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Taoiseach Micheal Martin with Tom Randles admiring a photo of himself in Valerie O'Sullivan's new photographic book 'On The Edge of Europe - Kerry' which was presented to him at the Dromhall Hotel 60th Anniversary celebration in Killarney on Monday. Full story on pages 26, 28 & 29. Photo by Don MacMonagle

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A Note from the EDITOR



In the week when Killarney welcomed An Taoiseach Micheal Martin, we have a bumper 104 page magazine for you to enjoy.

Following the official opening of the new arrivals hall at Kerry Airport An Taoiseach joined the Randles family as they honoured the late Kay Randles on the 60th anniversary of the opening of the Dromhall Hotel.

St. Brendan's College rolled out the red carpet for the leader of the country and he met with students and staff and took a tour of the facilities at the school. A special Christmas event is being held at Killarney Carpet & Furniture Centre to raise funds for Palliative Care, the Lions Club are heading off on their bikes to boost their annual food appeal and four Kerry Stars athletes have been chosen to compete in the 2026 Ireland Summer Games.

In a historic move, a Killarney woman has been appointed Director of Football at the FAI, Fossa Climate Action Group are holding a day of reflection and choirs are coming together for a fundraising concert.

We have all the information on this year's amazing Christmas In Killarney Festival, there was awards galore in the hotel industry and a new men's support hub has been launched in memory of Jamie Doolan.

A Killarney singer/songwriter is will perform a special Movember Concert at ANAM Cultural Centre and a Christmas Quiz is being held to raise funds for Killarney Valley AC.

Killarney Athletic marked their 60th Anniversary with a gala celebration, Muckross Rowing Club held their annual BBQ and we have all the action from the courts, pitches fairways.

Hope you all enjoy this week's Killarney Outlook!

Aisling Crosbie



*Mystical tree on river bank
walk near Deenagh lodge
captured by Paul Byrne.*

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Picture for Palliative Under Andy's Arches:

Winter Wonderland Fundraiser at Killarney Carpet & Furniture Centre



Killarney Carpet & Furniture Centre will be transformed into a magical Winter Wonderland on Sunday, December 7th, as the popular local store invites families to step into a festive scene in support of Palliative Care services.

The initiative, affectionately titled "Picture for Palliative Under Andy's Arches," will see the store's showroom converted into a Christmas grotto, complete with a seasonal backdrop perfect for family photographs. Visitors are welcome to enjoy a warm hot chocolate, soak up the festive atmosphere, and make a donation to Palliative Care.

The event holds a deeply personal significance for the O'Sullivan family. Speaking to Killarney Outlook, Niall O'Sullivan said the fundraiser is a fitting tribute to his late father, Andy O'Sullivan.

"This is something that my dad, Andy, would be very proud of," Niall said. "He loved Christmas, and we cannot thank the Palliative Care team enough for the support and care that both he and our family received when he passed away last November."

To honour Andy's memory, the family has created a dedicated photo studio inside the store. On Sunday, December 7th, from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m., families can drop in, take as many photos as they wish, and leave a donation of any size to support the vital work of Palliative Care.

In a generous gesture, the store has also committed to matching every donation made. The festive photo studio and donation box will remain in place from December 7th right through to Christmas Eve, giving shoppers plenty of time to take part.

Niall hopes the community will embrace the event, enjoy a moment of Christmas magic, and help raise funds for a cause that touches many families in Kerry.

New Santa Cycle to Boost Lions Food Appeal

Killarney Lions Club is inviting people to join its first ever Santa Cycle fundraiser on Saturday December 6th, which is being supported by Killarney Cycling Club and Christmas in Killarney. The event is in aid of the annual Christmas Food Appeal run by Killarney Lions Club, who provide food hampers to families in need during the festive season.

Anyone interested in taking part just has to dress up (even a Santa hat will do) and bring their bike for a short leisure cycle around town – the event is family friendly and all ages are welcome. People can register at <https://www.idonate.ie/event/2025KillarneySantaCycle> or using the QR code (Adult: €15, Child €5, Family €25).

The cycle will start from Killarney Racecourse at 5.15pm and conclude with leading the Christmas in Killarney parade through the town.

"Our Christmas Food Appeal is important because as we all know, Christmas can be a challenging time for some families so we try to help with that as best we can. We provided over 100 food hampers last year and our aim is to do the same this year," said Jason Higgins, President of Killarney Lions Club.

"We heard about Santa Cycles in other places and we thought it might something different to try in Killarney. I'd encourage everyone to take part in this new event, it will be a bit of fun and will help bring in much needed funds for our appeal at the same time."



Launching the Lions Santa Cycle were Peter Costelloe, Fiona O'Donoghue and Dan O'Connor, Killarney Cycling Club with Jason Higgins and Denis Doolan, Killarney Lions Club



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A historic moment for Kerry.....

KILLARNEY'S GERARDINE NAGLE Appointed Director of Football at the FAI

It was a proud day for Killarney and for Kerry football when Gerardine Nagle was appointed Director of Football at the Football Association of Ireland (FAI) at their recent 2025 AGM. The appointment marks a remarkable milestone in what has been a long, distinguished, and trailblazing career in Irish soccer.

Ger, from Killarney, began her involvement in the sport 25 years ago as a volunteer with Killarney Athletic. Her dedication and leadership quickly became evident, and she went on to become the first woman in the club's history to serve as Chairperson. During her three-year term, the club enjoyed significant growth and success, earning FAI Club Mark Entry and Club Mark Star Player Development Centre awards. She also championed the development of the girls' game, which has since become one of the club's strongest and fastest-growing divisions.

Her influence extended far beyond her home club. For the past 15 years, Ger has served as Vice Chairperson and Welfare Officer of the Kerry District League. Five years ago, she broke new ground again as the first Kerry woman appointed to the Munster Football Association (MFA) Council, where she now also serves on the Executive following last year's election.

A respected voice in Irish football governance, she has represented the MFA as a delegate to the FAI General Assembly for the past four years. She also contributes at national level through her roles on both the National League Committee and the Underage Football Committee.

In addition to her administrative achievements, Gerardine is a founding member of Kerry FC and continues to play a key role as a board member and Matchday Operations Officer, further cementing her reputation as one of the county's most committed football figures.



This year, it was the turn of the Amateur and Youth Council to nominate a female candidate for the position of Football Director on the FAI Board. Gerardine was put forward by the Munster Football Association and subsequently ratified by the full chamber, an historic moment as she becomes the first person from Kerry ever elected to the FAI Board. Her appointment is a testament to decades of service, leadership, and vision.

"It's fantastic recognition for all the hard work done in Kerry," Gerardine told Killarney Outlook. "To be the first Kerry person elected to the board is a great honour."

Her new role places her at the heart of football development in Ireland, an opportunity she has more than earned and one that reflects the deep respect she commands across the sport.

A proud achievement for Gerardine Nagle, a proud moment for Killarney, and a major step forward for representation and progress in Irish football.

Kerry Stars Athletes Set for 2026 Ireland Summer Games

The Kerry Stars are celebrating a proud moment as four of their talented athletes have been selected to represent the club at the 2026 Ireland Summer Games, set to take place in Dublin. The announcement marks a major milestone for the club and an unforgettable achievement for the athletes involved.

The athletes selected are:

Caoimhe Brosnan, Kilcummin – Swimming
Sophie Twiss, Milltown – Swimming
Luke Scollard, Scartaglen – Field & Track
Joe Buckley, Faha – Field & Track

For these athletes, the opportunity to compete on a national stage is a dream come true. Their commitment, grit, and passion embody the core values of the Kerry Stars, inclusion, friendship, and the pure joy of sport.

To help make this journey possible, each athlete must raise €2,000 to cover essential expenses including travel, four nights of accommodation, training, official uniforms, and event fees. In response, the club has launched its Sponsor an Athlete campaign, calling on the community to

rally behind the athletes and support their path to the Games.

By sponsoring an athlete, supporters will be helping them take their well-earned place at the Games while representing Kerry with determination, courage, and heart. Contributions will directly assist with:



Travel arrangements to and around Dublin
 Accommodation during the Games
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 Meals and event-related costs

Sponsors will also receive recognition and thanks for their generosity, including:
 Acknowledgement on the Kerry Stars' website and social media platforms
 Inclusion in press releases and media coverage
 A personalised thank-you photo with their sponsored athlete
 The satisfaction of contributing to a meaningful community cause

The Kerry Stars have expressed immense pride in Caoimhe, Sophie, Luke, and Joe for their accomplishments to date. With months of preparation ahead, the club is confident these athletes will continue to inspire both on and off the field, and hopes the wider community will join in supporting their journey to Dublin. The road to the 2026 Ireland Summer Games begins now and Kerry is behind them all the way.



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The Web of Life

Fossa Climate Action Group Hold Day of Reflection

As Samhain is felt and the days become ever shorter, Fossa Climate Action Group will host its last event of 2025. On Sunday 30th November at 4:30pm, 'The Web of Life' will be an event of reflection for all members of the public. It will take place at Fossa Church, just west of Killarney and will feature two thought provoking speakers: Sylvia Thompson and Dr. Brendan O'Keefe.

Sylvia Thompson is a Peace Activist and Community Leader who has been working for climate justice for many years. She is also a committee member of JPIC (Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation) in Kerry. Her talk will explore 'What do spirituality and ethics say to us about caring for our common home?'

Dr. Brendan O'Keefe is a geographer and social scientist that has published many papers on rural geography and sustainable communities. He will examine 'What does science tell us about Kerry's changing climate?'

Our local area is interconnected to places that surround it and as a whole we share our home with all people, animals, and plants that form a delicate 'web of life'.

*Man did not weave the web of life;
he is merely a strand in it.
Whatever he does to the web,
he does to himself.*

Everyone is welcome and admission is free thanks to funding from Community Foundation Ireland and the Department of the Environment.



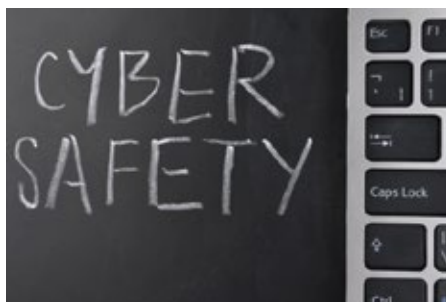
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Minister of State with responsibility for Community Development and Charities, Jerry Buttimer, recently launched the Skills for Life programme, on Wednesday, 10 September in the Lexicon in Dún Laoghaire.

The programme is available in all 30 local authority library services and focuses on six key themes:

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Skills for Life take place on Wednesday 26 November at Killarney Library 12pm - 1pm

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Generous Students donate to the Shoe box appeal

Wiktorija GLuza and Mischa Mccarthy from the Killarney Community College Student Council recently handed over a trolley load of shoeboxes to Joan from the Hope Foundation. These boxes will go to children in various parts of the world who may otherwise struggle with access to the niceties were used to at Christmastime. Last year their boxes travelled to Ukraine. The year before to Romania. Well done to both the Student Council and 6 LCA for spearheading this initiative within the school. They did a great job in encouraging their peers to donate to a very worthy cause.





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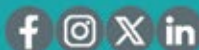
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NEW MEN'S SUPPORT HUB LAUNCHES in Memory of Jamie Doolan

A powerful and emotional gathering took place at Killarney Racecourse this week as the Doolan family officially launched the Jamie Doolan Men's Hub, a new community initiative created to support men's mental health and wellbeing.

The launch, attended by family, friends, and community members, captured the deep sense of purpose behind the project. Named in honour of Jamie Doolan, who passed away in July of this year, the hub aims to offer a safe, calm, and welcoming space for men to talk openly, listen to others, or simply sit among people who understand the pressures and challenges many carry in silence.

The first official session of the Men's Hub was held this Wednesday at the Mount Hawk Park Club House from 7:00 to 9:00 PM.

Organisers emphasise that the space is open to all men, whether they're struggling, stressed, or feeling overwhelmed, or even if they're doing well and simply want to support others. There are no expectations, no judgement, and no pressure to speak. The focus is on creating genuine connection in a warm and supportive environment.

The Doolan family hope that Jamie's legacy will live on through these conversations, the kind that can change, strengthen, or even save a life. Attendees are encouraged to come alone or bring a friend; either way, they will be welcomed.

In a time when many men continue to battle silently, the Jamie Doolan Men's Hub stands as a reminder that no one has to face their struggles alone.



Members of the Doolan Family pictured with representatives from the Kerry District League at the launch of the Jamie Doolan Men's Hub.



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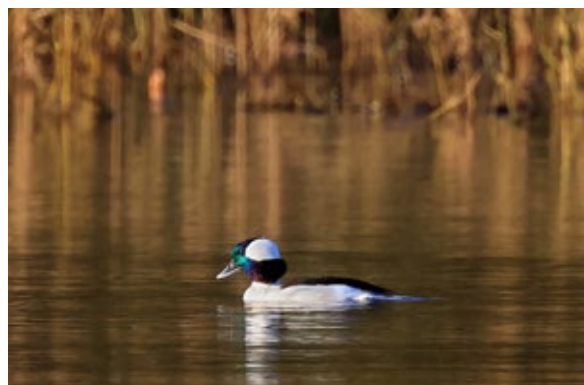
Anú Spa was honoured with the Spa of the Year award at the Connect Kerry Hair & Beauty Awards, held at The Rose Hotel on Sunday evening. This recognition celebrates a year of exceptional growth and innovation for Anú Spa.

The award comes on the heels of Anú Spa's recent partnership with ELEMIS, the luxury British skincare brand, which launched at the spa last month. This exciting collaboration has enhanced the spa's already impressive treatment menu, providing world-class products and expertise to Killarney.

"We are absolutely thrilled to receive this recognition," said Barbara Starzak, Manager of Anú Spa. "This award reflects the dedication of our entire team and our commitment to elevating the spa experience for every guest who walks through our doors. It's been an incredible year of growth."

The celebration continues with Anú Spa's Christmas Gifting Evening on December 10th, where guests will have the opportunity to discover the perfect festive presents from Elemis and Íon. The evening will feature a special guest speaker from ELEMIS, alongside Liz Hanlon, owner of the Íon brand, making it an unmissable evening. Tickets are €15, fully redeemable on purchases during the evening. Guests can enjoy exceptional offers including a complimentary ELEMIS gift worth €85 with purchases over €125, 3 for 2 on Íon products, and a free 30-minute back massage (valued at €80) when spending €400 or more. Bookings can be made by phone or email to the spa at thespa@thebrehon.com or call 0646623980.

As Anú Spa looks ahead, this Spa of the Year award marks not an endpoint, but a milestone in their ongoing commitment to excellence and innovation in the wellness industry.



NEW DUCK DISCOVERED AT KILLARNEY NATIONAL PARK

A rare male Bufflehead was recorded on Lough Lein, Killarney National Park on Wednesday afternoon by Dr Tomas C. Kelly, right (Retired Lecturer University College Cork). The Bufflehead is an extremely rare vagrant to Western Europe. Padruig O'Sullivan, NPWS, Conservation Ranger added "Their breeding habitat is ponds and lakes in Canada and Alaska. They normally winter in North America. The perky large-headed duck, makes a habit of 'ducking and diving' under water continuously, leaving the bird observers wondering will it ever reemerge and where? They are similar to the Goldeneyes as they nest in cavities." The Bufflehead was first recorded in the Gearagh, Macroom, County Cork in 1988. The second recorded Bufflehead was in Lough Atedaun, County Clare in 2007. In an update on Biodiversity Ireland website the citation reads: Irish Rare Bird Committee, Rare birds of Ireland, National Biodiversity Data Centre, Ireland, Bufflehead (*Bucephala albeola*), accessed 19 November 2025
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Anne Lucey
looks at the positive news
happening in Killarney



THEIR FIRST FLIGHTS RECALLED

There was an air of celebration on Monday. The clouds parted and a rare clear sky marked an occasion celebrating Kerry Airport and its multimillion euro new arrivals and departures facilities.

The history of Kerry Airport is one of great - I always hesitate to use the word pride - quiet satisfaction for this county. Acting chair on the day of the entirely voluntary board, and a long term director, former hotelier Kathleen O'Regan-Sheppard welcomed the Taoiseach, and a host of politicians. She said they were "celebrating not just a building but a story of perseverance and partnership."

"Kerry Airport stands as living testament to what vision, community good leadership can achieve," Kathleen said.

Work on the two-phase project, costing €5 million, was completed on schedule in July 2025 within time and budget.

Kathleen recalled how in the early days, the private airport made its money from cutting hay and from sales in the airport bar.

From a fledgling in 1969, it is heading towards 430,000 passengers in 2025.

The support of key figures including the late Charlie Haughey, and Tanaiste Dick Spring had been crucial to success, along with Kerry Group's Denis Brosnan, Liam Chute and Denis Cregan, and Kerry County managers particularly the late Tom Collins, a civil engineer.

Tourism figures like Kathleen had contributed much too, it must be pointed out. Which goes to show, if more smart and lively presentable people in tourism enterprises were encouraged to put their shoulders to wheels, outside their own demanding industry, how much might be achieved in our county.



An Taoiseach, Mr Micheál Martin T.D., has officially opened the new Arrivals Hall at Kerry Airport.

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MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on wheels is to be given a whole new interpretation in Killarney: From next week all Meals on Wheels for Killarney are to be cooked in Tralee and put into a van and driven around. I kid you not.

There is a great deal of unnecessary hurt locally as the news to those who have put in decades of voluntary service came without even a proper thank you from the HSE - and was only confirmed publicly some days after queries from this journalist.

Basically Columbanus hospital will no longer continue to cook the core 20 meals delivered by the volunteers with the Killarney Community Service from November 28th, the HSE decided a few weeks ago.

So into "the gap" comes the Meals on Wheels Tralee, Tralee Community Development Project.

It has renamed itself Tralee and Killarney Meals and Wheels. Funded and encouraged by the HSE it came into Kilcummin and mainly outlying parts of Killarney around March of last year offering laundry and meals to the over 60s.

A launch took place on Monday - on social media. The group pic was in front of "God has No Country". No one from the existing, dedicated Killarney Meals on Wheels organisation was included.

Aside from what to many was the insensitivity of Monday's event, the crux for me is also that the new multi-million euro community nursing unit will no longer cook even some meals.

The HSE's dismantling of the local service ticks no boxes, carbon, local or indeed efficiency. Meals now will be delivered sometimes two days at a time, a concern to the Killarney organisation, a spokeswoman said.

Paddy Kevane is the chair of Tralee Meals and Wheels. Paddy, who lectures in social care, at MTU, will be known as he last year ran for Sinn Féin in Tralee. He says he is willing to meet with and welcome the existing group. There is "a gap in the service" now, Paddy says. And there is room for more than one organisation, he says. Data Protection - GDPR - will not allow the HSE or even Killarney Community Services if they had a mind to to hand over a list of clients. It's "not a takeover" Paddy says and the launch was to advertise to ensure seamless service and no one is left without a meal in Killarney.

The battle is not over for facilities for a local based service. Cllr Marie Moloney sits on the board of the Torc Family Resource Centre. A past volunteer with Killarney Meals on Wheels, Marie says the real losers in all of this will be the 20 core clients. Personal contact has been built up over years. Torc Resource has the kitchen facilities and will make them available to the HSE.

As we go to press, the HSE has now thanked the volunteers who put in so much effort for so many years and wants to meet with them. It might all have been handled better methinks.

GRIT: A BOOK FOR ALL SEASONS

Launched at the Kerry Writers' Museum recently, the book Grit by Killarney man Aidan O'Leary ticks all the boxes - poetry, music and photography in celebration of the human spirit. It's a stunning effort.

Aidan studied TV, Radio and New Media at MTU Tralee and graduated with a First-Class Honours degree. Grit grew from his final year at MTU Tralee.

It is "a fully realised multimedia publication" which means each copy of the beautifully produced book by Lunar Fern Publishing comes with a QR code linking readers to original soundscapes and visuals.

The book is a celebration of the human spirit, accompanied by music and some beautifully mastered photographs and drawings.

It reminded me of the Chinese and Japanese methods of combining poetry with painting.

Aidan is the son of former Killarney town clerk Michael,

and Audrey.

His interests span several creative areas.

"I have a strong interest in film, music and sound design, visual art, writing, photography, videography and documentary production. Audio documentaries are a field I am now branching into alongside my other work."

Music is a major influence on everything he creates and he is also fascinated by the stories people carry within them and the way they open up once trust is established in a conversation.

He is continuing to write and has already taken steps towards a second book of poetry and prose while also working on several ideas for children's books.

Aidan has already picked up awards for his work and has completed work for the National Opera and other museums.

Grit, priced at €25.00 is available in Easons Killarney,

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Grit... Aidan O'Leary pictured with his new book.

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Choirs Come Together For Fundraising Concert

Killarney's Stronger Together Choir – with support from the Music Generation Castleisland Teen and Children's Choir - will be doing a Fundraising concert in the Friary Church on Sunday December 7th at 3pm in aid of two amazing local charities, the Killarney Cardiac Response Unit and the Killarney Water Rescue Search and Recovery Team.

Admission to the Concert will be by "Donation" at the door and online donations can be made at <https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/tomoshea>

The Stronger Together Choir was formed in early 2023 and has close on 70 members.

Choir Committee Chairperson Tom O'Shea said that the Choir under the direction of Sorcha

O'Connor have been working hard since returning in September and are really looking forward to what is their first concert in Killarney, having previously performed in Siamsa Tire, Tralee MTU, Tralee Food Festival and the Kilcummin Jingle and Mingle Christmas Event. Tom said that Choir Members are delighted to be involved in raising funds for the charities which are so vital to the local community. The Cardiac Response Unit is a voluntary Unit of approximately 50 volunteers, from all sectors of society, who respond to 999/112 emergency Cardiac Phone calls and are activated once a Cardiac call is made to Ambulance control. They cover an area of 10km from the centre of Killarney Town and also have teams located

in Beaufort, Fries, Rathmore and Kenmare. The Water Rescue Search and Recovery Team provide a search-and-recovery service – primarily locally – on lakes, rivers, and coastline. The group also combines with other emergency services such as Coastguard, Fire and Ambulance Service and Kerry Mountain Rescue.



Charlie Bear Returns to The Europe Hotel for Christmas Charity Campaign

Charlie Bear is back at The Europe Hotel & Resort in Killarney this Christmas, joined by his cousin Bertie Bear for a festive fundraiser in aid of BUMBLEance, Ireland's dedicated children's ambulance service.

This year's campaign, Charlie & Bertie's Suite Dreams, is inspired by Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. The hotel has created a limited-edition chocolate bar, with one lucky bar containing a Golden Ticket. The winner will enjoy an overnight stay in the hotel's newly renovated Hans Liebherr Suite, valued at €3,000 per night and offering panoramic views of the Lakes of Killarney.

All proceeds from the chocolate bars will go directly to BUMBLEance. Michael Brennan, Managing Director of The Europe Hotel & Resort, said the hotel is "delighted to support such an incredible charity". Shane Brannigan of BUMBLEance welcomed the partnership, noting the campaign's impact on funding and awareness.

The €10 chocolate bars go on sale Monday, 17 November at theeurope.com, with all orders dispatched at the end of the campaign. Guests and locals are invited to join Charlie and Bertie in supporting the cause—one chocolate bar at a time.





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Christmas in Killarney

A GUIDE TO WHAT'S HAPPENING IN KILLARNEY TOWN Season to be jolly in the Christmas Capital

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Killarney 2025 where the elves are kept busy sprinkling the magic dust to ensure the fully deserved reputation as the most spectacular festive season town in the entire country is maintained.

Organised by a sub-committee of Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, with support from Kerry County Council, the annual Christmas in Killarney festival will feature extra spectacular Christmas Magic street parades, magnificent street lights and decorations and a really unique Santa's Grotto experience at a very special and magical location.

There will also be a bustling markets village with great gift ideas, sensational shopping and all the fun of the season of goodwill which will ensure Killarney is once again the country's Christmas capital for 2025.



The incredible hour-long Christmas Magic parades, with Disney-style floats and characters and, of course, Santa Claus himself, will wind their way through the packed Streets on November 29th, December 6th, 13th and 20th, commencing at 6.00pm. Popular cartoon characters will be roaming the

streets and meeting and greeting the children from 5.30pm and the magnificent snow queens and magical horses will also be out and about. The astonishing Christmas street lights will be officially switched on the night of the first parade on November 29th.

Each parade will be a family-friendly spectacle, featuring joyful festive entertainment for all ages right in the heart of Killarney town.

A wheelchair accessible viewing space will be available at Market Cross and an accessible, autism-friendly viewing area will be provided at Áras Phádraig on Lewis Road.

This colourful, feelgood celebration showcases Killarney in a truly magnificent light and the parades attract people from all over the country and beyond.

If you haven't been in Killarney for a Magic Parade at Christmas, you really don't know what you're missing.

Festive walks will showcase Killarney

The energetic Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce has Christmas all wrapped up this year – and those that enjoy the great outdoors have been advised to follow suit. The festival committee has organised a series

of festive season walks which are designed specifically for locals and visitors to experience much of what Killarney has to offer during the most magical time of the year.

The walks will take place every day from December 27th right through to January 1st and the low-level routes will ensure they are suitable for all, particularly families enjoying the holiday season in the Christmas capital of

Ireland. Routes, which won't be difficult and will take in areas within the national park and other places of interest, are currently being finalised and bookings will need to be made in advance on www.christmasinkillarney.com.

There will be a charge of €20 and all profits made will be donated to charity.



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A very tasty Dine in Killarney celebration

Discerning diners can enjoy the benefits of the festive season with the official Dine in Killarney promotion which will run on Thursday, November 20 and Thursday, November 27 with some restaurants extending the offer to other nights also.

Over 20 quality restaurants have signed up for this year's incredible value dine around which offers three delicious courses for just €39.95 which is remarkable value and would scarcely cover a main course elsewhere.

The Dine in Killarney initiative – organised by a Christmas in Killarney sub-committee of Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce – is a way for restaurants to say thank you to their loyal customers throughout the year and it all adds a little extra sparkle to the lead-up to the season of goodwill.

It is essential to contact the restaurant of your choice directly and quote 'Dine in Killarney'.

This year's participating restaurants, enlisted by the Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce festival sub-committee, are Arbour at the Great Southern, Bricin, Café Du Parc, Cronin's, Danu at the Brehon, The Flesk, Fig at the Killarney Royal Townhouse, Hannigan's Bar and Restaurant, Harrow, Hilliard's, Kayne's Bar and Brasserie, Murphy Brownes, Killarney Oaks, O'Donoghue's Public House, Rozzers Restaurant, The Ivy at The Victoria, The Lane at The Ross, The Mill Restaurant, Killarney Heights, The Porterhouse, The Tan Yard and Vendricks.

Top class Entertainment comes to town

Adding to the magic of Christmas in Killarney this holiday season will be a whole host of top class, engaging shows at the Gleneagle Arena which will delight audiences in the build-up, during and after Santa arrives in town.

The line-up is like a who's who of the top entertainment acts and, in earlier December, fans can look forward to performances by The Highstool Prophets, Moncrieff, BellX1, Pa Sheehy Unplugged, Kneecap and The Scratch.

Also coming to the Gleneagle Arena are Cormac Begley, Celine Byrne's Christmas celebration, Picture This, Amble, Phil Coulter, The Tumbling Paddies, Paddy Casey and Mundy, Taylor Fever – a Taylor Swift Tribute – Darren Kiely, The Coronas, Block Rockin' Beats and The Mary Wallopers.

Early in January the venue will host The Wicked Wizard of Oz – a Cirque Spectacular – Neil Delamere and, for sports fans, a world exclusive evening with boxing champion Katie Taylor.

Meet Santa and the Elves at Deenagh Lodge

The most magical time of the year is fast approaching – and even more magical news is just breaking in Killarney.

Santa Claus has sent a special message all the way from the North Pole to confirm that he will be returning to the wonderful venue that is Deenagh Lodge, in Killarney National Park, for the fantastic Christmas in Killarney celebrations.

Santa has some very special memories of Deenagh Lodge and he remembers his first time delivering gifts to children there was way back in 1937. He will be back this year from Thursdays through to Sundays from November 28th to December 23rd and advance bookings are essential.

He and the elves will be there to meet and greet all the children – and the young at heart – and he is really looking forward to getting into the real spirit of the season in the most wonderful town of them all.

Those that have yet to write their letter to Santa can bring it with them and drop it off in the special musical post box.

On arrival at the park, the gatekeeper will meet each boy and girl who will get their special Elf Passport to enter the cottage.

They will then join Santa in his busy Christmas office where he will be double checking his list and making sure all the boys and girls will have a wonderful holiday and they will get to see the crazy beds the elves sleep in and visit Mrs Claus who will be busy in the parlour.

Each time slot will last for approximately 20 minutes and all the visiting children will receive a small token from Santa as a memento of their visit.

Santa will be in Deenagh Lodge, just opposite St Mary's Cathedral, from 4pm to 9pm on Thursdays and Fridays and from 11.30am to 6pm on Saturdays and Sundays and he can't wait to hear what's topping this year's long wish-list.

Advance booking is required on www.christmasinkillarney.com and, as this event sells out fast, book now to secure a place.

The Christmas in Killarney Festival is organised by a sub-committee of Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce.



Visit the ultimate Christmas website

You'll find nobody that's naughty but everyone that's nice when you visit the sparkling Christmas in Killarney Festival website.

www.christmasinkillarney.com is packed with all the information required to make the most of this year's festive season celebration which promises to be a fabulous experience for people of all ages. The site gives visitors up-to-date information on what's on, where it's on and when it's on and how they can plan ahead to enjoy the packed line-up of fabulous events.

It provides all the information required to help visitors to plan their journey and, perhaps most importantly of all, it will facilitate bookings for events that need advance registration.

The colourful website gives visitors the chance to play a part in the unfolding Christmas story where the magic becomes reality at one of the most spectacular festive season celebrations in the country. It features all the details of the wonderful Christmas Magic parades, the switching on of the elaborate street lights, atmospheric sleigh rides, the Killarney on Ice experience, Dine in Killarney and so much more.

The website for the Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce sub-committee is www.christmasinkillarney.com. Don't miss the fun and excitement.

www.christmasinkillarney.com

Killarney to get its skates on



Killarney is hugely excited to have an opportunity to get its skates on again this Christmas as the Killarney On Ice experience returns in all its glory.

A wonderfully atmospheric addition

to the annual season of goodwill festival, the magical ice rink will return to the Beech Road car park on November 28th and it will remain all through the festive season until January 4th. The day and night event was always a huge attraction when it was previously in

Killarney and there is a great air of anticipation and excitement. Locals and visitors can glide into the season that's in it with family and friends and soak up the Christmas spirit. Whether you're a beginner finding your balance or a confident skater, the rink is the perfect place for festive fun. With cosy vibes, twinkling lights and the sound of laughter echoing on the ice, you'll create memories to treasure all season long.



Christmas Markets return to town centre

Christmas markets, packed with wonderful festive season gift ideas, will be returning to the town centre this December.

The seasonal cabins will be located in Newmarket Lane – off High Street and adjacent to the Glebe car Park – on the three weekends leading up to Christmas.

There will be a real holiday season atmosphere and a fabulous seasonal décor in the area and the cabins will have wonderfully imaginative presents on offer.

The Christmas markets will be in place on the weekend of December 5/6/7, again on December 12/13/14 and, finally, in December 19/20/21 and they will be up and running from 11.00am to 7.00pm on each of those days.

Anyone wishing to book a cabin for the promotion is asked to contact info@christmasinkillarney.com as soon as possible.

Killarney's very own Polar Express

A magical new addition to the Christmas in Killarney parades this year will be a magnificent Polar Express-style train engine that has been designed and built by the members of the Killarney Classic and Vintage Club.

It will be a spectacular feature of the four festive parades that will wind their way through the streets every Saturday night from November 29th to December 20th.

The organisers will dedicate the Christmas in Killarney Express to a deserving child on each of the Saturday nights and, not only will they get to board the engine float for the parade, with a wonderful vantage point for the celebrations, the dream machine will also be named in their honour for the night they are chosen.

It is envisaged the children that will benefit will have beaten the odds in their own determined way having encountered some difficulties or issues in their young lives.

They will get to experience the true spirit of Christmas in what promises to be a wonderful, unforgettable, magical way that will linger in the memory forever.

The Killarney Classic and Vintage Club has teamed up with the Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce Christmas in Killarney sub-committee for the big event and generous sponsorship for the building and decoration of the Christmas in Killarney Express was provided by Paul Fitzgerald and Son Building Supplies in Coolcaslagh. In addition to featuring in the parades, the chosen children and their families will join the organisers and sponsors for a fun-filled Christmas party on the final parade night and some great gifts will await.



Great Southern Killarney Wins 4-Star Hotel of the Year at the GOOD FOOD IRELAND® AWARDS 2025

Great Southern Killarney has been awarded Best 4-Star Hotel at the GOOD FOOD IRELAND® AWARDS 2025, held at The K Club, Co. Kildare a prestigious event celebrating excellence in Irish food and hospitality.

Our new brasserie restaurant, Arbour is a place to enjoy great food and great company in the lavish architecture of its grand room, with a menu featuring brasserie classics and seasonal dishes crafted from the finest local ingredients.

The team at Arbour is led by Director of Culinary, Heiko Riebandt and Executive Head Chef, Gavin Nolan who collected the award.

"We are incredibly proud to receive this recognition," said Jamie Power, General Manager of Great Southern Killarney. "It's a true testament to the dedication, creativity, and passion of our entire team - from the kitchen to the front of house - who work tirelessly to deliver an exceptional experience for every guest. This award celebrates not only our food but also our deep-rooted commitment to Irish hospitality and local produce. Here's to continuing to champion local produce, exceptional dining, and genuine Irish hospitality!"



Executive Head Chef Gavin Nolan and Catriona Nolan collected the award on behalf of Great Southern Killarney.

A milestone year calls for a sensational show

Rehearsals are back in full swing and we are ready to shake our way to the Gleneagle Arena stage for our 40th anniversary as a society! Killarney Musical Society are delighted to welcome back all returning members and extend our warmest welcome to our new ones! Members are busy each week learning those catchy melodies and stunning harmonies with Musical Director Jimmy Brockie and Choral Director, Sorcha O'Connor. The cast has also been put to their paces with the extraordinary work of Choreographer, Justin Walsh. All which cannot happen without the overarching vision of AIMS award-winning Director, Oliver Hurley.

We have the costumes, the orchestra and the sets are coming together beautifully, complete with neon lighting! This is really a show not to be missed! Tickets available from the Gleneagle Arena Box Office or on Ticketmaster.



Justin Walsh rehearsing with the men's chorus last week.

Boost for Crohane, Dromkerry as supply upgrade now complete



Uisce Éireann has completed works in Crohane, Dromkerry to reduce high levels of leakage in the area and improve the resilience of the network, enabling the local community to thrive.

The works took place from the junction of the N72 at Crohane along the L-11012 Gortacolopa, Fossa and involved the replacement of 1.8 kilometres of aged water mains prone to bursts with new pipes.

Programme Manager at Uisce Éireann, Jack Cronin said: "We are delighted to complete these upgrades for the local community. Replacing these old, damaged pipes will significantly lower the instances of bursts and outages on the network, eliminate existing leaks and reduce the amount

of clean water lost into the ground. The works will also improve the operation of the network reducing the need to manage frequent repairs of aging water mains resulting in a positive impact on leakage and the daily lives of the residents of Crohane and Fossa."

"We would like to thank customers for their support and patience while we completed the essential works," said Mr Cronin.

The project was being carried out by Ward and Burke Construction Ltd on behalf of Uisce Éireann.

This project was delivered as part of Uisce Éireann's national Leakage Reduction Programme which continues to deliver significant benefits to communities across Ireland, including improved water quality, provision of a more resilient and sustainable water supply for customers, and considerable water savings.

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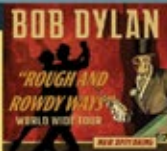
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The Muckross Suite will boost local charity

A magnificent musical suite, specially composed and arranged to mark the 60th anniversary of the opening of Killarney's Muckross House to the public, has been released on CD to raise funds for a deserving local charity this Christmas.

The Muckross Suite features five fabulous tracks all of which are linked to specific moments in time or events that occurred in the landmark house, the building of which was completed in 1843.

The CD will be on sale in the Muckross House Craft Centre for €9.99 and all proceeds will go to the Kerry Cancer Support Group which operates the Healthlink Transport Service bringing patients, free of charge, to and from hospitals in Cork and Limerick for treatment.

The CD project was commissioned by the Trustees of Muckross House to mark the diamond anniversary of the opening of the landmark building to the people of Killarney and around the world in 1964.

The Muckross Suite was composed by JJ O'Shea with arrangements by Paul de Grae and Reidun Schlesinger.

Paul (piano and guitar) and Reidun (harp) are joined by musicians Barry Lynch (uilleann pipes and whistle) and Sean Abeyta (fiddle) and the five-track CD was recorded at Tony O'Flaherty's Sonas Studios in Killarney.

Muckross House archivist and librarian, Patricia O'Hare, said the inspiration for the musical project was inspired by Muckross House itself, its furnishings, its location and its history.

"It was a real labour of love for all involved and it is wonderful to be in a position to support such a wonderful charity," she said.

The five tracks on what is essentially a Muckross House Anthem are:

•**Mary Herbert's Piano:** A tranquil solo piece dedicated to the former Muckross House owner whose piano is still on show there.

•**Kitty in the Kitchen:** A jig that celebrates the life and times of the Muckross House staff who worked downstairs.

•**View from the Library Window:** A harp-based track featuring a spectacular view from Muckross House which inspired Mary Herbert who was an accomplished water colourist. Her art demonstrates her great love and affection for Killarney's landscape,



A magnificent musical suite, specially composed and arranged to mark the 60th anniversary of the opening of Killarney's Muckross House to the public, has been released on CD to raise funds for Kerry Cancer Support Group. Launching the CD from left, Muckross House and Research Library Archivist Patricia O'Hare, Composer JJ O'Shea and Manager Kerry Cancer Support Group Health Link Transport Services, Breda Dyland. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

•**An American in Killarney:** A lively jazz number dedicated to American entrepreneur William Bowers Bourn who purchased Muckross House for his daughter Maud.

•**Open Doors:** A lively, upbeat 1960's style rhythm marking the opening of Muckross House to the public in 1964.

•**Award-winning composer and broadcaster JJ O'Shea said the melody goes through five different changes and it takes the listener on an epic journey through the history of Muckross House.**

•**The Muckross Suite is on sale in the Muckross House Craft Centre for €9.99 and all proceeds will go to the Kerry Cancer Support Group**

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Barbeque Season at Muckross Rowing Club

It was a packed house in Colgans Bar at the Muckross Park Hotel on Saturday evening last, as members of Muckross Rowing Club were joined by supporters, family and friends who gathered for the club's annual Barbeque Social event. There were over 160 people in attendance on the night and while the busy club has already embarked on a new rowing season for 2025/26, the social night was a chance to relax and reflect on the success of the past rowing season 2024/25.

Those gathered were welcomed by Club Chairwoman Sharon Cooper who congratulated club members, coaches and committee on all their achievements during the year gone by. Vice Chairman and PRO Tim O'Shea reflected on some of the highlights for the club during the year. Since the club's last BBQ event in 2024, the club was successfully represented in numerous events at home and abroad ranging from winter time trial events in Limerick and Cork to summer regattas including Skibbereen, Bantry, Castleconnell, Lee, Cork City and Fermoy. The Rowing Ireland 1K Classic held in early July in Leitrim was a major success, with the club winning nine gold medals at both Junior and Masters level. The Irish Rowing Championships for Junior 16, 18 and adult grades later in July saw the Muckross club represented by 28 crews in 11 categories. The four crews that qualified for the A finals and top six nationally were congratulated – with Muckross in contention for silverware in the Womens Junior Double, Intermediate Double and Mens Junior Double and Quad. A Championship highlight for Muckross was the bronze medal win for Khim Fleming and Rachel Fuller in the Womens Junior Double. Moving further afield, there were congratulations to four Masters members of the club who were part of a successful contingent of 12 Irish clubs racing at the World Rowing Masters Regatta held in Spain in September, returning home as gold

medallists.

On the night, the club honoured four junior members of the club for their selection through national trials to join Irish rowing squads for international competition in 2025. The club made presentations to Cian Scannell and Ronan Fahy, who raced for Ireland at the Coupe de la Jeunesse Regatta in Linz, Austria in July. From Linz, Cian returned a bronze medal for Ireland with Lee Valley crewmate Colin Creedon. The third presentation was made to Cillian Leslie, for his successful participation with the Irish team at the recent Coupe de la Jeunesse Beach Sprint competition in Spain, with Cillian making the final 16 for Ireland in the Mens Single event. The final presentation on the night was made to Rachel Fuller, who was congratulated for her double gold medal win for Ireland at the Home International Regatta in London in July. There were also honourable mentions for three former junior members now racing with their university clubs, who also represented Ireland in 2025. Caoimhe O'Sullivan (UL RC) raced in the green jersey at the European U23 Championships while Daniel Daly (UL RC) and Ethan O'Neill (UCC RC) also raced for Ireland in the senior ranks at the Home International Regatta. The buffet barbecue was heartily enjoyed by all those in attendance. There were also words of thanks on the night from the club to local businesses who have generously sponsored and supported the club, including the Muckross Park Hotel, Cahernane House Hotel, Daly's SuperValu and Leanes Fitted Furniture.

Following the social night, the club is back to a busy schedule as it gears up to host its annual Muckross Head Of the River time trial event on Saturday, 6th December at the National Rowing Centre in Farran, Cork. Onshore, the club is also calling all trivia buffs ahead of its Christmas Table Quiz fundraiser scheduled for the holiday period on Monday 29th December at the Muckross Park Hotel.



Maurice Coffey (coach), Cillian Leslie, member of the Irish rowing squad at the Coupe de la Jeunesse Beach Sprints held in Cadiz, Spain in November, Elaine Daly (coach)



Maurice Coffey (coach), Ronan Fahy, member of the Irish Junior Mens Quad crew at the Coupe de la Jeunesse Regatta held in Linz, Austria in July, Elaine Daly (coach)



Elaine Daly (coach), Cian Scannell, bronze medal winner for Ireland, Mens Double, at the Coupe de la Jeunesse Regatta held in Linz, Austria in July, Maurice Coffey (coach)



Jeremy Kenny (coach), Rachel Fuller (double gold medallist for Ireland at the Home International Regatta held in London in July, Marko Tot (coach)

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The remarkable story of a woman who followed her dreams

Follow your dreams. These are three words of encouragement Kay Randles gave everyone. She was right too because she saw her own dreams come true in 1965, when the Dromhall Hotel first opened its doors.

Embarking on her dream and her desire to work in and one day own a hotel. Kay left her home place in Kilworth, Co Cork and went to work in the Victoria Hotel in Cork City. She was the youngest of five children and came from a farming background but she always dreamed of having her own guesthouse.

During her time at the Victoria Hotel she worked her way up to the position of assistant manager. One wonders if, on later taking up a position at the Muckross Hotel, Killarney, Kay Randles could ever have imagined that, a few years later, she would be married, be a mother and have opened her own hotel?

While working at the Muckross Hotel she met Neil Randles, who was from Kenmare and who came to Killarney looking to start his own garage as his father and uncle had done before him in Kenmare.

It was not long before there were wedding bells though Kay still harboured the idea of having her own guesthouse. She spotted an old laundry shop – where Randles Garage and the Centra Shop is now situated on Muckcross Road – was for sale and encouraged Neil to buy the site for the garage and their home.

Mrs O Connor, a neighbour next door, asked Kay to keep four guests one night as her guesthouse was full. Kay decided she would do so without telling Neil.

The next morning, the story goes, there was 10 shilling note on the table from the guests and Neil thought it was the handiest money ever made. The four people and the 10 shilling note set Kay's dream in motion.

In 1964 the sale of a bungalow by the Kenmare Estate, which was across the road from the garage – on the site of the now Dromhall Hotel – created the opportunity for Kay's dream to become a reality. She and Neil bought the bungalow and opened an 18-bedroom hotel on the site in 1965. Little did Neil realise that, within one week, the 10 shillings would give rise to a 10,000 pound investment.

From there the hotel grew rapidly as did the other businesses that Kay and Neil created – Randles Car Hire; C&R Frozen Foods, CRL Oil, Randles Bros Killarney and Kenmare and later on Randles Hotel, Killarney and Randles Bros Tralee.

In 1969 the bedrooms increased to 35, more rooms were added in 1977 and a new reception, lounge and dining room were also built. The bar was another addition.

In 1987, Neil died and Kay was left to carry on the Dromhall Hotel and all the other businesses they owned, as well as rearing their six children, who ranged in ages from 24 to 13. Three of them, at that stage, were involved in the family business.

In 1992 The Rectory house next door to the Dromhall Hotel was purchased and the Randles Court Hotel was built. It continued to grow over the years and today is the four-star luxury Randles Hotel.

In 1999 it was decided by the family to level the Dromhall Hotel to the ground and build a completely new hotel. In June 2000 the Dromhall was re-opened as the new



Neil and Kay Randles



Kay Randles

72-bedroom, conference and banqueting hotel that it is today, along with Kayne's Bar and Bistro, which is attached to the hotel. The name Kayne's comes from the perfect partnership of Kay and Neil Randles.

In 2014/2015 the Dromhall Hotel celebrated 50 years since the purchase of the property on the Muckcross Road.

Up until 2020, Kay Randles, who accumulated numerous hospitality awards and was considered one of the most hardworking and tenacious figures in the Irish hospitality sector, continued to have an active interest in the business.

In July, 2024, Kay Randles passed away leaving a legacy that will ensure her hospitality excellence will continue to be at the foundation of the family does.

In 2025, Dromhall Hotel celebrates 60 years in business and Kay's legacy continues to endure.



A painting of the original Dromhall Hotel



Kay Randles with Micheál Ó Mhuirtheartaigh



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Susan Randles presents An Taoiseach Micheal Martin with a copy of Valerie O'Sullivan's new photographic book 'On The Edge of Europe - Kerry' at the Dromhall Hotel 60th Anniversary celebration in Killarney on Monday. Photo by Don MacMonagle



Pictured at the Dromhall Hotel, 60th Anniversary in Killarney on Monday were from left, Cllr. Brendan Cronin, Cllr. Maura Healy-rae, Mayor of Killarney Martin O'Grady, Deputy Mayor of Kerry, Cllr. Marie Moloney and Cllr. Niall Kelleher. Photo by Don MacMonagle



Pictured at the Dromhall Hotel, 60th Anniversary in Killarney on Monday were Catriona White, Ciara Treacy and Tracey Coyne.



Pictured at the Dromhall Hotel, 60th Anniversary in Killarney on Monday were Ciara Treacy, Minister Norma Foley and Johnny McGuire.

ATRIBUTETO A REMARKABLE KERRY BUSINESSWOMAN, WHO WAS ONE OF THE INSPIRATIONAL PERSONALITIES IN THE KERRY AND IRISH HOTEL INDUSTRY, HAS BEEN UNVEILED BY TAOISEACH MICHEÁL MARTIN.

He marked the 60th anniversary of the busy Dromhall Hotel in Killarney by unveiling a framed portrait of the late Kay Randles who, with her late husband Neil, founded the business on Muckcross Road in 1965.

The hotel is now run by the second generation of the Randles family and proprietor, Bernadette Randles, described it as a very proud day for everybody associated with the company over the past six decades.

Close on 150 guests, including some of the hotel's first employees, attended the landmark celebration on Monday and the Taoiseach was joined by Ministers Norma Foley and Michael Healy-Rae, Deputy Michael Cahill, Mayor of Killarney Cllr Martin Grady and the Deputy Mayor of Kerry Cllr Marie Moloney.

"This is a very special day for us – a day to celebrate 60 years in business, a milestone that began as nothing more than a dream in the mind and heart of our mother, Kay Randles, back in 1965," Bernadette said.

"Today is about that dream – her dream – and about the remarkable woman who turned it into a legacy.

"We are deeply grateful that the Taoiseach will honour our mother's impact, not just on our family, but on the town of Killarney and the wider world of tourism," she added.

Bernadette described her mother as a woman ahead of her time.

"For sixty years she poured her life, her energy and her love into building these hotels and businesses, all while raising six children.

"She and my father, Neil, were married just 26 years when he passed away, suddenly,

at the age of 50. And yet, for the next 38 years, without her best friend by her side, she led, she built, she worked, she raised us – and she never stopped," she said.

The hotelier added that for a town of its size, it is some achievement for Killarney to have 37 family-run hotels and she noted that many local businesses are now in the third and fourth generation of family ownership.

"It is such a fantastic thing to see so many family businesses thriving in our small town.

"We may compete with one another but we also support each other through advice, friendship and a genuine wish to see each other do well," she said.

The Taoiseach said the story of the Randles family is very much the story of Killarney and it was an example of extraordinary entrepreneurial endeavour.

"Killarney has a very unique sense of getting things done and it is the one location that knows how to do tourism. It's in your DNA," he said.

"There's something about the mindset of the community and the people of Killarney, like the Randles family, are just extraordinary".

Mr Martin said Kay Randles had demonstrated remarkable vision and determination throughout her life and she was like a spark that could never be dimmed.

The Taoiseach said he has had a love affair with Killarney since childhood when his father brought him to Munster finals and while they couldn't afford to stay in a hotel owned by the Randles family back then, he still remembers the sandwiches and the welcome.

"It's all down to the customer experience. You can have all the bricks and mortar you like but it's about how you feel in a place that makes it special. We all learn from Killarney in that regard," Mr Martin said.



Pictured at the Dromhall Hotel, 60th Anniversary in Killarney on Monday were An Taoiseach Micheal Martin, with from left, Cllr. Tommy Cahill, Michael Cahill, TD, Senator Mark Daly, Dave, Bernadette, Rosaleen, Susan and Tom Randles, Minister Norma Foley, Minister Michael Healy-Rae and Cllr. Maura Healy-Rae and Cllr. Danny Healy-Rae. Photo by Don MacMonagle



Staff at the Dromhall Hotel, 60th Anniversary in Killarney on Monday pictured with proprietor Bernadette Randles ahead of the Taoiseach's arrival on Monday. Photo by Don MacMonagle



Pictured at the Dromhall Hotel, 60th Anniversary in Killarney on Monday were from left, Michael Finn, Pat Moynihan, Siobhan Moynihan, Eileen Finn, Susan Randles, Bernadette Randles, Luke Casey, Peggy McCarthy, Tom Randles and Deputy Mayor of Kerry Cllr Marie Moloney. Photo by Don MacMonagle



Pictured at the Dromhall Hotel, 60th Anniversary in Killarney on Monday were from left, Tom, Susan, Bernadette Rosaleen and David Randles, Maura Randles-Murphy and at back are, Rachel Randles, Aileen Randles Ciara Randles, Harry Randles, Tara Casey Conor Randles, Con Lenihan, Gavin White, Luke Casey, Mike Lenihan, Vincent Casey, Lee Lenihan, and Didgie O'Connor. Photo by Don MacMonagle



Pictured at the Dromhall Hotel, 60th Anniversary in Killarney on Monday were from left, Brian Lawlor, Chairman, Kerry Branch, IHF, Bernadette Randles, Proprietor, Mark Scally, Margaret, Scally, Gemma Ring and Paul O'Neill. Photo by Don MacMonagle

Full House in Killarney for Powerful Workshop on Supporting Young Minds

A full house of more than 140 parents, carers, teachers and community members gathered at The Panoramic in Killarney Racecourse for a powerful and timely workshop on supporting young people's mental health. From the moment the opening video began, the room fell silent, with venue owner Ollie Favier noting that the audience was "fully locked in from the first minute" and the atmosphere was so focused "you could hear a pin drop."

The workshop was led by Killarney native and lived-experience mental health coach Neil Kelders, whose practical, relatable approach resonated strongly with attendees. Rather than focusing on theory, Neil delivered tools that parents could use immediately strategies to recognise early signs of worry or low mood, build stronger emotional connection, and better support teenagers navigating stress. "Parents aren't short on effort, they're often short on support," he said. "Last night showed what happens when a community steps into that gap."

When the session ended, many attendees remained for more than half an hour to ask questions and continue the discussion, highlighting both the urgency of the issue and the appetite for accessible, community-based support. Feedback from the night reflected this, with parents describing the workshop as "incredibly insightful," "clear, calm, and deeply relatable," and providing "a real toolkit to understand and support our young people." Others noted that they left feeling "more confident and connected." Carina Audley of The Event Edit called the workshop "empowering and urgently needed."

The event was hosted with the support of The Panoramic team at Killarney Racecourse, whose venue provided a fitting backdrop for an evening centred on understanding, connection and proactive mental health support for families. Kelders, a mental health coach, author and speaker, continues to work with parents, teenagers and organisations across Ireland and the UK, providing practical, future-focused tools that bridge the gap between clinical services and the everyday emotional challenges families face.



Neil Kelders speaking at the powerful workshop last week

Sing For Charity Choir to Bring Festive Cheer to Killarney Outlet Centre



The Sing For Charity Choir will return to the Killarney Outlet Centre on Saturday, 29th November, for an afternoon of festive music in aid of the Palliative Care Unit at University Hospital Kerry and the Kerry Hospice Foundation.

The volunteer choir, a group of friends who donate their time and talents each Christmas, will perform a selection of Christmas songs and carols from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. All funds raised on the day will go directly to the Kerry Hospice Foundation, which is currently working to raise approximately €5 million to open five additional beds in the palliative care unit in Tralee, a service that holds deep significance for many families in the region.

Now in its third year of Christmas fundraising, the Sing For Charity Choir will once again be joined by volunteer musicians and collectors. Organisers expressed their gratitude to the Killarney Outlet Centre for its continued support in hosting the event.

Members of the public are warmly encouraged to attend, enjoy the festive atmosphere, and contribute to a cause that touches so many in the community. And with the season in full swing, visitors might even catch a glimpse of a familiar figure in red.

Winners of the Rathmore Credit Union Art School Prize winners 8 -10 years Competition who received their awards with (back from left) Mary O'Shea, Paula Long, Fergus McAuliffe CEO, Neillie O'Mahony, Abina O'Sullivan, Anne Collins and Michael Brosnan at Killarney Heighst Hotel on Tuesday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin





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Artist Shane Doolan to Perform SPECIAL MOVEMBER CONCERT

Fresh from the release of his debut single *The Ruins*, 18-year-old Killarney musician Shane Doolan will perform a special Movember benefit concert at ANAM Killarney Cultural Centre on Saturday, November 29th. The evening will feature a special supporting act, making it a must-attend night of live music in the heart of Killarney.

The concert comes just one week after the release of Shane's highly anticipated second single, *After The Bells*, which drops on November 21st. Audiences at the November 29th show will be among the first to hear the new track performed live, alongside fan favourites from his growing catalogue.

The intimate evening will see Doolan return to the venue where his band won *Battle of the Bands* earlier this year, showcasing the heartfelt indie folk/rock sound that has captivated local audiences and positioned him as one of Kerry's most exciting young musical talents.

Shane creates songs that blend the grit of folk rock with the intimacy of indie folk, emotional, reflective and raw storytelling wrapped in melodies that linger. Drawing inspiration from artists like *Walking on Cars*, *Bon Iver*, *Kingfishr*, and *Kodaline*, his sound captures both the sweeping atmosphere of modern folk rock and the fragile beauty of indie folk.

With *After The Bells* releasing on November 21st, Shane continues to build momentum following his September 2024 debut *The Ruins*. He has

more music planned for 2025 and a debut EP set for January 2026. Shane Doolan stands at the beginning of a journey that feels both timeless and urgent, capturing the spirit of youth while carrying the depth and weight of something older, rawer, and true.

Proceeds from the evening will support Movember's vital work in men's health awareness.

Event Details:

Date: Saturday, November 29th, 2025

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: ANAM Cultural Centre, Killarney, Co. Kerry

Lineup: Shane Doolan with special supporting act

Tickets: €5 and bookable on the door



SOUL TALKS LIVE WELCOMES ARTIST AND EDUCATOR TRACY CRONIN TO ANAM ARTS AND CULTURAL CENTRE, KILLARNEY



The final instalment of the year for 'Soul Talks Live' at Anam will feature acclaimed artist, educator, and community arts leader Tracy Cronin, owner and director of The Art House in Killarney. The event takes place on Friday, November 21st at 7.30pm, with tickets available for €5 at the door.

Tracy Cronin is a qualified and experienced Art Teacher and Artist, educated at Crawford College of Art and Design, where she earned Honours Degrees in Fine Art, along with Higher Diplomas and a Masters in Art and Design Education. Her diverse career has included working with students of all ages and exploring the therapeutic and community-building potential of art.

A recipient of the Marshal Hudson Award and Screaming Pope Prize at the Kfest Arts Festival, Tracy's work has been featured in numerous exhibitions and visual showcases across Ireland. In 2017, she established The Art House, an inclusive creative space designed to foster meaningful art experiences through workshops, exhibitions, community projects, and festivals. Her teaching philosophy centres on inclusivity, skill development, and helping every student find their creative voice.

'Soul Talks Live', presented by Grace Foley (Life Coach/Vocal Coach), is an ongoing conversation series exploring creativity, purpose, and personal growth through the lens of local and national voices in the arts, education, and wellbeing. Each event offers an evening of open dialogue and inspiration in the heart of Killarney's cultural scene.



Students Celebrate LGBTQ+ Awareness week at Killarney Community College

Last week the Student Council from the Killarney Community brought LGBTQ+ Awareness week to a close on Friday evening by announcing the winners of the poster Competition. The top 2 winning entries were both incredible and the Student Council couldn't decide between them, choosing instead to announce Anastasia Kolomyiska, 6th year, and Nadiia Kazantseva, 2nd year, as joint 1st place winners.





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KILLARNEY HISTORIC RALLY OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED



Brian Lawlor (Group General Manager O'Donoghue Ring Collection) Alan Ring (O'Donoghue Ring Collection), Anthony O'Connor ((Clerk of the Course) and Paul Ahern.

Picture: Eamonn Keogh

The 2025 Killarney Historic Rally was launched on Sunday at the Killarney Plaza Hotel & Spa. The event, set for November 28–29, will again be based at the Killarney Towers Hotel, with BG Motors joining as an associate sponsor.

Clerk of the Course Anthony O'Connor confirmed an eight-stage route, including two reverse runs over Moll's Gap, and a renewed focus on the Kenmare area with stages like Roughty River returning. He said new eligibility rules have attracted a wider range of historic machinery, including a WRC Corolla, a Group A Subaru and multiple Cosworths. O'Connor also praised the club's volunteers for their "huge hours" of work. Brian Lawlor of the O'Donoghue Ring Collection reaffirmed the group's sponsorship and



A group at the launch of the Killarney Towers Hotel Killarney Historic Rally at The Killarney Towers Hotel on Sunday.

Included in front are Mayor of Killarney Martin Grady, Anthony O'Connor ((Clerk of the Course), Brian Lawlor (Group General Manager O'Donoghue Ring Collection) and Alan Ring (O'Donoghue Ring Collection) with Diarmuid Lynch, Cllr Dan McCarthy, Liam Cronin, Thomas Randles (Killarney & District Motor Club Chairman), Paul Ahern, Ian O'Connor (BG Motors), Deputy Danny Healy Rae TD, Cllr Maura Healy Rae and Mike Moriarty. Killarney and District Motor Club will host the event on Friday November 28th and Saturday November 29th.

Picture: Eamonn Keogh

highlighted the rally's economic value. This year's event will honour the late Mike Gaine, with much of the route centred around his home area. A new perpetual trophy, The Carrig Cup, will be awarded to a Kenmare competitor at both major Killarney rallies.

Mayor of Killarney Martin Grady urged spectators to prioritise safety, a message echoed by KDMC Chairman Thomas Randles,

who also paid tribute to Gaine.

Leading entries announced include Kris Meeke with Noel O'Sullivan in a BMW M3 and Belgian star Patrick Snijers. Defending winner Jonny Greer returns in his Ford Sierra Cosworth, while local driver Alan Ring will debut a Group A Subaru Impreza. Nearly 80 historic cars are expected, the largest entry in the rally's 29-year history.

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Congratulations to all winners, and thanks to all who supported, promoted and sponsored the draw this year. Tickets are still available from the Sacristies and Parish Office This week's prize money is sponsored by: O'Leary's Kerry Electrical & Refrigeration, The Lake Hotel, Killarney Hardware, O'Callaghan Coaches & Mug and Bean Restaurant



Minister Foley welcomes confirmation of further strengthening of Garda numbers in Kerry

Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Kerry TD Norma Foley has welcomed the allocation of an additional garda to Tralee.

It comes in the wake of the recent allocation of three new Gardaí to Tralee and two new Gardaí to Killarney in August. Today's passing out ceremony at the Garda College in Templemore saw 194 new Gardaí take up posts across the country. This class is the largest since 2019 and includes 57 women and 137 men. 17 garda reserves have also graduated. Minister Foley said: "I am delighted to confirm that a new garda graduating from Templemore today is en route to Tralee. This is a further strengthening of garda resources in the county, following the allocation of three new Gardaí to Tralee and two new Gardaí to Killarney in August.

I want to acknowledge the great work of An Garda Síochana throughout County Kerry and I am confident this latest additional Garda will support the work of the force on the ground.

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Ancient Rituals & VisionÉire present: 'Visions & Realms'

An Exhibition of Irish Visionary and Mythological Art
Opening Night: Saturday, November 29th, 7pm - Killarney. Co. Kerry

Celebrating our 1 year anniversary of Art Exhibitions, Ancient Rituals is bringing a colossal event.

Step beyond the veil this winter and enter 'Visions & Realms' - a powerful gathering of some of

Ireland's finest visionary and mythological artists. Presented by Ancient Rituals and VisionÉire, this immersive exhibition invites you to journey through the seen and unseen worlds of Irish imagination, myth, and spirit.

Featuring the work of over 13 artists, 'Visions & Realms' showcases an extraordinary array of medium from intricate oil paintings and ethereal illustration to stone and wood sculpture, and photography that captures the



luminous edge between realms of the seen and unseen. Each piece is a portal - an invocation of the ancient realms of Ireland, reimagined through the eyes of contemporary visionaries.

The opening night promises to be a celebration of art and atmosphere, with a drinks and nibbles reception and a transportive DJ set from Meerkat, guiding guests deeper into the mythic pulse of the night.

Founded in 2023 by Irish Visionary Artist Maria Johnston, VisionÉire is a collaborative platforming artists, musicians, poets, and storytellers in a shared mission to awaken the creative spirit of Éire. With over 60 members and growing, VisionÉire stands as a living tapestry - weaving ancient wisdom and modern imagination into a radiant new cultural story.

Join us in Killarney as we cross thresholds between worlds - where art becomes ritual, and vision becomes reality.

Extra appointments available for RSV immunisation clinics in Kerry

Kerry parents of babies born between March and the end of August this year are encouraged to take up their last opportunity this year to immunise their babies against RSV.

Following a successful immunisation campaign in September, a small number of extra vaccination clinics will be available in Kerry from next week, finishing up in early December. Babies born between March 1 and August 31 this year are eligible for appointments (babies born from September onwards have been offered the immunisation while in hospital).

Appointments can now be booked on <https://www.2.hse.ie/conditions/rsv/immunisation> HSE South West Specialist Registrar in Public Health Medicine Dr. Sinéad Flanagan said:

"There has been a fantastic response to the

immunisation campaign, and it's reassuring that so many babies are now protected from RSV. We are running a small number of additional clinics in Kerry over the next few weeks, starting from Wednesday November 19. We strongly encourage any family who hasn't yet made an appointment to do so as soon as possible."

She added: "RSV immunisation provides great protection for your baby. RSV can cause hospitalisations and serious illness, especially for young infants. Before the immunisation programme was introduced, four out of every 100 infants were hospitalised each winter due to RSV. As many as half of all infants were infected with RSV and many needed care from their GP, pharmacist or local Emergency



Department. Thankfully, this free immunisation works really well and protects small babies from RSV."

Clinics will take place in Kerry at the Kerry Vaccination Centre in Monavalley, Tralee and Killarney South Doc on the Upper Park Road.

Students Raise Funds for MY CANINE COMPANION

Congratulations to the 5LCA class of the Killarney Community College who raised €760 for the charity My Canine Companion. The students raised the money by organising a sponsored walk and non uniform day. The charity hold a special place in the schools hear as their therapy dog Jet is affiliated to the charity who provide and train autism friendly one on one dogs and school therapy Dogs to families and schools all around Ireland.





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Killarney Valley AC Host Christmas Quiz

Killarney valley ac is holding a quiz night for all at the Laurels lounge on Wednesday the 3rd of December at 8pm. Teams are invited to enter both the young and expert quiz teams with excellent prizes on offer and spot prizes. Members of the running social group with Killarney valley ac have organised the quiz with the purpose of helping to raise much needed funds for the club for it's day to day expenses and refurbishment of the track.

A great night is promised in the company of the super quiz man Cathal Walshe and MC on the night. Questions of all levels are to be expected in the beautiful setting in the famous Laurels lounge thanks to Kate O'Leary and team. A super reason for individuals, teams, family and friends to test their knowledge and skills versus Cathal's prepared chasing quiz.

This week Cathal visited the track and was impressed by the facility, the club and it's many volunteers.

Champions are being born every day at the Killarney Valley AC arena but who will be the champions on the night?



Quizmaster Cathal Walshe pictured with members of Killarney Valley AC



John Healy.

HOME REBUILDING COSTS HAVE INCREASED BY AN AVERAGE OF 7% NATIONALLY OVER THE LAST 12 MONTHS

JOHN HEALY FROM HEALY INSURANCE ON THE HOME REBUILDING COSTS

The latest House Rebuilding Guide published by the Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland (SCSI) shows that

national average rebuild costs, which include demolition and site clearance, have increased by an average of 7% over the past 12 months. This is up from the 6% rate of increase recorded last year but well down on the 12% increase recorded in 2023.

Labour costs and skills shortages are continuing to drive rebuild costs while two new levies, the Landfill levy from September 2024 and the Recovery levy from January 2025 are impacting costs.

From an insurance perspective your property should be insured for the reinstatement cost and not the market value. In other words the

cost of rebuilding the house excluding the site value. Bear in mind that the rebuild cost could be higher than the market value.

The base rebuilding costs in the Munster region are running at an average of €3,100 per square metre for a 4 bed detached house of 119 square metres in the most recently published guide.

The rebuilding rates quoted by SCSI are for estate type homes and not one-off homes. These are the base rebuild costs only and higher spec fixtures, fittings, built in wardrobes, fences, walls, gates and garages need to be factored in addition.

Garage costs range from €24,482 for a single attached garage to €43,793 for a double attached garage, on average.

It is very important to note that "under insurance" can have a serious effect on any future claims settlements. Most policies include

an "Average Clause" which means in the event of "under insurance" any claims settlement can be reduced in value in proportion to the degree of under insurance. Where the Sum Insured is only 75% of the total reinstatement cost, you will receive 75% of the agreed cost of reinstatement, whether the claim is made for partial reinstatement or total loss.

I would recommend that you undertake a review of your reinstatement sum insured. Many insurers are index linking sums insured at renewal date. In order to get a definitive individual reinstatement value on your house you should contact an independent qualified surveyor.

The rebuilding cost report and a rebuilding calculator can be found at www.scsi.ie

Top Tips to Stay Winter Ready

With temperatures beginning to drop and the first frosts of winter due this week, Uisce Éireann is offering advice on how to avoid the inconvenience and expense of burst pipes and water outages during cold weather. Water expands by nearly 10% when frozen, which can cause even new pipes to split, leading to leaks and flooding.

Insulate exposed pipes and water tanks: Lagging material helps prevent freezing and heat loss.

Fix dripping taps: Even small leaks can freeze and block pipes.

Service your boiler: an efficient boiler will keep your home warm and also help to reduce your energy use.

Locate your stop valve: Know how to turn off water quickly in an emergency.

Minimise draughts: Cold air coming from outside can cause pipes to freeze inside your home

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An Taoiseach, Micheál Martin T.D. Officially Opens New Arrivals Hall At Kerry Airport

AN Taoiseach, Mr Micheál Martin T.D., has officially opened the new Arrivals Hall at Kerry Airport.

This state-of-the-art facility first welcomed passengers into the Kingdom in March 2025 and includes enhanced Immigration and Customs areas, larger Baggage Belt, improved bathroom amenities and a modernised public foyer.

It was part of a major multi-million-euro redevelopment at Kerry Airport which also included an extended and improved Departures Area which opened to passengers before the end of July.

This extension offers increased seating capacity, a new smoking area, an additional Boarding Gate, upgraded toilet facilities, a Quiet Space (subject to availability) and expanded catering facilities - all part of the continued commitment to improving the Kerry Airport passenger experience.

Work on the two-phase project, costing €5 million, commenced in September 2024 and was completed on schedule in July 2025.

Speaking at the Official Opening of the New Arrivals at Kerry Airport, An Taoiseach, Mr. Micheál Martin, said,

"Kerry Airport was officially opened in 1969 by the then Minister for Transport and Power, Brian Lenihan TD, and more than 50 years on, the vision of its founding fathers has been realised in the shape of a successful and respected international airport.

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2025 is set to be another record year for Kerry Airport after recording the second and third highest passenger numbers in the airport's history in 2023 and 2024, respectively.

The more comfortable surroundings will encourage increased passenger spend in the Gift Shop, Catering facilities and Duty Free.



Glenflesk Annual Bazaar 2025 Set for Sunday

The Glenflesk community is gearing up for one of its most anticipated yearly events, as the Glenflesk Annual Bazaar 2025 takes place this Sunday, 23rd November at 3:00 p.m. in the Glenflesk GAA Hall.

A fantastic family fun day is promised, with a wide variety of raffles, prizes, and stalls to enjoy. Two significant draws featuring home heating oil will take place, including a major raffle offering 500 litres of home heating oil, an HP laptop, a weekend away, and a selection of vouchers.

On top of these headline prizes, attendees can look forward to numerous hampers and additional draws throughout the day, ensuring plenty of excitement for all ages.

For younger visitors, a schools art competition will be held, with a prize for the best picture. There will also be a lively gaming competition, offering more great prizes for participants.

Adding to the fun, this year's bazaar will feature special guests from Kennedys Pet Farm, giving families the chance to meet some friendly animals. A coffee cart will also be on-site, providing refreshments for attendees.

The Glenflesk Annual Bazaar continues to be an important community event, bringing neighbours, families, and friends together for an afternoon of entertainment, prizes, and festive spirit. All are welcome to join in what promises to be a wonderful day.



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Caramelised pearl onions, mixed micro herbs & lotus root chips (1,3,6,7,8,9,11,12)

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With Japanese mushroom sauce. (1,6,11)

YAKITORI WITH ASIAN SLAW

Soya marinated chicken thighs with scallion skewers. (1,6,8,11,12)

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Seasoned Japanese vegetables, broken soba noodles, tofu cubes and wild mushrooms in miso base soup (1,6,9)

SMOKED SALMON CREAM CHEESE (4PCS) 

With smoked salmon, cream cheese, cucumber, tomato, avocado and tobiko caviar. (1,2,3,4,6,10,11)

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Served with goma wakame, spicy mayonnaise and drizzle with mangoes basil purée (1,2,3,4,5,6,8,10,11)

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Yam noodles, mung bean, edamame, onions, potatoes & beef in miso broth (1,3,7,9,12)

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-Pork fillet with crispy onion on baby gem lettuce
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-Pork Lumpia (Spring Roll) with pickled cabbage and sweet chili sauce (1,5,6,8,11)

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TEMPURA WAKAME ROLL

With tuna, wakame, tobiko, soft cheese & fried in tempura panko roll (1,2,3,4,6,10,11)

CRISPY PORK BELLY

With new bean curd skins, grilled king oyster mushrooms, stew Japanese mountain yams, baby bok choy, boil potatoes and served with red braised sauce. (1,6,9,11,12,14)

WAGYU FILLET

With seitan mixed Japanese mushrooms, tempura onion rings, broccolini, black garlic hollandaise and wasabi black pepper cream sauce (1,3,6,7,10,11,12)

HERB-CRUSTED SOLE FILLET STUFFED WITH DUBLIN BAY PRAWN MOUSSE

Served with Japanese chorizo onigiri, Japanese greens and shellfish cream (1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,14)

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Seir fry seafood soba noodles, prawn, squid, scallops, salmon, white fish, tempura soft shell crab with garlic, chili and basil in black sauce (1,2,3,4,6,7,12,14)

MISO GLAZED SALMON FILLET 

With warm edamame salad, brunoise vegetables, seaweed, frisée and served with bacon chives cream sauce. (4,6,7,10,11,12)

POKE BOWL 

Teriyaki tofu, edamame bean salad, radish, broccolini, pickled mushrooms, avocado, cherry tomatoes, julienne inari. (1,6,8,11)

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Ard na Sidhe Country House wins at the Good Food Ireland Awards 2025

Ard na Sidhe Country House in Killorglin, Co. Kerry, has been honoured with the Food Lovers Choice Award 2025 – Wild Atlantic Way at this year's Good Food Ireland Awards. The event, which celebrates Ireland's culinary excellence, local provenance, and sustainable food practices, took place at The K Club in Kildare on Monday, 10th November. The award, voted for by the public, recognises outstanding food and drink experiences across the island of Ireland. Ard na Sidhe's win reflects its continued commitment to exceptional hospitality and memorable dining along the Wild Atlantic Way.

Dave Norris, Head Chef at Ard na Sidhe Country House, said, "We are deeply honoured to receive this recognition. Our team is dedicated to showcasing the finest local ingredients and presenting dishes that embody the spirit and landscape of Kerry."

Michael Brennan, Managing Director of the Killarney Hotels Collection, commented, "We are very proud of the team at Ard na Sidhe Country House. Their dedication and attention to detail are at the heart of every memorable stay, and the Food Lovers' Choice Award, chosen by the public, reflects that commitment. We look forward to welcoming both new and returning guests when we reopen for the season on Friday, 17th April 2026."

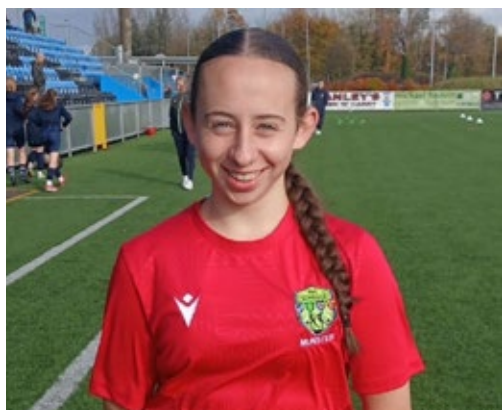


L-R: Minister Noel Grealish, Alice Mansergh, Chief Executive of Tourism Ireland, Debbie Brosnan Hotel Manager and Head Chef, Dave Norris of Ard na Sidhe Country House.

2nd Year Student selected for U15 FAI Schools Munster Soccer Team

Congratulations to Grace Barry, 2nd Year St Brigid's student, on her recent inclusion in the FAI Schools Munster U-15 team. Well over 100 of the most talented soccer players from secondary schools across Munster attended trials during August/September. After several rounds of trials, Grace was selected in the final squad of just 17 players across Munster.

Grace described the event as a fantastic experience with the skill levels on show over the 3 days second to none. She said she was delighted to be selected and to represent our school. She made loads of new friends within the soccer community and memories she will long cherish.



Ethos in Action: Building Bonds Beyond Borders - Becci & Ellen

We were delighted to welcome back Ellen Farndon & Becci Fleming, past pupils of St Brigid's, to deliver a presentation to our current 1st & TY students last week. The girls spoke about their social studies course in MTU and how it has led to the opportunity to travel to the Philippines next summer to work with the Badjao Community.

They will be working on education, community development and essential support programs to help improve daily lives. As they said: "We're two girls in our 20s, ready to roll up our sleeves, learn and give back."

You can read more about their work and fundraising efforts on their instagram page: badjaotrip2026 or scanning the QR code attached.



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IHF KERRY BRANCH NAMES

Brian Doherty 'Employee of the Year'

Brian Doherty, Guest Relations Supervisor at the Great Southern Killarney, has been announced as the 2025 Irish Hotels Federation (IHF) Kerry Branch 'Employee of the Year'.

The announcement was made at an awards lunch in Muckcross Park Hotel & Spa in Killarney, where over 60 guests gathered to celebrate and recognise the 15 nominees from hotels and guesthouses across Kerry who have made an outstanding contribution to their workplace.

Congratulating Brian on his achievement, Mary Rose Stafford (MTU Tralee) from the interview panel said the judges highlighted how Brian's professionalism and warm welcome epitomised everything that is great about tourism in Kerry. Brian has worked at the Great Southern Killarney for over three years and is currently Guest Relations Supervisor in the hotel. Colleagues say Brian approaches every guest interaction with genuine warmth and attentiveness, ensuring each guest feels truly welcomed and valued.

IHF Kerry Branch Chair Brian Lawlor congratulated this year's nominees and thanked them for their fantastic contribution to Irish tourism. He said: "As Chair of the IHF Kerry Branch, I'm proud to celebrate the many amazing people who are at the heart of our hotels and guesthouses, bringing our world class hospitality to life every day. Fostering the growth and career development of our people is key to our continued success, and we are committed to supporting them to flourish and achieve their goals. There has never been a better time for a career in tourism and hospitality."

There was also a special award for Noreen McSweeney from the Killarney Park hotel who was selected for a 'Lifetime Contribution to the Industry' award. Noreen works as the Garden Bar Supervisor and has spent over 30 years working at the hotel.

The IHF Kerry Branch extends its gratitude to the expert judging panel led by Mary Rose Stafford (MTU Tralee) and Geraldine Rosney (formerly of Killeen House Hotel and Rozzers Restaurant) who had the difficult responsibility of selecting the winner from the nominees.

The members of the IHF Kerry Branch wish Brian the very best of luck as he goes on to represent them at the upcoming National IHF Employee of the Year Awards, which will be held during the IHF's Annual Conference at Gleneagle, Killarney next February.



Brian Doherty from Milltown, County Kerry, and representing The Great Southern Hotel, Killarney, who won the Irish Hotels Federation / Kerry Branch, Employee of the Year 2025 at a special function in the Muckcross Park Hotel, Killarney on Thursday. Also in photo are Brian Lawlor, Chairman, Kerry Branch, Mary Rose Stafford, MTU Tralee and nominees including Erika Golubovskytė Long, The International Hotel Killarney, Martin Lyne, The Muckcross Park Hotel & Spa, Jacy Ybanez, Manor West Hotel, Tralee, Veronica O' Shea, The Cahernane House Hotel, Killarney, Freddie O' Donoghue, The Dromhall Hotel, Killarney, Riva Velda Crasto, Killarney Towers Hotel, Stephen O' Callaghan, The Rose Hotel, Tralee, Yvonne Murphy, Killarney Avenue Hotel, Natasha Conrado Diaz, Scotts Hotel, Killarney, Connor Launderers, The Gleneagle, Killarney, Talitha O' Sullivan Hilcken, The Brehon Hotel & Spa, Killarney, Noreen Mc Sweeney, The Killarney Park Hotel, Patricia Horgan, Killarney Plaza Hotel & Spa. Missing from photo is Sinead O' Connell, Aghadoe Heights Hotel & Spa, Killarney. Photo by Don MacMonagle



McCarthy Family Reunion

Members of the McCarthy family, Max, Mary and Seamus gathered for a joyful reunion at the Fáilte Hotel on Saturday night last and they were joined by their families to celebrate the special occasion. The event brought together multiple generations, offering a warm opportunity to reconnect, share stories, and strengthen family ties. A great day was enjoyed by all who attended.

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An Taoiseach Micheál Martin TD with James Maher, Sean McCarthy, Alek Surminski, Gean Masi (back from left) teacher Andrew O'Reilly, Anne Marie O'Leary SNA, Sean Moynihan SNA, Mary O'Gorman SNA, teacher Anite O'Sullivan, Max Fowler, teacher Annette O'Neill, College Principal Sean Coffey, Tracy O'Neill, Claire O'Shea and Rob O'Sullivan SNA during An Taoiseach's visit to St Brendan's College Killarney on Monday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

Taoiseach Micheál Martin Visits St. Brendan's College During Kerry Trip

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As part of his visit to Kerry on Monday, An Taoiseach Micheál Martin paid a special visit to St. Brendan's College, accompanied by Minister for Children, Disability, Equality Norma Foley TD. The Taoiseach toured the school's impressive facilities, met with students and staff, and engaged with members of the Board of Management during a lively and positive visit. Mr. Martin was warmly welcomed by the school community and presented with the Clann Bhréanainn Medal, a gesture of gratitude from all at St. Brendan's College to mark the occasion.

One of the highlights of the visit was a performance by the school's renowned St. Brendan's Choir, which delivered a selection of pieces for the Taoiseach. Their performance was warmly received and added a memorable cultural touch to the day's events.

During his tour, the Taoiseach also spent time with pupils across a range of year groups and held an engaging discussion with the school's politics students, who put questions to him about national issues, leadership, and public service.

Adding to the excitement, Kerry footballers David Clifford and Gavin White, both teachers at the school, joined in the visit and proudly brought the Sam Maguire Cup to St. Brendan's. Students and staff were thrilled to see the iconic trophy, which lent an extra celebratory atmosphere to the occasion.

The Taoiseach then reviewed the Major Capital Works Programme underway at the school. This is an exciting time for St Brendan's with the detailed plans for the €34 million reimagining of the school now being

submitted to the building unit.

The visit was described as a joyful and significant moment for the school community, showcasing the talent, spirit, and dedication that define St. Brendan's College.



Colm O'Brien Students Council and Sean Coffey Principal making a presentation of Clann Bhréanann madellian to An Taoiseach Micheál Martin in gratitude from all at St Brendan's College during the visit An Taoiseach to the College on Monday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



An Taoiseach Micheál Martin TD with Rory Lemass Board of Management, Lorna Larkin Chairperson Board of Management, Sean Coffey Principal, Sinead Sugrue Board of Management and Pam O'Brien Parents Council during An Taoiseach's visit to St Brendan's College Killarney on Monday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



An Taoiseach Micheál Martin TD with Rory O'Connor Students Council, Lorna Larkin Chairperson Board of Management, Sean Coffey Principal and Colm O'Brien Student's Council during An Taoiseach's visit to St Brendan's College Killarney on Monday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

St Brendan's College Choir performing for An Taoiseach Micheal Martin TD during his visit to St Brendan's College Killarney on Monday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



An Taoiseach Micheal Martin TD with "Sam", Kerry All Stars Gavin White and Footballer of the Year David Clifford and Sean Coffey Principal during An Taoiseach's visit to St Brendan's College Killarney on Monday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



An Taoiseach Micheal Martin TD addressing 6th year students and members of the St Brendan's College Choir during An Taoiseach's visit to St Brendan's College Killarney on Monday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



An Taoiseach Micheal Martin TD with Hugh Rudden Deputy Principal, Lorna Larkin Chairperson Board of Management, Bridget Lucey Deputy Principal and Sean Coffey Principal during An Taoiseach's visit to St Brendan's College Killarney on Monday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



An Taoiseach Micheal Martin TD meeting Sean Brosnan, Ewan Marshall, Samuel O'Donoghue, Jeremy Brosnan and Joshua O'Donoghue during his visit to St Brendan's College Killarney on Monday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



An Taoiseach Micheal Martin TD with James Maher during An Taoiseach's visit to St Brendan's College Killarney on Monday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



An Taoiseach Micheal Martin TD with teacher Declan O'Donoghue and the members of the Politics and Social Class during An Taoiseach's visit to St Brendan's College Killarney on Monday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



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BEAUFORT PARISH

By Bridget Hartnett

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CLUB will be held on Sunday 7th December 2025 at 5.00pm in Beaufort GAA Clubrooms. Nominations are invited for election to the Committee for 2026 and motions are invited for consideration at the Annual General Meeting.

BEAUFORT LOTTO

Next Draw for a Lotto Jackpot of €8600 will be held on Sunday next 23rd November. Tickets available from usual sellers, bars and shops, Lotto can also be done online on <https://beaufortgaa.clubforce.com/products/lotto/beaufort-gaa-club>.

MID-KERRY FINAL

Game ended in a Draw between Beaufort and Milltown/Castlemaine on Sunday last. Final score: Beaufort 1-14 Milltown/Castlemaine 1-14. Replay takes place at J.P. O'Sullivan Park on Sunday next, 23rd November at 1.30pm. Result on the day.

HEALTHY CLUB RECYCLING DRIVE

Now is a great time for an Autumn Clean Out! Items such as Women's, Men's and Children's Clothes, Shoes, Handbags, Belts, Curtains and Sheets can be recycled. Collection is on 27th November. Bags may be dropped off at the Clubrooms during the next few weeks. Any queries to Mary on 086-0640065.

DID YOU KNOW.....1 IN 4 WOMEN DIE FROM HEART DISEASE AND STROKE?

In conjunction with the Healthy Club Project, you are welcome to join us for a talk on women's heart health by Sharon Butler of the Irish Heart Foundation on Thursday, 4th December at 7.30pm in the GAA Clubrooms. Members and non members welcome. More information if required from Mary on 086-0640065

GLENFLESK PARISH

Written by: Sean Daly

CUMAN NA MBUNSCOL

Massive congratulations to Raheen National School on winning the 2 teacher Cuman na mBunscol final in Austin Stack Park on Monday evening. A great achievement by the players, teachers and staff.

O'SULLIVAN CUP

Well done to the Senior B team on their Semi Final win over Gneeveguilla last Sunday. Final Score Gneeveguilla 1:11 Glenflesk 4:09

AGM

The Annual General Meeting of Glenflesk GAA will be held on Thursday 27th November 2025 at 8pm sharp in the Hall. There will be mass beforehand at 7pm. All members are invited to attend.

GLENFLESK COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATOR GROUP

We would like to sincerely thank a local family in the parish, who wish to remain anonymous, that donated €1,000 to the group. This money will be used for the maintenance of existing AED's in the Parish. It is greatly appreciated in assisting us with our work throughout the community.

LOTTO

There was no winner of Glenflesk Lotto which took place on 10/11/25. Jackpot €4,200 The numbers drawn were: 1, 4, 20, 27. Consolation Prizes of €50: Bernie O'Shea, Barradubh, Padraig Creedon, Gortacoosh, Maria Buckley, Clonkeen, Maria Buckley, Sellers Prize. Next draw will take place in Glenflesk Hall on Monday 24/11/25. Thank you to all who support our Lotto, our sellers and to Diarmuid Lynch Plumbing and Heating Ltd for sponsoring the tickets.

SOCIAL

Join us on Friday 5th of December at 7pm in the Killarney Avenue Hotel to honour the Millennium Cup winning team of 2000 and this year's Senior Ladies County Championship winning team. Special Guest Bernard Casey. 3 course meal and disco. Tickets €35. Please contact David O'Donoghue 087 9952048 or Catherine O'Sullivan 086 8157575

MOVEMBER AHEAD OF THE GAME

Movember "Ahead of the Game" workshop was held on Wednesday 12th November at Glenflesk GAA. A very successful workshop. Saoirse McCarthy (Cork Camogie) & Mary Kate Lynch (Meath Football) facilitated



Raheen National School winners of the 2 teacher Cuman na mBunscol Competition.

the workshop. It was open to all female players and young females in the community from ages 13-17 years. Thanks to all who attended. The Club and attendees found this workshop to be very beneficial and would encourage other clubs to hold the Movember Ahead of the Game workshops.

GLENFLESK HEALTHY CLUB

We were proud to mark a special milestone with the presentation of our Healthy Club Award recently. This recognition reflects the incredible work and commitment to promoting health, wellbeing, and community spirit at the heart of our club. Thank you to everyone who continues to make our Healthy Club initiative a success, this award belongs to all of you.



Glenflesk Healthy Club 'Ahead of the Game' workshop



Glenflesk Healthy Club accepting their award.

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RATHMORE | GNEEVEGUILLA PARISH

By Michael O'Mahony

CONGRATULATIONS

Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group reminds everyone that Share the Bucket takes place weekly. The draw is held every Friday evening in Teach Fáilte at 8.30pm and can be viewed live on the Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook page. This week's jackpot was €205 and the winner was Nora O'Sullivan. Tickets cost €2 each or three for €5. They are available in Teach Fáilte, online at <https://tinyurl.com/y2ade5om>, and in local businesses displaying the green Share the Bucket sign. Your support is greatly appreciated, with all funds going towards the proposed new community facility. The Group also wishes to thank the local businesses, shops and pubs, and all who continue to purchase tickets.

EAST KERRY O'DONOGHUE CUP – SEMI-FINAL RESULT

Rathmore 1-17 (20) Kenmare Shamrocks 1-13 (16)

Rathmore now advance to play Dr. Crokes in the final on Sunday, 30 November.

IDEAL CHRISTMAS GIFT

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BLOOD DONATION CLINIC

Cullen Community Centre, Sunday, 23rd November, 12pm–3.30pm.

KNOCKNAGREE–KENYA CAKE SALE

A Christmas Cake Sale will take place in the Adoration Room on Saturday 29th November before and after the 7.30pm Mass in aid of Fr Sean Cremin's missionary work. Your support is greatly appreciated.

FIRST SATURDAY CONFERENCE – KNOCK

To mark the 100th anniversary of the First Saturday Apparition in Pontevedra, Spain, a special conference will take place on Saturday, 6th December. The day begins with adoration and confessions at 10am in the Reconciliation Chapel, followed by talks from Bishop John Keenan, Antonia

Moffat and Fr Philip Kemmy in St John's Centre. There will be a Rosary led by the Children's Rosary Group, a 15-minute meditation as requested by Our Lady at Fatima, and time for lunch.

BOHERBUE ICA CHRISTMAS FLORAL DEMONSTRATION

Sliabh Luachra Garden Centre will give a Christmas floral demonstration on Wednesday, 10th December at 7.30pm in Boherbue Hall. Admission €10. Raffle extra. All arrangements will be raffled. Proceeds in aid of Cancer Connect.

TEACH IOSAGAIN CHRISTMAS MARKET – RATHMORE

Saturday, 7th December. A small number of tables remain available. Contact Michaela on 064 7761000 or 087 197 3934 to book.

RATHMORE BRANCH OF KERRY PARENTS FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

In recognition of Michael John Dineen's lifelong commitment to Kerry Parents Friends Association through his fundraising activities, especially at Christmas, Bingo will take place in the Rathmore Community Centre on Sunday 7th December at 3pm.. sponsorship and donations are being sought for each game and a raffle at half time The proceeds will be donated to Kerry Parents & Friends Association

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Donie Lenihan Gortderrig Headford & Sadie Lenihan who celebrated 25th wedding anniversary last Saturday night in Killarney Heights Hotel with family & friends great night held by all.

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COMMUNITY NOTES

To add an item to the notes, please email Michael O'Mahony at momahony14@gmail.com or phone/text 087 6676817 before 6pm.



Padraig Dineen, Dineen Motors Glenflesk, presenting Raheen NS school with shorts and socks ahead of the 2 teacher Cumann na mBunscol Final



Rathmore Credit Union Art Competition winner Michael O'Donoghue who received his award from Fergus McAuliffe CEO with (from left) Mary O'Shea, Anne Collins, Paula Long, Neillie O'Mahony, Fergus McAuliffe CEO, Abina O'Sullivan, and Michael Brosnan of Rathmore Credit Union at Killarney Heighst Hotel on Tuesday.
Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

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KILCUMMIN PARISH

Written by: Helen Moynihan

KILCUMMIN CHURCH NOVEMBER MASS

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SAVE THE DATE

Annual Pink Night Fundraiser for "Comfort for Chemo" will take place on Saturday, 3rd January 2026 in the Klub Bar at 8pm. Everyone welcome, more details to follow.

KILCUMMIN BABY AND TODDLER

Kilcummin Baby and Toddler Group continues on Monday's, 9.30 am – 11.30 am at the Recreational Hall. Caitriona's 6 week language course and play programme continues for ages 0-3 years. The programme consists of songs, nursery rhymes, hand puppets, play, advice on local services in the area, etc. Playgroup is drop in with no pre – booking needed, the fee is €3 each Monday, tea/coffee, snacks included. Everyone welcome. Group contact is Orla 086 3628335.

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Fr. Tom Looney's Book "Unbeatable": The remarkable story of Fr. Tom Jones will be on sale in Kilcummin Post Office, price €15.

KILCUMMIN GAA NOTES BY DONAL BARRY

UNDER 16'S

Our Under 16's will play Listry East Kerry Division 1 final on Sunday next with Listry the venue for the 11am throw in time. It has been a busy campaign for the team who have defeated Dr. Crokes, Fries and Killarney Legion to book their place in the final. We wish all the players the very best of luck.

JUVENILE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Join us on Sunday, 30th November for a fun-filled afternoon as we celebrate Christmas and acknowledge the achievements of all our players throughout the year. Starting at 2:30pm a very Special Guest from the North Pole will be making a special visit with the Medal Presentation starting from 4:00pm.

FREWEN CUP

There was plenty Kilcummin interest in last week's Frewen Cup semi-

final in which St Brendan's College Killarney defeated Tralee CBS 5-12 to 1-10. Daragh Keane topped scored for the SEM with 1-4, while Cian Stack remained a rock at centre back. Joe O'Connor playing at wing forward contributed to a number of fine scores while Conor Finnegan and Liam O'Mahony were introduced in the second half.

CUMMAN NA MBUNSCOL

Hard luck to local school Coolick National School who were defeated in their 4-5 Teacher School Shield final against Abbeydorney during the week in the game that was played at Austin Stack Park. The players put in a massive effort throughout the campaign and brought a lot of pride to their School staff, Parents and indeed community. It was great to see so many flags and bunting up around the area to support the team.

GYM MEMBERSHIP

Membership to Kilcummin Fitness Centre is available from now until the end of 2026 for €250. You can contact John on 087 6168449 or call into Shane O Sullivan at the gym to join.

AGM

Kilcummin GAA AGM will take place on November 28th, 2025, at the Club house. All Motions and Nominations must be returned to the Secretary by Friday 21st of November next.

LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Monday 17th November for the Jackpot of €5,000. Numbers drawn were 07,23,24,27. Consolation prizes of €50 went Ciara Prendville, Michael Piggott, Liam Fleming, Joan Brosnan. Our next draw will be on Monday 01st December for Jackpot of €5,250.

MASTERGEEHA FC

LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Friday, 14th November for the Jackpot of €2,200. Numbers drawn were 02,06,20,23. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Marie & Makaela Curtin, Knocklebede; Johnie O'Sullivan, Pinewood; Noel Breen, c/o Village Inn; Helen O'Sullivan, Knocknahoe. Our next draw will be on Friday 21st November for Jackpot of €2,400.

LISTRY PARISH

Written by: Colette Leslie

LOTTO

Jackpot €13,300. Numbers Drawn: 18, 20, 21, 25. Not Won. €100 James Giles. €50 John Kearin, Faha Court. €50 Breda Tangney. €25 Karen Brosnan, Killarney. €25 Phil, Miriam, Susan Ahern. Jackpot Next Week 23/11/2025 €13,450

SENIORS

Best of luck to the seniors who play Fossa away next Sunday November 23rd at 1pm in the semi final of O Sullivan Cup.

MINORS

Well done to the minors who qualified for the East Kerry Div 2 final V Spa date and time TBC.

U16

Best of luck to the U16 team who play the East Kerry Championship Div 1 Final V Kilcummin. Sunday 23rd Nov at 11am venue tbc.

Listry captain Aaron O'Shea receiving the Fr. Galvin Cup from East Kerry Vice Chairman Noel Kennedy after the match in the Legion GAA Grounds last Saturday. Photo: Seamus Healy



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Killarney Athletic AFC Marks 60 Years with Gala Celebration

Killarney Athletic AFC celebrated a major milestone last weekend as more than 350 guests gathered in the Gleneagle Hotel for the club's 60th anniversary gala. The night brought together players, families, volunteers and supporters from every decade since the club's founding in 1965, including members of the very first Athletic team.

The evening also featured the presentation of the 2024/25 season awards. Josh Bowler claimed the senior award and was presented with the Sean O'Connor and Martin Beckett Memorial Cup by Pat O'Connor and Mags Beckett. David Looney received the Senior B Award, while the youth award went to Caolan Mitchell.

At U-17 level, Finan Blackwell and Setanta Cronin were honoured with the U-17A and U-17B awards respectively.

The Don Harrington Trophy for Coach of the Season went to Paudie O'Connor, who also delivered a detailed presentation on the club's future development plans. These include the purchase and development of new lands, improved access routes with separate entrance and exit points, increased car parking and the installation of floodlighting.

The Donal Brosnan Cup for Club Person of the Year was awarded to Martin Muldoon, with the presentation made by Gina Brosnan.

Club Chairman Donie Murphy addressed the gathering, highlighting the club's rapid growth in membership and its strong family ethos. He thanked all who have supported Killarney Athletic over the decades and paid special tribute to the events committee for their "trojan work" in organising the anniversary celebration.

Following a meal enjoyed by all, festivities continued late into the night with music from Colm O'Mahoney and DJ Becks, rounding off a memorable occasion honouring six decades of sporting spirit in Killarney.



Killarney Athletic AFC founding members Brendan Culligan, Donagh Gleeson, Don O'Donoghue, Joe Grant, Philip Culligan and Sean O'Donoghue at the Killarney Athletic AFC 60th anniversary celebration dinner in The Gleneagle Hotel on Friday night



At the Killarney Athletic AFC 60th anniversary celebration dinner in The Gleneagle Hotel on Friday night were seated from left, Sean O'Donoghue, Donie Murphy (Chairman), Don O'Donoghue and Joe Grant. Standing from left are Pat O'Connor, Dan Casey, Donagh Gleeson, Brendan and Philip Culligan and Tom Lyne. Photo: Eamonn Keogh



Killarney Athletic Chairman Donie Murphy and his wife Marie at the Killarney Athletic AFC 60th anniversary celebration dinner in The Gleneagle Hotel on Friday night. Photo: Eamonn Keogh



Killarney Athletic coach of the year recipient Paudie O'Connor, right, accepts the Don Harrington memorial award from Donie Murphy, Chairman, at the Killarney Athletic AFC 60th anniversary celebration dinner in The Gleneagle Hotel on Friday night. Photo: Eamonn Keogh



Breda and Jerry Doyle at the Killarney Athletic AFC 60th anniversary celebration dinner in The Gleneagle Hotel on Friday night. Photo: Eamonn Keogh



Colette Casey, Donie Murphy (Chairman) and Mary McCarrick at the Killarney Athletic AFC 60th anniversary celebration dinner in The Gleneagle Hotel on Friday night. Photo: Eamonn Keogh



Brian O'Regan, Billy O'Connor, Martin Crowley and Paudie O'Connor at the Killarney Athletic AFC 60th anniversary celebration dinner in The Gleneagle Hotel on Friday night. Photo: Eamonn Keogh



Shella O'Donoghue, Mike McSweeney, Denis and Lotte Lyne at the Killarney Athletic AFC 60th anniversary celebration dinner in The Gleneagle Hotel on Friday night. Photo: Eamonn Keogh



Audrey O'Connor, Rosemary O'Connor, Lara O'Brien and Lisa Crowley at the Killarney Athletic AFC 60th anniversary celebration dinner in The Gleneagle Hotel on Friday night. Photo: Eamonn Keogh



David, Kieran and Aileen O'Brien in front with Shane MacSweeney, Lara O'Brien and Darren O'Sullivan at the Killarney Athletic AFC 60th anniversary celebration dinner in The Gleneagle Hotel on Friday night. Photo: Eamonn Keogh



Andrea Counihan, Gretta Karmilcovaite, Anna Allen, Ciara Mulcahy and Cara Lyne at the Killarney Athletic AFC 60th anniversary celebration dinner in The Gleneagle Hotel on Friday night. Photo: Eamonn Keogh



Catriona Moloney Johnson, Emma O'Connor, Melissa Moloney, Joann Moloney and Louise Kissane at the Killarney Athletic AFC 60th anniversary celebration dinner in The Gleneagle Hotel on Friday night. Photo: Eamonn Keogh



Josh Bowler receives the Sean O'Connor and Martin Beckett Memorial Cup for Senior A team player of the year award from Pat O'Connor and Mags Beckett and Donie Murphy (Chairman) at the Killarney Athletic AFC 60th anniversary celebration dinner in The Gleneagle Hotel on Friday night. Photo: Eamonn Keogh



Sean and Eileen Hanrahan and Eddie Doolan, seated, with Mike Moloney, Michael Cotter, Shane Doolan and Alan O'Sullivan at the Killarney Athletic AFC 60th anniversary celebration dinner in The Gleneagle Hotel on Friday night. Photo: Eamonn Keogh



Josh Bowler receives the Sean O'Connor and Martin Beckett Memorial Cup for Senior A team player of the year award from Pat O'Connor and Mags Beckett at the Killarney Athletic AFC 60th anniversary celebration dinner in The Gleneagle Hotel on Friday night. Back from left are Setanta Cronin (U-17B Award), Fionan Blackwell (U-17A Award), Donie Murphy (Chairman), Caolan Mitchell (Youths Award) and David Looney (Senior B Award). Photo: Eamonn Keogh



Liam Milner, Laura, Joe and Teresa Daly and Donie Murphy (Chairman) at the Killarney Athletic AFC 60th anniversary celebration dinner in The Gleneagle Hotel on Friday night

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Mini Motivation Challenge (3 Weeks to Christmas)

Try this simple plan:

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- Strength x 3 days: focus on full-body moves (squats, push-ups, dumbbell work).
- Walks x 2-3 days: 30-45 min power walk or brisk stroll.
- Core & stretch x 1-2 days: build stability and ease tension.
- Bonus: Write your "Why" and keep it somewhere visible (mirror, phone wallpaper)

Motivational Reminders

- "You don't need a new year - you need a new mindset."
- "Show up for the body you want to have in January."
- "Something is always better than nothing."
- "Consistency is your Christmas glow-up."

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Risk factors

Age is the biggest risk factor for glaucoma. However, your risk also increases if you have family members with glaucoma.

Symptoms

The danger with open-angle or chronic glaucoma (slow onset)

is that, in the early stages, your eyesight may seem perfectly normal. There is no pain, but your peripheral vision (side vision) is being damaged. Eventually your central vision can be affected. This can be described as tunnel vision because it feels like looking down a long tube. It's important to have regular sight tests as openangle glaucoma often does not have symptoms.

TREATMENT

Open-angle glaucoma is usually treated with eye drops which reduce the pressure in the eye. You will need to use these daily. Occasionally people with open-angle glaucoma need surgery to control the pressure.

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Winners of the Rathmore Credit Union Art 8 - 10 years Competition Eve Duggan Ballyfinnane NS, Caitlin Doherty Barraduff NS, Tiernan Moynihan Holy Family NS and Grace Cronin Shrone NS who received their awards from Fergus McAuliffe CEO with (back from left) Paula Long, Mary O'Shea, Michael Brosnan, Abina O'Sullivan, Neillie O'Mahony and Anne Collins at Killarney Heighst Hotel on Tuesday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

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Staff at Daly's Supervalu went the extra mile to help support the Irish Cancer Society in October by holding a Big Pink Breakfast fundraiser at the store over two days. The girls are pictured with Marie Shannon, breast cancer survivor and fundraiser and Eugene O'Sullivan and Kathleen O'Shea, Irish Cancer Society Killarney/Souyth Kerry Branch. They raised an amazing €1,700 for the worthy cause.



Pictured at the Dromhall Hotel, 60th Anniversary in Killarney on Monday were from left, Carol Dempsey, Tara Casey, Rosi Buckley, Sean Buckley, and Susan Randles. Photo by Don MacMonagle



Dr. Gary McGowan, Killarney who graduated from NUIG with a Masters in Preventive Cardiology. Dr. McGowan was also awarded with the Commendation Award for Research Excellence in recognition of exemplary performance in the Research Project Component of the Masters of Science in Preventive Cardiology 2024-2025. Gary is the son of Julie and Gerry McGowan and is currently a Doctor in Cork University Hospital.



County Champions: Captain of the Raheen National School team Ryan O'Donoghue celebrating the schools win in the Cumann na mBunscoil Two Teacher school at Austin Stack Park. Ryan pictured with his Mum Marlene Dad Ger and brothers Jacob who was also part of the winning team and Robbie O'Donoghue at Frankie's Barradubh.



Killarney Athletic Senior A team player of the year award recipient Josh Bowler with his parents Niamh and John Bowler at the Killarney Athletic AFC 60th anniversary celebration dinner in The Gleneagle Hotel on Friday night. Photo: Eamonn Keogh



Rachel, Shane and Lillie Foley at the Killarney Athletic AFC 60th anniversary celebration dinner in The Gleneagle Hotel on Friday night. Photo: Eamonn Keogh



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8.15 PM
8.30 PM
9.00 PM
9.30 PM

Rathmore & Gneeveguilla

Top of the Hill, Rathmore
Bridge Bar, Rathmore
Dennehy's Bar, Rathmore
Richie McAuliffe's, Gneeveguilla

3rd Friday

7.30 PM
8.00 PM
8.15 PM
9.00 PM
9.30 PM

Castleisland Area

River Island Hotel, Castleisland
The Kingdom Bar, Castleisland
The Crown Hotel, Castleisland
Hughes Bar, Cordal
Lyon's Bar, Scartaglen

1st Wednesday

8.00 PM
8.30 PM
9.00 PM
9.30 PM

Killarney Area

Torc Hotel, Lissivigeen
The Village Inn, Kilcummin
Old Killarney Inn, Aghadoe
The Golden Nugget, Fossa

4th Thursday

7:00 PM
7.30 PM
8.15 PM
8.45 PM
9.15 PM
9.45 PM

Killorglin Area

Golden Nugget, Fossa
Galvin's Bar, Beaufort
O'Grady's Bar, Killorglin
Larkin's Bar, Milltown
Griffins Bar, Castlemaine
Anvil Bar, Boolteens

1st Thursday

8.30 PM
9.00 PM
9.30 PM
10:00 PM

Glenflesk & Barraduff

The Kerry Way, Glenflesk
Spillane's Headford
Murphy's Bar, Barraduff
Sweeney's Bar, Barraduff

4th Friday

8.30 PM
9.30 PM
10.00 PM
10.45 PM

Kenmare & Sneem Area

The Roughty bar, Kenmare
Riney's Bar, Sneem
Blackwater Tavern
O'Connor's Bar Kenmare

1st Friday

9.30 PM
10:00 PM
10:30 PM

Tuosist & Lauragh

Sailors Bar, Killaha West
Helen's Bar Kilmacalogue
The Lake House Tuosist

Last Monday

8:00 PM
8:30 PM
9:00 PM
10:00 PM

Farranfore Area

Ulick's Bar, Farranfore
James Daly's Bar, Farranfore
Cunniffe's Bar, Currow
John Hendersons, Fries

3rd Monday

8.30 PM
9.00 PM
9.30 PM
9.45 PM

Knocknagoshel & Brosna

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Deputy Danny Healy-Rae Raises Key Rural Concerns in the Dáil

Deputy Danny Healy-Rae TD raised a series of issues in the Dáil last week, focusing on challenges facing farmers, motorists, carers, low-income families and communities affected by recent severe weather.



CUTS TO AGRICULTURE SCHEMES

Deputy Healy-Rae criticised reductions in sheep and beef welfare payments, saying farmers were assured on Budget Day that no cuts would be made. "Sheep farmers were expecting €13 and are getting €11.50, while beef and calf farmers were expecting €75 but are only receiving €67," he said, adding that he has sought further clarification from the Minister of State.

RISE IN COST OF MOTORING

Highlighting the necessity of cars for people in rural Ireland, he said young drivers face "huge costs" including lessons, tests, NCT fees and

soaring insurance. He questioned whether carbon tax could be reconsidered, noting that fuel costs are already high. He also criticised long delays in the SEAI Warmer Homes Scheme, saying some elderly applicants have been waiting more than two years for insulation upgrades.

SOCIAL WELFARE & RETIREMENT SAVINGS SCHEME

Deputy Healy-Rae called for the complete abolition of the means test for carers and said the living alone allowance must be addressed, as single occupants have "the same household costs but only one income."

He also raised concerns about families being pushed off the social housing list due to small increases in the Working Family Payment.

On the new automatic enrolment retirement savings scheme, he warned that employers will

"finish up paying for it" and criticised the State for not contributing at the same level.

ACTIVE TRAVEL & GREENWAYS

Speaking at the Transport Committee, he said he supports greenways but insisted that land access must be agreed with landowners and not imposed through compulsory purchase orders. "CPOs are not fair on landowners," he said.

STORM ÉOWYN REVIEW

At a joint Oireachtas committee examining the response to Storm Éowyn, Deputy Healy-Rae described the severe impact of snow and ice on high-altitude areas such as Cordal, Glencar, Brosna, Knocknagoshel and Gneeveguilla, where some residents were without electricity for up to a week. He called for measures to prevent similar outages, including removing trees within falling distance of roads and power lines. "Other countries do not allow this, and we should avoid a repeat of what happened during Storm Éowyn," he said.

Over €5.8 million now delivered through the Vacant Property Grant in Kerry – a strong sign that the scheme is working- Cllr Jackie Healy-Rae

Cllr Jackie Healy-Rae has welcomed the latest update on the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant, confirming that 108 grants have now been paid out in Kerry, with a total value of €5,862,250.

Since the scheme opened, 726 applications have been received by Kerry County Council, with 423 applications, 58% approved.

Cllr Jackie Healy-Rae stated that while the process can at times feel cumbersome and slow, the figures clearly show that people are applying and are receiving significant support:

"Despite frustrations with paperwork, delays and the general complexity that people often talk about, the truth is this, people are applying, people are being approved, and over €5 million has already been put back into Kerry homes and communities. That is a major positive, and it shows that the scheme is making a real difference on the ground."

He added that the key focus now must be on keeping the application process as simple and accessible as possible:

"My priority is to keep pushing for faster turnaround times, clearer communication, and less red tape. If an application is refused, people deserve a straightforward explanation and guidance on what they need to do to resubmit successfully. We cannot lose good applicants because of unnecessary complexity."

Cllr Healy-Rae said the importance of the scheme cannot be overstated:

"Every vacant or derelict property brought back into use is another home for a family, another boost for a street or village, and another step in tackling housing pressures locally. I will continue to promote this scheme across Kerry as this is working and I fear some people may not apply simply because they think they will not get it, the stats say otherwise."



Taoiseach Micheal Martin listening to a funny story from deputy Michael Healy-Rae about buying a car from Randles Garage many moons ago at the Dromhall Hotel, 60th Anniversary Celebration in Killarney on Monday Also in photo are Bernadette, Susan and Tom Randles. The Taoiseach unveiled a portrait of the late Kay Randles, who along with her husband Neil opened the hotel in 1965. Photo by Don MacMonagla



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MUCKCROSS ROWING CLUB

CLUB BARBEQUE

Our thanks to everyone who attended the club's annual Barbeque Social event held at Colgan's Bar, Muckcross Park Hotel on Saturday last, 15th November. It was a full house with over 160 members, family, supporters and friends in attendance and it was great to see so many on the night.

SKIBBEREEN HOR

The Skibbereen Head Of the River scheduled for last Saturday, November 15th was cancelled due to high flow in the River Ilen following the heavy rainfall in the run up to the weekend.

MUCKCROSS HOR

We are now busily preparing for the club's own time trial hosting duties. The annual Muckcross Head Of the River is scheduled for Saturday, December 6th at the National Rowing Centre in Farran, Cork. This is one of the biggest days in the club's calendar and weather permitting, we will be calling on all adult members, parents of junior members and supporters to help out. The club will be in contact with members regarding further arrangements. Training continues as normal for all our junior crews racing on the day.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

We are delighted to announce the return of our festive Christmas Table Quiz fundraiser, following the success of last year's edition. Save the date! The Christmas Quiz will take place on Monday 29th December at 7pm in the Muckcross Park Hotel. Tables of 4. Adult table: €40. U18 table: €20. Raffle and spot prizes on the night. All support greatly appreciated.

KILLARNEY RUGBY CLUB

U14 GIRLS

Our U14 Girls took to the field for their first game of the season on Sunday in a friendly against Tralee RFC. The girls were fantastic from start to finish, showing great teamwork, determination, and putting all the hard work from the last couple of months into action. A super start — we're excited to follow their progress as the season goes on

U18.5 BOYS

Our U18.5 Boys travelled to take on Listowel–Castleisland on Sunday and delivered a strong performance, securing a well-deserved win. The effort, attitude, and work rate on display were



Killarney Rugby Club U14 Girls after their match

outstanding.

However, the day was tinged with sadness with the temporary loss of the most popular members of our squad, Billy O'Donoghue, who began a long journey of recovery after a recent serious injury. Billy, you will be hugely missed on the pitch, but we look forward to having you with us on the sidelines as you recover. The whole Killarney RFC family is behind you. Well done to all our players and coaches on another great weekend of rugby.

FOSSA ROWING CLUB

AGM

On Thursday the 23rd of October last, we held our club Annual General Meeting at the Old Church in Fossa. A word of thanks to all who turned out on the night, it was great to see so many new faces and with great interaction from the floor a very productive meeting took place. Outgoing Chairman Stephen Blennerhassett thanked the current committee for all their hard work over what was a very busy season and wished the new committee the best for the season ahead. Before the meeting was adjourned a presentation was made by new Chairperson Laura Whelton to Stephen Blennerhassett in acknowledgement of his hard work, leadership and dedication over the past 3 years as club Chairman. Thank you Stephen.

CONDOLENCES

Fossa Rowing Club would like to express our condolences on the sad passing of former parish priest of Fossa, Fr. Brendan Harrington. Our sincerest condolences to all of Fr. Harrington's



160 members, family, supporters and friends of Muckcross Rowing Club enjoyed a BBQ last weekend.

family and friends. May he rest in peace.

INDOOR ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Wishing the very best of luck to our rowers who are heading to Limerick to take part in the provincial Indoor Rowing competition at the University of Limerick. The club will have great representation by our Underage crews on the day. Best of luck to one and all!

KILLARNEY SWIMMING CLUB

The club attended the Kingdom Invitational Gala in Tralee on Sunday with 41 swimmers



Killarney Swimming Club members who attended the Kingdom Invitational Gala in Tralee



Killarney Swimming Club members who attended the Kingdom Invitational Gala in Tralee

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competing. The club took home 14 medals and plenty personal bests. Thank you to Kingdom Swimming Club for a great day of racing in Tralee.

Results

Aideen Casey 3rd 50 Free; Daniel Cremin 1st 100 Back; Michael Crowley 2nd 50 Back, 2nd 100 Breast, 3rd 100 IM; Kaia Ferris 3rd 100 Free; Alex Hickey 3rd 100 Back; Noah Keogh 2nd 100IM, 3rd 100 Breast; Matthew Myles 2nd 100IM, 3rd 100 Free, 3rd 100 Breast; Reece O'Donoghue 2nd 50 Fly; Natalia Spodymek 2nd 50 fly.

FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB

We recently held our Club Pairs over the two weeks of the 30th October and 06th November and it was wonderful to see a full house!

President Margaret O'Sullivan thanked Ciarán Broadbery for the trojan work organising this event together with the tournament directors, Phyllis O'Regan and Finola Spillane. Our President also wishes to thank our computer wizards of Mary Murray, Finola Spillane, Miriam McFarlane and Ger Foley for organising the results and declared the following winners.

1st: Mary Murray & Maureen Culloty
2nd: Finola Spillane & Ger Foley
3rd: Phyllis O'Regan & Pauline Lyne
4th: Maura G Moynihan & Horst Rosler
5th: Ciarán Broadbery & Ursula Daly
6th: Tim & Mai Corcoran



Fossa Rowing Club new Chairperson Laura Whelton making a presentation to outgoing Chairperson Stephen Blennerhassett at the recent AGM.

7th: Mary Gleeson & Evelyn O'Leary
8th: Hazel O'Connell & Kathleen Coen
9th: President Mgt O'Sullivan & Maura Horan
1st Session - 30th October - Michael McHugh & Anne Looney
2nd Session - 6th November - Marie Moloney & Joan Lenihan
Well done to everyone, great scoring and wonderful competition.



Fossa Bridge Club Vice-President Michael McHugh congratulating our Club Pairs worthy winners, Maureen Culloty & Mary Murray.

KILLARNEY BRIDGE CLUB

RESULTS

1st: John O Shea, Therese O Shea
2nd: Therese O Donoghue, Brenda Moynihan
3rd: Ciaran Broadbery, Michael McHugh
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TURKEY SINGLES

Thanks to those who took part in our Turkeys (sponsored by Tim Jones Butchers) Singles Event this morning as the event also served as a Player of the Year event. Overall Nett: Denis Duggan 42, Overall Gross; John McGrath 47, Second Nett: Jerry Kelliher 43, Third Nett: Gearoid Cronin 44 (B9), Second Gross: Connie O'Sullivan Jnr 49 and Fourth Nett: Noel Moynihan 44. The result confirms John McGrath as our Player of the Year for 2025 as he can't be caught now regardless of how the final event, the Doubles Matchplay, concludes. Congratulations to John as he will receive the award at our night in Murphy's on Friday December 12th next.

SAVE THE DATE

Our annual end of year get together in Murphy's Bar takes place on Friday December 12th. Prizes to be presented on night include: Club Strokeplay, Club Matchplay, Christmas Hamper (Adult), Player of the Year and Club Person of the Year will also be announced on night.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

The club wishes to let its members know that the O'Neills website is updated with some new items in the club range. Anyone interested in Club Membership as a Christmas Gift is also asked to contact 0872954489 for more information.

MEMBERS ONLY

A reminder to the general public that as of November 1st until the end of next February the course is open only to members except in the case of a pre-arranged booking through the club phone on 0877823138.

ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB

RESULTS SATURDAY 8TH NOVEMBER

Great turnout for our Scramble. Well done everyone.

Winners were Betty O'Farrell, Dora Campbell, Angela McAllen & Helen Moylan.

2nd: Ailish Mulcahy, Susie Conway & Mary B O'Sullivan.

3rd: Bridie Doyle, Kathleen Fitzgerald and Jennifer Nash.

4th: Mary Moynihan, Mona Looney & Lourda Kelly.

5th: Bridie Brosnan, Maureen Crowley & Kitty O'Grady.

6th: Therese O'Keefe, Noreen O'Mahony & Bridget McGuire

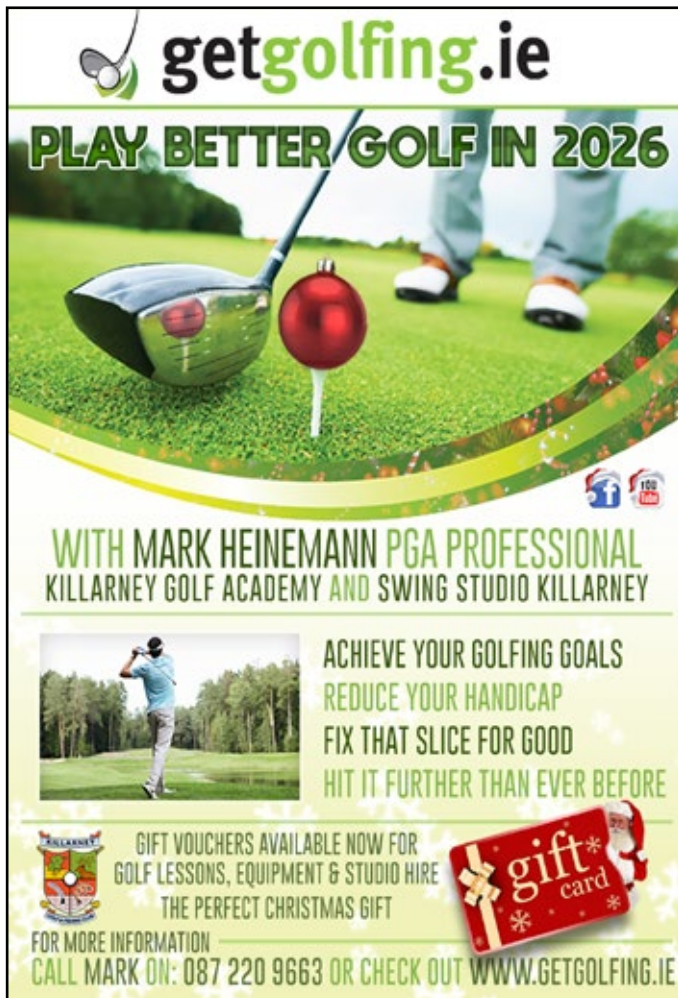
COMPETITIONS

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The A.G.M. will be held in the Club House on Saturday 28th November at 10.00am. Motions & Nominations must be received by 15th November



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KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL STOPPING HOUSE BUILDING IN KERRY

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

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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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MASTERGEEHA FC

U14 GIRLS NATIONAL CUP ROUND 3

Killarney Athletic 3 v Mastergeeha 0

Not our day as we bow out of National Cup against our near neighbours. The score line feels harsh after a very even battle where we created plenty of chances but just couldn't catch the break we needed. Hugh credit to the girls for their effort and attitude on the day. Thanks to Athletic for a sporting game and best of luck in the next round of the Cup.

U13 GIRLS PREMIER LEAGUE

Mastergeeha 4 v Listowel Celtic 0

Mastergeeha claimed all three points in impressive fashion thanks to an outstanding four-goal performance from star striker Gracie Maher, defeating a strong Listowel Celtic side 4-0.

It was a fantastic all-round team performance from this talented group of girls. Thanks to Listowel Celtic for a very sporting game and to referee Tom Sullivan for officiating so fairly.

U12 GIRL'S NATIONAL CUP ROUND 3

St. Brendan's Park 0 v Mastergeeha 1

Congratulations to our U12 Girls on a fantastic, hard fought win over Park in Round 3 of the National Cup. Mastergeeha started brightly, but Park defended strongly and created chances of their own. Ellie Fleming was excellent in goal and it remained goalless at half time. The second half followed a similar pattern, and after an excellent run from Ellie Doherty, the resulting corner fell to Anniemai who finished superbly to break the deadlock. In a tense finish Mastergeeha had to defend strongly from heavy pressure from the Park side. A fine overall team performance and we now look forward to Round 4 in this competition.

Thanks to St. Brendan's Park, who kindly provided refreshments after the game.

BOYS FIXTURES:

U15 BOY'S PREMIER

Mastergeeha A 1 v Killarney Athletic A 2

We welcomed Killarney Athletic to Kilbreen Park on Saturday last for a 12 noon kick off. Athletic started brightly, but our boys got to grips with the game and defended strongly and while creating some chances of our own. Athletic took the lead from close range from a corner kick. In the second half we got a well-deserved equalizer from Conor Gallivan with a well taken goal. Athletic went ahead with a long-range effort. The team gave a spirited display and both teams contributed to a very entertaining fixture in Kilbreen Park.

U15 BOY'S DIVISION 3

Killarney Athletic D 2 v Mastergeeha B 5

After an unbeaten start to the season, we made the short journey to Killarney Athletic for an early kick off on Saturday Morning. After 30 minutes Athletic converted long-range effort that gave them a half time lead. We started the second half much brighter and with some great play we levelled matters with a fine finish from Karl. It was Karl with another goal within minutes and we were now in control of the game. Evan added another goal giving us a 2-goal lead. Alex was next on the score sheet and Callum added the fifth goal to take all 3 points.

U14 BOY'S DIVISION 2

Park C 6 v Mastergeeha B 0 (9/11)



Mastergeeha U12 17th November



Killarney Athletic AFC U15 Boys Division 2

U13 BOY'S DIVISION 1

LB Rovers A 0 v Mastergeeha A 4

A good performance on the road and another 3 points in the bag following this fixture in Ballyduff for our U13 boys on Saturday last. Goals on the day from Warren Boyle (2), Leo Barry (1) and Paddy O Keffe (1). Leo Barry MOTM.

U12 BOY'S DIVISION 3

Ballyhar B 3 v Mastergeeha D 4 9/11

CHURCH GATE COLLECTION

Mastergeeha FC will hold their annual Church Gate Collection this weekend 22nd and 23rd Nov at Our Lady of Lourdes Church Kilcummin. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC

17 PREMIER RESULT

Killarney Athletic 4 - 0 Killorglin

Jayden Hurley x 2 Leo Allen x 1 Jack Fleming x 1

Our U17's welcoming Killorglin to Woodlawn Saturday afternoon and put in a dominant performance. We started the game on the front foot and went ahead after 20 mins when Jayden rose highest in the box to head home a Luca corner. Luca and Jayden repeated the trick 10 minutes later when Jayden glanced home a Luca delivery. Leo made it 3-0 just before half time to cap off a really strong first half performance with some super football being played at times. The second half was a more even affair but Athletic again carved out some really good chances and with 10 minutes remaining Jack Fleming finished from close range after some good work by Darragh on the flanks. FT 4-0. The perfect tonic after the 60th celebrations Friday night.

Thanks to Killorglin for a good, strong game and the ref for officiating on the day.

U16 PREMIER

Killarney Celtic 2-Killarney Athletic 2

It was Derby Day in Killarney as Athletic and Celtic battled it out in a thrilling local clash that had everything — passion, goals, and top-class effort from both sides! Athletic started brightly and took control early on, storming into a 2-0 lead thanks to well-taken goals from Donnacha Vaughan x 1 and Oisín Cryan x 1. The blue side of town were flying as they dominated the first half with slick passing and strong teamwork. But as every good derby does, this one turned into a real nail-biter. Celtic came out fighting in the second half, showing great spirit and determination to pull things level with two well-worked goals. Both sides pushed hard for a winner, but in the end, it finished 2-2, a fair result in a cracking game of football. Great to see so many local lads on both teams giving their all for their clubs and their town — brilliant effort all round!

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC U16S

A top-class display in Woodlawn on Saturday as Killarney Athletic U16s produced some slick, flowing football against a hard-working Abbeyfeale side. From back to front, the lads showed great teamwork, composure, and effort — with every member of the squad playing their part in a superb all-round performance. There were some fantastic passages of play and brilliant goals throughout the day — a real showcase of the footballing style this group is building. Athletic now move on to the next

round, where they'll face Newcastle West at home — another exciting test ahead!

Massive thanks to Abbeyfeale for the game, to referee Tom Kerrisk, and to all the Athletic supporters who created a great atmosphere once again. Goalscorers: Jamie Fleming x1 Max Moynihan x2 James Marshall x2 Shea Driver x1 Eoin Bennett x1 Alan Scannell x2 Jayden Hurley x2

BOYS U15 PREMIER RESULT

Mastergeeha 1 - 2 Killarney Athletic

Max Moyinhan x1 Patrick O'Connor x1

Our young blues had a hard fought win this afternoon in Mastergeeha. Max Moynihan put us ahead from a Sean Quill corner. After a scramble in the 6 yard box, Max reacted quickly and finished from close range. Mastergeeha was pushing us hard and got a deserved equaliser from a counter attack from a corner kick when we committed to many players forward for our corner. Patrick O'Connor secured the 3 points with a super strike from outside the penalty area into the top corner. Thanks to Mastergeeha for a good sporting game

Next up, in a couple of weeks, we host in Pike Rovers in the National Cup in what should be a cracking contest.

U15 BOYS DIVISION 2

Killarney Athletic D 2. - Mastergeeha B 5

Athletic played excellent during the 1st half with positive passing and were rewarded before half time with a long range strike from Rory Tarrant to lead 1-0 at the break. Mastergeeha struck early in the 2nd half with 3 quick goals in a 10 minute period which tipped the balance in their favour. Athletic continued to fight back with with an excellent strike from Jofre Ylla but could not close the gap coming close twice through Ethene Colaco and Cillian Sheehan. Mastergeeha closed strong with an extra goal to finish 5-2 at the finish but overall a very competitive match by Athletic.

BOYS U13 DIVISION 1 RESULT

Killarney Athletic B 2 - 0 Tralee Dynamos A

The boys welcomed Dynamos this afternoon to Woodlawn, from the very start Athletic took control of the game and after some great play we took the lead after an amazing strike from outside the box by Oisín O'Sullivan and we headed in to the break with a one goal lead. We started the second half in the same vein and another goal from Oisín put two up. From that point on the game played out with both teams playing some good football. We would like to thank Dynamo's for a brilliant game and the referee. Oisín O'Sullivan x2



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u13 B squad who were defeated away to Castleisland FC B in Division 2 of the Kerry school boy league.

NATIONAL CUP U16 GIRLS

Shannonside FC 1 - Killarney Athletic 6

The girls traveled to the lovely village of Shanagolden for the third round of the National Cup.

The girls really started with determination and great spirit and after about twenty minutes took the lead and then doubled it a few minutes later, Shannonside got one back to make 2-1 but the girls put the head down and got another before half time. The second half our girls really took control getting three more goals. Today was a really great performance with all of the squad getting some fantastic minutes. We would like to thank Shannonside for a very competitive they really did play some fantastic football and the score does not reflect the effort they put in today. We would also like to thank the Referee for today.

Sophie O'Shea x3 Ella Crowley x1 Roxy Wawro x1 Lillian Slattery x1

GIRLS U-12 DIVISION 1

Kenmare 2-3 Killarney Athletic

Lottie Moynihan x1 Erin Macsweeney x1 Carolena Kelly x1

Our Killarney U12s travelled to Kenmare for their latest First Division league game and put in a brilliant team performance from start to finish. Captain Rose O'Riordan led by example, having a superb game throughout. Liliana Gorka was rock-solid in goals with a fantastic display. It was a real squad effort, with everyone contributing. We hit the net through Lottie Moynihan, Erin MacSweeney, and Carolena Kelly to cap off a great performance on the road. A big thank you to Inter Kenmare for a great match, and to the referee for officiating. Well done girls

U12 GIRLS NATIONAL TROPHY

Killarney Athletic 1-2 Mungret Regional

Hollie Shevlin x1

Our U12 Girls were in National Trophy action today and put in a brilliant team performance from start to finish.

Captain Fiadh O'Sullivan led by example, having a superb game throughout, we had some great chances with Mungret's keeper producing some top class saves, to deny Sarah and Hollie but we found ourselves 1-0 down at half time then 2-0 against the run of play, Hollie got us back into the game with 10 minutes remaining and the girls pushed even harder but could not get the equaliser. It was a real squad effort, with everyone contributing, it was an excellent display from the girls. A big thank you to Mungret for a very competitive game and we wish them the best of luck in the next round. Our girls will be back in league action in two weeks time

U14 GIRLS NATIONAL CUP 3RD ROUND

Killarney Athletic 3 - 0 Mastergeeha

Leah Heinemann x1 Erica Moloney x1 Clodagh Hegarty x1

Player of the Game Lori Rudjevican

KILLARNEY CELTIC

CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 8,12,26,28. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €50. Next jackpot €4,600 on Monday November 24th. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through clubzap.

JAKO MUNSTER U17 CUP

Killarney Celtic A 4-1 St Brendans Park

Tobias Itheme, Mark Looney, Ignacy Truchan

Celtic advanced to the next round of the U17 Munster Cup after a good win over St Brendan's



Ballyhar Dynamos FC U10 Blue squad who played MEK FC last weekend.



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u10 team white who played MEK FC last weekend.

Park last weekend. Celtic started on the front foot but Park were always dangerous on the break. 0-0 at half time. Celtic finally broke the deadlock when Tobias Iheme headed home. After 50 mins. 2 further goals had Celtic 3-0 up after 70 mins before Park reduced the deficit. Celtic steadied the ship and Ignacy Truchan sealed the win.

KDL U17 PREMIER

Killarney Celtic A 7-1 Tralee Dynamos A

Tobias Iheme 4, Ryan Downing, Kiernan Kelly, Mark Looney

Celtic put up a very good performance against Tralee Dynamos last week. From the off Celtic were to the fore and after some early pressure Celtic took the lead through Ryan Downing. Tobias Iheme netted to leave Celtic clear and further goals from Tobias Iheme, Kiernan Kelly and Mark Looney saw Celtic home.

KDL U17 DIV 1

Killarney Celtic B 4-2 St Brendan's Park

Jason Harrington 2, Mark Bartlett, Hammad Atiq. Celtic B completed a double for Celtic over St Brendan's Park at U17 level on Saturday. Mark Bartlett opened the scoring before Jason Harrington doubled the lead. St Brendan's Park scored to make 2-1 but Celtic responded on the counter attack through Hammad Atiq to lead 3-1. Park came again to make it 3-2 before Jason Harrington finished the scoring for the evening to leave Celtic winners.

SFAI U15 NATIONAL TROPHY

Shelbourne (Limerick) 3-1 Killarney Celtic

Kian Brosnahan

Celtic U15 exited the SFAI National Trophy in Limerick last week. Shelbourne led before Kian Brosnahan equalised. Celtic were now in the game but 2 quick breaks saw Shelbourne retake the lead and run out winners.

U14 DIV 1

Killarney Celtic B 1-3 Killarney Celtic C

B Ryan Lynch. C Dylan McCarthy 2, Josh Buckley Celtic C won the battle of the Celtic squads after a fine performance last week. Both teams played their part in an entertaining game

U13 PREMIER

Listowel Celtic 0-3 Killarney Celtic

Padraig O'Sullivan, Josh Buckley, Rowan Murphy Killarney came out on top in Listowel last Sunday as they maintained their 100% record in the league. Killarney remained at the top of the league as they came away with a good win.

U13 DIV 1

Dingle 7-1 Killarney Celtic B

Wojtek Zglinski

St Brendan's Park 2-1 Killarney Celtic C

Eryk McGrath

WOMEN

KDL WOMEN'S PREMIER

Castleisland 0-1 Killarney Celtic

Tara Cronin

Celtic edged this contest after a free kick by Tara Cronin broke the deadlock with about 15 mins to go. The 1st half was a tight affair with both defences having the upper hand. Celtic went close with a free kick but the sides retired level at the break. In the 2nd Celtic edged the possession stakes but Castleisland remained on terms until Tara Cronin found the net to give Celtic the win.

KDL U17 GIRLS

Killarney Celtic 2-2 Inter Kenmare

Holly Forrest 2

Celtic and Inter Kenmare played out a very entertaining draw in a game played last week. Celtic led 1-0 through Holly Forrest but Kenmare levelled. Then with about a minute to go Kenmare hit the front. Celtic threw everything into attack and won a penalty which Holly Forrest converted to share the spoils.

U14 SFAI NATIONAL TROPHY

Killarney Celtic 1-5 Bunratty Cratloe

Leah Mannix

CONGRATS to James Keane u10 who was named on the KSBGL Boys Development League Team of the Week and to Chloe McCarthy and Aisling O'Connor U10 who were named on the KSBGL Girls Development League Team of the Week.

Congrats to Padraig O'Sullivan and Jake Scannell who were named on the KSBGL Team of the Week.

CONDOLENCES

The club extends its deep condolences to the extended Spillane family following the recent passing of Mary Spillane, grandmother to club players, Jamie, David and Liam Spillane, Noah Murphy and Conor O'Sullivan.

KERRY SCHOOLBOY/GIRL SOCCER

NATIONAL:

KERRY BOYS HAVE MIXED RESULTS IN INTER LEAGUE

It was a busy and action-packed weekend across the Inter-league age groups, with the Kerry U12, U13, U14 and U15 Boys sides delivering a series of strong performances and impressive scorelines.

In the U12 Boys Inter League, Kerry were dominant from start to finish in a 3-0 win over West Cork. Goals from Rian O'Reilly, Igor Jasinski and Lui Ó Sé helped them to victory on the Killarney Celtic astro.

The U13 Boys played out a high-scoring thriller away to Cork but were defeated 6-4 despite a spirited showing. Kerry's four goals came from Rowan Murphy, Tadhg Gilligan, James Tansley and Dylan McCarthy.

There was no such drama in the U14 Boys Inter League, as Kerry were clinical against West Cork with a 6-0 victory on the Killarney Celtic Astro. Conor Doherty, Cillian Scannell, Sean Quill, Luke Clifford, Jack Clifford and Michael O'Donoghue all found the net in a superb team performance. Rounding off the weekend, the U15 Boys secured a huge 1-0 home win over Cork in Christy Leahy Park, with Joe Joy providing the decisive goal at the death in a tight, hard-fought encounter.

KERRY GIRLS SIDES

It was a packed schedule across the Girls National Cup and National Trophy competitions, with Kerry sides battling through tough fixtures and producing some excellent performances.

In the U12 Girls National Cup Round 3, Mastergeeha advanced thanks to a narrow 1-0 win away to St. Brendan's Park, with Annie Mai O'Donoghue scoring the decisive goal.

The U12 Girls National Trophy brought some mixed results for Kerry teams. MEK Galaxy were in superb form as they defeated Kilmallock United 5-0, with goals from Katie Foley (2), Siomha Ní Gearailt, Saili Mai Bradley and an own goal. Fenit Samphires also progressed with a solid 2-0 victory over Charleville, courtesy of strikes from Annabelle Rolls and Zoey McCarthy. Killarney Athletic were defeated 2-1 by Mungret Regional despite Hollie Shevlin's effort, while Castleisland fell 2-1 to Herbertstown.

In the U14 Girls National Cup Round 3, Listowel Celtic pushed Herbertstown all the way in a 1-1 draw after extra-time, Samantha Lyons scoring, but were beaten 3-0 on penalties. Elsewhere, St. Brendan's Park were defeated 4-1 by Ennis Town, while Killarney Athletic progressed impressively with a 3-0 win over Mastergeeha thanks to goals from Leah Heinemann, Erica Moloney and Clodagh Hegarty.

The U14 Girls National Trophy Round 2 saw another mix of results. Killarney Celtic were beaten 5-1 by Bunratty Cratloe, with Leah Mannix getting their goal. Castleisland were defeated 2-1 after extra time by Ballygarry, Roisin Cronin on target. Killorglin delivered one of the standout performances of the weekend, a dominant 6-0 win over Bridge United, with Kelsey Sheahan, Mia Robertson and Niamh Murphy each scoring twice.

In the U16 Girls National Cup Round 3, Camp Juniors fell 5-0 to a strong Newcastle West Town side, but St. Brendan's Park hit top form with a superb 7-0 victory over Rathkeale. Nessa Kirby and Arina Sucari each netted twice, with further goals from Éabha Maguire, Taylor Kate Leen and Laura Heaphy.

Killarney Athletic were also impressive in their 6-1 win over Shannonside, Sophie O'Shea firing a hat-trick supported by goals from Ella Crowley, Roxy Wawro and Lillian Slattery. MEK Galaxy capped off a brilliant weekend for the club with a 4-0 away win at Tulla United, as Izzy Lyons struck a hat-trick and Ava Harty added another. In the U16 Girls National Trophy Round 2, LB Rovers were beaten 7-1 by Aisling Annacotty, with Leona Meaney providing their goal.



Killarney Celtic U14B and U14C squads who played each other recently.

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JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY

takes a look at all things sport...



IRELAND REACH WORLD CUP PLAY-OFFS

I never doubted. Not at any stage through any of the last two games. I knew, with an inner belief that propelled more altruistic or more prosletysing prophets into toppling empires, that Ireland were not going to be getting near to the World Cup. I was certain. It wasn't just the enormity of the task – beat Portugal just to give yourself a chance of beating Hungary in Hungary? Arrah, stop, Ireland would have a better chance of winning the Quidditch World Cup in the Harry Potter stories.

No. The challenge for me was that you would have to do it without your best striker; Evan Ferguson has looked like a player struggling to shake off a nagging injury for a year now. I did rate Troy Parrott – the latest in a long line of players hailed as wunderkinds by an over-excited Irish media, only to struggle to live up to that tag at Spurs or on loan at other English clubs. He went on loan to Excelsior and began to thrive, earning a move to AZ Alkmaar and blossoming further there. No, I didn't have any problem with Parrott leading the line.

Nor did I blame Heimar Hallgrímsson, any more than I did Stephen Kenny or McCarthy or Martin O'Neill. We Irish, and in fact soccer fans in general, have this bizarre tendency to blame managers when limited teams aren't great. There is such a thing as reasonable expectations. A win over Armenia would have been one such. Back to back wins over Portugal and Hungary? If you are going to indulge in that kind of fantasy, go on away out and buy a Euromillions lotto ticket for yourself.

Ireland didn't have a bad goalscoring record recently. We have a very good goalkeeper, and I'm much happier seeing Kelliher play regularly rather than being highly rated back-up for Liverpool. We are solid and organised in defence. I do think that Seamus Coleman, one of our greatest ever servants, is pretty much at the end of a fantastic tenure.

No, my issue for quite a long time is our lack of any real midfield presence. Consider how many of our goals came from poachers latching onto long balls (though quality kicks rather than the hoof-and-hope efforts of yore) as opposed

to threading it with sharp runs and passes to unlock a defence. Ireland will claim to play a 3-5-2-1 outfield formation. That always – and I mean going back for at least five years – is actually a 5-3-1-1, and that's when Ireland are in possession. We have no midfielder who can put his foot on the ball and direct the play. That's not blaming them – do you really grasp how hard this level is? You need to be exceptional, genuinely exceptional, just to make a living at the game. To play in the English Championship? For a minority sport (soccer in Ireland is second at best to the GAA) in a small country to the English Championship, you need to be one in 50,000. Seriously, crunch those numbers. I'm not exaggerating. And from there to the Premiership is just as big a leap again. Granted, Ireland can't go out and buy elite players like the Premiership teams can (we have made extensive and occasionally imaginative use of the 'granny' rule – anybody wanting to complain about the likes of Rice or Grealish opting for the country of their birth should maybe look at the likes of Tony Cascarino's Irish roots again).

Ireland 2 Portugal 0

We have Troy Parrott. They have Cristiano Ronaldo. Want to take bets?

As I, and everybody else I heard making any prediction, had confidently expected, Portugal lorded early possession. Totally on top. It felt to me like the bilges were creaking, but they held. It was about repeatedly doing the basics right repeatedly. Ireland weren't making last ditch tackles. Caoimhin Kelliher was not making acrobatic fingertip saves. But somehow, we were heading clear, closing out options, hassling and hustling, and Portugal couldn't seem to work a goal, more like hope one happened for them. I did think Cristiano Ronaldo had made a little bit of a hostage to fortune by complaining about Irish pressure on referees and the like before the game. What was Jimmy Deenihan's famous turn of phrase? "Never talk about the alligator's mother until you are safely across the river."

In the 17th minute, very much against the run of play, Ireland went ahead. Liam Scales got on the end of a corner and knocked it down neatly for Parrott to fire home (that may be a trick worth repeating). It didn't exactly turn the tide, but Ireland did start to play a bit more. Portugal still had a bit more of the ball, but Ireland were beginning to find each other with more confidence. Just before half-time, incredibly, Troy Parrott raced in for a perfectly judged finish and 2-0.

Round One emphatically to Ireland. Now for Round Two and the second half. Could we hold out? Given Portugal's dominance of possession, I'd have taken a draw. Except that Portugal just didn't have any of the verve that you'd expect from the names on their teamsheet. When an Irish observer is saying that they showed a lack

of imagination....well, that says everything. And Cristiano Ronaldo departed after a frustrated elbow to a player. Look, this is one of the best goalscorers of all time, but we are talking in the past tense here. He is not the power that he was. For years, teams played for Ronaldo and Messi, and it worked because those individual players were that good. Is Ronaldo that power anymore? I felt that his second coming at Man United was the start of an ongoing decline – yes, he scored goals, but only because he demanded that central role instead of playing for the team. Against Ireland, he looked like an aging player trying to defy Father Time. Certainly, without him, Portugal just didn't really look like scoring. Plenty of attacks, and water will break rocks down eventually – but not in ninety minutes. 2-0 to Ireland, jubilation all round.

And I'm still sceptical. The onus had been on Portugal. Ireland essentially had a free shot which we made brilliant use of to win, hurrah indeed. But that just means that we have to go to Hungary and win – and we are in a different position. Portugal played like a team with little to lose. More frantic than focussed. We had a free shot in many ways.

Now, we have to take the game to Hungary, for whom a draw would suffice. We have to dictate the pace of play and go hunting them, and that's a much harder job. I don't like these odds. Three minutes in Daniel Lukacs headed home. Sin sin, an sceál deanta. Oh, we'll pull one back, we always do in these circumstances, but win it from here? God and the FAI love your naivety.

15 minutes gone. Chiedozie Ogbene is bundled over in the Hungary box. Clumsy rather than malicious, but it's a penalty. Up steps Troy Parrott and buries it. Good penalty; he is understandably brimming with confidence. All we need is one more goal now. Maybe we can dare to dream....arrah, stop it.

Szoboszlai is taking control around the middle, deliberately slowing the pace of the game. Don't mind the childish booing; he's doing exactly what I would want an Irish player to do in these circumstances.

Great chance for Hungary, great save by Kelliher. We started well but we are definitely second best here now. Ten minutes left in the first half and Varga hits an absolute beauty. Nothing Kelliher could do; that's just a great goal. 2-1 to Portugal at half-time. Two goals in forty five minutes against a better team? I mean, yeah, I know a lad who walked on water and turned water into wine on occasion, but he didn't do it while wearing an Irish jersey. Look, that Varga goal almost came with a tinge of relief. It's the hope that kills you. Now I can settle. Ireland had an awful start to this campaign but they came fairly good in the finish. Beat a disappointing but still formidable Portugal and gave a decent Hungary side a decent game of it. Let's just battle through the second half and leave with

our heads high.

13 minutes into the second half almost gets onto a Parrott through ball but is just a fraction too late. Worse, he's pulled something and has to go off, with Idah replacing him. Ogbene surprised me in this game, showed good movement to go along with his pace. Some of these players have improved a lot along the way; Ogbene is one of them. Idah doesn't have the same range to his game for me, not yet anyway.

Szoboszlai is still the best player on the field but Ireland are just about clearing their lines. Idah actually gets the ball into the Hungray net, but it's offside. Close, but definitely no cigar. My language at that time may have been a bit robust; you don't need to know the details.

Ebosele and Kenny on. Ireland have to attack. Hungary don't; they bring on two defenders. This is awkward for Hungary. Do you go for the jugular and risk leaving yourself exposed, or do you look to hold what you have? There really isn't a right answer. In this case, they are looking to hold on and they let Ireland dictate the play. Idah with a header over. Difficult chance. Parrott with another but he miscues.

Ten minutes left. Finn Azaz, never a player that I really rated at this level, sends a fantastic ball for Parrott to chase. No better man, Troy Parrott deftly flicks it past the keeper. Ten minutes to find a winner.

Kelliher is the busier of the two keepers, including a fine save to deny Szoboszlai. Ten minutes, and no winner. Hungary doing everything they can to kill the game. As I said, I'd have been doing the exact same. Into injury time, clock ticking ever louder. Minute gone. Two.

Long ball. Kenny, great shot....even greater save. That was surely our last chance.

Desperation time. Six minutes gone. Caoimhín Kelliher, of all people, with a beautifully weighted cross. Liam Scales goes high and heads it down. And Troy Parrott nips in....one touch....

And smashes the internet, in Ireland at least. The Late Late Troy Show. If we can send a turkey to the Eurovision, we can send a parrot to the World Cup....you've seen the memes. We all have. Irish soccer had been dying a slow death over a decade. Then a player scored five goals in two games against the top teams in the

group, the first Irish male senior player (I'm told the caveats are necessary) to score a hat-trick away from home, and just like that Irish soccer is booming again. Italia 90. Con Houlihan used to say that he missed Italia 90, he was in Italy at the time (the real party was in Ireland).

I know. We aren't there yet. We have to win two play-offs. But if you can't celebrate this one for what it is, I can only assume that you have no soul. You have my sympathies.

EAST KERRY CHAMPIONSHIP O'DONOGHUE CUP SEMI-FINAL:

Dr. Crokes 3-22 Spa 2-13

Spa have met Dr. Crokes on a number of occasions in recent years, including O'Donoghue Cup Finals, County League, and this year's Senior Club Championship, and it's fair to say that the black and amber side have very much had the better of those exchanges. Despite a heroic comeback, that never really looked like changing in the Fitzgerald Stadium last Saturday.

With a triumvirate of Gavin White and the two midfielders Mark O'Shea and Billy Courtney dominating possession and Dr. Crokes very quick and precise with their passing, they had no less than eight points on the board before a shellshocked Spa could even press the starting gear. Billy Courtney had a '45 to get them underway, David Shaw added two points, and livewire Tony Brosnan, Spa's tormentor in chief and not for the first time this year, opened his account. Micheal Burns and Tony Brosnan added two more before Brosnan kicked a great two pointer.

Spa lost Cian Tobin to a serious-looking injury. They had a goal chance go wide before Gary Vaughan and Joey McCarthy got them off the mark. It was of little avail; another 1-3 from Brosnan took his first half tally to 1-7 and points from Gavin White and Cian McMahon meant that Dr. Crokes had a 1-13 to 0-2 advantage going in at the break.

It looked like a foregone conclusion at that stage, but Spa had other ideas and in fairness to them, the second half turned into a real battle. David Spillane pounced for a goal three minutes into the second half. Evan Cronin pointed, but Crokes replied through Billy

Courtney and Tony Brosnan. Evan Cronin and David Spillane notched points, but three on the trot from the in-form Brosnan had Crokes 11 points ahead. Gary Vaughan showed some very deft skill – are you watching Troy Parrott? – to score a brilliant soccer-style goal. Crokes' Cian McMahon finished a great move with a goal but Gavin White limped off. David Spillane notched his second goal and Spa's third. Spa scored the next five points through Joey McCarthy (3), Shane Cronin, and Evan Cronin, but they simply had too much of a mountain left to climb and it's Dr. Crokes who advance to the final.

O'DONOGHUE CUP SEMI-FINAL: Rathmore 1-17

Kenmare Shamrocks 1-13

The holders got off to a perfect start when Shane Ryan boomed over a two pointer free only for Jack Tangney (1f) to restore parity with a brace. Fionn Murphy added two more, and Brian Friel and Ciarán Collins joined him on the scoreboard to make it 0-6 to 0-2 in favour of Rathmore. Kenmare, minus the O'Shea brothers, were struggling around midfield, but Jack tangney pointed and Eoghan McCarthy added another. Man of the match Cathal Ryan stretched Rathmore's lead but the lively Jimmy Lehane set up Paul O'Connor for a goal to bring Kenmare level. Cathal Ryan and Donal Down O'Sullivan exchanged points to close out the first half, and Kenmare Shamrocks would have been happy to troop in for the break on level terms, 0-8 to 1-5.

Jimmy Lehane opened the second half scoring. Ciarán Collins replied with a two pointer before Donal Down O'Sullivan levelled matters once more. That was when Rathmore really opened the throttle and effectively all but killed off Kenmare's strong challenge. Mark Ryan, Andrew Moynihan, Fionn Murphy, Mark Reen, Shane Ryan ('45), Brian Friel....with Rathmore completely in the ascendancy around the middle, the hits and the white flags just kept coming. When Ciarán Collins neatly linked up with Cian Dineen to slice through and slot a superb goal, it was really game, set, and match. Kenmare Shamrocks kept bravely battling away and did succeed in trimming the deficit back down to four, but in truth it always felt like they could press on the accelerator again any time that it was needed. Considering that they were



Action from the O'Donoghue Cup semi Final Dr. Crokes V Spa.
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Action from the O'Donoghue Cup semi Final Rathmore V Kenmare Shamrocks
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without both Paul Murphy and John Moynihan, this was a huge win for Rathmore against a very good Kenmare Shamrocks. Of course, a determined Dr. Crkes in the final in two weeks is going to be an even tougher proposition – but would anyone in East Kerry really want it any other way?

SOUTH KERRY CHAMPIONSHIP

St Mary's 3-17

St. Michaels/Foilmore 0-15

The holders were comfortable winners in Waterville, with Jack Daly in midfield and Aidan Walsh giving a real masterclass. Mind you, St. Marys just had more power, pace, and accuracy all through bar a five minute spell towards the end of the first half. That five minute spell was something else, though. St. Marys were leading by 1-7 to 0-1 when the excellent Ian O'Sullivan, isolated until then, cut loose with three two point frees and another from inside the arc (he would finish with 0-12) to suddenly trim the gap back to 1-7 to 0-8 at half-time. That set up the possibility of an exciting second half, but in truth that never really unfolded despite the best efforts of Ian and Matthew O'Sullivan, with St. Marys effectively in cruise control before the finish.

Skellig Rangers 0-10 Waterville 0-5

There were good passages of play, but the scoring return was poor enough on both sides. St. Senans led by 0-3 to 0-2 at the break, Darragh O'Sullivan with two placed balls. Skellig Rangers lost a player to a black card and Waterville to a red shortly before half-time. On the resumption, Barry O'Dwyer did level matters but Skellig Rangers were able to push on and just keep the scoreboard ticking over, with Davis and Seán Kennedy and Ronan O'Shea scoring points from play. Dylan Huggard and James Fitzgerald both got points from play for Waterville, who can only rue the amount of chances that sailed wide. Skellig Rangers advance to the final, but they won't need telling that more will be needed to see off favourites St. Marys.

MID KERRY CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Beaufort 1-14

Milltown/Castlemaine 1-14

Milltown/Castlemaine beat Glenbeigh/Glencar in a thrilling semi-final, whereas Beaufort were always in full control against Cromane. When Beaufort, who would have gone into this one as favourites anyway, opened with a Ciarán Kennedy two pointer and Darragh O'Connor added a goal, most people including myself would have expected them to win comfortably. Mike Breen and Seán O'Brien were dominating the play with the kind of class only county players can bring. Full credit to Milltown/Castlemaine, though, not only did they battle back fearlessly but they were more clinical in taking their chances and they drew level midway through the second quarter. Mike Breen and Ciaran Kennedy did nudge Beaufort

three points in front at the break, 1-8 to 0-8, but Milltown/Castlemaine had laid down their marker.

Sure enough the second half turned into a belter. Darragh O'Connor and Liam Carey put five points between them but Éanna O'Connor set over a great two pointer in reply. Another Milltown/Castlemaine point and there was just two points in it. A red card for Nathan Breen rattled Beaufort and Brendan Casey struck for a Milltown goal. Gavin Horan, Cathal Moriarty, and Éanna O'Connor had them three points to the good and a man up. However, it was Beaufort's turn to dig deep and that's exactly what they did, Fergal Hallissey, Jack O'Connor, and finally Ciarán Kennedy bringing them level despite being a man down. In fact, Beaufort had one last chance for a winner, but it was just outside the post. I don't think any neutrals in J.P. O'Sullivan Park will object – the replay should be an absolute cracker.

WEST KERRY CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

An Ghaeltacht 2-14 Castlegregory 1-16

An Ghaeltacht, very strong favourites given that they are just starting an All Ireland Intermediate campaign, looked home and hosed late on. However, back came Castlegregory and, as the seconds ticked away, it looked like they might be able to create a shock.

Don't get me wrong; I have great time for An Ghaeltacht and I was delighted to see Dingle break their long wait for a Senior County Championship. But the big two have had a hegemony of West Kerry titles in recent years, Dingle completing seven in a row last year. In fact, you are going back to 2009 for a winner outside the big two (Annascaul) and even further back to 1977 for a Castlegregory side with the likes of the Ferriter brothers to the fore to win the title. Last year they lost to Dingle. On this occasion, I don't think anyone outside of An Ghaeltacht would have begrudged the underdogs.

Not that it would have made much difference. An Ghaeltacht, with Cathal Ó Beaglaíoch once again in fantastic form, led by 2-8 to 1-5 at the break thanks to Adam Mac Amhlaoibh's late fisted goal. Coming to the three quarter mark, they still led by 2-11 to 1-8. However, Tom Moriarty fired over a Castlegregory two pointer and Cian O'Grady added another. Jack O'Connor already has Cathal Ó Beaglaíoch's phone number; I suspect he might be considering a look at O'Grady for Kerry next year as well. Arrah, look, if Jack listened to all of us, he'd have a panel of 140, so we'll keep that kind of powder dry for now.

Castlegregory finished with flourish, O'Grady ending with a 0-11 tally, but it fell just short as An Ghaeltacht held on for a one point win.

NORTH KERRY CHAMPIONSHIP

Next weekend sees Listowel Emmets take on an unheralded Knocknagoshel in Duagh in the Bernard O'Callaghan North Kerry Final.

Listowel Emmets are 17 times champions and the current holders. Knocknagoshel have never won it. They will be huge underdogs against a Listowel side who beat Beale, Ballydonoghue, and Ballyduff along the way. This one looks a bridge too far – but I said the exact same thing before Knocknagoshel played Brosna, Desmonds, and St. Senans – I'd have said that they had no more chance than Heimar Hallgrímsson's team against Portugal – and I was wrong on all those occasions. It'll be interesting!

LADIES ALL STARS

Congratulations to Siofra O'Shea of Southern Gaels on winning an All Star. One also has to congratulate Waterford's Emma Murray – the midfielder is Waterford's first All Star in 18 years. Champions Dublin won seven awards all told, most notably Sinead McGoldrick with her eighth such award. Runners-up Meath had four awards, Galway had two, and Kerry, despite being Division One champions, just the one. That's not any complaint or begrudger; I think this year's awards are a fair reflection of the overall year.

Likewise the Camogie Intermediate Rising Stars team. Kerry, who only lost one game in the National League enough to cost them a spot in the final) and did reach the McGrath Intermediate Final before losing to Offaly, who were genuinely outstanding all year. Kerry had four winners in the Intermediate category, goalkeeper Aoife Fitzgerald, Rachel McCarhy (cornerback), Patrice Diggin (midfield and freetaker extraordinaire) and Jackie Horgan (full Forward). All four are thoroughly deserving but I have to say that I thought Niamh Leen at centre back was consistently outstanding for Kerry all year and her omission is a big surprise to me.

FREWEN CUP

FREWEN CUP SEMI-FINAL:

St. Brendans 5-12 Tralee CBS 1-9

St. Brendans Killarney, the current holders, and Tralee CBS, who were champions for the two years before that, have been the stand-out schools in the grade. On this occasion the two Kerry giants were fated to meet at semi-final stage in a cold and windswept Lewis Rd.

The Sem were at their absolute best here, while an unfortunate Tralee CBS struggled to come to grips with the swirling breeze and just couldn't spark into life. The Sem were pretty much always in control, forcing repeated turnovers and working scores almost at will. Right out of the starting blocks, they fired over five points through Cian Hegarty, Jack Culloty, Cillian O'Donoghue, Daniel Cronin, and Darragh Keane. Tralee, who were struggling badly to get their hands on their own kick-out and lost Eoin Tansley early on to injury, finally got on the scoreboard through Jason Gaynor. The Sem were only warming up, though, and a brilliantly timed pass by Joe O'Connr set up Cillian O'Donoghue for their first goal. Gavin Deasy and Jack Culloty swapped scores at either end before Culloty fired home the Sem's second goal and Samuel Scroope popped up a minute

later with another. Darragh Keane's free made it 3-7 to 0-2 and, while Calvin O'Sullivan did kick two late points for Tralee CBS, they were facing a nine point deficit going in at half-time.

Danny Lane did open the second half scoring and was just short with another effort, but points from Darragh Keane and Jack Culloty soon had the Sem back on track. Tralee had brought goalkeeper Jack Collins out to the forty for the second half and it paid dividends as he kicked a fine point, only for Cian Hegarty to fire home a fourth goal to put the Sem in front by 4-9 to 0-6. Tralee CBS did score a superb goal through Tom Slattery, but realistically their challenge was beginning to peter out, with the Sem adding further points from Samuel Scroope and a Darragh Keane free. Tralee hit back with scores from Eoin Mangan and two Jason Gaynor frees, but it was too little too late and Darragh Keane sealed an impressive win with a fifth goal just before the final whistle to take the Sem back to another Frewen Cup Final.

CLONAKILTY SEE OFF KILLORGLIN

FREWEN CUP SEMI-FINAL:

Clonakilty CC IS Killorglin 2-8

The game started off on a bit of a sour note, with the referee arriving over an hour late due to a miscommunication about the starting time – not pleasant for either players or supporters, especially in a shelterless venue like Bishopstown's 4G pitch. However, once the ball was thrown in things certainly heated up in a game that would soon turn into a bit of an adrenaline-fuelled rollercoaster.

Michael Culhane opened the scoring with a fine point for Killorglin, but Clonakilty had the driving wind and Conrad Murphy soon nudged them in front with a great two pointer. Both sides added a point before Killorglin had a shot drop short from Conor Murphy, only for Dara O'Connor to react fastest to drive it to the net and give Killorglin a 1-2 to 0-3 lead. However, that was as good as it got as Clonakilty began to take over. A foul on Cathal Moore saw Christos Delis neatly fire home a clinical penalty. In a great spell for the Cork side, Delis added two more points, Cathal Moore and Joe Twomey added others, and Twomey sent in a great cross that was finished to the net by Tadhg O'Brien. Clonakilty went in for the break with a 2-7 to 1-3 lead, although they would be facing that stiff breeze for the second half.

Killorglin needed a strong start to the second half and got it, a leg block on Luke Foley seeing Michael Culhane drive home a penalty. Joe Twomey replied with a point. The next score took ten minutes to arrive, the weather taking its toll on the ootall, before Michael Culhane added a free to bring the gap down to four points. Back came Clonakilty, goalkeeper Rory Twohig slotting two frees and Joe Twomey and Nathan O'Sullivan bringing the gap out to six. IS Killorglin refused to buckle, a Hugh O'Sullivan two pointer giving the hope, but all they could muster was two last points and it wasn't enough to see Clonakilty make it a repeat of last year's final against the Sem, provisionally fixed for November 28th. St. Brendans got the upper

hand last year, but a number of Clonakilty players were on the Corn uí Mhuirí team who beat the Sem earlier and they will have no fear of the reigning champions.

TRALEE CBS WIN O'SULLIVAN CUP

Tralee CBS 2-12 St. Brendans 2-11

Tralee CBS would have been privately feeling that it has been too long since the school entertained senior silverware, given their long and rich tradition in gaelic football, but they are back as the kingpins of Kerry after claiming the Dr. Charles O'Sullivan Memorial Cup in style. St. Brendans were missing a few key players, but when the chips were down – and they most certainly came all the way down to the wire – it was the Tralee side who had that last bit of heart and hunger to drive over the finish line with their noses in front.

Mark O'Carroll gathered a '45 taken short to split the posts for an opening score for the Sem. Gearóid White deftly replied in kind and straight from the kick-out, a well-worked Tralee move saw Mikey Corridan finish expertly to the net. In fact, this was a purple patch for the Green, with Sem keeper Caolan Mitchell forced into a wonder save. Tralee were lording the middle through Máirtín McKivergan, Tadhg O'Connor, and hugely impressive centre back Eoin O'Flaherty, and it was McKivergan who drove through for the next score. Tralee led at that stage by 1-2 to 0-1, and it could and arguably should have been more.

The Sem were in this final on merit and soon reasserted themselves. The lively Ben Kelliher clipped over a point. Mark Kennelly drove through for a great goal. When Liam O'Brien curled the ball over the black spot, it was the Killarney side who led by a point in the Fitzgerald Stadium.

Ronan Carroll was beginning to do damage inside and he drew Tralee back level. Both sides missed a few chances at that point but Fionán Blackwell did kick a point for the Sem.

Ronan Carroll slotted a free in reply and then powered through, using his strength, to add a point from play. Gearóid White notched his second point and Tralee led by 1-6 to 1-4.

If Ronan Carroll was showing what he could do at one end, Ben Kelliher was looking just as dangerous at the other. He kicked a good free and then slalomed through for a great goal. Mark O'Carroll added a point and, slightly surprisingly, St. Brendans led by a goal at the break, 2-6 to 1-6.

Tralee CS made a lightning start to the second half. Gearóid White sent over a great two pointer from play. Ronan Carroll was unceremoniously bundled over in the Sem square and coolly slotted the penalty himself. Ben Kelliher pulled one back for St. Brendans, but with O'Flaherty driving forward relentlessly, the Killarney side were very much on the back foot now. Máirtín McKivergan's second point stretched the lead. Eoin Flaherty found Cillian Hurley at the end of another burst forward, but Caolan Mitchell made a fantastic save to deny him. Ronan Carroll made it 2-10 to 2-7 in Tralee's favour.

Fionán Blackwell drove through for a point that

owed as much to determination as skill. Liam O'Brien added a free and the margin was down to the minimum again.

With time beginning to tick away, Gearóid White had a goal chance, but once again Caolan Mitchell showed great reflexes to deflect it. In hindsight, White might have been better off fisting over the bar, but the natural instincts of a pure predator were in charge. It didn't look like it would make much difference when Ronan Carroll fired over again to put two between them with the game into injury time. The drama was far from done, though. Up stepped Joey McCarthy for a fantastic two pointer, the best score of the day and at the perfect time. Level pegging now as we entered the dying seconds, but there was just enough time left for man of the match Eoin O'Flaherty to send one last point over the bar and finally seal a precious victory.

RUGBY

Ireland 46 Australia 19

Look, I know that nobody wants to hear this, but I don't read too much into games like this. Yes, it was a great and fully deserved win for Ireland, but I'm not sure we learnt too much of relevance. We did do really well on line-outs, which has been a real weakness of ours in big games, and Ryan Baird really stamped his class in that area. But this was an Australia team who have been pushing hard without a real break and they looked well off their own standards to me. As a rueful Joe Schmidt noted afterwards, the best Australian was actually lining out in green – Mack Hansen was playing full back for the first time and had his hat-trick sealed within half an hour. At half-time Ireland deservedly led by 19-14.

Sam Prendergast nailed a drop goal and Tommy O'Brien had a try ruled out but once Caelan Doris went over in the 70th minute, there was ever only going to be one winner. Billy Pollard did get a third try for Australia, but Ireland finished strongly and late tries from Ryan Baird and Robbie Henshaw wrapped up the wing. Australia play France next week and if they lose, it will be their first time coming back from Europe without a single win in the bag.

BASKETBALL

One Irish team has understandably taken all the headlines his week, and deservedly so, but another one certainly deserves mention. James Weldon's Irish Ladies' team lost out to Luxembourg midweek by 69 to 53. That result was a little bit disappointing but Ireland had to get back on the proverbial horse very quickly with a tough game against Bosnia-Herzegovina coming up.

One Ireland player who did impress against Luxembourg was Lorraine Scanlon, whose rebound ability came to the fore and earned her a starting berth against the Bosnian side. The Irish team, including Lorraine who had 11 points and 15 rebounds, were absolutely superb from start to finish. Cork's Edel Thornton led the way from start to finish to an eyebrow-raising 94-67 victory.

DR. CROKES**O'DONOGHUE CUP****Dr. Crokes 2:22 Spa 3:13**

Our Senior team advanced to the O'Donoghue Cup Final following an impressive win over Spa on Sunday. We began brightly, with Billy Courtney opening the scoring from a 45, followed by two well-taken points from David Shaw. Man of the Match Tony Brosnan was central to our early dominance, adding a free and a series of excellent points, including a crucial 2-pointer midway through the half. Further scores from Gavin White, Cian McMahon and Tony sent us into the break with a 1-13 to 0-2 lead. Spa found the net early in the second half, but we responded calmly. Tony and Billy added points to steady things. Goals from Cian and Tony proved vital in keeping a healthy gap. We now face Rathmore in the final.

A late surge from Spa reduced the margin, but Crokes' earlier control ensured the result was never in doubt. The game finished 3-22 to 3-13, sending Dr. Crokes into the O'Donoghue Cup Final.

AGM will take place on Tuesday 25th November at 8pm in the clubhouse.

CLUB MASS will take place on Tuesday 25th November at 7pm in the clubhouse.

LOTTO took place on November 17th. Numbers drawn were 7, 12, 19, 23. Jackpot of €14,600 was NOT WON. 15 patrons matched 3 numbers and receive €30 each. Jackpot for draw on November 24th will be €14,900. 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)

FR. PADDY'S CARDS NIGHT will continue on Wednesdays from 8pm in the clubhouse. All are welcome.

GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS with Kathleen continues on Tuesdays from 11am in the Clubhouse. Everyone is welcome.

GENTLE YOGA for both men and woman takes place on Thursdays from 6:15pm-7pm. It is €40 for 4 weeks, valid for 5 weeks.

BINGO

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

NOTES

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

EAST KERRY**O'DONOGHUE CUP SEMI FINALS****Dr Crokes 2-22 Spa 3-13****Rathmore 1-17 Kenmare Shamrocks 1-13****O SULLIVAN CUP****Gneeveguilla 1-11 Glenflesk 4-09**

Fossa V Listry

Venue: Fossa, Sunday 23rd November at 1pm

Extra time if necessary – result on the day

EAST KERRY MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION 2 SEMI FINAL**Listry 3-15 Rathmore 1-09****U17 DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP**

Well done to the East Kerry girls on reaching the U17 District Championship Final with a great



The Fr. Galvin Cup final winning Listry team and management after their win last Saturday in Direen.

win over Tralee.

BEST WISHES

Best of luck to Cian Tobin of Spa on his recovery from serious injury in last weekends O Donoghue Cup Semi final.

SYMPATHIES

Condolences to the families of Mary Spillane (née Healy) Kilbrean, Killarney, Kerry, on her recent death. May she rest in peace.

GLENEAGLE HOTEL, GLENEAGLE LEISURE AND DR O'DONOGHUE FAMILY EAST KERRY SFC SEMI FINAL**Rathmore 1-17 Kenmare Shamrocks 1-13**

After a tight first half, a Rathmore blitz of scores early after the resumption saw them return to the O Donoghue Cup Final, with a convincing win over Kenmare Shamrocks at Fitzgerald's Stadium on Sunday.

Rathmore struck early, with Shane Ryan converting a 2 point free inside the first minute. The lively Jack Tangney then got 2 quick score's in reply, before Fionn Murphy pushed Rathmore back into the lead again after 8 minutes.

Points from Murphy, Brian Friel and Ciaran Collins pushed Rathmore into a 4 point lead, as they managed to get on top in midfield. Tangney was looking most likely to threaten for Kenmare, getting his third point of the opening period. The opening goal of the game then arrived with Paul O Connor calmly finding the net from close range.

Rathmore replied with Man of the Match Cathal Ryan getting another fine score. Just before half time, Donal O Sullivan burst through, and fired over to leave the side's all locked up at 1-05 to 0-08 at half time.

An early 2 pointer from Collins to start the second half, was quickly responded by another O Sullivan score. It was from here that Rathmore set the platform for the win. Murphy again prominent, with Mark Ryan and Brian Friel also among the scorer's. The crucial goal then arrived. Cian Dineen getting into space near the Kenmare goal. His pass set full forward Collins in 1 on 1 with Kieran Fitzgibbon. Collins just about finding the space to find the net from close in.

With a 10 point lead, Rathmore just had to avoid conceding goal's to take the victory. They did that comfortably, with Kenmare reliant on free's for their late scores. Rathmore now head back to the final, with the challenge of Dr Crokes

awaiting in a fortnight. A fascinating final await's, with both side's wanting to end the year on a high.

GLENEAGLE HOTEL, GLENEAGLE LEISURE AND DR O'DONOGHUE FAMILY EAST KERRY SFC SEMI FINAL**Dr Crokes 2-22 Spa 3-13**

Dr Crokes powerful first half performance, including getting the first 8 point's of the game, set them up for a comfortable win over Spa, in the first of the 2025 O Donoghue Cup Semi Final's, at Fitzgerald's Stadium last Saturday.

With the outstanding Tony Brosnan leading the way, and Michael Burns and David Shaw also among the scorer's they held an 8 point's to nil lead after 20 minutes. Gary Vaughan finally got Spa on the scoreboard, followed by a point by Joey McCarthy. That was all they could muster though, and Crokes pushed on again, with Brosnan's well taken goal leaving them with 1-13 to 0-02 lead at half time, and looking certain to return to another final.

Spa needed a quick start to the second period if they were to perform a miracle comeback. They got it with an early David Spillane goal. Crokes though, were still finding score's easier, with Billy Courtney's point after 37 minutes giving them a 12 point lead. Spa were firing high long ball's in with varying degree's of success, but their scoring rate was not high enough to bridge the big deficit. They did manage a second goal, with Vaughan firing in to the net off the ground with 10 minutes to go. Down the other end though, Brosnan set up Cian McMahon to find the net immediately. Spa finished strong with Spillane getting a second goal, plus some good point's from the impressive McCarthy, but Crokes had done more than enough, and now return to the O Donoghue Cup Final in 2 week's looking to reclaim that title.

FOSSA GAA**LOTTO**

The numbers drawn on 16/11/2025 for a jackpot of €4,500 were 3, 18, 23, 25. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Ann Marie Breen, Alison Thompson, Chloe O'Sullivan, Aoife McGrath, Julie Foley.

Tickets are available from our sellers and can also be bought online with the following link



Man of the match Dan O'Shea Currow accepts his award from East Kerry vice Chairman Noel Kennedy. Photo: Seamus Healy



Gleneagle Leisure Man of the Match Cathal Ryan receiving Voucher from East Kerry Secretary Dermot O'Connor.



Gleneagle Leisure Man of the Match Tony Brosnan receiving Voucher from East Kerry Chairman Gary O'Halloran.

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NATIONAL CLUB DRAW - FOSSA GAA

For the 1st time Fossa GAA are participating in the GAA National Club Draw and all the money from every ticket sold by Fossa stays in our Club. The easiest way to support this is buy your ticket(s) via Foireann. You can log into your own account and you will see on right "Enter Draw". The following executive members can also enter you to the draw via their own Foireann

account: Pat Sheehan, Domhnall O'Sullivan, Peter O'Shaughnessy, Siobhan Kissane, Maria Vaughan, Katherine Butler, Karen McGlynn, Mike Cahillane, Amy Moriarty, Peter Kelliher, John O'Neill, Michael Talbot & Merry Talbot.

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

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UTILITY TRUST ST PAULS LAKERS VS LIMERICK SPORT EAGLES REPORT

**Dominos Men's Basketball
League
Sunday, November 16th 3pm
St Munchin's College**

**Limerick Sports Eagles 91
Utility Trust St Pauls Lakers 72**

Report by Enda Walshe

A better scoring efficiency and five star showings from Alex Carlisle and Ryan Leonard proved to be the main difference between the two sides. Allied to this was a poor second quarter performance by the visiting team where Luke O Heas side were struggling to convert from beyond the arc, they went 1 for 9, and the Eagles put in a more economical shift, winning the period by 32-15. The Lakers had raced into a 26-20 lead early in the second quarter but the Carlisle and Leonard tour de force kicked into gear and that helped to manoeuvre a 52-38 half time lead for their side. Eoin Carroll and Sam Grant did help to keep their side hanging in the contest but they could never get the deficit reduced to single digits and the Eagles were able to soar to victory. There were still some positives to be had from the defeat. Eoin Carroll continued his good recent run of scoring while Sam Grant hit close to his season's best with 24 points. Steve Kelly added another ten assists to his season total while Darragh O'Callaghan made an impact when introduced. The Lakers now face a road trip to play Carrick Cruisers next weekend with the Killarney Derby at the end of the month. All that comes before the National Cup game against Templeogue in the first week of December.

This game had a slow start for the scoreboard technician with both sides struggling to find their range early doors. The highlight was a Sam Grant block and that gave the Lakers early impetus with the same player hitting his side's first basket. Eoin Carroll stepped out to nail one from downtown but that was soon equalised by Carlisle. Marko Bencic who had started for the Lakers fell into early foul trouble but Grant, Carroll and Kelly kept the sails open helping their side into a 23-30 first quarter lead with Toby Christiansen and Leonard prominent for the hosts.

Mark Sheehan gave his side the best possible start to the second quarter with an early three and when Grant matched Stephen King's effort for the Eagles the Lakers were still 28-22 to the good. There was still no sign of the impending doom that was going to befall the Lakers and even when the Eagles went on a scoring run, O Hea did call a time out to attempt to arrest the slide. But Leonard and Carlisle were now almost imperious and despite Pablo Murcia and Kelly efforts the Eagles ran into a 45-32 lead. The

remainder of the quarter saw the Lakers maintain balance with Sheehan and Carroll on the mark but a late three from AJ Ryan made sure the home side were 52-38 to the good.

The third quarter showed no sign of the Eagles surge abating, try as Carroll and Grant might. Leonard was now rampant and with 3:47 to go in the quarter they had now stretched the lead out to 72-48. Another Lakers timeout was needed and they came out of this one with a renewed purpose. Murcia, Oisin Spring and Carroll all helped spur a 10-2 scoring run for the remainder of the quarter, Sean Ryan's bucket the only blow on the copybook and that gave the scoreboard a more respectable 74-58 look. That energy carried into the final quarter with Grant scoring a neat basket and Sheehan making a nice cut to close the gap to twelve. This was a period now where if the Lakers could affect a few more stops they might well have got right back into the game but Carlisle went on a spree to open up the lead again. This period also saw Kelly off the floor for the Lakers with a blood injury and when he arrived back the lead was now out to 82-64. The robust Ronan Cregan was then introduced for the Eagles and he mined four more points with his direct style. Kelly did cut in for further scores but Carlisle and Sean Ryan closed out the game, despite Darragh O'Callaghans late impact.

Sam Grant netted 24, Eoin Carroll 16, Steve Kelly 15, Mark Sheehan 7, Pablo Murcia 4, Darragh O'Callaghan 4 and Oisin Spring 2.

Alex Carlisle was the games best with 30, Ryan Leonard had 19 and Tobias Christiansen 13.

The Lakers head to the Phoenix Centre next Saturday night where the Carrick Cruisers lie in wait. Keon Edwards and Andrew O Connor are their chief score getters while Tyler Mutemasango and Ben Kelly Flynn have plenty of National League experience. The Cruisers have already generated four wins so they will be a more than capable opponent. Tip off is at 7.30pm.

Basketball Ireland Dominos National League Div 1

**Killarney Cougars 95
Maree 101**

The Killarney Cougars and Maree produced a compelling contest on Saturday night at the Presentation Gym, delivering an end-to-end, high-scoring encounter featuring 25 three-pointers, several outstanding individual performances, and a dramatic final minute that left the capacity crowd engrossed to the final buzzer.

Though the Cougars ultimately fell 101-95 in a heartbreaking finish, they contributed to one of the season's most thrilling contests.

The Cougars burst out of the blocks with a display of fearless, high-tempo basketball.

Sean Conway set the tone early, draining three three-pointers for 9 points, each one lifting the the home support at the Presentation Gym.

Alongside him, Simon Olanipekun was unstoppable off the dribble, slicing through

Maree's defence and finishing with authority at the rim for 8 early points.

Maree responded with sharp offensive execution of their own.

Rinor Dragusha and Isaiah Taylor each struck for 9 points in the opening quarter, keeping the visitors well in contention against the Cougars' early firepower.

The opening quarter ended 26-23 in favour of the Cougars.

The second quarter belonged to the visitors and more specifically, to Rinor Dragusha.

Dragusha exploded for 11 points in the period, dominating as Maree flipped the momentum completely.

Despite strong defensive effort from Killarney, Maree's ball movement and scoring balance proved tough to contain. Their 29-15 quarter swung the advantage firmly in their favour, giving them breathing room heading into halftime as the visitors lead 52-41.

The third quarter was basketball chaos in its purest form fast, frantic, and full of shot-making. Both teams exploded offensively, combining for sixty points in a breathtaking stretch with neither side able to pull away.

The three-pointers continued to rain down, adding to the extraordinary tally of 25 from both teams combined.

Though the Cougars were unable to cut into the deficit, their resilience kept the game within reach 82-71 heading into a decisive final quarter.

Trailing by double digits at stages, Killarney produced a spectacular final-quarter push.

The spark came from young Adam Lenihan, who delivered the best performance of his Cougars career, erupting for 18 points including three huge three-pointers in the final quarter alone. Each long-range bomb ignited the crowd and pulled the Cougars closer.

Alongside Lenihan's heroics, Olanipekun and Conway continued to pile on the pressure, and the defensive intensity ramped up as the Cougars clawed their way back.

The Cougars' persistence was rewarded in the final minute as they tied the game at 93-93, prompting a loud and enthusiastic response from the home crowd.

But heartbreak awaited. The Cougars earned key trips to the free-throw line in the final moments, opportunities to take the lead and tilt the game their way but the shots wouldn't fall. In the closing stages, Killarney went just 2 from 6 from the charity stripe, a cold spell that proved fatal.

Maree seized the moment, closing on a decisive 8-2 run to escape with a victory that felt as dramatic as it was hard-earned.

Sean Conway – 42 points

Simon Olanipekun – 23 points

Adam Lenihan – 18 points

Maree

Rinor Dragusha – 34 points

Daniel Oyeleye – 21 points

Isaiah Taylor – 17 points

Killarney Cougars versus Maree in the National League Division One at the Presentation Gym on Saturday evening.



Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra

The Board of Management of Scoil Phobail
Sliabh Luachra, Rathmore, Co. Kerry
invites applications from suitably qualified
persons for the post of

SCHOOL BURSAR/ SECRETARY

(17 hours per week)

*This position will take effect
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- Be a qualified Accounting Technician or have an equivalent qualification with preferably 3 or more years' experience.
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- Report to the Principal and keep them fully informed of all financial issues.
- Be experienced in the maintenance of accurate records and databases.
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- Be able to work on their own initiative.
- Have excellent interpersonal and communication skills.

A detailed job description may be obtained
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Three copies of an up-to-date CV and
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**Closing date for receipt of applications is:
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(School term – Evenings & Weekends)

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Have several years general maintenance experience

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- Have responsibility for the preparation and maintenance of facilities in the school gym.
- Be experienced in the maintenance of accurate records and databases.
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- Submit time sheets/records to the school accounts department.
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TROJAN TROY'S TRIPLE THRILLER

By Nicky Barry

We were hungry for goals, en route to Budapest,
For the Magyars only had to draw, to be second best,
For the Portuguese were tops, despite the Dublin loss,
So we had to beat Hungary, to make the play-offs.
It was a nightmare start, when we leaked an early goal,
And now we needed two to win, or the bell would toll.
But whissth, we won a peno, and up stepped Troy Parrott,
To slide it home delightfully, and so provide the carrot,
To go looking for another, but then Hungary struck,
With a goal of wonder, and their fans ran amok.
They were sure it was all over, for Ireland needed two,
And with time fast running out, a miracle was due.
So Troy Parrott became inspired, and like Roy of the Rovers,
Struck a brace with holy help, to turn Hungary over.
The country went bananas, for it was like the good ole days,
When Jack's Army ruled Europe, singing Ole Ole.
Seamus Coleman from Donegal, was an inspiring figure,
Whipping up the Irish fans, with chest thumping vigour.
As silver-heads recall still, Ray Houghton in Stuttgart,
A whole new generation, will remember Troy Parrott!



A Word of Victory

"The Lord's Justice will dwell in the desert; His Righteousness lives in the fertile field. The fruit of that Righteousness will be Peace; its effect will be quietness and confidence forever. My people will live in peaceful dwelling places, in secure homes, in undisturbed places of rest." (Isaiah 32:16-18 NIV).

Welcome back dear student, the effect of God's Justice and Righteousness reigning is serenity, resulting in Peace, quietness, confidence, and safety for His people (Psalms 89:14-17). To live in peace is the greatest blessing. People may have different ideas of what peace is – maybe financial security, or good health, or a happy marriage and family. All these are wonderful. A healthy body, bills being paid, or not having mayhem at your door still doesn't give ultimate peace though, for circumstances can change in a moment. We have often seen this when natural disasters take place; one day all is great – folks are going to work, making dinner, or partying one minute – the next they're battling for survival, desperately seeking fresh water or shelter. Rich or poor, young, and old, they're suddenly vulnerable and exposed. We must always be thankful (Psalm 103). True Peace is not the absence of turmoil – rather, it is the Presence of the Prince of Peace Himself – the Lord Jesus (Isaiah 9:6).

Next week marks Thanksgiving for our American friends. November can be a strange month. Wintery weather, and the reality of the dark nights can really hit home, with many people thinking about loved ones who have passed on. But God says that we are not to grieve like those who have no Hope (1 Thessalonians 4:13). Lack of Hope brings a heavy burden of unrelenting grief. Instability and despair rule where there is no revelation of Hope. What if we focussed on giving thanks instead? It would brighten up the month and clear out negative mindsets for sure. Many treat November like a time of hibernation – laying low before the big party season at Christmas. How about taking this time to start a journal of gratitude dear friend? Studies have shown that those who practice thankfulness are happier and more hopeful. Even the habit of writing down a couple of things every day that you are grateful to God for, will change perspectives. Just because the season may be dark or the weather dreary doesn't mean that your surroundings must be so! Learning to intentionally count your blessings – even if it's the smallest thing, will result in a different atmosphere.

Peace cannot be bought; it cannot be earned or captured. Peace comes by entering into God's rest. Our lead Scripture above describes a place where all is not perfect, but thanks to God's Presence, even a wasteland becomes fruitful in His timing (Isaiah chapter 32). Jesus alluded to this when He spoke of building one's life upon the Rock and not upon sand (Matthew 7:24-27). Storms will come – they're not pleasant – exposing weak foundations, shaking them to the core. Everything in God's Kingdom is founded upon Justice (His Faithfulness and Equity) and Righteousness (His Holiness and Mercy). There's a powerful worship song by Maverick City Music called 'Firm Foundation'. It sings... "rain came, wind blew, but my house is built on You. I'm safe with You, I'm going to make it through... cause I'm standing strong on You". The more we keep our eyes upon the goodness of God and His Awesome Power, the easier it is to receive, and walk in His Peace. Circumstances don't have to be perfect, and sometimes things may be difficult – but we can confidently Hope in His Promises and live in Peace strengthened with Joy no matter what's going on. We're having a Thanksgiving Celebration Service this Sunday, Nov 23rd @ 11am - Eircode: V93V6X4.

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LORD OF ALL NATIONS: Bishop Ray Browne will celebrate Mass celebrating all nations in the Community on Sunday the 30th of November (1st Sunday of Advent) in St John's Church, Castle Street in Tralee at 12noon. All welcome.

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We, the loving family of Francis Flynn wish to thank everyone for their kindness and support during our most difficult time. Our most sincere appreciation to all those who called to the hospital, to the house, attended the Rosary, Removal and the Burial. Your thoughtfulness was much appreciated.

To our extended family, friends and neighbours who made sure everyone was catered for during this time, we are forever grateful.

A sincere thank you to Fr. Seán Horgan for celebrating a meaningful Mass and to Sheila McSweeney and Joan Collins for the beautiful hymns.

A special thank you to the undertaker Mike Daly, for his professionalism at its best and to Danny Connell the grave digger.

A special thank you to Margaret O'Connor and Margaret Fleming who recited the Rosary.

A special thank you to Francis's doctor, Dr Daly and all the staff at Castleisland Medical Centre, to Mike Kennelly and all the staff of Kennelly's Chemist for all their help down through the years,

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