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Welcome to this week's Killarney Outlook. It's a busy one with all the news, sport and fantastic offers from our loyal advertisers.

We are on the countdown to exam season and our education columnist Billy Ryle has tips for students in the run up to the Junior and Leaving Certificate Exams and the countdown is on for this year's Bike Fest.

Anne Lucey takes a look at the hot topics in Killarney this week and the stars of the future took to the stage at the Gleneagle Arena for the MACademy Rock High show.

Kerry footballer Gavin White launches the 2025 Killarney Looking Good Competition, Castleisland Community College became a sun safety leader in 2024 and are asking other schools to join them as a SunSmart School in 2025 and Billy Alexander makes it three in a row with a gold medal at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show.

In Sport, Jimmy takes a look back at the Kerry V Roscommon game with photos from Kerry GAA Fans, we have all the action from the local clubs and a roundup of results and fixtures in soccer.

Hope you all enjoy this week's Killarney Outlook!



Aisling Crosbie

THE STUNNING ROSS CASTLE ON A SUNNY DAY.
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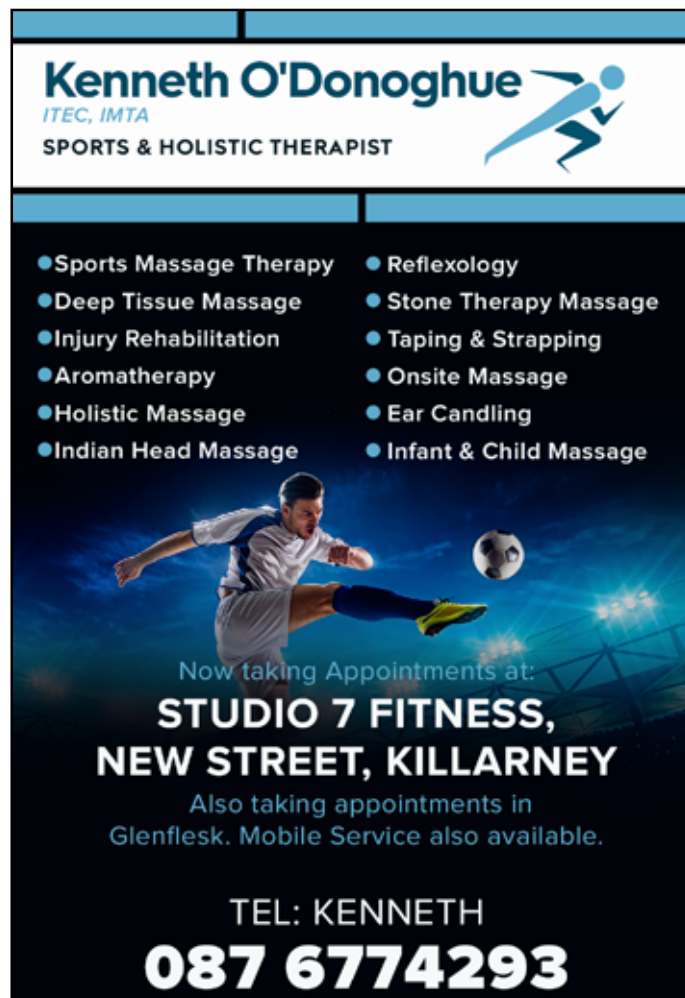
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GAVIN HOPING FOR SUCCESS ON THE DOUBLE



Kerry football captain Gavin White launching the 2025 Killarney Looking Good competition with Tidy Towns Committee members Margaret Pigott, Killarney Municipal District Council, Johnny McGuire, Kathleen Foley, John O'Mahony, O'Mahony Media (sponsors), Declan Murphy, Killarney Municipal District Council, Paul O'Shea, MD O'Shea & Sons (sponsors), Matt Farrell, Killarney Municipal District Officer, Juliette Kelly, Cllr Niall Kelleher and Donal Mangan. Picture: Eamonn Keogh

Kerry Captain Gavin White is hoping that, all going according to plan, two major trophies could be on display in Killarney in the coming months with the overall Tidy Towns award paraded through the streets alongside the Sam Maguire Cup.

The brilliant defender has the honour of captaining his county this season as a result of his club Dr Crokes winning the Kerry Senior Football Championship crown and the speed merchant wing back is certainly leading by example.

He capped a fine performance against Roscommon last Saturday with a goal at Fitzgerald Stadium but he had little time to celebrate as he had to swap the football for the brush and the green and gold jersey for the hi-vis bib to launch this year's Killarney Looking Good Competition.

Apart, perhaps, from climbing the steps of the Hogan Stand to collect Sam for the first time since 2022, Gavin would love nothing more than to see his beloved Killarney crowned Ireland's Tidiest Town for the first time since 2011.

And, like the Kerry team, the Killarney Looking Good Committee members are hoping that teamwork, determination and a little extra polish can make that dream come true.

The Killarney Looking Good Competition,

which returned stronger than ever in 2022 after an enforced three-year absence, due to the pandemic, will see awards presented in 26 different categories and high achievers in the business and residential community will be honoured at a gala prizegiving ceremony at the close of the tourist season.

In the business community, there will be awards for the best large and small commercial premises, best newly painted premises, best signage and the best retail award with prizes also for the most impressive hotel, public house, restaurant, café, guesthouse and best public building as well as the most improved premises. In the residential categories awards will go to the best large and small estates, best private residence, best roadside garden, best floral display and best friendly planting award.

Other categories include a green hospitality award, a corporate special responsibility award, a restoration award, best school and a special biodiversity award and several highly commended awards will also be up for grabs while the winner of the prestigious overall award will be announced at the prizegiving ceremony.

There are also two special categories in memory of two remarkable people who played massive roles in keeping Killarney looking its best down through the years.

The late Yvonne Quill was the driving force

behind the Killarney tidy towns campaign for several years and she was at the helm when the sought-after overall award was secured 14 years ago.

This year the Yvonne Quill Memorial Award will be presented to the volunteer of the year – a person who the adjudicators consider to be a standout contributor – in the overall effort to keep Killarney tidy.

Up to the time of his death in January 2020, Fr Michael Murphy was the public face of tidy towns and he played a huge part in Killarney, Kenmare and Sneem winning the overall national award in 2011, 2000 and 1987 respectively. Affectionately known as Fr Tidy, this year the Killarney Looking Good Competition will honour his memory with a special Pride of Place award.

The Killarney Looking Good Competition is organised by Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce and Killarney Municipal District Council with support from the Killarney Looking Good Community Employment Scheme.

MD O'Shea & Sons are the overall sponsors of the competition and O'Mahony Media Ltd is the media sponsor.

The competition will run throughout the tourist season and businesses and residential areas will be monitored by the adjudicators on an ongoing basis.

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Kerry community college calling on other schools to become SunSmart

Castleisland Community College became a sun safety leader in 2024 and is now asking other schools to join them as a SunSmart School in 2025.

The Transition Year students at Castleisland Community College were crowned winners of the Young Social Innovators 2024 for their skin cancer awareness project called 'Sun Smarties'. The college became the first school to pilot being a SunSmart School. The school designed a four-step process that would enable them to become a SunSmart School, with an opportunity for other schools to implement this model in their own school and become accredited as a SunSmart School.

Shirley O'Shea, Senior Health Promotion and Improvement Officer - Cancer Prevention for HSE South West said:

"HSE South West was delighted to work with the school on this campaign. Castleisland Community College's project was innovative and has helped to provide other schools with a model to educate students about being 'SunSmart', which can help reduce their risk of developing skin cancer later in life.

"Children and adolescents spend half of their childhood at school and about eight hours per week travelling to and from school, on lunch breaks, and participating in outdoor school-based activities. Much of this time falls between the hours of 11am and 3pm when the sun's UV rays are at their strongest."

Now, to promote the importance of sun protection in schools, the HSE's National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP) and Healthy Ireland have launched the new SunSmart School Accreditation resources for primary and post-primary schools.

The toolkit has been developed to provide information and tools for students, teachers, parents and guardians on how to become a SunSmart accredited school, as well as providing learning opportunities on sun protection.



Pictured are the 2024 Transition Year students at Castleisland Community College, who were crowned winners of the Young Social Innovators 2024 for their skin cancer awareness project called 'Sun Smarties'. Also included are teacher Elaine Murphy (left) and HSE South West Senior Health Promotion and Improvement Officer - Cancer Prevention, Shirley O'Shea (right).

UV radiation is a part of sunlight and it can damage skin and increase the risk of skin cancer. Skin cancer is Ireland's most common cancer with over 11,000 new cases diagnosed annually. The majority of skin cancers can be prevented by protecting ourselves from the sun's UV rays and from artificial sources of UV e.g. sunbeds.

Playing and spending time outdoors is such an important part of childhood, but it is important that children and adolescents are protected and safe in the sun. Teachers, parents and guardians are important role models. If they adopt sun protection behaviours, children will be more likely to do the same. Make SunSmart part of your daily routine especially from April-September when the intensity of UV radiation from the sun is greatest, even when it is cloudy.

The SunSmart 5 S's emphasises simple yet effective measures to protect children's skin:

- Slip on clothing to cover exposed skin.

- Slop on broad-spectrum sunscreen on exposed skin with SPF 30+ for adults and 50+ for children which is water resistant. Reapply regularly

- Slap on a wide-brimmed hat to protect the face, ears, and neck.

- Seek shade when UV rays are at their strongest, especially between 11am and 3pm.

- Slide on UV-protective sunglasses to guard eyes.

Remember, do not deliberately try to get a suntan. Avoid getting a sunburn. Never use a sunbed.

To order SunSmart School Toolkit resource for your school, visit www.healthpromotion.ie/products and choose 'cancer' on the drop-down menu. For more information email prevention@cancercontrol.ie or visit www.hse.ie/skincancerprevention

Senior Students from the Killarney Community College had an insightful visit to O'Carroll Engineering Killarney. Students got a walk through visit of the companies workshop floor, CAD/Design rooms & offices. Seeing first hand the laser cutter and the robotic welder in operation. The group discovered the jobs opportunities and apprenticeship programmes the company are currently running.





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10:00 - 21:00 BikeFest Information & Festival Merch Shop
10:00 - 18:00 Free H-D Demo Rides
10:00 - 18:00 Technical Bike Repair Shop Open
10:00 - 18:00 Jumpstart™ Rider Experience
12:00 DJ
OUTDOOR STAGE
14:00 Guided Ride Out 1 approx 2.5 hrs (Garagh Lake & Kerry Mountains)
DEPARTS BIKE VILLAGE
16:00 - 00:30 Bikers Lounge ACCESS LIMITED TO REGISTERED BIKERS ONLY
18:00 Tradstone
OUTDOOR STAGE
20:00 Devil's Cadillac
OUTDOOR STAGE
21:00 Alternative Route
BIKERS LOUNGE
21:30 Two Time Polka
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10:00 - 18:00 Free H-D Demo Rides
10:00 - 18:00 Technical Bike Repair Shop Open
10:00 - 18:00 Jumpstart™ Rider Experience
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 & Slea Head)
DEPARTS BIKE VILLAGE
12:00 DJ
OUTDOOR STAGE
15:30 Wolfhound Band
OUTDOOR STAGE
16:00 - 00:30 Bikers Lounge ACCESS LIMITED TO REGISTERED BIKERS ONLY
18:00 Live Forever - Oasis Tribute
OUTDOOR STAGE
19:00 Alternative Route
BIKERS LOUNGE
20:00 Bon Jovie
OUTDOOR STAGE
21:30 Super Céili
HARLEY® BAR
21:00 The Outcast Crew
BIKERS LOUNGE
22:00 Whiplash Metallica Tribute
MAIN STAGE GLENEAGLE ARENA
23:30 Joanovarc
MAIN STAGE GLENEAGLE ARENA
Followed by DJ
MAIN STAGE INEC ARENA

SUNDAY 1ST JUNE

09:00 Parade Line Up
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10:00 - 21:00 BikeFest Information & Festival Merch Shop
10:00 - 18:00 Technical Bike Repair Shop Open
11:00 Parade Departs Bike Village
12:00 - 18:00 Free H-D Demo Rides
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12:30 - 15:30 Custom Bike Show Registration
GLENEAGLE ARENA
14:00 Drops of Green Trad/Folk
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14:30 Custom Bike Show Judging
GLENEAGLE ARENA
16:00 - 00:30 Bikers Lounge ACCESS LIMITED TO REGISTERED BIKERS ONLY
16:00 Cliona Hagan OUTDOOR STAGE
16:00 Custom Bike Show Prize Giving
GLENEAGLE ARENA
17:30 Win A Harley Draw (Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind)
OUTDOOR STAGE
18:00 Springsteen - A Tribute OUTDOOR STAGE
19:00 The Small Hours BIKERS LOUNGE
20:00 The Unusual Suspects
OUTDOOR STAGE
21:30 Thingamajig HARLEY® BAR
21:30 The Tom Cats BIKERS LOUNGE
22:00 The Harleys
MAIN STAGE GLENEAGLE ARENA
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GLENEAGLE



MR PARNELL IN THE SOUTH

A report of a meeting with Charles Stewart Parnell in Beaufort on Sunday 16th of May 1880.

The Meeting was held in Patrick O'Sullivan's field – South of Beaufort Bar. Another account by Anne O'Sullivan, daughter of Patrick, formerly Beaufort Hotel, opposite the Beaufort Bar, stated that prior to the location of the meeting being agreed, the Parnellite's canvassed local tenants for a suitable site. Patrick O'Sullivan then made his field available.

O'Mahony, the landlord at the time, who resided in Dunloe Castle let it be known that any of his tenants who facilitated the meeting would be evicted from his lands. The fact that the turnout was so large, O'Mahony decided to leave matters to rest.

A land meeting was held on Sunday at Beaufort, near Killarney. At the appointed hour a telegram was received from Mallow from Parnell, stating that he would be in Killarney by special train at three o'clock. A band appeared and a carriage in which Mr. Parnell and Mr. O'Donoghue M.P. – the latter having posted at 2 o'clock in the morning to Mallow, to induce Mr. Parnell to attend the meeting. The meeting originated in consequence of some misunderstanding between The McGillicuddy and other landlords in the neighbourhood with their tenants, but strange to say, no allusion was made to the matter by any of the speakers. A Government reporter was on the platform and a posse of police were in attendance. When the meeting had fully assembled, the numbers were estimated at 3,000.

They were assembled to proclaim to the world that the present land laws required a change and to to punish the men who attempted to drive the people from their homes (cheers) 'The O'Donoghue', M.P. thought that the scene of landlord tyranny was the proper place to hold a meeting. (A voice – 'We'd go into their houses to hold it') Kerry desired that her meeting should partake of a national character, by having amongst them one who represented Irishmen all over the world – Charles Stewart Parnell (cheers) He was the shining star in the pages of contemporary history. (cheers) He was the leader of the Irish people. He looked upon him as such and his own experience in the House of Commons, taught him so. Like the Israelites of old, they would follow the leader and boldly cry out – 'Onward' (cheers) In conclusion the speaker asked them to give Mr. Parnell a hearty reception (cheers).



Mr. Parnell, who was received with vociferous cheering, said it was the largest land meeting he had attended since in County Mayo twelve months ago. They initiated the land agitation which will swap the vital system of landlordism. The people of Ireland were now united in a great movement – the greatest undertakings that anyone could engage in – the task of obtaining for the people the land of their native country. But in this work they were beset by difficulties and dangers of no ordinary character. Famine had come upon the country – the laws the landlords made gave them the right of exacting any rent that they please, of seizing the food upon which the tenant is to rely for his existence in satisfaction of that rent and finally in driving the tenant from his holding if he fails or is unable to pay this rent (cheers)

They had had enormous agitation in Ireland. They had 600,000 tenant farmers and 10,000 landlords the right to rack-rent and drive from their homes the 600,000 farmers. They might patch and amend the system as they pleased, but they would never make it but a bad system. It was their duty in making the lines for the settlement of this question to see that these lines are laid right and not on false foundations. They should have some measure to prevent the eviction of the smaller tenantry until such time as their objectives would be attained. Some said that they should pay only fair rents on the

Padruig O'Sullivan, Beaufort Bar, (direct descendent O'Sullivan) addressed the guests at the unveiling of the monument, they were also involved with researching the story in Beaufort. The monument is located beside Beaufort Bar, designed by Tomas O'Sullivan, Uileann Piper and Artist, and who composed a piece of music called 'Parnell's Blackbird'. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

Government valuation. (A voice – 'That is too high too')

In proposing that evictions should be suspended for two years in holdings valued under £20. They would rely on the landlord on the same footing as the shopkeeping classes, who are every day supplying the farmers with the means of subsistence. Let the Government lend them a sum of ten millions, and any landlord who charges an excessive rent would be served with notice by an appointed commission that he would get 20 years purchase at the Government valuation and would at once cease to derive any more rents from his property.

If the Legislature refuses to step in, the agitation would increase tenfold in intensity and the people will do for themselves what the Legislature refuses to do for them. He concluded by proposing the first resolution. Resolved – 'That is the opinion of this meeting, the eviction of occupiers of land for non-payment of rent arbitrarily fixed by the landlord is unjust, subversive of the true interests of the country and calls for the emphatic condemnation of all lovers of justice'

Extract from the Dundalk Democrat 1849 – Current ... 22. 5. 1880.

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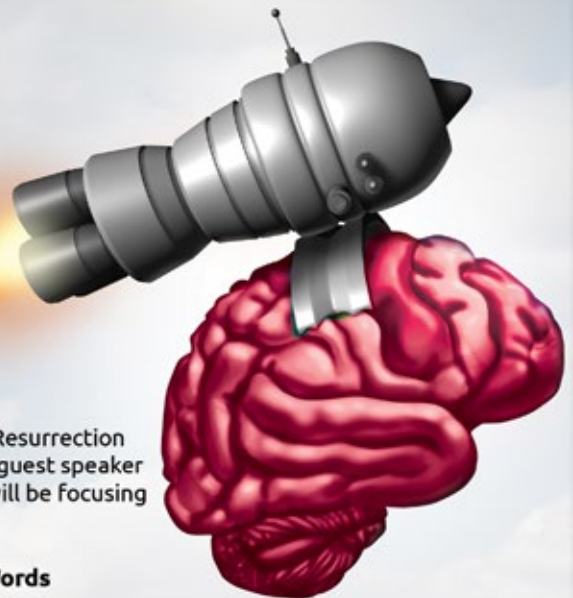
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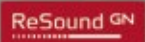
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KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL LAUNCH PLAY AND RECREATION POLICY FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Kerry County Council has developed a new countywide policy to enable infants, children and young people to engage in child-driven, unstructured, free-entry, publicly available and outdoor-focused play and recreation pursuits across the county.

This policy is a strategic, vibrant and dynamic high-level framework that aims to increase infants, children, and young people's opportunities to access high value play and recreation activities.

Play and the opportunity to engage in recreational activities is central to infants, children, and young people's lives, supporting the development of essential skills that enhance social, intellectual, physical, and emotional wellbeing. Beyond their developmental benefits, play and recreation provide opportunities for fun and enjoyment.

Welcoming this policy, Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr Breandán Fitzgerald said: "I fully welcome this strategic approach to support the collaborative delivery of play and recreation initiatives and infrastructure throughout the county as it is so important for the wellbeing of our communities."

Chief Executive of Kerry County Council, Fearghal Reidy said: "Play is important to the health and wellbeing of children and young adults. This plan provides a framework by which Kerry County Council will work with communities and other partners to enhance the play facilities for all across the county".



Pictured at the launch in tralee's town park were Deirdre Hegarty, Health and Wellbeing Officer Kerry County Council; Mayor of Kerry Cllr Breandán Fitzgerald; Bridget Fitzgerald, Senior Executive Officer Head of Community Arts and Culture at Kerry County Council and Elizabeth O'Donnell, Kerry County Council.

In line with this policy, a new resource called the Kerry Playground Passport has been created by EZExploring in partnership with Kerry County Council, Healthy Kerry Committee, Kerry Community Integration Forum and is funded by Healthy Ireland and the Ukrainian Health

and Wellbeing Support Fund. This resource aims to provide an engaging and interactive experience for primary school-aged children, while promoting outdoor play, physical activity, and social interaction.

Copies of the resource are available from all Kerry Library branches. An online version is also available to download on the Playground Passport page of www.ezexploring.ie

Barnardos Big Toddle Comes to Muckross

Sallywags pre-school in Muckross was bustling with excitement as they participated in the Barnardos Big Toddle recently. Sallywags have supported Barnardos since 2004 and have raised over €3,000 to date!


Patricia Quigley, the owner manager of Sallywags Pre-School said "We have been involved in Barnardos Big Toddle for over 20 years and have always seen it as a fun and good fundraiser. It's children helping children. We share the stories of vulnerable children from Barnardos to our SallyWags, make little hero capes and give ourselves superhero names. Teaching children to help other children is invaluable to our society."

The Barnardos Big Toddle is a fun half-mile sponsored walk for crèche and pre-school aged children, raising funds for Barnardos Early Years services. Since its beginning, the Big Toddle has raised an incredible €4.84 million for Barnardos' Early Years services, supporting the most vulnerable children across Ireland.


Whether you're a crèche, a parent, or a childminder, you can organise your own Barnardos Big Toddle anytime in May or June by registering at www.barnardos.ie/bigtoddle. Your support ensures that some of the youngest and most vulnerable children in Ireland are given the best possible start in life.

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Anne Lucey
looks at the positive news
happening in Killarney

BRIGHT BLUE IN MUCKROSS -

Time for others to colour up



The Muckross Park Hotel is marking its Georgian origins and has applied a bright

Wedgewood blue to much of the building. The 18th century colour is part of an ongoing effort to bring what is a historic past to the fore.

The hotel is probably the oldest hotel in Killarney. The Lake Hotel dates to 1820; the International to the mid 1800s and the Great Southern to 1854 with the coming of the railway. But the five-star Muckross dates to 1795.

Some people were applying the brakes last week at a colour which was the same as the cloudless sky with sunglasses on. Was it an undercoat, they mused?

It was quite the overcoat.

Muckross Park marketing manager Josie O' Kelly says the hotel is delighted with it and "the new colour has certainly caught people's attention" when I put it to her.

It is officially described as "Spring Blue", Josie said. It was chosen not only for its elegance but also to reflect the Georgian heritage of the hotel

and complement the building's architectural character.

"We are thrilled with how it turned out," she said. Jane Austen was a Georgian and I wonder if she ever made it to Killarney. Certainly George Bernard Shaw did a century later and wrote Pygmalion while a guest at the old Muckross Hotel.

On a broader note, it would be nice if more guesthouses and hotels in Killarney coloured up. We have too many grey and dull buildings. The Muckross Road is meant to be Killarney's Golden Mile but is particularly cheerless. I often wonder why the town officials can't come up with a colour plan for Killarney which could bring a bit of joy to the stuck motorist. Colour could be part of Tidy Towns assessments - actually I am increasingly underwhelmed by Tidy Towns reports. There's a lot of mush in them, as if the judges are afraid of offending anyone. Understandably. But we need strong statements in reports - as much as strong colour in towns to put a bit of life in us.

SHELTER FOR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS FOR LOCALS - AT LAST

At long last, Killarney is to get an emergency homeless accommodation facility - the first in more than three years. The facility is understood to be on the Muckross Road and will provide emergency accommodation for families and individuals from south Kerry as well as Killarney.

Over the past three years no homeless facility has been available in the tourist town with the previous emergency houses used as accommodation facilities for Ukrainian refugees fleeing war and others seeking asylum.

Families with children in schools and individuals from Killarney and south Kerry who were evicted or lost their accommodation were forced to go to Tralee and Listowel.

It was a shameful situation: That this tourist town could accommodate thousands and thousands from other countries either as

paying guests or as State paid shelter but had no room at the inn for anyone local in trouble in a housing crisis was a total embarrassment. The news was relayed in a report to the council by chief executive officer Fearghal Reidy and the council's housing director, John Kennelly. Killarney councillors I spoke with welcomed the development.

It has been hugely challenging to find emergency accommodation. The reality is there was more money to be made from housing Ukrainian refugees, Independent Councillor Martin Grady said.

He has raised the issue a number of times at meetings of Killarney Municipal District where officials acknowledged they found it impossible to source accommodation despite several attempts.

Niall O'Callaghan said it was a hugely significant step for Killarney and for the past three years there had been none because so much more money was paid by the State to people hosting refugees and IPAS clients.

St Vincent de Paul is also to provide 14 housing units at St Anne's House.

Meanwhile, the over provision of social housing - while no affordable housing is being provided by the council - was highlighted by Councillor Tommy Griffin (FG). He said Milltown with a population of 2,000 would have 200 social housing units by the end of 2025. Milltown had a reputation as a starter town where young couples could afford to buy but this was no longer the case. New private housing in Milltown was starting at 400,000 euro.

The focus by the council was on social housing and the council should have a balance especially as it had so much land which could be provided for affordable homes, he said. Tommy called for more affordable housing and "a balance between private, affordable and social housing".

RESPONDING TO THE FINE WEATHER

The arrival of early fine weather - a mirror of 2020 when Covid hit - needs a new approach.

Lifeguards should be placed on duty on Kerry beaches earlier than scheduled, a meeting of Kerry County Council was told.

The meeting in Tralee on Monday also heard of "traffic chaos" at major beaches and there were calls for parking facilities to be developed by the council and the National Parks and Wildlife service at Inch which is part of the country's newest national park. It is the most popular Kerry beach.

The NPWS really needs to address parking or park and ride all over Kerry, it seems. The county has seen crowds on beaches over the prolonged period of fine weather. But where is the parking? And where are the lifeguards? Lifeguards traditionally do not come on duty until the first weekend in June.

"Not to have a lifeguard on duty is not where we want to be," Castleisland Councillor Fionnán Fitzgerald, (FF), said.

The meeting also heard of "chaotic scenes" with traffic at the Inch Beach.

Cars got stuck in the sand, a bus got stuck on the road, and locals had to don high viz jackets to direct traffic.

In the middle of it all a private company was clamping cars. Imagine!

Speaking of cars, could our town councillors or Tidy Towns people approach supermarket car park owners and ask them to plant trees or find some method of providing shade. One idea is for opaque covers such as in Spain - maybe with solar panels.

Again, the sun has shone light with problems with Dundag. We need a degree of supervision to deal with broken glass, glass bottles and all kinds of leavings. Toilets and showers are badly needed in Dundag - is anyone in authority in Killarney willing to do something about an issue that was highlighted 40 years ago?



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John & Mary Murphy, Killorglin.

From Cahersiveen to Chelsea

Billy Alexander makes it three in a row with gold medal at RHS Chelsea Flower Show

'Wilde Kells Bay Gardens' fern exhibit wows judges at prestigious horticultural event

The judges at the esteemed Royal Horticultural Society's Chelsea Flower Show have this morning awarded a Gold medal to Ireland's Master Gardener, Billy Alexander for his impressive fern collection. In a triumph for Irish horticulture, this marks the third consecutive Gold medal that Billy has received for his exhibits at the prestigious event.

'Wilde Kells Bay Gardens', sponsored by Wilde Aparthotels is Alexander's most ambitious display yet, in terms of scale at 120 metres and complexity of design with over 100 species of ferns featured throughout. The Chelsea Flower Show takes place from today Tuesday 20th – Saturday 24th May 2025.

Speaking about the announcement, Billy Alexander, Owner Kells Bay Gardens said, "I am quite honestly speechless, and over the moon to have received another gold medal this morning. The announcement today is the culmination of 24 months of planning, cultivating and working with my incredible team and partners to get to this moment. It takes a huge amount of work to protect the plants, get them looking their best and to transport them safely all the way from Cahersiveen to Chelsea but it is worth every minute. I'm delighted to be able to share my passion with others and want to extend my gratitude to the RHS and its judges for this acknowledgement".

Wilde Kells Bay Gardens

The 2025 exhibit builds upon Alexander's previous showcases and highlights the unique beauty and diversity of ferns from around the world. As one of the oldest family of plant species in the world, ferns thrive in the naturally temperate microclimate of Kells Bay Gardens,



situated on the Ring of Kerry with breathtaking views of the Iveragh Peninsula. Complementing the exhibit, sphagnum moss and rocks from Kells Bay are situated in a woodland and bog garden around a dark, still water pool. The towering display wowed judges, with rare and exotic fern species from New Zealand, Australia, Juan Fernandez Islands, Vietnam, Chile, Japan (to name a few) featured throughout.

A groundswell of support

Last year, the Royal Horticultural Society further recognised Billy's talent and contribution to the sector with the Lawrence Medal, which is the highest honour awarded to an exhibitor for their display. It is awarded annually for the best exhibit shown to the RHS Society during a given year. Alexander had considerable success at the 2023 RHS Chelsea Flower show, securing both a Gold medal and the coveted "Best Exhibit in the Great Pavilion" award. He also

received Gold medals in 2021 for his displays at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show and Hampton Court Garden Festival respectively.

Boasting one of the largest private fern collections in Europe, Billy has specimens that hail from the Pacific Islands, Indonesia, Vietnam and New Zealand and he regularly travels to exotic locations to meet with other plant experts and to seek out new specimen to add to the collection at Kells Bay. Outside of horticultural shows, ferns from Alexander's collection are held in high esteem and can even be found in royal grounds – including King Charles' private place of residence Highgrove House in Gloucestershire, UK.

For more information visit www.kellsbay.ie, or follow @kellsbaygardens on Facebook and Instagram.

On Thursday, May 15th, 75 first years from the Killarney Community College along with teachers, SNA's and therapy dog Jet eagerly set off on their annual first year history tour to Ross Castle and Inisfallen island. The incredible weather, fantastic scenery, and historical monuments ensured an unforgettable day full of learning about the local history and memories. To round off the day they visited Killarney racecourse for pizza, chocolate brownies, and took a quick detour through Killarney House in their way home.



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Outstanding Success for Kilcummin CCÉ at Fleadh Cheoil Chiarraí

Kilcummin Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann (CCÉ) had a hugely successful outing at Fleadh Cheoil Chiarraí held in Causeway last weekend, with all 12 set dancing teams qualifying to represent the branch at Fleadh Cheoil na Mumhan in MTU Cork this July.

A number of teams were crowned county champions, including:

U12 Full Ladies Set – Team Ella
U12 Full Mixed Set – Team Colm
12-15 Full Mixed Set – Team Shane
15-18 Full Mixed Set – Team Abbie
Over 18 Half Set Mixed – Team Connor
Over 18 Full Set Mixed – Team Mary
Over 18 Full Ladies Set – Team Adrian
Over 35 Full Set Mixed – Team Adrian

In addition, four more teams were placed in their respective competitions:

U12 Full Ladies Set – Team Ella
U12 Full Mixed Set – Team Donnacha
Over 18 Half Set Mixed – Team Aaron
Over 18 Full Ladies Set – Team Mary

This outstanding result is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our young dancers, their families, and tutors. We extend our sincere thanks to the Moriarty School of Dancing, whose commitment and preparation



Front row: Ella Lawlor, Aine Enright, Elena O Riordan, Ava O Sullivan.

Back: Michael O'Connor, Charlie Jay Kelliher, Adrian Moriarty (teacher), Colm Fleming & Ian Condon.

ensured our dancers performed at such a high level. Special thanks also go to Conor Moriarty and his accompanist for the lively and uplifting music on the day.

We are deeply grateful to the parents and supporters who travelled to Causeway to cheer on the teams and to all who continue to support our branch.

Our focus now turns to the second weekend of

Fleadh Chiarraí, taking place on the 24th and 25th of May, and we wish the very best of luck to all of our competitors taking part in comhrá, music, and singing competitions. We thank the tutors who continue to work so generously with our members, both individually and in groups, in preparation for these events. Go n-éirí an bóthar libh go léir!



Front: Annmarie O Sullivan, Faye O Connor, Siun O Callaghan, Sadie Sugrue,
Back: Donnacha O Callaghan, Mark O Sullivan, Donal Jr O Sullivan,
Cillian Brosnan & Adrian Moriarty.



Front: Caragh O Donoghue, Leah O Connor, Kayleigh O Sullivan, Ella Kate Pigott.
Back: Ian Condon, Shane O Sullivan, Aodhán O Halloran & Colm Fleming



Adrian Moriarty, Mary Murphy, Nathan Counihan, Conor Coffey, Aislinn O Donovan,
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FLESK VALLEY HEAD OF THE LAKE 2025



Flesk Valley Rowing Club members at the KCRA Head of the Lake held in Killarney on Sunday May 18th 2025.

On Sunday last May 25th there was a great crowd in attendance on the lake shore in Castlelough Bay, as Flesk Valley Rowing Club hosted the second ever time trial (Head) on Lough Lein for coastal boats.

In stunning conditions that would not have been out of place in the Mediterranean, 10 clubs and over 100 crews took to the water against the clock for the first event of the 2025 'one-design' rowing season. The event drew participants from Flesk Valley's traditional Killarney rivals, Fossa, Workmen and St. Brendan's and from across the coastal clubs of north and south Kerry to the Valley shore, and as usual there was plenty banter, keen racing and the usual camaraderie.

Speaking after the event, Flesk Valley's chairman John Fleming said, 'we were absolutely delighted with how the day went.

There was a brilliant atmosphere on the lakeshore and it was a great opportunity for some of our younger members to get their first taste of competitive rowing. We couldn't have asked for better conditions', though he added wryly 'the lake is very low at the moment and a small drop of rain wouldn't go amiss'!

On behalf of Flesk Valley, John thanked Andrew Wharton and the Kerry Coastal Rowing Association for their support and encouragement in hosting the event, and he especially mentioned the indefatigable Mary B Teahan and Johanna King who kept proceedings running smoothly throughout the morning, despite their epic journey to Glenarm, Co. Antrim on Saturday for the launch of the 2025 All-Ireland Coastal Rowing Championships.

John also thanked the Flesk Valley

members and parents who helped to make the event such a success, pointing to the fantastic support the club got across the day in the shop, the car park, the registration desk, unloading boats and coxing, providing safety cover on the water and in hundreds of other unseen ways throughout the day. Finally, John thanked the staff

and management of the Killarney National Park, Leanes Tool Hire, Muckross Rowing Club and Hegarty's of Castlelough for their support.

Next up for Flesk Valley is a trip to Caherciveen on Sunday May 25th for the Head of the Fertha!



Supporting Flesk Valley at the KCRA Head of the Lake held in Killarney were Nigel O'Connor, Rory D'Arcy and James Furlong.



Flesk Valley ladies enjoying the sunshine at the KCRA Head of the Lake held in Killarney on Sunday May 18th 2025.

L-R Cliona Moynihan, Meabh D'Arcy, Bella Dennehy and Jillian O'Neill.



Flesk Valley under 16 Boys at the KCRA Head of the Lake held in Killarney on Sunday May 18th 2025.

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Kerry Airport Ireland WELCOMES GENEROUS FUNDING From Department of Transport

KERRY Airport Ireland has welcomed today's announcement of over €1.8 million in funding from the Department of Transport.

The Minister for Transport Communications, Darragh O'Brien, confirmed that Kerry Airport will receive the grant under the Regional Airports Programme 2021-2025 CAPEX and PPR-C schemes to deliver capital programmes required to support services and ensure safety at regional airports.

Projects in receipt of grant aid under the scheme are covered under the



Project Ireland 2040 strategy.

Kerry Airport is very grateful to the Government to be supported by this long-term strategy through which the Airport is becoming a more resilient and sustainable hub for connectivity here in Kerry.

The grant support announced by the Minister will go towards the development and enhancement of security, runway remedial works and taxiway markings, baggage equipment and transport, and the purchase of new fully-electric Ground Power Unit (GPU).

The funding will help to ensure that Kerry Airport remains compliant with regulatory requirements in key areas, such as air traffic control, fire services and security, while delivering a greener operational environment.

Sean Taaffe Hair Group Celebrates 35 Years of Excellence with Milestone Celebrations

FROM HUMBLE BEGINNINGS TO INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP, THE GROUP MARKS THREE DECADES OF INNOVATION AND SUCCESS

Sean Taaffe Hair Group, a cornerstone of Ireland's hairdressing industry, is proudly celebrating its 35th anniversary this year.

What began as a modest 3-seater salon in Killorglin in 1989 has blossomed into a thriving empire comprising of 3 salons, a barbershop, and 2 acclaimed academies. To commemorate this milestone, the group has launched a series of celebratory events, starting with a vibrant client evening last Tuesday and continuing with upcoming festivities across its branches.

Over three decades, Sean Taaffe Hair Group has cemented its reputation as a trailblazer in hairdressing, earning prestigious industry awards including:

- **Salon of the Year**
- **Hairdresser of the Year**
- (awarded to two separate team members)
- **Trainee of the Year**
- **Colourist of the Year**
- **Photographic Awards**
- **World Championship Medals**

These accolades reflect the group's unwavering commitment to excellence, education, and creativity.

Kicking Off Celebrations in Style

The anniversary festivities began on Tuesday evening with an exclusive client event at one of the group's salons. Guests enjoyed Prosecco, gourmet cheeses, wine, and decadent cupcakes, while exploring interactive consultation stations featuring:

- **Scalp camera analysis**
- **Product demonstrations**
- **Styling and colour consultations**
- **Expert-led hair health tips**

The evening highlighted the group's dedication to client care and innovation, offering a glimpse into the cutting-edge services that have made them a household name.

Upcoming Events

The celebrations will continue with:

- **A Killorglin branch event in August** (details to be announced)
- **A Tralee branch event in November** (details to be announced)

Both events will honor the group's roots while showcasing their vision for the future.

Founder/Director of Sean Taaffe Hair Group,



shared:

"Thirty-five years ago, we opened our doors with a simple goal: to inspire confidence through exceptional hairdressing. Today, we're humbled by how far we've come—thanks to our incredible team, loyal clients, and community. This anniversary isn't just about looking back; it's about celebrating the exciting journey ahead."

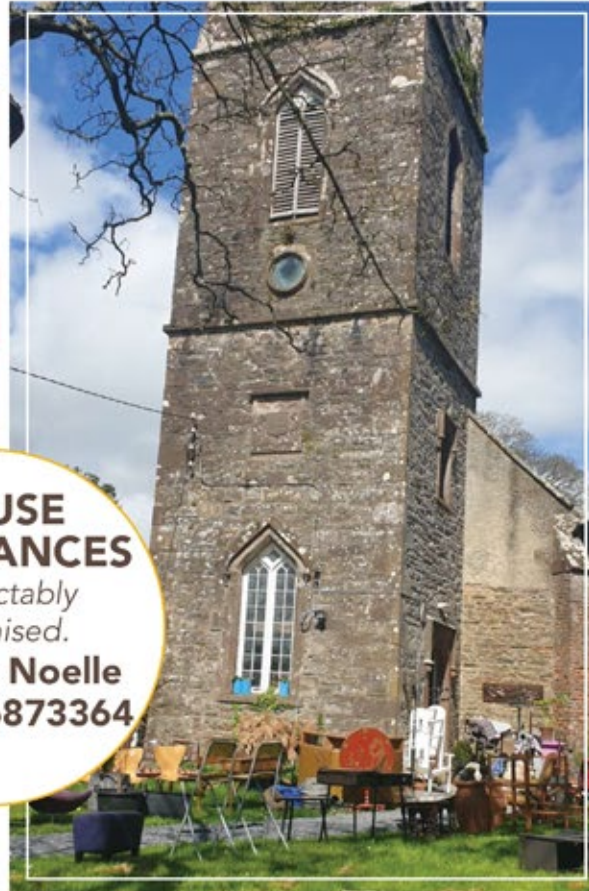
Kara Mc Donagh the groups General Manager said "It's a proud moment, I'm working with the group 19 years, it's been an incredible journey and I'm very excited for what's to come" images from the client evening are attached for media use.



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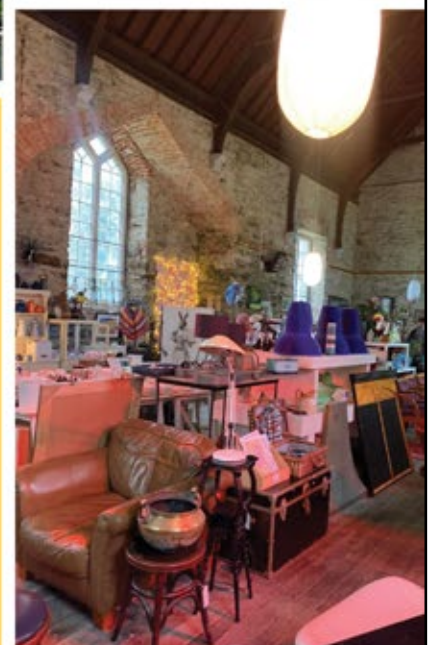


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The MACademy 'Rocked High' at the INEC

Children from The MACademy Performing Arts School, Killarney pictured on stage during their performance of 'Rock High' musical show at the INEC, Killarney at the weekend.

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Turn2Me

Launches Free Support Group for Leaving Cert Students

Turn2Me, a national mental health charity, has announced the launch of two free online support groups designed specifically for students preparing for the Leaving Certificate. The groups will take place on Thursday, 22nd May and Thursday, 29th May at 6pm, and are open to all students facing exam stress in the coming weeks. Students can register for the sessions at [Turn2Me.ie](https://turn2me.ie).

With exam pressure mounting for tens of thousands of young people across Ireland, Turn2Me is offering a safe, supportive space where students can talk openly about their worries and get guidance from qualified mental health professionals. The sessions will focus on practical tools to manage stress and anxiety, as well as techniques to boost confidence, stay focused, and combat negative self-talk.

"Exam season can be overwhelming for many students," said Fiona O'Malley, CEO of Turn2Me. "These support groups are designed to equip students with strategies to help them manage their mental wellbeing, stay calm under

pressure, and approach their exams with a more balanced mindset."

The Leaving Cert is often described as one of the most stressful times in a young person's life. Pressure to perform, fear of failure, and uncertainty about the future can take a significant toll on mental health. The Turn2Me support groups aim to ease that burden and ensure students know they are not alone.

Each session will be facilitated by a fully qualified, accredited psychotherapist and will include practical advice on:

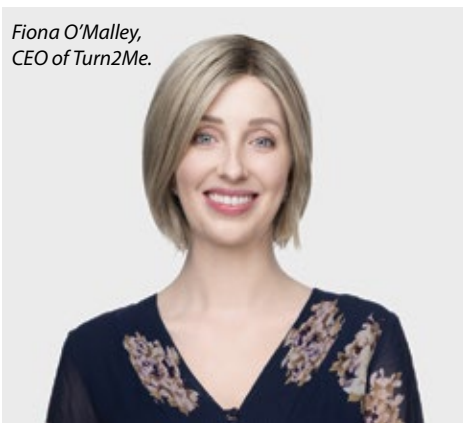
Managing pre-exam anxiety and performance pressure

Reducing negative self-talk and self-criticism

Maintaining motivation and focus in the final days

Turn2Me has seen a growing number of young people using its services in the lead-up to exams, and this initiative is part of the charity's commitment to supporting students during a crucial time in their lives.

Fiona O'Malley,
CEO of Turn2Me.



"The Leaving Cert can feel like a mountain to climb, but having the right support and coping tools can make all the difference," O'Malley said. "We're encouraging students, and their parents or guardians, to check out [Turn2Me.ie](https://turn2me.ie) and take advantage of the free support we're offering."

Register now at [Turn2Me.ie](https://turn2me.ie).



Killarney Athletic AFC

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Speaking about the event, Killarney Athletic AFC Chairman, Donie Murphy stated "that we are delighted to be celebrating our 49th Year of the Sevens and we are looking forward to yet another action-packed Tournament.

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Tournament Draw to take place on Monday, 9th JUNE 2025.

The underage competitions will take place as follows :

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Boys U.10: Sunday, 15th June. Entry Fee €100

Girls U.10: Sunday, 15th June. Entry Fee €100

Boys U.14: Saturday, 21st June. Entry Fee €100

Girls U.14: Saturday, 21st June. Entry Fee €100

Closing date for Underage Tournament is Friday 30th May 2025 @ 4.00 pm.

Application Forms for all Age groups are available from Killarney Credit Union (Beech Road, Killarney) and at www.killarneyathletic.com

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Twelve (12) top British golf tour operators attended 'Golf in Ireland', a B2B golf workshop and networking event organised by Tourism Ireland in Edinburgh this week – where they met, and did business with, 14 golf and tourism companies from Ireland, including Rose Travel and The Brehon Hotel & Spa.

The aim of the event was to highlight Ireland's world-class golf and tourism offering to the participating British golf tour operators. It involved a workshop of over 180 one-to-one meetings and a presentation from Tourism Ireland, as well as networking opportunities – providing an excellent platform for the golf and tourism companies from Ireland to showcase and sell their products and services and to negotiate business for 2025 and beyond.

Judith Cassidy, Tourism Ireland's Acting Head of Great Britain, said: "We were delighted that these key British golf tour operators took the time to come and meet with our golf and tourism operators from Ireland in Edinburgh this week. Our aim was to highlight our world-class golf and superb luxury tourism offering to the influential British golf tour operators and to help secure a greater share of their business in 2025 and beyond.

"The return of The Open at Royal Portrush in July, the Irish Open at The K Club in September and the hosting of the Ryder Cup at Adare Manor in 2027 are some of the key messages for Tourism Ireland in our golf promotions this year. We know that the combination of our world-class golf and our unique brand of hospitality plays a key role in attracting golfers from Britain and around the world".



Peter Loughnane, Cork Golf Club; Shane Browne, Fota Island Resort; Neil Grant, The Brehon Hotel & Spa; Eveanna Ryan, Connacht Hospitality Group; David Murphy, Rose Travel; Caroline Mulligan, Tourism Ireland; and Joe Murphy, Fáilte Ireland, at Tourism Ireland's 'Golf in Ireland' B2B workshop in Edinburgh.

Buzzing with Excitement for World Bee Day!

The Killarney Community College was buzzing with activity this week as they celebrated World Bee Day in the sweetest way possible!

The event was all part of biodiversity week in the College.

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Mr. O'Sullivan brought along a real hive, beekeeping equipment, and even live bees - giving students a rare and exciting chance to be up close with these amazing pollinators. To top it all off, we raised a specially commissioned flag to mark the occasion and show their support for these tiny but mighty environmental heroes.



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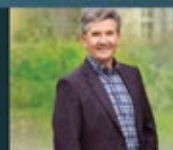
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Nestled on one of Ireland's most iconic stretches of coastline, Sammy's Inch Beach has long been more than just a café or a destination—it's a memory for thousands, a must-stop on the Dingle Peninsula, and a beloved part of the community. Today, we find ourselves at a hopeful turning point in its story, and we couldn't be more grateful.

As prospective new owners, we—Leo and Gunther—are in active negotiations to take the reins of this cherished establishment. We are incredibly thankful to the current owner for offering us the opportunity to breathe fresh life into Sammy's, with the aim of restoring it to its former glory and creating something truly lasting. Our vision is not just about good coffee and warm service. It's about transforming Sammy's into a year-round landmark—a stable, locally-rooted business that supports jobs and celebrates the unique spirit of Inch Beach for decades to come.

But who are we? Leo brings with him over 15 years of hands-on hospitality experience and is well-known for his warm, cheerful presence and heartfelt service. He's been living and serving in Ireland throughout that time and is passionate about creating meaningful moments for every visitor. Gunther, an entrepreneur with 25 years of experience consulting and scaling

businesses, has called Ireland home for the past five years. For him, Sammy's isn't just another project—it's a heartfelt mission, a place that deserves care, investment, and vision.

Together, we want to be more than just owners. We want to be the soul of Sammy's—leading with dedication, purpose, and love for the local community and visitors alike. We imagine a space that offers quality, comfort, and connection, all set against the stunning backdrop of Inch Beach.

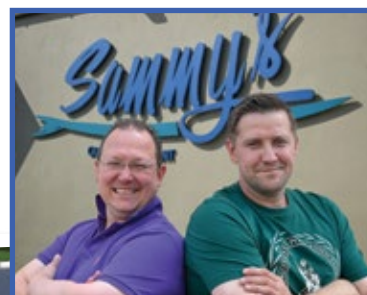
As we embark on this journey, we ask for your support and your honest feedback. Whether you're a local, a traveler, or a long-time Sammy's

fan, your voice matters. Let's write this next chapter together—with pride, passion, and a shared commitment to making Sammy's a true gem once more.

With warmth and gratitude,

Leo & Gunther

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Huun Huur Tu, the legendary Throat Singing and world music group, is celebrating an impressive milestone – 30 years since the band's inception. Over the past three decades, Huun Huur Tu has established itself as the foremost Throat Singing and World Music act, delighting audiences worldwide with their unique and captivating sound. From the rolling hills of Tuva to the world stage, Huun Huur Tu's music has transcended borders, cultures, and languages. Their intricate and masterful use of traditional instruments such as the igil (horse head fiddle) and doshpuluur (3-stringed lute) have earned them numerous accolades and a legion of devoted fans.

Huun Huur Tu's breathtaking music transports you to another world, blending ancient rhythms with modern sensibilities. It is a testament to their artistry that their music has stood the test of time and continues to be relevant, inspiring, and groundbreaking.

Celebrate with Huun Huur Tu as they mark 30 years of World Music excellence. Join them on their journey from the heart of Central Asian culture, where music is a way of life. Discover the magic of Huun Huur Tu and experience the power of their music firsthand.

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St Brendan's College Awards ceremony

St Brendan's College students who received Board of Management Awards Shayon Janaid, Alam Counihan, Sam Lenihan, Darragh Foley, Liam O'Donoghue (second row from left) Rory Lemass, Callum McCarthy, Maighin Lynch, Ryan McCarthy, Con Stack, Myroslav Sliusarchuk, Cormac Walsh (back row from left) Stephen Walsh, David O'Sullivan, Brian Bruton, Daniel Daly, Jack O'Sullivan, Adam O'Sullivan, Tom Benson and Rory Lemass Parents Council representative at the St Brendan's College Awards ceremony in St Brendan's College Killarney on Friday.

Photos: Michelle Cooper Galvin



Cathal Coffey (centre) who received the Medal for Outstanding achievement in Design Technology with his parents Denise and Sean, sister Aoife and (left) past pupil Brendan Cahill Guest speaker.



Darragh O'Connell who received the Mary O'Donoghue Medal for Outstanding Achievement in Language with his parents David and Marian, Sinead Lucey, Máire and Padraig O'Donoghue, past pupil Brendan Cahill guest speaker, Liam O'Donoghue, Anne Lynch and Sean Coffey Principal.



Cathal Coffey who received the Medal for Outstanding achievement in Design Technology with his grandparents Brid and Pat Casey.



Diarmuid O'Connor who received Dr Tadgh MacCurain Memorial Medal for Outstanding Achievement in Maths and Physics with his parents PJ and Denise, past pupils Brendan Cahill Guest Speaker and Sean Coffey Principal.



Shane O'Sullivan who received The Gold Medal for Outstanding Academic Achievement with Eileen Daly, his parents John Joe and Geraldine, past pupils Brendan Cahill Guest Speaker, Bridget Lucey Deputy Principal and Sean Coffey Principal.



Adam O'Sullivan who received a Board of Management Award with his parents Paul and Elaine, brother Hugh, past pupil Brendan Cahill guest speaker and Sean Coffey Principal.



Neil O'Carroll who received Medal for Outstanding results in Business with his parents Noreen and Diarmuid, brother Mark, (left) past pupil Brendan Cahill guest speaker and Sean Coffey Principal at the St Brendan's College Awards ceremony in St Brendan's College Killarney on Friday.



Dáire O'Brien who received Bishop O'Suilleabháin Medal for Outstanding Achievement in Irish with his parents Brendan and Fiona, past pupil Brendan Cahill guest speaker and Sean Coffey Principal.



Sam Lenihan who received a Board of Management Award with his parents Michael and Susan, past pupil Brendan Cahill guest speaker and Sean Coffey Principal.



Ross Twomey and Bielovas Markas who received the Outstanding Achievement in Leaving Certificate Applied with Bernadette McGuire Parents Council and Sean Coffey Principal.



Luke Costelloe who received the Robbie O'Brien Medal for Outstanding Performance in Arts and Humanities with his parents Peter and Sari, past pupil Brendan Cahill guest speaker, Noelle O'Brien Sean Coffey Principal and Lara O'Brien.



Shane O'Sullivan who received The Gold Medal for Outstanding Academic Achievement with past pupil Brendan Cahill Guest Speaker, Bridget Lucey Deputy Principal and Sean Coffey Principal



Ross Twomey who received the Outstanding Achievement in Leaving Certificate Applied with Bernadette McGuire Parents Council, his parents Helen and Paudie and Sean Coffey Principal.

ACTRESS ALISHA WEIR LAUNCHES

Ice Cream Fundays for DOWN SYNDROME IRELAND

Actress and singer Alisha Weir has teamed up with Down Syndrome Ireland to launch Ice Cream Fundays, back this summer.

Taking place across schools, communities and workplaces from the 16th to the 20th of June, Down Syndrome Ireland is asking you to sign up and host an Ice Cream Fundays party to raise vital funds and help children access Speech and Language Therapy.

Alisha Weir is best known for the roles in Netflix's *Matilda The Musical*, *Wicked Little Letters* and *Abigail*.

She shared: "I am delighted to support Down Syndrome Ireland with the brilliant Ice Cream Fundays campaign. The campaign not only

fills me with joy, it's also a fun and engaging way to make an impact by combining an ice cream treat with a powerful cause while raising awareness."

Ice Cream Fundays raises vital funds to support children with speech and language, and as an actress and singer, Alisha knows the importance and power of using your voice.

"The funds raised will help with speech and language support, which is so important. I believe in a world where everyone is celebrated for who they are, and everyone is valued equally. And I hope for a world where everyone can speak and communicate with others."

Alisha was joined by young members of Down Syndrome Ireland to launch the campaign.

Melissah Byrne and her daughter Evie (pictured) hold Ice Cream Fundays parties each year. Melissah shared: "I was 25 when I had Evie and knew very little about Down syndrome. In those early years Down syndrome Ireland were a huge help to us, from early development classes, to meeting other parents and attend speech and language classes."

Support Ice Cream Fundays so that every child can scream for Ice Cream.

Communication is a human right, and we want every child to be able to communicate their needs to those around them. But we need your help. There is a severe shortage of Speech and Language Therapy appointments, and the system in Ireland is failing this generation. In 2023 there were 19,000 children waiting for assessments, which delays and impacts their chances of communicating.

In 2024, Down Syndrome Ireland developed an innovative Speech and Language Therapy Assistant programme, to ensure no child is left behind.

Under this programme, children with Down syndrome are getting weekly speech and language support. This has changed lives. Since September 2024, almost 4,000 sessions were provided in 9 counties. As of 2025, Down Syndrome Ireland branches are now providing Speech and Language Therapy support to 17 counties. We want that every child who needs our help have immediate access to consistent therapy. Fundraising just €16 could cover the cost of one speech and language therapy assistant session, and €765 could cover an entire year for a child's appointments.

Register at downsyndrome.ie.



Nancy received History Award at Leinster House

It was a proud day for young Historian, Nancy O'Connor of Presentation Secondary School, Castleisland as she reaped the rewards for her winning essay 'What the Irish Flag means to me'.

The competition, run by The Thomas Meagher Foundation, invited students from across Ireland to explore the significance of the Irish Flag.

Nancy was recognised for her heartfelt essay, which emphasised pride, respect and the flag's true message of peace and unity. Her writing stood out among hundreds of entries and earned her a prestigious award in the History Essay Category.

Speaking about the event, Nancy said 'I was presented with my prize by Kenmare

native, Senator Mark Daly, Cathaoirleach of Seanad Eireann. Later, all winners were given a tour of the Dail and Seanad Chambers, as well as the Committee rooms. This was followed by a luxurious lunch which honoured all participants. It was a privilege to have been part of such a memorable day'.

Students nationwide were also recognised for their work in other categories, including video, poetry, music and dance. 'The celebration highlighted the creativity and national pride of Ireland's youth and Nancy's success stands as a testament to the power of thoughtful reflection and civic engagement', said teacher, Monica Murphy.

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Rathmore Students Celebrate Successes in STEM

Best Presentation & Communication Award winners in the Irish Manufacturing Research competition. - Jessica Jonikaityte, Nicole O'Riordan, Miriam O'Keeffe and Tommy O'Connor.



Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra is proudly celebrating the outstanding achievements of their students who have excelled in a range of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) competitions in recent weeks. Their dedication, creativity, and innovation reflect the strong culture of academic excellence and curiosity nurtured within the school community. 5th year students Eoin Cashman, Alex Thompson and Kamil Zolek came overall runner-up out of 140 projects in Kerry SciFest 2025, which was held in Munster Technological University, Kerry and will now represent Kerry in the All Ireland SciFest Finals in Dublin next school year.

Under the mentorship of their physics teacher, Kevin McCarthy they undertook an ambitious

project entitled, Quantitative Analysis of Physical Environmental Characteristics through the Observation of the Ballistic Motion of Lofted Dust Particles which they are looking forward to taking to the national competition in the Autumn. Transition Year students Nicole O'Riordan, Tommy O'Connor, Jessica Jonikaityte and Miriam O'Keeffe were overall winners in the Presentation and Communication Category in the Irish Manufacturing Research competition with their project, 'Gutter Gliders' with the support of their engineering teacher, Declan Casey. They were praised by judges for the excellent standard of their submission which impressed them in being exceptionally clear, creative and engaging.

The school community of SPSL is extremely proud of Leaving Certificate student Mariia Lukashevych who obtained Joint 1st Place in the 2024 Ordinary Level Leaving Certificate exam in Design Communication Graphics (DCG) in 2024. This is a wonderful achievement for Mariia who joined the school community from the Ukraine and she has been praised by her DCG teacher, James O'Halloran for her exceptional work ethic and commitment to her studies throughout her time in SPSL. These remarkable achievements are a testament to the talent, hard work, and dedication of the students and staff at Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra, and they inspire great excitement for what the future holds for STEM in Rathmore.



5th year students Alex Thompson, Eoin Cashman, Kamil Zolek, Physics teacher, Kevin McCarthy who were the running-up team at the Kerry Scifest and now progress onto the All-Ireland final in the Autumn.



Mariia Lukashevych who obtained Joint 1st Place in the 2024 Ordinary Level Leaving Certificate exam in DCG, pictured here with her DCG teacher, James O'Halloran.

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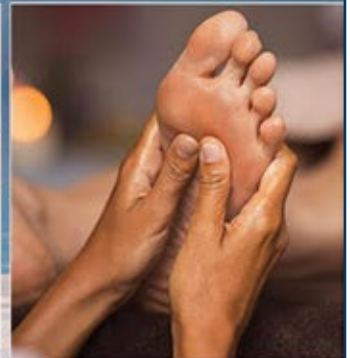
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Calling all club campaigners, hometown heroes and community champions in Kerry!

New campaign aims to shine a light on community initiatives across Ireland

Jennifer Zamparelli teams up with Re-turn to launch 'Small Town, Big Difference'

Re-turn, the operator of Ireland's Deposit Return Scheme (DRS), launched 'Small Town, Big Difference', a new campaign calling on community groups, clubs and schools in Kerry to share the inspiring stories of how they are making a big difference in their local area through the deposit return scheme.

The campaign was officially launched today by presenter and podcaster Jennifer Zamparelli, who will also help select the winning entries. Local community groups have until 5pm on 6 June to submit their story on the Re-turn.ie/Heroes webpage. The ten best stories from around the country will receive €2,000 donation for their local initiative.

From these winners, five will be selected to star in a local media campaign that celebrates the big difference that the smallest of donations can make.

Over the last year, over 3,000 local community groups have made a difference by raising funds through the DRS by asking people to donate their deposits from plastic bottles and cans to good causes. Re-turn is encouraging clubs, schools, and community groups across Kerry to submit their initiatives showcasing how they are fundraising for great causes through the Deposit Return Scheme.

Commenting on the launch, Jennifer Zamparelli, said, "I believe that communities are the backbone of our society, so I am absolutely delighted to work with Re-turn to celebrate all the amazing work that is happening across the country and to hear how local initiatives are using the Deposit Return Scheme to make a big difference in their area.

We really want entries from as many local groups in Kerry as possible – big or small – so whether you're a knitting circle with a cause, a local dance troupe or sports club champions, we want to hear from you!"

How can groups in Kerry enter?

Re-turn is looking for any local community groups, clubs, charities, schools or sports teams that have raised funds using the DRS and have an amazing story to tell about their fundraising efforts to date and what the donations have been used for. Groups that enter the competition must be officially registered with Re-turn communities. If they have not already registered, simply email: communities@re-turn.ie to register. This must be done by 5pm on 6 June 2025 to be considered as one of the finalists.

Who do we want to hear from?

Re-turn is keen to hear from community organisers, local

legends and the club campaigners making an impact up and down the country. Entrants will be asked:

1. What makes your group unique?
2. How did you go about using the DRS to raise funds?
3. What positive impact has your initiative had on your community?
4. Is there anything else you'd like to share about your local initiative?

How to enter

Submissions from registered groups and those pending registration can be made through the Re-turn website from today, and the deadline for entries is 5pm on 6 June 2025.

Judging will take place in June, with the 10 winners notified before the end of June.

Commenting on the initiative, Ciaran Foley, CEO of Re-turn said: "Since the Deposit Return Scheme launched in February 2024, over 3,000 community initiatives across Ireland have used it to channel deposits into meaningful support for everything from sports clubs and school projects to tidy towns groups and voluntary rescue services. Thanks to the infrastructure now in place, over 2,600 Reverse Vending Machines and hundreds of manual return points, it's easier than ever for communities to turn everyday recycling into real, local impact.



With our 'Small Town, Big Difference' campaign, we're championing these inspiring stories and encouraging even more people to share how deposit return is making a difference in their area."

To enter the Small Town, Big Difference competition, please visit the Re-turn website here: www.Re-turn.ie/Heroes

Full terms and conditions apply for the competition, which can be found on the website.

KCC JCSP Graduates!

Last week in the Killarney Community College marked the graduation of students who completed JCSP (Junior Certificate Schools Programme) and received their well-earned certificates!

JCSP is a truly valuable initiative that supports students in reaching their full potential—building confidence, developing key skills, and laying the foundation for lifelong learning. Many of the graduates are already on their way to further education and exciting new opportunities.

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Utility Trust St Pauls SIGN MAISOE BURNHAM FOR THE NEW SEASON

Having really found their feet in the Women's Super League in the second half of the season, culminating in the drive to the final, Utility Trust St Pauls are keen to push things on for the 2025/26 season.

With that in mind we are delighted to announce the signing of Maisie Burnham.

Maisie comes to Killarney following an honour laden time in the Liberty High School where she also excelled at Volleyball. She went to the Eastern Washington University where she led the team in scoring in the 2020/21 season with over 14 points. This average has been recorded in history's pages as the most by a Freshman.

She moved onto to the University of Portland where she really found her feet with the team, and as her time progressed with the Pilots her stats went North, peaking in the 2024/2025 season where she averages 16.3 points per game.

Maisie, age 24, a guard and standing at 6ft, is a native of Spangle City in Washington and we will welcome her to Killarney in plenty time ahead of the new season.



Nancy O' Riordan celebrating her First Holy Communion with her parents Aideen and Conor.



*Ryan Daly from Knockaderry Farranfore N.S. on his First Holy Communion Day recently.
Photo: Dylan Clifford*



Aoibhinn Curran celebrating her First Holy Communion with her parents Ciara and Mark



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By Michael O' Mahony

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 Millstreet (Wallis Arms The Square): 07:51, 11:21, 14:11, 16:51, 20:21, 21:45
 Rathmore (Community Centre): 08:02, 11:32, 14:22, 17:02, 20:32, 22:05
 Rathmore Church: 08:05, 11:35, 14:25, 17:05, 20:35, 22:07
 Barraduff (Pub): 08:12, 11:42, 14:32, 17:12, 20:42, 22:15
 Killarney (Bus Station): arr 08:25, 11:55, 14:45, 17:25, 20:55, 22:30

Operating day: Saturday. Service exception: Macroom (Mills)
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 The Hermitage: 07:27, 10:57, 13:47, 16:27, 19:57
 Clondrohid (Main St Opp Church): 07:35, 11:05, 13:55, 16:35, 20:05
 Millstreet (Wallis Arms The Square): 07:51, 11:21, 14:11, 16:51, 20:21, 21:45
 Rathmore (Community Centre): 08:02, 11:32, 14:22, 17:02, 20:32, 22:05
 Rathmore Church: 08:05, 11:35, 14:25, 17:05, 20:35, 22:07
 Barraduff (Pub): 08:12, 11:42, 14:32, 17:12, 20:42, 22:15
 Killarney (Bus Station): arr 08:25, 11:55, 14:45, 17:25, 20:55, 22:30

Operating day: Sunday. Service exception: Macroom (Mills)
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 The Hermitage: 10:57, 13:47, 16:27, 19:57
 Clondrohid (Main St Opp Church): 11:05, 13:55, 16:35, 20:05
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 Rathmore (Community Centre): 08:02, 11:32, 14:22, 17:17, 20:32
 Rathmore Church: 08:05, 11:35, 14:25, 17:20, 20:35
 Barraduff (Pub): 08:12, 11:42, 14:32, 17:27, 20:42
 Killarney (Bus Station): arr 08:25, 11:55, 14:45, 17:40, 20:55
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SHARE THE BUCKET

Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group reminds you that Share the Bucket takes place weekly. The draw is every Friday evening in Teach Fáilte @8.30 pm and can be viewed live on our Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook Page. This week's jackpot was €202 and the winner was Fiona Antekell O' Leary. Tickets cost €2 each or 3 for €5. They are available at Teach Fáilte and can be bought online at <https://tinyurl.com/y2ade5om>. or in local businesses where you see the Green Share the bucket. Your support is greatly appreciated and all funds will go towards our new proposed community facility. We would like to thank our local businesses, shops and pubs who continue to support our project and thanks too to everybody who purchases tickets every week.

CEMETERY MASS DATES

May 26th @ 8pm Mass Beheenagh Cemetery
 May 28th @ 8pm Mass Kilquane Cemetery
 May 30th @ 8pm Mass Shrone Cemetery
 June 4th @ 8pm Mass Rathmore Cemetery
 June 6th @ 8pm Mass Knocknagree Cemetery
 June 9th @ 8pm Mass Gneeveguilla Cemetery
 June 11th @ 8pm Mass Nohoval Cemetery
 June 20th @ 8pm Mass Token Fire Mountain
 June 23rd @ 8pm Mass Old Chapel Cemetery

BIODIVERSITY WEEK - NOCTURNAL NATURE RAMBLE

This year Biodiversity Week runs from Saturday 17th to Sunday 25th May and Rathmore Parish Pastoral Council, in conjunction with Rathmore Tidy Towns is hosting a Nocturnal Nature Ramble on Saturday 24th May at 8.00pm. The Ramble will start at St Joseph's Church and will go along the Butter Road finishing up at the church again at approximately 9.15/9.30. We will use some bat detectors and other equipment to discover what sort of wildlife is around. The route may be rough underfoot in places, so please wear boots or strong shoes and maybe bring a warm fleece/hoodie and a flashlight or headtorch if you have one.

BUS TO KNOCK

Bus from Killarney to Knock for All Ireland Rosary rally on June 7th. For information contact John Joe on 087 2526161.

SYMPATHIES To Sean Doherty, Margaret O'Connor & Joan O'Sullivan & families on the death of their mother Hannah Mary Doherty, Gneeveguilla Upper whose funeral took place in Gneeveguilla on the 9th May. May Hannah Mary rest in peace

CONGRATULATIONS to Kerry & Rathmore star Danielle O'Leary who was named the Croke park LGFA player of month for April well done Danielle

TUBRID WELL

During the month of May the Rosary will be recited on Monday and Friday evenings at 8.00pm.
 Friday 30th May: Annual Mass in Tubrid Well at 7.30pm.

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NOTES

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

SPA PARISH

By Leanne Cronin

CREDIT UNION SENIOR FOOTBALL COUNTY LEAGUE ROUND 7

In round 7 Austin Stacks travelled to Spa on a warm Sunday afternoon. In some tough conditions our men's side showed great strength and as a result secured themselves a win. Full time score Spa 2-16 Austin Stacks 1-17. Spa are away to Glenbeigh/Glencar in Round 8 on 25/05 at 2pm

COISTE NA NÓG MASCOT

At the beginning of the season, we welcomed a new face to the club - a friendly deer mascot who's been making regular appearances at our

academy sessions.

We asked our members to help us name our newest team member, and the results are in - we're thrilled to unveil the winning name! Our mascot has been named SPARK. Congratulations to our competition winner Jessica Cronin.

NOTES

Any items for our notes please contact Leanne 085-7762411

LISTRY PARISH

Written by: Colette Leslie

LOTTO

May 18h 2025. Jackpot €9,300. Numbers Drawn: 12, 23, 27, 28. Not Won. €100 Brenda Courtney, Doonkinane. €50 Pearl Riordan, Listry. €50 Pierce O Connor. €25 Sorchá Rochford. €25 Pauline Dennehy, Milltown. Jackpot next week 25/05/2025 €9,450

SENIORS

Best of luck to our senior team and management who are away to Brosna, Saturday 24th at 5pm

KERRY MINORS

Best of Luck to David McCarthy, Danny Murphy and the Kerry minor team and management who play Cork in the Munster final Friday 23rd May

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KILCUMMIN PARISH

Written by: Helen Moynihan

KILCUMMIN CCÉ

12 sets left Kilcummin on Sunday to travel to Causeway to represent the branch at Fleadh Cheoil Chiarraí and all 12 sets have qualified for Fleadh Cheoil na Mumhan to be held at MTU Cork in July. We had county champions in U12 Full Ladies Set - Team Chloe, U12 Full Mixed Set - Team Colm, 12-15 Full Mixed Set - Team Shane, 15-18 Full Mixed Set - Team Abbie, Over 18 Half Set Mixed - Team Conor, Over 18 Full Set Mixed - Team Mary, Over 18 Full Ladies Set - Team Adrian & Over 35 Full Set Mixed - Team Adrian. A further 4 sets were placed, U12 Full Ladies Set - Team Ella, U12 Full Mixed Set - Team Donnacha, Over 18 Half Set Mixed - Team Aaron & Over 18 Full Ladies Set - Team Mary. Our sincere thanks to the Moriarty School of Dancing who had our set dancers so well prepared and to Conor Moriarty and his accompanist for the fantastic music. Thank you also to all parents and supporters who travelled on the day. Attention now turns to the second weekend of Fleadh, 24th and 25th of May, and we wish the very best of luck to all of our competitors in comhrá, music and singing competitions in Causeway this weekend also. Our thanks to your parents and to those tutors who continue to work with you individually and in groups to assist you in your preparations. Go n-éirí an bóthar libh go léir.

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KILCUMMIN GAA BY DONAL BARRY PRO SENIOR COUNTY LEAGUE DIV 1

Kilcummin picked up a vital win in the Credit Union County Football League when they secured a 3-19 to 1-12 win over Glenbeigh/Glencar at Kilcummin on Sunday. First half goals by Paul O'Shea and Paudie O'Leary gave the home side a 2-7 to 0-7 half time advantage but credit to the visitors who reduced the gap to just a score when Caoilim Teahan goaled. However Kilcummin with 1-5 unanswered including a Mark O'Shea goal eased matters somewhat as James Foley's side ran out comfortable winners.

SENIOR COUNTY LEAGUE DIV 7B

Meanwhile in Division 7B Kilcummin were given a walkover from Ballydonoghue to keep them on top of that section.

WELLBEING WALKS

Many thanks to those who attended last week's walks. On Thursday evening the Kilcummin GAA & LGFA Healthy Club Committee held a wellbeing walk on the walking track, the walk was part of the Hello, How are you? Campaign by Mental Health Ireland. While on Saturday it was great to see such a turnout taking advantage on the Bog walk taking advantage of the great weather.

GREEN CLUB

Kilcummin GAA Club has become a member of the Green Clubs Programme which was launched by GAA headquarters in 2021. The Club would like

to invite members who have an interest and/or expertise in any area of sustainability to get involved. A sub-committee to oversee and promote sustainable activities within the club will be formed and information sessions will be arranged. If you would like to be involved or contribute in any way to making Kilcummin GAA Club more environmentally friendly. Please contact Chairperson Ciara Kelly by phone 087-7614850 or email chairperson.kilcummin.kerry@gaa.ie

UNDER 14

Hard luck to our Under 14 team who suffered defeat last Tuesday night in the County League Division 1 final to a better Austin Stacks team on the night. It was still a very spirited performance by the players and a testament to the hard work and dedication by them and their mentors to have reached such a high standard over the last few years. Best wishes and speedy recovery to Sean O'Leary.

UNDER 16

Our under 16 team were beaten in the East Kerry under 16 final on Thursday evening but it took extra time before eventual winners Killarney Legion secured the title. Both sides finished level 1-9 each at full time following Darragh Keane's late brace of 2 pointer frees. Killarney Legion had led 0-7 to 1-3 at the break with Conor O'Leary grabbing the goal.

DEVELOPMENT SQUADS

A massive well done to all the Kilcummin players who represented Kerry South in their development outings over the weekend. Cian Stack played with Kerry South under 16s against Cork and lined out at centre back. While Darragh Keane and Oran Lynch were part of the under 15 panels and Darragh Fleming and Max Moynihan were part of the Kerry South under 14 team.

LADIES FOOTBALL

Our under 14s had an impressive 2-11 to 2-4 win away to Finuge/St. Senans on Sunday in the county league.

LOTTO

There was one winner of our lotto on Monday 19th May for the Jackpot of €3,250. Numbers drawn were 17,19,20,21. Congratulation to Sharon O'Boyle. Our next draw will be on Monday 02nd June for Jackpot of €2,500.

NOTES

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

MASTERGEEHA F.C

LOTTO

There was no winner on Friday 16th May 2025 of the Jackpot €7,200. Numbers drawn were 06,10,14,21. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Con & Ann Marie O'Riordan, Inch; Sonny Corcoran, Kilcummin; Alan, Sam, Alison, Tom and Max Breen, online; Niall McNally, online. The next draw will be on Friday 23rd May for Jackpot of €7,400.

A thank you from Teresa

May I congratulate you Anne on a very successful and fruitful year, I hope that you enjoy your well deserved break. Thanks to each and everyone of you that turned up for the handover of the chain of office. It is a privilege for me to serve yet again as your president. I never thought that when Anne O' Connor, Ross Road invited me to join, I would still be a member forty years on. I have made wonderful friends over those years both locally, nationally and internationally. Hopefully we will welcome a few new members into our Soroptimist Club in Killarney in the coming year.

*Kindest regards to all
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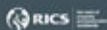
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BEAUFORT PARISH

By Bridget Hartnett

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the family of the late Les Nolan who passed away last week. May he rest in peace.

FIXTURES

Senior men will be away to Rathmore on Sunday, 25th May at 2pm in Senior County League, Div. 1, round 8.

RESULTS

Beaufort home to Ballymacelligott was not played

Rathmore 4.15 Beaufort 3.10 in round 7, Co League, Div. 6

LOTTO

The next draw for a jackpot of €6,000 will be on Sunday, 25th May. Tickets €2 each, 3 for €5 or €50 yearly tickets available from usual sellers, shops, public houses and online at www.beaufortgaa.com Thank you to everybody who support our lotto.

MATCH REPORT

Our Under 10 girls travelled to Killarney Legion on Tuesday, 13th for round 2 of the County Go Games girls blitz. Our two teams played four games

each so plenty of match experience for the girls.

Beaufort Under 10 team this year is Erynn Kelliher, Anna O'Sullivan, Kayleigh O'Keeffe, Molly Moloney, Robyn Moriarty, Ava Dennehy, Olivia Murphy, Lorna Doyle, Scarlett O'Sullivan, Fiadh Riordan, Tara O'Rourke, Scotia O'Nualláin, Grace Johnston, Molly Moriarty.

GOLF CLASSIC

Beaufort GAA Club annual Golf Classic will be held on Friday, 13th June in Beaufort Golf Club. It is a 3 person team event, 2 best stable-ford scores at each hole. GUI/ILGU handicaps. Entry fee €200 per team. Tee Box €50. To book time or tee box, please contact Colm at 087 6737414 or colmkellymedia@gmail.com

CONGRATULATIONS to Seán O'Sullivan, James Rooney and Freddie Prendiville who played with Kerry South against Clare on last Saturday.

GOOD LUCK to Fay O'Donoghue and the Kerry senior Ladies team and management in the Senior Ladies Munster football final against Waterford. The game will be in Mallow Sports Complex on Sunday, 25th May at 2.30pm.

GLENFLESK PARISH

Written by: Sean Daly

FLESK FEST

Mark your calendars! Flesk Fest '25 is set to take place on July 17th to 20th, promising another unforgettable celebration for our community. Last year's festival was an incredible experience. Let's make this year even better! Spread the word, get ready, and stay tuned for exciting updates in the coming weeks. Thanks to Kerry County Council for their continued support.

SENIORS

In Division 1 of the Credit Union County League our Senior team had a good win against Rathmore on a scoreline of 5:11 to 0:17. In Division 6 the B team beat Tuosist on a score of 6:12 to 2:09. This Sunday the Senior team are away to Austin Stacks at 2pm and the B team are away to Finuge at 2pm. The Senior ladies drew with Kerins O'Rahillys last Sunday on a score of 3:12 to 3:12 in the Donal Curtin Cup.

COMMUNITY GAMES

Our Athletics evening was held in beautiful sunshine on Tuesday May 13th. It was great to see such a large turnout and well done to all the children who participated. Congratulations to those who will go on to the County Finals in Castleisland on June 21st & 22nd. Sincere thanks to all at Killarney Valley AC for providing the use of their facility for the Athletics night and to all the volunteers who helped out on the night. Congratulations to the U15 girls soccer team of Eimear Buckley, Evie Guerin, Anna Lenihan, Rose Lenihan, Lily O'Donoghue, Sophia O'Donoghue, Kaitlin O'Riordan, Shauna O'Riordan and Aimee Shine who won bronze medals in the County Finals in Camp last Sunday. Also on the panel were Orlagh Brosnan, Áine Herlihy, Emma Kelly, Eve Moynihan and Lauren Spillane. The very best of luck to Odhrán O'Sullivan competing in the National Finals in U12 Cycling on Grass in Gormanstown, Co. Meath on Sunday May 25th. It is a fantastic achievement to represent your parish and county at National Finals and we are sure you will do both parish and county proud.

LOTTO

There was no winner of Glenflesk Lotto which took place on the 12th of May. Jackpot €6,200. Numbers drawn 1, 15, 17, 28. Consolation prizes of €50. Eilish O'Donoghue, Inch. Sean Ivor O'Donoghue (Sellers' Prize). Saoirse O'Leary, Shronedraugh. John O'Sullivan, Annaghmore (Yearly ticket). Next draw will take place in Glenflesk Hall on Monday 26th May. Jackpot will be €6,400. Thanks to all who support our Lotto & to Diarmuid Lynch Plumbing & Heating Ltd for sponsoring our tickets.

CLOTHES COLLECTION

If you needed an excuse to clear out your wardrobes, this is it! Glenflesk Mothers & Others are having a clothes collection. Fill those bags and drop them to our drop off points. Glenflesk GAA Hall on 29th & 30th May 8 to 9pm, 31st May and 1st of June 10am to 12pm, 2nd and 3rd June 8 to 9pm. Barraduff Community Field 3rd June 6 to 7pm. Please see Glenflesk G4M&O Facebook page for details.

KERRY

Well done to Roan Guerin who played full back for South Kerry U16's last weekend in Tralee. They won a close game against South Cork, final score Kerry South 2-16 Cork South 1-18.

AHEAD OF THE GAME


November "Ahead of the Game" workshop was held on Wednesday 14th May in Glenflesk GAA Hall. Martin Stackpoole and Conor Bohane Kerry Hurlers facilitated the workshop. It was open to all players and young males in the community from ages 13-17 years. Thanks to all who attended. The Club and attendees found this workshop to be very beneficial and would encourage other clubs to hold the Movember Ahead of the Game workshops.

NOTES

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

Glenflesk U15 Soccer team who won Bronze in the Community Games County Finals held in Camp last weekend.





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Physical fitness is important at state exam time

FITNESS

With the state exams fast approaching, it's important to keep an eye on your physical fitness. Study and revision are demanding. The pressure, which some candidates feel around exam time, is a good reason to maintain a level of physical fitness. In the context of an exam, physical fitness is every bit as important as mental alertness. A regular exercise programme is a great way to burn off tension. It relieves stress and is good for the self-confidence. Exercise is a welcome break from the demands of regular study. Set aside an hour two or three times a week to exercise in order to keep in good physical shape. The amount of active exercise you take depends on yourself. Strenuous, competitive exercise is not advisable before and during the exam period as it causes fatigue. An aerobic exercise programme results in a feeling of well-being, it helps you to sleep soundly, to build up stamina and endurance and leads to improved concentration.

NUTRITION

A well-balanced nutritious diet is important around exam time when you need high reserves of energy. Ensure that your mind is clear and alert with a diet that is high on protein, carbohydrates, unsaturated fats, vitamins, minerals and energy. Take three substantial - but not too heavy - meals each day. Enjoy a high-fibre breakfast to keep the digestive system functioning normally. Eat a healthy dinner, which contains constituents such as vegetables, potatoes, rice, pasta, salads, chicken, fish or lean meat. Take a regular evening meal of brown bread, eggs, cheese and related high protein-based foods. Rather than having three very heavy meals you might prefer to supplement your main meals with a few nutritious snacks made up of yoghurt, fruit, cheese and the like. Don't over indulge in junk

food. Drink at least two glasses of milk daily as well as plenty of cool fresh water to avoid dehydration and to keep the fluid levels high. Be moderate in your use of artificial stimulants such as tea and coffee, which contain caffeine. Keep a clear head by abstaining from alcohol before and during the exam period.

RELAXATION

Counteract any nervousness by using a few simple relaxation techniques. Stress and anxiety are related to muscular tension. So, by using a relaxation technique to reduce tension in the muscles you will also reduce stress and anxiety. An effective one is to close your eyes and inhale a few comfortable deep breaths. Hold each breath for a few seconds. Then breathe out, slowly and quietly. As you breathe out say 'relax' to yourself and you will feel the tension flowing out of your body. Open your eyes and then carry on with your study. This simple but effective physical relaxation technique can be done in about two minutes and can also be used for periodic breaks during the exam itself.

SLEEP

Aim to get eight or nine hours sleep each night. A tired mind, however brilliant, cannot perform at its best. So, the importance of an adequate amount of sleep cannot be over emphasised. Long hours of study into the night can be counter- productive and energy sapping. Rather than burning the midnight oil go to bed at a reasonable hour to ensure that you get sufficient rest.

HYGIENE

Be particular about your personal hygiene, especially in warm weather. If you feel fresh and comfortable your mind will focus better on the task in hand. Hang up your uniform after school and change into casual clothes before you

settle down to evening study. As the tension of the day often manifests itself in the feet, change from your school footwear to lighter more comfortable footwear. Always take the time to enjoy a regular shower or bath. A fresh effervescent feeling will help you to meet the demands of study and exams.

CHECKLIST

- Physical fitness is every bit as important as mental alertness
- A regular exercise programme helps to burn off tension
- Aerobic exercise induces a feeling of well-being
- Strenuous, competitive exercise before an exam may cause fatigue
- Build short relaxation exercises into your daily plan
- A well-balanced nutritious diet is a source of energy
- Keep fluid levels high to avoid dehydration
- Be moderate in your use of artificial stimulants such as tea and coffee
- Keep a clear head by abstaining from alcohol at exam time
- It's important to get eight- or nine-hours sleep every night
- Instead of burning the midnight oil go to bed early
- Good personal hygiene keeps you fresh and comfortable
- Exam timetables are available on www.examinations.ie

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Killarney Community College principals award winner Lara Bradley alongside Student of the Year Dylan Tucker with Deputy Principal Ms O Leary and Principal Ms Loughnane



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FOSSA ROWING CLUB

TIME TRIALS

Very well done to our members who took part in the Time Trials at Flesk Valley Rowing Club. The time trials took place in perfect weather conditions and in glorious sunshine. We had 10 boats take part and our crews were amazing. A huge well done to one and all and a huge thanks also you to our coaches and coxes for looking after their charges. A huge thanks to all of our amazing support and a special well done to our members who took part in their first rowing event yesterday. Thanks also to Flesk Valley, a wonderful day for all involved.

FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB

RESULTS FOR 15TH MAY

1st: Mary Shanahan & Michael McHugh

2nd: Marie O'Sullivan Kenmare & Horst Rosler

3rd: Ursula Daly & Ciaran Broadbery

Well done all.

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

WORKMAN'S ROWING CLUB

Workman's Rowing Club was proud to take part in the Flesk Head of the Lake 2025 - time trial, hosted by Flesk Valley Rowing Club. It was a great opportunity to test ourselves in coastal conditions, and several of our crews delivered strong performances. The event was well-organised, and the positive atmosphere made for an enjoyable day on and off the water.

LOOKING AHEAD: THE LEE REGATTA 2025

Our focus now shifts to one of the key events on the domestic rowing calendar: The Lee Regatta, scheduled for Saturday, 24th May 2025, at the iconic Cork Marina. This highly anticipated event promises a full day of competitive racing, showcasing talent from clubs across the region. Preparations within the club are ramping up, with crews putting in focused training sessions to fine-tune technique, build endurance, and sharpen timing. Coaches are working closely with athletes to ensure every boat is race-ready. There's a strong sense of determination and optimism throughout the club, and we're confident our crews will represent us with pride

Members of the Workman's Rowing Club who took part in the Flesk Head of the Lake 2025 time trials recently



and competitive spirit.

Spectators, supporters, and families are encouraged to come along to Cork Marina and cheer on our rowers—it's always a boost to see familiar faces in the crowd.

REGULAR TRAINING continues as scheduled.

MUCKROSS ROWING CLUB

CASTLECONNELL REGATTA

The club was represented by a strong contingent of 37 crews at the Castleconnell Sprint Regatta, held in glorious sunshine last weekend. The main day of racing took place on Saturday with Masters races held on Sunday. It was a very successful day of racing with eight wins, 13 second place and 10 third place finishes. Well done to everyone who raced and to our coaches. The race wins for Muckcross included the Mens J18B Single (Darragh Kavanagh), Mens 16 Double (Chris Flynn, Donncha Kissane O'Sullivan), Mens J16 Single (Colm O'Connor), Mens J15 Single (Aaron Hegarty), Womens J15 Double (Kirsten Kenny, Marissa O'Connor), Womens J14 Quad (Bebhinn O'Donoghue, Orla Forde, Olivia Murphy, Lauren O'Donoghue, Kate Dennehy (cox)), Womens J14 Double (Orla Forde, Bebhinn O'Donoghue) and Womens J13 Quad (Lauren O'Donoghue, Laura O'Sullivan, Maria Scanlon, Madeleine Lynch). A full round up can be found on the club's social media pages. Special thank you to Leanes Kitchens & Bedrooms who supported the club at

the weekend with the supply of a jeep for boat trailer transport. Many thanks to all the coaches and parents who helped out with organisation over the weekend.

EVENTS

Lee Regatta, Saturday, May 24th, Cork City Marina; Dublin Metro Regatta, Saturday, May 24th, Blessington; Munster Branch Regatta, NRC Farran, Saturday, June 7th; Cork Regatta, Sat-Sun, June 21st-22nd, NRC Farran; Rowing Ireland 1k Classic, Lough Rynn, Sat-Sun June 28-29th; Fermoy Regatta, Sunday, July 6th; Irish Rowing Championships Fri-Sun, Jul 11-13th

KILLARNEY BADMINTON CLUB

Jennifer was the 2025 Chairpersons award recipient. This is due to her dedication and support to club and county as a player and chief organiser and mentor to all. We here at Killarney Club are immensely proud of all she has achieved to date !! Well done Jennifer.



Fossa rowing club members at time trials at Flesk Valley Rowing Club

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FAI Munster Soccer Champions!

Castleisland Community College FAI U14 Munster Soccer Champions!

In a dazzling display of teamwork and skill, the first year team reclaimed the Munster Schools 1st Year Boys Collins Cup, defeating Nagle Community College of Cork with a comprehensive 6-0 victory in Banteer.

The game began with an unfortunate setback for Castleisland, as standout full-back Darragh McGillicuddy sustained an early injury. Substitute Billy Moriarty was promptly introduced, seamlessly integrating into the defensive line alongside James O'Donoghue, Conor O'Donoghue, and Kealan Burke.

Castleisland opened the scoring when midfielder Adam Walsh concluded a fluid team movement with a precise finish. Nagle responded with sustained pressure, but the defensive quartet of Moriarty, the O'Donoghues, and Burke exhibited resilience and composure to maintain their lead. The advantage was doubled before halftime. Winger Ryan Clifford, whose energy and pace were a constant threat, delivered an exquisite cross that forward Olly O'Shea converted with aplomb. The teams entered the interval with Castleisland leading 2-0.

The second half saw Castleisland assert their dominance during a blistering ten-minute spell. Midfielders Sean Kerin and Donal O'Sullivan orchestrated play with creativity and vision, facilitating two additional goals for O'Shea, who showcased clinical finishing to complete his hat-trick and extend the lead to 4-0. Despite the mounting deficit, Nagle Community College displayed commendable determination, pressing forward in search of a consolation goal. However, Castleisland's defence, marshalled effectively by goalkeeper

Connie O'Connor, remained unyielding. Castleisland further solidified their triumph with two late goals. Substitute Leo Flynn embarked on a mesmerizing solo run, culminating in a well-placed shot to make it 5-0. Shortly thereafter, fellow substitute Tom O'Neill latched onto a precise pass to deliver a composed finish, sealing the 6-0 victory. 'We are delighted with the win –this is a trophy that was won previously by our 3rd year students when they were in first year, concluded Mr Hickie.



Back row from left: Cillian Horan, Darragh O Sullivan, Dónal O Sullivan, Billy Moriarty, Darragh McGillicuddy, Darragh Lyons, Nathan Moroney, Leo Flynn

Middle row from left: Donnacha Hickie (Coach), Ollie O Shea, Ryan Clifford, Adam Walsh, David Fealy, Luke Murphy, Tom O'Neill, Cian Bolger, David Scollard (Assistant Coach)

Sitting from left Charlie Tarrant, Brian Mc Shane, Conor O Donoghue, Connie O Connor, Seán Kerin, James O Donoghue, Ryan O Connor, Emmet O Grady.

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- **Have a digital sunset.** After a certain time in the evening, make it your priority not to check your phone, send emails or engage in endless scrolling on social media. This takes discipline but it's so worth it.
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To make fitness a lasting part of your life, tailor your plan to activities you genuinely enjoy. Whether it's dancing, cycling, yoga, or brisk walking, choosing enjoyable exercises increases the likelihood of sticking with them. Variety is also crucial—mixing different activities prevents boredom and challenges your body in new ways, promoting both physical and mental adaptability. Lastly, establishing a routine—like working out at the same time each day—helps turn exercise into an ingrained habit, providing a sense of stability and mental clarity. Remember, consistency and enjoyment are the cornerstones of a fitness routine that nurtures your mental well-being over the long haul.

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Cataract

A cataract happens when either all or part of the lens in the eye becomes cloudy. There are different types of cataract, but the most common is age-related cataract.

Cataracts are very common, being the main cause of impaired vision in the world. If left untreated they can lead to partial or total sight loss.

Cataracts are very easily diagnosed by optometrists.

Age-related macular degeneration

Age-related macular degeneration (AMD) affects the central part of the vision and is caused by damage to the macular region of the eye, which is the part of the retina that provides high-resolution, central vision.

There are two main types of AMD – dry and wet. AMD is the most common cause of sight-impairment that affects older people.

Dry Eye

Dry eye syndrome is a common condition that occurs when the

eyes do not produce enough tears or they evaporate too quickly.

Dry eye can lead to the eye becoming red, swollen and irritated, and in certain cases cause considerable discomfort for the sufferer. In very rare cases dry eye can be a sight threatening condition.

Red eye

Red eye comprises a number of conditions such as conjunctivitis or burst blood vessels in the eye and are usually nothing to be unduly concerned about.

However, if the eye is painful this could be a sign of something more serious such as iritis (inflammation) or acute glaucoma.

While the majority of red eye conditions are short-term issues, they could be a symptom of other more serious conditions, such as acute glaucoma which is medically urgent and could result in loss of sight in that eye.

Watery eye (epiphora)

Watery eye is a condition that is usually caused either by tears not draining correctly from the eye or, paradoxically, as a result of an underlying dry eye condition which results in irritation.

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Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Kerry TD Norma Foley has confirmed that over €93,000 in funding is to be provided for biodiversity projects in Kerry. The funding is coming from the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) Local Biodiversity Action Fund in 2025. The fund was established in 2018 to assist local authorities in the implementation of actions in support of biodiversity.

Minister Foley said: "I welcome the funding of over €93,000 for ten projects in Kerry, ranging from coastal conservation to delivering climate action training to teachers in Kerry. These projects will make a unique impact on local biodiversity in Kerry. I would also like to thank all the communities involved and also Kerry County

Council for their work in operating the Local Biodiversity Action Fund."

A full list of the projects being funded is included below:

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FITZGERALD STADIUM DEVELOPMENT

The proposed development of Fitzgerald Stadium in Killarney needs to be moved on now and not allowed to fall behind in its planned progression, according to Fianna Fáil TD, Michael Cahill. Deputy Cahill is confident that an announcement is imminent on further funding for the project, to move it to the next important phase. "I have raised the Fitzgerald Stadium Development Plan in Dáil Éirean with a number of relevant Ministers, as well as with An Taoiseach Micheál Martin and the Minister for Justice, Jim O'Callaghan, who are well versed in the detail of it and I feel that we are going to get a positive announcement shortly on further funding for this crucial project for Kerry" stated Deputy Cahill. "Kerry as a whole will benefit from having such a facility in Killarney, that can host more large sporting events, as well as other forms of

entertainment including the biggest of bands. Hospitality providers of all hues and in all parts of Kerry will gain additional business when the Fitzgerald Stadium Development is completed" said the Kerry Teachta Dála. "This will be a massive boost for Killarney and the entire county, will significantly increase footfall and will be great for the local economy. The County Board submitted a fantastic application and it deserves support. I believe that Fitzgerald Stadium will secure major funding under the IIP scheme in the very near future" stated Deputy Cahill. "I am honoured and delighted to have been a supporter of this fabulous project and so happy to have been able to represent the people of Kerry in pressing for the funding to be provided for it" added Michael Cahill TD.

BLUE FLAG



The retention of Blue Flag status on 15 of Kerry's beaches and 2 marinas and 5 Green Coast awards, has been enthusiastically welcomed by Fianna Fáil TD, Michael Cahill, who himself lives at Rossbeigh, a recipient.

"It is a fantastic achievement for Kerry that all these beaches have retained Blue Flag status for 2025 and special thanks must go out to Kerry County Council officials and the local community organisations that make this possible. May I pay particular tribute to Baile an Sceilg who were dual award winners, receiving both the Blue Flag and Green Coast awards, the only one in Kerry and one of only ten in Ireland" stated Deputy Cahill.

"Our physical and mental health is well served by the facilities available to us in all outdoor areas and our beaches are a place of great fun for adults and children alike. Keeping these beaches clean and safe is no easy feat and it doesn't just happen. Long hours of hard work must go into maintaining their Blue Flag standard" added Michael Cahill TD.

Autism Classrooms

18 Special Class Places have been provided in Kerry for the 2025/2026 school year according to the Minister for Education, in a reply to a Parliamentary Question put down by Fianna Fáil TD, Michael Cahill. "I was seeking a Special Classroom Autism Unit for a particular school in Kerry. The Minister confirmed to me that these 18 are in addition to 98 special classes already in operation in Kerry. There are also 3 special schools in Kerry with 288 students enrolled" stated Deputy Cahill.

"I will continue to campaign and lobby Minister Helen McEntee for enhanced services and facilities for all our children, and especially those with special needs " said Deputy Cahill. "The National Council for Special Education (NCSE) has responsibility for coordinating and advising on the education provision for children with Special Educational needs" added Michael Cahill TD.

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NTA not progressing with a pedestrian bridge between the train station and the bus station

Both myself and Cllr Maura Healy Rae are very disappointed by the decision of the National Transport Authority (NTA) to not go ahead with the project for a bridge between the train station and bus station in Killarney.

This would have been very useful and welcome in particular for elderly people and families arriving on a train to get to the bus station for a connecting bus it would have reduced the walk time by up to 10 minutes to get between the two stations.



Fianna Fáil TD Michael Cahill Welcomes Over €97,000 Funding for Kerry Groups Through Social Enterprise Scheme

Kerry Fianna Fáil TD Michael Cahill has warmly welcomed the approval of over €97,000 in funding for various Kerry-based social enterprises through the Social Enterprise Scheme. The funding will provide vital capital support to help local groups achieve their social, environmental, or economic goals, with the funds earmarked for building works, refurbishments, repairs, and the purchase of new machinery, vehicles, and equipment. Deputy Cahill highlighted the crucial role that social enterprises play in the fabric of local communities. "This funding represents a

significant investment in the future of Kerry's social enterprises, and I am delighted that these important initiatives will be able to carry out vital upgrades and improvements," he said. Among the groups to benefit are:

- Social Action Group Rathmore: €15,000 to upgrade and improve the community gym, ensuring greater accessibility and service for the local community.
- NEWKD: €12,258 for building works that will provide access to the rear of the building, enabling future expansion and enhanced service offerings.
- Kerry Respite Care: €6,287 to purchase a

multifunction printer, tablets, and laptops, which will significantly improve the organisation's administrative capacity and service delivery.

- Valentia Community Health and Welfare Association: €6,296 for the purchase of an Able Table and chairs to improve comfort, accessibility, and encourage greater community participation.
- 0 Torc Community and Family Resource Centre: €57,533.61 for the purchase of a van, 15 charity donation bins, and provision of a new access gate and parking area.

IFI opens third draw for Kerry salmon anglers for 2025

Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) has opened the third draw for anglers wishing to catch and keep salmon from Kerry's River Roughty. Brown tag regulations apply to the river catchment until September 30th, 2025, when the salmon fishing season ends. Anglers interested in entering a June 12th lottery draw for a brown tag can apply at the IFI website until midnight on Sunday, June 8th, 2025. Commenting, Sean Long South-Western River Basin District Director at IFI stated: "The number of wild Atlantic salmon returning to our rivers is declining. The risk of over-fishing puts stocks in further jeopardy. "Brown tag measures for salmon and sea trout are required on the Roughty River to conserve stocks and avoid accidental over-harvesting. "Where there is a modest harvestable surplus with a risk of over-exploitation, this brown gill tag system is introduced to closely monitor the angling quotas." A total of 74 brown tags are available in 2025. They are being distributed

to anglers with a valid rod licence via four draws during the season. The previous draws were held in February and April, with 38 brown tags distributed to date. Anglers may only receive one brown tag per season for use on the River Roughty catchment. Those who receive the tags through the lottery system must place them on the fish – along with a blue tag – as proof it was lawfully caught and may be retained for private use. Anglers not allocated a brown tag are only permitted to fish for salmon on the Roughty River on a catch-and-release basis, where the salmon is returned safely to the same waterbody. Anglers must use catch-and-release methods only, involving single or double barbless hooks. Use of worms as bait is not permitted. For more information, contact IFI's Macroom office on (026) 41221, or at macroom@fisheriesireland.ie




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Killarney Community College students Grace Foley and Victoria Pierog who were this year's senior living the ethos of the school award

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OPEL CELEBRATES MILESTONE: 1,000,000th CORSA F SERIES ROLLS OFF PRODUCTION LINE

Opel is celebrating a major milestone. The 1,000,000th unit of the current generation Corsa F, first launched in 2019, has rolled off the production line at the Zaragoza plant in Spain. Available in petrol, hybrid and all-electric, the bestselling Corsa is a firm favourite, loved by private retail and business customers alike, and as such, demand has continued to go from strength to strength. In the first quarter of 2025, new Corsa registrations in Europe (E29), rose by +18% compared to the previous quarter. Since the launch of the very first Corsa over 4 decades ago, in 1982, almost 15 million units have been sold worldwide.

Florian Huettl, Opel CEO and Managing Director Stellantis Germany, said: "Our Corsa is a proven bestseller. The fabrication of the one millionth Corsa of the current generation demonstrates that customers simply really love our small car. With its fresh design, affordable top technologies and high flexibility packed in compact dimensions, it appeals to the most diverse groups of customers. This unique combination makes it a fundamental guarantee

for success in our portfolio."

The Corsa impresses with its characteristic striking design, including the Opel Vizor front face, and sporty nature. Compact, yet with space for up to five people, it offers affordable top technologies such as the adaptive, glare-free Intelli-Lux Matrix light, making journeys relaxing and safe.

Customers have an extremely wide selection of drive options, ranging from battery-electric variants to modern hybrids with 48-volt technology and efficient combustion engines. Thus, the Corsa offers the right drivetrain for almost every usage profile and need. The Corsa Electric now boasts a 51kWh battery with an output of 115kW (156hp), returning a range of up to 429km (WLTP) on a full charge, an increase of almost 6% or up to 24km more than

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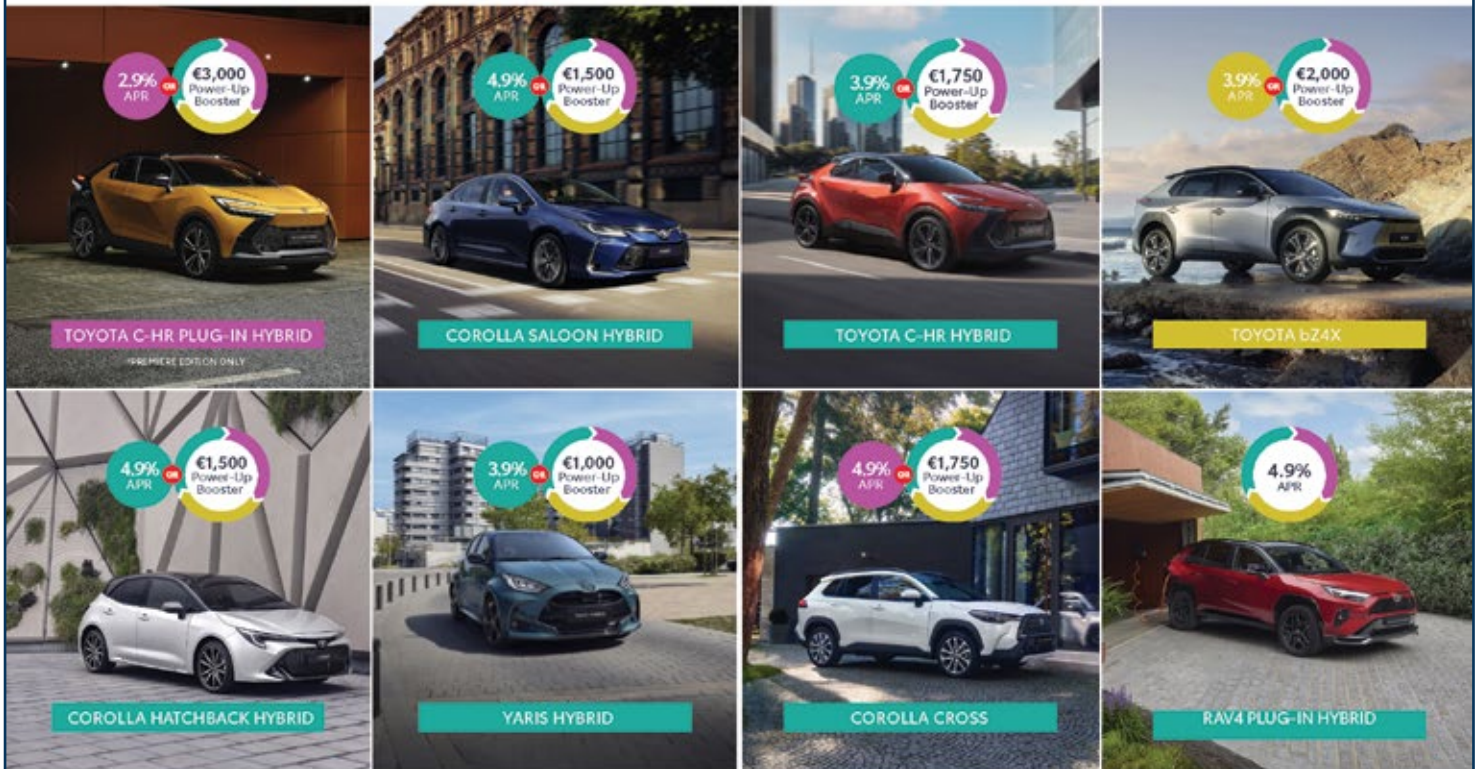


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LADIES

18 HOLE STABLEFORD SPONSORED BY KIERAN CREHAN, GOLF PROFESSIONAL

1st: Stephanie Lane (30) 41 points
2nd: Roasaleen Kennedy (37) 37 points
3rd: Maura Kennedy (50) 35 points

FUTURE COMPETITIONS

24th/25th May 18 hole Single Stroke Play, Round 2 Golfer of the Year, Sponsored by Aghadoe Heights Hotel

MEN'S RESULTS

18 HOLE STABLEFORD SPONSORED BY GALVIN'S BAR, BEAUFORT

White tees;

1st: Ciaran Kennedy (21) 41 points (last 6)
2nd: Gabhan O'Loughlin (16) 41 points
3rd: Joe McMahon (21) 40 points (last 9)

Yellow tees;

1st: Tony McCarthy (25) 39 points
2nd: Paudie O'Shea (14) 37 points
3rd: Jim Crowley (18) 33 points (last 9)

COMPETITION 24TH AND 25TH MAY - Round 1 Golfer of the Year.

KILLARNEY GOLF & FISHING CLUB

THE GLENEAGLE HOTEL MIXED FOURSOME - KILLARNEY CUPS, 15TH MAY 2025 ON MAHONY'S POINT

Winner: Elaine O'Sullivan & Paul O'Sullivan, (26) 40pts
2nd: Nicola O'Mahony & Finbarr O'Mahony, (14) 40pts
3rd: Josephine O'Sullivan & Padraig O'Sullivan, (13) 39pts

CAPTAINS CHARITY WEEKEND

Captain Máire and Captain Mike chosen charities for the weekend, Kerry Hospice Foundation and Saint Francis Special School.

Competition played 17th & 18th May 2025 on Mahony's Point

Winner: Cormac O'Sullivan, Fionán O'Sullivan, Padraig O'Sullivan & Josephine O'Sullivan 99pts
2nd: Maurice McCarthy, Michael Crowley, Donal Hickey & Pat Casey 97pts

3rd: Mossie Stack, Denis O'Sullivan, Mary McGill & Kay Cussen, 96pts

4th: Mark Timmins, Mary Timmins, Elizabeth O'Farrell & Elaine Casey, 95pts

5th: Maurice O'Meara, Sean Curran, Sam Leech & Sean Brosnan, 94pts

NEXT FIXTURE will be 24th May 2025 Donagh Hickey Motors Australian Spoons Qualifier on Mahony's Point. Calor Gas Cork Golf Club Exchange 25th May 2025 team of Two.

MAINE VALLEY MEMBERS GOLF CLUB

RESULTS OF A TO Z CAR REPAIRS SINGLES 17/18 MAY (GOY)

1st: Paudie Murphy (10) 41pts
2nd: Tim O'Neill (20) 40pts
3rd: Tommy Evans (12) 39pts (countback)
Gross prize: Mikey McKenna (7) 77

Division 1 (indexes up to 14.1)

Gary Stynes (11) 39pts

Division 2 (indexes 14.2 to 21.6)

Padraig Hanly (16) 38pts (last 6)

Division 3 (indexes 21.6 and above)

David Murphy (23) 38pts

Well done to all prize winners

KERRY PITCH & PUTT

Last Sunday morning in Castleisland saw the National Matchplay Qualifiers for Kerry decided in this the second year of the expanded Intermediate and Junior Mens events by Pitch & Putt Ireland alongside the existing Senior Mens and dual Ladies events. In the Senior Mens event, Tralee's Jason Cregan, Darren Goodall, Tony Blake, Gavin Carroll and Keith O'Brien along with Deerpark duo Damien Fleming and John McGrath will be the seven Kerry players entering Thursday May 22nd's draw for all Finals.

Tony had a great battle with Listowel's Chris Gibney for his qualifying spot with the pair going to the first playoff hole, the 37th of play before Tony went through. In the Intermediate Mens grade meanwhile Deerpark dominate the six players who will be in that draw from the county. Gearoid Cronin, Ger O'Connor, James Fleming and Connie O'Sullivan Jnr from the Killarney club all made it through this morning with Tralee's Roger Guthrie and Listowel's Ger Guerin taking the other two final spots.

The three Junior Mens representatives from Kerry meanwhile will be all from Tralee as Gerry Lee, Alan O'Connor and Reece Sugrue all managed to make it through. In Gerry's case he had a battle with his brother Noel for the spot which Gerry won in another match to go a distance of 37 holes. Congratulations to all 16 players as they will go into the hat on for the various draws with the Finals on in Offaly courses Erry (Clara) and Tullamore on the June Bank Holiday Weekend.

This Friday meanwhile sees the National Secondary Schools Finals take place in St Bridgets, Kilcullen, Kildare. We wish the three St Brendans College Killarney and two St Michaels College Listowel teams that qualified from the recent Munsters the very best of luck as the Sem are bidding for four-in-a-row at National level in the event.

Elsewhere Deerpark have announced that due to the effect of the recent dry and warm weather on their course that their Scratch Cup events due for Sunday June 22nd have been postponed until a later date in the autumn at the earliest.

Finally, the Kerry County Board would like to express our sympathies to Theresa Broderick of Tralee and her family on the death of her husband Michael in the past week. May he Rest in Peace.

ROSS GC

RESULTS

ON MAY 17TH AND 18TH WE HELD A STABLEFORD COMPETITION

The winners were :-

1st: John Hurley 38 (25)
2nd: Derek McAllister 38 (19)

Division 1

1st: Aidan O'Connor 36 (8)
2nd: Alan Flynn 36 (6)

Division 2

1st: Jimmie Smith 38 (16)
2nd: Donie Broderick 35 (16)

Division 3

1st: Gerard Murphy 35 (23)

2nd: Tom Shields 34 (34)

ON THURSDAY MAY 15TH OUR SENIORS HELD A 10 HOLE STABLEFORD COMPETITION.

The winners were :-

1st: Maurice Coffey (16) 25 pts
2nd: Dermot O'Connor (10) 23pts
3rd: Sean Hickey (10) 22 pts
4th: John Hurley (12) 20 pts

THE BRUEN SHIELD COMPETITION

Our Ross GC team will host Killarney GC in this competition on Saturday 24th.

Members are asked to come along and support the Ross GC team.

FIXTURE

On Sat May 24th 3rd and Sun May 25th we will hold a strokeplay competition

ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB

RESULTS OF 18 HOLE & 9 HOLE (CLUB SPONSORED) COMPETITIONS ON SAT 17TH MAY

It was great to have seen so many ladies on the course Saturday

18 Hole Results

1st: Jennifer Nash
2nd: Elaine Casey
3rd: Kaye Cremin
4th: Kitty O Grady

9 Hole Results

1st: Mary McGuire

COMPETITIONS

Saturday 24th May 2025 9 & 18 hole single Stableford qualifying competition. Booking through the BRS.

LADIES OPEN DAY

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

LADIES GET INTO GOLF

The Get into Golf is starting up again this season. Wednesday evenings June 4th to July 9th. Please Contact Breda on 087 4629501 for further information and booking.

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS MEET & PLAY

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

GOLF LESSONS

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DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB

NATIONAL MATCHPLAY QUALIFIERS

It was a great morning for the club in Castleisland last Sunday as a total of six made it through between the Senior and Intermediate events, our highest representation at a National Finals since we hosted the event back in 2004. Well done to Damien Fleming & John McGrath (Senior), Gearoid Cronin, Connie O'Sullivan Jnr, Ger O'Connor & James Fleming (Intermediate) on qualifying for the Finals which take place in Erry and Tullamore on the June Bank Holiday Weekend.




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Last Sunday's event was notable for the amount of Hole-In-Ones in particular. Results- Two Ball Betterball- First Nett: Aidan O'Keeffe & James Foley 39½, Gross: Bobby Kelly & Sean O'Brien 49 (B9), Second Nett: Daniel Kelly & Aidan O'Keeffe 40½ and Hole-In-Ones: Denis Duggan (2th), John Murphy (4th) and Sean Ashe (10th).

SUMMER SERIES

We had a good start to this summer long event (sponsored by the Flesk Restaurant) on Wednesday May 14th last with a good turnout. Results- First Nett: Ben Kelliher, Gavin Bastible & Dan Kiely 32 2/3, Second Nett: Brian McCarthy, James Foley & Donnacha Slattery 34 and Third Nett: Sean Kelly, Niall O'Loughlin & Sean Quill 34 2/3.

TIM SCANNELL

Commiserations to our Deerpark 1 team on their defeat to Tralee 2 in the semi-finals of the Kerry Inter-Club Matchplay event on Tuesday May 13th last.

COMPETITION POSTPONEMENTS

A reminder again of the Committee's recent decision to postpone the Club Strokeplay (due for this coming weekend) and the Scratch Cups (due for June 22nd) to later dates due to the effect of the present dry and warm weather on the course.

U16 MEET AND GREET

We ask U16 members and their parents to keep the morning of June 7th free for a gathering with club members the same morning where there will be some coaching, some play and some food to begin the U16 season at the club. Further details in the weeks ahead.

BEST WISHES To Ben Kelliher and Mark O'Carroll in the Munster Minor Final with the Kerry against



Castlerosse Golf Club Ladies on their Away Day at Parknasilla Golf Club.

Cork on Friday May 23rd.

DEEPEST CONDOLENCES To Tralee's Theresa Broderick on the death of her husband Michael last week. May he Rest in Peace.

CASTLEROSSE GOLF CLUB (LADIES)

AWAY DAY IN PARKNASILLA GOLF CLUB

Our Away Day to Parknasilla Golf Club was held on Saturday, 17th May. It was a fabulous sunny day and all enjoyed. The Lady Captain, Finola Geary and the Ladies would like to thank Mark Bowe and the Castlerosse Hotel for very generously sponsoring the prizes for the day.

RESULTS OF THE PARKNASILLA

COMPETITION: 9 HOLE STABLEFORD

1st: Nuala Ward
2nd: Gina O'Shea (on countback)

RESULTS OF THE PARKNASILLA COMPETITION: 18 HOLE STABLEFORD

1st: Una Moroney (on countback)
2nd: Catherine Woods

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The Killarney Golf and Fishing Club Joint Captain's Charity Day presentation was held in Killarney Golf and Fishing Club with the two chosen charities represented St Francis' Special School and Kerry Hospice Foundation (front from left) Keith Ó Broisláin Principal St Francis' Special School, Máire Murphy Captain Kly GC, Padraig and Josephine O'Sullivan winning team members, past Captain John O'Mahony, Pat Doolan Kerry Hospice Foundation (back from left) Donal Hickey and Pat Casey 2nd, Betty Farrell 4th, Fionán and Cormac O'Sullivan winning team members, Sam Leech, Sean Brosnan and Maurice O'Meara 5th on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



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KERRY YOUTHS LEAGUE FINAL

Killarney Athletic 4-2 Tralee Dynamos

Sean O'Mahony x1 Carlos Perez x1 Finan Blackwell x1 Luke Doolan x1

The youth team completed the League and Cup double tonight in Tralee after a very tough battle against Tralee Dynamos. It was 1-1 after 5 minutes, we scored first from Sean O'Mahony after great work by Jake Nash down the right wing. Dynamos responded straight away. Dynamos were causing us a lot of problems at the back and were unfortunate to not take the lead on a few occasions. Carlos Perez scored direct from a free kick before the half time whistle. Very lucky to go in 2-1 up at the break. We came out firing in the second half and 2 early goals from Finan Blackwell and Luke Doolan gave us a bit of breathing room. Dynamos kept probing for chances and were rewarded late on to leave it 4-2 at full time. Brian O'Shea and Fionn Daly accepted the trophy and so draws an end to a very impressive season. Thanks to Roland, Tommy and their Dynamos team for a very tough and fair final. Man of the match has to be Carlos Perez. Brilliant skills, work rate and attitude as always. He kept us in the game in the first half.

U15 SHIELD SEMI FINAL

Killarney Athletic B 2 - 1 Killarney Celtic B

Adam Doyle x1 James Marshall x1

We welcomed Celtic to Ferndale this evening and produced an excellent performance to advance to the Shield final.

In a cracking cup tie Celtic struck first however our young Blues never panicked playing their way back into the tie with Martin Villa striking the bar and Sam O'Donoghue shooting just wide from distance. Responding to a big blow losing Aodhagán O'Suilleabháin to injury by equalising through a powerful Adam Doyle header going in level at halftime.

Second half brought more of the same with both keeper's making great saves before Athletic piled on the pressure striking the crossbar and post and having a Jacob Syjud effort cleared off the line. With five minutes left and extra time looming James Marshall won it for us cutting in off the left and unleashing an unstoppable shot into the top corner.

Excellent games by Matthew Myles, Sam Shea and man of match Constantin Preda.

Onto the final we go

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JIMMY FALVEY MEMORIAL SHIELD FINAL



The Killarney Athletic Team who won the Kerry Youths League Final



Killarney Celtic U15A recent winners in the U15 Healy Family Cup quarter final

Killarney Celtic 5-0 Iveragh Utd

Liam Hennigan 2, Joshua Williams 2, Mark Looney
Celtic Youths captured the Jimmy Falvey Memorial Shield after a dominant display last weekend. Celtic started well and had chances while at the same time Iveragh were dangerous on the break. 0-0 at half time. Celtic opened the scoring at the start of the 2nd half through Liam Hennigan with Joshua Williams making it 2-0 shortly afterwards. Celtic went 3 up when Liam Hennigan netted his 2nd. Joshua Williams made it 4 and finally Mark Looney completed the scoring

U13 JOHN JOE NAUGHTON CUP SEMI FINAL

Killarney Celtic 3-0 Killorglin AFC

Fionn Culloty 2, Sean Doyle

In a tight 1st half there were very few clear cut chances. Cillian Scannell was close to scoring while Killorglin hit the crossbar. 0-0 at half time. Celtic created many chances in the 2nd half but were unable to gain the advantage. 0-0 at full time and so on to extra time. Fionn Culloty broke the deadlock after the initial Cillian Scannell shot was saved. Sean Doyle gave Celtic breathing space when he netted after another Cillian Scannell shot was saved. Celtic completed the scoring when Conor Doherty set up Fionn Culloty.

KILLARNEY CELTIC HOSTED 12 FINALS LAST WEEKEND IN THE U10/11 COMPETITIONS.

Many thanks to all who helped on the day. Our U10 Green, U10 White and U11 White squads were victorious on the day.

CONGRATS to Joey O'Callaghan U15 and Fionn Culloty U13 who made the KSBGL Team of the Week.

Well done to our players who played with the Kerry ETP U12 Boys and U12 Girls squads in All

Ireland Finals last week. Unfortunately both squads finished runners up in their Bowl Finals

KERRY SCHOOLBOYS & GIRLS LEAGUE

NATIONAL

U12 BOYS ALL IRELAND BOWL FINAL

Kerry 1-1 Limerick Desmond AET
(Limerick won 7-6 on pens)

U12 GIRLS ALL IRELAND BOWL FINAL

Kerry 0-0 Roscommon AET
(Roscommon won 4-3 on pens)

U15 GIRLS ALL IRELAND TROPHY FINAL

Kerry 5-0 Sligo/Leitrim

GIRLS

U16 GIRL'S LOL O LEARY SHEILD S/F

Killarney Athletic 1-5 Camp

BOYS

U15 BOYS NATIONAL TROPHY S/FINAL

Cherry Orchard 6-1 Park

U12 BOYS JOHN MURPHY CUP

Inter Kenmare A 3-0 Iveragh A

U12 BOYS JOHN MURPHY SHIELD Q/F

Listowel Celtic B 0-2 Park C

U12 BOYS DIVISION 1

Camp B 1-7 Tralee Dynamos A

U12 BOYS DIVISION 2 (NORTH)

Dingle B 3 v Ardferd 0 w/o

LB Rovers B 4-0 Park D

Tralee Dynamos B 2-1 Castleisland C

Fenit C 0-2 Listowel Celtic C

Park D 1-5 LB Rovers B

U13 BOYS PREMIER

Iveragh 2-0 Dingle

U13 BOYS DIVISION 2 NORTH

Listowel Celtic C 6-2 LB Rovers B

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 Mastergeeha A 1-3 Inter Kenmare A
 LB Rovers 1-0 Milltown
U14 BOYS TOM HAYES CUP ROUND 1
 Fenit A 3-0 Ballyhar A
U14 BOY'S TOM HAYES TROPHY ROUND S/F
 Fenit B 2-3 Listowel Celtic B
U15 BOYS PREMIER
 Mastergeeha 2-0 Killarney Athletic A
U15 BOYS DIVISION 1
 Listowel Celtic A 0-3 Inter Kenmare B w/o
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U15 BOYS DIVISION 2
 Dingle A 1-1 Mastergeeha B
U15 BOYS HEALY FAMILY CUP Q/F
 Park A 2-3 Killarney Celtic A
U15 BOYS HEALY FAMILY SHIELD S/F
 Killarney Athletic B 2-1 Killarney Celtic B
INTER LEAGUE
U15 GIRLS WIN ALL IRELAND TITLE

Kerry delivered a commanding performance to secure the U15 Girls All-Ireland Trophy, sweeping aside Sligo/Leitrim with an emphatic 5-0 win. From start to finish, Kerry controlled the match with clinical finishing and disciplined defending. Eilidh Cregan's brace led the scoring charge, while Saoirse Brosnan added to her phenomenal form following her recent exploits in their Inter League campaign.

Further goals from Casey Shanahan and Evanne Mason rounded off a polished team display. A proud day for Kerry soccer as they lifted the national title in style, a result that showcased that the Girls game continues to thrive.

U12 BOYS SUFFER PENALTIES HEARTACHE

It was heartbreak for Kerry in the U12 All-Ireland Bowl Final as they fell just short in a dramatic penalty shootout after a 1-1 draw in extra time against Limerick Desmond.

The Shannonsiders would lead 1-0 by the break, having scored in the opening quarter of an hour. Tadhg Gilligan gave Kerry hope with a crucial goal in the second half that sent the game to extra-time. Chances came and went as both sides battled fiercely through extra time. But in the end, it was Limerick Desmond who held their nerve from the spot, edging the shootout 7-6 to take home the silverware.

Kerry did have their moments in the shootout, leading for a time, but a vital save in sudden



Kerry U15 Girls with the All Ireland Trophy

death gave Limerick Desmond the advantage and they slotted home the final penalty. A spirited performance from Kerry, who can hold their heads high after an impressive campaign that brought them all the way to the national final.

U12 GIRLS DEFEATED IN ALL IRELAND FINAL

Kerry's U12 girls came agonisingly close to national glory in the All-Ireland Bowl Final, but were edged out by Roscommon in a tense penalty shootout after a scoreless draw in both regular and extra time.

Despite controlling large spells of the game and showing great composure, Kerry couldn't break down a resolute Roscommon defence. With the game deadlocked after extra time, penalties were needed to separate the sides.

Roscommon converted 4 of their spot-kicks to Kerry's 3, clinching the title in dramatic fashion. A heartbreaking end for a talented Kerry side who displayed grit, determination, and skill throughout their All-Ireland journey.

NATIONAL

PARK SUFFER NATIONAL TROPHY SEMI-FINAL DEFEAT

St. Brendan's Park's impressive National Trophy run came to an end at the semi-final stage, as they were outmatched by a clinical Cherry Orchard side who ran out 6-1 winners. Despite Park's best efforts, the Dublin outfit were impressive throughout, showcasing their strength in depth and finishing prowess. Park had enjoyed a strong campaign, but Cherry Orchard proved too strong on the day, booking their place in the final with a strong win.

BOYS

LB MOVE TOP OF DIVISION 2 NORTH TITLE

PICTURE

A new leader emerged in the U12's Division 2 North table following the latest round of action, as two wins over Park in succession saw LB Rovers B leapfrog Dingle B.

LB Rovers B enjoyed a clinical week in front of goal. They opened the week with a 4-0 win over Park D in Ballyduff, with goals from Shane O'Carroll, Tadhg O'Rourke Stack, and a brace by Anlon O'Brien. They followed it up with a 5-1 away victory over Park, where O'Brien starred again with a hat-trick, while Tommy Houlihan and O'Rourke Stack added one each.

Elsewhere, Tralee Dynamos B edged Castleisland C 2-1 in a closely contested tie, thanks to a brace from the in-form Will Hussey. An unfortunate own goal was all Castleisland could muster in response.

While Listowel Celtic C also picked up a solid 2-0 win away to Fenit C, with Darren Houlihan on the scoresheet and some help from an own goal.

KENMARE ADVANCE TO QUARTER FINALS OF U12 BOYS JOHN MURPHY CUP

Inter Kenmare A progressed in style in the U12 Boys John Murphy Cup, securing a 3-0 home win over Iveragh A. The standout performer was Alasdair O'Sullivan, who bagged a superb hat-trick to lead his side into the next round.

PARK BOOK PASSAGE TO SHIELD LAST FOUR

St. Brendan's Park C booked their place in the semi-finals of the U12 Boys John Murphy Shield with a solid 2-0 victory over Listowel Celtic B. Goals from Leo Fitzgibbon and Iarlaith Clifford secured the win for Park, who now face Fenit B in the last four.

CELTIC BOOK U13 BOYS JOHN JOE NAUGHTON CUP FINAL TICKET



Ballyhar Dynamos FC U17s who defeated Ferry Rangers FC to win the KDL U17 Division 1 shield title.



Ballyhar Dynamos FC U10s who won the John O Flynn Memorial Bowl with a tight win over MEK FC at Celtic Park on Sunday last.

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Killarney Celtic advanced to the final of the U13 Boys John Joe Naughton Cup after a hard-fought 3-0 win over Killorglin A after extra-time. A brace from Fionn Culloty and a goal from Sean Doyle ensured Celtic's progress, as they controlled the key moments to edge out a competitive Killorglin side.

KENMARE AND LB CONTEST SHIELD DECIDER

The final of the John Joe Naughton U13 Boys Shield will see Inter Kenmare and LB Rovers face off in Christy Leahy Park, as the pair secured wins in the last four stage at the weekend.

Inter Kenmare A booked their place in the final of the John Joe Naughton U13 Boys Shield with a 3-1 win over Mastergeeha A. A strong attacking display led by Alan Harrington, who scored twice, and Ben Leonard sealed the result. In the other semi-final, LB Rovers edged past Milltown in a tight encounter, with Elyes Tarkhani netting the only goal of the game to secure a 1-0 victory and a spot in the decider.

FENIT THROUGH TO TOM HAYES CUP SEMI FINAL

Fenit A advanced to the semi final stage of the U14 Boys Tom Hayes Cup with a 3-0 win over Ballyhar A. Goals from Conor Stack, Eamon Óg McElligott, and Cody Deady sealed a confident performance for the home side. They will await the result of the quarter final tie, which will see the winner Camp of A and Park A host Castleisland A.

CELTIC WIN FIVE GOAL THRILLER TO REACH TROPHY SEMI FINAL

Listowel Celtic B booked their place in the Tom Hayes Trophy Final after edging Fenit B in a thrilling 3-2 semi-final victory. Goals from Gearóid Lenihan, Enrique Walsh, and Ruairi O'Brien made the difference in a tightly contested tie. They await the winners of Park C and Tralee Dynamos next weekend.

DYNAMOS CROWNED DIVISION 1 CHAMPIONS WITH UNBEATEN CAMPAIGN

Eleven games, ten wins, and one draw saw Tralee Dynamos lift the U15 Division 1 title, recording the title in style at the weekend. A clinical showing in front of goal saw the Tralee side pick up three points with a 5-0 win over Inter Kenmare B.

Goals from Danny Lane (2), Albi Gaxha, Ahmed Abdulla, and Ryan Nix sealed the title in style. Earlier in the week, Dynamos had drawn 0-0 with Castleisland A, but they bounced back impressively to win the title.

KILLARNEY CELTIC WIN NAIL BITER TO REACH HEALY FAMILY CUP SEMI-FINAL

In the U15 Boys Healy Family Cup quarter-final, Killarney Celtic A edged out Park A with a close 3-2 win. Kiernan Kelly starred for Killarney Celtic, netting a brace, while Luke Clancy added the crucial third goal to secure their passage to the next round.

ATHLETIC TAKE BRAGGING RIGHTS AND FINAL TICKET OVER CELTIC

A local derby win for Killarney Athletic B saw them advance to the U15 Boys Healy Family Shield Final, as they secured a narrow 2-1 victory over Killarney Celtic B. Adam Doyle and James Marshall found the net for Athletic, while Hammad Atiq scored for Celtic in a closely contested match.



Killarney Athletic U15 Healy Family Shield



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JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY

takes a look at all things sport...

ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIP Group Stage Game One

Kerry 3-18 Roscommon 0-17

The bottom line is that a win is a win. I don't actually think that it would have been a disaster if we had lost; three teams coming out of a four team group gives a lot of leeway. Some people, myself included, would say far too much; it should be two teams emerging straight into quarter-finals. I think the attendance reflected that. Apparently the official attendance was 6814. You'd be disappointed with that as the attendance at a County Final, let alone an inter-county game. But, look, cost, traffic, parking, no sense of jeopardy, and a multiplicity of games, even in GAA alone, to choose from..... there's plenty of reasons for a low attendance. But two very obvious ones stand out for the home side. County League games being on at the same time where both teams agree. There's few die-hard pundits who still cavil at the split season, because it makes lazy journalism harder – I myself see those articles and think, "what split season are you on about?" But a big one for me is the Kerry hurlers being in action at the same time in a game that was effectively their McDonagh fate on the line (not quite in mathematical terms but very much so in real time) being on at the same time.

Look, a part of that is me being cranky. I know the automatic response is "ah, but Jimmy, we have to get the games played". No, you absolutely don't. You are cramming a forced 'group stage' into a competition that never needed or wanted it, just like that distinctly not-so-Super 8 rubbish that preceded it. Hey, look, I have no objections to money. It does matter, in fact it's any sporting organisation's most vital resource. I like money (we have very rarely met in person). But when it comes to quality, you'll make more money out of a few diamonds than a lot of charcoal, and that principle applies to games too. The GAA have accepted the public's verdict – i.e. attendances at football matches dropping like the US economy these days – and this awful group stage is gone next year, replaced with a winner/loser back door system. For which I sing 'hallelujah'.

Roscommon looked sharp at the throw-in. Good work by Ciarán Murtagh found Ben O'Carroll, and he slipped it off neatly to an advancing Ronan Daly for the opening score. They had another chance drop short and then Brian Stack burst through after a turnover but had to content himself with a point as Kerry closed in.



The Kerry Senior Mens Team V Roscommon
Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans

Roscommon had the wind but were playing a certain amount of rope-a-dope. Defending deep to draw Kerry forward and then breaking at speed. Not quite blanket defence, but a similar principle. I don't blame them. Kerry were strong favourites. The underdogs have to try and hang in there, frustrate the better team, and try and tempt them into mistakes.

Diarmuid O'Connor made Kerry's first foray and picked off a neat point. Great to see him back in action; he will be needed. Also, with Bary Dan O'Sullivan having effectively secured a championship berth in my eyes, Diarmuid's return provides an option for Joe 'Connor's pace and power from wing forward in a more roving commission. That's an experiment that has worked out really twice for me – although I would question the quality of Munster opposition. That's not denying the great battle that Cork put up, but the likes of the Ulster teams are coming a harder road and yes, it makes a huge difference. Frankly, I wanted a real battle from Roscommon, and I never felt that either side was really going all-in here.

Paul Geaney curled over a lovely free from a tight angle. Keith Doyle replied with a good score from Keith Doyle. Joe O'Connor, whose presence was very much being felt, was unlucky to fust off the woodwork instead of a point. David Clifford with a free kick from away out near the sideline. Straight over for two points. Good move by Roscommon and Dylan Ruane applied a nice finish for the point. Roscommon's ball-handling and support play was very good, in fairness. Daire Cregg almost got another, I think maybe he was caught between going forward for a goal chance or taking his point. In the end it goes wide.

Joe O'Connor kicked a good point for Kerry, but Ben O'Carroll replied equally stylishly and the sides were level again, 0-5 apiece. Roscommon will have been quietly pleased to be containing Kerry's attack, but personally I felt confident enough that with our bench and the second half wind, we would pull away.

Seán O'Shea with a two point free after Gavin White was impeded after claiming a mark. I know the rule seems harsh, but impeding frees was an endemic tactic and slowed down an awful lot of games. That's no holier-than-thou nonsense. Every Kerry player, and I'm talking club as well as county, knew how to do it and was actively expected by supporters to do it. The punishment shouldn't fit the crime in this case; it should be much harsher. Seán O'Shea – of course – accepted the two points on offer. 0-7 to 0-5.

Daire Cregg quickly pulled one back for Roscommon (very close to the arc but just inside it) but Kerry's pace and power around the middle third was starting to show, with both Diarmuid and Joe O'Connor adding to their tallies. Just before half-time, Roscommon got caught with just two forwards up, and once again Seán O'Shea accepted the gift.

Half-time Kerry 0-11 Roscommon 0-6. Considering that Roscommon had more or less given Kerry four points from two-pointer frees, things had been even enough in a first half that never really sparked into life.

David Clifford and Brian Ó Beaglaíoch with early wides for Kerry in the second half. Kerry looked to be getting into hunting mode. It was Roscommon who got the first score of the half, though, Ciarán Murtagh with a free. They won a '45 but Conor Hand's effort curled too far. I didn't want Kerry to get sucked into a dogfight here.

Joe O'Connor on a great run but John McManus somehow manages to get back and get a hand in. To be fair, that was top quality defending, as good as you will see.

David Clifford with a nice point. He has an uncanny ability to make these things look simple. Meanwhile, Jack O'Connor was starting to make switches, with Tony Brosnan and Graham O'Sullivan coming on. I rate Graham hugely as a footballer, always have, right back to his early days with Coláiste na Sceilge. But not as a forward. I know he is a ball-winner



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

on kick-outs, but I've seen umpteen Kerry defenders moved into the forwards and offhand, I would say that Mick O'Dwyer is the only really successful one that I recall. Paddy Bawn or Eamonn O'Donoghue maybe, and it would be tenuous enough with either of those. Ogie Moran did start his senior career at wing back, but he was well-known as a star forward from college long before he ever was eligible to vote. I would look for a way to leave players like Paul Murphy, Tom O'Sullivan, Gavin White, Brian Ó Beaglaíoch bomb forward, which they do to great effect. I would never select them as forwards, kick-out primacy or not. Still, if I were picking the Kerry team, we'd be very hard up for managers!

Tony wasn't long getting in action, rapidly nabbing a point to cancel out Ben O'Carroll's score. 0-13 to 0-8.

Twenty minutes to go. At last Kerry's threats came to fruition. Brian Ó Beaglaíoch with a powerful run and a lay-off to David Clifford. Roscommon closed him down quickly but he simply shrugged them off and finished to the net. A goal that was at least as much about power as guile; they all count the same on the scoreboard.

Shane Ryan slotted a '45. Seán O'Shea clipped over from a tight angle. Roscommon had battled hard all day, but it looked like they would be overwhelmed in the finish.

Kerry came again, hunting with purpose. A good move involving Joe O'Connor, David Clifford and Seán O'Shea saw the ball crossed to Paul Geaney for the finish. What I really liked about that goal, really really liked, was the unselfishness of it. Any of them could justifiably have gone for their own shot but instead they made quick and correct decisions on the ball, and it actually looked instinctive. It isn't, it takes an awful lot of trust and even more training to combine like that. 2-15 to 0-8.

Full credit to Roscommon, they were not going to go out with a whimper. This game may have been lost, but at group stage, scoring difference could very well come into play. Mind you, the 'sheepstealers' – it's not an insult, it is a genuine nickname for Roscommon from back in the Great Famine, and one that they are justifiably proud of – have always had a certain streak of defiance of the fates about them anyway. Ronan Daly, for me their best player

over the hour (including a bit of wholehearted aggression, nothing wrong with it) kicked a great two pointer. Ciaran Murtagh added a point, but Brian Ó Beaglaíoch fisted over in reply.

With 61 minutes Gavin White, a key component of Kerry's strongest line, timed his run perfectly for Paul Geaney's pass and fisted to the net. Seán O'Shea danced through a few tackles before fisting over from a tight angle.

Roscommon picked off the last few scores, Listowel's Conor Cox kicking a free and a two point free and Diarmuid Murtagh pointing from play. Consolation scores, to be honest about it. Roscommon left no pride behind them, but I really don't think they had all their bets on the table either. I think they were okay with keeping the score down against Kerry and targeting the other two teams in the group. I don't know....it was a nice day out, and a lovely crowd in town, but it had no sense of tension or bite.

Cork up next and I genuinely hope that we get another ferocious battle from them. You don't want to be climbing cliff-faces – I wouldn't want to be in Galway or Mayo's shoes right now – but coasting downhill will do nothing for us when the big guns are firing broadsides in Croke Park. It's been a mantra of mine, and smarter minds than me, all my life. When Cork are going well, so do Kerry, and vice versa. We keep each other's blades sharp. Right now I can't help thinking that, while we have looked clinical, we haven't exactly needed rapiers so far. I know. I'm a glass is half-empty rather than half-full kind of guy. And it really does take a Kerryman to be complaining after a ten point win, especially where we scored three goals again. But there you are. I'm not the first to say it and won't be the last: Páidí had our number alright.

Kerry: Shane Ryan (0-1, 1'45), Dylan Casey, Jason Foley, Tom O'Sullivan, Brian Ó Beaglaíoch (0-1), Mike Breen, Gavin White, Diarmuid O'Connor (0-2), Barry Dan O'Sullivan, Joe O'Connor (0-2), Seán O'Shea (0-7, 2tpf, 1f), Micheál Burns, David Clifford (1-3, 1tpf), Paul Geaney (1-1, 1m), Dylan Geaney. Subs: Tony Brosnan 0-1 (for Dylan Geaney, 47 mins), Graham O'Sullivan (for Micheál Burns, 47 mins), Killian Spillane (for David Clifford, 61 mins), Tadhg Morley (for Brian O Beaglaíoch, 62 mins), Mark O'Shea (for Barry

Dan O'Sullivan, 62 mins)

Roscommon: Conor Carroll, Niall Higgins, Brian Stack, David Murray, Senan Lambe, Ronan Daly (0-3, 1tp), John McManus, Eddie Nolan (0-1), Keith Doyle (0-1), Dylan Ruane, Enda Smith, Conor Hand, Daire Cregg (0-1), Ben O'Carroll (0-2), Ciarán Murtagh (0-2, 1f). Subs: Diarmuid Murtagh (for Keith Doyle, 42 mins), Tony Lambe (for Dylan Ruane, 52 mins), Shane Killoran (for Enda Smith, 55 mins), Ciarán Lennon (for Senan Lambe, 55 mins), Conor Cox 0-3, 1tp, 1f (for Conor Hand, 57 mins)

Referee: David Coldrick (Meath)

OUTSIDE KERRY

Arrah, Kerry v Roscommon is not exactly going to stick in anyone's memory too long. It was always going to be a case of 'how much', rather than 'if'. As I say, it was obvious early on that Roscommon were not hurling the handle with the hatchet. Elsewhere....well, that was a bit of a whirlwind.

Dublin 2-2-10 Galway 1-0-18

I wasn't remotely surprised. There was a rush to write off Dublin, a touch of schadenfreude perhaps. Now, I'm wrong as often as I'm right, I'm not the guy who gets to say "I told you so". But people writing off Dublin on the basis of a loss to Meath – a genuinely brilliant result for gaelic football overall, because the Leinster Championship was so dead I'd have been reluctant to watch it on television – but writing Dulin off? Galway are good, very good. They have been the second best team in the country for three years now....but you can ask any Cork supporter from the 1970s how much 'second best' is worth. Dublin didn't play all of their big guns against Meat and some of their top players had bad days. Anyone writing them off on that basis....God love you, crathur.

Both teams meant business. Unlike our own group, there's absolutely no room for manoeuvre in theirs, and it showed early on. A game with a bit of bite to it. Cormac Costeloe's breakaway goal meant that Dublin led by 1-9 to 0-8 at half-time, and deserved it. Unlike the Meath game, they had a palpable hunger. Mind you, none of that is to suggest that Galway folded the tent, any fool that wants to write

them off now can do so at his own peril. They struck for two goals in the second half, Stephen Cluxton denied Shane Walsh another. Honestly, I thought Walsh, unquestionably talented, telegraphed the finish. A tiny bit of guile and he would have stroked it home – I know, easy for the likes of me to be saying it. In the finish it was level pegging when Cluxton hit a perfect kick-out and Tom Lahiff combined with the outstanding Ciarán Kilkenny and finished the move himself. Yes, Galway's marking was a little slack at that stage, but this was a Dublin that we have seen before. Practicality mixed with panache. Throw the likes of Lee Gannon, Eoin Murchan, and the Small brothers Paddy and John (here's a clue; neither of them are small).... yeah, I'll be writing off Dublin the same way that Conor Cruise O'Brien famously wrote off Charlie Haughey "If I saw Mr Haughey buried at midnight at a crossroad, with a stake driven through his heart - politically speaking - I should continue to wear a clove of garlic round my neck, just in case." Yup. Dublin. I genuinely admire them as a team. That don't necessarily make us friends.

Mayo 1-14 Cavan 1-17

I'd say Mayo are everybody's favourite second team. If Mayo actually win an All Ireland any time soon, this country will throw the biggest party it has ever seen. Mayo are so good they keep getting very, very close,....and their hearts get battered every time. Not broken, never broken. Tough people. This is a county that was absolutely riddled by emigration. To hell or Connaught? There were times in this country's history where you'd nearly toss a coin. They keep coming. And what I admire most about them is that there's no trace of bitterness. When Kerry are playing Mayo in an All Ireland Final, you can meet Mayo supporters the night before and talk away and they are a fierce welcoming people. And you promise them that you firmly believe that Mayo will win (you don't, really, but you have to pretend. It's an unspoken law in Kerry, ye know it as well as me). But the truly great thing about Mayo is that you can meet those exact same people the night after, and they will be just as sound. Frankly, if Kerry lose an All Ireland, we can be sour enough. Not nasty, in all fairness, but we are a desperate people for whinging and looking for excuses. Mayo don't do that.

We haven't the same history with Cavan. They were a great power in the game away back in the forties, but not in recent years. We played them in the '97 semi-final, Brian Clarke with a disallowed moment of absolute genius, a young Mike Frank stamping his greatness at senior level...but even to a raw garsoon like myself, it didn't feel historic. And we met Mayo in that final after and Maurice Fitzgerald, famously the undoubted best player never to win an All Ireland, cast off that mantle. I still remember thinking that he would do well to put that sideline kick near the end out of play, don't give Mayo the chance to break forward... Maurice being Maurice, he put it straight over. Mayo, far more so than any communist regime, really are a riddle wrapped in a mystery

wrapped in an enigma. The Connaught Final was a cracker. A familiar pairing meant that it didn't capture the attention as much as its Ulster or Leinster counterparts, but it was two great teams having a real go at each other. If Mayo had been playing the likes of Kerry, Dublin, Donegal, or Armagh last weekend, I suspect it would have been a ferocious battle. But somehow, it just seemed from early doors that they couldn't rise their game against Cavan. The Ulster side – and I'm beginning to worryingly believe that the high standard in Ulster is rising all boats there – tore into it right from the start. And it seemed to catch Mayo on the hop. They are a better team than that, they have proven it time and again....but it was the most of twenty minutes before Mayo got anything at all on the scoreboard. I, and I imagine everyone else, expected a different Mayo side in the second half, but Gerard Smith's goal immediately on the restart was a hammer blow. Mayo did eventually get their game together, but Cavan won fair and square. Cat among the pigeons now indeed! There's a fair amount of criticism of Kevin McStay...lads, either throw away those hurleys, or get off the ditch. He has done more for Mayo than any of ye.

Down 3-27 Clare 1-16

The days of great Down players like Mickey Linden or the McCartan dynasty have receded into memory – not always good memories for us, famously, Kerry have never beaten Down in a championship game. You can recite it with me, '60, '61, '68, '91.

Clare rattled us plenty of times in the Munster Championship recently enough, but it's my belief, respectfully, that Kerry were at the latter end of bulk training rather than in top gear for several of those games.

Down were in charge here from the first minute to the last. They led by 1-9 to 0-1. Then they led by 2-13 to 0-5. It just never happened for Clare. I don't know how many of you remember the 1991 semi-final between ourselves and Meath. They absolutely destroyed us. Meath were good, but not that good. We just never got out of the starting blocks. Everything that could go wrong went wrong. Some days are these days. Declan Quill got our lone point in the second half. Last weekend it was Clare's turn to have one of those days; it just happens. In many ways it was worse, simply because Down were coming in as Taillteann Cup champions whereas Clare were provincial finalists. But the people who are hailing this as a shock for the ages? You do know that Down are a Division Two team in the National League, and Clare were unlucky not to get out of Division Three? It's not a subject I want to dwell too much on, but yes, the press conference afterwards has drawn a lot of attention. Peter Keane reacted to a journalist, and Peter was wrong to do so. But that journalist was deliberately baiting, and I genuinely consider it nasty. I've met Peter in many press briefings, including after hard defeats, and he has always been an out and out gentleman. I happen to know the man personally, and it may well be that it

colours my perception. But I've always tried to be respectful in such situations. It's a tough thing to do, stand up and oblige the likes of me after losing a game you put our heart and soul into. I'm not sure I'd be tough enough to do it. So a bit of respect is the minimum standard. Sink below that, and you may as well unionise with the likes of Logan and Jake Paul or that appalling misogynist Andrew Tate. Peter was wrong to take the bait and react as he did, but quite frankly I don't believe for one moment that he is the villain of the piece.

GARY LINEKER 'RETIRES'

Discussing that clickbait 'interview' leads me to another topic. Gary Lineker has not exactly been persona non grata at the BBC, but not for the want of them trying. He has previously been critical of British Government policies



and they tried to get rid of him...and paid a big price as the public supported Gary Lineker's right to have an opinion. This time, Gary Lineker published tweets regarding the situation in Gaza. I haven't seen those tweets. But I'm told that they were 'anti-semitic'. Unfortunately, that's a very loaded term nowadays. A trigger warning, to use that overblown phrase. Very few of the people who use it seem to grasp that 'semitic' is an ethnicity, not an ideology, and there is no semite tradition of supporting the deaths of little children. I would never judge anyone based on ethnicity or skin colour (I will bluntly say that luminous orange is not good, oompa-loompas should not govern humans, and you shouldn't be allowed to impose tariffs unless you can actually spell the word).

Look, I have political opinions, and I'm not putting those on anyone. These are very complicated situations and there's plenty of smokescreens on all sides. You are perfectly entitled to your own opinions. I write a sports column. That's it, that's the brief. But I am entitled to my own opinions. I will not deliberately tell lies against my own beliefs and if any employer, prospective or otherwise, wants me to, they will be refused. I don't buy into the usual nonsense that too many journalists aspire to, as some sort of public moral arbiter. The *raison d'être* for the job is to get paid for selling product. That may be a cold truth, but it's true nonetheless. Freedom of the press is a genuinely important concept. Have a look at every despotic regime from the dawn of time, and controlling the narrative is always a priority. Academics and journalists are always among the first to be put up against the wall and given a blindfold. Many, not all but many, of both professions try to project reality rather than illusion. Despots don't like it.

I'm not suggesting that Gary Lineker is a huge victim in all of this. I won't remotely claim to be sorry for the multi-millionaire. I don't know

how many of you remember the name of Jamal Khashoggi. Or Viktoria Roshchyna. A lot of the world doesn't...or, more likely, doesn't care. I really think that you should. Gary Lineker's enforced departure is not that, of course... except that if such things go by without comment, there won't be any 'of course' about it.

MCDONAGH CUP

Down 2-26 Kerry 2-19

For obvious reasons (and for once, it isn't just my natural laziness; there was another Kerry team in action at the time), I wasn't in Ballycrán. It sounds like there were few enough Kerry supporters. Look, it may not sound nice, but I think that's perfectly understandable. This is the GAA's own report on the game. I did listen on Radio Kerry, and it seemed to me that Kerry put up a great battle until they ran out of steam, but I can't draw any conclusions.

Down finished with a real flourish to secure a valuable Joe McDonagh Cup win over Kerry at Ballycrán. With 13 minutes remaining Down trailed by a point, 2-15 to 1-17, but Chris Egan's goal proved to be crucial.

Padraig Boyle replied with a point for Kerry, but Donal Hughes (2), Caolan Taggart, Pearse Óg McCrickard (2), and Daithí Sands steered Ronan Sheehan's team clear.

It was an exciting encounter throughout as a ninth minute Finn Turpin goal edged Down 1-3 to 0-4 ahead.

Kerry were defiant as Niall Mulcahy instantly replied with a major for the visitors.

The teams eventually departed level, 1-11 each, at the interval.

It was similarly hard fought after the restart, but Down had nudged three points in front prior to a Luke Rochford goal for Kerry.

Boyle guided Kerry into the lead, but Egan replied with the decisive goal for a determined Down, who claimed victory.

Kerry: Darren Delaney, Kyle O'Connor, Flor McCarthy, Seamie Foran, Darragh Shanahan,

Kevin Goulding, Seán McGrath, Paudie O'Connor (0-2), Daithí Griffin, Tom Doyle (0-1), Oisín Maunsell (1-0), Luke Crowley (0-4), Luke Rochford (0-2), Pádraig Boyle (0-14, 10f), Darragh Conway. Subs: Ronan Walsh (for Seán McGrath, half-time), Rory Mahony (for Daithí Griffin, 45 mins), Brandon Barrett (for Oisín Maunsell, 49 mins), Seán Brosnan (for Luke Rochford, 51 mins), Niall Mulcahy (for Luke Crowley, 69 mins).

Down: Stephen Keith, Matt Conlan, Tom Murray, John McManus, Marc Fisher (0-1), Caolan Taggart, Liam Savage (0-1), Donal Hughes (0-1), Phelim Savage, Eoghan Sands (0-2), Chris Egan, Tom McGrattan (0-11, 7f, 1'65), Tim Prenter (0-2), Ronan Beatty (0-1), Pearse Óg McCrickard (0-5). Subs: Gerard Hughes (for Tom Murray, 43 mins), Paul Sheehan 0-3 (for Chris Egan, 43 mins), Finn Turpin 0-1 (for Phelim Savage, 52 mins), Barry Trainor (for Liam Savage, 63 mins), Niall McFarland (for Marc Fisher, 65 mins).

Referee: Nicky O'Toole (Waterford)



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



Supporters at the Kerry V Roscommon game at Fitzgerald Stadium last Saturday. Photos: Lucy Shalimova

EAST KERRY

EAST KERRY U 16 LEAGUE FINALS

Div 1: Legion 1:17 Kilcummin 1:10

Division 2: Fossa 7.14 v Rathmore 2.10

Division 2D: Gneeveguilla 2-14 Kilgarvan 4-11

PRIMARY SCHOOL SKILLS

East Kerry Primary Schools boys and girls skills competitions took place over the last few weeks. The format was a team of three players. It was fantastic to see such great numbers in attendance at Dr Crokes club grounds. Fossa NS boys team (Mark O Connor, Eoin Murphy, Sean Doyle) qualified in the team event with a superb performance on the day. James Brosnan (Lissivigeen NS) qualified in the boys individual section with a solid display. The girls competition was well contested with all schools showing great promise on the day. St Olivers NS girls team (Mia Lynch, Lucy Moran, Clodagh Hegarty) qualified in the girls team event with superb combined total of points. Erica Moloney (Loreto NS) qualified in the girls individual section with a great display.

Eoghan Ruadh Primary Schools boys and girls skills competitions took place over the last few weeks. The format was a team of three players. It was great to see such great numbers attending at Glenflesk club grounds. Barraduff NS boys team (Michael O Donoghue, Conor Doherty, Josh O Donoghue) took the team event with a determined scoring display. Oran O Sullivan (Raheen NS) qualified in the boys individual section with a strong performance on the day. Gneeveguilla NS girls team (Ava Knee, Sinead Hurley, Cora McIlroy) qualified in the girls team event posting excellent results on the day. Grace O Sullivan (Shrone NS) qualified in the girls individual section with a solid performance. Thanks to Dr Crokes and Glenflesk clubs for the use of the superb facilities. Josh Coffey (UI) supported Vince Cooper East Kerry GDC in smooth running of the events. St Brendans College TY students were excellent in marking the sheets over the four days. Best of luck to all students in the county finals on Wednesday 21st May in Austin Stack Park.

KERRY SOUTH

Kerry South U14 extended panel played Clare in Ennis on Saturday. The games were excellent learning tools for players and management with all players gaining valuable match day experience. Management were delighted with all players performance levels on the day.

Kerry South U15 extended panel played Kildare in Cordal. This game was a national development league game with both teams well matched on the day. All players gained excellent practical game time during the quality sixty minutes. Kerry South produced a determined final quarter push to seal two valuable league points. Management were happy with all players work rate in warm conditions. The large attendance present were delighted with the standard of football on display. Thanks to Pdraig O Sullivan referee for his superb performance in the middle. Cordal club grounds was in excellent shape for match day.

Kerry South U16 extended panel played Cork South in Austin Stack Park. This game was a national development league game with both sides evenly matched over the sixty minutes.

Playing fast open football the Kerry South U16 team secured a hard fought one point win in a great advertisement for underage football. The large attendance appreciated the excellent football produced by both sides over the sixty minutes. Management were delighted with the manner of victory with a tough test showing all players much work is to be done. Billy Lacey handled the game well on the day. Thanks to Tim Daly for his support in playing the match in Austin Stack Park.

LEE STRAND UNDER 16 COUNTY HURLING LEAGUE ROUND 2

East Kerry 5-10 Kenmare/Kilgarvan 2-15

In a great game of hurling this morning, East Kerry U16s picked up their first win of the League against Kenmare/Kilgarvan. After a credible performance against Causeway, the team just about held off a determined Kenmare/Kilgarvan side, in a match that showed the future of hurling in the East Kerry area is very bright. Well done to all involved.

ACORN LIFE COUNTY U21 CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND 1

East Kerry 2-19 St Brendan's 2-14

Coming from 10 points behind at half time, East Kerry produced a superb second half performance, to advance to the Quarter Final's of the Acorn Life County U21 Championship, on a warm night in Listry.

A fast start from the visitor's saw corner back Gary O Riordan burst forward to score an early goal. Despite James Horgan impressing for East Kerry with a superb goal and a fine point, St Brendan's continued to push on, with a brace of 2 pointer's from Mark Lynch, and a second well worked goal finished by Fionan Egan, left them with a deserved 2-12 to 1-07 lead at half time.

Stephen Palmer saw an early goal chance for East Kerry just clear the crossbar, but it was a sign of things to come, as they upped their intensity, and forced St Brendan's on the back foot. A 2 pointer from Egan was Brendan's only score of the half. The crucial score for East Kerry arrived when Timmy Moynihan fired in a loose ball to the net to bring his side within 3 point's. Another superb point from Horgan followed quickly. Dara O Callaghan then blasted off the crossbar and over as late arriving runners for East Kerry started to find space. More good play ended with points for Pdraic Moynihan and Mark O Shea, before a late Horgan free and some strong defending confirmed the win.

KILLARNEY LEGION GAA

SENIOR MEN

A busy weekend for our Senior Men's teams started on Friday evening with our Division 6 team hosting Dr Crokes. In what was a good all round team performance they pulled out a 3-12 to 3-4 win.

In Division 1 we travelled to another form team in the shape of Kerins O Rahillys and our recent good form continued into the first quarter. Points from Josh Bowler, David O Sullivan and Ryan O Grady had us 0-7 to 0-2 clear with a water break called in the sweltering conditions. That served to buck up the Strand Road effort and by the end of the half they had closed the gap to one point, 0-8 to 1-4. That blue momentum flowed

into the second half as they hit six points on the bounce before Josh Bowler stopped the rot to make it 1-10 to 0-9. Not without the lack of effort the team worked very hard to get back into the game but that 22nd minute goal for Strand Road proved the difference in the end, 1- 15 to 0-15.

This weekend sees Laune Rangers visit Direen on Saturday with a 5pm throw in. The Division 6 team visit Farranfore on Sunday afternoon.

SENIOR LADIES

Another win for our Senior ladies in the Donal Curtin Cup but they were made to work all the way for it by a youthful and spirited Chorca Dhuibhne. With a ten point lead with ten minutes to go the points looked safe but the Westerners put in a frantic finish which yielded 3-2 and actually put them in front with minutes on the clock. But the ship was steadied by an Aine Devlin point before Laura Healy hit the match winning score from a free. The first half saw the ladies in control with the aid of a stiff breeze as Ciara Randles and Laura Healy found their range. Orianne McGillycuddy stole in for a trademark goal and when Andrea Murphy weaved her way in for another major they held a 2-5 to 0-5 advantage. Kate McCarthy was accurate from placed balls and she extended the lead to seven at half time. Laura Healy hit early in the second as Chorca Dhuibhne made use of the elements to hit three rapid points. But Ciara Randles smart finish seemed to have put the game out of reach. But that was not before the grandstand finish which saw the lead change heads before Laura Healy got the all important win. The team have now qualified for the Donal Curtin Cup semi finals. Final score Killarney Legion 3-12 Chorca Dhuibhne 3-11.

Scorers: Ciara Randles 1-3, Laura Healy 0-4, Orianne Macgillycuddy 1-0, Andrea Murphy 1-0, Kate McCarthy 0-3, Aine Devlin 0-2.

U16 BOYS

It took extra time to separate Killarney Legion and Kilcummin in the latest instalment of a rivalry which looks set to continue for another few years. Never much between the teams it looked like the visitors would come out of Kilcummin with the win in normal time until Darragh Keane pooped up with tow sensational two pointers from placed balls to take the game to extra time. However a superb extra time performance inspired by Samuel Scroope and Jayden Hurley built on the dominance of Jake Coffey in midfield saw Legion eventually run out 1-16 to 1-11 winners,

The game itself was hard fought with scores hard to come by for long periods with Jack Culloty opening the Legion account. The same player, though, had to retire injured but his replacement Callum Cox more than held his own. Cian Hegarty and Samuel Scroope pushed out the lead to 0-5 to 0-1beofre Kilcummin replied to close the gap to two. Jayden Hurley, very accurate throughout and Hegarty made it 0-7 to 0-3 heading for the dressing room but Kilcummin stole in for a goal on the way to close the gap to the minimum.

The second half was equally tight with Kilcummin drawing level early and it took Legion a while to get into their stride. Kilcummin did goin front, 1-5 to 0-7 but a brace of points from Cian Hegarty put his side back in front. The same

players put Jayden Hurley through on goal and the lively corner forward made no mistake as he slotted it under the keeper. That looked to have sealed the win until the Keane Late Late Show. Eventhough Kilcummin hit the opener in extra time the truth is they never got a grip on the rest of the game as the Legion defence tightened up and the midfield supremacy gave the forwards the possession to ram home the advantage. Jayden Hurley and Samuel Scroope were pillars of accuracy and they helped their side to run out 1-17 to 1-11 winners.

DEVELOPMENT SQUADS

The club was well represented with six players in the South Kerry U16 squad. Jack Culloty (injured), Ronan O'Brien, Samuel Scroope, Jake Coffey, James Murphy and Mark Looney were all part of the squad that won a close game against South Cork side in Tralee on Saturday morning. Well done to Conor Moynihan and Jamie Fleming who played for the U15 Kerry South team at the weekend also against Kildare in Cordal. Both boys played very well with Kerry South winning by 6-13 to 3-15 in an exciting game. It was also great to see three players in the U14 South Kerry team on Saturday also. Cian Whitty, Robert Murphy, and Patrick Mac Sweeney played two games against Clare, and all acquitted themselves very well indeed.

U10 GIRLS

Our U10 girls were out in force on Tuesday night in Dieren for a busy and very enjoyable blitz. With visiting teams from Kilcummin, Beaufort, and Currow, each team got 4-5 great games in. Huge thanks to our refs James Murphy, Mark Looney and Justin Healy for keeping things flowing all evening. Thanks also to all the coaches and parents who helped out — and to the girls for their effort and energy throughout.

U16 LADIES

A huge effort from our U16 girls on Thursday evening in glorious sunshine in Keel as they came through a thrilling East Kerry Division 2 semifinal against a tough MKL side. It was all square at half time and being just a point ahead with ten minutes to go, the girls showed real determination & kicked some brilliant scores down the stretch to seal the win. Full time Killarney Legion 2-15 MKL B 3-8.

MINOR LADIES

Our minor ladies welcomed Churchill to Dieren on Tuesday evening for a Minor County League Group 2 final. With the visitors low on numbers the game was played with twelve a side. On a hot evening both teams turned in a magnificent display of football as a highly entertaining game was played out. Legion, with the aid of the breeze went ahead early with some fine point kicking but the visitors responded in kind. It was tit for tat until Kiera Moynihan hit the net for the first legion goal. Another well worked goal, this time by Sophie O'Shea put six in it at the break, Killarney Legion 2-6 Churchill 0-6.

The home team started to take control early in the second half, going nine clear with some well worked scores from the boot of full forward Laura Healy. Churchill weren't done yet though and, with the wind on their backs, put the home defence under pressure only for them to stand firm under the guidance of full back Beatrix Corridan. They did breach the defence with a



Supporters at the Kerry V Roscommon game at Fitzgerald Stadium last Saturday.

Photo: Lucy Shalimova

well taken goal midway through the half to reduce the deficit and to their credit rallied hard towards the end. A well worked move up the other end resulted in Legions 3rd goal of the game from substitute Kate Fleming to again put a gap between the teams. Churchill laid siege to the goal towards the end but the defence stood tall and closed out the game to win Legion 3-11 Churchill 1-14.

A well earned win under the management team of Ted Healy, Kieran O'Shea, Noelle O'Brien and Ciara Randles.

LOTTO

Results Monday May 12th. Numbers were 1, 14, 22, 27. Bonus No 8. No jackpot winner. Match 3s / Lucky Dips: Pat O'Donoghue, Simon O'Sullivan, Mike Cronin

DR. CROKES

SFL DIV.1

Dr. Crokes 2:18 Laune Rangers 0:06

We delivered a dominant performance against Laune Rangers away to secure a comprehensive 18-point win. Two Maidhcí Lynch points and one each from Alex Hennigan and Gavin O'Shea helped to give us an early lead. Defensively, David Naughton and Cillian Fitzgerald stood up with some fantastic interceptions. Shane Murphy pulled off a fantastic save in the 15th minute to deny a Laune Rangers goal. Mikey Caseys goal in the 20th minute gave us a healthy lead after a well worked move. Half time Dr. Crokes 1:08 Laune Rangers 0:05. The second half was all Crokes. Billy Courtney, Gavin O'Shea and Alex Hennigan led the charge with a flurry of points early on. Cillian Fitzgerald continued to impress with another key interception, followed by another excellent save from Shane Murphy. A second goal came from Cian McMahon after a brilliant passing move. Next up in Kilcummin away on Sunday 25th May.

LOTTO took place May 19th. Numbers drawn were 12, 20, 21, 28. Jackpot of €6,800 was NOT WON. 8 patrons matched 3 numbers and receive €50 each. Jackpot for draw on May 26th will be €7,100. Play online by following the link below and follow instructions attached https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=734#Anchor (<https://play.clubforce.com/>

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KATHLEEN'S GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS has now finished up for the summer. Thank you to everyone that helped out throughout the year.

DR. CROKES SHOP

you can shop worldwide on our online shop. Follow the link <https://www.oneills.com/shop-by-team/gaa/ireland/dr-crokes-gaa.html?p=2>

BINGO

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

NOTES

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

LAUNE RANGERS

SENIOR MEN

Laune Rangers 0-6, Dr Crokes 2-18

Dr Crokes produced a powerful performance to defeat Laune Rangers by 2-18 to 0-6 in their County Senior Football League Division 1 clash in Killorglin on Sunday afternoon.

SENIOR B TEAM

Laune Rangers Senior B team travelled to Gneeveguilla on Sunday afternoon in search of back-to-back wins, but it wasn't to be as they came up short against a strengthened Gneeveguilla B side. Full-Time: Gneeveguilla B 1-19 (22), Laune Rangers B 1-12 (15).

Next weekend, the team welcome Dr Crokes B team to JP O'Sullivan Park, fixture information will be confirmed on social media and website.

SENIOR LADIES

The Laune Rangers Senior Women travelled to the picturesque Castlegregory on Sunday afternoon to face the home side, Annascaul/Castlegregory, in Round 7 of Division 3 of the Donal Curtin Cup. With stunning scenery, blazing sunshine and a hard pitch due to the week's dry weather, the setting was idyllic yet posed a real challenge for what proved to be a fiercely contested encounter.

Match Report will be available to read on website.

Full-Time: Laune Rangers 1-12 (15), Annascaul/Castlegregory 1-13 (16)

U21 CHAMPIONSHIP

Laune Rangers 0-11, Austin Stacks 0-18

Laune Rangers exited the Ask Acorn County Under 21 Championship at the first round on Thursday evening to reigning champions Austin Stacks.

MINOR LADIES

The team play their Minor County League Final against Scartaglen in Scartaglen on Sunday morning 25th at 11am.

BORD NA NÓG

U16 Boys played Austin Stacks in Division 1 Central Regions Final sponsored by Kelliher's Toyota Tralee, on Thursday evening and despite a massive second half performance lost the game by the narrowest of margins.

Full time score: Austin Stacks 1-13 (16), Laune Rangers 1-12 (15).

U16 Girls played Spa in East Kerry League C Final on Thursday 15th at 7pm and emerged victorious. Laune Rangers 2-9 (15), Spa (12)

U14 Boys White team played Castleisland Desmonds on Sunday evening in county league semi-final at 7pm. Game played in very warm conditions and super team performance.

U14 Girls White Team played Southern Gaels B on Friday evening in Cloon, had a comprehensive win despite a spirited effort

U10 Girls - travelled to near neighbours to play in a GO Games Blitz on Wednesday 14th May. They are grouped with Furies, Milltown/Castlemaine and Southern Gaels.

LOTTO RESULTS - SUNDAY 18TH MAY

Lotto Jackpot €11,700. Numbers Drawn – 17, 18, 19, 29. Consolation Prizes: €100-Jack Reen; €50 Brendan Tyther - Standing Order; €25 John P. Costello – Online; €25 Noreen Mangan - CYMS. Next Week's Lotto €11,800.

MONTHLY MEETING

Next monthly meeting will be Tuesday 3rd June 2025 at 8.30pm in the clubhouse.

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Training is back on Monday nights at 7pm until 8pm on the bottom pitch.

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LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 18/05/2025 for a jackpot of €10,350 were 9, 10, 12, 24. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Anthony Fitzgerald, Timo O'Brien, Eanna Myers, Ian O'Connell, Betty O'Leary. Tickets are available from our sellers and can also be bought online with the following link <https://fossagaa.clubforce.com/products/lotto/fossa-gaa-club-lotto>

COUNTY LEAGUE DIV.2

Fossa secured a well deserved draw away to Churchill on Sunday. Played in sweltering conditions, Fossa had the aid of the breeze in the first half and they really made it count. A brace of points from Killian Buckley along with scores from Michael O'Dwyer and Darren Ryan had them in front by four points after eight minutes of play. Churchill were awarded a penalty in the 11th minute but this was superbly saved by Shane O'Sullivan, Anthony O'Keeffe and Eoin Talbot were marshalling the defence really well, Matt Rennie and Cian O'Shea were winning great

ball at midfield and Killian Buckley was kicking brilliantly with both left and right to keep Fossa well in the lead. Scores from Harry Buckley, Eoin Talbot, Michael O'Dwyer and Killian Buckley had Fossa leading at the break 0-15 to 0-9.

Churchill upped the ante in the second half as they now had the aid of the wind but Harry Buckley registered the first score of the half to push Fossa further ahead. Churchill danger man, Thomas Lenihan kicked three in a row to reduce the deficit but scores from Ruari Doyle and Killian Buckley stemmed the tide. Every Fossa played worked their socks off as Churchill pressed hard to get back in the game, two Tadgh O'Shea frees kept Fossa ahead coming down the stretch but with regulation time up Churchill hit the front with a two pointer. It looked as if Fossa were running out of time but up stepped Tadgh O'Shea to show all his class and composure to kick a great point to level matters, 0-21 each. It was a credit to both sets of players fitness to produce a game like this in very testing condition.

U16 BOYS EAST KERRY LEAGUE

On Thursday night, in perfect sunshine, Fossa U16 boys hosted Rathmore in the Division 2A final. Both teams had met earlier in the league where nothing could separate the sides. Despite the Fossa boys dominating the opening proceedings it was Rathmore who scored first. Charlie Griffin and captain Paddy Myers were causing the Rathmore defence a lot of damage in this opening period, culminating in Paddy hitting the back of the Rathmore net with Eoin Bennett quickly adding a point. Both teams traded scores, the Fossa score coming from James O'Meara. Rathmore pushed their way back into the game and scored their first goal of the game to level the tie at 1-2 a piece. In fairness to the boys, they replied quickly with a point from the hard working Ben O'Sullivan. Around the middle of the park Luke Clancy, Donnacha Vaughan and Mikey Moroney were winning the majority of kick outs while Sam O'Leary and Ross O'Gorman were sweeping up any of the breaks. Defensively Kevin Breen, Oisín Cryan and Morgan O'Brien were coming out on top in most of the battles. Despite dominating the half, the Rathmore defence held strong with the Fossa boys struggled to convert their dominance. After 20 minutes Luke Rennie and James O'Meara pushed the Fossa boys three ahead. However, Rathmore were not to be out done and scored the next three points to leave the scores tied again entering injury time. With only seconds remaining Mikey Moroney had the ball in the net to leave the half time score 2-5 to 1-5 in Fossa's favour.

The Fossa boys came out of the blocks at the start of the second half and had 5 points on the board in the opening five minutes, James O'Meara (2), Ben O'Sullivan, Eoin Bennett and Johnny Myers with the points. Rathmore stemmed the tide with two points of their own. Both teams traded scores, Fossa's coming from Ben O'Sullivan who was having a great game up front. With 15 minutes gone in the second half the Fossa boys lead by 6 points, 2-12 to 1-10. With Rathmore now having to chase the game the Fossa boys capitalised on the extra space and hit a purple patch scoring 3-1 without reply.

The marauding Mikey Moroney with a quick fire hat trick followed by a goal and a point from the dangerous Eoin Bennett. Rathmore never gave up but were denied on numerous occasions by the fantastic Dara Whelton in the fossa goal. Defensively he was ably assisted by Fionn O'Donovan & Gerry Moroney. Matheus Golebicki, Shea Driver and Charlie O'Meara also contributed massively on the night. Following a point by Rathmore, Fossa's Marc Sheehan had the ball in the net again. The boys added their final point through the immense Mikey Moroney who came away with a tremendous 4-1 on the night. Rathmore struck a late goal to leave the final score at 7-14 to 2-10, a score line that did not reflect the effort and talent in the Rathmore team. Big thanks also to referee on the night Tom Corbett.

Winning the East Kerry Division 2A is a great reward for the effort put in by the entire squad and shows the great progress they are making. Thoughts now turn to exams, summer holidays and county league which begins in June.

UNDER 14 COUNTY LEAGUE ROUND 6

Fossa 5-13, Castleisland Desmonds/Cordal 3-09

At a sun drenched Gortroe, our U14 boys played host to the famed Castleisland Desmonds/Cordal combination in round 6 of the Kerry County league.

Within seconds of the throw in our pocket rocket corner forward Ryan Lynch smashed the ball to the back of the visitors net, this was quickly followed by 2 great points by towering midfielder Gerry Moroney. Desmonds eventually got on the scoreboard kicking 4 points of their own, but the remainder of the half belonged to that man again, Ryan Lynch who added 3 further goals and a point to leave the half time score of Fossa 4-03 Desmonds/Cordal 0-04.

Desmonds emerged a totally different side in the 2nd half and immediately set about their business hitting Fossa for 3 quick fire goals to ensure the home side would have to up their game considerably to maintain their unbeaten run in the league. To Fossa's credit they responded in style with Charlie O' Meara lobbing the Desmonds Keeper with an exquisite goal from distance. And the big man in the middle Gerry Moroney kicked 3 monster points to keep the visitors at bay. Lively wing forward Eoin Murphy kicked 2 beauties from the left hand side to ensure Fossa would not be caught. When excellent referee Ger O' Connor from Scartaglen blew his final whistle, Fossa had won by 10 points and maintained their unbeaten run in the campaign. Tonight was a real team effort with every player on the panel contributing handsomely to another great win. Our boys have now qualified for the County Final on next week, where they will meet their East Kerry counterparts Scartaglen who will prove most difficult opponents. These lads deserve all the support they can get in the final, and we would ask all our great Fossa supporters to come out in numbers next week and cheer our boys on in their biggest day so far in a Fossa Jersey. Fossa Abu. Fossa scorers tonight : Ryan Lynch 4-02, Gerry Moroney 0-05, Charlie O' Meara 1-00, Shea Driver 0-02, Eoin Murphy 0-02, Rory Salvador 0-01, Mark O' Connor 0-01.

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KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL STOPPING HOUSE BUILDING IN KERRY

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

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

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

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



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



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

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



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

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A Word of Victory

"Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all" (Psalm 34:19).

Welcome back dear student, everyone struggles with problems or turmoil from time to time. But as the Scripture above promises, God will come to the rescue. Stories about heroes have always been popular; Superman, The Six Million Dollar Man, Batman – all man-based champions who foil evil enemy plans, to win out the day. Feel good viewing - they demonstrate how good overcomes evil, no matter how bad the odds. This is a biblical principle that movie makers know is a winning theme for success. Why? Because it's what everyone hopes for in real life. Often though, the reality that folks are enduring is anything but hopeful, because there's no champion in their corner. "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6). Lack of knowledge of God's Word keeps people in the dark about the Greatest Hero of all, and how His sacrifice delivers. Jesus Christ is the One Who died for our sins and paid the ransom with His Own Blood, so that every believer in Him could be set free from destruction (Psalm 107:20). Being unaware of this knowledge keeps people trapped in vicious cycles of fear, lack, sickness, and hopelessness.

Cynics may mock and state that God is a fairytale. They're talking rubbish, for anyone who has experienced God's Presence in their lives knows the Truth. Jesus called for people to follow Him, to believe Him, to seek to know Him, and to love Him. Spending time talking to the Lord Jesus is never wasted or silly. There's a comfort in knowing God, trusting in Him to take care of us (Psalm 3:5-8). Sheep never stress when their shepherd is present – they can relax and rest under his care. God reminds us to cast our cares upon Him, for He cares for us. When we give our burdens to Him, He helps us deal with them and works out each situation (1 Peter 5:7; Psalm 55:22). Much anxiety and fear comes from people trying to solve problems by themselves. We are only human, but God is supernatural. He promises us that He will contend with our enemies, and He will save our children (Isaiah 49:23-25). His Word calls for us to hold fast to our confident trust in Him because our faith has great reward (Hebrews 10:35-36).

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: For those in our parish who are celebrating a significant anniversary this year, e.g. 25th, 30th, 35th 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th or 60th, you are invited to renew your marriage vows at the 6.15 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday May 31st. Please spread the word also to those who were married in our parish and are now living elsewhere. You might kindly contact the Parish Office with the details of your Anniversary before the 23rd of May.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Church of the Resurrection 5pm - 9pm Tuesdays

St Mary's Cathedral Wed 11.00am– 2pm this Wednesday

Church of the Holy Spirit Muckross 4pm–6pm Thursdays

Franciscan Friary 2pm –7pm Fridays Holy Hour Sundays @

6pm

VOICES FROM THE FRIARY: Charity Concert in aid of St Vincent De Paul, St Brigid's Conference, Killarney, Sunday 25th May at 8pm, in the Franciscan Friary, Fair Hill. Concert featuring Soprano Sharon Lyons, Kerry Concert Choir and Kerry Scotia Ensemble. Tickets available from Eventbrite or on the door.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS: Congratulations to the boys and girls of St Olivers NS & Loughquittane NS who received their first Holy Communion this weekend. We pray every blessing on all receiving Jesus into their lives in a special way over these weeks..

Loreto Scoil Bhríde NS 10.30am 24th May Church of the Holy Spirit, Muckross

Gaelscoil Faithleann NS May 24th 10.30am, Church of the Resurrection

TIDY TOWNS; call to action all businesses and householders to make a special effort during this fine weather to paint ,clean up, to help with this years compaign. Volunteers will meet at the bottle bank, High Street, Monday 'night at 6pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

ROCK ROAD GROTTTO: Rosary to be prayed daily for the Month of May at 7pm. All Welcome.

ALL IRELAND ROSARY RALLY BUS from Killarney to Knock for on June 7th, for information contact John Joe on 087 2526161.

KILLARNEY SUMMER FAITH CAMP; is on in St Olivers N.S. from the 30th June—4th of July 2025 from 10am—3pm. Enquiries to 087 7796966

DIOCESE OF KERRY CARE OF CREATION NETWORK FOR PARISHES: Join us for a zoom meeting on Tue 20th May at 7.30pm to hear about upcoming events, resources and link with others to promote biodiversity and care for creation in our parishes. If you are not already a member and would like to join us, email berniemccaffrey@dioceseofkerry.ie all are welcome.

DOGS FOR THE DISABLED: There will be a church gate collection on Saturday, 24th May and Sunday, May 25th in aid of Dogs for the Disabled. This charity is based in Cork and train assistance dogs for children and adults with physical disabilities, providing them with a better quality of life and independence. See more information on their website info@dogsfordisabled.ie.

ALONE the national organisation that enables older people to age at home, are looking for Telephone Support & Befriending and Visitation Support & Befriending Volunteers to support older people in the community. If you or an Older Person you know, need support please call 0818 222 024, seven days a week 8 am to 8 pm or see ALONE.ie/ Volunteer for more information."

BINGO at St. Mary's Parish Hall, will be held on Thursdays@ 8.30pm

IN MEMORIAM

TO PLACE A MEMORIAL ON THE KILLARNEY OUTLOOK

Please email details to:
graphicdesign@outlookmags.com
and the verse and photo you would like to include.

If it is a repeat anniversary we will have your photo and verse on file, just call Emma on:

087 6593427

Please include a contact name, address and telephone number.

Full Column: €30

2/3 Column: €25

1/3 Column: €20

Prayers: €10 each

Payment can be made via credit card by calling **066 7143505** from 9am-1pm Monday to Friday

MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

NOVENA TO ST. JUDE

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever.

Oh Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us.

St. Jude worker of miracles, pray for us.

Helper of the hopeless, pray for us.

Say this prayer nine times a day, by the eighth day the prayer will be answered.

It has never been known to fail.

17TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

PJ CRONIN



RATHCOMANE,
BALLYHAR, KILLARNEY

WHO DIED ON
MAY 25TH 2008

*Your hand we cannot touch,
Still we have so many memories,
Of the ones we loved so much,
Your memory is our keepsake,
With which we'll never part,
God has you in his keeping,
We have you in our hearts.*

Loved and remembered always by your son Brendan, daughter in law Noreen and grandchildren Claire, Adrian and Kevin.

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NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART

Dear Heart of Jesus in the past I have asked many favours.

This time I ask you this special one, (mention favour).

Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it within your heart where your Father sees it.

Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favour not mine.

Amen.

Say this prayer three times for three days and your favour will be granted.

Thank you for favours received

A.F

NOVENA TO ST. JUDE

Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the Church honors and invokes you universally, as the patron of difficult cases, of things almost despaired of, Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Intercede with God for me that He bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, particularly (Mention your request here. . .)

And that I may praise God with you and all the saints forever. I promise, O Blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor granted me by God and to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you.

Amen

ST. PEREGRINE

THE PATRON SAINT OF CANCER PATIENTS

Oh great St. Peregrine you have been called the Mighty, the wonder worker because of the numerous miracles you obtained from God for those who have had recourse to you.

For so many years you bore in your own flesh this cancerous disease which destroys the very fibre of our being and you who had recourse to the source of all grace when the power of man could do no more you were favoured with a vision of Jesus coming down from his cross to heal your affliction please ask God and Our Lady to cure the sick we entrust to you..... (names)

Aided in this way by your powerful intercession, we shall sing to God, now and for all eternity a song of gratitude for his great goodness and mercy. Amen

Student Art Exhibition: Hidden Beauty of Castleisland Church

All parents, friends, and students are warmly invited to attend the opening of an exhibition showcasing the remarkable work of 5th Year Art Students. The event will take place on Sunday, 25th at 11:30 AM at Castleisland Church.

The exhibition, titled 'Hidden Beauty of Castleisland Church', features a stunning series of limited-edition lino prints. These prints are inspired by the unique architectural beauty of Castleisland Church, capturing its essence in a creative and artistic manner.

Not only will attendees have the opportunity to admire these beautiful works of art, but they will also be able to purchase the art on display. All proceeds from the sales will go towards the development of a special class for autistic learners being built in Presentation School.

Don't miss this chance to support our talented students and contribute to a meaningful cause. Limited edition prints can be purchased from the school office.



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