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A Note from the EDITOR



This week Killarney welcomed the inspiring FTD brothers who are running 32 marathons in 32 counties to raise awareness and funds for dementia, our local film stars are on the move in town and an up and coming rugby player from Listry has made the Irish squad. As part of Organ Awareness week, a local newlywed shares her story of a second chance at life, legendary singer Mary Black performed her last gig at the Gleneagle Arena and it was busy times at St. Brendan's College where they celebrated students going forth.

Killarney is set to celebrate 20 Years of Bikefest, Johnny Culloty Park has been launched honouring the great Killarney Legion man and 2026 Businesswoman of the Year awards were celebrated.

A Shared Silence, a new welcoming space in Killarney is making a powerful impact, the Biddy Group collected over €13,000 for Kerry Parents & Friends and Anne Lucey takes a look at local and national issues.

Nomination are being sought for the Lee Strand/Kerry Youth Achievement Awards, South Kerry CAMHS has welcomed a canine companion and Kennelly's Staff have achieved 2.5 million steps in a life fitness challenge.

In sport, Kerry FC are celebrating a win over Wexford FC, traffic plans are in place for the Kerry V Donegal game tomorrow at the Fitzgerald Stadium and St. Paul's have announced a new signing.

Hope you all enjoy this week's Killarney Outlook.

Aisling Crosbie



Gail O'Donoghue challenges you to..... Find the Fox!

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Film stars on the move in Killarney

Artistic Tributes honouring Killarney's own movie stars, Jessie Buckley and Michael Fassbender are set to be refurbished and moved to more suitable locations around the town.

There was concern when a power box painting of double Oscar nominated Fassbender vanished without trace from its location on East Avenue Road only to be found, facing away from the road, near the Omniplex Cinema on Park Road.

It is believed the power box, which controls traffic lights, was moved to accommodate major works at East Avenue Road. Now the Killarney Tidy Towns Committee has engaged the services of talented street artist Paul Egan to give both boxes a new lease of life with new locations earmarked for both.

A new painting of Oscar and Golden Globe winner Jessie Buckley has been erected on East Avenue Road, just around the corner from where her grandparents and great-grandparents operated the landmark Arbutus Hotel which is still in the Buckley family ownership.

The painted box featuring the face of Michael Fassbender, meanwhile, will be relocated to Port Road, close to his alma mater St Brendan's College and his West End House Acting School and on the main road from Killarney town to his family home in Fossa.

"We are confident that the new, more suitable locations will go down really well with the public and they are a fitting tribute to two great stars from Killarney," said a spokesperson for the Killarney Tidy Towns Committee.

Artist Paul Egan has also been asked to deliver a new piece of art in the town, in cooperation with Kerry County Council, which should be coming soon.



The new Jessie Buckley art piece.

Below; The old Michael Fassbender art.

Ukrainian Olympian to Join KILLARNEY CHESTNUT RUN

Ukrainian Olympic skeleton racer Vladyslav Heraskevych will take part in the annual Ukrainian Chestnut Run at Killarney House and Gardens on Saturday, May 30.

The two-time Olympian will join local and Ukrainian community members for the 5km charity event, which is linked to the long-running Chestnut Run tradition founded in Kyiv 33 years ago. The event has been organised in Killarney by the local Ukrainian community for the past four years.

Organisers also thanked Killarney parkrun for its continued support and hospitality.

Heraskevych gained international attention at the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing after displaying a "No War in Ukraine"



sign shortly before Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine. At the 2026 Winter Games in Milan-Cortina, he also unveiled a "Helmet of Memory" honouring Ukrainian athletes killed during the war.

His visit to Ireland includes appearances at the INGENIUM conference at Munster Technological University Cork, as well as visits to the University of Limerick and MTU Tralee. Discussions during the tour will focus on sustainability, sports diplomacy, and inclusive sport.

The Ukrainian community has invited runners, walkers, and supporters to attend the event at Killarney House and Gardens parkrun, beginning at 9:30am.

EMJAY MAKES THE IRISH SQUAD

A huge congratulations to Emjay Leslie on his selection to the Ireland Rugby League U16s squad.

The talented Killarney Rugby Club player will represent Ireland in the upcoming Four Nations Tournament, where the team will face England, Wales and Scotland.

Everyone at the club is immensely proud to see one of their own pulling on the green jersey and representing his country on the international stage.

We wish Emjay and the Ireland squad the very best of luck in the tournament.



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Jordan and Cian Adams, known as The FTD Brothers, completed the Killarney leg of their remarkable challenge across Ireland to raise awareness and funds for dementia research.

HUGE SUPPORT FOR THE FTD BROTHERS IN KILLARNEY

Huge crowds turned out in Killarney on Sunday, May 17, to support two brothers undertaking an extraordinary marathon challenge across Ireland to raise awareness and funds for dementia research.

Jordan and Cian Adams, known as The FTD Brothers, completed the Killarney leg of their remarkable challenge as part of their mission to run a marathon a day for 32 consecutive days across all 32 counties of Ireland.



The brothers were supported by hundreds of runners on the marathon



Selfie time with the FTD Brothers

Locals joined the brothers on the route through Killarney, while many more lined the streets to cheer them on and show their support. The atmosphere throughout the town was one of encouragement, solidarity, and admiration for the pair's determination and courage.

The brothers launched the challenge in memory of their mother, who died in 2016 in her early 50s from frontotemporal dementia (FTD), a rare and devastating condition. Jordan and Cian have since learned that they carry the rare gene associated with the illness, meaning they face a high likelihood of developing the disease themselves in their 40s.

Speaking during the challenge, the brothers said their aim was to raise awareness of frontotemporal dementia and support efforts to find a cure before the illness impacts their own lives.

The Killarney marathon formed part of a gruelling nationwide schedule, with the brothers travelling between marathon runs in Limerick and Cork as they continued their journey around the country.

Elsie, Ivy and Joe Cahill pictured with Jordan and Cian Adams

Supporters praised the brothers for their resilience and for shining a spotlight on dementia awareness through such a demanding and emotional campaign.

Crossing the Flesk Bridge on the final leg of the marathon



The brothers are joined by local marathon runner Catriona Murphy also who ran with the FTD Brothers and completed her 15th Marathon

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From Kerry to Monaghan:

A Second Chance at Life Through Organ Donation

Newlyweds undergo living donor kidney transplant



Half marathon presentation to Kidney Association Kerry
Theresa Looney, Daire Freeman and Cateriona.

Catriona O'Doherty, a young teacher, originally from Killarney and now living in Monaghan, is sharing her transplant story as part of Organ Donor Awareness Week (16-23 May), a journey that saw her husband step forward to donate a kidney just over 19 months after they wed.

When she received a kidney transplant on February 17th, 2025, in Beaumont Hospital, it marked a life-changing moment made possible by her donor husband, Dáire Freeman.

"It's still hard to put into words. It was a strange feeling when the two of us were sitting together just before Dáire was wheeled down to the operating theatre, it's obviously a very emotional and difficult time" she says.

Her story began years earlier in her native Killarney. At just 10 years old, after suffering persistent headaches, caused by high blood pressure before she was referred from University Hospital Kerry to Crumlin Children's Hospital in Dublin, where she was diagnosed with chronic kidney disease caused by reflux as a child.

For years, her condition was managed quietly while she built her life, becoming a secondary school teacher of Geography, before getting married to Dáire in July 2023 in her native Killarney and also began building their home in Co. Monaghan,

"I would have felt tired but I just thought everyone's tired after a day's work." Catriona reflects. "I didn't realise how much my kidney disease was affecting me and how tired my body was until after the surgery."

In 2024, her condition deteriorated rapidly, with her kidney function dropping below 10%. While dialysis was imminent, she was fortunate

to receive a transplant just in time. "It really was down to the wire," she says.

Throughout the uncertainty, her family remained central to her strength and resilience. Having lost her father at 19, she describes her mother Eleanor and two younger sisters Chloe and Ava as "amazing women and a constant support".

At the same time, Dáire began the living donor screening process at Beaumont Hospital, a decision she admits she found "difficult to accept when it involved someone close to her."

"You don't want someone you love to go through that," she says. "But he never hesitated."

Despite everything, and Catriona's depleted energy and declining health, the couple continued working right up until the week before the surgery.

Following the transplant, their recovery brought them temporarily back to their roots, she returned to her mother Eleanor in Killarney to recover, while Dáire stayed in Monaghan and was cared for by his parents.

"It wasn't easy being apart," she says, "but we were both so well supported." Three weeks later, they were reunited and began adjusting to life after transplant together.

In a show of both physical and emotional strength and endurance, Dáire took part in the Killarney Half Marathon in June 2024 before all his testing began, raising funds for the Irish Kidney Association.

Now, as they have passed their one-year transplant anniversary, the couple have returned to work with Daire back working since June 2025 and Catriona back teaching in Monaghan since September 2025. They have settled into their newly built home in Monaghan, a milestone achievement that feels even more meaningful after everything they have been through.

"My energy, my health, everything has changed,"

Catriona says. "You don't realise how unwell you were until you feel well again."

Catriona in acknowledging all the support she received on her health journey, she expressed her deepest gratitude to Daire, to their families in both Kerry and Monaghan, the healthcare professionals who cared for her from childhood through to transplant. She thanked the Irish Kidney Association, in particular, Theresa Looney in the Kerry branch who was a constant support to her family.

"I'll always be thankful for the care I received and for the support we had around us. Dr. Micheal Clarkson and Abina Harrington in CUH have been amazing to me in the weeks and months after the transplant. I couldn't have got to this stage without them" she says.

This Organ Donor Awareness Week, she hopes her story will resonate with others to encourage them to consider organ donation and discuss it with their families. "Organ donation has changed my life completely," she says. I feel very lucky that Dáire could be my living donor but many people in need of transplants are depending on strangers to give them a second chance."

The Organ Donor Awareness Week (16-23 May) campaign encourages people across Ireland to have conversations about organ donation and to let their loved ones know their wishes. The campaign message is "Don't Leave Your Loved Ones in Doubt - Share Your Wishes About Organ Donation."

Since the introduction of Ireland's soft opt-out system in June 2025 under the Human Tissue Act, people are presumed to have consented to organ donation unless they have registered their opt-out decision. However, family agreement remains essential, and organ donation will not proceed without it. This makes family conversations more important than ever. Sharing your wishes ensures that, if the situation arises, your family can support your decision, knowing and respecting your wishes. Only around 1% of people die in circumstances where organ donation is possible, highlighting how rare and valuable each opportunity is.

To mark the Donor Week, buildings and landmarks across Ireland - including the GPO, Leinster House, and some heritage sites as well as some supported by Dublin City Council and Galway City Council - will be illuminated from dusk to dawn in green, the international colour of organ donation, as a visible sign of support and solidarity.

During Organ Donor Awareness Week, special commemorative events will take place. On Sunday, May 17th, a special Mass for organ donation will be held at the Basilica in Knock, Co. Mayo. The week will conclude on Saturday, May 23rd with an event at the Circle of Life Commemorative Garden for organ donors in Salthill, Galway, a fitting conclusion to a week of remembrance, gratitude, and awareness.

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No Frontiers...just as Mary Black prepared to perform her Slán Tour on stage at the INEC, Killarney, CEO of Gleneagle Group Patrick O'Donoghue and INEC's Fiona O'Connor, made a special presentation to the renowned traditional folk singer Mary Black on the occasion of her final concert 'The Slán Tour' - Mary has always been one of the most popular sell-out Artistes for decades, at the Gleneagle and later the INEC. Photos: Valerie O'Sullivan

As legendary Irish folk singer Mary Black prepared to take to the stage at the INEC Arena for her much-anticipated Slán Tour, there was a special and emotional moment backstage before the music even began.

In recognition of an extraordinary career and a long-standing relationship with audiences in Killarney, CEO of the Gleneagle Group, Patrick O'Donoghue, alongside INEC's Fiona O'Connor, made a special presentation to the beloved singer ahead of her final performance at the venue.

The occasion marked not only another memorable night of music, but also celebrated the enduring

connection between Mary Black and generations of fans who have filled the Gleneagle and later the INEC over the decades. Widely regarded as one of Ireland's most treasured voices, Mary Black has enjoyed a remarkable career spanning more than 40 years, with her concerts in Killarney consistently proving among the venue's most popular and fastest-selling events.

From the early days performing at the Gleneagle Hotel to sold-out nights at the INEC Arena, Mary Black's appearances have become part of the musical fabric of Killarney itself. Her unique blend of traditional Irish folk, heartfelt ballads and



Renowned traditional folk singer Mary Black performs her final concert 'The Slán Tour'

contemporary influences has earned her a loyal following not only across Ireland but around the world.

The Slán Tour, which marks her farewell to touring, has drawn emotional reactions from audiences everywhere, with many fans eager to experience one final live performance from the singer whose music has provided the soundtrack to countless lives and memories.

Speaking before the concert, there was a strong sense of appreciation and admiration for an artiste who has shared such a special bond with Killarney audiences over the years. The presentation served as a fitting tribute to Mary Black's immense contribution to Irish music and to the unforgettable performances she has delivered on Kerry stages throughout her illustrious career.

As the lights dimmed and the audience rose to welcome her once again, it was clear that while the tour may be called Slán, the affection and admiration for Mary Black in Killarney will endure for many years to come.



The Kerry Parents & Friends Biddu Group presenting their cheque for €13,192 to Neil Ashworth (CEO Kerry Parents and Friends Association) in the Kerryway Bar and Restaurant Glenflesk last Friday night.

The incredible sum of €13,192.00 was raised, travelling the "highways and byways" of Co. Kerry and beyond, on a mission to raise as much money as possible for this wonderful charity through music, singing and dancing along the way.

A heartfelt thank you is extended to everyone who supported this worthy cause so generously. The funds raised will play an important role in supporting the invaluable services provided to people with intellectual disabilities across County Kerry.

Front, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Eileen Lucey, Noreen Guiney Casey, Paul Cremin, Pat Moriarty, Neil Ashworth, Joan Healy and Ger Fitzgerald, middle row Steven O'Sullivan, Frances O'Sullivan, Sheila Enright, Nuala O'Doherty, Sarah Griffin, Mary Kissane, Tim Kissane and Noel Lucey. Back Jeremy Brosnan, Brian Brosnan, Donie O'Doherty, Tim Gleeson, Paudie Kissane. Photo Seamus Healy.



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Anne Lucey looks at the positive news happening in Killarney



KILLARNEY WILL BLOOM

Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May ...The fact that Killarney is holding a June garden festival is hugely exciting. It is over fifty years since the agricultural show in Killarney House and wound down. I can't exactly remember and I haven't had a chance to look up old newspaper archives but something tells me it was held in August. I have a memory of huge light purple dahlias in the cut flower display. The Killarney show was something we hugely looked forward to at home. The animals etc would be in pens around Killarney House, and it was there people talked and mingled. Still Life, like cut flowers, would be across the

way through a green door to the town hall ballroom.

I remember the lilac coloured dahlias because I remember my mother's astonishment and admiration.

The Killarney Racecourse is an ideal venue for what I hope will be a revitalising of this once important fair. Weather allowing. We are promised rare plants and advice and lots of stuff for our homes. Both will be of interest to all, including the modular homes.

Hopefully, just like the races, this will be a community gathering. And who knows, just like the historic Killarney Agricultural show it will last for 100 years. We need a focus for the community, all the community and this will be a great step.



BERTIE'S REMARKS MAY BE CLUMSY - BUT IRISH PEOPLE MUST BE ALLOWED TALK ABOUT IMMIGRATION

The attempts to brand former Taoiseach Bertie Ahern, author of the Good Friday agreement, a bigot and a racist, over clumsy doorstep remarks, exposes how puerile a way the whole question of immigration has been handled.



The focus since large scale immigration began has been pigeon-holed into name calling and rooting out the "racism" of the native Irish. Anyone who even asks a question or makes a joke comes under suspicion.

But rising immigration is a big change for Ireland. And a challenge.

That it took an ex-Taoiseach long retired and a bit tarnished by life and office, to drag the conversation from the underground is a question our current political leaders could ponder.

As with housing and health, most politicians and talking heads have lacked the raw courage to grasp the nettle.

No one apart from yours hoarse truly for instance, has even addressed reaching a proper standard in one of this State's official languages, before being awarded citizenship. In order to integrate.

There are other uncomfortable issues we are running from: how moral is it for Ireland to be luring nurses and doctors from poorer countries where they are so much needed for their own communities, while "our own" leave for a better, more lucrative life?

Instead of mature two way conversation, the strategy has been a modern day inquisition. "Devoted" to ferreting out the heretic who departs from the accepted script. This constant rooting for heresy/racism is farcical, were it not so alienating. (I would love to see what Monty Python would make of our approach)

No one seems willing to acknowledge Ireland is not Australia, or Canada. How, apart from Dutch and West Brit hippies in Kenmare in the 1970s, and the Germans in Fossa

in the 1960s, this country had remained much the same since the Norman English.

Why then is there such bloated surprise at the native peasants raising a rhetorical question to scratch their heads at the new people? Or the numbers coming in? Some of the thin lipped outrage may be well intentioned. But it also smacks of top heavy. And perhaps a little posed, a little insincere?

We know there are benefits to immigration. And great joy in new people. But there are downsides too.

True, some of what comes out will be clumsy - but it won't be cardinal sin level clumsy. And if it is, it won't be tolerated. I trust the old Irish. We are good people. Those in power - including some of the more vocal immigrants shouting "victim" - need to trust the Irish too. And perhaps be a bit more tolerant?

STREET WISE-PORTRAITS, BUT POETRY AND PROSE MIGHT WORK TOO

A good deal of street wisdom, not just art is on display in Killarney right now. The repositioning of Jessie and Michael, our Oscar level actors, is a step in the right direction. Before the judges for the Tidy Towns arrive next month.

The portraits by Tralee artist Paul Egan are much loved and will be in suitable sites, more meaningful to the personal stories of the actors.

The new painting of Oscar and Golden Globe winner Jessie Buckley has been erected on East Avenue Road, just around the corner from where her grandparents and great-grandparents operated the landmark Arbutus Hotel which is still in the Buckley family ownership.

The painted box featuring the face of double nominee Michael Fassbender, meanwhile, will be relocated to Port Road, close to his alma mater St Brendan's College and his West

End House Acting School and on the main road from Killarney town to his family home in Fossa.

"We are confident that the new, more suitable locations will go down really well with the public and they are a fitting tribute to two great stars from Killarney," said a spokesperson for the Killarney Tidy Towns Committee.

More new art is in the pipe line. But might I suggest we have prose and poetry as well as portrait?

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History made as St. Brendan's Wins Prestigious Award

St. Brendan's College Killarney has made history by becoming the first school in Munster to achieve the prestigious IQM Centre of Excellence Award, marking a significant milestone for inclusive education in the region. The achievement recognises the school's exceptional commitment to fostering an environment where every student feels valued, supported, and empowered to succeed. The award highlights the dedication of staff, students, and leadership in creating a culture centred on inclusion, growth, and opportunity for all learners.

During the assessment process, IQM assessor Kevin O'Neill praised the school's whole-school approach to inclusion. In his report, he stated that "St. Brendan's College provides students with an inclusive and empowering educational experience which equips them with the knowledge, skills, and values to fulfil their potential and positively impact the world around them."

The accolade reflects the strong collaborative spirit within the school community, where staff and students work together to ensure that inclusion remains at the heart of school life. The school's vision has created a positive and encouraging learning environment that continues to inspire both academic and personal development.

Special recognition was given to key members



Inclusion School (front from left) Kevin O'Neill, Annette O'Neill, Rory Lemass, Bridget Lucey Deputy Principal (centre row) Hugh Rudden Deputy Principal, Anne Culloty, Sean Coffey Principal, Angela Daly, Cillian Tangney, Michael Crowley, Anne O'Sullivan, Will Dowling, Dona O'Dowd (back from left) Darren O'Riordan SNA, pupils Ian O'Leary and Rory O'Connor.

of staff whose leadership and dedication played a significant role in securing the award, including Ms Annette O'Neill, Special Education Teacher; Ms Bridget Lucey, Deputy Principal; Mr Seán Coffey, Principal; Mr Hugh Rudden, Deputy Principal; and Mr Kevin Cronin.

St. Brendan's College has now officially joined the IQM family, with many expecting the school to continue setting high standards for inclusive education in Ireland in the years ahead.

Call for nominations for the Lee Strand/Kerry Garda Youth Achievement Awards 2026



Launching the Lee Strand/Garda Youth Achievements Awards 2026 in Lee Strand. Kneeling l to r: Rebecca O'Sullivan (2025 Overall Winner of the Lee Strand/Garda Youth Achievement Award) and Superintendent Dave Callaghan. Standing l to r: Sergeant Irene Riordan, Inspector Emma Clerkin, Theresa Walk (Lee Strand) and Garda Mary Gardiner. Picture: Eye Focus LTD.

Lee Strand and Kerry Garda are delighted to announce details of the Lee Strand / Kerry Garda Youth Achievement Awards 2026. The awards are held for youths between the ages of thirteen and twenty one years and recognise the great contribution young people have made and continue to make to their communities in Kerry. The awards will be presented at an awards ceremony in the Rose Hotel, Tralee on Friday, September 18th, 2026. This year twenty Merit Awards will be presented to individuals who have made a positive contribution to their community and make it a better place to live. A Group Award will also be presented to groups of two or more people who have made an impact to their community. The Special Achievement Award will be presented to an individual who has overcome difficult circumstances, has defied all the odds and whose

commitment deserves recognition. A Community Safety Award will be presented to an individual who through crime prevention or a safety initiative/innovation has made their community a safer place to live. The Overall Winner of the Lee Strand/Kerry Garda Youth Achievement 2026 will also be presented. The closing date for receipt of nominations is Friday, May 29th 2026. Nominations are available from any Garda Station in Kerry or are also available to download on www.leestrand.ie/garda-awards/ Any member of the public can nominate a young person whom they feel has made a contribution to their local area. Nominations are accepted from individuals, community and voluntary groups, schools and youth clubs/organisation. For further information contact: 066 7102300.



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Stepping Up for Something Bigger at Kennelly's Pharmacy

Over the past few weeks, the dedicated team at Kennelly's Pharmacy has been taking part in the Irish Life Fitness Challenge with an ambitious target of collectively reaching 2.5 million steps in just three weeks. Not only did the staff achieve their goal, they went far beyond expectations by surpassing an incredible 6 million steps as a team.

Every step taken brought the team closer not only to a fitness milestone, but also to the possibility of securing funding for a very special charity. From early morning walks and lunchtime laps to evening strolls after work, staff members embraced the challenge with enthusiasm, determination and a strong sense of teamwork.

What began as a workplace fitness initiative quickly developed into something much more meaningful, creating positivity, encouragement and camaraderie throughout the pharmacy. Colleagues motivated one another daily, helping to build a fantastic team spirit while promoting health and wellbeing along the way.

Although the team narrowly missed out on winning the €5,000 charity prize, participants said the experience itself proved invaluable. The challenge encouraged staff to stay active, support one another and strengthen connections across the workplace, with many determined to carry the momentum into future challenges.



The team at Kennelly's Pharmacy who took on a fitness challenge and reached 2.5 million steps together.

"From April 20, our pharmacy staff joined the Irish Life Fitness Challenge with a goal to collectively reach 2.5 million steps in three weeks. We are incredibly proud to share that we not only met that goal, we surpassed it, finishing with over 6 million steps as a team", Ciara Kennelly told Killarney Outlook.

This achievement reflects the dedication, collaboration and daily commitment shown by everyone. While we didn't win the €5,000 charity prize, the journey itself was invaluable.

The challenge brought us together, gave us a fantastic nudge to stay active, and helped us support and motivate one another throughout the process. The positive spirit of camaraderie we built is fantastic, and we are looking forward to keeping our momentum up for the next challenge", she added.

The initiative is a great example of community spirit, teamwork and giving back, with congratulations extended to everyone involved for their outstanding effort and commitment.

Innovative therapy dog service at South Kerry CAMHS is the first of its kind in the country

Wednesday the CAMHS therapy dog.



Wednesday the therapy dog is supporting young people using services at South Kerry CAMHS, helping them to engage fully in their appointments, and reducing anxiety.

Part of the team since January 2024, Wednesday is now fully integrated into the South Kerry CAMHS team. Trained handlers help her to support young people one-on-one, in group settings and during outreach appointments.

Carol Mannix, HSE Kerry lead for Mental Health Services said:

"We believe that Wednesday is the only trained therapy dog in the country working within a CAMHS service. She is a highly valued part of our team. Since she started work with us, we have seen first-hand that through feedback that her presence helps young people to feel calmer, safer, and more willing to engage

The team at South Kerry CAMHS currently supports more than 350 young people and many of them experience high levels of anxiety, emotional dysregulation, social communication differences, and difficulties engaging in traditional, talk-based therapeutic approaches.

Carol Mannix said: "Wednesday directly addresses these barriers. For some, she provides

a bridge into therapy where words are not yet accessible. For others, she reduces the intensity of the clinical environment, allowing meaningful participation in interventions that would otherwise be overwhelming."

She added that the team have seen:

- **Increased engagement and participation in sessions**
- **Reduced observable anxiety**
- **Improved attendance and reduced DNA rates**
- **Enhanced therapeutic relationships between clinicians and young people**

"There is a strong evidence base demonstrating that animal-assisted interventions reduce cortisol, increase oxytocin and support emotional regulation - particularly for presentations such as anxiety disorders, autism, ADHD, OCD and trauma-related difficulties," she added.

"Wednesday represents something simple but powerful — she helps us meet young people where they are. She reduces fear, she increases connection and she enables therapy to happen where it otherwise might not."

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Macbees hosted an event with Ireland's ultimate style icon, Celia Holman Lee, last Thursday to promote her fascinating new book *Glamour & Grit*. Celia's book celebrates her 60 years in the fashion and modelling industry as well as her 75th birthday. This beautifully bound coffee table book takes us on an incredible pictorial journey from the 1950s right through to present day with fascinating tales of the ups and downs of Celia's extraordinary career as well as all the tips she has learned along the way.

On the evening guests were treated to bubbles on arrival from the Wine Buff Killarney, after which Celia and Mary (McBride, founder of Macbees) regaled the crowd with tales from Ireland's fashion industry over the past 50 years, and Celia revealed tips on how to put your most fabulous foot forward no matter what the occasion.

A seasonal fashion showcase with models from the Holman Lee Agency was woven between the chats, and guests had the chance to get their hands on a signed copy of Celia's book as well as some fantastic spot prizes including vouchers and a goody bag from Balance Twenty One pilates studio. An unapologetically fabulous evening was had by all who came along.



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Killarney Marks 20 Years Since the Rally That Inspired Ireland BikeFest



Taking part in the annual Ireland BikeFest parade last year, which was led by Grand Marshall Comedian John Bishop. Ireland BikeFest is the country's largest, free open motorcycle festival. The Bike Village located on the grounds of The Gleneagle Hotel. Bikers from around the world descended on Killarney. Ireland BikeFest Killarney is supported by Harley-Davidson® UK & Ireland, The Gleneagle Hotel and Fáilte Ireland. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

Ireland BikeFest 2026 celebrates the spirit, community and legacy sparked by the 2006 European H.O.G.™ Rally

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Twenty years later, Ireland BikeFest returns to Killarney from 29th - 31st May 2026, celebrating the rally that sparked one of Europe's most loved motorcycle festivals.

"Twenty years ago, Killarney fell head-over-wheels in love with the biking community," says Patrick O'Donoghue, Chairman of Ireland BikeFest.

"There was something electric about that first rally in 2006. The sound, the atmosphere, the camaraderie - the town embraced it completely. Ireland BikeFest grew from that connection and twenty years later the relationship is stronger than ever."

Since its launch in 2007, Ireland BikeFest has grown into Ireland's largest free open motorcycle and music festival, welcoming riders and visitors from across Ireland, the UK, Europe and beyond.

The festival combines spectacular Wild Atlantic Way riding routes with live entertainment, custom bikes, ride-outs, food experiences and a unique festival atmosphere that transforms Killarney every June Bank Holiday weekend.

Ireland BikeFest 2026 will pay tribute to the event that started it all while looking

firmly toward the future of biking culture in Ireland. Organisers promise a special anniversary programme featuring returning favourites, commemorative moments and new experiences designed to honour the community that helped shape the festival over the past two decades.

Festival highlights will include the purpose-built Bike Village at Gleneagle, guided ride-outs, live music across multiple stages, the Custom Bike Show, the iconic Bike Parade through Killarney, Harley-Davidson® experiences and displays as well as food and family-friendly experiences throughout the weekend.

What continues to set Ireland BikeFest apart is its welcome. The festival remains open to every rider, every bike and every visitor and is a celebration of biking culture in all its forms. Supported by Harley-Davidson®, Gleneagle, Fáilte Ireland and local tourism partners, Ireland BikeFest continues to place Killarney firmly on the international motorcycling map while delivering a major boost to the local economy and tourism sector each year.

For updates and accommodation information visit:

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Over the Blackstone Bridge at Caragh River as Riders enjoying the ride out as part of Ireland BikeFest – the country's largest, free open motorcycle festival. The Bike Village located on the grounds of The Gleneagle Hotel. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



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Kevin & Katie Tie The Knot

Local entertainer and much-loved public figure Kevin Looney celebrated a memorable milestone on May 8, 2026, when he married the love of his life, Katie Murphy, in what the couple described as a heartfelt and intimate wedding ceremony.

Known for his colourful vintage-inspired fashion, lively personality, and genuine kindness towards others, Kevin has become a familiar and admired face among many who appreciate his warm spirit and unique sense of style. Friends and supporters often describe him as someone who brings joy, laughter, and inclusivity wherever he goes.

The bride, now Katie Looney, is originally from Tralee and is said to share many of the same caring qualities that Kevin treasures most. Speaking after the ceremony, Kevin described his wife as "the most beautiful rose" he has ever seen, praising her warm heart, sweet nature, and unforgettable smile. He also shared that he feels Katie carries many of the same wonderful qualities and abilities as members of his own family, making their connection even more special.

Katie, who works in a local crèche caring for children, was praised for her dedication and gentle approach with young people. Those close to the couple say her kindness and patience perfectly complement Kevin's outgoing and loving personality.

The newlyweds chose to celebrate their marriage with a smaller, intimate ceremony surrounded by close family and friends. The couple said they believe smaller weddings can often be more meaningful, bringing people closer together while creating lasting memories filled with laughter, warmth, and love. They described the day as one they will cherish forever, saying the atmosphere of inclusion, happiness, and togetherness made it truly unforgettable. The couple also reflected on the importance of patience, time, and effort in life and relationships, adding that "it all pays off in the end."

Kevin and Katie expressed heartfelt thanks to the public for the many kind wishes and congratulations they received following the wedding. They also extended sincere gratitude to their family and friends for their love, support, and presence on what they called "the best day of our lives."

Killarney Legion launch Johnny Culloty Park

A special celebration marking the official naming of Killarney Legion GAA Club's grounds in honour of club stalwart and sporting legend Johnny Culloty has officially been launched, with an exciting weekend of festivities planned for June 5 and 6.

The event will pay tribute to one of Kerry's most respected sporting figures, whose contribution to both club and county has left a lasting legacy in the world of Gaelic games. The newly named Johnny Culloty Park will stand as a fitting recognition of his dedication, leadership, and achievements throughout the years.

The celebration weekend will begin on Friday, June 5, with the Johnny Culloty Golf Classic, bringing together supporters, players, and members of the wider community for a day of sport and camaraderie.

Festivities will continue on Saturday morning with a juvenile football competition, highlighting the club's ongoing commitment to nurturing young talent and encouraging participation in Gaelic games among the next generation.

The centrepiece of the weekend will be the official naming ceremony of the grounds as Johnny Culloty Park, a landmark occasion for Killarney Legion GAA Club and the wider sporting community. Distinguished guests



Front L to R Tommy Regan , Brid Griffin , Seanie Culloty, Orla Culloty, Denny Murphy , John Keane Club Chairman .
Back row L to R Elaine o Donoghue club PRO, Eamon Maguire, Pat Moynihan, Mike Lucey, Pat Healy.

expected to attend include GAA President Jarlath Burns and Kerry football legend Mick O'Connell.

Organisers have confirmed that the ceremony will be open to the public, inviting the entire community to join in celebrating the remarkable contribution Johnny Culloty has made to the club and to Gaelic football in Kerry. Following the official proceedings, attendees

will be treated to an afternoon of music, entertainment, fun activities, and a community barbecue, ensuring a memorable occasion for families, supporters, and visitors alike.

The event is expected to attract large crowds as the community comes together to honour a man widely regarded as one of Kerry football's true legends.



WHAT'S ON

FRIDAY 29TH MAY

09:00 - 18:00 Free H-D Demo Rides
 10:00 - 22:30 Bike Village Open
 10:00 - 21:00 BikeFest Information & Festival Merch Shop
 10:00 - 18:00 Technical Bike Repair Shop Open BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL ON WATERFORD HARLEY WEBSITE
 12:00 DJ Outdoor Stage
 14:00 Guided Ride Out 1 approx 2.5 hrs (Caragh Lake & Kerry Mountains) DEPARTS BIKE VILLAGE
 16:00 - 00:30 Bikers Lounge ACCESS LIMITED TO REGISTERED BIKERS ONLY
 18:00 - 19:30 The Savage Hearts OUTDOOR STAGE
 20:00 - 21:30 The Afters OUTDOOR STAGE
 21:00 - 00:30 The Iron Horse Bar REGISTERED H.O.G.™ MEMBERS ONLY
 21:00 - 23:00 Alternative Route BIKERS LOUNGE
 21:30 The Byrne Brothers HARLEY® BAR
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SATURDAY 30TH MAY

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 10:00 - 21:00 BikeFest Information & Festival Merch Shop
 10:00 - 18:00 Technical Bike Repair Shop Open BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL ON WATERFORD HARLEY WEBSITE
 10:00 Guided Ride Out 2 approx 6 hours (Ring of Kerry & Skellig Ring) DEPARTS BIKE VILLAGE
 11:00 Guided Ride Out 3 approx 5.5 hours (Dingle Peninsula & Sleah Head) DEPARTS BIKE VILLAGE
 12:00 DJ OUTDOOR STAGE
 15:30 - 17:00 The Absolute Eagles OUTDOOR STAGE
 16:00 - 00:30 Bikers Lounge ACCESS LIMITED TO REGISTERED BIKERS ONLY
 17:00 Ladies of Harley Talk BIKERS LOUNGE
 18:00 HOG-POD spectacular live show podcast with Kenny and Ben MAIN STAGE GLENEAGLE ARENA
 18:00 - 19:30 The Complete Stone Roses OUTDOOR STAGE
 19:00 The Tom Cats BIKERS LOUNGE
 20:00 - 21:30 The Hush OUTDOOR STAGE
 21:00 - 00:30 The Iron Horse Bar REGISTERED H.O.G.™ MEMBERS ONLY
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 22:00 Iron Maiden Tribute Run to the Beast MAIN STAGE GLENEAGLE ARENA
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SUNDAY 31ST MAY

09:00 Parade Line Up
 10:00 - 22:30 Bike Village Open
 10:00 - 21:00 BikeFest Information & Festival Merch Shop
 10:00 - 18:00 Technical Bike Repair Shop Open BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL ON WATERFORD HARLEY WEBSITE
 11:00 Parade Departs Bike Village
 12:00 - 18:00 Free H-D Demo Rides
 12:00 - 14:00 DJ OUTDOOR STAGE
 14:00 Clada Trad/Folk Irish Ballad Band OUTDOOR STAGE
 13:00 Ride Out 4 - Ladies View (approx 1.5 hours) DEPARTS BIKEFEST VILLAGE LED BY LADIES OF HARLEY, OPEN TO ALL LADY RIDERS
 14:30 - 16:30 Custom Bike Show Open to Public GLENEAGLE ARENA
 16:00 - 00:30 Bikers Lounge ACCESS LIMITED TO REGISTERED BIKERS ONLY
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Castleisland Community College are All-Ireland 'A' Basketball Champions!

Castleisland Community College travelled to Tallaght with both girls and boys teams in the All-Ireland A Division Junior League Basketball finals, Tuesday 12th May. The boys were hoping to obtain a third gold All-Ireland medal having won both the league and cup last year. However, it didn't go their way on the day and they had to settle for All-Ireland Runners Up. The girls team had better luck and won the All-Ireland Junior league title.

In a nail-biting showdown at the National Basketball Arena, Castleisland Community College edged out Malahide Community School with a final score of 40-38 in the All-Ireland A Division Girls Junior final. The match was a rollercoaster of emotions featuring three lead changes and a commanding 16-point advantage for Castleisland. With four crucial 3-point shots, Castleisland showcased their sharpshooting prowess, securing a hard-fought victory that will be remembered.

The match kicked off with Castleisland asserting their dominance racing to a stunning 16-4 lead in the first quarter. Brid Mc Carthy led the charge with 7 points, including a pivotal 3 pointer that shifted the momentum. Malahide fought back briefly taking the lead but Castleisland reclaimed it swiftly.

As the second period unfolded, Castleisland maintained their edge, ending the half with a score 23-10. The third quarter saw a fierce resurgence from Malahide and thus narrowed the gap 29-24. The final quarter was a nail-



All-Ireland A Division Junior League Basketball Champions! In the photo from left standing Denny Porter (Coach), Rachel Prendergrast, Holly O'Neill, Meghan Brosnan, Elizabeth Brosnan, Chloe McElligott, Eimear McMahon, Emily Galvin, Aoibh Brosnan, Jean McGuire, Yvonne Rice (Manager). Front row Róisín O'Donoghue, Nessa McAuliffe, Brid McCarthy, Mikaela Murphy, Órlaith Murphy, Julie McAuliffe, Hannah O'Rahilly, Niamh O'Sullivan.

biter with both teams exchanging blows. Brid Mc Carthy shone again, scoring 7 points, sealing the victory for Castleisland, leaving fans breathless and craving more!

'This is the second All-Ireland medal for the team having won the U14 Cup and also being Runner-Ups in the league last year. It is a testament to the skill and dedication of the team along with the outstanding commitment

of their coach Denny Porter and their manager Yvonne Rice (Maths teacher & Manager Basketball Girls). The strong sporting culture within Castleisland Community College is clearly evident with the school reaching A Division All-Ireland basketball finals,' concluded Máiréad Corridan (Principal).

Summer nights are electrifyin' at Siamsa Tíre

Join the Pink Ladies and T-Birds for a rock'n'roll summer as Siamsa Tíre transforms into Rydell High. Performers from across Kerry are swapping the everyday for bobby socks, leather jackets, and electrifying rock'n'roll, as Siamsa Tíre proudly announces the cast of its third annual Summer Musical - the iconic smash hit Grease, running from 5th - 9th August 2026. Following two sell-out summer productions, excitement is already building for what promises to be high-energy theatre packed with unforgettable music, dazzling choreography, and all the nostalgia audiences know and love. Bursting with the sounds of early rock and roll and iconic songs including Summer Nights, Greased Lightnin', and You're The One That I Want, the musical continues to capture audiences with its timeless energy, humour, and heart. With demand expected to be high, audiences are encouraged to book early for this feel-good summer experience.

While summer brings a change of pace for many, the stage at Siamsa Tíre is coming alive with creativity, collaboration, and performance as cast and creative team prepare to bring one of the world's best loved musicals to life. Led by an experienced professional creative team - Oliver Hurley (Director), Justin Walsh (Choreographer) and Sorcha O'Connor (Musical Director) - this year's production of Grease promises a spectacular show case of local performers of all backgrounds and experience levels. Bringing a wealth of experience and creative vision to Grease, the team offers performers the opportunity to learn from and collaborate with experts in the field to create guaranteed spectacular performances for audiences from near and far.

Siamsa Tíre's Grease the Musical has a cast of 85 from across Kerry including a large mixed chorus and lead cast:
Sandy - Jayda Kahraman Danny - Jerry Lynch
Kenickie - Jaidon Ward Barrett Rizzo - Emma Ryan
Frenchie - Caoimhe Scanlon Jan - Dion Bauschlicher
Marty - Fiona McHugh Doody - David Lynch
Sonny - Daithí O'Sullivan J Casino - Dominick Hurley
Patty - Alanna Houlihan Ms Lynch - Holly Blossom
Vince Fontaine - Noel King Roger - Conor O'Sullivan
Eugene - Colm O'Brien Teen Angel - Jamie Cleary Lynch
Roll up and secure your seats early for some 'summer lovin' now at siamساتire.com and get ready for some rock'n'roll, romance and feel-good fun at Rydell High - it promises to be 'electrifyin'! Tickets available at siamساتire.com or call the Box Office at 066 7123055.



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2026 Businesswoman of the Year Awards Celebrated

Network Ireland Kerry honoured exceptional women in business at the 2026 Businesswoman of the Year Awards, held at The Rose Hotel in Tralee on Friday night. The event celebrated leadership, innovation, and achievement across Kerry's business community, bringing together members, sponsors, and supporters for an evening of recognition and connection.

The keynote address was delivered by Maria Walsh, who spoke about leadership, resilience, inclusion, and the importance of community in business and public life.

Network Ireland Kerry President Aisling Foley praised the "electric" atmosphere on the night and highlighted the exceptional standard of finalists. She said the organisation looks forward to supporting the branch winners as they progress to the national finals in Galway this September.

The 2026 award winners were:

Established Businesswoman: Noreen Mangan, What Women Want

Advanced Career Employee: Cora Creed, Universal Music Group

Emerging New Businesswoman: Josie Harty, Celtic Coastal Creations

Solo Businesswoman: Christina Foley, Inish Living

Creative Professional: Christine O'Donoghue de Vries, House of Kerry

STEM Professional: Dr Sarah Morrissey Tucker, Munster Technological University

Networker of the Year: Susan Quirke Crowley, Mounthawk Montessori School Ltd

Tara Pigott of Astellas Pharma was also recognised as a Branch Finalist in the Employee Rising Star category, while Brid McElligott received a Special Recognition Award for her contribution to business and community life in Kerry.

The event was hosted by Brian Hurley and featured floral displays by Jiska Healy of Yesca's Flowers, whose sustainable Irish-grown arrangements added to the evening's atmosphere.

Sponsors included Fexco, AIB, Kerry Local Enterprise Office, Kerry Innovation Centre, Munster Technological University, Radio Kerry, and O'Sullivan's Bakery.

Network Ireland Kerry also announced its next event, "The Power Edit – Success without Burnout," taking place on June 16 at Ballyseede Castle. The event will feature Linda O'Mahony Logan of Leadership360 and Michelle Walsh of New Body & Soul, and is open to both members and non-members.



Members of Network Ireland Kerry received various awards at their annual Businesswoman of the Year Awards, on Friday night in The Rose Hotel, Tralee. Photos: Michelle Breen Crean Photography



Abigail, Emir and Billy O'Shea pictured enjoying the Network Ireland Kerry Businesswoman of the Year Awards 2026 Breen Crean Photography



Kate Crowley, Katie O'Sullivan, Helena Wallace Dowling, Susan Quirke Crowley (Mounthawk Montessori School Group), Ruby O'Riordan and Oisín O'Connor



Noreen Mangan (What Women Want), pictured with Susan Quirke Crowley (Mounthawk Montessori School Group) and Aisling Foley (President of Network Ireland Kerry), received the Established Businesswoman award



Eimear McDonnell, Linda O'Mahony Logan and Brigeen O'Sullivan having fun at the Network Ireland Kerry Businesswoman of the Year Awards 2026 on Friday night in The Rose Hotel, Tralee. Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography



The Network Ireland Kerry committee, pictured with Cllr Mikey Sheehy, are dressed up and ready for a great night at the Network Ireland Kerry Businesswoman of the Year Awards 2026 on Friday night in The Rose Hotel, Tralee.

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St Brendan's College Killarney Hosts Annual Awards Night Celebrating Student Achievement

St Brendan's College, Killarney, held its annual Awards Night on Friday, 15 May, celebrating the achievements and successes of its student body in the presence of approximately 250 attendees, including students, parents, and staff.

The distinguished guest speaker for the evening was Dr Michael Maloney, a proud past pupil of St Brendan's College. Addressing the audience, Dr Maloney encouraged students not only to pursue their ambitions with determination but also to take time to appreciate the present moment. He emphasised the importance of valuing friendships, making the most of their talents, and recognising the opportunities available to them.

Dr Maloney also highlighted the importance of maintaining strong connections, noting that while life's demands can take over, staying in touch with friends remains vital. He congratulated all students on their accomplishments and had the honour of presenting the Gold Medal for outstanding Leaving Certificate results (2025) to medical student Harry Bolger.

A number of prestigious academic awards were also presented during the evening. Mr Turlough O'Brien and Ms Marie Vaughan presented the Dr Tadhg MacCurtain Physics Awards to Ian Coffey and Roan Daly. Master of Ceremonies for the evening, Mr Kieran Herlihy, reflected on the significance of the occasion for students. He described the night as a milestone moment, where students leave "borrowed dreams" behind and step into new possibilities with purpose. He encouraged them to distinguish between expectations placed upon them and the aspirations that truly resonate within, urging them to pursue what is meaningful with honesty and courage and to share their gifts with the world.

Ms Pamela Doyle, representing the Parents' Council, presented the LCA Award to Gearoid O'Connor. Members of the Board of Management, Ms Lorna Larkin and Ms Bernadette Randles, presented academic awards to students who achieved outstanding examination results.

Deputy Principals Ms Bridget Lucey and Mr Hugh Rudden awarded the college 'Gradam' Awards to members of the Class of 2026.

The evening was a fitting celebration of excellence, recognising the hard work, dedication, and talent of the students of St Brendan's College, and marking an important milestone in their educational journey.



Evan Alam winner of a Board of Management Award with his parents Mashiul Alam and Farida Yasmin and sister Rose Alam with (left) Kieran Herlihy Awards Organiser at the St Brendan's College Awards on Friday. Photos: Michelle Cooper Galvin



Harry Bolger winner of The Gold Medal for Outstanding Academic Achievement with his parents Paul and Louise, his grandmother Jenny (left) Dr Michael Moloney Guest Speaker and (right) Sean Coffey Principal at the St Brendan's College Awards on Friday.



Evan Lemass winner Board of Management Award for Academic Excellence with his parents Rory and Caroline, sister Avery (left) Dr Michael Moloney Guest Speaker and (right) Sean Coffey Principal at the St Brendan's College Awards on Friday.



Pierce O'Sullivan winner of a Board of Management Award with his Mother Majella at their St Brendan's College Awards on Friday.



Killian White winner of a Board of Management Award with his parents Noel and Teresa and (left) Bridget Lucey Deputy Principal at the St Brendan's College Awards on Friday.



Cathal Mackey winner Award for Outstanding Achievement in Agricultural and Biological Construction with his parents Tony and Geraldine (left) Dr Michael Moloney Guest Speaker and (right) Kieran Herlihy Awards Organiser at the St Brendan's College Awards on Friday.



Sean O'Donovan winner Board of Management Award for Academic Excellence with his parents Rosaleen and Ted, brother Fionn and sister Cora (left) Dr Michael Moloney Guest Speaker and (right) Sean Coffey Principal at the St Brendan's College Awards on Friday.



Some of the St Brendan's Leaving Certificate group pictured with Mr Sean Coffey Principal at their St Brendan's College Awards on Friday.

Photos: Michelle Cooper Galvin

Happy Birthday Cathal!

In a heartwarming celebration at the Plaza Hotel, family, friends and members of the local community gathered to honour well-known community activist Cathal Walshe on the occasion of his 80th birthday. The much-loved Galway native who has made Killarney his home, marked the special milestone surrounded by those closest to him, including his sons Finbarr and Enda, grandchildren Rebecca, Amy, Nia and Darragh, as well as a large circle of lifelong friends and supporters. Cathal has long been recognised as one of Killarney's most dedicated community figures, giving countless hours of voluntary service

to charitable causes and local organisations over many decades. A former member of An Garda Síochána, he earned enormous respect throughout his career for his commitment, kindness and unwavering sense of duty. In retirement, his passion for helping others has only grown stronger. He is particularly admired for his tireless fundraising efforts with the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle and the Kerry Hospice Foundation, organisations that have benefited greatly from his enthusiasm, generosity and ability to bring people together for worthy causes. Cathal is also renowned throughout the

area as a popular and entertaining quizmaster, regularly lending his time and talents to charity fundraising quizzes and community events. His quick wit, warm personality and good humour have made him a familiar and welcome presence at gatherings across the county. The evening was filled with laughter, fond memories and heartfelt tributes as guests celebrated not only a landmark birthday, but also the remarkable contribution Cathal has made to his community over the years. Everyone present joined in wishing Cathal continued health, happiness and many more wonderful years ahead.

Happy 80th Birthday, Cathal!



Louise Ni Mhuirceartaigh pictured with her mother Noirin and Cathal.



Cathal P. Walshe (second from right), celebrating his 80th birthday with, from left: Elaine, Brendan, Emma, Doireann Canning and his son Enda, at the Killarney Plaza Hotel on Saturday.

Photos by Tatyana McGough.



Cathal P. Walshe, Killarney, celebrating his 80th birthday with Rosie and Derry Healy.



Cathal P. Walshe, with Anne O'Shea and Mary O'Leary.



Cathal P. Walshe (centre), Killarney, celebrating his 80th birthday with friends Eileen O'Mahony, Donie Doherty, Mary Kissane, Joe O'Shea and Nuala Doherty.



Cathal P. Walshe, Killarney, celebrating his 80th birthday with Anne Marie and Derek O'Leary, at the Killarney Plaza Hotel on Saturday night.



Cathal P. Walshe with grandchildren Dara, Nia and Amy Rebecca, and sons Enda and Finbarr.



Great attendance and a fantastic atmosphere at Cathal P. Walshe's 80th birthday party.



Cathal P. Walshe, Killarney, celebrating his 80th birthday with Jules Culloty and Pat Doolan.



Cathal P. Walshe, Killarney, with Miranda Aherne, Margaret Crowley, Caroline Foley, James Crowley, Joan Crowley, Dermot Crowley and Marian Barnes.



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Camp Macademy Launched for **SUMMER 2026**



A summer filled with creativity, music and fun awaits young people in Killarney as the popular Camp Macademy prepares to return for another exciting season of activities this July and August.

Organised by The Macademy Performing Arts, the camp promises five weeks of “musical madness” beginning on July 6th and running through to August 7th, offering children and teenagers an energetic mix of performing arts, sports and creative activities in a safe and supportive environment.

Based at St Oliver’s National School on Rookery Road, Camp Macademy has become one of Killarney’s most interactive and engaging

summer camps, attracting young people from across the region each year.

This year’s programme includes a wide range of activities designed to encourage confidence, creativity and teamwork. Participants will enjoy drama, dance, singing, arts and crafts, sports, inflatables and obstacle courses, along with movie making and script writing workshops. Organisers say the camp aims to create a positive environment where children can express themselves, make new friends and build lasting memories during the summer holidays.

The camp is open to children aged four to seventeen years, with organisers noting that

participants must have turned four on or before January 2026. Daily sessions will run from 9am to 2.30pm, while an early drop-off option will also be available to assist busy families.

Camp organisers say the blend of performing arts and physical activity has proven hugely popular in previous years, helping children develop confidence while also enjoying an active and social summer experience.

The cost of attendance is €105 per week, and demand is expected to be strong following the success of previous camps. Parents and guardians seeking further information can contact organisers directly on 087-6296152 or by scanning the QR Code below.





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And so the adventure begins...

St. Brendan's College Students Graduate

Photos: Michelle Cooper-Galvin



Brian McCarthy with his parents Derry and Julie and sister Katie at the St Brendan's College Leaving Certificate Graduation Mass in St Mary's Cathedral, Killarney on Monday.



Muiris O'Donoghue with his parents Patricia and Maurice at the St Brendan's College Leaving Certificate Graduation Mass in St Mary's Cathedral, Killarney on Monday.



Nick Clarke with his parents Matt and Kira, sister Leah and brother Ethan at the St Brendan's College Leaving Certificate Graduation Mass in St Mary's Cathedral, Killarney on Monday.



Cian Mulcahy with his parents TJ and Helen, sister Ciara and brother Cillian at the St Brendan's College Leaving Certificate Graduation Mass in St Mary's Cathedral, Killarney on Monday.



Lorcan Looney with his family Patricia, Sheila, Siobhan, James and Emma at the St Brendan's College Leaving Certificate Graduation Mass in St Mary's Cathedral, Killarney on Monday.



Leon Bowler with his parents John and Niamh at the St Brendan's College Leaving Certificate Graduation Mass in St Mary's Cathedral, Killarney on Monday.



Sean Collins with his father Damien and grandmother Geraldine at the St Brendan's College Leaving Certificate Graduation Mass in St Mary's Cathedral, Killarney on Monday.

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Kerry Gardener meets President of Ireland Catherine Connolly at RHS Chelsea Flower Show

Billy Alexander of Kells Bay House & Gardens was honoured to meet Her Excellency, the President of Ireland, Catherine Connolly, on the opening day of the world-renowned RHS Chelsea Flower Show in London today.

The President was being shown around the prestigious show by the President of the Royal Horticultural Society, Keith Weed CBE, a longstanding friend of Mr. Alexander.

Speaking afterwards, Billy Alexander said: "It was both an honour and a privilege to meet President Connolly at such an iconic international event

celebrating horticulture, creativity, and excellence in plants and garden design."

The RHS Chelsea Flower Show is regarded as one of the world's leading horticultural events, attracting exhibitors, designers, and visitors from across the globe each year.

Billy was invited to attend as a guest of the RHS, and 'Ireland's Master Gardener' intends to return to the prestigious event in May 2027 to exhibit his rare and exotic fern collection for a fifth time, and to continue his gold streak of medal wins for his inspiring living display.

Call for urgent action on DRIVING TEST DELAYS IN KERRY

Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry Fianna Fáil Deputy Michael Cahill has called for additional driver testers and further operational supports at the National Driver Testing Service following confirmation that waiting times in Kerry remain significantly above the national service target. Deputy Cahill raised two written parliamentary questions to the Minister for Transport seeking (i) additional testing staff for the Killarney driving test centre amid reported waiting times exceeding four months, and (ii) a detailed breakdown of driving test waiting times across Kerry between 2023 and 2026.

In response, the Department confirmed that responsibility for the service lies with the Road Safety Authority (RSA), and that the Minister has referred the questions directly to the Authority for detailed reply.

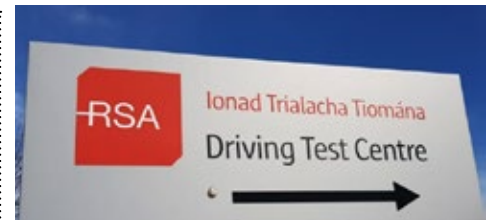
However, latest figures provided indicate that as of 30 April 2026, the average waiting time for a driving test in Kerry stood at 15 weeks

at both the Killarney and Tralee test centres. This remains above the RSA's Service Level Agreement target of 10 weeks, despite some improvement compared to April 2025.

The RSA also confirmed that driver tester numbers have increased nationally from 151 at the start of 2025 to 191 as of 30 April 2026, with ongoing recruitment aimed at reaching a full complement of 200 testers. The Authority further noted that testers may be deployed flexibly across centres to manage demand.

Deputy Cahill said the figures highlight persistent pressure on the system in Kerry and the need for continued focus on regional service delivery:

"While I welcome any improvement in staffing levels and acknowledge the work being done by the RSA to increase capacity, a 15-week waiting time is still far too long for young drivers in Kerry. The reality is that people in places like Killarney, Tralee, and surrounding



areas are being left waiting well beyond the target time frame."

"For many young people, a driving licence is essential for employment and training opportunities, particularly in rural Kerry. These delays are not just inconvenient, they are a barrier to participation in the local economy."

Deputy Cahill has reiterated his call for the Minister for Transport and the RSA to prioritise additional staffing allocations and operational flexibility to reduce waiting times further and bring Kerry centres in line with national targets.

ANXIETY



THE CYCLE OF ANXIETY

Anxiety is a feeling of worry or fear that everyone experiences at times. Feelings of anxiety are your body's natural reaction to some stressful or dangerous situations. Symptoms such as worry, fear, a racing heart, sweating or a feeling of being overwhelmed. Anxiety can sometimes build up over time and be difficult to manage. Uncomfortable symptoms are controlled by avoiding the anxiety-producing situation. Examples of avoidance include: skipping class to avoid a presentation, using alcohol to numb feelings, procrastinating on challenging tasks. The fear that initially led to avoidance worsens, and the brain learns that when the anxiety-producing situation is avoided, the symptoms go away. As a result, the symptoms of anxiety will be worse the next time, and avoidance is more likely.

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

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Planning Permission Granted for Major Expansion of Coolick National School

Kerry County Council approves transformative development, marking a new chapter for the school community



Coolick National School (Coolick NS) is delighted to announce that Kerry County Council has granted planning permission to the school's Board of Management for a landmark development project. This decision marks a significant milestone in the school's long-term growth strategy and signals an exciting new era for students, staff, families, and the wider community.

The planning permission covers a comprehensive programme of works to modernise and expand the existing school

building, including:

- Construction of a two-storey extension to the front of the existing school building, incorporating a new lower ground level significantly increasing the school's overall floor area and capacity.
- Internal reconfiguration works throughout the existing building, along with elevational changes to modernise the school's appearance and improve functionality. Works will include facilities for a Special Class.

· Construction of a dedicated parking area to improve safety and accessibility for families, staff, and visitors.

This planning approval is the culmination of years of work by the Board of Management, staff, and the broader Coolick NS community, united by a shared vision of providing the very best learning environment for the children of the area. The expanded and modernised facilities will support growing pupil numbers, enhance learning outcomes, and foster a vibrant school community for years to come.

"We are thrilled to receive this decision from Kerry County Council. This is wonderful news for the entire Coolick NS community - our pupils, parents, staff, and all who have supported us on this journey. We look forward to working with the Department of Education to progress to the next stage and see our vision become a reality." - Board of Management, Coolick National School,

Following the grant of planning permission, the Board of Management will now enter into discussions with the Department of Education regarding the next stage of the development process.

Since 1870, Coolick National School is a primary school in the parish of Kilcummin, now with a growing enrolment of 115 pupils. It is dedicated to providing high quality education to the children in its care. The school's Board of Management works in partnership with staff, parents, and the Department of Education to continually improve the school environment and educational experience.

Kayne's Killarney to serve special BikeFest breakfast menu this May 30th & 31st.

Kayne's Bar & Brasserie on the Muckcross Road is opening its doors bright and early for a special June Bank Holiday breakfast service which is sure to be favourite with BikeFest visitors, bikers & locals. From 10am - 12.30pm on Saturday May 30th and Sunday May 31st the popular Killarney eatery will be serving brunch favourites.

Located in the heart of Killarney, Kayne's will offer visitors a relaxed and comfortable setting to get their BikeFest or general bank holiday vibes going, with onsite parking for bikes and a prime location for viewing Sunday morning's Bike Parade.

The breakfast menu, created by Head Chef Paul O'Connor, features a selection of hearty dishes including Kayne's Full Irish stacked with grilled bacon, Irish pork sausages, local pudding, sautéed mushrooms, hash browns and fried egg, alongside crowd-pleasers including Chicken & Waffles, Kayne's House Eggs Beni, and fluffy Buttermilk Pancakes served with maple syrup or berry compote.

Guests can expect quality local ingredients and generous brunch dishes



designed to suit both festival visitors and locals enjoying the weekend atmosphere.

F&B Manager Eldrige Colaco said the team is looking forward to welcoming guests throughout the weekend.

"BikeFest is always a fantastic weekend for Killarney and we're delighted to offer a dedicated breakfast service for visitors and locals alike. With our central location, onsite bike parking and excellent viewing point for the Sunday parade, Kayne's is an ideal stop during the festival."

Once breakfast service concludes each day, Kayne's will move directly into its full lunch and dinner service, continuing right throughout the BikeFest bank holiday

weekend with its popular bar and brasserie menu available from afternoon into late evening.

Breakfast will be served from 10:00am to 12:30pm on both bank holiday Saturday and Sunday, with walk-ins welcome throughout the weekend, as Kayne's is set to become a must-visit breakfast destination this festival weekend.

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Shared Silence Creates A Safe And Welcoming Space In Killarney

A new community initiative aimed at promoting connection, wellbeing and open conversation is already making a powerful impact in Killarney.

Founded by Paul Rooney through the group Muddy Souls, “Shared Silence” is creating a free, safe and welcoming space for people to come together, talk openly and reconnect with themselves and others in peaceful surroundings. Based at Killarney Racecourse, the initiative combines conversation, mindfulness and nature walks, encouraging people to slow down and take a break from the pressures of modern life.

In just one week since launching, the group has already attracted more than 75 members to its WhatsApp community, highlighting the strong need for supportive and judgement-free spaces within the community.

Speaking about the project, Paul Rooney explained that the idea behind Shared Silence is simple, to give people a place where they can speak honestly, listen without pressure and feel supported. Each weekly gathering begins with tea, coffee, minerals, cakes, biscuits and light refreshments, creating a relaxed and friendly atmosphere where people can sit together, chat and connect while gentle music plays in the background.

The indoor gathering lasts for approximately 40 minutes and also includes inspirational talks from Paul, with plans to invite guest speakers



in the future. The sessions are designed as an open space where people can ask questions, share experiences or simply listen if they prefer. Importantly, the initiative also provides practical supports. Paul has prepared information sheets containing contact details for 25 professional counsellors, therapists and life coaches, which attendees can take home if they feel they may need additional support or guidance.

Following the gathering, participants take part in an hour-long mindful walk to different scenic locations around Kerry each week. During these walks, Paul speaks about the importance of nature, mental wellbeing and the healing power of the outdoors. Surrounded by the beauty of Kerry’s landscapes, the walks encourage people to disconnect from stress and reconnect with themselves, their community and the natural world around

them.

The response from the public has been overwhelmingly positive, with many people praising the initiative for creating genuine human connection in an increasingly busy and isolated world.

For Paul Rooney, the project is deeply personal and rooted in community spirit. He hopes Shared Silence will continue to grow as a place where people can support one another and find comfort in knowing they are not alone.

“It means a whole lot to me and the community,” he said. “Together we will smile a real smile.” The next meeting is Tuesday 26th May at 7.30p.m.

For more information contact Paul Rooney 0861534394.

“Shared Silence”

*“Amongst the chatter
and the crowded hum of voices,
I know the shared silence.*

*People move around me,
words rising and falling like restless waves,
yet inside
my soul burns quietly,
aching for a voice
that feels so far away to reach.*

*I long to enjoy silence again,
not this heavy stillness of sadness,
stress, and worry,
but the gentle kind
where birds sing into the morning air
and peace settles softly on the heart.*

*I want to close the door
on the constant noise,
to let contentment return
without fear pressing against it.*

*And in that shared silence,
friends find me.
Not through loud words
or forced understanding,
but through the solitude of knowing
we carry hope together.*

*A friendship felt
without needing to speak,
where my hidden voice
can finally be heard.”*

Engagement Surprise for Sorcha

There was great excitement and joy last weekend with the wonderful news that Sorcha O’Connor and Ross O’Shea have announced their engagement.

Sorcha, a native of Currow, is well known in musical circles as the talented choral director of the Stronger Together Choir in Killarney. Ross, who hails from Carrigaline, is equally respected as conductor of the Blarney Brass Band.

The happy occasion unfolded on Sunday evening in Mhuire Gan Smál following a memorable concert performance. In a moment that took many by

surprise, Ross went down on one knee and asked Sorcha to marry him. To her great delight, she said “yes”, prompting warm applause and cheers from the audience gathered at the venue.

Friends, family and fellow musicians were quick to offer congratulations to the delighted couple, whose shared love of music has been at the heart of their relationship. We send every good wish to Sorcha and Ross as they begin this exciting new chapter together.



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KILCUMMIN PARISH

Written by: Helen Moynihan

KILCUMMIN LOOKING GOOD

Kilcummin Looking Good would like to thank Kerry County Council for their financial assistance under the Community Support Fund 2026 in respect of €1,031.00. This money will be utilised to enhance works on our Biodiversity Community Park and Village. We also like to acknowledge Kerry County Council for their ongoing support for our community group, and we are most grateful for the funding, which allows all the work and improvements to take place throughout the year.

COFFEE MORNING

Save the date: Kilcummin Looking Good coffee morning takes place on Sunday, 14th June, in the Recreational Hall. More details to follow.

50TH ANNIVERSARY MASS

Our Lady of Lourdes Church will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary Mass on Saturday, 20th June at 7.30pm. More details to follow.

BOG WALKS

Details of these walks which are rich in a variety of flora & fauna, are in the "Kilcummin Walks" brochures (free of charge) which are available at the Rural Development Office and the Post Office. Why not pick one up and it may inspire you to discover this beautiful amenity which is enjoyed by many already. Please be mindful of keeping this a clean, safe and friendly place to enjoy by bringing your rubbish home. This space is home to a variety of nesting birds and other sensitive wildlife, particularly during the breeding season when disturbance can have serious consequences. Unleashed dogs, even those that seem well-behaved, can easily disrupt nests, scare off parent birds, or harm young animals. We ask all visitors to respect the natural environment by keeping their dogs on a lead at all times, helping to protect the local wildlife that makes this area so special.

KILCUMMIN GAA

CO LEAGUE DIV 1; Kilcummin 1-11 Glenflesk 0-17

Our senior team came up short to a good Glenflesk team despite a late Mikey Casey goal in very difficult conditions on Sunday. Next game is at home to Dingle this coming Sunday at 2pm.

CO LEAGUE DIV 6; Gneeveguilla 3-11 Kilcummin 2-11

A very entertaining game but we just lost out to a strong last quarter from the visiting team. Three points from Mikey O'Shea and goals from Noel Duggan and Sean Doolan helped us to a half time lead of seven points. Next game for this team is away to Tuosist on Sunday @ 2pm.

LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Monday 18th May for the Jackpot of €8,250. Numbers drawn were 01,16,26,28. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Aoife O'Connor, Scartaglen, Frankie Hallissey, Francie Doherty, Jeaic Gorman. Our next draw will be on Monday 01st June for Jackpot of €8,500. Thank you for your continued support.



Members of Kilcummin CCE who took part in the Fleadh Cheoil in Caherciveen at the weekend.

Ruby Spillane, Àine Condon, Emma Doyle & Róisín Lane

B: Emma Nagle, Treasa O Donoghue, Chloe O'Riordan & Rachel O'Riordan

KILCUMMIN COMMUNITY GAMES

The Kilcummin Community Games held their sixth Athletics Event at the Killarney Valley AC last Tuesday, 12th May. We wish all the successful participants the best of luck as they proceed to the county finals in Castleisland. 1st & 2nd placed athletes in track events and placed athletes in field events will go forward to the County Competition in An Ríocht, Castleisland on the 20th & 21st June. 1st & 2nd placed athletes who have not yet confirmed, please email kilcummincommunitygames.eu by May 26th. Keep an eye on Facebook for training dates.

We would like to thank Killarney Valley AC for the opportunity to host our events at their superb facilities, and to Killarney Valleys Con Lynch and members for helping run all the events. We would like to thank all the children for taking part, the parents and many volunteers on the night.

GLENFLESK PARISH

Written by: Sean Daly

RESULTS

Senior Football County League Division 1; Kilcummin 1:11 Glenflesk 0:17. Division 6; Glenflesk B 1:06 Tuosist 2:11.

LGFA Donal Curtin Cup Division 2; Glenflesk 1-14 Legion 2:07.

COMMUNITY GAMES

Well done to all the young athletes of the parish who participated in our Athletics competition held last Thursday in Killarney Valley AC. Thank you to Killarney Valley for the use of their fantastic facilities and thanks to all the volunteers who helped out on the night. Congratulations to those who will now proceed to the County Finals in An Ríocht, Castleisland on the weekend of June 20th/21st. The very best of luck to Zara Nagle, Fionn Murphy and Ryan O'Donoghue who will be representing Glenflesk and Kerry at the Cross-Country National Finals in Gormanston on Sunday.

FLESK FEST

Flesk Fest 26 Tickets are now live! Our 3-Day Pass is on pre-sale for €30 (Thurs/Sat/Sun), same price as last year!! That's a €25 saving compared to buying the days separately. Pre-sale ends midnight 31st May. Tickets available online through links on Glenflesk GAA Facebook and Instagram pages or through the club. Contact Emma (085) 7547586.

LOTTO

There was no winner of Glenflesk Lotto which took place on the 11th of May. Jackpot €6,800. Numbers drawn 12, 25, 28, 29. Consolation prizes of €50. John Lyne c/o Donie O'Donoghue, Tom Carmody, Gullane, Jim Mahony, Headford (Sellers Prize), Eileen Dineen, Headford. Next draw is 25th of May. Jackpot will be €7,000. Thanks to all who support our Lotto & to Damien McCarthy & HR Buddy for sponsoring our tickets.

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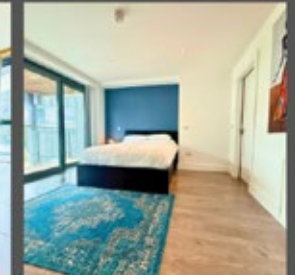
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RATHMORE | GNEEVEGUILLA PARISH

By Michael O'Mahony

GNEEVEGUILLA ATHLETES

Huge congratulations to Mairead O'Neill on winning the Eileen O'Riordan Memorial Cup for best throw in the Senior women's weight for distance competition at the Senior and Masters Track & Field Championships 2026 at An Riocht on May 10th.

LOTTO

No winner of last weeks Lotto, Jackpot for this coming Friday May 22nd, €12,200 + Bonus draw for €1000

SHARE THE BUCKET

Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group reminds you that Share the Bucket takes place weekly. The draw is every Friday evening in Teach Fáilte @8 pm and can be viewed live on our Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook Page. This week's jackpot was €210 and the winner was Ronán Collins.

SYMPATHIES to the Moynihan family Knockdurath, Eileen, Pat, Kathleen, Joanie, Sheila, Margaret, John, Noreen, Fr. Michael and Anne. & families on the death of their sister Mary T Moynihan Willow Bank, Mallow L /o Knockdurath. Mary's funeral Mass took place on Saturday 9th May in Rathmore. May Mary rest in peace and may all who mourn her loss be comforted.

CEMETERY MASS DATES for Month of May May 25th@ 7.30pm Mass Kilquane Cemetery, May 27th @7.30pm

Mass Knocknagree Cemetery, May 29th@ 7.30pm
FUNDRAISING BAKE SALE for the Holy Family NS Rathmore on Sunday 24th May in Teach Iosagain after 11.30am Mass.

TUBRID WELL: ANNUAL MASS

Friday 29th May: at 7.30p.m. Every one welcome The Rosary will be recited on Tuesday and Wednesday nights at Tubrid well for the month of May at 8.00p.m. Everyone welcome.

DAY PILGRIMAGE TO LOUGH DERG 5th – 8th June. Bus will leave Cork on Friday 5th June at 9.00a.m, pickup in Mallow at 9.30a.m. For details and booking contact Paddy (021) 4502572

BUS TO KNOCK – 6TH JUNE

Bus will leave Kilgarvan at 5.40a.m. for the All-Ireland Rosary Rally. Cost is €35.00. Contact Margaret (087) 6840261.

EAST KERRY GAA FUNDRAISING DRAW

Prize €100 Voucher for Kerry GAA store. Draw to take place at East Kerry Meeting. Kindly sponsored by SEEFIN AVIATION AIRCRAFT TRADING. Tickets available form Michael O'Mahony 0876676817.

NOTES

If you would like to add to the notes please email Michael O'Mahony (momahony14@gmail.com) or ring or text 087-676817 before 6pm Sunday evening

LISTRY PARISH

Written by: Colette Leslie

LOTTO

May 17th 2026 Jackpot €4,950. Numbers Drawn: 04, 10, 19, 24. No Winner. €100 Niall O Sullivan, Killarney Carpets. €50 Lee Walker, Scarborough. €50 Tony & Kay Darmody, Faha. €25 Lorraine Cosgrave, Lissivane East. €25 Ceire McCarthy, First Aid First . Jackpot next weekend 24th May 2026 €5100

SENIORS

Best of luck to the senior team and management who play Sr Senan's Sunday 24th May at 2pm.

Listry Minors and Club Members who completed some of the Kerry Marathon round Killarney with Jordan and Cian Adam who are know as FTD Brothers running for charity. Congrats to Catriona Murphy also who ran with the FTD Brothers and completed her 15th Marathon



National Poetry Day To Be Celebrated at Killarney Library

Killarney Library Writers will host an event in Killarney Library on Thursday, 28th May for National Poetry Day, from 10.30- 12 pm.

The theme this year is "Home." There will be readings of some favourite poems, and we would love audience members to participate. So, if you have a favourite poem

you would like to share, do come along. There will also be a short Open Mic Session. If you would like to read at the event, please give your name when you arrive.

"Poetry lifts the veil from the hidden beauty of the world, and makes familiar objects be as if they were not familiar." Percy Bysshe Shelley.



Ballyhar Dynamos FC U14s, Kerry schoolboy Tom Hayes shield winners over Killarney Celtic B last weekend.



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u12 Girls receiving a new set of Jerseys from Thomas O'Connor of Connect Electrical, Ballyfinnane. Also in photo are Team coaches Niall O Sullivan & Adrian O Connor & Club Chairman Danny Cronin.

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Councillor Cahill highlights development levy refunds available for energy-efficient homes

Fianna Fáil Councillor Tommy Cahill has encouraged homeowners and self-build applicants across Kerry to familiarise themselves with the development contribution supports and refunds that may still be available through Kerry County Council for energy-efficient homes.

Cllr. Cahill said many people may not be aware that while the temporary Development Contribution Waiver Scheme has now closed to new applications, refunds are still available under Kerry County Council's Development Contributions Scheme for qualifying passive-design homes.

"The temporary waiver scheme introduced by Government in April 2023 was a very welcome support for homeowners and developers and applied to a wide range of residential developments including one-off houses, self-builds, multi-unit developments, student accommodation and sheltered housing," Cllr. Cahill said.

"However, the scheme only applied where developments commenced on site between 25th April 2023 and 31st December 2024, with applications required to be submitted by 28th February 2025."

Cllr. Cahill said it is important that people



are aware that Kerry County Council's own Development Contributions Scheme still provides for a substantial refund in certain cases.

"Under the current scheme adopted by Kerry County Council, homeowners can receive a 33% refund on development levies paid where a completed dwelling achieves a BER rating of A1, A2 or A3."

"This is a significant support for people investing in highly energy-efficient homes and it also encourages sustainable and environmentally friendly building standards."

Cllr. Cahill explained that the refund is payable

once the dwelling is completed and the appropriate Building Energy Rating certificate is submitted to the Planning Department.

"I would strongly encourage anyone currently building or planning a new home to ensure they are aware of the supports available and to engage with the Planning Department regarding eligibility for these refunds," he added.

Cllr. Cahill thanked the Planning Department of Kerry County Council for providing clarification on the scheme and assisting constituents with related queries.

SPA PARISH

By Leanne Cronin



Killarney Spa CCE Senior Ladies Team – Meghann Cronin, Triona Mangan, Anna O'Connor, Katie O'Connor, Erin Holland, Katie Cronin, Mairead Mangan, Katie Lawlor



Killarney Spa CCE U18 Half Set Team – Daithi Coughlan, Evan Hickey, Sadie Cronin, Ciara O'Sullivan



Killarney Spa CCE Over 35s Team – Mag Cronin, Joanne O'Carroll, Eimear O'Riordan, Siobhan Galvin, Denise Gleeson, Laura Cronin, Ann Marie Hickey, Karen Buckley

SPA MEMBERS EXCEL AT COMHALTAS COUNTY FLEADH FINAL

A large number of Spa members took part in the Comhaltas County Fleadh Final last weekend in Cahersiveen, representing Killarney Spa CCE with great pride and distinction across a wide range of age groups, from U12 right through to Over 35 competitions. Killarney Spa CCE had an outstanding 18 Set Dancing and 2 Céilí

teams competing across a range of disciplines, with an impressive 16 teams qualifying for the Munster Fleadh Finals, which will take place in Lismore, Co. Waterford in mid-July. A huge amount of work and dedication goes on behind the scenes in preparation for these competitions, with all training taking place in Spa, an area with a proud tradition and strong history in Comhaltas and traditional Irish culture. Congratulations to all the participants, mentors and families involved, and best of luck as preparations now begin for the Munster Finals.

SPA U14S CROWNED COUNTY LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Spa U14s were crowned Division 6 County League Champions last Tuesday evening following an excellent victory over Keel in the County League Final played in Killorglin. Playing with the aid of a strong wind in the opening half, Spa settled well into the contest and built up a solid lead by halftime. Keel responded strongly after the break and managed to draw level during a tense third quarter, but Spa showed tremendous character, determination and teamwork to regain control of the game. The defence stood firm throughout the closing stages, while Spa continued to work tirelessly all over the pitch and took their scores well at crucial stages to pull clear. Spa eventually ran out deserving winners on a final scoreline of 1-17 to 2-7. Congratulations to all the players and management on a fantastic achievement.

MIXED FORTUNES FOR SPA SENIOR TEAMS IN COUNTY LEAGUE

It was a weekend of mixed results for Spa's senior teams in their respective County League campaigns. The Spa men saw their recent winning run come to an end in Division 1 as they went down to Kerins O'Rahillys in difficult conditions at Strand Road on a 2-11 to 2-4 scoreline. Despite goals in either half, the Tralee side proved more clinical on the day as Spa found it hard to find any rhythm in the match, and they will hope to bounce back against Auston Stacks on Sunday. Meanwhile, the Spa Senior Ladies continued their impressive run with an excellent 2-7 to 1-8 victory away



Spa U14 Boy's Crowned County League Division 6 Winners

to Laune Rangers. Short a number of experienced players, Spa showed tremendous determination, with several underage players stepping up to play key roles in a deserved win. The ladies now look ahead to a big test this Sunday against table toppers Ballymac.

KERRY SOUTH U15S REPRESENTATION FOR SPA PLAYERS

Congratulations to Spa players Sam O'Shea, Eoin Brosnan and Aidan Hickey who were all part of the Kerry South U15 side that recorded an excellent four-point victory over Kildare last Saturday. Sam and Eoin both started at wing back and produced strong performances throughout, while Aidan made a big impact after coming off the bench, scoring a goal during the second half. Well done to all three boys on their achievement and best of luck in their upcoming games.

MINOR LADIES FALL JUST SHORT IN COUNTY LEAGUE FINAL

Spa Minor Ladies produced a tremendous display in the Division 7 County League Final away to Ballymac but ultimately fell just short on a scoreline of 5-12 to 4-9. Spa made a brilliant start to the game with two early goals before Ballymac gradually built momentum with the aid of the wind to take control before half-time. To their credit, the Spa girls showed great determination after the break and battled their way back into contention, reducing the deficit to just five points during an exciting second half. While the result did not go their way, it has been a hugely positive season for the group in their very first year at minor level, with the players showing tremendous commitment and spirit throughout the campaign.

COUNTDOWN ON TO KILLARNEY CLUB 7S WEEKEND

Excitement is continuing to build around this year's Killarney Club 7s, with just one week to go until one of the biggest weekends in the Spa GAA calendar. Now entering its fifth year, the event has become a hugely important occasion for the club, with volunteers playing a central role in making the weekend such a success each year. From parking and stewarding to refreshments, setup and pitch coordination, the contribution of Spa members is something the club takes enormous pride in. Whether it's a few hours, a full day or the entire weekend, every volunteer plays a part. There is still plenty of time to get involved, and anyone interested in helping out can contact a member of the organising committee – Andrew Garnett, Mike O'Donoghue, Shane Cronin, Ann-Marie Hickey, Ivor Flynn, Katie O'Brien, Evan Cronin, Aisling Mahony or Conor Kerins.

WEEKEND FIXTURES (SENIOR TEAMS)

Senior Ladies – Donal Curtin County League Division 2, Ballymac v Spa, Sunday 24th May at 11am, AWAY
 Senior Men – McCarthy Insurance Group County League Division 1, Spa v Auston Stacks, Sunday 24th May at 2pm, HOME
 Keep an eye on our social channels, website www.spagaa.com/fixtures and via the Games Tab on the ClubZap app for details on any changes.

CLUB LOTTO

Spa Lotto 18/05/2026 Results. Numbers drawn: 7, 25, 27, 30. No jackpot winner. Lucky Dips €50 each: Denise Gleeson, Spa Handball Club, Darragh Brosnan, Theresa Egan, Alan Lyne.
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Low-impact cardio activities like walking, swimming, or using an elliptical can help increase circulation and reduce tension without placing stress on the joints. Strength training with light resistance can support muscle function and stability, which may help ease daily discomfort over time.

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HAVE REGULAR SIGHT TESTS
As well as an eye health check, a sight test might help detect signs of underlying general health conditions, such as diabetes, high cholesterol and high blood pressure. Everyone should have a sight test every two years.

EAT HEALTHILY
Eating a healthy, balanced diet reduces your risk of eye disease. Include lots of omega-3 fats, found in oily fish, and lutein, found in dark-green, leafy vegetables such as spinach and kale. #


STOP SMOKING
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WEAR PRESCRIBED GLASSES
Many eye and vision problems develop or increase as we get older. Contrary to the myth, wearing will not make your eyesight worse – they help your eyes work more efficiently.

TAKE REGULAR BREAKS
When you work on something close up, such as a computer, tablet or smartphone, your eye muscles are active. This may cause tiredness and headaches, even in those with normal sight. Follow the 20/20/20 rule – every 20 minutes, look at something 20 feet away, for 20 seconds.


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Good exam techniques will maximise your grades in the State Exams

HIGHLIGHT

With the state exams fast approaching, it's time to focus on your exam techniques. By planning your approach to answering the exam papers you will perform better. Begin by highlighting your exam subjects on your personal copy of the exam timetable.

MARKING

The State Examinations Commission (SEC) has quickly moved to online marking. 43 Leaving Cert. subjects and 17 Junior Cycle subjects will be marked online this year. A 36-page answer book is used in all Leaving Certificate subjects where a separate answer book is required. In addition to the front cover and some instructions on page 2, the answer book has 34 lined pages. Shade in fully the circle for the subject, the level, and the language that you are answering through. Also fill in your exam number and date of birth on the front of the answer book. You can view specimen exam paper and answer book at www.examinations.ie/online-marking.

FORMAT

In advance of each exam session be familiar with the format of each paper you are sitting. Know how the paper is presented. What topics are examined? How many questions must be answered? What styles of question can you expect on any exam paper? Be familiar with the choice available on the paper. Are some questions compulsory or is there an open choice? Be careful with a paper, which is subdivided into subsections. Without prior knowledge of such a paper you could easily fail to address the relevant number of questions. Over the next few weeks, as you do past papers, and again at the exam, read the instructions carefully.

LEGIBLE

Write your answers in blue or black pen. Use pencil for graphs and diagrams and work neatly down the page. Write clearly and legibly. Use diagrams, sketches and illustrations if

they enhance your answer. Use decent size diagrams, as they are quicker to draw and allow more detail. The presentation of your answering won't merit extra marks but a well-presented script makes a favourable impression on the corrector.

QUALITY

The core of any exam is the quality of your answering. The content of your answer must be relevant to the question asked. Read each question carefully before deciding which ones to answer. Tackle a good question first to settle you down. Before answering a question, list the key points around which you will build your answer. Be concise, accurate and relevant. Don't be long-winded or wordy. Waffle and repetition will not impress the corrector.

TIMING

Doing well in any exam involves knowing the course material but also in presenting your answers within the time allowed. Attempt the required number of questions. If you don't attempt a question, you can't possibly earn any marks for it. Be familiar with the marking scheme for each paper and work out in advance the approximate time you can spend on each question. The time allocated to each question should be in direct proportion to the marks available for that question. If you attempt the required number of questions, you have the best chance of maximising your grade in that subject.

INSTRUCTIONS

When your exam paper is handed to you read the instructions. Then spend about five minutes reading the entire paper. This preliminary scrutiny of all the questions gives you the feel for the paper. It allows you to settle down and gather your thoughts. Stick to your own pre-prepared answering plan and once you have made your choice of questions, start with a question you can answer well. As you warm to your task, you will be pleasantly surprised at the font of information that comes to mind, as

you need it.

REREAD

When you have finished answering each question, reread it to ensure you haven't omitted any part. Allow at least five minutes at the end of the exam to read back over your answers and to check your overall presentation.

CHECKLIST

- It's now time to focus on your answering strategy
- A planned approach to answering leads to success
- A well-presented script makes a favourable impression
- Number your questions clearly and write neatly and legibly
- Read the entire paper before deciding which questions you will answer
- Keep your answers concise, accurate and relevant
- Familiarise yourself with the logistics of each exam paper
- Be careful with a paper which is subdivided into subsections
- The time spent on a question must be in proportion to the marks for the question
- Proper allocation of time will enable you to attempt the required number of questions
- Reread the question when you have answered it to ensure you haven't left out a part
- Remain in the exam hall until the end of each session
- Specimen answer paper and answer book at www.examinations.ie/online-marking
- Examination timetables are available on www.examinations.ie

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St. Brigid's Choir perform at Gleneagle Annual Charity Concert

St. Brigid's school Choir performed as special guests at The Gleneagle Concert Band Annual Charity Concert in the Gleneagle Hotel on Sunday afternoon. The choir wowed the audience with some beautiful performances of *Dona Nobis Pacem*, *Rewrite the Stars*, *Only Time* and the uplifting *Adiemus*. Charities benefitting from today's concert are Recovery Haven, Kerry Stars Special Olympics Club and Fossa Scout Group.



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Cllr Jackie Healy-Rae Welcomes Commitment to Enhanced Engagement with South Kerry Greenway Landowners

A section of the South Kerry Greenway.

At the May meeting of Kerry County Council, following questioning from Cllr Jackie Healy-Rae, Chief Executive of Kerry County Council, Fearghal Reidy, confirmed that enhanced engagement is now set to take place with landowners affected by the South Kerry Greenway project. The CEO confirmed that Kerry County Council will be engaging directly with Kerry IFA and that agents will also be engaging one-on-one with landowners as part of efforts to progress

agreements. Following further questioning from Cllr Jackie Healy-Rae, the CEO stated that he "hopes to have an agreement in place with all landowners by the end of 2026, but that it's a two-way street." Speaking after the meeting, Cllr Jackie Healy-Rae welcomed the commitment made by the CEO and acknowledged the constructive nature of the engagement. "I welcome the commitment from the Chief

Executive that enhanced engagement is now going to take place with landowners. I also acknowledge the good faith in the CEO's response and his recognition of the importance of reaching agreement with all parties involved." Cllr Healy-Rae said it is essential that landowners continue to be treated fairly and respectfully throughout the process. "The South Kerry Greenway landowners are the people facilitating this project on their lands and they must be treated fairly, respectfully, and properly engaged with at every stage. Everything possible needs to be done to ensure that goodwill remains and that people feel listened to throughout this process." The matter follows on from the March meeting of Kerry County Council, where it emerged following questioning from Cllr Jackie Healy-Rae that the projected cost of the South Kerry Greenway is now expected to reach €72 million, while only approximately one quarter of landowners had been paid at that stage. Cllr Healy-Rae concluded: "This project has the potential to bring opportunities and benefits to South Kerry, but it can only be successfully delivered if there is proper engagement and trust between the Council and landowners. That has to remain the priority going forward."

“GAA Paywall Is a Disgrace, Kerry and Donegal Supporters Are Being Locked Out”



Senator Mike Kennelly has sharply criticised the decision to place key Championship football fixtures behind a paywall, calling it “a disgrace” and urging the Minister for Sport

to intervene on behalf of supporters in Kerry, Donegal and across rural Ireland. Speaking in the Seanad this week, Senator Kennelly said the Government can no longer ignore the impact of pay-per-view streaming on ordinary GAA supporters, particularly older people, those living alone, people with disabilities,

hospital patients, and rural communities without access to smart devices or reliable broadband. “The very people who built the GAA are now being excluded from watching it,” Senator Kennelly said. “Our elderly, our volunteers, the men and women who cut the grass, washed the jerseys, sold the tickets, made the tea and stood at gates in the lashing rain, these people still pay their TV licence. They supported the GAA all their lives. And now they’re told they have to subscribe, stream, download apps and pay extra money just to watch their own county teams.” Senator Kennelly highlighted the extraordinary resurgence of Gaelic football this season, with 32,690 supporters in Killarney and 25,000 in Dr Hyde Park last weekend alone. He said the sport is “alive again”, yet the GAA is hiding marquee fixtures from the

very communities that sustained the Association for generations. “All the provincial finals are on RTÉ, but apparently that’s not enough now,” he said. “Now it’s about box office. Now it’s about squeezing more money out of loyal supporters. The GAA was built in rural parishes and communities, not corporate boardrooms.” Senator Kennelly called on the Minister for Sport to challenge the current broadcasting arrangements and ensure that Championship games involving counties like Kerry and Donegal remain accessible to all. “The people who carried the GAA for generations should never be locked out from watching their own heroes on the biggest stage of all.”

Minister Confirms Opening of Killarney’s New 130-Bed Community Nursing Unit Now “Weeks Away”

Killarney’s long-awaited 130-bed Community Nursing Unit (CNU) has moved a major step closer to opening, with Minister of State for older persons Kieran O’Donnell confirming in the Seanad today that preparations are now “at an advanced stage” and that the facility is expected to welcome residents in the coming weeks. The update was provided in response to a Commencement Matter raised by Senator Mike Kennelly, who sought clarity on the opening date, staffing levels, clinical readiness, and the

future of St. Columbanus’ Home and Killarney Community Hospital. Minister O’Donnell confirmed that the final regulatory step is now underway: “HSE South West have advised me that preparation for Killarney CNU to welcome residents are now at an advanced stage. The application for registration of Killarney CNU has been submitted to HIQA and an opening date for the new CNU will be fully finalised once HIQA registration has been achieved and this will allow for the opening in the coming weeks.”

He also confirmed that residents and families are already being supported through the transition process: “Room allocation has already been agreed with the residents and ‘open evenings’ for residents and their families, to see the new unit before transfer, are currently being planned.” This marks the clearest public indication to date that the state-of-the-art facility, designed to replace St. Columbanus’ Home and Killarney Community Hospital, is nearing operational status.



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DANNY HEALY RAE TD RAISES LOCAL ISSUES IN DAIL EIREANN

In Dail Eireann this week, Deputy Danny Healy Rae, TD, raised local issues including - Evictions and Rent Hikes Motion and National Biodiversity Week

Here is what he had to say:

Evictions and Rent Hikes

I asked that the Government to incentivise people to rent out their vacant properties as the houses are there. I also asked that something is done regarding issues with planning preventing people from building their own homes.

"There is a pile of vacant houses there and I asked the Government to incentivise people to rent them rather than forcing people to do things. Incentivisation was the way to go. The Minister realises that the landlord pays 50% tax on the rent he gets. If people are renting out their houses for less than €1,000 a month, they are paying half of that back in tax. It becomes not worth their while to rent the

house in situations like that. Then there is the situation where people would build a house for themselves if they could get planning permission for it. In Kerry, many people will not get planning permission because of a rule that the planning authority goes by, this urban-generated rule that prevents them getting planning permission to put a roof over their heads. They are asking for no funding, no nothing only permission to be allowed build their houses.

That is another thing that is happening. All along our national routes, the secondary routes and the national primary routes, people cannot access if they are coming out of even a public right of way that is not in the charge of Kerry County Council."

National Biodiversity Week

Yesterday in the Dáil I said we are facing a massive challenge with our wastewater treatment plants as there are many towns in Kerry over capacity and I also asked again to

have our rivers cleared out.

"Our local authorities and Irish Water have been starved of funding to deal with these plants. We have towns in Kerry that are over capacity. Many of our towns and villages need improvements in this regard. There are 32 or 33 now on a list to be dealt with. That will not happen without funding, and Irish Water will not have access to funding unless the Government gives it to the company. I am appealing to the Government now. It must start on the ground, and maybe people do not like talking about sewage, but we cannot build houses if we do not have waste treatment plants and if places like Kenmare are still waiting for water."

"The other thing I am asking for is to clear out our rivers. Our rivers are overshadowed by trees, and salmon or trout will not thrive in them. I am asking that the rivers be cleaned out like was always done. That is why the fish numbers are depleting. We need to start doing those things."

Minister Foley to host EU Ministers in Tralee

Minister for Children, Disability and Equality, Norma Foley, will chair an Informal Meeting of EU Ministers in Tralee this November, as part of Ireland's Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

The meeting will bring together EU Ministers responsible for Equality and Disability, along with leaders from the European Commission, EU Agencies and EU civil society organisations.

Hosting the meeting in the Munster Technological University (MTU) Kerry campus in Tralee marks a significant milestone, as it is the first time in 22 years that the Irish Presidency will host an informal meeting of EU Ministers in Co. Kerry.

The informal meeting in MTU Kerry will provide an opportunity for Ministers to discuss shared priorities at EU level. Discussions will focus on the equality of opportunity for women and girls and will also have a strong focus on advancing the rights of disabled people, building on the MTU Kerry expertise as the location of UNESCO Chair on Transforming the Lives of Persons with Disabilities. There will be a programme of events to facilitate visits through the county for the EU Ministers and their delegations.

Minister Foley said:

"I am delighted to host this important informal meeting of EU Ministers in Tralee, hosted in Munster Technological University Kerry, as part of Ireland's EU Presidency. It is significant that, for the first time in 22 years,

Ministers from across Europe will come together in the Kingdom of Kerry. We are in a time of enormous change. Europe is a key part of our future and I am committed to ensuring it is a fair future.

We will have a conversation about ways in which we can shape a Europe that can deliver real progress for women and girls, advance disability rights, and ensure that everyone can participate fully in society. I look forward to welcoming my EU counterparts to Kerry this November and to working together to drive meaningful change."



Minister Foley meeting with European Commissioner for Equality Hadja Lahbib

Cahill welcomes confirmation that derelict sites are being considered for student accommodation

Fianna Fáil TD for Fianna Fáil in Kerry, Deputy Michael Cahill, has welcomed a response from the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science on the potential use of derelict sites for student accommodation.

Deputy Cahill had asked whether a dedicated funding programme could be established to activate derelict sites listed on Local Authority registers for student housing.

He said: "We cannot afford to leave derelict and vacant sites lying idle when there is such a clear and urgent need for student accommodation.

I believe a targeted funding programme would help unlock these sites and deliver real solutions for students and families."

The Minister outlined the National Student Accommodation Strategy 2026–2035, which aims to increase supply through State-backed measures and partnerships with the private sector, including development on both public and private sites close to campuses.

Deputy Cahill added: "While I note the Minister's response that no standalone funding stream has been created for derelict sites, it is positive that these sites are already being considered

within existing programmes. However, I will continue to push for a more focused approach to ensure we maximise every opportunity."

The Department confirmed that Phase One of the national programme is underway in Dublin, Cork and Galway, with early proposals already including vacant and derelict properties.

Deputy Cahill concluded: "This is a step in the right direction but we need to move faster and be more ambitious in bringing unused sites back into productive use for students."

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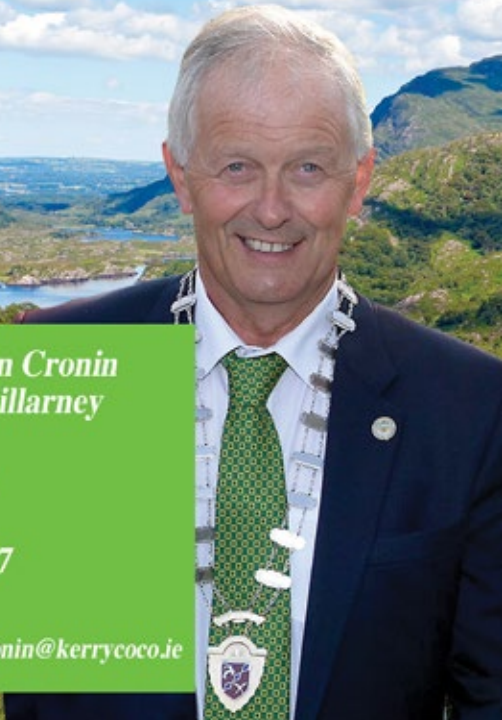
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KERRY COMES OUT ON TOP AT BLUE FLAG AWARDS



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The very high standard of beaches and the coastal environment in Kerry has been acknowledged with the awarding of 16 Blue Flags for Kerry beaches and coastal amenities for 2026, a record number for the county and the highest number in the entire country.

Kerry has retained each of its 15 Blue Flags from the 2025 season, including at 13 beaches which are managed by Kerry County Council as well as Fenit Marina, also managed by the local authority, and the Portmagee Pontoons which are operated by Kilrush Maritime Ltd.

A new addition to the list this year is a Blue Flag award for the Skellig Bounty coastal tour, which is based at Knightstown, Valentia Island and operated by Aqua Terra Boat Tours.

The decision of the International Blue Flag jury was announced today, Friday, by An Taisce and sees the following beaches awarded Blue Flags for 2026: Rossbeigh, Ballybunion

South, Ballybunion North, Ballyheigue, Fenit, Maherbeg, Kells, Doire Fhionáin (Derrynane), White Strand (Cahersiveen), Baile an Sceilg (Ballinskelligs), Banna, Fionntrá (Ventry), and Inch.

Kerry has also retained its five Green Coast Awards for 2026 and which have been presented again to Waterville, Ballinskelligs, Béal Bán, Castlegregory and Littor beaches.

Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr Michael Foley, warmly welcomed the announcement as a very significant acknowledgement of the quality of beach and coastal environments in Kerry: 'Blue Flags are an internationally recognised indicator of the quality of a beach environment and it is hugely encouraging that Kerry is the national leader in this regard. We take great pride in our beautiful beaches in the county which are an invaluable amenity for locals and visitors alike.'

Cllr Foley said that the awarding of the Blue Flags is a result of a collaborative approach between Kerry County Council, local community groups and beach users who work together to maintain our beautiful beaches and bathing waters.

Director of Services with Kerry County Council, Paul Neary added: 'The local authority invests tremendous effort and resources in keeping County Kerry at the top of the Blue Flag list and will continue to ensure the sustainable management of the magnificent beaches along the Kerry coast. We would appeal to all beach users this summer to continue to be responsible, heeding water safety advice and leaving nothing behind on the beach except their footprints,' he added.

Paula Reus joins Utility Trust St Pauls

Utility Trust St Pauls are delighted to announce the signing of Paula Reus for the 2026/27 Domino's Women's Superleague. Having made the Super League Final in their first season and finishing joint top in their second season in the big time, the signing of Reus is seen as a major signal of intent. Paula is a native of Palma De Mallorca in Spain, stands at 6 ft 1" and has played College basketball at New Mexico and Loyola Marymount. At New Mexico she had a season high 25 points against Eastern Illinois and she proved her versatility when netting five three pointers against Nevada in the same season. Her finest hour in Marymount came against Santa Clarawhen she

played a leading role in their 2025/26 season win.

Paula has also represented her native Spain at U16 level in 2019 at the FIBA Women's European Championships.

Coach James Fleming is delighted to welcome Paula to Killarney. "We are excited to be adding Paula to our squad and she will give us great options in the forward position. Having tied up Maisie Burnham also we are very content that we are putting together a squad capable of mounting another title challenge."

Other signings are expected in the coming months with the season tipping off in late September.



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Main Sponsor was Truffle Honey.

Winners: Graham Stuart, John O'Shea, Bernard O'Shea & Niall O'Meara, Killarney Golf Club 92pts

Runners Up: Tracy Eakin Dooks G.C., Lisa Cullen, Grange Castle G.C., Derek Kelly & William Hanley, Mitchelstown G.C. 90 pts

3rd Place: Billy O'Connor, James Lynch, Johnny Greene & Ivan Tangney, Killarney G.C. 89pts

4th Place: John McEnery, Liam Hartnett, Vincent Casey & Brendan Keogh, Killarney G.C. 89pts

5th Place: Fergus Houilhan, John O'Callaghan, Padraig Cronin & Marcus Treacy, Killarney G.C. 89pts

6th Place: Paul Murphy, Mark Culloty, Jonathon Sparling Killarney G.C. & Charlie Keating, Ceann Sibeál G.C. 88 pts

7th Place: Jack Kelliher, Elm Park G.C., Garbhán O'Caomh, Castle G.C., Richie Tourish, iGolf & Daniel McQuillan, Grange G.C. 86pts

Men's nearest the pin on 12th hole - Kevin Hanifin 4'11"

Ladies nearest the pin on 4th Hole - Tracy Eakin 5'6"

Many thanks to all our members, friends, and visitors for supporting this fantastic charity, in very challenging weather conditions. Thank you also to those who donated to Captain Tomás and Annette's chosen charity online.

ROSS GOLF CLUB (GENTS)

ON MAY 16TH AND 17TH WE HELD A CLUB SPONSORED STABLEFORD COMPETITION

The winners were:-

1st: Barry O'Grady 39 (11)

2nd: John Cuskelly 35 (14)

Division 1

1st: John M O'Brien 34 (10)

2nd: Renaldas Bendikas 33 (10)

Division 2

1st: Steve Shine 32 (17)

2nd: Cormac O'Donoghue 32 (15)

Division 3

1st: Sam Guerineau 35 (24)

2nd: Tim Ryan 32 (27)

ROSS SENIORS

On Thursday May 14th the Ross seniors held their weekly competition

The winners were :-

1st: Steve Shine (10) 22 pts

2nd: Dermot O'Connor (11) 20pts

3rd: John Ivory (9) 17 pts .

BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB

(LADIES)

18 HOLE STROKEPLAY COMPETITION PLAYED ON SATURDAY 16TH / SUNDAY 17TH MAY

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1st: Hannah Moynihan (29) 70 nett

2nd: Rita Kelleher (27) 72 nett

3rd: Kathleen Cronin (24) 74 nett

ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB

RESULTS SATURDAY 16TH MAY 2026, 9-HOLE SINGLE STABLEFORD COMPETITION

1st: Kathleen Fitzgerald 23 (26)

2nd: Dora Campbell 20 (18)

3rd: Bridie Doyle 16 (18)

4th: Maureen Beecher Crowley 15 (26)

18-HOLE SINGLE STABLEFORD COMPETITION

1st: Mary Nash 35 (52) bk9

2nd: Therese O'Keeffe 35 (37)

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BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB

(MEN'S)

MEN'S STABLEFORD COMPETITION HELD ON SAT 16/SUN 17 MAY

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1st: Maurece Wallace 37 points (18)

2nd: Jason Giles 36 points (39)

3rd: Denis Cronin 36 points (23) last nine holes

Yellow Tees

1st: Francie Brosnan 36 points (33)

2nd: Alan Lyons 31 points (4)

MEN'S COMPETITION on Saturday 23/Sunday 24 May - 18 Hole Stableford - Golfer of the Year - Round 1 - White tees. Sponsor - Men's Club

DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB

NATIONAL MATCHPLAY

It was a great morning at the National Matchplay Qualifying for the club in the Junior ranks as David Harnett, James Foley and Paddy Murphy all qualified. Unfortunately, though we had no Intermediates to join Michael Cronin as Munster Matchplay winner with Ger O'Connor, Dan Broderick and James Fleming losing deciding matches in same. All with join Damien Fleming (Senior) in the Mens Championships in Cork on the June Weekend as we await confirmation of the Ladies entries.

TRALEE SCRATCH CUPS

Best Wishes to club members heading to Tralee on Saturday as our members to do their best to support these events.

Club Scratch Cups: We look forward to hosting our Scratch Cups again after last year's events had to be called off. Full details will be available to members the closer we get to this Sunday but just a note to all that the course is closed to all play from Thursday onwards to aid with the preparations for hosting same.

Alice Pyne, a pupil of St Oliver's National School, Killarney, who made her First Holy Communion in the Church of the Resurrection, last Saturday.



Besties from Woodlawn Park pupils at St. Oliver's National School, Killarney, who made their First Holy Communion together last Saturday, meeting up for the school party after the service in the Church of the Resurrection, Killarney, from left, Alice Pyne, Bella Brosnan, Josh Edwards, Sam O'Sullivan, Shay Moloney, Oliver Neumann.

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KILLARNEY SWIMMING CLUB

Killarney Swimmers excelled at the Munster Long Course Championships in Univeristy of Limerick. This was a three day jam packed event, bringing together the top swimmers in Munster for an exciting weekend of racing. Killarney swimmers made their mark with finals, PBs and medals. Evan O'Donoghue made 9 finals over the weekend in his 9 events and came away with 7 bronze medals and one silver. Ronan O'Leary who had his first experience at a Munster Championship won a silver in the 200 back and achieved a time for summer nationals. Sarah Quirke had excellent swims and a bronze medal in the 400IM. Natalia Spodymek had a nail biting swim in the 50 fly finishing in second place. Congratulations also to Liam O'Mahony, Beibhinn Kiely & Orlaith Mackey on achieving times for summer nationals. In other news, the club held it's annual street collection last week and would like to thank everyone who got involved and supported the club.

KILLARNEY VALLEY AC MUNSTER SCHOOLS TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP

Killarney Valley Athletic Club athletes enjoyed a hugely successful outing at the Munster Schools Track & Field Championships at the weekend, with 20 club members representing their secondary schools across the province.

They secured an impressive haul of seven podium finishes, including three Munster titles, while six athletes secured qualification for the upcoming Irish Schools Championships.

Leading the way was Charlie Clarke, who claimed a sprint double by winning both the Intermediate Boys 100m and 200m titles. David Watson also struck gold in the Intermediate Boys High Jump.

Silver medals went to Gabriel Kowalczyk in the Senior Boys 110m hurdles, Fionn Culloty in the Minor Boys 800m. The Junior Girls relay quartet of Elsie O'Doherty, Sophie Culloty, Ellie O'Sullivan and Elle Fleury also won silver. Bronze medals were secured by Leo Allen in the Intermediate Boys 400m hurdles and Elle Fleury in the Junior Girls 200m.

There were also strong performances across a



Karl McCay, Killarney Racecourse presenting the winners prize to connections from Henry De Bromhead's Yard after winning the Outlook Publications (Q.R.) Handicap in Killarney last Tuesday.

range of events, with several athletes reaching finals and recording top-eight finishes. Congratulations to all the athletes, coaches, schools and families involved as KVAC continues its impressive rise on the athletics scene. Please email the club on killarneyvalleyac@gmail.com if you would like to join the club.

WORKMEN'S ROWING CLUB

WORKMEN'S GO INTERNATIONAL

The previous weekend, Workman's Rowing Club travelled to Belgium to compete in the prestigious Ghent If the highest quality, showcasing exceptional power, timing, and cohesion — a clear example of what can be achieved through commitment, discipline, and belief. It served as valuable inspiration for our athletes, coaches, and supporters alike.

Ghent was not just about results — it was a celebration of rowing at its finest. The atmosphere was vibrant throughout, and Workman's RC contributed to that with strong support, encouragement, and visible club pride both on and off the water.

None of this would have been possible without the continued effort of our coaches and supporters. Michael J and Mary Burns provided a constant, calm presence — guiding and motivating crews throughout the weekend. We also extend our thanks to our dedicated volunteers and parents who managed logistics, trailing, and organisation, ensuring everything ran smoothly.

This regatta reinforced not only why we row — for challenge, enjoyment, and pride — but also the importance of being part of a wider rowing community.

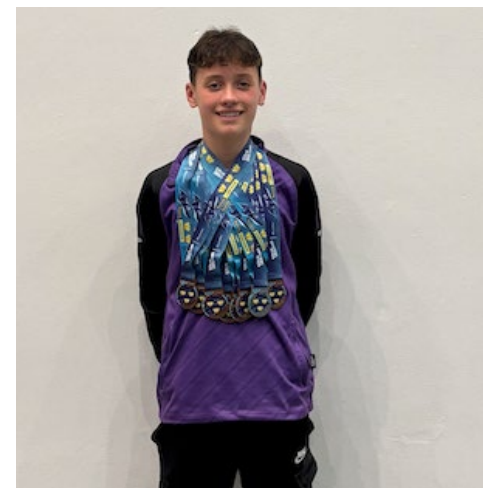
LEE REGATTA 2026 - RECAP THIS WEEKEND

Our focus then returned to domestic competition at the Lee Regatta, held on Saturday, 16th May 2026 at the Cork Marina. This provided an excellent opportunity to test ourselves in sprint racing conditions.

Despite challenging weather at times, our crews adapted well and delivered a series of strong performances across the day. There were several gold medal results, alongside a number of highly competitive races across different categories. It was particularly encouraging to see our younger and developing crews continuing to progress,



Pictured are Killarney Swimming Club medalists Ronan O'Leary, Evan O'Donoghue, Sarah Quirke and Natalia Spodymek.



Evan O'Donoghue made 9 finals over the weekend in his 9 events and came away with 7 bronze medals and one silver.



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L – R – Workmen’s Go International: Ghent International Trip : Nikita Wharton, Faye Mannix, Grace Mannix, Paula Prudnikovaite, Kayla Wharton, Roisin O Donoghue, Liadh Counihan, Aaron O Connor, Zac Donaldson, Finn O Neill, Divo Lucic.



Stroke – Bow - Lee Regatta : Paula Prudnikovaite, Grace Mannix.

showing both promise and determination. The event itself was superbly organised, and the positive atmosphere contributed to an enjoyable and successful day both on and off the water.

A sincere thank you, once again, to our coaches, Michael J and Mary Burns, for their continued support and guidance throughout the regatta. Special thanks also to our volunteers, parents, and supporters — from trailering boats to providing encouragement along the course, your contribution ensured the day ran smoothly and successfully.

LOOKING AHEAD: THE MUNSTER BRANCH REGATTA 2026

Our attention now turns to one of the key events on the domestic rowing calendar — the Munster Branch Regatta, scheduled for Saturday, 6th June 2026. This eagerly anticipated regatta will bring together strong competition from across

the region.

Preparations within the club are well underway. Crews are continuing to focus on refining technique, building endurance, and sharpening race execution. Coaches are working closely with athletes to ensure that each crew is well prepared and ready to perform. There is a strong sense of focus and determination throughout the club as we build towards this event.

We look forward to representing Workman’s Rowing Club with pride, competitiveness, and the same positive spirit demonstrated in recent weeks.

Regular training continues as scheduled.

The club was disappointed that the weather took its toll on the Flesk Regatta this weekend, resulting in its cancellation. However, preparations remain ongoing and unaffected as we continue to build momentum for upcoming competitions.

KILLARNEY BRIDGE CLUB

RESULTS MONDAY 18TH MAY

North/South

First: Joan Culloty and Phyllis O’Regan

Second: Brenda Moynihan and Therese O’Donoghue

Third: Michael McHugh and Ciaran Broadberry

East /West

First: Margaret O’Sullivan and Anne Wrenn

Second: Mary Howard and Betty Dennehy

Third: Hanneke Nieman and Marie Kearney

Congratulations to all the winners.

Great to see such a big turnout of new Bridge players .

SUMMER BRIDGE every Monday in the Monastery Boys School, New Road at 7.00pm All are welcome.



Eoin O’Connor, Winner of The Beara Way Ultramarathon, followed closely by Elia Viola, which is a challenging 161 kilometre long-distance circular non stop ultramarathon, over the weekend. Organised by Irish Mountain Runners Association (IMRA) with Micheál Mac Suibhne as Race Director. It circumnavigates the Beara Peninsula, across the boundary divide between County Cork and Kerry, along the Wild Atlantic Way. The terrain of mountain, moorland, coastal cliffs, that combines an ascent of 5,500 metres.

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KILLARNEY ATHLETIC

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UNDER 16 LEAGUE

A massive congratulations to the Killarney Athletic U16 side who signed off an outstanding league campaign with two games last week. Athletic first shared the spoils in a hard fought 2-2 draw with Ballyhar before finishing the season in style with a superb 4-2 victory over Mastergeeha. Goalscorers over the two games were: Shea Driver x 2, James Marshall x 2, Oisín Cryan x 1, Cian Hegerty x 1

It has been a fantastic season for this group and coaching staff, going unbeaten right throughout the league campaign — a brilliant achievement that reflects the hard work, commitment and quality shown by the squad all year long. The team also enjoyed an excellent run in the national cup, reaching the latter stages and competing brilliantly against top opposition along the way. A season to be very proud of for everyone involved with Killarney Athletic.

U15 BOYS HEALY FAMILY SHIELD FINAL

Killarney Athletic B 1 - 4 Iveragh A

A great effort by our lads in this Final, with the scoreline not necessarily being a true reflection of the game.

They started strongly, dominating the first half going 1-0 up after 10 minutes after a well taken goal by Dylan O'Connor, but that all elusive 2nd goal wouldn't come, after all their sustained pressure. In fairness to Iveragh they upped the gears in the 2nd half and took their chances to finish out as winners. Very impressed with this group of players all the same, Runners-up in the League & Shield this season and have shown great progression. A brilliant group of lads, who always turn up with the right attitude, we now look to next season. Enjoy the well earned break! Thanks to Iveragh for a competitive game and the ref & linesman for officiating. MOTM - Dylan O'Connor

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC U13S

A busy period for our U13s recently with two big games played over the last week.

First up was a home league clash against local rivals Killarney Celtic. In a very tight and competitive encounter, Athletic battled hard throughout but came up short on a 3-1 scoreline. The lads showed great character and determination from start to finish against a strong Celtic side. The team responded in the perfect way in the Cup Semi Final against



KILLARNEY ATHLETIC UNDER 16 LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

LB Rovers with an excellent performance to secure the win and book their place in the final! Athletic played with great energy, teamwork and attacking football throughout the game with every player putting in a huge shift for the team. Goalscorers over the two games: Darragh O'Toole x 4 Cian Lennihan x 2 Mark Clifford x 1 Rian O'Reilly x 1 Harry Randles x 1 Trey Hurley x 1 Well done to all the players and coaches on a fantastic effort across both games.

MASTERGEEHA FC

GIRL'S LEAGUE & CUP RESULTS BRID DEVANE PERPETUAL CUP WINNERS

Mastergeeha 1 v St. Brendan's Park 0

Goal Scorer on the day was Lucy Devane

Our season came to a close and we went out in style with a hard fought win over St. Brendan's Park in the Brid Devane Perpetual Cup

After playing each other twice during the season, with both teams winning a game each, there was always only one goal between the sides and today was no different.

Mastergeeha started the stronger team and created some great chances early on, but were denied by a determined Park defence and keeper. Park also had chances of their own, but our solid defence and Mia Doherty in goal made sure nothing got past them.

Half time: 0-0

All to play for in the second half.

Both teams gave absolutely everything but the deadlock was finally broken when Sophie Moynihan sent a high ball into the box from a corner and Lucy Devane reacted first to belt

it home and give us a 1-0 lead. There was still plenty of work to do and we had to hang on for the final 20 minutes as Park came at us hard. We still managed to create a few more chances ourselves with Laura Breen, Gracie Maher and Aine Herlihy all coming close.

Finally, the whistle blew and Mastergeeha were crowned Cup Champions.

St. Brendan's Park can hold their heads up high as they too gave absolutely everything today, but it just wasn't to be.

A huge thank you to Celtic for hosting the final, to referee Tom O'Sullivan who did a great job, and to his assistants Tom Kerrisk and Dan McCannon.

From number 1 to 15, we could not be prouder of every single player — not just today, but throughout the entire season. Mia Doherty between the sticks was as solid as ever. Our defence of Lucy Devane, Clodagh O'Sullivan, Olivia O'Connor and Lily O'Donoghue were outstanding and nothing was getting past them today. In midfield, Laura Breen, Sophie Moynihan, Aine Herlihy and Melissa O'Leary covered every blade of grass and drove our attacks forward into Annie Mai O'Donoghue and Gracie Maher, who kept the Park keeper under constant pressure. Our super subs Caoimhe Darmody, Carla Collins, Freya O'Keefe and Emer O'Connor all came off the bench and made a big impact on the game. Also, huge congratulations to Clodagh O'Sullivan who was awarded today's Player of the Match. The girls will now take a well-deserved break before regrouping again in August.



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Killarney Celtic U14 Tom Hayes Cup Winners

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U14 PREMIER LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Castleisland 1 v Mastergeeha 5

A league campaign that started out way back in August came to a fantastic conclusion with victory over Castleisland on Saturday evening. Scorers on the night were Éabha Moynihan (2), Isla Cronin, Mia Doherty & Gracie Maher. Superb performances throughout the season by the squad

Shauna O'Riordan (Goalkeeper, Clodagh O'Sullivan (Defence), Laura Breen (Defence/Midfield), Megan Murphy (Defence), Kaitlin O'Riordan (Defence), Lily O'Donoghue (Defence/Midfield), Anabelle Casey (Midfield), Isla Cronin (Midfield), Sophie Moynihan (Midfield), Áine Herlihy (Midfield), Ruby Moynihan (Midfield/Attack), Mia Doherty (Midfield/Attack), Éabha Moynihan (Midfield/Attack), Aoibhinn O'Leary (Midfield/Attack), Gracie Maher (Attack)

Captain on the night was Isla Cronin

Thanks to Castleisland for a sporting game as always and to referee Dan McCannon for officiating on the night.

BOY'S LEAGUE

U15 BOY'S PREMIER

Mastergeeha 1 v Castleisland 1

MASTERGEEHA LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on 15th May 2026 for the Jackpot of €7,400. Numbers drawn were 3, 5, 23, 27. Consolations Prizes of €50 each to the following, Una O'Leary Lyreatough, Eileen Williams, Kay Cahill C/o Post Office & Podge Crowley. Our next draw will take place on Friday 22nd May 2026 at the Village Inn for a Jackpot of €7,600.

KILLARNEY CELTIC

CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 6, 11, 13, 19. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €25. Next jackpot €9,800 on Monday May 25th. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through Clubzap.

KDL PREMIER

Killarney Celtic 2-2 Tralee Dynamos

Stephen McCarthy, Chris O'Leary

A 2nd half comeback ensured that Killarney Celtic maintained their interest in the race for the league title. Dynamos led 2-0 at half time. However Celtic came back in the 2nd half with Stephen McCarthy netting to give Celtic hope. The game was back in the melting pot on 73

minutes when Chris O'Leary finished to the net. Despite some good attacking play no further goals were forthcoming and so a playoff will be needed to decide who meets Killarney Athletic in the league final.

U14 TOM HAYES CUP FINAL

Killarney Celtic 4-1 St Brendan's Park

Jack Clifford, Cillian Scannell, Paul McGrath, Luke Clifford

Celtic U14A captured the Tom Hayes Cup during the week after defeating St Brendan's Park. Celtic started well and Jack Clifford had Celtic in front before St Brendan's Park got back on level terms to leave it all square at the break. The game was in the balance but it was Celtic who gained the initiative again when Cillian Scannell goaled. Celtic now had the edge up front and further goals from Paul McGrath and Luke Clifford sealed the win.

U14 TOM HAYES SHIELD FINAL

Killarney Celtic B 0-5 Ballyhar

Celtic went down to a well drilled Ballyhar team who started very positively and gained the day.

U12 JOHN MURPHY SHIELD FINAL

Killarney Celtic C 2-1 Mastergeeha AET

Cillian Murphy, Scott O'Sullivan

Celtic C emerged victorious after a great contest with Mastergeeha. Celtic started brightly but the game was still goalless at the break. Celtic eventually made the pressure pay when Cillian Murphy goaled but Mastergeeha sent the game to extra time with a late equaliser. The game was heading for penalties but Celtic struck the decisive blow. Dwayne Koeller had a shot saved by the goalkeeper but Scott O'Sullivan slotted home the rebound to give the young Celtic side the win.

CONGRATS to Eoin Murphy U14/15 and Cillian Murphy U12 who made the KSBGL Team of the Week.

KERRY SCHOOLBOY/GIRL SOCCER

MASTERGEEHA CROWNED BRID DEVANE CUP CHAMPIONS

Mastergeeha were crowned U13 Brid Devane Perpetual Cup champions after edging a tightly contested final 1-0 against St Brendan's Park. The decisive moment came through Lucy Devane, whose goal proved enough to separate the sides and secure the title for Mastergeeha. Both teams battled hard throughout the final, but Mastergeeha's strong defensive display and

that Devan goal ultimately made the difference.

KILLORGLIN CROWNED BRID DEVANE SHIELD CHAMPIONS

Killorglin were crowned U13 Brid Devane Perpetual Shield champions after a 6-0 victory over Camp in the final.

Sienna Boyle starred with a superb hat-trick, while Emilija Pikeryte, Sophie Moriarty, and Daniele Jonikaite also found the net in an outstanding attacking display. The first of two finals they were victorious on the same day.

MASTERGEEHA AND KILLARNEY ATHLETIC REACH EVE O'CALLAGHAN CUP FINAL

The U14 Eve O'Callaghan Perpetual Cup semi-finals saw Mastergeeha and Killarney Athletic book their places in the final after impressive performances, they will meet in Mastergeeha on Sunday May 24th in the final.

Mastergeeha produced a clinical display to defeat Killarney Celtic 4-0, with goals from Eabha Moynihan, Kaitlin O'Riordan, Gracie Maher, and Áine Herlihy sealing their passage.

The second semi-final was far tighter, as Castleisland and Killarney Athletic finished 1-1 before Athletic edged the penalty shoot-out 3-2. Athletic's goal came via an own goal, while successful penalties from Roisín O'Sullivan, Lucy Myles, and goalkeeper Lori Rudjevican secured their place in the final.

FENIT AND BALLYHAR ADVANCE TO EVE O'CALLAGHAN SHIELD FINAL

The U14 Eve O'Callaghan Perpetual Shield semi-finals produced two strong performances, with Fenit and Ballyhar booking their places in the final.

Fenit secured an impressive 5-2 victory over Inter Kenmare, inspired by a sensational four-goal haul from Hannah Barrett-Neziri. Fiadh McElligott also found the net, while Orlaith Lynch and Gabija Knyzaite replied for Inter Kenmare.

In the other semi-final, Ballyhar came out 4-1 winners over LB Rovers. Niamh O'Sullivan and Mollie O'Connor both scored twice in a powerful attacking display, while Ruby Boyle scored the consolation for LB Rovers.

MASTERGEEHA CROWNED U14 PREMIER CHAMPIONS

Mastergeeha produced another impressive display in the O'Sullivan's Bakery U14 Girls Premier Division, securing a 5-1 victory over Castleisland to be crowned league champions. Éabha Moynihan led the scoring with two goals, while Isla Cronin, Mia Doherty, and Gracie Maher also found the net in a strong attacking



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performance.

Katie Reidy scored the consolation for Castleisland, but Mastergeeha's quality going forward proved decisive throughout the contest.

PARK CROWNED MARY LYNE CUP CHAMPIONS

St Brendan's Park were crowned U15 Mary Lyne Perpetual Cup champions after edging a tightly contested 1-0 victory over Killarney Athletic in the final on the Killarney Celtic Astro.

The decisive moment came through Arina Sucari, whose goal proved enough to separate the sides and secure the trophy for Park.

KILLORGLIN CROWNED MARY LYNE SHIELD CHAMPIONS

Killorglin were crowned U15 Mary Lyne Perpetual Shield champions after a solid 2-0 victory over Dingle in the final.

Goals from Ellen Barry and Chloe Falvey secured the win, with Killorglin producing a composed and disciplined performance throughout the contest.

A strong defensive display ensured a clean sheet, while their clinical finishing proved enough to see off Dingle and lift the trophy

BOYS

DINGLE LIFT JOHN MURPHY CUP AFTER PENALTY SHOOTOUT DRAMA

Dingle were crowned U12 Boy's John Murphy Cup champions after defeating Killarney Athletic 4-1 on penalties following a tense 0-0 draw in the final.

Neither side could find a breakthrough during normal time in a closely contested encounter, with both defences standing firm throughout.

In the shootout, Dingle held their nerve superbly, with Jack Brosnan, Luí Ó Sé, Jamie Murphy, and Joey O'Connor all converting their penalties to secure the title. While goalkeeper Aidan Fanning also delivered a big performance.

BALLYHAR CROWNED JOHN MURPHY TROPHY CHAMPIONS

Ballyhar Dynamos were crowned U12 Boy's John Murphy Trophy champions after edging a tightly contested 1-0 victory over Inter Kenmare A in the final.

The decisive moment came through Darren Foley, whose goal proved enough to separate the sides and secure the trophy for Ballyhar.

Both teams battled hard throughout the contest, but Ballyhar's solid defensive display and clinical finishing ultimately made the difference in a tense final

KILLARNEY CELTIC C LIFT JOHN MURPHY SHIELD

Killarney Celtic C were crowned U12 Boy's John Murphy Shield champions after a hard-fought 2-1 victory over Mastergeeha D in the decider. Goals from Cillian Murphy and Scott O'Sullivan secured the win for Celtic in a closely contested encounter.

Conor Herlihy scored for Mastergeeha D, who battled throughout and kept the final competitive until the closing stages, but could not find the equaliser.

BALLYHAR CROWNED TOM HAYES SHIELD CHAMPIONS

Ballyhar Dynamos were crowned U14 Boy's Tom Hayes Shield champions after a clinical 5-0 victory over Killarney Celtic B in the final.



Mastergeeha Brid Devane Perpetual Cup Winners

Josh Nelligan was the standout performer with a superb hat-trick, while Reuben O'Leary Griffin and Elliot Lyne also found the net in an impressive attacking display.

Ballyhar controlled the contest from start to finish, combining clinical finishing with a strong defensive performance to secure a clean sheet and lift the trophy in style.

IVERAGH CROWNED HEALY FAMILY SHIELD CHAMPIONS

Iveragh United A were crowned U15 Boys Healy Family Shield champions after a 4-1 victory over Killarney Athletic B in the final.

Matthew Murphy led the way with two goals, while Dylan Bruce and Wojtek Giss also found the net in a strong attacking performance.

Dylan O'Connor scored the goal for Killarney Athletic B, but Iveragh controlled the contest and proved clinical in front of goal to secure the title.

LISTOWEL CELTIC B LIFT HEALY FAMILY TROPHY

Listowel Celtic B were crowned U15 Boys Healy Family Trophy champions after edging a thrilling 3-2 victory over Ballyhar Dynamos A in the final.

Goals from Dáithí Kelly, Ethan Stack, and Ruairí O'Brien secured the win for Listowel, as they came from 3-2 down to snatch the Trophy in dramatic fashion.

Ballyhar battled strongly throughout but could not find that elusive third goal, as Listowel Celtic B held firm to claim the trophy, adding to their league success already recorded.

CASTLEISLAND CROWNED TUCKER KELLY CUP CHAMPIONS

Castleisland A were crowned U16 Boy's Tucker Kelly Cup champions after an emphatic 6-1 victory over Ballyhar in the final.

Dean O'Donoghue starred with a superb hat-trick, while Harvey Leen added two goals and Adam Griffin also found the net in a dominant attacking performance.

Castleisland carried strong momentum into the final after edging a dramatic 3-2 semi-final victory over Killarney Celtic A. Dean O'Donoghue again proved decisive with two goals, while Ronan O'Connor added the winner. Tristan Murphy and Luke Clancy scored for Celtic in a closely contested encounter.

KILLARNEY CELTIC CROWNED TOM HAYES

CUP CHAMPIONS

Killarney Celtic were crowned U14 Boy's Tom Hayes Cup champions after a superb 4-1 victory over Park in the final.

Goals from Jack Clifford, Cillian Scannell, Paul McGrath, and Luke Clifford sealed an impressive performance as Celtic controlled the contest and lifted the trophy in style. Tadhg Gilligan netted for the Park.

Park had reached the final after a strong 4-1 semi-final victory over Camp Juniors A, with Max Fitzgibbon, Cameron Patterson, Tadhg Gilligan, and Luke Power all finding the net in a confident display.

IVERAGH CROWNED TUCKER KELLY SHIELD CHAMPIONS

Iveragh United A were crowned U16 Boy's Tucker Kelly Shield champions after a 4-0 victory over Tralee Dynamos B in the final.

Dominic Courtney starred with two goals, while Jack Coffey and Aidan Fogerty also found the net in a clinical attacking display.

Iveragh controlled the contest throughout, combining sharp finishing with a strong defensive performance to secure a clean sheet and lift the trophy in style.

BOYS TEAM OF THE WEEK

1. Aidan Fanning (Dingle Bay Rovers U12)
2. Lucas McCarthy (MEK Galaxy U15)
4. Evan Dore (Listowel Celtic U15)
5. Cillian Murphy (Killarney Celtic U12)
3. Liam O'Connor (Castleisland U16)
6. Jack Duggan (Ballyhar Dynamos U14)
8. Cian O'Regan (St Brendan's Park U14)
10. Dominic Courtney (Iveragh United U16)
7. Dylan O'Connor (Killarney Athletic U15)
9. Yevhennii Momontov (Castleisland U15)
11. Eoin Murphy (Killarney Celtic U15)

GIRLS ROLL OF HONOUR

1. Lori Rudjevican (Killarney Athletic)
2. Clodagh O'Sullivan (Mastergeeha)
4. Edith Carmody (Fenit Samphires)
5. Megan Murphy (Mastergeeha)
3. Mia Foley (Killorglin)
6. Fallon O'Shea (Inter Kenmare)
8. Aoibhinn Corridon (Fenit Samphires)
7. Chloe Falvey (Killorglin)
10. Orlagh Keane (Listowel Celtic)
9. Mollie O'Connor (Ballyhar Dynamos)
11. Fiadh McElligott (Fenit Samphires)

SSE AIRTRICITY MEN'S FIRST DIVISION

HOME WIN SPARKS JOY FOR KERRY FC

Kerry FC 2-1 Wexford FC

By David Moriarty

Kerry FC were back at home for the first of back-to-back Friday nights in the Kingdom as they took on Wexford FC in Mounthawk Park.

Kerry FC came into the game disappointed that they couldn't keep the momentum of the Bank Holiday Monday with them when going to Finn Harps in Ballybofey last Friday night. They left Finn Park unlucky not to get at least a point from their travels in what was an even game throughout proceedings.

For Wexford FC, they came to Tralee in a slight bad patch too, losing on the Bank Holiday Monday away to Treaty United, and they suffered just their second home loss of the season to Longford Town in Ferrycarrig Park.

Kerry FC have a great opportunity to try and boost themselves up the table in the coming couple of weeks with two home games and an away trip to Cobh before the week-long summer break comes into play. Colin Healy and his men wanted to recapture the performance against Cork City and knew they needed to do it fast.

FIRST HALF

The Kingdom started brightly after kick-off in Tralee, immediately looking to settle into possession and push Wexford back into their own half. The visitors created the game's first opening in the third minute when Adam Verdon attempted to catch Matthew Connor off his line with a speculative free kick from distance on the left-hand side, but the effort drifted safely wide. Kerry responded well and almost opened the scoring in the seventh minute through an excellent attacking move. Sean McGrath produced a perfectly weighted pass through the Wexford defence to release Cian Brosnan, whose effort was smothered well by Alex Moody as the visitors survived an early scare.

A minute later, Wexford threatened at the opposite end when Jake Doyle fired over the crossbar from inside the area. Doyle would not have to wait long to make his mark on the contest, however. In the ninth minute, the Wexford attacker picked up possession on the edge of the box, rode a challenge and rifled an unstoppable strike into the top-right corner to hand the visitors a 1-0 advantage.

Kerry reacted superbly to going behind and restored parity almost immediately. In the twelfth minute, excellent approach play from the hosts culminated in Sean McGrath delivering the ball to Ryan Kelliher. The Kerry number nine controlled brilliantly, swivelled sharply and fired a clinical finish into the top-left corner to level the match at 1-1.

The equaliser lifted the atmosphere around Mounthawk Park, and Kerry continued to press forward in search of a second goal. In the eighteenth minute, Jonas Häkkinen came agonisingly close when he met another



Ryan Kelliher nets the winner for Kerry.

Photo: Konrad Pytlowski

dangerous Sean McGrath delivery with a powerful header that crashed against the crossbar.

Kerry maintained the pressure and, in the twentieth minute, Sean McGrath embarked on a surging run through the middle that looked destined to produce a clear opportunity, only for Jamie Wynne to recover superbly with a last-ditch challenge.

Ryan Perez then tried his luck from distance in the twenty-fourth minute, but his ambitious effort sailed over the crossbar. Kerry's attacking intent remained clear despite Wexford continuing to threaten sporadically on the counterattack.

Cian Brosnan entered the referee's notebook in the twenty-ninth minute after a robust challenge in midfield. Shortly afterwards, Sean O'Connell tested Alex Moody with a well-struck effort from the edge of the area, but the Wexford goalkeeper gathered comfortably.

Despite both sides showing attacking quality throughout an entertaining opening period, neither team could find another breakthrough before the interval, and the sides went in level at 1-1 at half-time.

SECOND HALF

The second half began in much quieter fashion, with both teams struggling to create meaningful openings during the early exchanges. Samuel Aladesanusi received a yellow card in the fifty-second minute, while the game briefly became scrappy in midfield as challenges flew in from both sides.

In the fifty-fifth minute, the tempo remained subdued, with very few chances emerging for either side. Kerry gradually began to regain control, however, and they fashioned the best opportunity of the half three minutes later. Sean O'Connell delivered an excellent ball from the left

that found Samuel Aladesanusi inside the area, but his header was kept out by an impressive save from Alex Moody.

Wexford attempted to respond in the sixty-third minute when Jamie Wynne tried his luck from long range, but his effort flew comfortably over the crossbar.

Colin Healy turned to his bench in the sixty-seventh minute, introducing Matthew Britton in place of Cian Brosnan as Kerry looked for renewed energy in the final third. Moments later, the visitors came desperately close to regaining the lead when Mikie Rowe struck the post with a dangerous effort.

That warning sign sparked Kerry back into life. In the seventy-second minute, Jonas Häkkinen forced another save from Moody, who parried the ball into the path of Kilian Cantwell. The Kerry captain reacted quickly to send the ball back into the danger area, where Ryan Kelliher's header drifted narrowly wide. The decisive moment arrived in the seventy-sixth minute. Kerry worked the ball forward once more, and Ryan Kelliher's low strike headed towards the bottom-left corner. There was a suggestion that substitute Matthew Britton may have applied the final touch as the ball crossed the line, but the goal was ultimately credited to Kelliher as Mounthawk Park erupted in celebration.

Kerry defended resolutely during the closing stages as Wexford searched for an equaliser. Ryan Perez was shown a yellow card in the eighty-third minute before Sean McGrath was replaced by Vince Borden two minutes later. Luke Palmer also entered the action in the eighty-eighth minute, replacing Perez as Kerry looked to see out the contest.

Six minutes of additional time were indicated at the end of the match, ensuring a tense finish in Tralee. Wexford pushed bodies forward and almost found a dramatic leveller when Adam Verdon's strike flashed across the goal and wide in stoppage time.

That proved to be the visitors' final opportunity, and the full-time whistle sparked celebrations around Mounthawk Park as Kerry FC secured a deserved 2-1 victory and consecutive home wins in front of their supporters. Seven points in four games for the Kingdom is definitely progress as they now look ahead to next Friday again as they welcome Bray Wanderers to Tralee.

Kerry FC Team: Matthew Connor; Sean O'Connell, Kilian Cantwell (C), Ryan Kelliher (GOAL '13, '76), Sean McGrath, Jonas Häkkinen, Cian Brosnan, Samuel Aladesanusi, Ryan Perez, Niall Brookwell, Ewan Lee.

Subs Used: Vince Borden, Matthew Britton, Luke Palmer.

Wexford FC Team: Alex Moody; Max Murphy, Evan Osam, Adam Verdon, Robert McCourt, Mikie Rowe (C), Zayd Abada, Kaylem Harnett, Jamie Wynne, Dylan Hand, Jake Doyle (GOAL '9).

Subs Used: Liam Doyle, Ryan Ritchie, Gavin Hodgins.

FOSSA NOTES

LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 17/05/2026 for a jackpot of €8,400 were 11, 12, 23, 24. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Peter McEnery, Gavin Miller, Mike Cahillane, Brendan Keogh, Ian O'Connell.

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DIV 3 COUNTY LEAGUE

Fossa had a hard-fought win over Tarbert on Saturday evening in this round of the county league. The home side had a dream start with Darren Ryan crashing the ball to the Tarbert net after two minutes which was quickly followed by a Ted O'Gorman point, however, Tarbert settled and dominated the remainder of the half. They kicked three two-pointers as well as scoring two goals in the 19th and 23rd minute of the half to leave them with a commanding lead at the break, Tarbert 2-8, Fossa 1-3.

The home side started the second half well with a brace of points from Emmett and Tadgh O'Shea, Fossa were awarded a penalty in the 7th minute which was scored by Emmett O'Shea and this left just three between the sides. Tarbert steadied the ship and made it hard for Fossa to break them down, scores from Ted O'Gorman, Rian Colleran, Sam Buckley and Tadgh O'Shea put Fossa back in front again on the 22nd minute. It was exciting and close at this stage, Matt Rennie won some great possession at midfield and this helped the home side. The game finished in a welter of excitement, with time just up Tarbert kicked a two pointer to go one ahead, as the clock ticked deeper into injury time a well worked short free kick by Shane O'Sullivan resulted in Emmett O'Shea kicking a screamer of a two pointer to put Fossa back in front. This was quickly followed by scores from Fionn Doyle and Sam Buckley to seal the win for Fossa, it was a credit to both sides who kicked some wonderful scores and gave the supporters plenty of entertainment. It finished Fossa 2-15, Tarbert 2-12.

COUNTY LEAGUE DIV 5

Our Golden Nugget Sponsored B team produced their best performance of the year with a fully merited win over Knocknagoshel in Fossa on Sunday. The visitors got the first two scores of the half but a fine two pointer from Jack Clifford had the teams level after thirteen minutes. While Knocknagoshel looked dangerous in attack, Fossa never left them get too far ahead with some excellent defending and they kept in touch on the scoreboard with a Rocco Sheehan point and a lovely goal by Cathal Breen in the 21st minute to leave the half time score 1-3 to 0-9.

In spite of playing against the wind, Fossa produced a sterling second half performance. Knocknagoshel got the first two scores but with Sean Dineen and Cian Doyle winning great possession around the middle third and Harry Kelly leading the forward line very well it gave them the platform to have a real go. Fossa scored five unanswered points from Peadar Kelliher, Jack Hallissey, Jack Clifford, Rocco

Sheehan and Mark Donnellan to take the lead in the 22nd minute. Knocknagoshel kicked a couple of two pointers but Fossa kept in touch through Rocco Sheehan and Jack Clifford, with time up and the visitors two points ahead, Fossa produced the moment of the game. They held possession and probed looking for a chance to level the game, however Jack Hallissey, who had a brilliant game throughout had other ideas, he cut through the Knocknagoshel defence to crash home a fantastic goal to seal the win on a score of 2-12 to 0-17.

MINOR GIRLS

Fossa delivered a resilient and hard-fought 2-08 to 1-07 victory over Austin Stacks in the Credit Union sponsored County League Final. In front of a packed stand this game was played at a high intensity throughout, both teams brought a physical edge that made space and scoring opportunities difficult to come by. Fossa led narrowly at the break, 1-02 to 0-02, with the opening goal proving the first significant turning point and a reward for sustained pressure. Despite Stacks enjoying plenty shooting opportunities, it was Fossa's shooting efficiency which proved decisive, as we limited Stacks' clear cut chances, with disciplined defending and strong pressure on shooters. A key turning point came with the Stacks penalty, which was excellently saved by Anne, halting their momentum at a critical moment and preserving Fossa's lead. This defensive stand, combined with strong running from Tara, Emma, Lily & Isabelle across the field, underpinned the win.

Additionally, Fossa set the tone early in each half by claiming both throw ins through Lily and Tara, reflecting their sharpness and intent from the outset. The second Fossa goal from Emily proved another decisive moment, creating a cushion that Fossa managed intelligently through sustained effort and game management with Millie, Aoibh, Isabelle & Elise joining the effort at crucial times. Fossa's scoring was well distributed, with key contributions from: Kate (1-01), Emily (1-01), Lily (0-03), Emma (0-01), Gráinne (0-01) & Elise (0-01) from off the bench. In total, Fossa converted most of their chances in a composed attacking display.

Overall, this was a performance built on grit, discipline and collective effort. The combination of clinical finishing, a crucial penalty save and strong defensive work from Caoimhe, Clodagh, Fiona and Grainne ably led by the relentless Naoise ensured Fossa emerged deserved winners in another County final in a very physically demanding contest.

UNDER 14 COUNTY SEMI FINAL

Fossa 4-05, Glenflesk 3-07.

Fossa welcomed East Kerry neighbours Glenflesk to Gortroe for a last four battle in the County League.

Unfortunately, the home pitch was sanded only hours before throw in, which made playing conditions very difficult for both sides. Glenflesk won the toss and opted to play with the elements in the opening half and they quickly adapted to the Sahara like terrain when they blitzed the home side for an early 1-02 without reply. Fossa eventually settled and got a well taken goal of their own. But at the short whistle the visitors were well in control on the scoreline



Spa's Sam O'Shea, Eoin Brosnan and Aidan Hickey lining out for Kerry South U15s

of Fossa 1-03, Glenflesk 2-04.

Fossa made a much improved start to the 2nd period and midway through the half the game was on level terms. The last 10 minutes of this contest ebbed and flowing with both sides desperate to get over the finishing line in front. Ultimately semi-finals are about winning and when referee Brendan Twiss from Milltown blew his final whistle it was Fossa who prevailed by the narrowest of margins. It was a titanic battle throughout and well done to our boys who dug deepest when it really mattered. All roads lead to our County Final next week when we face the might of Na Fianna, which promises to be another gripping encounter.

SENIOR LADIES

Fossa v Corca Dhuibhne

Our Golden Nugget sponsored Senior Ladies team continued their games in Division 2 of the Credit Union Donal Curtin Cup. The home team delivered a hard-working and tactically disciplined performance but were ultimately beaten by a more clinical Corca Dhuibhne side, 2-16 to 2-7 who showed all of their intermediate quality and experience. The contest was closer than the scoreline suggests, with Fossa competing strongly in turnovers and defensive pressure. While Corca led 2-9 to 1-3 at half-time, capitalising on their early goal chances to build a decisive lead Fossa stayed committed throughout, growing into the game in the second half and keeping supporters hopes alive to the very end. With crucial goals from Grainne D. (1-1) and Melissa (1-0) keeping Fossa in touch, further scores from Seodhla (0-2), Anna (0-2), Tara (0-1) and Lily (free) kept us in it, we could also have had had much more. Tactically, Fossa were well organised on our own kick outs and disciplined in possession and were in control in our attacking play. Our aggressive defensive press forced multiple turnovers and disrupted Corca's flow. However, while Fossa created good scoring opportunities, our conversion rate limited scoreboard impact.

Corca's direct, efficient attacking where they moved the ball quickly into scoring positions and showed greater composure, particularly in the first half, allowed them to maintain constant scoreboard pressure. Overall, this was a high-

intensity game with strong defensive efforts from both sides. While shooting efficiency proved the key difference, Fossa can take real positives from their work rate, organisation and turnovers against a strong side. Given this was our first 15-a-side game of the year, there is clearly a strong foundation in place.

DR CROKES

SFL DIV. 1

Dr. Crokes 2:11 Gneeveguilla 1:11

We had to had to work hard for the victory after a tightly fought opening half saw Gneeveguilla hold a slender 0:06 to 0:05 lead at the break. We started the second half brightly, with Cian McMahon scoring an early free before adding the game's first goal. A crucial save from Bryan O'Shea denied Gneeveguilla at an important stage and we took control soon after. Cian McMahon struck for his second goal following a selfless pass from Billy Courtney. Gneeveguilla battled to the end and grabbed a late goal, but further scores from Maidhcí Lynch and Cian McMahon ensured that we held on for a deserved 2-11 to 1-11 victory.

CROKES CUBS AND ACADEMY take place every Saturday. Hurling from 10am-11am and football From 11:15am-12:15pm. All new members welcome.

KATHLEEN'S GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS has finished up for the summer break.

CHAIR YOGA WITH HANNE takes place every Thursday at 11am in the clubhouse. This is perfect for beginners. Stretch and relax from the comfort of your chair. Cost: €7. Contact 0871471592 for more information.

LOTTO took place on May 18th Numbers drawn were 1, 11, 18, 24. Jackpot of €5,900 was not WON. 11 patrons matched 3 and receive €40 each. Jackpot for draw on May 25th will be €6,200. Play online by following the link below <https://member.clubspot.app/club/dr-crokes-gaa/fundraisers>

BINGO

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Kathleen Fitzgerald who celebrates a special birthday.

NOTES

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

LEGION GAA

GOLF CLASSIC

The Johnny Culloty Golf classic takes place on Friday June 5th at Killarney golf club. For tee time availability or to sponsor a tee box please contact John on 087 2464651 or Sean on 087 2461780. The club greatly appreciates the sponsorship of the Gleneagle Hotel for this event

LOTTO

Lotto numbers drawn 1, 14, 15, 28 bonus 13. No jackpot winner. match x 3 Steve Dennehy's c/o Lake hotel, Elaine Lyne, online, Caroline Allen, online

U14 BOYS COUNTY LEAGUE FINAL DIV2

Legion 5-11 Listowel Emmets 4-18

In a rip-roaring contest played in Austin Stack

Park tonight, our young boys came up just short in a fantastic display of football by both sides.

We were down a few players due to injuries but this didn't deter our lads, who battled right to the final whistle and left everything on the field. Congratulations to Listowel Emmets on a superb performance, and thanks also to referee Tim Falvey, who contributed to a brilliant game of football.

We are immensely proud of everyone on the panel, and the improvement shown by this group since the start of the year has been massive. The commitment, attitude and progress throughout the campaign has been clear for all to see, and this team has a very bright future ahead.

GIRLS MINOR COUNTY LEAGUE DIVISION 2 FINAL

Legion 3-10 | Listowel 1-5

Congratulations to our minor girls who finished their campaign on a high in Direen with a hard-earned victory over Listowel.

Legion started brightly, but the Listowel backs were tenacious in defence and we struggled to break them down, going in at half-time leading by a goal.

The girls lifted their heads and spirits at the break and were determined not to be beaten in the second half. A scintillating team performance followed, with our defence outstanding throughout, while midfield and forwards created numerous scoring chances.

Kate O'Toole collected the shield on behalf of her teammates, with a special word of thanks to the eight girls who played their final minor game for the Club

SENIOR LADIES

On a beautiful sunny morning our senior ladies welcomed Finuge/St Senans to Direen for their Donal Curtin Co League R5 tie. The visitors started brightly with the first 2 points with legion coming into the game as the half developed. A well taken Eve Coffey goal proved crucial with the home team leading at half time 1-05 to 0-04, points from Ciara Randles (3) & Chloe O Connor (2)

The 2nd half was a tight affair but Legion got to grips with it to take a 6 point lead courtesy of another Eve Coffey goal and points from Ali Bowler (1), Lauren Horgan (1) & Ciara Randles (1) The visitors rallied to bring it back to a 2 point game but some solid defending saw Legion over the line on a score of 2-08 to 1-09.

Up next for our ladies is a trip to Glenflesk next Sunday.

SENIOR MEN DIV1

Killarney Legion 3-13 Beaufort 1-06

Legion performed very well despite missing many players, game was played in Beaufort with wintery conditions and led at half time 1-10 to 0-06 with a goal mid way through the first half by Oisín Fleming gave them an advantage going into halftime whistle.

Legion continued their dominance in the second half with a goal in the 38th minute by Eoghan O Sullivan and ended this game as a contest as Legion led 2-12 to 0-06., Beaufort did strike for a goal in the 49th minute which was their only score in the second half, Legion added their 3rd goal in the 58th minute from a Thomas Moriarty short kick and was flicked over the Beaufort goalkeeper's head by Denis Sheahan,

Final Score 3-13 to 1-06 for 2 more important points in the bag

EAST KERRY

EAST KERRY MINOR LEAGUE

Killarney Medals and Trophies East Kerry Minor League Division 2 Final

Furies 2-12 Beaufort 2-08

EAST REGION U16 FOOTBALL LEAGUE FINALS

Division 1A: Furies 6.14 Scartaglen 4.10

Division 1B: Listry 1.05 Kilcummin 6.16

Division 1D: Kilgarvan 3.12 Glenflesk 3.07

Division 1E: Fossa 3.15 Spa 2.17

Division 1F: Kenmare 6.11 Beaufort 4.06

Division 2A: Rathmore 1.18 v Na Fianna 5.10

Division 3A: Dr Crokes B 2.04 Kilcummin B 0.09

Division 3B: Legion B 2-05 Furies B 3-08

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

Kerry South U15 travelled to Kildare Centre of Excellence in Hawfield last Saturday. Twenty Four players participated on the day with all players getting valuable game time. Kildare started well with a physical unit imposing themselves in the early stages in tough weather conditions. Kerry South U15 stuck to the task moving the ball at pace to created excellent goal chances proving vital in the finish. Connie O Connor (Manager) was delighted with all players valuable contribution in a well deserved victory on the day. It was great to see such a large attendance supporting the players on the day.

Kerry South U16 made the trip to University of Limerick to play Roscommon last Saturday. Twenty Four players combined well on the day to secure a superb victory. The forward line combined well to score freely in attack giving Roscommon defence lots of problems on the day. The platform for victory was laid in an excellent defensive shape and hard working midfield unit. Brian McMahon (Manager) gave all players valuable game time showing the benefit of having a strong panel of players in the group. Great to see large number of supporters making the trip on the day.

Kerry South U14 continued to work hard in Currans on Saturday. Players are gaining valuable coaching experience at present mixing games based coaching with lots of technical skill work. Liam Hassett (Manager) is delighted with all players attitude to developing and improving every aspect of all players game during the sessions. Players are getting lots of positive feedback to assist them going forward in advance of U14 County Championship.

KERRY LADIES

ALL IRELAND U14 CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES GOLD SEMI FINAL

Kerry -v- Sligo,

Saturday 23rd May. Venue: Éire Óg Nenagh, Co. Tipperary. Throw in: 3:45pm

CHANGE OF VENUE

TG4 MUNSTER LGFA SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Kerry -v- Waterford

Sunday 24th May. Venue: Kilmallock GAA
Throw in: 2pm

KILCUMMIN CCE CELEBRATE SUCCESS AT THE FLEADH

As the dust settles on the first weekend of Fleadh Cheoil Chiarraí, the Kilcummin Comhaltas Branch would like to acknowledge all of our incredible members who represented us so well in Cahersiveen on Sunday last.

In all, 8 sets took to the stage, with 6 advancing to Fleadh Cheoil na Mumhan in Lismore in Co. Waterford this coming July.

In the U.12 Ladies competition, team AnnMarie were crowned County Champions, with our young stars team Áine dancing beautifully on the day.

In the U.12 Mixed competition, team Michael were crowned County Champions, while team Fionn did the branch proud and have many great years of dancing ahead of them.

Our U.15 Mixed set, team Colm, danced wonderfully and came in second place, advancing to the Munster final in July.

Our U.18 Ladies Set, team Abbie, were as outstanding as ever and retained their title as County Champions.

In the O.18 Mixed category, team Adrian danced very well and came in 2nd place, also on the road to Lismore in July. In the inaugural O.35 Ladies competition, team Mary did the branch proud and came in 2nd place on the day. Kilcummin CCÉ was proud to propose the motion to introduce this competition to Fleadhanna at the Comhaltas Congress in April 2025, and are delighted to see it come to fruition. It was a special moment for the branch to have the Margaret O'Connor Memorial Shield presented by the O'Connor family. Margaret was a treasured member of the Kilcummin Comhaltas community, and we are delighted that her memory and love of Set Dancing will live on in this competition for many years to come.

Our thanks as ever to Adrian, John and Mary at the Moriarty School of Dancing for the great work in preparing the sets to such an exceptional standard, and to Conor Moriarty & Co for fantastic music.

The branch wishes the very best of luck to all of our members taking part in the second weekend of Fleadh Cheoil Chiarraí for the Music, Singing, and Comhrá Gaelige competitions - plenty more medals coming over the mountain stage on the way back to Kilcummin!



12 to 15 2nd place Mixed set Front L to R: Faye O Connor, Ella Lawlor, Ella Kate Piggott, Ava O Sullivan. Back L to R: Adrian Moriarty trainer, Glenn O Sè, Aodhàn O Halloran, Colm Fleming & Ian Condon.



Members of the O' Connor Family and Kilcummin Comhaltas with the Margaret O' Connor Memorial Shield



1st place U12 Mixed full set
Front L to R: Ann-Marie O Sullivan, Elena O Riordan, Siùn O Callaghan & Chloe Healy.
Back L to R : Donal Jr O Sullivan, Michael O'Connor, Mark O'Sullivan, Charlie Jay Kelliher, Adrian Moriarty (Trainer)



1st place U12 All Ladies full set.
Front L to R: Siùn O Callaghan, Chole Healy, Retta Spillane, Elena O Riordan.
Front R to L: Aoife Mc Sweeney, Sadie Sugrue, Clodagh O Donoghue & AnnMarie O' Sullivan.



2nd place O18 Full Mixed Set
Trish Fleming, Philip O Connor, Maria O Donovan, Timmy Lane, Marie O Callaghan, David O Riordan, Margurite O Connor & Adrian Moriarty



1st Place 15-18 All Ladies Full Set:
Front L-R: Alison Pigott, Sarah Ní Shé, Sadhbh O' Halloran, Rebecca O' Leary
Back L-R: Andrea Coughlan, Ciara Foley, Abbie McGuire, Naoise O' Leary, Adrian Moriarty (Trainer)



2nd place In the Inaugural O.35 Ladies Competition.
Front L to R: Norma Foley, Aileen Moriarty, Catriona McGuire & Geraldine Pigott.
Back L to R: Michelle O Riordan, Nessa McCarthy, Áine O Callaghan & Mary O' Rourke



Treasa O Donoghue, Rachel O'Riordan, Aine Condon. Emma Nagle.
B: Ollie Flynn, Cillian Brosnan, Fionn O'Connor & Dylan Aherne

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CORK OUTLAST KERRY IN GRIPPING MINOR CONTEST

MUNSTER MINOR FINAL Cork 1-11 Kerry 0-13 (AET)

Disappointment for the Kerry minors as Cork finally pipped them after extra-time in a game that definitely felt more like a marathon than a sprint. So be it. There are plenty of crumbs of comfort for Marc Ó Sé and his team. They were vastly improved from their previous outing against this Cork side. They had chances to bag a winner themselves. Players can justifiably point to the bad weather for mitigation for any mistakes. Most significantly, they still have a quarter-final to play for.

Is it just me, or do the underage competitions – U20 as well as minor – take too long to really spark into life? I understand the reasons behind the format, but it does feel like Kerry and Cork can sleepwalk into a Munster semi-final at least. It must be kind of hard to warm up the engines. I'm not looking for any excuses for the result, by the way, what I'm saying applies to Cork just as much as Kerry.

There's no excuses anyway. Why would there need to be? Two teams went at it, both showed bits of brilliance and the occasional vulnerability, and overall, I felt that the better team won. It happens.

Kerry started like a house on fire. Or possibly not, what would I know about houses on fire? I just mean that they made a fast start. A great fetch by Maidhc Ó Sé led to Fionn O'Dowd skillfully opening the scoring. Luc Mac Gearailt, looking lively early on, added another. Kerry were not quite swarming Cork, but certainly looked hungrier and sharper. They have obviously done work on their tackling technique and Cork were blinking in the headlights. Mind you, Ben Hegarty should have done a little better with a great chance to open their account.

Danny Murphy, another to impress early on, won a free dispatched by Daragh Keane. Kieran O'Shea made a great catch around the middle to set up a very dangerous Cork attack, but Eoin Mangan very deftly picked the forwards' pocket and came out with the ball – that clip should be used for training videos. Incredible skill. At the other end, Danny Murphy was on the end of a good move to have a cut at goal. It was too far out; Rory Twohig batted it away at his ease. Easy to say that he should have taken a point – isn't learning these things exactly what the grade is all about?

Two minutes later Daragh Keane had a soccer style effort but couldn't get quite enough backlift on it and again Twohig dealt with it comfortably. At which point there was a bit of confusion. The referee initially signalled

for a penalty, causing a certain amount of consternation, and then signalled for a free-in. I certainly had no clue what was going on. I didn't see a foul, but apparently a Cork player touched it on the ground. Technical infringement inside the large square.

Now, I didn't know this, so I think it's worth mentioning. The rule is that any infringement in the small square incurs a penalty. An aggressive infringement in the large square incurs a penalty. But the sanction for a technical infringement in the large square is a 13m free, which Daragh Keane promptly took and converted. 0-4 to 0-0, and Kerry could and arguably should have been further ahead. Cork full back Gabriel Oransaye (that lad definitely looks a prospect) did really well to come out with a dangerous ball ahead of Fionn O'Dowd, not an easy thing to do. For taht matter, Éanna Lynch denied the lively Luc Mac Gearailt with a super block. I will say that at the other end Kerry's defence didn't need such vignette moments; they were in control against a Cork attack that looked a little frantic at times.

In the 17th minute, Cork finally opened their account through Kieran O'Shea. All four midfielders did well throughout; O'Shea would have been my puck for man of the match. Goalkeeper Rory Twohig swung over an excellent two pointer free. Danny Lane kicked a good point to put us two points up, but it felt like scant enough reward after all our dominance. Éanna Lynch promptly trimmed the gap back down to one. Jacob Barry set up Conrad Murphy for a well-worked point and the sides were level. In fact, Rory Twohig had a chance to put his side ahead just before the break but it dropped short and was cleared.

Half-time Kerry 0-5 Cork 0-5

Cork had the first chance of the second half, but Seán Sargent did well to deny Aex O'Herlihy. At the other end Daragh Keane won a free well outside the arc and kicked an absolute beauty. Ye can talk about Dean Rock or Johnny Sexton; that one was Bryan Sheehan or Maurice Fitzgerald quality. Back came Cork like lightning and it was the best goal chance so far. Ben Hrgarty's powerful rocket looked certain for the net, but Seán Sagent spun brilliantly to deflect it over.

No question, Cork were getting on top now. And their next attack was a hammer blow. Kieran O'Shea made another great fetch and laid off to Eoghan Ahern. His mazy run sliced through Kerry's defence and he laid off to Jacob Barry at the perfect moment. A clinical finish by Barry, and Cork were in front, 1-6 to 0-7. Great goal, in fairness. Cork very nearly stretched their lead, but a great two point effort by Rory Twohig just barely failed to make it.

Luc Mac Gearailt won a free converted by Daragh Keane for his second orange flag. Kerry were reasserting themselves now, with Michael Somers impressing around the middle third on his introduction. Fionn O'Dowd snapped over

his second point and Kerry were ahead.

Cian Stack – I thought he was Kerry's best player overall, a superb display – put us two clear. Both teams were visibly tiring now, quite understandably. Even when the play wasn't of the highest quality, it was always intense, and it would be hard to exaggerate the toll the bad weather can take, it really does grind you down. Two points is a famously dangerous lead. Mind you, the introduction of the two pointer means that teams can go for a draw in the dying minutes, whereas previously they absolutely had to go for goal.

Cork had a fantastic chance to goal anyway as a Cork player won the ball ahead of Seán Sargent and handpassed across to Riley O'Donovan in what looked like an unguarded Kerry square.... only for Eoin Mangan to spring, seemingly out of nowhere, and make a fantastic interception. A huge moment.

Still Cork kept coming. Donal Herlihy clipped over a good point. Ben Hegarty split the posts and the sides were level. Cillian Moynihan showed great composure in the moment to calmly take his point. Kerry ahead. Daragh Keane showed a great bit of skill to pick up while sprinting and shoot off his left, but it just tailed off a fraction. Play was brought back for a very long range free, a bit too long.

Cork were still in the ascendancy in general, though. Ben Hegarty burst through on a great run and it looked like atap-over....but it totally skewed off his boot and badly wide. A very good footballer, but he won't look back fondly on that one. Kerry couldn't complain when big Tom Whooley put over an equaliser. Cork made the stronger finish, but couldn't find a winner. I thought Seán Sargent showed great positional sense to come out and claim a dangerous ball ahead of everyone. Cork came up on one last attack, but Cian Stack magnificently turned it over. He isn't old enough to remember Seamus Moynihan defending, but I'm sure he's heard the stories....that one was straight out of the Seamus Moynihan playbook.

Extra-time.

Both sides had efforts fall short; I definitely thought the tiredness was showing. Rory Twohig converted a free to put Cork in front. Cian Stack made a great block on Conor Downing. Cork had most of the play and Riley O'Donovan's point to go two clear was well deserved. Fionn O'Dowd slotted a free for Kerry, but in truth Cork should have added two or three points before the short whistle.

Cork dominated the last period without ever really putting it on the board. Ben Hegarty notched a free. Rory Twohig's free made it a two point game. Tim Kennelly, not long on the pitch, took his opportunity well to split the posts. With time running out, Cillian Fitzgerald had a go at a two pointer but to no avail. He was absolutely right to go for it; having the character to try it will take him further in the long term than the actual score would. When the final whistle

sounded, Cork were still that two points up. Rightly so. Kerry could bemoan those two early goal chances, but I didn't consider either of those to be really on. Overall I thought Kerry showed a huge improvement on their last display, but Cork were still the better side overall. If Cork's conversion rate could match everything else – that's an 'IF' in capital letters – they are genuine All Ireland contenders. Kerry will face the losers of the Leinster Minor Final, with favourites Kildare due to take on Meath later tonight.

Cork: Rory Twohig (0-4, 1tpf, 2f), Riain McCormack, Gabriel Oransaye, Conor Garvey, Darragh O'Sullivan, Conor Downing, Éanna Lynch (0-1), Kieran O'Shea (0-1), Conrad Murphy (0-1), Eoghan Ahern, Ben Hegarty (0-3m 1f), Joe Miskella; Tom Whooley (0-1), Jacob Barry (1-0), Alex O'Herlihy. Subs: Donal Herlihy 0-1 (for Alex O'Herlihy, half-time), Peadar Kelly (for Conor Garvey, half-time), Morgan Corkery (for Darragh O'Sullivan, 41 mins), Riley O'Donovan 0-1 (for Jacob Barry, 50 mins), Donncha O'Mahony (for Joe Miskella, 53 mins), Joe Miskella (for Conor Downing, 78 mins), Micheál Walsh (for Tom Whooley, 80 mins), Mark Power (for Éanna Lynch, 80 mins)

Kerry Sargent, Eoin Mangan, John Breen, Conor Clifford; Danny Murphy, Cian Stack (0-1), Mikey Corridon; Maidhc Ó Sé, Jack Collins; Lúic MacGearailt (0-1), Daragh Keane (0-6, 2tpf, 2f), Daithí Laide, Danny Lane (0-1), Fionn O'Dowd (0-3, 1f), Cillian O'Donoghue. Subs: Mikey Somers (for Jack Collins, 40 mins), Tom Slattery (for Cillian O'Donoghue, 43 mins), Cillian Moynihan 0-1 (for Danny Lane, 53 mins), Cillian Fitzgerald (for Daithí Laide, 56 mins), Samuel Scroope (for Luc MacGearailt, 65 mins), Danny Lane (for Daragh Keane, 71 mins), Timmy Kennelly 0-1 (for Maidhc Ó Sé, 71 mins) Referee: Gary Twomey (Clare)

AROUND THE GROUNDS

LEINSTER FINAL

Westmeath 2-28 Dublin 0-26

There are a lot of games coming up – Kerry v Donegal being the big one, Kerry Ladies, the camogie open their campaign against Down on Sunday, we are close to a Christy Ring and All Ireland U20 final double-header...normally I'd be writing a few previews in my column.

Nope. Jaysus, talk about getting your fingers burned. Not going there again! Roscommon in Connaught, Monaghan reaching the Ulster Final...I mean, I'd still have been confident enough in saying that Dublin have found at least some of their mojo back. I mean, remember the days when the Leinster Championship was such a foregone conclusion that the only entertainment value was in watching decent Dublin players forced to pretend that they were treating the upcoming game cautiously, because that team in Division Four have 'always put it up to us? Donald Trump would have been blushing at the lies, but sure, what else could they say?



Westmeath are Leinster SFC champions for the just second time in the county's history, beating Dublin in extra time to secure a historic Croke Park win.

Even if it's not going to be Dublin, it'll surely be Meath. They got caught on the hop last year after slaying the giant. Still reached an All Ireland semi-final. If it wasn't going to be Dublin, it would be surely be Meath. After all, it was once a province in its own right.

Westmeath. In what has been so far (and I still caution, 'so far'), Westmeath winning their second ever Delaney Cup has to count as the biggest example. And considering who managed them to their first one back in 2004, there must be an extra poignancy in it from a Kerry perspective, given that the first ever Corn Pháidí uí Shé for the Munster Football Championship was presented just this year to his grandson. To paraphrase, there was 'no Westmeath man tossed over the sideline like a loaf of bread' the last day.

They came flying out of the blocks and Dubin looked a bit more sluggish than I had expected. But Dublin gradually grew into the game and I actually thought that Westmeath had missed their chance. They were the underdogs, and I'm a big believer that underdogs have to get it done the first day. The big teams will absorb the lessons and swallow you next time out.

Except that Westmeath came out in extra-time looking just as sure of themselves had they had been at the start. And they didn't fall over the finish line, even though it was close. 0-26 is a good total for Dublin to put up. 2-28 is phenomenal, even allowing for extra-time. Dublin, even considering the players that they were missing, were a little bit disappointing. But that wasn't any one-off by Westmeath. It wasn't jubilation that carried them over that finish line, as I had suspected against Meath. They have a deeper core about them. And who among you monsters could really begrudge John Heslin? Full credit to the Dubs, plenty of them congratulated him afterwards. Class isn't confined to scoreboards.

ULSTER FINAL

Armagh 2-28 Monaghan 0-25

It might be a bit uncomfortable to confront the

reality of it. But the introduction of the back door devalued the provincial championships. Prior to that, you had to be a provincial champion to play in an All Ireland semi-final. Remember the crowds that used to pack out the Munster Football Final? It was like a Munster Hurling Final nowadays.

Maybe it's because the top teams are focussed on further ahead. But I actually think that the reason why this year's provincial championships have been the best in a very long time is because the new rules have made it a lot harder to shut down games with power. Before, weaker teams were content to try and snuff out a game, keep it tight, and hope to pick off a few winning scores. And every team tried to shut down games once they built up a lead. 'Attack' and 'counter-attack' were synonymous. And it was dreadful to watch. The risk/reward ratio has turned completely. Obviously, a lot of managers are trying to bring back control, there's a lot of talk of the 'eleven a side' game now (because of the three up, three back sanctions). I sincerely hope that they fail. The two pointer can be a wild card there. Two years ago you would have been criticised for trying for a shot from distance instead of recycling possession to gain certainty.

Armagh were a team with a huge amount of potential. I've always had a genuine regard for Kieran McGeeney. I think he both lives by and sets standards. But I saw two big problems holding them back. One, they were simply too wired. Too caught up in the immediacy of it, too quick to get caught up in stupid scuffles and the like. Unedifying, but more importantly, a distraction. The reality at the top level is that if an opponent wants to be wrestling you, it's because he doesn't want you playing football. Think of Colm Cooper, Canavan, the Brogans, Murphy, McManus. All of these lads were tough and had to be, but they always looked to win the game rather than get drawn into things. Armagh took that bait too often.

The other thing was that the Armagh players always seemed reluctant to cut loose. They were always there or thereabouts, but not right up in the top echelon despite their physique and skill. The likes of Dublin, Kerry, Tyrone, and Mayo had scores in their locker that Armagh didn't even consider. I'll make the point – and go back and check this; I promise it's true – Rian O'Neill was unquestionably at least one of the top three best scorers in the country. Where did Armagh choose to employ him? Behind midfield to draw defenders out.

Except that McGeeney/Armagh kept learning. Those Ulster final penalty shootouts. Another against Galway, never going their way. And then Armagh cut loose. They had quietly amassed a panel where they could have the likes of Forker and Jarly Óg on the bench. And they swept all before them, including us, and won the All Ireland. I still say that they haven't received enough credit for that. Yes, they got a few breaks of luck against us, but they got some brilliant scores and they definitely outlasted both ourselves and Galway. The measure of fitness isn't that you are suddenly winning all the sprints, it's that you are making less mistakes than the opposition late on.

Monaghan did brilliantly, really brilliantly, to get to the Ulster Final. But it looked from a long way out that Armagh were going to win it and it never really looked a doubt. First Ulster title in a decade.

Limerick hurlers have the strongest physique of any GAA team I have seen. But this Armagh side have all of that as well. And like the Limerick hurlers, it doesn't come at the cost of any skill, far from it. All eyes will be on Kerry and Donegal this weekend, for obvious reasons. But I'll tempt fate one more time and tell ye, there's only one team I really don't want to be meeting. Derry know them of old, but I don't think a good Derry side will be able to hold them.

DERRY AND KERRY SET UP A CHRISTY RING REMATCH

CHRISTY RING CUP Derry 2-15 Kerry 0-19

I really don't know what to make of that one. Derry needed a win to be sure of pipping Meath to a berth in the final. Kerry had a game to spare and didn't need anything from this. I had assumed that John Griffin would take the opportunity to rest a few players and get playing minutes into his squad. But no, that looked to me pretty close to Kerry's first fifteen. Kerry made a strong start, Hugh Lenihan racing through and only denied a goal by a great save by Seán Kelly. Mind you, just minutes later Rian Collins did the same at the other end, with Bohane turning it away. Pádraig Boyle and Cormac O'Doherty (2) had opened both sides scoring. Darragh Gilligan pointed for Derry. It was point for point but with Jason Diggins, Ronan Walsh and Pádraig Boyle splitting the posts, Kerry eked into a narrow lead. Deaghlán Foley trimmed it to a point, 0-5 to 0-4, but Kerry seemed to suddenly find their footing and reeled off a string of scores. Boyle (2f), Jamesie O'Connor, Michael Slattery (2)...just like that, it was 0-11 to 0-4. Rian Collins pulled one back and Conor Bohane had to be at his best again to turn away Joseph Mulholland's rocket. Pádraig Boyle slotted another free before Deaghlán Foley had his last score of the first half. At 0-12 to 0-6 ahead, I felt confident that Kerry would be able to push on for home. In fact, I feel that they should have done so and left that door a little ajar themselves.

Ivan and Jordan Conway picked off the first two points of the second half. But then the pendulum swung completely and Derry took over. You have to credit Derry, who were tigerishly hunting everything now, but you'd have to say, and I don't like saying it, that Kerry...didn't. Sometimes it really is that simple. With O'Doherty and Foley leading the way, Derry reeled off seven points on the trot. Suddenly it was just 0-14 to 0-13 and our cruise had suddenly entered very choppy waters. Pádraig Boyle finally interrupted the rot with a pointed '45.

I say 'interrupted' rather than 'stopped'

advisedly. Conor Bohane made another good save to deny Conor McLaughlin, but on this occasion Joseph Mulholland was quickest to react and drive it home. Derry in front.

Kerry responded well. Pádraig Boyle boomed over a monster. Ivan Conway followed up with his second point. Deaghlán Foley scored a great point of his own but Ivan Conway raised another white flag.

I actually thought Kerry had survived their scare and were about to push for home.

Nope. Deaghlán Foley sent another boomer heading over the crossbar, but Conor rose high to knock it down...only for Shea Cassidy, reading his intentions, to deftly poke it home. Eamon McGill split the posts and the game had turned around completely. Derry weren't letting tis one go. Kevin Goulding did pick off one last long range free for Kerry, but it was too little and too late.

Look, it makes very little difference. This was basically a free shot. Kerry will still go into the final as hot favourites. This win will fire up Derry a bit – no harm in that – but it gives Kerry a point to prove as well.

Derry: Seán Kelly, Jamie Lee McGlade, Patrick Turner, Cathair McGilligan, Eamon Cassidy, Meehaul McGrath, Conor Coyle, Cormac O'Doherty (0-5, 3f), Thomas Brady, Seán Quinn, Joseph Mulholland (1-0), Darragh McGilligan (0-2), Rian Collins (0-1), Shéa Cassidy (1-2), Deaghlán Foley (0-5). Subs: Connor McLaughlin (for Seán Quinn, 44 mins), Ryan McGarvey (for Thomas Brady, 55 mins), Eamon McGill 0-1 (for Joseph Mulholland, 60 mins), Tiernan Melaugh (for Cathair McGilligan, 66 mins).

Kerry: Conor Bohane, Seamie Foran, Seán McGrath, Kyle O'Connor, James O'Connor, Jason Diggins, Hugh Lenihan, K Goulding, Adam Segal, Tom Doyle, Ronan Walsh, Liam Óg O'Connor, Gavin Dooley, Pádraig Boyle, Michael Slattery. Subs: Jordan Conway (for Ronan Walsh, half-time), Ivan Conway (for Gavin Dooley, half-time), Luke Rochford (for Michael Slattery, 50 mins), Dara Kearney (for Adam Segal, 55 mins), Cillian Litchfield (for Jason Diggins, 66 mins).

Referee: Ciarán McCloskey (Antrim).

SOCCER SNIPPETS

I don't think there's any major soccer stories as such going on, but there are a lot of bits and pieces that are deserving a mention.

Ireland 5 Grenada 0

Oooh, controversial. Isn't an Irish soccer international not worth more than a small mention? No, it absolutely is not. Are you joking? You think I am going to big up a friendly against Grenada? It's a place with an absolutely fascinating history – it was basically a crossroads of three completely different world cultures at one point as well as its own strong indigenous one. But soccer? I'm not being dismissive – it's not like we are giants on the scene ourselves – but you could literally take a doctorate on Grenada and never once come across any mention of soccer in your studies. Congratulations to Jack Moylanon his hat-trick debut, and to the better-known Tom

Cannon on his brace. But I'm not measuring any of these lads on nights like this. Try putting that one on pay per view and let me know what response you get.

Martin O'Neill's Greatest Triumph



Martin O'Neill

By mid season, Glasgow Celtic were in absolute disarray. Everything that could go wrong was doing that. In desperation – and it definitely felt like desperation – they turned to Martin O'Neill. I thought they were making the right call, but he definitely wasn't. He had already achieved incredible things for the club and departed as a hero. Why risk all of that on returning to a team that looked to be in complete turmoil?

I think he genuinely couldn't turn down the opportunity. He has always struck me as a man who would consider it, and ye can laugh at the old fashioned phrase if ye want, a moral obligation.

And his already high reputation among half of Glasgow and further afield has literally shot through the roof. The apparently mild-mannered (apparently – he doesn't do the clowning of other pundits and doesn't play along with it either), bespectacled Ulsterman has just become a deity in the Celtic pantheon. Just little things, because overwhelming positivity is a very confusing state to me and I couldn't be putting up with it. First of all, I and most people I know always kind of 'supported' Glasgow Celtic simply because of the cultural divide with 'Rangers'. Mentally, Celtic were 'Irish' and Rangers were 'English', even though both of them were Scottish. And there was a definite divide that wasn't as simple as politics or religion – if any nationality can sympathise with that, it would be us. Hearts? Though? Deep down, I wouldn't have begrudged Hearts. I think new winners of the Scottish Premiership would actually have been better for their game overall. Do any of ye remember when Aberdeen were winning the league in the early eighties? That grizzled, scowling manager on the sideline in his raincoat, looking like a bouncer who had done the door for forty years straight on a tough nightclub? Whatever did happen to that lad?



Arsenal on the Brink

That headline could go any number of ways and with Arsenal in recent years, none of them would look particularly absurd. Perennial contenders

but pretty much always the bridesmaid. By the time you read this, it could well be all over. And could your eally, really find it in your heart to begrudge them?

Yes, plenty of ye could. That's the whole reason for sport. It's a reflection of human nature; logic doesn't necessarily apply. I actually think we should be a little bit proud of that.

Pep about to Depart



Pep Guardiola

The most successful, and arguably the greatest

manager of a generation. Fair enough, he has always had almost unlimited funds and the best players and squads in the world. But that formula has been tried many times in many ways, Chelsea and PSG being obvious examples. If you don't have the right hand on the tiller, that ship is heading for the rocks no matter how good the sailors are. And Pep Guardiola has been surest hand on the tiller of any ship he has sailed. The news that he is leaving Man City feels like the end of an ear. I believe that in ten years, he has won nineteen trophies of varying importance with Man City. Imagine, nineteen!

And only 115 unresolved breaches of FIFA regulations...oh, did you really think I wasn't going to mention it?

Jose Mourinho Gets Real

Do you ever think of a real person as if they were fictional? Jose Mourinho is a real person with a full personality. But I can never shake the suavely Satanic figure who stepped onto a Premiership where you old schoolers like Harry Redknapp, academics like Arsene Wenger, and intelligent obsessives like Alex Ferguson. Mourinho was suave, immaculately dressed, charming and curt by turns, incredibly confident. Eager to take on the spotlight. Smooth and sinister at the same time. 'The Special One'. Remember that Kylo Ren muppet from those appalling Star Wars resell movies? The bad ones (I gather they got even worse the more it went on; I gave up early)? Well, imagine how much better it would have been if Kylo Ren had been played by Jose Mourinho?

And for a brief while, he looked so utterly pragmatic, so completely lacking in ruth, that he seemed able to work miracles. He really did achieve astonishing levels of success. But that dries up, as it eventually does for everyone, and suddenly the panache was just gone.



Jose Mourinho

Except...he is about to return to Real Madrid as head coach. I have to say that it feels like a gamble on both sides to me. Managerial positions are opening and closing with greater regularity than ever before. Personally I think an always difficult job has gotten much worse. A manager now actually has very little say in assembling his (or her) squad. Player power was non-existent 60 years ago, but at the top level the pendulum has swung a bit too much the other way. The fixture lists have become ridiculously bloated because of greed. Expenditure and expectations have grown practically unsustainable, in my opinion. And in terms of expectation, the two hottest seats, no matter much English clus deny it, are still Barcelona and Real Madrid. Man United and Liverpool are absolutely global brands, but not like the La Liga giants. Jose Mourino returning to the hot seat at Real Madrid? It'll be a comeback to rival Martin O'Neill's but on a global stage. Or it will be a complete disaster.

Either way, it'll be entertaining!

TRAFFIC PLANS FOR KERRY V DONEGAL

Residents and motorists are being advised of traffic restrictions in place ahead of the All-Ireland Championship Round 1 clash between Kerry GAA and Donegal GAA at Fitzgerald Stadium on Saturday, 23rd May.

Throw-in for the highly anticipated encounter is scheduled for 3pm, with significant matchday activity expected around the stadium and surrounding areas.

Gardaí and stadium officials have confirmed that Upper Lewis Road will be closed to through traffic on the day in the interest of public safety and traffic management. Access to O'Kellys Villas, St Brendan Place, Marian Terrace, Bishop Moynihan's Crescent and Daltons Avenue will be restricted and permitted only by Garda Car Pass.

Residents requiring access passes are advised that Garda Car Passes will be available from Tuesday to Friday between 8.30am and 5pm from the public office at Fitzgerald Stadium. Applicants will be required to provide their car registration number along with proof of address when collecting passes.



Officials are also requesting the cooperation of pass holders by refraining from driving on Lewis Road during peak pedestrian movement periods, specifically 30 minutes before throw-in and again for 30 minutes following the final whistle.

Supporters travelling to the game are

encouraged to allow extra time for their journeys and to follow all steward and Garda directions throughout the day. Authorities have thanked residents and motorists for their patience and cooperation as Killarney prepares to host another major championship occasion.

GLENEAGLE SQUASH CLUB WRAPS UP FOR THE SEASON

By Ray O'Callaghan

The final competition of the 2025/26 season took place at Gleneagle Squash Club in early May, featuring handicap scoring and singles knockout competitions across Men's Divisions 1-4 and the growing Ladies Division. The event, generously sponsored by Brendan Counihan and Sons, highlighted the impressive progress of both junior and senior players.

In Division 4, newcomers David Coughlan and Conor O'Hare produced a thrilling contest filled with long rallies and relentless pace, marking themselves as players to watch next season.

The Division 3 final saw John O'Sullivan race into a two-game lead against Alan Moriarty before Alan staged a determined comeback, narrowly winning the next three games to claim the title.

In Division 2, Connie Doyle faced talented young player Mike McCarthy. Despite Mike's strong challenge and handicap advantage, Connie's experience and consistency earned him the championship title.

The Ladies' final showcased rising star Klara Truchan against Paula McElligott. Klara's progression from the junior ranks has been remarkable and her persistence secured her first senior competitive title after an excellent match.

The Division 1 final provided a fitting finale to the season as Paul O'Brien defended the Maurice O'Donoghue Cup against Maciej Truchan. Maciej pushed Paul all the way, even coming within two points of victory, but Paul's stamina and experience saw him retain the title after a gripping encounter.

Congratulations to all players and committee members on another successful season. Thanks also to Gleneagle Leisure and the Gleneagle Hotel staff for their continued support throughout the year. Squash continues year-round at the club, with Ladies, Beginners and Junior programmes returning again this autumn.

Dr. Jim Crehan, RIP

Gleneagle Squash Club was saddened to learn



At the presentation of prizes of the Gleneagle Squash Club monthly competition sponsored by Brendan Counihan & Sons Plant Hire were front from left, Mike Crowley, Mark Mulcahy, Klara Truchan, Brendan Counihan (sponsor), Paul O'Brien (overall winner), Paula McElligott, Conor O'Hare and Stephen Moore. Standing from left are Ray O'Callaghan, Maciej Truchan, Donnagh Crowley, Domagoj Rac, Keith Cronin, Ignacy Truchan, Arthur Murphy, Joanne McCarthy, Mary O'Callaghan, Neil Kavanagh, Sabrina Flanagan, John O'Sullivan, Bernice Enright, Tim O'Leary, Maree Molan and David Coughlan. Pictures: Eamonn Keogh



At the presentation of the Gleneagle Squash Club Maurice O'Donoghue memorial award were from left, Brendan Counihan (Sponsor of monthly competition), Paul O'Brien (winner) and Ray O'Callaghan.



Gleneagle Squash Club Munster League Winners - L-R Ignacy Truchan, Keith Cronin, Ray O'Callaghan, Neil Kavanagh and Brendan Counihan.

of the passing of Dr. Jim Crehan on Friday, May 8th, and extends sincere condolences to his family. Jim was a valued member of the club for

many years and shared his love of squash with family and friends alike. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.



Gabriel Breen, trying to catch a few pesky midges on a guided walk in Derrycunihy woodland, organised by Killarney National Park Education Centre, lead by Chris Barron, as part of the National Biodiversity Week which celebrates the life of all species in Ireland, from the smallest midge to the largest birds of prey in the National Park. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan/



All creatures great and small... on a guided walk in Derrycunihy woodland, organised by Killarney National Park Education Centre, lead by Chris Barron, with Kathy Harper and Judy O'Mahony, as part of the National Biodiversity Week which celebrates the life of all species in Ireland, from the smallest midge to the largest birds of prey in the National Park. Ann Brosnan, Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan/



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State-of-the-art facilities in Mounthawk Park officially opened on Friday night

Kerry Football Club, along with guests from the wider football and political communities, officially opened the new state-of-the-art facilities in Mounthawk Park on Friday night. The cherry on top of the cake was in the Kingdom's victory over Wexford on a dramatic night on the new turf in Mounthawk Park.

Having received funding through government grant support, Kerry FC and the Kerry District League were able to lay a brand new Astro Turf pitch in the famous football venue on the northside of Tralee. On top of that development, brand new LED floodlights were also installed at the venue along with an on-site gym, which is used by all 7 Kerry FC sides competing in the League of Ireland structures.

In attendance at Mounthawk Park for the official ribbon cutting were some esteemed guests, including FAI President Paul Cooke, Minister for Sport Paul O'Donovan, FAI Director Caroline Rhatigan, League of Ireland Director Mark Scanlon, Munster FA Chairman Leslie Doyle, Michael Healy Rae TD, along with plenty of familiar faces from Kerry FC and the Kerry District League.

Speaking at the launch, Minister for Sport Patrick O'Donovan said, "Great congratulations have to go to everyone involved in Kerry FC for bringing together a magnificent facility. It's easy to say the Government has given the lion's share of the money, almost €400,000, but at the end of the day, you need the volunteers on the ground, the committee, the land and the match funds to actually get the thing over the line. It proves the value of the grant scheme and the value of volunteerism in League of Ireland clubs. They are prepared to put their shoulders to the wheel to organise the application and the matched funding that's needed as well. Kerry now has a fine League of Ireland facility here that any club anywhere in the country could be very proud of."

FAI President Paul Cooke admitted it was his first time visiting Mounthawk Park. "It's a great facility here in Kerry, and it's great to see investment in facilities like this. It's particularly great to see investment in a place that is used by the community, across all genders and abilities. It's very important to have a spread of clubs and facilities around the country. Having elite



A large number of guests from the political and sporting worlds, pictured in front of the John O'Regan Stand in Mounthawk Park, ahead of the ribbon cutting on the brand new surface.



Pictured at the official ribbon cutting were L-R: Sean O'Keeffe (Kerry FC), Gerardine Nagle (Kerry FC), Johnny Wall (Kerry FC), Michael Healy Rae TD, Patrick O'Donovan TD (Minister for Sport), Leslie Doyle (Munster FA Chairman), Paul Cooke (President, FAI), Caroline Rhatigan (FAI) & Mark Scanlon (League of Ireland Director).

clubs spread across all counties in the country is what we want, and that's being helped with Tier 3 coming in as well.

League of Ireland Director Mark Scanlon is no stranger to Mounthawk Park since the Kingdom entered the league in 2023. "It's fabulous to be here today. The work that has gone on in Kerry since the club came into the league in 2023 is incredible." Mark added, "When we came here first, there was no railing around the pitch, and the seats needed to be redone in the stand. So to see the new pitch and floodlights here today, as well as the gym that has gone in as well, it's an incredible amount of work gone in by the

people in the background here in Kerry. It's a facility everyone in Kerry and in the League of Ireland can be proud of.

On the field, the Kingdom continue their campaign in the SSE Airtricity Men's First Division, which is about to reach the halfway mark. Kerry have won their last two home games in Mounthawk Park to close the gap on the play-off places. Meanwhile, 6 teams continue their LOI Academy matches every weekend, with ages ranging from our Men's Under 14 side right up to our Women's Under 23 side competing for the first time in the Women's Development League.

VOICES FROM THE FRIARY

An evening of music with the Kerry Concert Choir, Kerry Scotia Ensemble and singer Sharon Lyons, in aid of St Francis Special School. The concert takes place on Sunday, 24th May at 8pm in the Franciscan Friary.

Tickets are available online through Eventbrite or at the door on the night. All support would be greatly appreciated for this special fundraising event.

Sharon Lyons performing at St. Mary's Cathedral Photo:Valerie O'Sullivan (file photo)



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ROSES

Every garden should leave a space for roses. The colour and scent will provide plenty of interest in your garden from early summer to late autumn. There are a lot of different classes of roses to choose from but most of the time it is the hybrid tea or floribunda roses that are usually used. A hybrid tea rose produces the showiest blooms of all roses. There is a huge range of hybrid tea roses to choose from so take your time as not all hybrid tea roses are as good as each other. For example some blooms are affected by wet weather and some can be more vigorous than others so if you are going to have a mixed rose bed make sure that they are all going to grow to about the same size.

Floribunda roses: There are lots of good reasons to plant a floribunda rose even though the blooms lack the size and fragrance of the hybrid rose. The advantages of the floribundas would be the continuity of its flowering. Most floribunda roses will flower from early summer till late autumn and the flowers usually provide a much larger splash of colour than the hybrid tea rose.

Planting roses: When planting a rose, the most important thing to do is prepare the soil well as all roses are very hungry plants. Incorporate a lot of well rotted farm yard manure "horse manure" if possible before planting. When your roses are planted make sure you firm them in well with your heel as this will avoid any root disturbance later.

Pruning your roses: In early spring, cut out any old wood and any stems which are damaged. The pruned surface should be white if it is brown, prune back further. Remove any stems which rub against another so you will end up with an open centre. You can now prune about a third of the stems that are left. In the autumn you can remove dead flowers and tidy up the rose. Make sure to feed your roses throughout the growing season. Next week I will focus on Confers.

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THE FIGHT FOR EQUAL RIGHTS

By Nicky Barry

Since Eve bit that juicy apple, in that Eden garden,
Most men have been circumspect, about the role of women.
For millennia they were considered, to be second-class,
By their lords and masters, who thought men's roles
would last,
But it took gutsy women, down through the centuries,
To challenge this misogyny, and change their destinies.
Suffragettes fought long and hard, to win the right to vote,
And the male establishment, at first thought it a joke.
In time women became PM's, and Thatcher reigned supreme,
Along with Queen Elisabeth, as a female team.
When I started teaching PE first, in nineteen sixty five,
Girls were not considered fit, to run a quarter mile,
But they've come on as athletes, and now run marathons,
And box in Olympic Games, and win Grand Nationals.
They play rugby and soccer too, and compete in World Cups,
For they're fighting fit as men, and can be just as tough.
They have their own Premiership, and Champions League too,
And play County games in Croker, just as the men do.
It has been a long hard slog, to achieve equal rights,
Ever since the first woman, took that awesome apple bite!





A Word of Victory

"Moses built an altar there and named it Yahweh-Nissi - which means the Lord is my banner" (Exodus 17:15).

Welcome back dear student, in times of adversity we need God's wisdom and peace to make good decisions and not fall down under pressure. The Lord sees you in every tough situation dear friend: whether that struggle is with addiction, or family warfare, suffering severe lack, or mental distress - the list of difficulties that people endure is endless because we live in a fallen world, where Satan and his demons hound God's people (1 Peter 5:7-9). But God is Faithful! His Word and His promises hold true forever. God Spirit in you is greater - He is for you, and He will help you and bring you through (1 John 4:4). Some say that it's God Who brings the trouble - that is not true. We have a deceitful and wicked enemy whose plan is to attack and destroy humanity. God is good all the time, but the devil's agenda is to cause as much pain and torment as he can before his time runs out (Revelation 12:9-17).

The closer we get to Jesus' return, the worse the enemy's onslaught. And folks who don't know the Truth of God's Word and His character are targets for deception (Hosea 4:6). People ask all the time... 'if God's so good, why do bad things happen to lovely people?' God gave Adam and Eve authority and dominion over this earth; the devil tricked them into listening to his lies and they believed his words over God's, bringing mankind under the control of Satan (2 Corinthians 4:4). Thus, began man's downfall: separation from God, curse upon the earth - hopelessness, with sin and death reigning.


So, God came down to fix it in the Person of Jesus His Son, the Word of God, to pay for all our sins, to reverse death, and curse, and to reconcile everyone of us to God the Father Who loves us. But it's a choice! In His Love for us, the Lord has given us free will - that is the option to believe in Him and accept His Son as Messiah, and yield to the leadership of His Spirit - or not. God is not pushy. Jesus said 'behold I stand at the door and knock' - we have a choice whether or not to open the door to Him (Revelation 3:20). In truly turning to God, we choose to submit to His plan. We come to Him surrounded by the debris of our mess, unsure of where to begin. There's a beautiful song called 'O Come To The Altar' by Elevation Worship. The altar is not just a table - it is the sacred place where mess meets The Holy God. A place of sacrifice, mercy, prayer, healing, deliverance, and restoration through Jesus, Restorer of all (Acts 3:20-22). I pray we will answer God's call, and rebuild the altars in our lives.

In our lead Scripture above, Moses built an altar of thanksgiving at the place of great trouble and deliverance. The people were in dire straits - dying from thirst in a wilderness that sustained no life. God demonstrated His provision and care by bringing water from the Rock and daily manna. They faced a huge battle with an enemy army - this was not 'handbags at ten paces' - it was serious warfare. As Moses watched the combat below he noticed that when his arms were raised high, his side prevailed; but when his arms fell down tired, the enemy was winning. Aaron and Hur held Moses' arms up, extending the rod of God's authority until victory was won. Gathering with other believers in agreement and fellowship is vital (Hebrews 10:25). Life is not easy, but our perfect God sustains and delivers us to triumph together!

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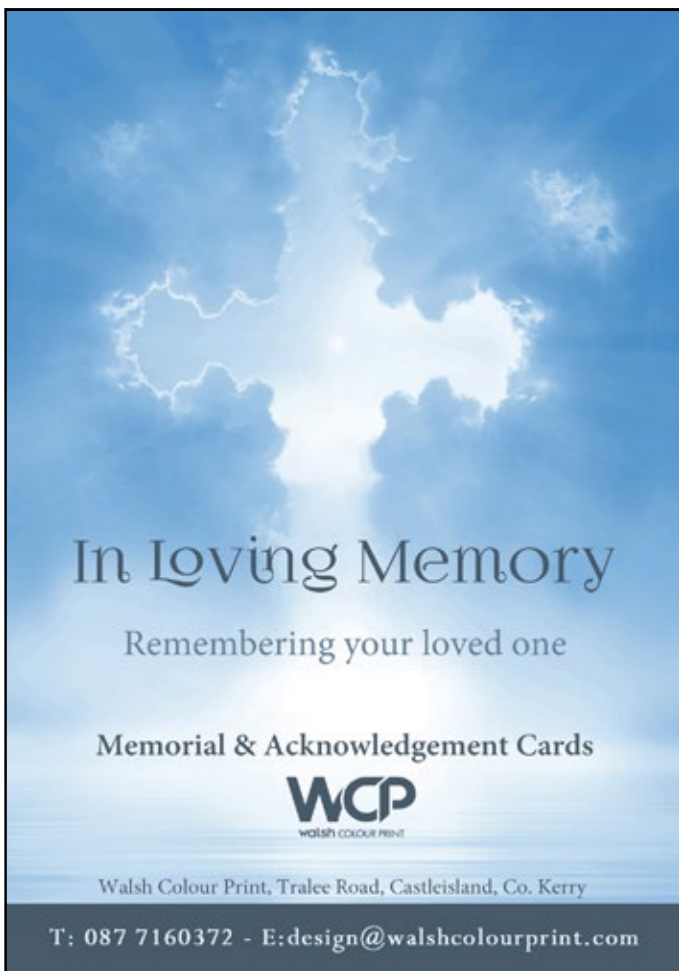


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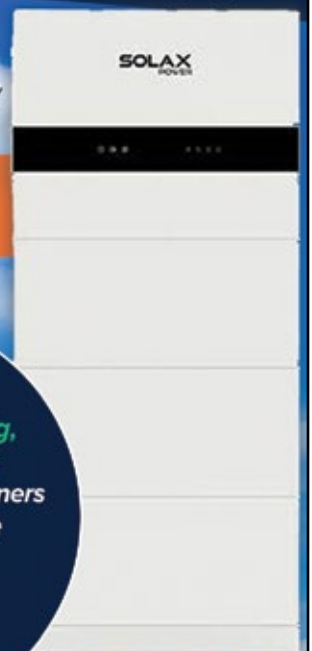
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