney launch party will be next-level. So book a babysitter, grab your tickets, dress to dance and prepare for an evening to remember, with the satisfaction of being well rested on Bank Holiday Sunday morning!

Tickets from €18.35 are on sale this Friday at 10am from [www.inec.ie](http://www.inec.ie). Admission is Strictly 30+, Photographic ID will be required from all patrons regardless of age.








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# Annual 2025 South Kerry Jobs Fair another phenomenal success

Employers who attended the recent South Kerry Jobs Fair in Killarney said they were delighted with the numbers of job seekers who attended and the quality of their qualifications and experience. The event, which is organised by South Kerry Development Partnership CLG (SKDP) was visited by over 1,300 people with a record 56 exhibitors present. Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment Peter Burke, who also attended the event as part of his visit to Kerry, was given a tour through the exhibition by SKDP CEO Noel Spillane. Muckcross Park Hotel representative Madina Zikare described it as a fantastic and well organised event. She said the hotel was seeking employees across a range of roles and they were very pleased with the potential employees who visited their stand. This point was echoed by Denise Byrne of O'Carroll Engineering who said there was a great turnout at the event and that they were getting the types of candidates they required for the roles they had on offer.

Norma Manley of TÚSLA said the event provided them with the opportunity to showcase the range of positions they have available in the organisation and to highlight the fact that they were open to a wide range of qualifications, not just those with degrees in a social work area. Being able to engage directly with potential recruits was also a very positive factor of the event according to Garda Kathy Murphy who noted it was their first time attending and they had received a very good response. She said that it was an ideal time to focus people on applying before the current end of the month deadline and she hoped to be back at the event again in the future.

Collette Whelan of INTREO said they were delighted to attend the event which had an excellent attendance. She noted that it was an excellent opportunity to inform job seekers of the range of supports available to them through INTREO and in particular the one-to-one support service available. She also noted that they liaise with all other stakeholders on behalf of job seekers thus providing them with additional support.

In addition to the exhibition, those attending could also avail of a number of workshops focusing on providing advice around career change opportunities, the supports available to those seeking employment as well as CV and interview skills.

SKDP Enterprise Officer Joanne Griffin, who organised the event, said she was delighted with the success of the event. The event is designed



Pictured at the Jobs Fair are from left: Left to right Joanne Griffin SKDP, Minister Peter Burke, Noel Spillane CEO SKDP Photo: Emil Bektemirov



Pictured at the Jobs Fair are from left: Julie Thorne, Clare O'Shea, Carol Naughton and Joanne Griffin

to bridge the gap between jobseekers and employers, offering a platform to explore a wide range of job and education opportunities. She noted that while there were a record number of exhibitors (56 stands) displaying on the day, there was a growing

waiting list of companies who wished to attend, demonstrating the ever-increasing interest from employers wishing to exhibit. She added that she was particularly happy with the popularity amongst attendees availing of the workshops on the day.

*Eyes Down...*

## BINGO NIGHT PLANNED FOR HOLY CROSS MERCY

The parents association are Holy Cross Mercy School in Killarney are busy organising a Bingo night which is planned for Sunday March 2nd to raise funds for the school. The bingo will take place in St Mary's Parish Hall, doors open at 6.15pm and bingo will commence at 7pm sharp! €10 for a single book and €15 for a double book. All welcome.

"We will also will be holding a raffle on night with some amazing hampers and vouchers to be won. We have had amazing support from local businesses in generating these prizes and we are so very grateful for their support", Denise Lucey, from the Parents Association told Killarney Outlook.





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# HISTORIC BUILDINGS IN KILLARNEY TO RECEIVE OVER €230,000 IN GRANT FUNDING

*Funding will support the repair and restoration of older buildings with complex needs*

Minister of State for Nature, Heritage, and Biodiversity, Christopher O'Sullivan TD, has today announced the list of over 650 projects to be awarded funding under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2025, with €236,458 going to 34 projects in Kerry.

The scheme supports property owners to conserve and enhance our historic buildings and streetscapes, and at the same time preserve and develop traditional building skills. This year's grants will be used to repair, restore, and protect historic structures from modest traditional homes to landmark public buildings.

Deputy Michael Cahill has welcomed the announcement of Heritage Grants, by Christopher O Sullivan TD, Minister of State, for Nature, Heritage and Biodiversity. Deputy Cahill advises that these grants go a long way to help maintain and upkeep vital structures in our communities. "This funding helps restore these important historical buildings/sites in Kerry for generations to come. It is great to see so many Kerry areas on the list of grant approval. The Kingdom is steeped in history and it is very important that this funding is available, for the upkeep and restoration of these valuable and historic sites going forward" stated the newly elected TD.

**Projects being funded in Killarney include:**

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- Gate Lodge at Aghadoe House, Knoppogue, Aghadoe, Killarney Other Works €13,360.97
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*Singing their hearts out....*

## Friary Folk Group Donate to Comfort for Chemo Kerry

After their hugely successful carol service at Christmas, the Friary Folk Group Killarney were delighted to present a cheque to Comfort for Chemo Kerry, with funds raised during their recent Christmas Carol singing events in Killarney. This heartfelt contribution is a testament to the group's commitment to supporting local community initiatives and brightening the lives of those facing challenging times.

The festive carol events brought together community members in a celebration of music and goodwill, successfully raising funds that will help provide much-needed comfort and support to families undergoing chemotherapy. "We are honored to contribute to Comfort for Chemo Kerry's invaluable work and to share the spirit of the season with our community," said Derek O Leary, coordinator of the Friary Folk Group Killarney.





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# Strictly Goes Country At the INEC

## Meet the Dancers

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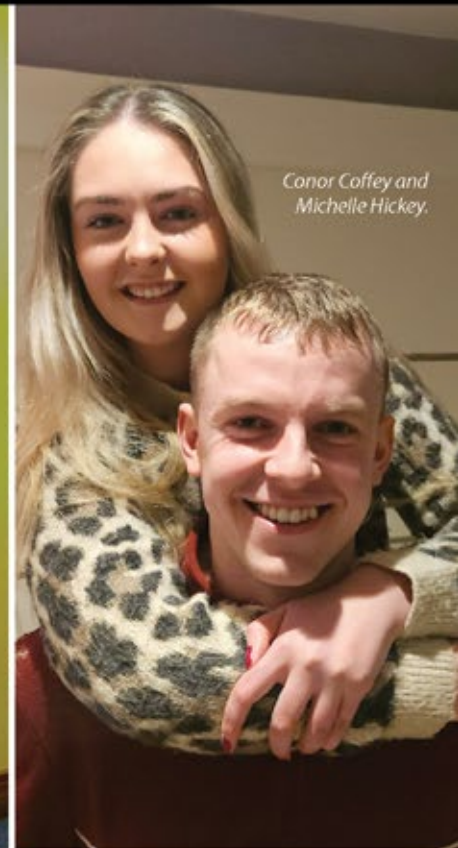
Choreographer, Cassie Leen is putting the finishing touches to the moves as tickets go on sale for the show which is usually a sell out. On arrival on the night there will be a drinks reception with a raffle taking place at the interval.

The money raised is used for essential services in the area eg the night nurses/home care team, drive to care, free phone information service, breast check and bowel screening to mention but a few.

Tickets are on sale at €25 each and €15 for under 16's.



Kieran O'Doherty & Seanagh Cronin.



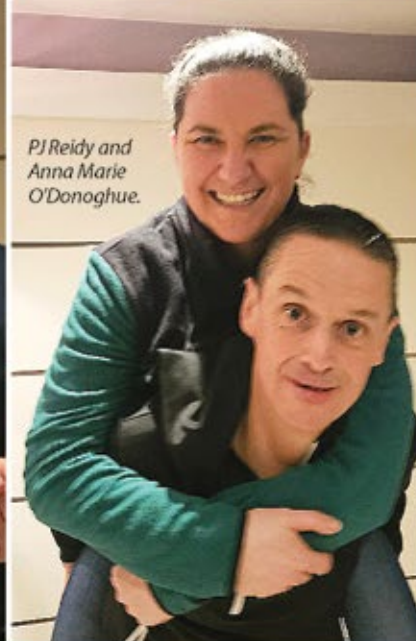
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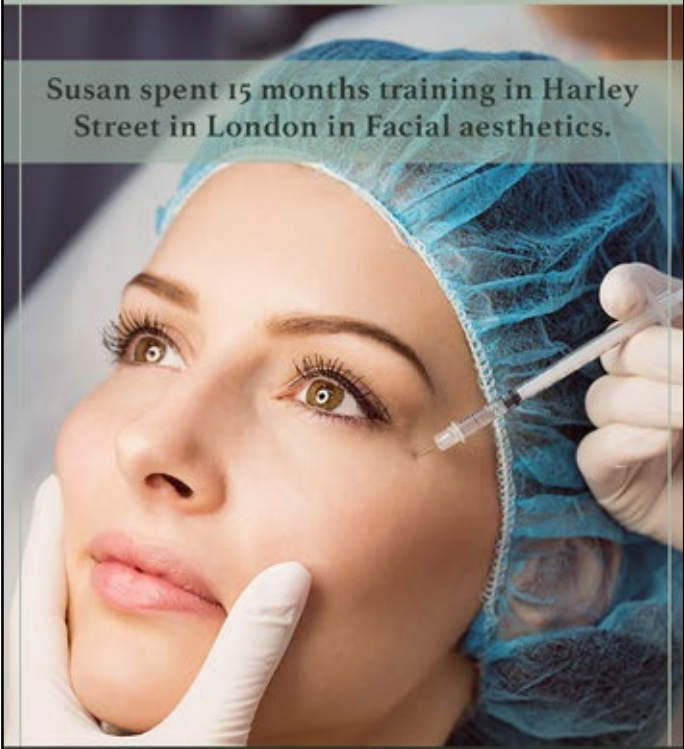
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## as Kilcummin Raise Funds for Comfort for Chemo

WHILE IT TOOK A FEW ATTEMPTS TO TAKE PLACE THIS YEAR DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER, THE PARISH OF KILCUMMIN ONCE AGAIN PULLED OUT ALL THE STOPS AS THE PROCEEDS OF A VERY SUCCESSFUL 'PINK NIGHT' WERE PRESENTED TO LOCAL KERRY CHARITY COMFORT FOR CHEMO LAST FRIDAY EVENING.

Along with the proceeds of annual 31 card tournament in memory of Dermot "Brady" Moynihan both events raised €6,856 which will go a long way to helping the Charity furnish a new out outpatient unit along with dedicated chemotherapy suites to provide better privacy and dignity for patients.

Kilcummin GAA Ladies Committee member Geraldine Pigott was loud in her praise of the local businesses in the community that supported the event in particular John O'Sullivan, proprietor of The Klub Bar

"John as always was fantastic to us, and it was tougher this year as we had to cancel it with the bad weather, but we were really delighted with the amount of people that attended. It's a night that is looked forward to each year and people really are so generous when it comes to supporting this worthwhile night which creates such fantastic positive atmosphere"

Accepting the cheque on behalf of Comfort for Chemo was Mary Horgan who also praised the East Kerry community.

"The community of Kilcummin alone has been fantastic to us over the last 3 years. We attended the event, and we were very uplifted by it. You can see individuals and family members had been affected by cancer and attending the event meant a lot to them. Their support to us here in Comfort for Chemo is just unreal and the proceeds will go towards the fitout of what we want to do.



Presenting the proceeds of €6,856 from the Kilcummin GAA ladies Committee Pink Night to Comfort for Chemo. Elaine Coffey, Kathleen Ryan (chairperson of Kilcummin Ladies Committee) Mary Horgan (Comfort for Chemo)

"We want to ensure that patients will get privacy and dignity and for families to be able to go into a family room. Going through treatment is a real tough time for people and it says a lot about a community who are so willing to support a cause like this" added Mary Horgan. Comfort for Chemo is a Kerry based charity whose mission is to fundraise €5 million to build and equip a state-of-the-art purpose built Chemotherapy Unit for the people of Kerry.



Presenting the proceeds of €6,856 from the Kilcummin GAA ladies Committee Pink Night to Comfort for Chemo. Front row: Marie Brosnan, Noreen O Leary, Ava Moynihan, Elaine Coffey, Kathleen Ryan, Mary Horgan Comfort for Chemo, Mary Moynihan, Theresa Casey & Mary O Leary. Bk row: Breda Duggan, Tom O Sullivan, Geraldine Pigott, Eileen O Leary, Breda Fleming Eileen O Sullivan, Niamh Dwyer, Carmel O Riordan, Gearoid Moynihan, Tim Casey & John O Sullivan prop The Klub bar.

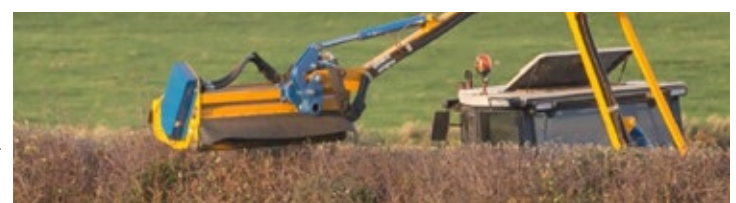
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The Road Safety Authority (RSA), the County and City Management Association (CCMA) and the Irish Road Haulage Association (IRHA) have come together to call on landowners to cut their hedgerows to ensure they are not causing a road safety hazard.

Hedges can be cut between 1 September and the end of February. Under the Wildlife Act 1976, hedge-cutting is prohibited from 1 March to 31 August, except in cases where overgrowth poses a road safety hazard. Properly maintained hedges ensure vulnerable road users are not forced onto the road by overgrown hedges. It additionally affords motorists a clear view of what is in front of them or around a bend, especially on rural

roads in the case of sightlines at junctions or obstructions to road signs. Sarah O'Connor, Director of Partnerships and External Affairs with the RSA said: "Overgrown hedgerows can pose a road safety hazard. We all have a role to play in making roads safer, and landowners must take responsibility. Inaction could endanger lives."







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# PEDAL FOR A PURPOSE

## AT THIS YEAR'S RING OF KERRY CHARITY CYCLE

**REGISTRATION OPENS FOR THE 2025 RING OF KERRY CHARITY CYCLE ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST**

This week, the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle (ROKCC) Committee announced that Registration for this year's Event will open online on [www.ringofkerrycycle.ie](http://www.ringofkerrycycle.ie) on Friday 21st February at 2pm.

The Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle will take place on Saturday 5th July and the Organising Committee is aiming to raise in excess of €1 million again this year for National and Local Charities.

Since the Event's inception in 1982, close to €20 million has been raised, making a powerful and meaningful difference to the people who need it most. Last year alone, the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle raised an incredible €1,165,625 in much needed funds for 36 Charities and Community Organisations.

The 170 Kilometre cycle starts and ends in Killarney. The scenery along the route is beyond spectacular. Vistas of the Atlantic Ocean will accompany you for nearly 100 kms of the route from Glenbeigh to Kenmare and the most welcome views of all are that of the Macgillycuddy Reeks that will accompany you for your descent back to Killarney. More than one thousand volunteers comprising of medics, marshals and teams of people manning the water and food stations ensure participants safety and sustenance.

Also announced today are the selected Beneficiary Charities for this year's cycle. The Main Beneficiary Charities chosen for this year are as follows:

- Kerry Hospice Foundation
- Social Action Group Rathmore
- Kerry Parents and Friends
- Irish Kidney Association
- Breakthrough Cancer Research
- Bru Columbanus
- Focus Ireland
- Jack and Jill Foundation
- Recovery Haven Kerry Cancer Support House

and other important selected Charities include:

- Down Syndrome Kerry
- Aras Mhuire Nursing Home Listowel
- Valentia Hospital
- SouthWest Counselling
- Barnardos
- Comfort for Chemo Kerry



Charities that will benefit from this year's Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle



And they're off....

### Annual Cheltenham Preview Night Planned

The annual Cheltenham Preview Night will take place in Scotts Hotel, Killarney on Tuesday 4th March. The popular event, which raises money for charity begins at 8.30p.m. and the panel includes Johnny Ward Racing TV Pundit, Professional Punter Paddy Wilmott, Leading Jockey Conor McNamara, up and coming Trainer Eoin McCarthy and local bookmaker Brendan Tyther.

MC on the night will be Vince Casey. There is no admission fee but a raffle on the night for Dual Membership of Killarney racegoers Club for the year, which includes 13 days racing and many reciprocal days to other race meetings. Raffle proceeds will be in aid of the Kerry Palliative Care.



### CABINS AND MODULAR HOMES

Danny and Michael Healy Rae are very glad to welcome the great news that this Government is considering allowing cabins or modular homes to be built without planning permission at the back of existing dwellings, this is something we have been advocating for many years in the Dail and going back to when we were in Kerry Co. Council, it is a common sense approach and is very good news for family members who are prepared to build these structures themselves and live close to parents and family members.



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*Sister Act....***Rhea & Clodagh to Perform Live on TG4**

Clodagh and Rhea O'Sullivan will perform on TG4's Réalta agus Gaolta on Sunday.

Talented sisters Rhea and Clodagh O'Sullivan from Killarney are set to feature on TG4's top entertainment show Réalta agus Gaolta. The show returns to TG4 to find the most talented family in Ireland! Having scoured the country, over eight weeks the most captivating singing, dancing and musical families the nation has to offer will battle it out on stage! Each week six families will take on the challenge of entertaining the nation as they go head-to-head in the hope of securing one of the coveted spots in this year's final! In the third episode, this Sunday, 23rd of February, Clodagh agus Rhea will perform a special harmonised version of the old classic Raglan Road in front of the judges.

The talented girls, who are both accomplished performers are the daughters of Ivan O'Sullivan and Marie Carroll O'Sullivan from Pinewood and they have performed in numerous shows and competitions, winning various awards for the stunning vocals.

The sisters, who are members of St. Mary's Cathedral Choir, have studied voice from a young age and they currently work with Paula Gleeson in Killarney having also learnt considerably from Joanne Hughes, their music teacher at school.

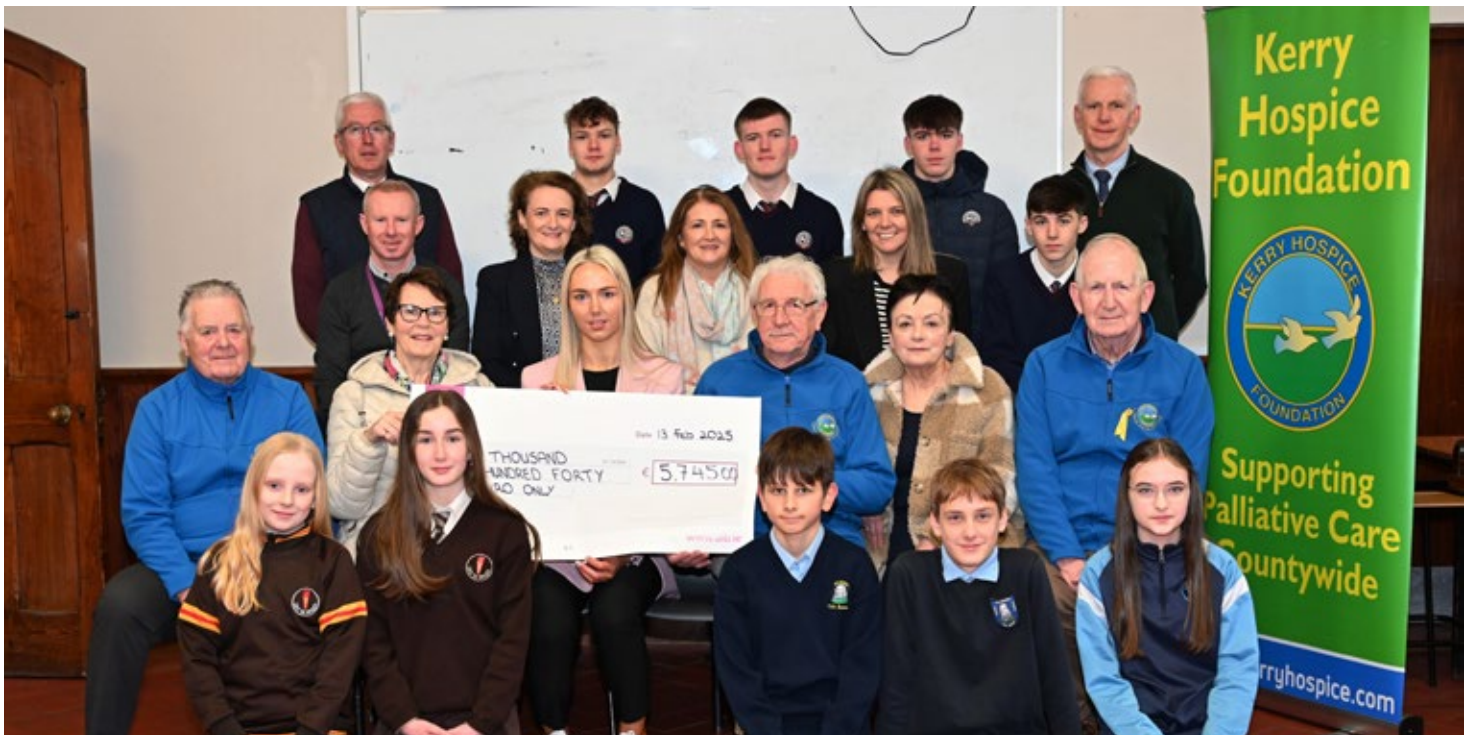
Rhea is currently completing a PLC course at the Kerry College before going on to study for an Arts degree in the University of Limerick while Clodagh is a second year student in Killarney Community College.

Having scoured the country over eight weeks, the Réalta agus Gaolta scouting team

said they are confident that they have the most captivating singing, dancing and musical families the nation has to offer battling it out on stage.

Each week six families will take on the challenge of entertaining the nation as they go head-to-head in the hope of securing one of the coveted spots.

## KILLARNEY STUDENTS PRESENT FUNDS TO THE HOSPICE



Students from St. Brendan's College who organise the annual Christmas Jumper fundraiser in aid of the Kerry Hospice Foundation were joined by teachers, and representatives from the schools in the Killarney area on Friday last to present members of the Kerry Hospice Foundation Committee with a cheque for €5,745. Sarah Keane St Brendan's College (seated second row third from left) presenting the proceeds of the Charity Christmas Jumper Day Appeal €5745 to Pat Doolan Chairman Killarney Branch Kerry Hospice Foundation with (front from left) Neasa O'Sullivan, Sinead Coleman Lissivigeen Primary School, Leon Hebda, David Terzi, Natalia Whelan St Oliver's Primary School (seated from left) Dermot O'Reilly, Angela Curran, Phyllis O'Sullivan, Cathal Walshe of Kerry Hospice Foundation (third row from left) Ciaran O'Mhuircheartaigh St Oliver's Primary School, Alice O'Donnell Principal Mercy Holy Cross Primary School, Ellen Cagney Lissivigeen Primary School, Mary Collins Principal Presentation Monestry School, Odhran O'Shea St Brendan's College (back from left) Sean Coffey Principal St Brendan's College, Tim Ryan, Sean Pierce, Bryan Walsh St Brendan's College and Colm O'Suilleabháin Principal St Oliver's Primary School at St Brendan's College Killarney. Local Killarney schools St Brendan's College, Lissivigeen Primary School, St Oliver's Primary School, Presentation Monestry Primary School and Mercy Holy Cross Primary School participated in the Appeal. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



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# Honours for Members of Listry GAA Club

The Courtyard at Faha Court welcomed members of Listry GAA Club for their annual awards night on Friday February 14th.

Many of the coaches with the club were presented with medals for their time and commitment during the year and there was also three sets of senior Medals presented:

**Award winners on the night included:**

**Senior player of the year:**

*Jack Walsh*

**Young senior player of the year:**

*Cian Fleming*

**Junior player of the year:**

*James O'Dowd*

**Junior young player of the year:**

*Mark McCarthy*

**Supporter of the year:**

*John Joe Tangney*

**Hall of fame winner:**

*Richard Fitzgerald*

**Club person of the year:**

*Anthony Clifford*

*Fergus Clifford received a presentation in acknowledgment of his time as juvenile secretary.*

*John Joe Courtney received a presentation in acknowledgement of his time as treasurer.*



*Junior young player of the year: Mark McCarthy.*



*Junior player of the year: James O'Dowd.*



*Supporter of the year: John Joe Tangney.*



*John Joe Courtney received a presentation in acknowledgement of his time as treasurer and is pictured with Denis Murphy, Chairperson of the club and Anthony Clifford, Secretary.*



*Fergus Clifford receives a presentation in acknowledgment of his time as juvenile secretary.*



*Hall of fame winner: Richard Fitzgerald*



*Senior player of the year: Jack Walsh*



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# KILLARNEY AIMS TO BECOME IRELAND'S FIRST SUSTAINABLE TOWN

Killarney has always been the jewel in the crown of Irish tourism, renowned for its stunning landscapes and vibrant community, but now there is an opportunity to make it even more remarkable by ensuring it becomes the most sustainable town in Ireland.

The vision for the Sustainable Killarney 2030 project is simple yet powerful:

To protect the natural beauty and heritage

To boost local businesses

To enhance the experience for every visitor

By embracing sustainability, the business people and residents of the town can not only safeguard the environment but they can help to significantly strengthen the economy.

The Sustainable Killarney Vision 2030 committee, chaired by local businessman Mike Stack, has pointed out that a greener Killarney means reduced operational costs for businesses, increased appeal to eco-conscious tourists and a healthier community.

"Implementing sustainable practices can substantially reduce costs through enhanced energy efficiency and minimised waste. It can result in cost savings over time and improve business reputation," the committee said.

A public meeting to discuss making Killarney Ireland's most sustainable town will be held in the

Mike Stack,  
Chairman



Killarney Plaza Hotel on Thursday, February 27th, commencing at 6.00pm.

Hosted by Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, a line-up of guest speakers will share how they support environmental sustainability and offer practical tips and information on how others can do the same.

Industry professionals will share their experiences, knowledge and methods

related to sustainable business practices and those in attendance can gain inspiration and learn from those who have successfully embedded sustainability into their operations.

Local businesses can also tap into a market of eco-conscious visitors, supporting Killarney's economic stability.

The event is open to everyone, light refreshments will be provided and to express interest or ask questions in advance, call 087-2222495.



*'Jola's Pilates Group celebrating St. Valentine's day at Muckross House'*  
From left to right: Mary Cronin, Betty Kelly, Noreen Quill, Nora Murphy, Josephine Nolan, Jola Hebda (Pilates instructor, at the head of the table), Frankie McMahon, Cynthia Daly, Mary Culloty, Elma Walsh, Noreen O'Shea



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## FET

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## ALTERNATIVE

PLC courses are an attractive alternative to higher education and provide a link between 2nd level and 3rd level. The CAO route doesn't suit everybody directly after Leaving Cert. Some may not feel ready for 3rd level. Others may not have secured a CAO offer or may be unhappy with the offer received. Over 200 Colleges of Further Education throughout the country offer PLC courses leading to awards at QQI FET Levels 5 & 6 from Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI).

## RANGE

There is a huge range of courses available at PLC level and the courses are free of tuition fees. A PLC course is ideal for a person who has completed the Leaving Cert and requires further vocational education and training to enhance her/his employment prospects. A PLC course provides students with the opportunity to try out a course before committing to 3rd level studies. It's also tailor made for a student with the Leaving Cert Applied (LCA) and for mature students, who are returning to education.

## BLEND

PLC courses are full time, mainly one year, offering a blend of academic work, practical work and work experience. Many PLC courses lead directly to employment. Increasingly, PLC courses are used to access 3rd level education, with more than 750 courses in the CAO system

*Congratulations to Killarney Community College 2nd-year students who have been awarded the UCC Cavanagh Award. The students were nominated by their teachers to receive a Cavanagh Access UCC Student Achievement Award. These awards acknowledge the Potential, Endeavour and Effort of 2nd-year students in Maths, English, Gaeilge and European Languages.*

*Students Laoise McCarthy, Roman Panasiuk, TJ Evans, Clodagh O'Sullivan, Sofia Browne, Belle O'Connor, Katie Murphy and Leah Zemaitye are invited to be honoured at the ceremony in UCC in March. Thank you to Access UCC PLUS Programme for this wonderful acknowledgement of endeavour and achievement.*

now accepting a PLC qualification for entry. Last year, about 10,833 applications to the CAO offered a PLC qualification. This is a very healthy development as it provides an alternative route into 3rd level.

## LINKS

Through the higher education links scheme (HELS), the PLC courses provide an alternative route into CAO courses other than Leaving Cert exam results. A PLC course normally involves completing eight modules in the academic year by continuous assessment and a final exam. Students' entry to CAO colleges is then based on a scoring system for PLC awards achieved at Level 5 and/or Level 6 on the NFQ. Full details about the scoring system are available on the QQI website, [www.qqi.ie](http://www.qqi.ie).

## FETCH

CAO has provided links to a host of full-time higher education, further education and training and apprenticeship options available to post-second level applicants. However, CAO does not accept applications for further education courses or apprenticeships. For all queries and information about Further Education and Training or Apprenticeship options, click on the further education and training tab on the CAO website. Alternatively, go to the FET Course Hub, [www.fetchcourses.ie](http://www.fetchcourses.ie).

## APPLY

To apply for a PLC Course on the CAO website, click on the further education and training tab. This will open up the further education and training course hub. Click on the course category that interests you or select all courses. A list of available courses in your chosen category will be displayed along with details of the course provider. Select the course you are interested in. More information about the course will be displayed including details of course content, entry requirements, course qualifications, awarding bodies and location.

## REGISTER

Apply for a course by clicking on the 'apply now' link. You must now register with Fetch. Once registered, up you will be able to see details of the courses you applied for. You can also save

courses to your account which you can review at a later date. Contact details for the course provider are available for further information. Once you have applied for a course you will receive acknowledgement of your application. Your course provider will supply details of the next step.

## CENTRALISED

The centralised application system has made the application process for PLC courses much easier. Entry requirements normally consist of Leaving Cert standard and satisfactory performance at interview. Mature applicants are assessed on their life's experiences. PLC colleges are now accepting applications so apply early as places on the most popular courses fill up quickly.

## CHECKLIST

- PLC courses are an attractive alternative to higher education
- PLC courses provide a link between 2nd level and 3rd level
- PLC courses lead directly to employment in many cases
- PLC courses lead to awards at Level 5 (Certificate) and Level 6 (Advanced Certificate) from Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI)
- CAO provides links to further education and training on [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie)
- Access the FET Course Hub at [www.fetchcourses.ie](http://www.fetchcourses.ie).
- If applying for PLC courses, set up an account with [www.fetchcourses.ie](http://www.fetchcourses.ie).
- Apply now for your PLC course as popular courses fill up quickly
- PLC students have the same entitlement to funding as third level students
- College grants are processed by Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI)
- Kerry ETB offers PLC in its Kerry College of five campus locations

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### Find Your Path | KILLORGLIN

Meet teachers, instructors and learners at this evening information event. Hear from experts about career guidance, application and interview preparation and much more!

**The Lodge, Market Street, Killorglin V93 AY09  
Monday 24th February | 6PM – 8PM**

### Find Your Path | TRALEE

Meet teachers and learners at this information event. Hear from experts about career guidance, application and interview preparation and much more!

**Clash Road Campus, V92 Y991  
Tuesday 25th February | 5PM – 7PM**

### Find Your Path | LISTOWEL

Meet teachers, Guidance Counsellors, and Admissions experts at this evening event. Learn about full and part-time courses offered on site and explore the facilities in person!

**Listowel Campus, V31 PC79  
Thursday 27th February | 5PM – 7PM**

### Beauty Therapy Open Evening CLASH ROAD CAMPUS

Meet our instructors and current learners, ask questions, and explore our courses. Industry professionals will be on hand to share insights into exciting career opportunities in beauty.

**Clash Road Campus, E-Block  
Wednesday 26th February | 5PM – 7PM**

### Healthcare, Social Sciences and Tertiary Open Evening DENNY STREET CAMPUS

Discover where your future in Nursing, Emergency Care Studies, Special Needs Assisting, Healthcare Support and Applied Social Studies begins! With a talk on Tertiary programme provision from Phena Mulligan.

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### Apprenticeship Open Evening MONAVALLEY CAMPUS

Kick start your career with Kerry College! Don't miss our annual Apprenticeship Open Evening to find out all you need to know about taking the next step.

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**KILCUMMIN PARISH**

Written by: Helen Moynihan

**BRANCH OF SAMARITANS**

On behalf of the Kerry Branch of Samaritans, I would like to thank you and your parishioners for the continued support of our Christmas Collection, which is much appreciated. The amount collected in Our Lady of Lourdes, Kilcummin was €2000.95.

**2025/2026 ENROLMENT: KILCUMMIN NATIONAL SCHOOL**

2025/2026 Enrolment: Kilcummin National School is currently accepting enrolment application forms for September 2025. Please contact the school by email at [kill43163@gmail.com](mailto:kill43163@gmail.com) or 0646643163. Enrolment application forms are now available on our school website [www.kilcumminns.com](http://www.kilcumminns.com). Kilcummin Open Day for new Junior Infants will take place on Thursday, 10th April from 2pm -3.30pm.

**KILCUMMIN GAA**

**EAST KERRY SUPER LEAGUE**

With the withdrawal of Dr Crokes from the Super League earlier this week no game took place last Sunday for the Senior team who will now look forward to their final round game away to Gneeveguilla next weekend.

**EAST KERRY ALL STARS**

Kilcummin players have received seven of the 24 nominations for the 2024 East Kerry SFC O'Donoghue Cup All Star team with Champions Rathmore leading the way with nine. The East Kerry GAA All Star team for 2024, in association with The Kerryman and the Aquila Club in the Gleneagle Hotel, will be announced at the Board's annual social on Friday, March 7th in the Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney. The Senior Player of the Year, the Young Player of the Year, and the Intermediate Player of the Year will also be announced on the night.

Huge congratulations to Dara O'Callaghan, Sean O'Leary, Dara Stack, James Williams, Kevin Gorman, Matt Keane and Philip O'Leary

**COISTE NA NÓG**

The draws for Keane's SuperValu Minor Club Football Cup have been made and Kilcummin will play in Group D with an away trip to St. Senans. Other fixtures in the Group see Duagh play Annascaul/Lios Póil. Cordal host Beale and Knock/Brosna will take on Kerins O'Rahilly's

**LADIES COMMITTEE**

Congratulations to all those involved with the clubs ladies committee after their hugely successful Pink Ladies night held at the Klub a few weeks ago especially after it was announced that they raised €6,856 for Cancer for Chemo. The final figure also included funds raised from the annual 31 card tournament in memory of Dermot "Brady" Moynihan which was held over the Bank Holiday weekend. The Cheque was presented to Mary Horgan on behalf of "Comfort for Chemo" charity last Friday night. The club is very proud of all the efforts made over the last 20 years with this special event.

**FUNDRAISING**

The National Club Draw is back for 2025. Running a Club comes at a cost so we are asking all Club Supporters and Members to consider purchasing a ticket which can be done by logging onto your Foireann.ie account or by scanning the QR code attached to this email which

will direct you there. Tickets are €15 and all proceeds go to Kilcummin GAA Club. There are numerous prizes on offer including cash, holiday vouchers and football and hurling packages for 2025.

**LADIES FOOTBALL**

Membership for Kilcummin LGFA for the 2025 season is now open for existing and new members. Membership is accessed via Foireann App or website. Membership for u-10s, u-12s, u-14s, u-16s, u-18s, Senior and Gaelic for Mothers & Others are now accepted. Please make sure that you choose Kilcummin LGFA when in Foireann.

**MASSIVE THANKS**

A massive thank to everyone who joined us over the last few weeks for Get Ireland Walking! We had a great turnout in good weather and bad and as a club and community we smashed our 4,000km target to hit 5,312km. Well done everyone and thank you for all the tracking. Every step really did count. More walks will be announced very soon so keep an eye on the clubs social media pages

**KILCUMMIN GAA SHOP**

Keep up to date on all your Kilcummin GAA Club gear by following the link [www.oneills.com/shop-by-team/gaa/ireland/kilcummin-gaa-club.html](http://www.oneills.com/shop-by-team/gaa/ireland/kilcummin-gaa-club.html)

**NOTES**

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

**MASTERGEEHA FC**

Mastergeeha U16 team who were victorious over Inter Kenmare in the U16 Premier League. Goals from Cillian Murphy and Daniel Buckley secured the victory. Well done to all involved.

**LOTTO**

There was no winner on Friday 14th February 2025 of the Jackpot €4,600. Numbers drawn were 01, 05, 09, 19. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Denis Crowley, Kilcummin; Liam Guilfoyle, Kilcummin; Patsy Casey o/l; JD. O'Sullivan, Milleen. The next draw will be on Friday 21st February for Jackpot of €4,800.

**KILCUMMIN COMMUNITY GAMES**

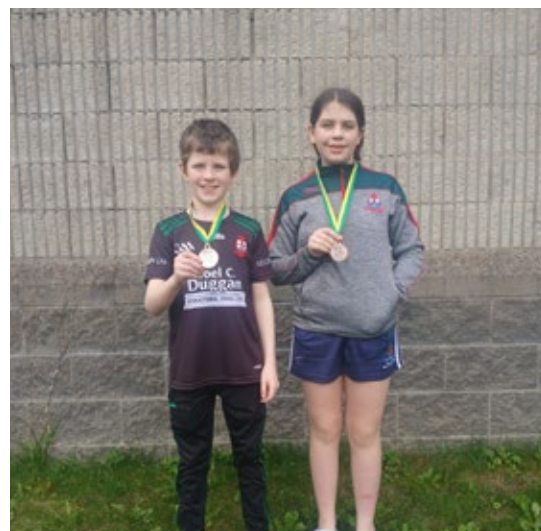
The swimming county finals were held in Mallow on Sunday 16th February. Well done to Aoibhinn O'Leary finishing 3rd place in U14 Butterfly competition, 3rd place also went to Ronan O'Leary in the U12 Backstroke and 4th place to Lily Larkin in the U14 Breaststroke.

**U10 SOCCER TEAM**

Congratulations and well done to the U10 Girls soccer team who are through after a thrilling playoff against Dingle. They won three games, drew one game and lost one. The girls will go on to the semi-finals in Duagh on 23rd February. Thanks to the coaches and parents for their ongoing support and best wishes to the team in Duagh.



U16 boys Mastergeeha soccer team



Kilcummin Community Games Swimming Competition (Ronan O'Leary and Aoibhinn O'Leary)



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**GLENFLESK PARISH**

*Written by: Sean Daly*

**SUPER LEAGUE**

Our senior team suffered defeat in Round 2 of the East Kerry Super League away to Rathmore last Sunday on a scoreline of 5-22 to 1-09.

**GO FUND ME**

On the 2nd of February a devastating fire ripped through the home of Derry & Linda Linehan and their daughters Lucy & Rose from Killaha, Glenflesk. Thankfully the family escaped injury, but their home and all their belongings have been destroyed. As a community we want to help them to rebuild their house in the hope that they can return to Killaha again, hopefully by Christmas time. Every little bit will help. Please donate via the Go Fund Me website.....'Help the Linehan's to Rebuild their House'

**EVERY STEP COUNTS**

Thanks to everyone who joined us and registered their daily steps for the Irish Life 2025 Step challenge over the last 6 weeks. A total of 10,402km was on the board by our team of 80. We were placed 37th in Munster, a fantastic achievement to be in the top 40! A great effort on behalf of the

community of Glenflesk GAA Club.

**QUIZ NIGHT**

In aid of Glenflesk Community Defibrillator Group. 8pm Friday 28th of February in The Kerry Way. Quiz Master Brendan Fuller. Team of four €40. Defibrillators save lives, so please come along to support this great initiative!

**INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

We have been drawn in Group 3 which includes An Ghaeltacht, Castleisland Desmonds & St Marys. We will be facing St Marys in our first game. Fixture details to be confirmed.

**MEMBERSHIP**

Club membership is now due and can be purchased on the Clubforce App.

**NOTES**

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

**LISTRY PARISH**

*Written by: Colette Leslie*

**LOTTO**

February 16th, Jackpot €7,350. Winning Numbers 2,10,12,20. €100 Cathal O'Shea. €50 Donal Cronin, Ballytrasna . €50 John Kearin, Faha Court. €25 Bridget Breen, Lahard. €25 Irene Wrenn, California. Jackpot next week : €7,500. Next Draw: February 23rd

**SENIORS**

Best of luck to our senior team and management who are away to Spa in round 3 of the East Kerry league on Sunday 23rd February at 1pm.

**AWARD NIGHT**

We had great celebration at our awards night in Faha court on Friday night with all our coaches being presented with a medal for their time and commitment during the year. There was 3 sets of senior medals presented.

- Senior player of the year: Jack Walsh
- Young senior player of the year: Cian Fleming
- Junior player of the year: James O Dowd
- Junior young player of the year: Mark McCarthy
- Supporter of the year: John Joe Tangney
- Hall of fame winner: Richard Fitzgerald
- Club person of the year: Anthony Clifford
- Fergus Clifford received a presentation in acknowledgment of his time as juvenile secretary.
- John Joe Courtney received a presentation in acknowledgement of his time as treasurer.



Faha NS were delighted to enter 2 teams in the recent Credit Union schools quiz. Our Senior team were victorious and will go on to represent the school in the county final in the coming weeks. Our Junior team did us proud on the day. Well done to both teams and to Ms Kelly.



**BEAUFORT PARISH**

*By Bridget Hartnett*

**FIXTURES**

Beaufort senior men will be away to Cromane next weekend in round 3, Mid Kerry senior league. Time to be decided.

**RESULT**

Beaufort 1.12 Milltown/Castlemaine 0.14 in round 2, Mid Kerry Senior League

**LOTTO**

There was no winner of Beaufort G.A.A. Club lotto jackpot of €4,600 on Sunday, 16th February. Numbers: 11, 20, 21, 24. Consolation Prizes: €80 Eamonn Kissane, Ballyledder, €50 Jerome O'Shea, Beaufort/London, Conor Leane, Coolroe, Linda Courtney, online.

The next draw for a jackpot of €4,800 will be on Sunday, 2nd March. Tickets are available from usual sellers, shops, and public houses and online at www.beaufortgaa.com. Thank you for supporting our lotto.

**IRELAND LIGHTS UP**

Ireland Lights Up is continuing from 6.30pm to 8.30pm week nights in the G.A.A. pitch. Thank you to everybody who took part in Every Step Counts. The participants clocked up nearly 6,000 kilometres from 11th January to 15th February.

**MEMBERSHIP**

Club membership for 2025 is now open. Prices are: Family with 2 Adult family members using gym is €100. Individual gym and Club is €100. Senior player €100. Student €60.

OAP €30 or €60 per couple. Membership can be paid online or by cash. It can be paid on www.foireann.ie or beaufortgaa.clubforce.com/products/membership. For more information, please contact Patie at 087 2515311



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RATHMORE | GNEEVGUILLA PARISH

By Michael O' Mahony

**RATHMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

We would like to welcome our newly elected committee members who were appointed at our AGM last week; Evelyn Murphy, Colm Kelly & Brian Miley. We look forward to working with you throughout the year.

We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our outgoing members John Reen, Mary Hickey, Linda Sheehan, Una Moynihan, & Eoin Lawlor for their dedication, hard work and commitment throughout 2024. They truly went above and beyond, and we are thankful as a community for all they have achieved they will be missed. It is a testament to all involved to see so much work carried out in 2024, it really is great to see such a community effort in Rathmore. Looking forward to the year ahead.

**JOIN IRELANDS FIRST ST PATRICKS DAY PARADE**

Rathmore St Patrick's Day Celebration, Sunday March 9th @2pm.  
Lead by Grand Marshall Danielle O'Leary Rathmore & Kerry Ladies Footballer & Kerry Cmaige. This year's theme - Follow your Dreams.  
Best Overall Float will be awarded the Frank Bluckley Memorial Cup plus prizes for best vintage vehicle, commercial float, best organisation group float, window display, best dressed buggy/pram, agricultural float, best dressed pet! Kindly supported by Kerry County Council and supported by our local businesses

**GNEEVGUILLA LADIES GAA COMMITTEE**

Celebrating 40 years of History, Heritage & Success, Mass of Thanksgiving for the past four decades will be celebrated on Friday February 28th at 7p.m. in The Church of the Holy Rosary, Gneeveguilla followed by refreshments and entertainment in the Club Bar. Everybody welcome to celebrate and honour this huge milestone and share in the memories of the past 40 years

**BIG NEWS!**

The Social Action Group Rathmore are delighted to have been selected as a Main Beneficiary for the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle 2025. Registration opens this Friday 21st February. Please consider cycling for us and help share the news with your family and friends. We would really appreciate your support

**CHURCH GATE COLLECTION**

Knocknagree Kenya The Church gate collection which took place on Saturday 1st February raised €1,075.00 a further €258.35 was donated from Knocknagree Crib donations. A sincere thank you to all.

**FUNDRAISER**

On the night of the 2nd of February 2025 a devastating fire ripped through the home of Derry origin from Rathmore, Derry & Linda Linehan, Killaha, Glenflesk, Killarney and their two daughters Lucy and Rose. Thankfully the family escaped injury but their home and all their belongings have been destroyed. As a community we all want to help them to rebuild their house in the hope that they can return to Killaha again hopefully by Christmas time. Every little bit will help [https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-the-lenihans-to-rebuild-their-house?attribution\\_id=sl:047e8217-6bb7-499f-98c1-10fba1de9ad3&lang=en\\_GB&utm\\_campaign=fp\\_sharesheet&utm\\_content=amp13\\_t1&utm\\_medium=customer&utm\\_source=native\\_options&sfnsn=wa](https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-the-lenihans-to-rebuild-their-house?attribution_id=sl:047e8217-6bb7-499f-98c1-10fba1de9ad3&lang=en_GB&utm_campaign=fp_sharesheet&utm_content=amp13_t1&utm_medium=customer&utm_source=native_options&sfnsn=wa)

**SYMPATHIES** to Chris, Timmy & Patsy Sheehan & their families on the death of their mother Eileen Sheehan (nee Fleming), Gneeveguilla Village, to her sister Kathleen, her brothers Liam, David, Oliver and Ray & extended family. Eileens funeral took place in Gneeveguilla on Friday 7th February.



Students from Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra who are preparing for their performance of 'Belle' in SPSL, Rathmore. The event will take place on Wednesday the 26th and Thursday the 27th and it is directed by Rebecca Stryker the school's music teacher. Doors open at 7pm with the show starting at 7.30pm. Tickets €15 for Adults and €10 for Children and OAP's are available at the school office.

To Caroline & Con Murphy & family on the death of Carolines mother Mary Roland whose funeral took place in Mayo on Sat 8th February. May Eileen & Mary rest in peace

**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 €207 and the winner was Saoirse Dillane. 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.

**SCHOOL MUSICAL**

Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra is delighted to announce its upcoming school musical, Belle, which will take place on Wednesday, February 26th, and Thursday, February 27th. Doors open at 7:00 PM, with the show starting promptly at 7:30 PM. Tickets are €15 (Adult) | €10 (Student/Child/Senior Citizen) – Tickets are available now from the school office. This is our main fundraiser for 2025, and we welcome all support through programme advertisements (€100 full-page, €50 half-page – deadline Weds 19th Feb) or spot prize donations. All sponsors will be acknowledged and mentioned during the event. For more details, contact norma.aherne@spslrathmore.ie or aisling.kelly@spslrathmore.ie. Thank you for your support

**YOGA CLASSES** have restarted in Teach Iosagain on Friday evenings 6.45pm – 7.45pm. Yoga for girls aged 6 -11 every Thur from 6pm in the Boherbue GAA Club. Contact Simon: 087 3379121

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**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

**ACADEMY**

Just under 2 weeks to go until the return of our fun and popular academy! Returning Saturday 1st March, our academy is open to boys and girls from 3+ years. We focus on developing fundamental movement skills in a fun, supportive environment. We offer free membership for U5s & U6s, making it even easier to get involved! At Spa GAA, we pride ourselves on being a friendly, inclusive club where every child feels welcome.

**2025 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN**

Registration is available on the Spa website via Clubforce or on foireann.ie. Deirdre and Ger will also be in Spa every Monday night for the next few weeks from 7.30-8.30pm to assist with registration for the coming year. NOTE all gym fobs will be deactivated as of 31st January. These will be

reactivated after membership for the coming year is confirmed.

**SENIOR LADIES**

Recruiting players for 2025, from U17 upwards. Spa Ladies welcomes all players new to the area and former members too. Contact Emma Daly on 086-3632461 for more information, come join and be part of our great community spirit.


**EAST KERRY LEAGUE**

Our senior men will play Listry in Spa on Sunday 23rd February at 1pm (please keep an eye out on social media for any fixture changes)

**NOTES**


Any items for our notes please contact Leanne 085-7762411





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By Dermot Cronin, **Financial Advisor**



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**If you require any further information on the above or any other matter you can contact Dermot Cronin at [dermotcroninifa@gmail.com](mailto:dermotcroninifa@gmail.com) or 0646622775 or 0872893649.**

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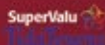
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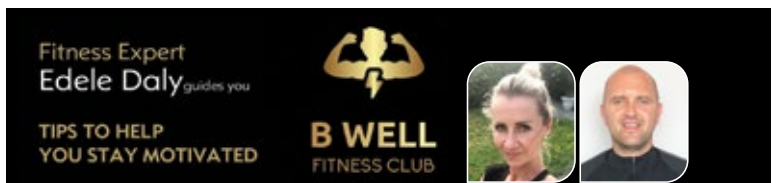
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## UNDERSTANDING MACRONUTRIENTS AND THEIR ROLE IN FITNESS

### Introduction

When embarking on a fitness journey, understanding the fuel that powers your body is crucial. One of the most essential aspects of nutrition is macronutrients. These are the nutrients that provide us with energy, support growth, and enable optimal bodily functions. The three primary macronutrients are carbohydrates, proteins, and fats. Each plays a unique and vital role in our health and performance, making it essential to grasp their functions and how to balance them in your diet according to your fitness goals.

### The Role of Each Macronutrient

Carbohydrates are often referred to as the body's primary energy source. When consumed, they are broken down into glucose, which your muscles and brain utilize for energy.

For anyone engaging in regular exercise, especially high-intensity workouts, carbohydrates are crucial. They act like fuel for your workouts, allowing you to perform at your best. The two main types of carbohydrates are simple and complex. While simple carbs provide quick energy—think fruits and sugary snacks—complex carbs like whole grains, legumes, and vegetables offer sustained energy, making them essential for pre-workout meals.

Protein is primarily known for its role in muscle repair and growth. This macronutrient is made up of amino acids, which are the building blocks of muscle tissue. After an intense workout, your muscles undergo stress and tiny tears, and it's protein that aids in repairing that damage.

For those focused on building muscle or recovering from workouts, ensuring an adequate protein intake is vital. This can come from various sources, such as lean meats, dairy, eggs, plant-based proteins, and supplements if necessary. A good benchmark is to aim for 1.2 to 2.0 grams of protein per kilogram of body weight, depending on your activity level and fitness goals. *(continued next week)*



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Robert Keane Chairperson and Kay O'Leary Treasurer of Kilcummin Community Alert presenting a cheque for € 500 to Chairperson Katie Fleming of Kilcummin Community Care. Also in picture is committee members Mary Doyle, Eileen O'Sullivan, Noreen Fleming, Eileen Greaney, Margaret Cronin, Theresa O'Leary, Joan Burke, Anne McSweeney and Marian Keane.



# Kerry Traffic On the Agenda

A radical approach needs to be taken with regard to traffic solutions for Killarney and the county of Kerry as a whole, if we are to ensure that we do not get the name for snarled up traffic congestion, according to Fianna Fáil TD, Michael Cahill.

"Obviously, the provision of the Killarney to Farranfore Bypass is vital as the centrepiece of the entire plan, to give options to drivers who are going about their business in Kerry. But there is so much more that must be done, I feel Planning for new access points within Killarney town itself and on the existing Bypass there, need to be moved on urgently and a host of smaller projects should also be brought on board, to ensure we get this right" stated Deputy Cahill.

"Projects such as a pedestrian access within the

joint campus of the Train and Bus Stations in Killarney, and the relocation of the Farranfore Railway Station closer to Kerry Airport are but two of a host of possibilities" said the Rossbeigh TD.

"Another crossing of the Laune River at Killorglin to cater for the enormous amount of traffic, both private and commercial that enters and exits South Kerry/Iveragh on a daily basis. The Listowel Bypass was recently completed to complement the works done in Tralee in recent years. Now it is time to deliver the full project on the N86 Dingle to Tralee Road and to open up Killarney to Farranfore and also South Kerry with a modern road network. I also believe that a high-rise carpark must now be looked at in Killarney.

"The Ring of Kerry road is 70% substandard and

requires major, urgent investment, the road and footpaths going through Cahersiveen town are in a shocking condition and this is why I have already raised these important matters in Dáil Éireann" stated Kerry's newest TD.

"All of our road bridges, the likes of Listry Bridge, Caragh Bridge, the S Shaped Bridge at Glenbeigh National School and many more around the county, were built in a different era, without articulated trucks and large coaches and need to be upgraded to two lane carriageways with access for cyclists and pedestrians. This is why I already raised these important matters in Dáil Éireann There is a large job of work to be done" added Michael Cahill TD.

## Tralee to Dublin train still without catering services - Pa Daly TD



Sinn Féin TD for Kerry, Pa Daly, has called on the government, Irish Rail and the National Transport Authority to urgently restore catering services on the Tralee to Dublin rail service.

Commenting on a response he received from Irish Rail in response to a question posed to the Minister for Transport, the Sinn Féin spokesperson for Transport said:

"Commuters on the Tralee to Dublin service are forced to wait four long hours without any access to catering services.

"Despite assurances that the issue would be resolved and a tender would be awarded in 'early 2024', the food trolley has yet to return. This was only ever supposed to be a temporary suspension during Covid when passenger numbers dipped.

"Passenger numbers have increased significantly since then.

"A service without any catering was never meant to be the 'new normal' but I suppose that's the type of

service level people have come to expect from Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael.

"According to the response I received from Irish Rail, little progress has been made. Although the tendering progress is supposedly in its advanced stages, the National Transport Authority has yet to reach a funding decision.

"Without a funding decision, the contract cannot be awarded. And as a result, the service remains absent.

"Many elderly people use this service to travel to Dublin for treatments and medical appointments.

"The least they can expect is to be able to buy a sandwich and a cup of tea.

"I have written to the Minister and the NTA to seek clarity on this issue and to provide a timeline for restoration.

"With three government supporting TDs representing the people of Kerry, I hope this can be resolved urgently."

## OUTCOME OF REVIEW ON MEANS TESTING FOR CARERS IN THE COMING WEEKS - CAHILL

Local Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry, Deputy Michael Cahill has said that he has been informed that there will be an outcome of a review on the means testing for Carers in the coming weeks. Deputy Cahill was informed by the Minister for Social Protection Dara Calleary that an Interdepartmental Working Group with the Department of Health and the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth was established last year to examine and review the system of means testing for carer payments.

Speaking on the matter Deputy Cahill said: "I received an update in relation to the means testing for Carers. I know this is a very topical issue for many of my constituents.

"Minister Calleary informed me that there has been an Interdepartmental Working Group set up with the Department of Health, and Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth. He said the Department of Social Protection are chairing the group", he stated.

As part of Budget 2025, the weekly income disregard will increase from €450 to €625 for a single person, and from €900 to €1,250 for carers with a spouse/partner.

Deputy Cahill has said he is glad that there is movement on the issue of the means test for carers, and that he looks forward to hearing the findings that come from the Working Group.

"Fianna Fáil has outlined in the Programme for Government a timeline which commits to significantly increasing the income disregards for Carer's Allowance in each Budget with a view to phasing out the means test during the lifetime of the Government.

"I look forward to hearing the findings that the Working Group come to as they assess the means testing and hopefully means testing will be phased out sooner rather than later," concluded Deputy Cahill.

## Roads Funding Welcomed

Deputy Danny Healy Rae has welcomed the announcement of funding of €33,360,450 for roads in Kerry today.

This includes funding for roads resurfacing and bridge rehabilitation works. This is part of an investment programme of €713 million for regional and local roads throughout the country in 2025.





# DANNY HEALY-RAE TD



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8.15 PM	Top of the Hill, Rathmore	7.30 PM	River Island Hotel, Castleisland
8.30 PM	Bridge Bar, Rathmore	8.00 PM	The Kingdom Bar, Castleisland
9.00 PM	Dennehy's Bar, Rathmore	8.15 PM	The Crown Hotel, Castleisland
9.30 PM	Richie McAuliffe's, Gneeveguilla	9.00 PM	Hughes Bar, Cordal
<b>1st Wednesday</b>	<b>Killarney Area</b>	9.30 PM	Lyon's Bar, Scartaglen
8.00 PM	Torc Hotel, Lissivigeen	<b>4th Thursday</b>	<b>Killorglin Area</b>
8.30 PM	The Village Inn, Kilcummin	7:00 PM	Golden Nugget, Fossa
9.00 PM	Old Killarney Inn, Aghadoe	7.30 PM	Galvin's Bar, Beaufort
9.30 PM	The Golden Nugget, Fossa	8:15 PM	O'Grady's Bar, Killorglin
<b>1st Thursday</b>	<b>Glenflesk &amp; Barraduff</b>	8.45 PM	Larkin's Bar, Milltown
8.30 PM	The Kerry Way, Glenflesk	9.15 PM	Griffins Bar, Castlemaine
9.00 PM	Spillane's Headford	9.45 PM	Anvil Bar, Boolteens
9.30 PM	Murphy's Bar, Barraduff	<b>4th Friday</b>	<b>Kenmare &amp; Sneem Area</b>
10:00 PM	Sweeney's Bar, Barraduff	8.30 PM	The Roughty bar, Kenmare
<b>1st Friday</b>	<b>Tuosist &amp; Lauragh</b>	9.30 PM	Riney's Bar, Sneem
9.30 PM	Sailors Bar, Killaha West	10.00 PM	Blackwater Tavern
10:00 PM	Helen's Bar Kilmacalogue	10.45 PM	O'Connor's Bar Kenmare
10:30 PM	The Lake House Tuosist	<b>Last Monday</b>	<b>Farranfore Area</b>
<b>3rd Monday</b>	<b>Knocknagoshel &amp; Brosna</b>	8:00 PM	Ulick's Bar, Farranfore
8.30 PM	O'Connor's Bar, Knocknagoshel	8:30 PM	James Daly's Bar, Farranfore
9.00 PM	Walsh's Bar, Knocknagoshel	9:00 PM	Cunniffe's Bar, Currow
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## KILLARNEY SWIMMING CLUB

The Community Games County Swimming Finals was held in Mallow on Sunday. Swimmers represented their community games areas for this event.

Congratulations to those who qualified for Community Games National Swimming Finals. They will represent Kerry in July in Kilkenny.

Evan O'Donoghue U14 Fly (Spa Muckross)  
Reece O'Donoghue U12 Back (Spa Muckross)  
Cora Sheehan U12 Free (Beaufort)

Well done to all the Killarney Swimming Club Swimmers who represented their community games areas. All had excellent swims and plenty of medals to take home!

## MUCKROSS ROWING CLUB

### CORK HOR

The club is gearing up for its second competitive event of the calendar year this weekend. The annual Cork Head Of the River time trial is scheduled for this Saturday, February 22nd at Cork's city marina. It will be the first staging of the Cork HOR since the completion of the recently upgraded Marine promenade, which will greatly enhance facilities for spectators. Timing will take place over six fixed Head events as well as rolling time trial windows. Timing starts with Head 1 at 9.30am and final timing before 4pm. Muckross RC has 32 crews entered from Junior 14 up to Masters, best of luck to all competing!

### MUCKROSS LOTTO

The Muckross Lottery jackpot has climbed to a €10,000 high following a lengthy rollover. The next draw will take place on Saturday, February 22nd, with play for this week closing at 8.30pm on Saturday night. Tickets can be purchased at Hegarty's Service Station, Muckross Road or online. Details of online purchase are available on the club's social media pages. Find us on Facebook and Instagram. A recurring weekly ticket can be purchased for just €2. Minimum online play for a single week is 3 tickets for €5. All support appreciated.

### EVENTS

The High Performance water trials for 2024/25 continue to be severely impacted by wind, with another postponement of national trials



Cora Sheehan will represent Kerry at the National Finals. Pictured with brother Dara Sheehan.

recently from February to March. Skibbereen Head Of the River (rescheduled), Sunday, March 9th, River Ilen, Skibbereen; Shandon HOR, Saturday, March 22nd, Cork Marina.

## SPA /MUCKROSS COMMUNITY

### GAMES

Spa Muckross came away with 10 individual medals at the County Swimming Finals in Mallow on Sunday and all 3 relay teams also achieved medals.

Evan O'Donoghue took gold in the U14 50m Fly and will represent Kerry at the Community Games National Swimming Finals in July.

Reece O'Donoghue took gold in the U12 Back and will also represent Kerry in July.

The U13 Relay Team of Reece O'Donoghue, Colin Murphy, Adam Tomlinson & Daniel Cremin won the gold and will represent Kerry in July.

### RESULTS

1st Evan O'Donoghue U14 Fly, 1st Reece O'Donoghue U12 Back, 2nd Orlaith Mackey U16 Back, 2nd Aoife Coffey U14 Back, 2nd Aoibhín Heinemann U14 Fly, 3rd Shane Tomlinson U16 Free, 3rd Zarah Tomlinson U14 Free, 3rd Daniel Cremin U14 Back, 3rd Ryan Tomlinson U10 Free, 3rd Adam Tomlinson U12 Back, Erica Moloney U14 Free.

1st Boys U13 Relay - Adam Tomlinson, Colin Murphy, Daniel Cremin & Reece O'Donoghue

2nd Boys U16 Relay - Shane Tomlinson, Evan O'Donoghue, Pdraig Quill & Cian Hegarty

4th Girls U16 Relay - Aoife Coffey, Orlaith Mackey, Aoibhín Heinemann & Leah Heinemann

## FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB

### RESULTS FOR 13TH FEBRUARY

N/S

1st: Finola Spillane & Ger Foley

2nd: Conor Dwyer & Ger McSweeney

3rd: Marie Moloney & Joan Lenihan

E/W

1st: Peggy Barrett & Maire O'Sullivan

2nd: Maura B Moynihan & Margaret O'Sullivan

3rd: Evelyn O'Leary & Mary Gleeson

Congratulations and well done.

Bridge continues every Thursday morning at 10am at The Killarney Golf & Fishing Club



Evan and Reece O'Donoghue will represent Kerry at the National Finals.

## FOSSA ROWING CLUB

Fossa Rowing Club will hold their Annual General Meeting tonight, Friday the 21st of February in the Old Church, Fossa at 8pm.

All members, patrons, parents and sponsors welcome. We hope to see you there!

## KILLARNEY VALLEY ATHLETIC

### CLUB

The Kerry County Roads were last Sunday in Kilmoyley. Conor Kissane was 1st home and took home the Tadhg Crowley Cup and our Senior Team which included Conor, Brendan Joy, Paul Doolan and Donald O'Sullivan were 1st Senior Team.

Noel Rice was 2nd in the O35 category and together with Derek Pyne and Patrick Kissane were 3rd Masters O35 Team.

Conor Crowley was 1st in the Novice category. Grace O'Meara was 2nd in the Junior women and along with Dara McCarthy and Kate McCann were 1st Junior women Team home.

The Munster Indoor Juvenile Championships were held in Nenagh last weekend. From our Pole Vaulters, we had Sinead Coleman win Gold and Teagan Lyne, silver in the U13 Girls.

Elle Fleury came 3rd in the U15 and Daniel Smith won Gold in the U14 Boys. Daibheid O'Regan came 2nd in the U18 Pole Vault and Finn Moloney came 2nd in the U17 Pole Vault.

Our U15 Girls Elle Fleury, Emma Hayes Ryan, Ellie O'Sullivan and Elsie O'Doherty came 3rd in the 4x200m Relay. Katie O'Sullivan came 1st in the U16 High Jump (1.45).

Antonya Lejwoda came 2nd in the U17 Triple Jump. Ellie O'Shea came 3rd in the U18 Triple Jump. Babatunde Smith came 1st in the U16 60mH and 2nd in the High Jump (1.75m).

David Watson came 1st in the U17 High Jump (1.70m). Dominik Wasila came 1st in the U18 Long Jump (5.95m). Kieran Moloney came 1st in the U15 Shot Put (13.13).

Mollie O'Riordan came 1st in the U19 800m and 3rd in the 400m.

Our Easter Camp will run 22-25th April and is now open for bookings on our website.

All relevant information on our club is on our website [www.killarneyvalleyac.ie](http://www.killarneyvalleyac.ie).




Spa Muckross Community Games: Cian Hegarty, Shane Tomlinson, Pdraig Quill, Orlaith Mackey, Aoife Coffey, Aoibhinn Heinemann, Zarah Tomlinson, Colin Murphy, Daniel Cremin Evan O'Donoghue, Adam Tomlinson, Reece O'Donoghue and Leah Heinemann. (Missing from photo Erica Moloney and Ryan Tomlinson).



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**KILLARNEY COUGARS BASKETBALL CLUB**

A busy week for the Juveniles with a good number of home & away games.

**JUVENILE NEWS**

**U16 KERRY BOYS LEAGUE DIV I.**

**Killarney Cougars 73 St Paul's 32**

The Cougars led this game all through with a strong first quarter setting the team on the road to a good win with a complete team performance and a good spread of scores throughout the team led by Adam Galvin, Luke Foley, Conor Lynch, Callum Cox, Dara McKenna and Darragh Doyle.

**U14 KERRY GIRLS PLATE**

**Killarney Cougars 31 St Colman's 22**

An exciting game at the Nagle Rice Community Centre saw the Cougars come out on top with a strong performance against a determined St Colman's who ensured the Cougars needed good performances from Regan O'Shea, Emma Moynihan, Doireann O'Connor, Maria Avila, Aoife Coffey, Mia Cox, Avery Lemass and Elisa Mosca. A trip to Gneeveguilla in the Semi final awaits the Cougars.

**U11 KERRY GIRLS LEAGUE**

**Killarney Cougars 21 Chorca Dhuibhne 19**

A good contest with Cougars burst of scoring in the third quarter proving decisive. Good performances on this occasion by Kate Doolan, Chloe O'Sullivan, Chloe Nott, Belle Fogarty, Éadoin Collins.

**SENIOR NEWS**

**BASKETBALL IRELAND NATIONAL LEAGUE DIV 1**

**Limerick Sport Eagles 94 Killarney Cougars 82**  
Top Scorers



*Killarney Cougars National League Division 1 versus Limerick Sport Eagles.*



*Killarney Cougars U11 Girls versus Chorca Dhuibhne*

**KILLARNEY VALLEY AC STRIKE 8 GOLD MEDALS at the Munster indoor athletics championships**

It was a weekend to remember for Killarney valley ac at the Munster juvenile indoor championships!

The athletes have delivered 8 gold medals and 16 podium finishes across multiple events.

The medallists include the new rising star athlete Tunde Smith who won gold in the u/15 60m hurdles and back from the Boston international event, Mollie O'Riordan who claimed the u/19 800m.

What impressed most was the array of disciplines that the club demonstrated and achieved success in also. Not only did 16 athletes make the podium but many other athletes set new personal bests and a sign of the superb development and coaching under the team at the Killarney valley ac arena.

The list of 8 gold medallists include:

- Mollie O'Riordan u/19 800m
- David Watson u/17 High jump
- Dominik Wasila u/long jump
- Kate O'Sullivan u/15 High jump
- Kieran Moloney u/15 shot putt
- Tunde Smith u/15 60m hurdles
- Sinead Coleman u/13 pole vault

Daniel Smith u/13 pole vault

Not to be outshone the road racing team shone brightly at the Kerry county 5k road racing championships held in Kilmoyley on Sunday also.

The senior men's team won the county road racing title for 2025.

Conor Kissane won the senior race and received the Tadhg Crowley memorial cup from Teresa Walker the chairperson of Kerry athletics on behalf of the team which included Paul Dolan, Donald O'Sullivan and Brendan Joy.

Junior female winner Grace O'Meara lead the Killarney valley junior women's team home to success also, the team also included Dara Mccarthy and Kate McCann.

Next weekend members of Killarney valley ac will be at the NIA (national indoor arena) in abbots-town in Dublin for the national indoor track and field championships.

International star athlete Sarah Leahy will be lining up for the title of women's indoor 60m champion.



*Conor Kissane won the senior race and received the Tadhg Crowley memorial cup from Teresa Walker the chairperson of Kerry athletics on behalf of the team which included Paul Dolan, Donald O'Sullivan and Brendan Joy.*



*Tunde Smith u/15 60m hurdles*





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## EVAN DONATES DEFIBRILLATOR TO KILLARNEY COMMUNITY

*Local schoolboy wins life-saving equipment in competition run by CRITICAL*

A 12-YEAR OLD BOY FROM KILLARNEY HAS WON A DEFIBRILLATOR FROM THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE CHARITY CRITICAL, WHICH HE HAS DONATED TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

Evan Mulhern, from Killarney in County Kerry, has won an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) in the charity's CFR awareness competition at last year's National Ploughing championships.

The 12 year old has decided to place the



*Pictured from left to right: Donie Lucey, Fundraising Support Officer with CRITICAL, Evan Mulhern, AED Winner and Gordon Hayes, CEO at Hayes First Aid*

AED in The Reeks Gateway, Killarney which is near the shopping centre with a number of apartments nearby. Having an AED in such a busy location will have a significant impact on the Killarney community.

CRITICAL, whose mission is to save lives through a network of volunteer emergency medical responders, had a stand at the National Ploughing Championships last year where volunteers spoke to people with concerns around farm safety or mental health. The defibrillator for a community competition aimed to raise awareness about the importance of AEDs in saving lives during emergencies like sudden cardiac arrest.

Evan said: "We had a first aid class in school a few weeks before the Ploughing Championships. I was interested in it and stopped at the Critical stand when I saw the CPR demonstrations and wanted to try it out for myself. CPR and AEDs are very important in the community because they save lives."

Having access to an AED enables the community to be better equipped to help save lives and promote a safer environment in the community.

CRITICAL CEO David Tighe said: "We are thrilled to see young individuals like Evan taking an active interest in emergency readiness and safety. Evan serves as an inspiration to others,

demonstrating the importance of awareness and preparedness in emergency situations. CRITICAL is proud to support his efforts and we encourage the community to follow his lead in promoting safety and well-being.

"I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank Hayes First Aid for the generous donation of the Automated External Defibrillator. We value their partnership and look forward to continuing our work together."

Last year, CRITICAL reported a 45% increase in the number of calls made to them. The charity is now operational in 25 counties and responded to 1,308 taskings, where a volunteer responded to an emergency 999 call which included chest pain, stroke, cardiac and respiratory arrest, falls and road traffic collisions.

CRITICAL's network of doctors and community first responders work closely with the National Ambulance Service and are tasked to care for the sickest and most seriously injured patients. To continue to provide its life-saving services, the charity depends on donations from the public. Anyone wishing to support CRITICAL and make a donation can visit <https://criticalcharity.ie/>





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## **SCOTTS LAKERS 63** **LIMERICK CELTICS 75**

*Report by Enda Walshe*

It took a virtuoso performance from Ariyon Williams for the Limerick Celtics to help maintain his side's incredible 100% record in the Men's Basketball League. The diminutive guard poured in 40 points and each one of them was needed as Scotts Lakers put up a huge battle in this Valentines Night clash. The all conquering Treaty Men have swept all before them, averaging 97 points per game and a 24 point winning margin. Coach Manuel Suarez will only have been disappointed by the result as it would be hard to find a fault with the effort and performance.

They succeeded in holding the free scoring Celtics to just 34 points in the opening half and by game's end they had clocked up their lowest total of the season. Defensively they held the treble scoring threat of Finn Hughes, Abdul Wurie and Chima Obikwelu to just 21 points but they just found Williams just too hot to handle. They did so without the influential Eoin Carroll, Jack O Sullivan and John Hughes who were unavailable due to University Basketball in Limerick earlier in the day. But in their absence the likes of Darragh O Callaghan, Jamie O Sullivan and Oisin Spring really stood up to the plate, contributing to the scoreboard and defending ferociously.

Darragh O Callaghans commitment all season was rewarded with a starting berth alongside Mark Sheehan who cut short his involvement in Limerick to line out. Alongside Mikah Blackwell, Darnell Snyers and Abdul Oladipupo they set to their task early with the Celtics relying on the accuracy of Eoghan Donaghy and Ariyon Williams from outside. Sheehan and Blackwell got the Lakers up and running but had to be vigilant to limit the threat of Abdul Wurie and Chima Obikwelu. That duo started well but strong defence in the paint gave the home side energy, something Darnell Snyers and Blackwell tapped into to grab the lead at 13-12. Oisin Spring stretched it to three with a breakaway basket but Williams and Donaghy finished the quarter as they started it to give their side a slender 16-15 lead.

Blackwell and Sheehan answered Williams' free throws to again take the lead but a Wurie scoring burst gave his side the advantage. Cian Gleeson and Martin Frawley climbed off the Celtics bench to both hit threes and open up an eight point gap but Sheehan and Jamie O'Sullivan were quick to respond. The Lakers defence continued to stifle the Celtics offence but found it hard to cash in at the other end. But their spirit kept them in the fight and with a nine point deficit at half time, 34-25, they still had their foot in the door.

The Lakers would have targeted a fast start to the third quarter and Blackwell supplied



*Mark Sheehan makes a shot under pressure from Eoghan Donaghy*



*Coach Manuel Suarez chats to his Scotts Lakers team.*

that with early buckets. Williams was causing problems cutting to the basket, cashing in from the free throw line but Oladipupo cut the gap to five, 38-33 early doors. Williams' threat was still strong but Snyers and Blackwell kept the Lakers in tow, the latter profiting from a big rebound from O Callaghan. O Callaghan followed that work up with a basket of his own with Oladipupo again striking. Vadjikiba Dosso gave Williams some scoring support but Rui Saravia and Snyers made sure the Celtics were still in sight heading down the stretch. Blackwell went to work on whittling down the ten point lead, netting twice to cut the gap to six. Williams hit one from downtown but Saravia and Jamie O Sullivan struck back. The exchanges under the basket were physical all night long but the Lakers effort did not wilt. But every time they came within touching distance of the Celtics Williams inevitably had the answer. Finn Hughes gave his team a ten point lead which Blackwell paired back to seven. The Celtics eventually gave themselves some daylight with Hughes picking up the baton from Williams. Snyers kept the Celtics honest right till the end and although the final score would see the Celtics 75-63 to the good, the home side certainly died with their boots

on. If they continue to carry this fight to the end of the season they'll win more games than they lose.

Mikah Blackwell led the way in scoring with 21 points, Darnell Snyers had 18, Abdul Oladipupo and Mark Sheehan had 6 each, Jamie O Sullivan and Rui Saravia 4 apiece, Oisin Spring and Darragh O'Callaghan 2 each.

Ariyon Williams was the game MVP with 40 points, Abdul Wurie had 9, Finn Hughes 8 and Eghan Donaghy 5.

The Lakers are at home on the next four Saturday nights, starting with Ulster University at 7.30pm. That is followed by the Killarney Derby on March 1st with Moy Tolka Rovers due on March 8th and Limerick Sport Eagles swooping on Killarney on March 15th.

Additional.Quotes from Scotts Lakers Coach Manuel Suarez

"We have to be really proud, we fought and we tried our best. Of course Ariyon Williams had an amazing performance for the Celtics but he's maybe the best player in the league. It's a loss in the standings but if there is a good way to lose this was it. We battled to the very end."



*Utility Trust St Pauls vs University of Galway  
Mystics Report*

**Womens Superleague Basketball  
Presentation Gym Killarney**

**UTILITY TRUST  
ST PAULS 89  
UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY  
MYSTICS 54**

*Report by Enda Walshe*

Utility Trust St Pauls maintained their push for a play off place with a comfortable win over the University of Galway Mystics. Even without the influence of Alex Wittinger, who was resting a hand injury, they had too much for the Westerners as a flying start laid the foundations for the win. It was their third win in a row and sets up a mouthwatering clash in Portlaoise next weekend. Truth be told James Fleming's side have four cup finals in the coming weeks but they come into the business part of the season in the best possible form.

The dye was cast in the opening quarter as they flew out of the traps and built up an early unassailable lead. Mathilde Diop, Lorraine Scanlon and Gracen Kerr were all in sync from the get go. The opening points of the game were all gleaned from the free throw line and indeed the Mystics were in team foul trouble as early as the fifth minute.

Diop, Scanlon and Kerr all cashed in from the charity stripe to build up a 5-1 lead. The next

phase of the game saw St Pauls really open up with some fast ball movement and it saw Scanlon and Diop at their most prominent. With his team in full flow Fleming rotated his line up with Rheanne O Shea, Siofra O Shea and Lean McMahon helping to keep the tempo high. Kara McClean, Meabh O'Brien and Shannon Cunningham did their utmost to quell the storm but Diop and Lynn Jones finished the quarter with threes to give their side a 28-9 lead.

The Mystics started the second quarter brightly with Lily Hynes supplementing Cunningham but Scanlon snapped that streak. Kerr took centre stage then a nice exchange with Scanlon leading to a three and then taking delivery of a Diop assist to net. Ava McClean made it a sister act for the Mystics but Scanlon and Diop were now dominating. A Siofra O Shea three closed the half with St Pauls 45-25 to the good.

Meabh O'Brien hit an early third quarter three but that only spurred St Pauls on with Scanlon and Rheanne O'Shea profiting. Diop went on to hit two more from downtown and when Captain Dunlea netting they were 57-32 to the good. The McCleans and Cunningham were working hard but could do little in the face of a rampant St Pauls with Kerr, Leah McMahon after a nice spin move and Dunlea all on the mark. Laura Lopez climbed off the Galway bench to good effect but it was now 67-42 as the teams turned for home.

O'Brien hit from downtown at the start of the fourth but with St Pauls rotating their line up the pace of the game didn't let up. Rheanne O'Shea followed up a neat lay up with a three and Leah McMahon was enjoying her return from injury, contributing six points. Lynn Jones

hit another signature three and despite the best efforts of Shannon Cunningham and the McCleans it ended up a routine win for St Pauls, on an 89-54 scoreline.

Speaking after the game Leah McMahon was glad to be back in action. "I missed it when I wasn't playing so I really enjoyed being back on the court. Eventhough I wasn't playing the Killester Cup semi final really hurt but we've been using that hurt since to get our season going."

Lorraine Scanlon, who hit 18 points, acknowledged the importance of the latest win to the squad. "It's great to get everyone out on court, getting to know the plays, and contributing to the scoreboard. The last month has given us great momentum but we must use that between here and the end of the season to make the playoffs."

Next Sunday's trip to Portlaoise is the first of four games which will decide St Pauls playoff fate. Trinity Meteors visit Killarney on the first Saturday in March with the following weekend bringing a trip to the sunny South East and the Waterford Wildcats. The last game of the regular season sees Fr Matthews come to Killarney on March 15th. There is a very congested look to the middle of the league table with those sides knowing that a run of wins can cement your place in the playoff berths.

Scorers.

Gracen Kerr hit 21, Mathilde Diop 20, Lorraine Scanlon 18, Leah McMahon 8, Rheanne O Shea 7, Lynn Jones and Denise Dunlea 6 each and Siofra O Shea 3.

For the Mystics Kara McClean shot 17, Shannon Cunningham had 13, Meabh O'Brien 10 and Ava McClean 6.



Lorraine Scanlon climbs highest under the basket



Rheanne O'Shea scores with a lay up.



**Kerry ETB Teachers Champion Ethos at ETBI Conference**  
(L-R) Laura Mc Larnon Killarney Community College, Pat O'Sullivan Ethos Coordinator, Ann O'Dwyer Director of Schools Youth and Music and Marie O'Riordan, Traveller Support at the ETBI Let's Talk Ethos Symposium 2025 representing Kerry ETB.

The symposium, attended by 200 delegates, delved into the patrons' curricula for ETB schools, including "Goodness Me Goodness You!" and "Identity, Multi-Belief and Values Education (IMBVE)." Dr. Anne Marie Kavanagh from DCU delivered a keynote on the importance of valuing students' identities and backgrounds through the curriculum. Participants also engaged in workshops on anti-racism, classroom conflict, and traveller education.



## KILLARNEY ATHLETIC AFC

### U12 GIRLS SOUTH

#### Killarney Athletic White team 0 - 6 MEK

Athletic U12 faced a tough challenge against a strong MEK side, falling to a 6-0 defeat. MEK started aggressively, applying relentless pressure on the Athletic defense from the opening whistle. Their quick attacking play resulted in three first-half goals, as Athletic struggled to contain their forwards. Despite missing some key players, Athletic put in a great effort and showed resilience throughout the match. In the second half, they worked hard to stay organized and push forward, but MEK continued to press high, forcing turnovers and capitalizing on defensive gaps to add three more goals. While the result didn't go their way, Athletic's determination and commitment were clear until the final whistle.

### U12 GIRLS SOUTH

#### Killarney Athletic Blue Team 0 - 6 Mastergeeha

Athletic U12 put in a brave effort against a strong Mastergeeha side but fell to a 6-0 defeat. Mastergeeha applied heavy pressure from the start, putting the Athletic defense under strain. Despite this, Athletic battled hard, with their goalkeeper making some excellent kick-outs that led to a few promising chances. With only nine players, Athletic showed great determination, working tirelessly to stay in the game. As the match wore on, fatigue set in, but the team never gave up, fighting until the final whistle. It was a tough result, but Athletic can take pride in their effort and resilience.

### U12 BOYS

#### Killarney Athletic B 2 - 0 MEK A

*Daithi Coughlan x1 Jacob Slowakiewiz x1*

The under 12 boys welcomed MEK to Woodlawn today in an early start at 9:30 am. MEK started the brighter playing very good football for the first five or so minutes the Athletic boys were up against it but they stood up and after weathering the storm they really started to gain a foot hold and from there on had great control of the game. The first goal was outstanding from Daithi Coughlan he cut out a ball from the goal keeper and ran straight for goal and buried it in the bottom corner a fantastic individual effort. The second goal came with a minute left in the first half Donncha Slattery crossing in a lovely ball that was finished brilliantly by Jacob Slowakiewiz. The second half Athletic

controlled the game unlucky not to score more. It was a good day out for the boys the second win in a row they are playing very good football. We would like to thank MEK for a great game they were unlucky on a few occasions. We would also like to thank the Ref who had a fantastic game.

### U16 TUCKER SHIELD

#### Killarney Athletic 1-3 Ballyhar

*Brendan McHugh x1*

The blues welcomed division 1 side Ballyhar to Woodlawn today. Ballyhar started well and opened the scoring inside the opening 15 minutes but this didn't phase our boys as they pushed on and created some chances. The best chance of the half coming from James which was brilliantly saved by their keeper. The boys kept their discipline and defended brilliantly but the away side kept pushing and got 2 goals in quick succession, with 1 from the spot before half time. The boys showed great resilience and knew the game wasn't over yet and were arguably the better side in the second half with ballyhars keeper pulling off some more great saves. The boys finally got their goal as Brendan got to the ball quickest after Nikita's saved shot. The boys now head into the trophy in an attempt to end the season with some silverware. Thanks to ballyhar for a sporting game

### U14 PREMIER RESULT

#### Listowel Celtic 0 - 2 Killarney Athletic

*Sean Quill x1 Max Moynihan x1*

We made the long trip north to Listowel this afternoon to play our final league game in phase one of the league.

A tight affair in the first half saw us creating chances but unable to break down the stubborn Listowel defence who were always dangerous on the counter. All square at the break. Second half, Listowel started to get a foothold in the game and started to cause us a few problems. With listowel attacking, the ball broke to Sean Quill who took off down the left flank, beating a couple of players making it to the by line and caught everyone by surprise when he drilled a shot to the near post that found its way into the goal. With Listowel pushing on to find an equaliser, great defensive play from Patrick Mac Sweeney who headed clear to Sean Quill, who turned and played a lovely pass to put Max Moynihan through on goal. Max made no mistake from inside the penalty area finishing low into the goal.

We managed to see out the remainder of the game to secure the 3 points. Thanks to Listowel for good, sporting game

Thanks to the referee for a good game After today's result. We are sitting top of the table bit there is still a lot of football to be played in the second phase of the league! A very solid performance from all the squad today. Well done lads.

## KILLARNEY CELTIC

### CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 3,19,23,25. No jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €50. Next jackpot €15,000 on Monday February 24th. 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.

### U16 TUCKER KELLY

#### Killarney Celtic B 1-3 MEK A

*Tobias Iheme*

Celtic led but MEK were level by half time and MEK gained the advantage in the 2nd half to run out winners.

### U14 PREMIER

#### St Brendan's Park 5-0 Killarney Celtic

Celtic started brightly but fell behind to a great strike from the Park player. In the 2nd half Celtic tried hard to come back but Park were able to draw clear and take the win.

### U14 DIV 2

#### Mastergeeha B 1-5 Killarney Celtic B

*Jack Kissane 2, Eoin Murphy 2, OG*

Celtic got off to a good start when Jack Kissane netted but Mastergeeha rallied to level. 1-1 at half time. Celtic gained the initiative when a Cathal O Donovan cross was turned into the net. Eoin Murphy put Celtic clear with 2 more goals before Jack Kissane finished the scoring to leave Celtic B winners on the day.

### U12 DIV 1

#### Killarney Celtic White won away to Camp

*Conor Bartlett, Eryk McGrath, Fionn Murphy, Daragh Carey, Maksym Opala, Luke McMahon, Culann Cronin.*

Celtic White had a clear cut win away to Camp to stay in touch with the leaders in this division. Celtic were clear by half time and they continued to play good football in the 2nd half.



Killarney Celtic B Boys U12 Division 1



Kerry U14 Girls All Ireland Final



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## U12 DIV 2 SOUTH

### Killarney Celtic Hoops 3-3 MEK

Joey Enright, Dwayne Koeller, Cian O'Donnell

Celtic Hoops fought back from 3-0 down to gain a point against MEK. Celtic found themselves 1-0 down at half time and MEK struck twice to be 3up before Joey Enright slotted home a penalty to give Celtic some hope. Dwayne Koelle reduced the deficit and Cian O'Donnell equalised late on for the never say die Celtic team.

**CONGRATS** to Conor Bartlett U12 who made the KSBGL Team of the Week.

**THE CLUB SENDS ITS SINCEREST CONDOLENCES** to the extended Fleming and O'Shea family following the passing of Aine Fleming, to the Mannix family following the recent passing of Bridget, to the Kelliher family following the passing of Eileen.

## KERRY SCHOOLBOY/GIRL SOCCER

### NATIONAL

#### KERRY 14 GIRLS BOOK ALL IRELAND FINAL SPOT

The Kerry U14 Girls have had a hard fought season to date and have earned an All Ireland Final Cup Final against Galway next month. Unbeaten this season, the Kerry Girls have shown their clinical nature, composure and maturity to make it to this stage, and will be chomping at the bit for that decider.

In their semi-final clash with South Belfast, they set the tempo and left Christy Leahy Park with a 4-0 win. It only took five minutes for Kerry to show their hunger in the tie, with Laura Heaphy bellowing the South Belfast net

The lead was doubled minutes later through Ava Harty, and the hosts had built a strong early lead. A lead that grew to 3-0 when Nessa Kirby flashed a shot past the South Belfast keeper. That score remained in place until the break.

While the visitors continued to press, Kerry had all the answers in the second half. And continuing their strong nature in front of goal Eilidh Cregan fired to the net to score the fourth and final goal.

Another strong showing from the entire group laid the foundation for victory. Part of a double header with the 16's Boys against the same opponents, the Boys could not follow suit, losing 1-0 in their quarter final clash.

#### A TOUGH WEEK FOR KERRY TEAMS IN NATIONAL TROPHY ACTION

For the Inter Kenmare U16 Girls, the St Brendan's

Park U12 Boys and the Mastergeeha U14 Boys, it was the end of their National Trophy journey at the weekend, as all three suffered defeats at the last 32 stage.

In the U16 Girls National Trophy Last 32, Inter Kenmare fell to a 3-1 defeat against All Blacks FC. Grace O'Shea got on the scoresheet for the Kerry side, but it wasn't enough to secure the win.

In the U12 Boys National Trophy Last 32, St. Brendan's Park D2 put up a strong fight but were edged out 3-2 by Ballinroad FC. Leo Fitzgibbon and Darragh Counihan found the net for Park. The U14 Boys National Trophy Last 32 saw Mastergeeha suffer a heavy 6-0 defeat against Caherdavin Celtic.

### GIRLS

#### HOME WINS FOR MASTERGEEHA AND CASTLEISLAND IN 13'S PREMIER

It was the ideal weekend for Mastergeeha and Castleisland in the U13's Premier, as the pair both recorded impressive wins on home soil, taking home a much valued three points.

Against fellow title chasers St Brendan's Park, Mastergeeha secured a solid 3-0 victory, with goals from Kaitlin O'Riordan, Eábha Moynihan, and Aoibhinn O'Leary, helping to close the gap to leaders Killarney Celtic.

A third win of the season has moved Castleisland up the rankings, as they put in a strong performance to defeat Listowel Celtic 4-1. Roisin Cronin bagged a brace, while Bella Clifford and Ellie Doyle added one each. Listowel Celtic's lone goal came from Katelyn Joy.

#### FENIT AND DYNAMOS CONTINUE TITLE RACE IN DIVISION 1

While Tralee Dynamos had to pick up a hard earned win over fellow title contenders Camp Juniors, Fenit had a walkover to pick up their seventh straight win of the season. Growing their lead at the summit as a result.

Fenit had a walkover from MEK, while Tralee Dynamos came away with a 3-1 win against Camp, thanks to goals from Izzi Royle, Lucy Wynne, and Leah Duffin.

Elsewhere Ballyhar picked up their second win of the season, also winning by the same 3-1 scoreline away to LB Rovers. Grainne Maher scored for LB Rovers, while Anna Kate Daly and Niamh O'Sullivan got on the scoresheet for Ballyhar, with an own goal adding to their tally.

#### CLINICAL FENIT DELIVER SECONG WIN IN 15'S PREMIER

Another clinical performance saw Fenit pick up three points this season, as they had too much

firepower against Castleisland.

The hosts managed a 4-0 win in the end, with goals from Abi Kearney (2), Fiadh Nelan, and Erin Hart, securing the three points. Elsewhere in the Division, Dingle picked up their first win of the season with a walkover from Listowel Celtic.

### BOYS

#### DINGLE PICK UP FIRST WIN IN 12'S PREMIER

Dingle are off the mark in the U12 Boys Premier, following a week of exciting closely fought games and plenty of goals. Iveragh, Killarney Athletic and Listowel Celtic also picked up points at the weekend.

Dingle secured a narrow 1-0 victory over Mastergeeha, with Noah Eadie netting the only goal of the game.

A late strike from Robbie O'Sullivan saw Iveragh claim a 2-1 win away to Castleisland. O'Sullivan put the visitors ahead as they took the narrow 1-0 lead to the break. Pdraig Flynn was on target for Castleisland to equalise early in the second half. With time running out O'Sullivan took possession and fired a shot from 20 yards out that nestled in the top corner of the net to ensure the points.

Killarney Athletic were at their clinical best to defeat Camp on home soil with a 7-1 victory. Darragh O'Toole and Harry Randles both struck twice, while Trey Hurley, Riain O'Reilly, and Joe O'Shea also got their names on the scoresheet.

Listowel Celtic put on an impressive display, defeating Killorglin 5-1 away from home. Sean Kissane led the way with a brace, while Peter Hayes, Jamie Doyle, and Mark Mulvihill each added a goal.

#### MASTERGEEHA GAIN GROUND IN DIVISION 2 SOUTH TITLE RACE

After an exciting weekend of closely fought contests and plenty of goals, Mastergeeha were the big winners in the title race, as they defeated fellow title chasers Castleisland, while MEK drew away to Killarney Celtic.

Mastergeeha C edged past Castleisland B 2-1, thanks to a brace from Oliver Stazhoiwak, while Jaden Roche was on target for Castleisland. Killarney Celtic C and MEK B played out an entertaining 3-3 draw. Jack Enright, Dwayne Koeller, and Cian O'Connell found the net for Celtic, while Mally Spillane, Ryan Ferris, and Paddy Quirke got the goals for MEK.

Elsewhere Castlemaine claimed a 2-0 victory over Killarney Athletic B, with Kieran Sheehan netting both goals.

#### ATHLETIC EXTEND LEAD AT SUMMIT OF 14'S



Killarney Celtic U12 Hoops vs MEK



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u12 A squad who defeated St Brendans park B away on Saturday last in Division 1 of the Kerry schoolboy league.





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**PREMIER**

Defeating one of their title rivals in Listowel Celtic, Killarney Athletic have moved further clear in the race for silverware, while Park and Killorglin also succeed wins at the weekend.

Killarney Athletic secured a solid 2-0 win over Listowel Celtic, thanks to goals from Sean Quill and Max Moynihan. Killorglin edged out Inter Kenmare in a thrilling 4-3 victory, with goals from Luke Clifford, Cian McGillicuddy, Daithi O'Sullivan, and Mikey Cooper.

Elsewhere St. Brendan's Park had a high scoring win over Killarney Celtic with a 5-0 scoreline in Christy Leahy Park, featuring a brace from Blake Bowler and goals from Daniel Diggins and Kypras Mocus.

**U16 TUCKER KELLY COMPETITION GETS UNDERWAY**

In addition to the Tucker Kelly Cup and Shield, a third competition has been added this season, with the Trophy now providing yet more silverware. With the Preliminary Round getting underway at the weekend, teams battled for a spot in the cup, with the losing sides moving into the trophy competition.

MEK A overcame Killarney Celtic B 3-1, with Cade Jameson netting twice and Oisín Walsh also getting on the scoresheet. Tobias Itheme

scored Celtic's only goal. Ballyhar A also won 3-1 against Killarney Athletic B, thanks to goals from Conor Edwards, Ryan Quilter, and Dylan Fitzgerald. Brendan McHugh scored for Athletic. Castleisland put in a clinical performance, defeating Tralee Dynamos B 4-1. Aaron McCarthy led the way with a brace, while Sam McCarthy and Graham West added one each. Castlemaine edged out Iveragh B in an eight-goal thriller, winning 5-3. Evan McKenna struck twice, with Cillian Casey, Donagh Lenihan, and Charlie O'Neill also finding the net.

Mastergeeha B progressed with a strong 4-1 win over LB Rovers, thanks to a standout four-goal performance from Darragh Keane. Cathal Daly scored the only goal for LB Rovers.

**BOYS TEAM OF THE WEEK:**

1. Gavin Sheehan (Ballyhar Dynamos U12)
2. Evan Griffin (Tralee Dynamos U14)
4. Alex O'Riordan (Killorglin U14)
5. Patrick MacSweeney (Killarney Athletic U14)
3. Conor Clifford (Castleisland U16)
6. Rian McEvoy (St Brendan's Park U16)
7. Conor Bartlett (Killarney Celtic U12)
8. Shane O'Carroll (LB Rovers U12)
9. Darragh Keane (Mastergeeha U16)
10. Sean O hAinfein (Dingle U14)
11. Sean Kissane (Listowel Celtic U12)

**GIRLS ROLL OF HONOUR:**

1. Saoirse Gee (Castleisland)
2. Megan Pierce (Castlemaine)
4. Sadhbh Dowling (Fenit Samphires)
5. Kate O'Connor (Ballyhar Dynamos)
3. Louise Gaynor (Fenit Samphires)
6. Aisling O Connor (Listowel Celtic)
8. Izzy Royle (Tralee Dynamos)
7. Ellie Doyle (Castleisland)
10. Grainne Maher (LB Rovers)
9. Ruby Moynihan (Mastergeeha)
11. Anna Kate Daly (Ballyhar Dynamos)

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# Castleisland Community College FAI MUNSTER SOCCER FINALISTS!

The Castleisland Community College U15 Boys Soccer team have secured their place as FAI Munster finalists. This U15 soccer trophy was actually won by last years' U15 team so the school is now looking to go back to back with 2 Munster FAI U15 soccer wins! The U15 team this year defeated Desmond College, Newcastlewest, in the semi-final, after going 2-0 down to force extra time 2-2 at the end of normal time. They then finished strong in extra time and came out 5-3 winners! Prior to this semi-final they defeated Gaelcholáiste Chiarrai, St Pats Castleisland and Killmallock.

The semi-final game against Desmond College started with Castleisland on the back foot, falling behind 1-0 at halftime. Desmond College doubled their lead early in the second half, leaving Castleisland with a mountain to climb. However, showing great resilience and determination, the team responded brilliantly. The comeback began when Ogie O'Leary Griffin found the net with a close-range header after an excellent Joey Kelly free kick was initially saved. With time running out, Castleisland threw everything forward in search of an equalizer. Goalkeeper Connie O'Connor produced two stunning saves to keep the team in the game before a moment of high drama in the final seconds. Aaron McCarthy was fouled in the box, and O'Leary-Griffin kept his nerve from the penalty spot, sending the game to extra time at 2-2.

Early in extra time, Desmond College once again took the lead, but Joey Kelly responded

with a superb half-volley to make it 3-3 at the break. Castleisland dominated the second period of extra time, and their pressure paid off when O'Leary Griffin completed his hat-trick with a well-taken finish to put them ahead for the first time. With Desmond College pushing forward in search of an equalizer, Kelly sealed the victory with a brilliant solo effort, making

it 5-3 and securing a place in the Munster Cup Final.

'This was a remarkable team performance built on resilience, teamwork, and sheer determination. Castleisland Community College now look forward to the challenge of the final as they aim to lift the Munster Minor Cup,' concluded Donnacha Hickie.



*Pictured from left at the back: Kealan Burke, James O Donoghue, Adam Walsh, Alex Rocha, Cathal Ryan, Charlie Brosnan, Dan Riordan, Dónal O Sullivan, Ógie O Leary-Griffin, Ryan O Connor  
Middle from left: Donnacha Hickie (Coach & Manager), Shane O Rourke, Michael Daly, Aaron Mc Carthy, Conor Ryan, Gearóid Joy, Dean O Donoghue, Conor O Donoghue, Ryan Clifford, David Stack (Assistant Coach & Manager)  
Front row sitting from left: Tom O Neill, Ollie O Shea, Darragh O Sullivan, Connie O Connor, Joey Kelly, Seán Kerin, Emmet Grady.*





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takes a look at all things sport...

# NATIONAL LEAGUE

Dublin 0-19 Kerry 1-14

I wasn't a happy camper last Saturday night after events in Austin Stack Park, and I doubt if too many of you were. Dublin beating Kerry in Tralee for the first time in almost a quarter century (1983) doesn't remotely worry me, never did. Dublin gave us plenty of lessons in February over the years, but the two sides haven't actually met anything like as much as you think, and Kerry were usually glad of those lessons. Remember last year, when Con O'Callaghan absolutely gave us the runaround in Croke Park? Dublin went on to lose an epic National League Final. As I have pointed out many's a time, with the modern glut of fixtures at club and inter-county level nowadays, any team putting on the afterburners in the National League is just wasting fuel that will be needed later on. Ask Dublin or Derry after last year's championship how much that League Final was worth.

No, defeats in February don't bother me all that much. But the manner of this defeat? Absolutely that is a big deal.

First off, that isn't a strong Dublin team. We all know they are rebuilding, including experimenting with quite a few players (personally, I don't believe that you can really have dual players in the modern game). On paper Kerry were a lot stronger. There's definitely at least nine of that Kerry team who will be starting championship for us this year. Can you really say the same about Dublin? I would have liked Barry Dan O'Sullivan to have another run or Cathal Ó Beaglaíoch in midfield. I know that Joe O'Connor is and deserves to be in pole position. But this is Barry Dan and Cathal's only time to stake a claim. Likewise Cillian Burke and Eddie Healy. Damien Bourke has been a revelation for me – I still think that Graham and Tom will be our corner backs and Ó Beaglaíoch will be on the wing, but I have really liked the look of Damien Bourke. Now, credit to Jack O'Connor for most of the subs he brought on. There was a certain 'sink or swim' vibe to it; nothing wrong with that. But the cold hard truth is that Kerry sank.

Look, hindsight is very easy. And I know there is going to be people saying that they could see the cracks in Kerry's display and prophesied defeat at half-time. Yeah, we could all see a few cracks, but at 1-13 to 0-4? Nostradamus, you no more predicted defeat than I did....because quite frankly, you should not be losing games from that position. Don't



Micheal Burns with the ball  
Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans

tell me about the wind; it's not as if it reversed direction at half-time. Dublin had leaders and players willing to put their hands up. We did have battlers; I'm not and wouldn't question anyone's commitment or courage, but that bit of raw steel? I'm not talking dirt either, but every player at this level knows how to slow a game, to interrupt momentum, to be a dog soldier. Even forget the likes of those spectacular points by Lee Gannon or Kilkenny's nous and guile in the middle third as the tide turned – I honestly feel that we got lost in the weeds in that second half. I think that if it had been level at half-time, Kerry would actually have put up a better second half display. That would have been a battleground that we understood.

Another big point for me. The actual football played was....well, it was exactly what I did not want to be seeing. There's a narrative out there now that 'well done on Dublin for their cuteness in killing the play in the first half'. Arrah, would ye stop. Handpass over and back rather than kick into the wind? Alright, I can sympathise, even if I don't like it. But you had players getting free within fifteen metres of Kerry's goal....and turning to handpass it backwards. I've already seen enough of that....stuff....to last me a lifetime, and it's what the FRC were really hoping to counter. Eamonn Fitzmaurice has understandably been championing the new rules that he was part of formulating, but he was honest about his disappointment about this game in his subsequent interview on Radio Kerry.

I'm not giving any blow by blow account. Ciarán Kilkenny hit the post earlier on but Dublin concentrated on holding possession rather than turning it into something. Kerry were much more direct, with Joe O'Connor sending in a long ball that was cleverly worked into a Micheál Burns score. Dublin were getting wiped out in the middle third. Diarmuid O'Connor is arguably the form midfielder in the country right now (which worries me, there's a long year ahead). Once Kerry turned over the kick-out, there was

Graham O'Sullivan to double our tally. Joe O'Connor had a great goal chance but shot just wide – he should have laid off to Paudie Clifford unmarked beside him in support. Joe has many great attributes, not least his power driving forward, but I've never seen signs that he is a player to finish those chances. Kerry actually had seven goal chances in the game and only took one.

Seán O'Shea and Seán Bugler exchanged frees. 0-3 to 0-1. Paudie Clifford spotted Seán O'Shea looping into space and fed him for a superb two pointer – I think Seán and David's long range kicking could be our best weapon later on. Brian Ó Beaglaíoch boomed over another from outside the arc. 0-7 to 0-1. Like I say, there are plenty of people saying that Dublin played it wisely in that first half....I didn't hear any hindsight heroes at 0-7 to 0-1 down. Micheál Burns slotted his second point and another good ball from Diarmuid into Paul Geaney yielded a handy free. I really liked Paul's speed in transferring the ball all game. That could have been a goal chance – mind you, Shane Ryan did well at the other end to gather a fisted effort. Swings and roundabouts....

I don't fully know what to make of former hurler Eoghan O'Donnell as Dublin full forward. He's very strong and very direct, bursting through for a good score, but I thought Jason Foley had the better of that duel. Greg McEaney notched another Dublin point, 0-9 to 0-3. For some reason, I had visions of Dublin suddenly waking up, abandoning their numbing game-killing approach, and notching a couple of two pointers before the break.

I can be an awful pessimist. Seán Bugler had two chances and made a hames of both (he was excellent in open play, but man of the match? Really? Are Marvel scripting this movie?). Seán O'Shea kicked a superb two pointer. We left another goal chance behind us (nobody, including me, was too bothered at that stage) but Conor Geaney made it 0-12 to 0-3.





Darragh Lyne in action for Kerry.  
Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans



Action from the Kerry V Dublin game  
Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans

Then came the kibosh. Brian Ó Beaglaoich was going for a score (which I encourage at every opportunity; you won't ever score the shots you are afraid to take, nor will you get any better at shooting). Micheál Burns did very well to get in and challenge, and a loose ball like that spilling around the square? Meat and drink for an accomplished sniper like Paul Geaney. Greg McEaney did pick off a late score for Dublin, but at 1-12 to 0-4? Let's wrap it up and go home, boys.

Hubris. I have fallen for it before, and I still fell for it again. I'm annoyed with myself more than anybody else, truth be told.

Kerry with a couple of early misses in the second half. Big deal. Keep that stranglehold in midfield, or just break even, and we are home and hosed.

Except that Dublin are beginning to get a grip there, with Kilkenny making a real difference. He opened the second half scoring and Tom Lahiff added another. Lee Gannon and Niall Scully should have added more.

Well worked score from Seán O'Shea. We don't need to match Dublin, just keep tipping away. We can't afford to get caught in possession, though, and a good turnover saw Seán Bugler split the posts. Evan Comerford was well wide with a two point free but Lee Gannon made up for it. Dublin were doing well on Kerry's kick-outs now and Bugler added two more points. 1-13 to 0-11. I'm still not worried as such, but I am a little bit fidgety.

Ciarán Kilkenny with a majestic two pointer. Can you give motm to a player who was mostly anonymous in the first half? I certainly can. Just a goal in it now.

Seán O'Shea with a free calms things down a small bit, but we all know the momentum has swung. Luke Breathnach with a reply. He has done well for Dublin.

Paudie Clifford with a point. Four in it now. No goal, lads, no goal.

The game has changed. Lorcan O'Dell shows why with two great two pointers. Level pegging. At least take the draw, it'd sicken me to lose this one.

Too bad about you, says Luke Breathnach (metaphorically) as he swings over with his left foot.

A bad day at the office. We got almost everything wrong in that second half. Arrah, mid February. But yeah, this one raises questions about what kind of bedrock we are

building on. Dublin supporters will know that their display, including the heroic comeback with the wind, won't be winning any All Ireland. The fact that it leaves us fighting to stave off relegation is secondary to me; there's five teams in that mix. Like I say, it's not the defeat. It's the manner of it. But yeah, I am definitely worried.

Dublin: Evan Comerford, Seán MacMahon, Theo Clancy, David Byrne, Greg McEaney, Cian Murphy, A Gavin, Brian Howard, Tom Lahiff (0-1), Kevin Lahiff, Seán Bugler (0-4, 1f), Ciarán Kilkenny (0-3, 1tp), Seán Lowry, Eoghan O'Donnell (0-1), Niall Scully. Subs: Lee Gannon 0-2, 1tp (for Greg McEaney (half-time), Liam Breathnach 0-2 (for Seán Lowry, 45 mins), Lorcan O'Dell 0-4, 2tp (for Kevin Lahiff (53), Niall O'Callaghan (for Eoghan O'Donnell, 58 mins), Davy Keogh (for Lee Gannon, 63 mins).

Kerry: Shane Ryan, Damien Bourke, Jason Foley, Tom O'Sullivan (0-1), Graham O'Sullivan (0-1), Mike Breen, Brian Ó Beaglaoich (0-2, 1tp), Diarmuid O'Connor, Joe O'Connor, Paudie Clifford (0-1), Seán O'Shea (0-7, 2tp, 1f), Darragh Lyne, Conor Geaney (0-1), Paul Geaney (1-1, 1m), Micheál Burns (0-2). Subs: Dylan Casey (for Tom O'Sullivan, 9 mins), Cathal Ó Beaglaoich (for Darragh Lyne, 46 mins), Armin Heinrich (for Brian Ó Beaglaoich (temp 47-ft), David Clifford (for Conor Geaney, 51 mins), Keith Evans (for Micheál Burns, 59 mins), Seán O'Brien (for Joe O'Connor, 65 mins).

Referee: Liam Devenney (Mayo).

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP DRAWS

Look, the club championships are so far out that you would be as well off buying a lottery ticket as making even a tentative prediction. You have no idea what an opposing club's starting fifteen will look like by then. Frankly, almost everybody has no clue about their own starting fifteen by then. Players will have gruelling U20 and senior inter-county campaigns. There is a greater proportion of dual players in their first year or two playing senior. That's fantastic, but it brings its own logistical problems. The elongated fixtures schedule has issues for rest and recovery; I

personally think it's too much on bodies and carries too high a toll. Gaelic football was once so dominant a pastime in Kerry that anything else, anything, could be classed as an afterthought. It's still unquestionably the most popular, but life is lived at a faster pace, with more demands (yes, plenty of them self-inflicted) and with a bigger drop-down menu. Summer migration is a huge issue – don't mind all the guff about the tiny couple of top players heading off to play AFL. That, quite frankly, is a small drop in a huge ocean. You think if I am twenty years of age and struggling to find consistent work in Kerry, I'm hanging around for the summer out of loyalty to my amateur club? Hello? This is the real world calling....

All of that is before you factor in the new rules as recommended by the FRC. I'm thrilled with them. Not saying they are perfect, but compared to the absolute drudgery we endured over the past few years? More than a decade, actually. But at club level, this is going to be.....well, the Chinese famously have a curse that says "May you live in interesting times". Don't worry about it; I think we can take interesting times for granted throughout this year!

## INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

The Intermediate has traditionally been the most open competition. And this year it is tighter than ever.

In Group One Fossa will be looking to push a bit higher on their remarkable ascent and have a team well capable of knocking on the door – and that's before you factor in a particular pair of siblings. Furies are only just promoted, but there's a reason why they were promoted, and they have both speed and shooting forwards. I think the new rules could suit them. Kilcummin, as always, are deadly with a full deck, they also have a penchant for goals at crucial moments. John Mitchels weren't really fancied last year – they showed a lot of us that they have plenty of good football. Have they the scoring forwards, though?

Group Two. I'd say Laune Rangers must be raising their eyes to heaven. They just ran out of fuel for last year's final replay, but what a group to land in this year. Emmetts



have a good style and some very dangerous players; much will depend on if they can adjust to the new rules, but on home ground they'd certainly back themselves against anyone. Ballydonoghue's Foleys won't like me saying it, but the club just don't have the numbers, you need 20+ to compete at this level. Killarney Legion have top quality football, but do they have the scorers? If the likes of Shine, O'Grady, and the O'Sullivans click, they are a match for anyone, and I don't just mean in the group. But any sentence that starts off with the word 'if'...

Nothing easy in Group Three either, but once again numbers come into play. An Ghaeltacht are another side with more young talent than a lot of people realise and they have big men. They will raise a few eyebrows. But Glenflesk.....their battle against Laune Rangers was possibly the best game I saw at any grade last year, and Glenflesk were missing at least three certain starters, arguably a few more. If – and there's that word again – if they are at full strength, they are my overall favourites.

In Group Four Beaufort have been unlucky with injuries, but the Breens, the O'Connors.... with everybody on board, they will rattle cages. Gneeveguilla have been desperately unlucky in the last few years. Páidí famously spoke about "a grain of rice will tip the scale". Yup. That's all that Gneeveguilla need to fall their way to make a major breakthrough. Glenbeigh/Glencar...again, respectfully, I can't see them having the depth for a long run. Rahillys.....well, that's the great unknown. I'd think some of their top guns are taking a step back. To be honest, looking at underage over the past few years, I suspect that they will be at Intermediate level for a while. But the thing about Rahillys, going back literal generations, is that they always defy the odds.

Group 1: Fossa, Firies, Kilcummin, John Mitchel's

Group 2: Laune Rangers, Listowel Emmets, Ballydonoghue, Killarney Legion

Group 3: An Ghaeltacht, St. Mary's, Glenflesk, Castleisland Desmonds

Group 4: Glenbeigh/Glencar, Beaufort, Gneeveguilla, Kerins O'Rahillys

## SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

A slight change to the format this year with three groups of three. Two of the group winners will be drawn to go directly into semi-finals, with the other group winners playing in quarter-finals with the second placed teams in the groups. Draws are at random with the caveat that two teams from the same group can't meet in a quarter-final.

You would have to fancy newly promoted Austin Stacks to come out of Group 1 and Dr. Crokes will surely be overall favourites, even with new management. Group 2 is the most intriguing, and the clash between Dingle and Kenmare Shamrocks will surely be the tie of the group stage.



David Clifford comes on in the Kerry V Dublin National League game last Saturday. Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans

Group 1: Na Gaeil, Austin Stacks, Templenoe  
Group 2: Dingle, Milltown/Castlemaine, Kenmare Shamrocks  
Group 3: Dr. Crokes, Rathmore, Spa

## PREMIER JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Last year's Premier Junior was the best championship of them all in my opinion. Very well balanced, with far fewer of the one-sided and predictable affairs at other grades. And that latter stages....not just thrillers, but actual great open play as well. I wanted to send videos of those games to every inter-county manager out there with a note attached saying "Watch. This is what our game can be when you take the shackles off".

I think it's important to note that I didn't actually do that.

It should be as good this year. I'd fancy Duagh to build on last year, especially if Cormac Dillon continues his form. Renard and Waterville are both decent but a team who are definite dark horses for me is Ballyduff, who have a fantastic crop of dual players beginning to shine at senior. As always, though, the hurling will define a lot of their season and will take priority.

In Group Two, your guess is as good as mine. We know that Senans have been hammering on that door and have a good age profile. Listry have been desperately unlucky with injuries in the past few years but undoubtedly have the talent, especially up front.

Division One side Ballymac will of course be red hot favourites in Group Three, favourites for the whole competition, but their key players aren't getting any younger. The cold truth is that I suspect that it's this year or not at all, and I say that as some-one who has always liked the club. I fancy Castlegregory to emerge alongside them. It's always a numbers game with Castlegregory, but they definitely have the talent.

Group Four.....ah lads. If Ardfert had the likes of Mackessy and Monaghan, we wouldn't even be having a conversation. They don't, but they were still just a whisker away last year and, like Ballyduff, they have a seamless stream of young dual talent. Keel are also young for the most part, I'd say Evans' children cut their teeth on O'Neills footballs.

But Brosna and Annascaul? Honestly, I think there are senior club sides who would struggle to get out of that group.

Group 1: Duagh, Renard, Waterville, Ballyduff  
Group 2: St Senans, Currow, Churchill, Listry  
Group 3: Ballymac, Castlegregory, St. Pats Blennerville, Dromoda na Piarasaigh  
Group 4: Ardfert, Keel, Brosna, Annascaul

## JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

If it's a numbers game at higher grades, it's practically random selection at this level. I'd fancy Cordal to come out of Group One, with Moyvane to just pip Skellig Rangers to join them. Home venue will play a big part in deciding that one, I suspect.

Lios Póil have to be fancied to come out of Group Two. The other three teams are all tight enough on numbers. Cromane are very tight but have some great young talent, so maybe....but Ballylongford/Tousist will be a tough side to beat. Dual club Kilgarvan, in the expected absence of Donal Down O'Sullivan...well, they always battle brilliantly above their weight and will again.

Group Three has to be Tarbert surely. After the school's All Ireland win last year and the likes of the Colahan brothers etc., they must be actively targeting the championship, let alone the group. After that, it's tight. St. Michaels/Foilmore have one of the best young talents in the county if he can stay injury free, and Sneem/Derrynane have two young players I'd go well out of my way to watch. Again, home venue will be crucial, but I can see a more rounded Scart making the knockout stages.

Knocknagoshel and Beale will both fancy their chances of coming out of Group Four. Again, both will have real ambitions for this competition. With all due respect (the likes of Jack Hennessy and John Kennedy have bailed me out many a time) I can't see Asdee going too far at the moment. Finuge.... everything on paper says that they will be limited enough, but Finuge are one of those teams....for those of you who can remember Meath in the '80s, even before they were winning All Irelands...Finuge almost have surprise victories in their DNA.

Group 1: Cordal, Valentia Young Islanders,



Skellig Rangers, Moyvane  
 Group 2: Kilgarvan, Ballylongford/Tuosist, Cromane, Lispole  
 Group 3: Tarbert, Scartaglen, St. Michaels/Foilmore, Sneem/Derrynane  
 Group 4: Knocknagoshel, Finuge, Beale, Asdee

## PADDY CULLEN RIP

He wasn't, and would have never have claimed to be, the best player on a team that included the likes of Seán Doherty, Anton O'Toole, Brian Mullins, Barney Rock, David Hickey, Tony Hanahoe, Jimmy Keaveney..... half a century later, those names roll off the tongue. But Paddy Cullen.....like our own Johnny Culloty or Johnny Geraghty of Galway a decade earlier, or contemporaries Martin Furlong of Offaly or the great Billy Morgan of Cork, he epitomised as well as represented Dublin. You would have to acknowledge Stephen Cluxton as the better goalkeeper, and for that matter John O'Leary was right up there with any of them, but Paddy Cullen..... there was something quintessentially Dublin about him that even they couldn't emulate. Stoneybatter native Paddy attended St. Laurence O'Toole's National School and was actually a key player when they reached a Cumann na mBunscoil final in Croke Park, his first time on the sacred sod. He marked a Larkhill lad who was outstanding; it was the start of an unlikely lifelong friendship with Jimmy Keaveney. Paddy was, by his own admission, not the most diligent of students. It was in O'Connells Boys in Seville Place that he, one of ten siblings, blossomed. He captained the 1964 Dublin U21 team from half back. Mind you, Kerry won that All Ireland, Dublin won nothing.

Paddy didn't just blossom in gaelic football (he played midfield for the club). There was basketball, snooker, tennis....even the blasphemy of soccer. This was inner city Dublin, the old idealism of dancing at the crossroads wasn't an option. Dublin had taken over London's mantle for the worst slums in Europe. People ate coddle, but only because they couldn't afford Irish stew. Anyway, gaelic football in Dublin in the late sixties? You'd have more street cred wearing a tutu or, horror of horrors, listening to Irish trad.

Paddy Cullen thrived on the challenges. And people began paying attention. Was it personal ambition that took him to St. Vincents, or were hints dropped? Vincents more or less considered Dublin GAA to be a personal fiefdom in those days. Other clubs could resent it, but couldn't really refute it on the field of play.

Paddy's senior Dublin debut was as casual as it gets, Keaveney persuading the selectors to give him a chance in a challenge game against Derry the day before Galway beat Meath to win the All Ireland. Meath were a feared team. Dublin? Only a handful of diehards watched the challenge game, and most of them were more curious about Derry. Nobody paid much attention to the stripling

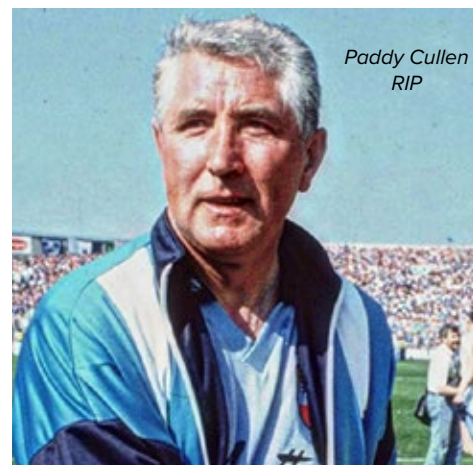
who played full forward in place of the respected John Timmons. Five minutes later, Paddy was being carried off with a broken ankle. No help, no support, no get well cards. Off with you.

Paddy could take a hint. He was working in McNaughtons, the builders, as an electrician and playing in goal for their soccer team. Dublin was a soccer town, impressing for McNaughtons was far greater currency than playing five minutes for Dublin GAA. Shelbourne came knocking.

Dublin GAA were looking for a keeper. Keaveney, although beginning to be disillusioned, was still Dublin to the core and Paddy got a postcard inviting to play in goal against Offaly in a Corn na Cásca game. He duly walked up to Croke Park – there was no danger of getting caught in traffic! He'd actually forgotten to bring his invite and thought some fast talking might be needed. No better man if it came to it, but it didn't, because nobody cared. He actually got caught out by a long ball by Greg Hughes that looped over him and into the net. He thought he might see a curly finger taking him off, but Dublin didn't exactly have too many players clamouring to take his place. Paddy Cullen was first choice Dublin keeper. They didn't have a second choice.

Things got worse as the seventies started. Offaly lorded Leinster, and Meath were their challengers. Paddy Cullen was a replacement All Star in 1973. Dublin almost made a Leinster quarter-final that year....almost. In desperation, Dublin chairman Jimmy Gray appointed a three man committee to find a management team. UCD manager Eugene McGee recommended his Vincent's arch-rival Kevin Heffernan. They were relegated in the National League. Good enough for them. Dublin beat Wexford in the opening round of the Leinster Championship. Kerry supporters were here because the National League Final replay was the glamour part of the double-header. The few Kerry fans who watched the opening game weren't impressed. But Dublin somehow scrambled into a Leinster quarter-final. Offaly. One of the All Ireland favourites. Going for a fourth Leinster on the trot. Dublin were wearing a new sky blue outfit with navy shorts. Townie notions. You didn't see the good teams at that craic. There were few enough spectators in Croke Park and far less wearing blue. Most Dubliners were far more concerned about the Dublin bombings that had torn the city apart a few weeks earlier than anything in Croke Park.

Despite the many myths that have been built around that Dublin team since, that was the game that changed everything. Jimmy Keaveney had been persuaded back. So was Leslie Deegan. Heffernan, Donal Colfer, and Lorcan Redmond had pushed players very hard in unseen training. Offaly were a little surprised but hardly panicked at Dublin's resilience. Even when the outstanding Deegan nipped in to fist Paddy Reilly's long ball into the Offaly net, Dublin only led by a point at half-time. But somehow, Offaly just couldn't get their noses in front. Late on, with



the scores level, Leslie Deegan scored the most important point in all of Dublin's history to win it. He got injured a week later and never started another championship game for Dublin.

And suddenly, just like that, they were household names. Suddenly supporting Dublin football was something to take pride in. Paddy Cullen found strangers talking to him about football. Paddy was actually supposed to captain that side, having been nominated by County champions UCD, diplomatic culchies that they were. Mind you, that didn't last long, Heffernan promptly installing Seán Doherty instead. It suited Paddy fine; the 'Doc' was a better choice to charge ramparts anyway.

Kildare and Meath fell in Leinster. Dublin had been used to meeting up for a few pints the night before their one championship game every year, seeing as they wouldn't be meeting up for the next six months. That habit ended. Dublin were no longer genial adventurers. Heffernan was transmitting steel to willing receptors. Mickey Whelan was introducing training techniques he had learnt on an American scholarship. Soccer, of course, although Dublin didn't broadcast that apostasy.

Cork in the All Ireland semi-final. Dual star-studded reigning champions Cork.

Jimmy Keaveney visited lifelong friend Billy Morgan and his brother-in-law Frank Cogan, who had the Sam Maguire. Jimmy didn't think too much of it, nor did Frank. But Heffernan? Red flag to an already enraged bull – or so he pretended. For the first time, a Dublin team travelled together to Croke Park. And they beat the All Ireland champions, and beat them fair and square with great football. Less than 250 people watched; RTE were in the RDS filming the last day of the Dublin Horse Show.

Galway, last year's finalists. Dublin, normally a somnolent city, was buzzing now. Funnily enough, while Cork had started a cultural revolution by introducing the likes of skinhead Jimmy Barry Murphy to the staid traditions of a GAA dominated by an older generation's values, Dublin's streets were almost witnessing a counter-revolution (social change had always taken a few generations to really take effect. To say that changed in the 1960s with the advent of



television and travel is an understatement). Working class Dublin was proud of itself and it's unique Irishness. The Chieftains, the Dubliners.....suddenly, their popularity exploded. The fusion of youthful enthusiasm and cultural pride, helped of course by Whittaker's economic reforms and a rise in broadcast media, would lead to Thin Lizzy, Rory Gallagher, eventually the likes of U2 and Van Morrison. I'm not for one moment suggesting that the GAA in either Dublin or Cork provoked that sense of identity for a generation. I am saying that they were the most obvious symptoms.

Paddy Cullen took everything in his stride. His penalty save in the final against Galway's Liam Sammon is often selected as the starting point, but I definitely go back to that Offaly game. My own belief is that the pebbles were already rolling that would become that blue avalanche. Even if Dublin had lost to Galway – and they looked fitter, faster, and quicker to move the ball than the Tribesmen all through, despite conceding an early goal – they were close to an All Ireland and always likely to get closer within a year or two.

That's not to deny that Paddy's save against Galway, early in the second half, was a genuinely brilliant reflex save to his left. Liam Sammon had never failed to score a penalty prior to that. Galway wouldn't win another All Ireland until 1998.

Dublin would be duelling against adversaries of yore. Gaelic football had always burned bright in Kerry. The young guns coming through were under-estimated compared to the likes of the Ballylongford O'Donoghues, Donie O'Sullivan, Derry Crowley, Seamus Mac Gearailt, or, of course, O'Connell. But the likes of the imperious O'Keefe cousins, Páidí (known by the more prosaic 'Paudie O'Shea' back then), the Spillanes, Deenihan, Egan, Ogie, Power, Sheehy.....if you had asked Paddy Cullen about John McCarthy's sons, or Bernard Brogans', or Noel Curran of Meath's

young fella, or Noel McCaffrey's, or Dean Rock, latest scion of that famous family..... legends are always being forged anew.

Paddy Cullen played an iconic role in Mikey Sheehy becoming a legend. The 1978 final. Referee Seamus Aldridge called a free on Paddy Cullen. Ger Power had raced in to contest a long ball by Jack O'Shea, but Paddy came out to gather safely and lay off to Robbie Kelliher. Was it a free? Paddy himself always reckoned that he had gotten away with an earlier foul on Power, but had won that ball cleanly. He argued the point – don't pretend to me that any player then or now wouldn't do the same. Robbie Kelliher handed the ball to Mikey Sheehy for the free. The FRC might approve the gentlemanly conduct, but they wouldn't want to be calling for any show of hands! Mikey, being Mikey, had a knack for innovative goals from childhood. A quick chip, and Con Houlihan wrote his own name in history as he described Paddy being like a woman with a cake burning....

It's forgotten now by many that Kerry's big full forward, nicknamed after German striker Gerd Muller, would score 3-2 as Kerry won out by 17 points. None of it is remembered quite as much as that goal. Paddy and Mikey actually became good friends later on.

Paddy was a better judge of football than he ever let on. In 1990 he took over from Gerry McCaul as Dublin manager. They beat Kildare to win the National League Final but lost the Leinster Final to a great Meath team (O'Rourke, Stafford, Flynn, Beggy, O'Connell, etc.).

Italia '90 happened in that year. There's a strong brand of revisionist history that suggests that it had a profound impact on Ireland's sense of self in much the same way as 'Heffo's Army' in 1974. I don't agree, simply because it's impact never reached the domestic game due to lack of investment (LOI attendances actually dropped as supporters began following their international heroes

on more glamorous English clubs, with Sky and Ryanair helping to facilitate it in the coming years). It's a moot point anyway, because in 1991, with quintessential Dub Paddy Cullen on one sideline and the iconic Seán Boylan on the other, Dublin and Meath played out a four game saga in the Leinster Championship. Dublin were on the losing side but their battles are remembered today and were talked about back then far more than Down's eventual All Ireland victory (Down beat us in the semi-final by 2-9 to 0-8, and weren't remotely flattered by the winning margin). If there were any doubters about Ireland's primary sport, they had just been emphatically silenced.

A year later Tommy Carr lifted Leinster's Delaney Cup on behalf of Dublin and they reached the All Ireland Final, only to fall to Brian McEniff's Donegal. Manus Boyle recovered from a bad start to kick nine points; he fisted an open goal off the crossbar as well. Charlie Redmond was the championship's top scorer (Maurice Fitzgerald was joint second). My own belief is that Dublin had the talent and the hunger, but they didn't yet have the tempered steel to withstand the pressure of being favourites. Paddy guided his team to another league title a year later, beating Donegal, and added another Delaney Cup by beating Kildare. They put up a great battle against Derry in the All Ireland semi-final. Dublin were actually well on top early on, but the likes of Enda Gormley and Anthony Tohill settled Derry and Johnny McGurk fired over one last point to beat Dublin by 0-15 to 0-14. It was enough for Paddy. He stepped away, having given his best to his county.

The same as he always had. It isn't just Dublin who are the poorer for the passing of a giant, nor can his contribution to society be measured by any amount of sporting achievements, not even his.

## GOLF NEWS

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### ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB

#### RESULTS

#### LADIES SCRAMBLE 15TH FEBRUARY 2025 KINDLY SPONSORED BY BETTY O'FARRELL

Congratulations to the winning team - Betty O'Farrell, Mary McGuire & Kathleen Fitzgerald. In 2nd place were Lady Captain Elaine Casey, Noreen O'Mahony & Margaret Hickey. Well done to all.

#### COMPETITIONS

#### SATURDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2025

9-hole Single Stableford non qualifying Competition

#### 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.

### DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB

#### SUNDAY DRAWS

Two Ball Scramble- First Nett: John Murphy & Mike 'Seve' O'Leary 35, Gross: Robbie O'Brien Snr & Colm O'Dowd 47, Second Nett: Mike 'Seve' O'Leary & James Foley 36 and Hole-In-One: John Murphy (13th Hole). Same times again this Sunday.

#### MEMBERSHIP

Please note that membership for 2025 will be due as of March 1st next. Prices the same as last year namely- Single Adult- €150, OAP- €100, Juvenile- €80 Family- €300. Club Registrar Bobby Kelly will be available over the coming weeks after the Sunday morning Fourballs for anyone wishing to sign up for the year.

**DEEPEST SYMPATHIES** To Dave Spillane and family on the death of his mother-in-law Eileen Kelliher in the past week. May she Rest in Peace.

### BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB

#### MEN'S RESULTS BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB:

#### SPRING LEAGUE ROUND 1, 15TH/16TH FEBRUARY:

1st: Alan Smith (10) 44 points. 2nd: Dave Lynch (18) 38 points

#### LADIES' RESULTS BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB:

#### WINTER LEAGUE

1st: Marian Kerrisk. 2nd: Grainne McShortall. 3rd: Patricia O'Connor

### ROSS GC, KILLARNEY (GENTS)

#### RESULTS

On February 15th & 16th we held a V Par competition which was extremely well supported with a large number of participants.

#### THE WINNERS WERE

1st: ohn Prendergast + 2. 2nd: Alan Flynn level. 3rd: Michael J O Sullivan -1



# JUVENILE HURLING

## U6, U8, U10, U12

St Pats East Kerry  
Starting End of Feb

### When/Where

U10/12 Wednesdays 5.30pm  
Faha NS (Astro)  
Starting 26th Feb

U6/8 Thursdays 5.30pm  
Spa GAA Hall (Indoor)  
Starting 27th Feb

All groups will move to outdoor hurling in Kilcummin GAA in April (weather permitting)



### What

Under 6, 8, 10 and 12 hurling. Learn the basics and improve your skills. Blitz's organised with other local clubs during the year.

### Who

Boys and Girls born between 2013 and 2020. Newcomers are always welcome.

Equipment provided if you wish to try hurling for the 1st time.

Contact Martin 0864030559

Facebook/Insta St Patricks East Kerry Hurling



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**LOTTO**

The numbers drawn on 16/02/2025 for a jackpot of €8,400 were 13, 15, 18, 20. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Katherine Moynihan Butler; Online, Ann Bartlett, Marie O'Keeffe, Cronin grandchildren. 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>

**EAST KERRY LEAGUE**

The seniors had a good win over Scartaglin in the second round of the East Kerry Superleague on Friday evening in Fossa. It finished 0-17 to 1-07, they are at home to Currow next Friday evening at 7.30 in the final round of the competition.

**MOTHERS AND OTHERS**

Our Mothers & Others team are recruiting for new members. The new group have had a great start with weekly fun interactive training sessions learning GAA skills and working on their fitness and great social nights out too! It's great to see women who have never played before learning new skills as well as many who are returning to GAA after an extended break!

**KILLARNEY LEGION**

**INTERMEDIATE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

The draw has been made for the Kerry Petroleum Intermediate Championship and we have been placed in an interesting group. The 2024 Intermediate finalists Laune Rangers will be our opening fixture and then we face North Kerry Clubs Listowel Emmets and Ballydonoghue in the subsequent rounds. John Mitchels join East Kerry clubs Fossa, Furies and Kilcummin in Group 1. Group 3 sees Glenflesk, An Ghaeltacht, St Marys and Castleisland Desmonds drawn together while Group 4 pits Mid Kerry rivals Beaufort and Glenbeigh/Glencar together with Gneeveguilla and Kerins O Rahillys completing the picture. These games will of course take place after Kerrys interest in the All Ireland series has ended.

**EAST KERRY SUPERLEAGUE**

*Full time Score: Killarney Legion 2-10 Furies 1-20.*

The competition concludes on Sunday March 2nd when Kenmare visit Direen.

**EAST KERRY LEAGUE RD 3**

*Furies 1-20 Killarney Legion 2-10*

**MINOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

The County Board have rearranged the order of their minor competitions with the season now starting with the Club Championship and the County League being run off in the summer months. The age group also has returned to the U18 level, but only at club level, and the first game of the season sees our team head to John Mitchels on Saturday March 1st.

**KERRY**

Congratulations to Darragh Lyne who made his Senior Inter County debut on Saturday night in Tralee against Dublin. Although the game ended in defeat Darragh acquitted himself well enough to earn another crack or two in the remaining games in the National League

**GAELIC FOR GIRLS**

Killarney Legion are delighted to be the only club in Kerry helping to run a fantastic new initiative. It is aimed at young girls who have either never tried Gaelic Football before or want to give it another go. Run in conjunction with the Ladies Gaelic Football Association and with Kerry star Siofra O Shea as its ambassador, it commences on Saturday 15th March in our club grounds in Direen and is open to everyone. The cost of the programme is just 12 Euro for 8 weeks and that includes a Gaelic 4 Girls t-shirt. The course will run for eight weeks from 10-11am each Saturday morning and for more info or to register you are urged to contact either Margaret at 087 2476755 or Laura at 087 2031804. Alternatively you can contact by email at Killarneylegionacademy@gmail.com.

**SENIOR COUNTY LEAGUE FIXTURES**

The Senior County League fixtures have been confirmed. Nigel Shevlin and his team will have an opening round date against Munster Intermediate Champions Austin Stacks in Connolly Park. Round two will see Glenbeigh Glencar visit Direen with a short trip to Kilcummin on the agenda in Round three. There are further home games against Spa, Beaufort, Laune Rangers and Rathmore. Road trips to Glenflesk, Strand Road, Lewis Road and Ballymacelligott complete the programme. Fixtures..Austin Stacks(A) March 16, Glenbeigh/Glencar(H) March 29/30, Kilcummin (A) April 6, Spa(H) April 20, Glenflesk(A) April 27, Beaufort(H) May 11, Kerins O Rahillys(A) May 18, Laune Rangers(H) May 25, Dr Crokes(A) June 8, Ballymac(A) June 22, Rathmore(H) July 6.

The Senior B will compete in Division 6 and the following are their fixtures.. Milltown/Castlemaine (H) March 16, Kerins O Rahillys(A) March 29, Glenflesk(H) April 6, Finuge(A) April 20, Ballylongford(H) April 27, Beaufort(A) May 11, Dr Crokes (H) May 18, Furies(A) May 25, Kenmare(H) June 8, Tuosist(H) June 22, Rathmore(A) July 6.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Sean O Grady, former Club Chairman and indeed Secretary celebrated a milestone birthday recently. We won't reveal his exact age but we're told it starts with an "8" and ends with a "0". Here's to many more Sean.

**LOTTO**

*Results Sunday February 9th.* Numbers were 10,12,13,15. Bonus No.4. No Jackpot winner. Match 3s / Lucky Dips: 1. Tim Pierce online, 2. Charlie O Leary Gneeveguilla. 3. Maureen Hartnett Gap of Dunloe.

*Results Sunday February 16th.* Numbers were 4, 9, 16, 23. Bonus 8. No Jackpot winner. Match 3s / Lucky Dips: 1. Padraig Brosnan 2. Shania Costello c/o Sportsman's. 3. Sean Murphy c/o Murphys. This week's draw will take place on Sunday February 23rd.

**EAST KERRY NEWS**

**EAST KERRY LEAGUE RESULTS**

**Round 3 Results**

Division 1A: Furies 1-20 Killarney Legion 2-10

Kenmare 1-09 Spa 0-08

Division 1B: Rathmore 5-22 Glenflesk 1-09

Division 2: Fossa 0-17 Scartaglen 1-07. Cordal 1-16 Currow 2-18.

**Division 1A Round 4 23th Feb 1pm**

Spa V Listry. Kenmare V Furies. Legion Bye

**Division 1B Round 4 23th Feb 1pm**

Gneeveguilla V Kilcummin

**Division 2 Round 4 23th Feb 1pm**

Kilgarvan V Cordal. Scartaglin V Currow. Fossa Bye

**POST PRIMARY SCHOOL BLITZES**

Kerry Coaching and Games organised Super Touch Blitzes for all schools in Kerry. The format was ten aside matches played in MTU superb Astro Turf playing surface. St Brendans College had three teams taking part with all players getting plenty of game time during the day. PS Sliabh Luachra Rathmore and Killarney Community College were well represented on the day with all players enjoying the experience of meeting school teams outside the East Kerry area. Thanks to Dylan Quirke {St Brendans College} Pat Brosnan (PSSL) and Alan O Sullivan {KCC} for supporting Vince Cooper East Kerry GDC in completing the games programme.

Evan Horan {Glenflesk} was an excellent referee on the day. Every school in Kerry will take part in Post Primary School Leagues in the next few weeks giving players plenty of match practise in advance of club competitions. It is important that all players continue to practise the skills during school sessions. The standard of football on display was superb by all teams. Teachers deserve great credit for training all players during the school year. The large attendance watching the matches enjoyed the match day experience.

**DR. CROKES**

**MEMBERSHIP**

Membership for the 2025 season is now due! Follow the link below [https://member.clubforce.com/memberships\\_cart\\_m.asp?LL\\_ID=734&intMF\\_ID=14394#topp](https://member.clubforce.com/memberships_cart_m.asp?LL_ID=734&intMF_ID=14394#topp)

**SENIOR LADIES**

Senior Football training has recommenced. New players or any past players wishing to return are most welcome. For further information contact Aine at 087 2890527.

**LOTTO** took place February 17th. Numbers drawn were 3, 7, 8, 11 Jackpot of €9,200 was NOT WON. 19 patrons matched 3 numbers and received €25 each. Jackpot for draw on February 24th will be €9,500. Play online by following the link below and follow instructions attached [https://play.clubforce.com/play\\_newa.asp?ll\\_id=734#Anchor](https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=734#Anchor) ([https://play.clubforce.com/play\\_newa.asp?ll\\_id=734#Anchor](https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=734#Anchor))

**SOCIAL**

We had a fantastic night last Friday in the Gleneagle Hotel as we celebrated our Annual Awards Night. A big thanks to all of our volunteers who help to make the night such a success.

**FR. PADDY'S CARDS NIGHT** will continue every Wednesday from 8pm in the clubhouse.

**KATHLEEN'S GENTLE MOVEMENT CLASS** continues on Tuesdays at 11am in the clubhouse. You do not need to be a member to



join. All Welcome.

**NATIONAL CLUB DRAW**

All proceeds of the ticket sales will go to Dr Crokes. There are fantastic prizes to be won. [https://member.clubforce.com/tickets\\_m.asp?LL\\_ID=734&intTE\\_ID=3400](https://member.clubforce.com/tickets_m.asp?LL_ID=734&intTE_ID=3400)

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**BINGO**

Dr Crokes Bingo continues every second Sunday in St. Mary's Parish Hall. Doors will open

at 7pm with the first game commencing at 8pm. Next game is February 23rd.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Byran O'Shea and Laura Lynch and to Cian O'Neill and Sandra Fleming on their recent engagements.

**CONDOLENCES** to the O'Shea and Fleming Families on the recent passing of Aine.

**NOTES**

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

**ST PATS EAST KERRY HURLING CLUB**

St Pats East Kerry Hurling Club will recommence activities, with U10 & U12 Hurling in Faha NS (Astro Pitch) on Wednesday evenings from 5.30pm - 6.30pm starting 26th Feb. U6/U8/U10 will be indoors in Spa GAA Hall on Thursdays from 5.30pm to 6.30pm starting on 27th Feb. All new players welcome at all age groups. We have equipment available to use for any newcomer



Enjoying the Dr. Crokes Social Gala Celebration night at the Gleneagle Hotel were Anne Bartlett, Leah Bartlett and Keira Geaney.



Special thanks to Seamus Kelly of Kelly's Londis Rathmore who very kindly sponsored Kits for Sliabh Luachra Lakers (Social Basketball Team).

Pictured back left to right: Sandra O'Sullivan, Bronagh O'Keeffe, John Cronin (Store Manager), Seamus Kelly (Kelly's Londis), Mary Cremin, Mary Murphy, Gráinne Dineen, Caroline Dineen, Desiree Kelleher.

Front left to right: Natasha Murphy, Catriona Mahony, Diane O'Sullivan, Siobhan Murphy.

**SQUASH CLUB NEWS**

By Ray O'Callaghan

The finals of the January Competition sponsored by The Aquila Club took place last Thursday the 13th Feb - while delayed in part by bad winter weather it did not disappoint. Team Connie versus Team Domo. First Game of the Night was a good curtain raiser - Maree Molan took on Tadgh Hickey. Maree and Tadgh both played well but Tadgh had a bit more on the night and won 3-0. We moved onto the up and coming youngster Noah Counihan who played Stephen Moore. Noah on behalf of team Domo outplayed Stephen in the first two games. Stephen mounted a challenge in the third but to no avail and Team Domo had a two nil lead on the night.

Up to the Tee stood Ray O'Callaghan against Patrick Lyne, two seasoned players but responsibility fell to Ray to get Team Connie back on track. A great game was played by both players but Ray had a few tricks that Patrick fell foul to, and Ray won out 3-0. Ken Malone was next on the march to try and even things out, against a great clubman: Neil Kavanagh. Ken took an early two nil lead but Neil was having none of it and brought it back to 2-2. Down to the wire but two tired players played the fifth game, with Ken narrowly winning out for his team. Teams were at two-all, and it was all down to the team captains to battle it out. Connie Doyle facing Domagoj Rac aka Domo. Connie,

another great clubman with great knowledge of the game and Domo the Rookie turned top level player in the club. Domo's enthusiasm and fitness got him an early 2-0 lead. Connie turned on the style and got one back to make it 2-1 but Domo shook off the comeback and finished well to take the win for his team at 3-1. Another fantastic night of Squash and we would like to thank Eoin Horan of the Aquila Club and his staff for the prizes, and thanks

to all at the squash club for making these competitions possible. March Competition Sheet up now sponsored by Torc Engineering. We're always glad to welcome new players with beginners/improvers every Tuesday evening and Juniors Training every Thursday evening. For enquiries please contact the Aquila Club reception at the Gleneagle Hotel by email [aquilaclub@gleneaglehotel.com](mailto:aquilaclub@gleneaglehotel.com) or call 064 6636178.



At the presentation of prizes of the Gleneagle Squash Club monthly competition sponsored by The Aquila Club were seated from left, Patrick Lyne, Matthew Ellaga, Gleneagle Aquila Club, presenting first prize to winning captain Domagoj Rac and Tadgh Hickey. Back from left are Donnagh Crowley, Bernice Enright, Brendan Counihan, Maree Molan, Noah Counihan, Ken Malone, Connie Doyle, Ray O'Callaghan, Neil Kavanagh, Mike Crowley, Mary O'Callaghan and Stephen Moore. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



# KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL STOPPING HOUSE BUILDING IN KERRY



**W**ith the country in the midst of an 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.

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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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Derek came across the Scripture above and decided to put God's Word to work. He saw sick people being given medication three times daily, so he prayed "God I've read Your Word, I believe You have made a Covenant of healing with me, so I'm going to take Your Word as my medicine three times per day, Holy Spirit please help me understand all Jesus won for me". He faithfully studied and prayed with the result that he received total healing in His body, and a new outlook on life. Now he was in relationship with the Lord Jesus Who is the Word of God (John 1:1-14). Simply through the study and application of God's Word his life changed utterly, and God used him to teach many others, myself included, how to study the Word. It's the greatest gift you will give yourself friend - to cultivate relationship with God through Jesus (John 14:6). You are depositing a precious seed that will bring forth a harvest of healing, deliverance, peace, and restoration. Anything worth having takes effort. Look at successful athletes or entrepreneurs. Everyone celebrates with them on their day of glory, but few see the dedication, diligence and sacrifices they've made. While others are watching tv or partying, achievers pay a high price - with their time. Often when people are praying for God to give them a miracle it's because medical help has struck a dead end, and so they turn to God as a last-ditch effort. But time has a nasty habit of running out. And then lovely, sincere people think God doesn't care about them - nothing could be further from the truth! But where there's nothing deposited, there's nothing to draw from - just like an empty bank account.

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