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Excitement has reached fever pitch in Killarney with the All Ireland Senior Football Final taking place on Sunday and in this week's Killarney Outlook, we have an exclusive interview with Paudie Clifford as he sits down with Jimmy O'Sullivan-Darcy and talks All Things Football!

The Kerins Family go back in time with their iconic Kerry decorated mini, there are fresh worries in the National Park after a camp fire was discovered on the Muckross Peninsula and a fundraiser for Adapt Kerry is set to take place next weekend.

Summer In Killarney is continuing in spectacular fashion with another parade taking place, along with a captivating show at Killarney House and a memorable movie night in the park.

The Chamber marked the Arbutus Hotel's centenary in style at it's July luncheon, we have all the style from Ladies Day at Killarney Races and the TFI Anseo scheme has been extended in Killarney.

Killarney Rotary Club welcomed the District Governor on an official visit, Orienteers are heading to town for the largest event ever staged in Ireland and rowers took to the lakes for the Kerry County Coastal Rowing Championships which took place on Lough Lein,

In sport, Kerry FC celebrated a huge win over Shelbourne FC, Kerry Ladies claim their final spot in the All Ireland and Jimmy looks back at every meeting of Mayo V Kerry since 1905.

As we wait with bated breath for the final whistle on Sunday, on behalf of myself and the team at Killarney Outlook, we wish the Kerry Team every success in the final on Sunday.

Ciarraí Abú!

Aisling Crosbie



"Pasture Perfect" by Grace Hughes in Kilcummin captured at the Kerry Cliffs



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Kerins Family Keeps Kerry Spirit Alive Ahead of All-Ireland Final

It was a sense of déjà vu this week for Humphrey Kerins and his wife, Helen, when the Killarney Outlook called to photograph the iconic Kerry GAA decorated car, for the front of this week's magazine.

The decorated mini has become a familiar sight outside their home and business on the Tralee Road every summer as Kerry prepares for the All-Ireland Senior Football Championship.

With excitement building ahead of Sunday's All-Ireland final between Kerry and Mayo at Croke Park, the famous green and gold mini once again took pride of place, proudly displaying the family's support for the Kingdom.

Pictured in the car this year were Humphrey and Helen's grandchildren, Kallie Kerins, Joey Heelan, Croía Griffin, Ellie Carey, Judy Heelan and Jack Griffin, all eagerly anticipating the big match.

The photograph brought back fond memories for the family, as it mirrored a picture taken in the early 2000s when Eamonn Keogh visited the Tralee Road to capture Humphrey and Helen's children, Damien, Ashley, Sean and Tracey, sitting in the very same car.

More than two decades later, the cherished tradition continues, passing from one generation to the next and highlighting the enduring passion for Gaelic football that runs through the Kerins family.

The extended family are among the many Kerry supporters counting down the days until throw-in on Sunday, when the Kingdom will once again bid for All-Ireland glory at GAA headquarters.



Kerry football fans Damien, Ashley, Sean and Tracey Kerins, Tralee Road, Killarney, with their painted mini car in 2002 ahead of the All-Ireland.

Pic: Eamonn Keogh- macmonagle.com archives



Fast forward 24 years.... Kallie Kerins, Joey Heelan, Croía Griffin, Ellie Carey, Judy Heelan and Jack Griffin sitting in their granda Humphrey's car.

Fresh concerns raised after campfire discovered in Killarney National Park

Fresh concerns have been raised over fire safety in Killarney National Park after evidence of a campfire was discovered on the Muckross Peninsula, just days after emergency services spent a week battling a major blaze in the area.

Images of the campfire site, located close to the Five Mile Bridge in the heart of the national park, were sent to National Parks and Wildlife Service conservation rangers and management on Tuesday morning by a concerned member of the public.

The discovery comes in the aftermath of the recent wildfire which saw crews from Killarney National Park, Kerry County Council and emergency services spend seven days battling flames sparked by a disposable barbecue in challenging conditions.

Park authorities have reiterated that campfires, camping and barbecues are strictly prohibited within Killarney National Park, warning that even the smallest spark or ember can ignite dry vegetation and lead to devastating consequences.

As an internationally recognised UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, Killarney National Park is home to valuable wildlife, ancient woodlands and sensitive habitats, all of which remain vulnerable during the current spell of dry weather. Officials warned that irresponsible behaviour



poses a serious threat not only to the park's unique ecosystem but also to the safety of visitors and local communities. An Garda Síochána has examined the scene.



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Crews Continue Battle Against Wildfire Hotspots in Killarney National Park

Dedicated staff from the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) and fire crews in Killarney National Park continued their efforts over the weekend to extinguish remaining wildfire hotspots in the park.

Supported by Kerry Mountain Rescue and Irish Air Corps helicopters, crews have worked continuously for the past six days to tackle hazardous areas in difficult-to-reach terrain. Intermittent road closures remain in place on the N71 Killarney to Kenmare road.

The fire-affected area near Five Mile Bridge is estimated to cover approximately 17 hectares and includes a mix of dry heath, wet heath and blanket bog, together with pockets of native old oak woodland.

Meanwhile, Minister for Nature, Heritage and Biodiversity Christopher O'Sullivan TD has welcomed Tesco's decision to withdraw disposable barbecues from sale in all of its Irish stores.

"I welcome Tesco's decision to remove disposable barbecues from sale across all of its stores in Ireland. This is a responsible and timely action that demonstrates real environmental and community leadership, and Tesco is to be commended for taking this important step," he said.

The minister noted that the decision comes as wildfires continue to pose a threat in both Killarney National Park and Wicklow Mountains National Park, with firefighters, NPWS staff and emergency personnel working tirelessly to bring the blazes under control.

He said the current conditions serve as a stark reminder of the devastating impact wildfires



True Dedication...No end in sight for Brendan O'Neill, Sjoerd van Wierst, Shonagh Gray, Paul Power and James Doherty of National Parks and Wildlife Park Staff and Fire Crew, with the assistance of Kerry Emergency Rescue Service together with Irish Air Corps Helicopters, working continually for the past 6 days to assist in dousing remaining hazardous 'hot spots' in difficult to reach terrain continuously of Killarney National Park. The affected area at the 5 Mile Bridge is estimated to be around 17 hectares in size and includes a mixture of dry heath, wet heath and blanket bog along with pockets of native old oak woodland. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

can have on landscapes, wildlife and local communities, as well as on the emergency services responding to such incidents.

Mr O'Sullivan expressed hope that other retailers would follow Tesco's lead by introducing similar precautionary measures during the period of heightened fire risk.

"By working together, we can all play our part in protecting the countryside and its wildlife and habitats, supporting our emergency responders and reducing the risk of further devastating fires," he added.



Shonagh Gray, Paul Power and James Doherty of National Parks and Wildlife Park Staff and Fire Crew.



No end in sight for Shonagh Gray of National Parks and Wildlife Park Staff and Fire Crew.



Conor Rowlands and Tricia Beecher of National Parks and Wildlife Park Staff and Fire Crew.

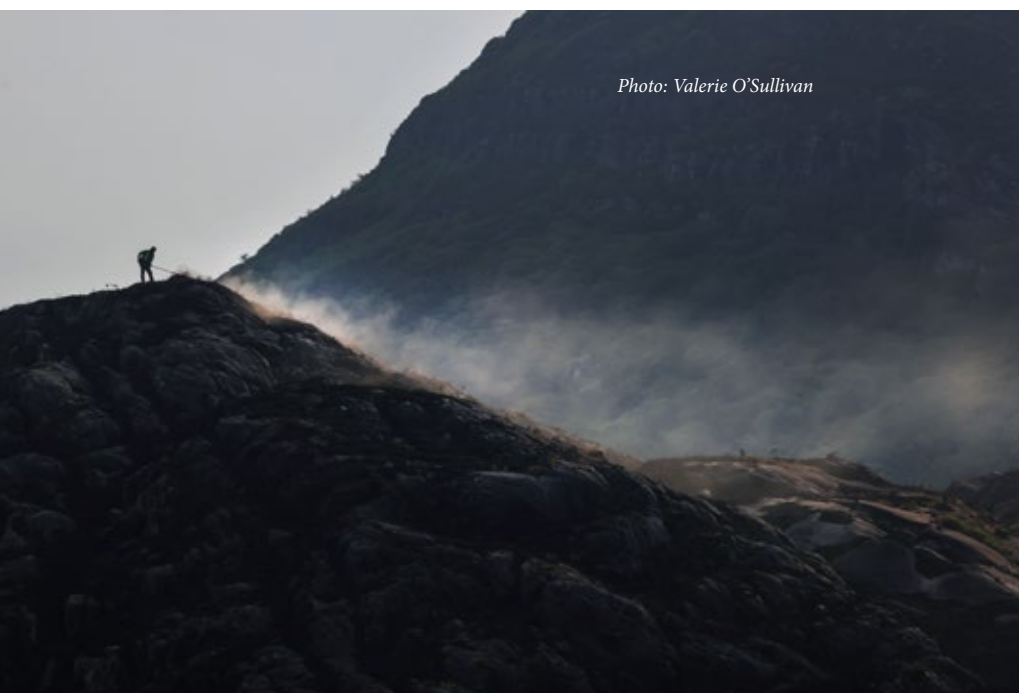


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"We were brought up on football"



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PAUDIE CLIFFORD

speaks to

Jimmy O'Sullivan Darcy

ahead of Sunday's All-Ireland Senior Football Final



Kerry have always been a force in terms of gaelic football, and every generation puts up new heroes. Go back far enough and you have the O'Gorman twins. The famous Landers brothers from Tralee. The Lynes of Cleeney. John Joe Sheehy of John Mitchels and his sons. In the seventies, the Spillane brothers started following their father into the jersey. They were team-mates of Páidí Ó Sé; later on, his nephews Darragh, Tomás, and Marc would lead Kerry to All Ireland titles. And as their careers began to wind down, another set of brothers would come to the fore, and they would seem almost to spring full-grown out of a previously unheralded stronghold of Fossa.

That wasn't the case, of course. Paudie and David Clifford grew up in an environment immersed in the GAA. Their father Dermot is a bastion of Fossa and Chairman for many years, one of the stalwarts who guided a club over a generation from Division Five of the County League to an All Ireland Club title. Their uncle Seamus is one of the longest serving club delegates at the East Kerry Board. Their late Uncle Barry was an officer of the South Kerry Board. And speaking of South Kerry, where the Cliffords were always known and respected where any Derrynane team took the field, the late and great Junior Murphy, godfather of gaelic football in South Kerry, once named his pick as the best footballers from the area for me. Mick O'Dwyer was named, of course, Jack O'Shea with that mighty engine, Maurice Fitzgerald – but he told me that he had seen a young footballer as good as any of them only for injury, Fergus Clifford of Derrynane. Fergus was still a formidable player – ask anyone in Listry if you don't believe me, and is currently one of the best coaches and referees out there as well as a former Chairman of Kerry Post Primary

GAA. No, when it came to gaelic football, the Clifford brothers needed no formal introductions! Paudie nods agreeably. "I suppose we were brought up on football, and I know of all those stories and how good Fergus was. Obviously, he was very unlucky with injuries, shoulder injuries, things like that. Barry was a great footballer. Dad and Seamus were very good footballers as well. But yeah, I suppose they always had the interest in bringing us to matches, and we never missed a Kerry game. And I'd say it was the same for everyone in our family. We were brought up with it, and I suppose it has played a big part in bringing us to where we are."

"The school played a part as well. We went to Two Mile School and we loved. If you actually look at Fossa now, there's a good few players that are my age and born '96. So there's a lot of players that we were playing on those school teams. And then you've got another bunch that came through together a few years later, the likes of Cian and Emmett O'Shea's age group, and a lot of them came through as well. I'd say that with players coming in, the standard we were playing at got higher. There was a level of professionalism in terms of approaching games, and I think that's what's bringing the club on now. It all started with an awful lot of hard work from a lot of people like Dad, Willie Buckley, Merry Talbot, Pat Sheehan who is the current chairman. They and many more put in a lot of great work and I suppose made it possible for us to keep pushing on and obviously we don't feel like we're finished yet."

Famously, Paudie Clifford became one of the best and most recognisable players in the country despite never having played Kerry minor or U21. Just one of the rare few who slipped through the cracks. He did win an All Ireland Junior title in 2018, scoring a goal in the final against Galway,

and was firmly on management's radar by then, although injury would delay his debut as a Kerry senior until 2020.

Being initially overlooked was never a problem for Paudie. Outside validation has never been why he plays the game anyway. "I think in general they do a great job in Kerry. I suppose through the schools, the divisional sides, the development squads, they are very good at making sure that no players slip through the cracks, and I think that's something that maybe does happen in some counties. I'm not exactly sure how all of them are run, but it's definitely possible that some players miss out, and thankfully it doesn't really happen in Kerry. There's players from clubs at all different grades, and always has been going right back to when Kerry were winning their first All Ireland. There were always players from all different clubs."

"I think I was at the level physically from when I first came because I was a bit older, so that probably helped me. It definitely helped in terms of confidence, and it probably didn't take me as long to get used to the physicality and the pace of it. So I do think that maybe missing out earlier on it gives you that bit of hunger. So I suppose it can work in your favour if you approach it in the right way. Obviously, you know, you'd love to play Kerry minor, and anyone that is coming up now, I'd strongly urge them to obviously try and play Kerry Minor and U21. They are obviously great memories for players. But look, you just have to play what's in front of you. If you don't make the selection, you just have to work hard to try and make it in a few years. The door isn't closed; it certainly wasn't for me. But yeah, physically, I suppose it did help that maybe I was a bit older, so I was at the level already, a bit closer to the level anyway."

I put it to Paudie that while the new rules have made games far more exciting – and his own man of the match display against Dublin is a case in point – it also ups the intensity for players and it also makes for a long year, with the playing season pretty much January straight through to December. It's asking a lot, especially for young players.

"Yeah, it is a thing that needs careful management. The younger lads especially, they do need to be minded a bit more. You know, they'll have Siggerson and things like that starting early, and all these different things in their 20s and playing senior for their clubs, and probably their divisional sides. It must be twice as hard for dual players at that age group. So, yeah, it's obviously very tough for them. It's hard to know what to do because we have so many championships to play. But yeah, they do need to be managed very carefully."

Any Kerry footballer, including Paudie, needs to have a work/life balance and be able to manage their time carefully. He has a fair inkling of management himself, having been involved as a selector with Sneem/Derrynane last year and found that he was sharing tips from his work life as well as football experience to help improve players. "Ah, yeah. Just a bit of both to kind of help each other out. Small things you might pick up at both really is the big thing. Yeah, I picked up a few things last year where I was helping out with them, and brought them things, and then maybe the other way around. Yeah, they can help each other definitely."

There's no real break for a player like Paudie or his team-mates. As soon as they finish their season with Kerry, hopefully with a victory over Mayo, they will be back into action with their clubs almost straight away.

"No, there isn't much of a break, I suppose. But you know, we'd all be very much looking forward to going back in with the club. The way it was before, where you'd go back for a month midway through the season, was a disaster because you couldn't go fully at it. Whereas the club club lads and the club management deserve every inter-county player's full effort, and now you're able to do that. I know we obviously don't have as long of a break as maybe other counties, but sure, well, there's nothing we can do about it. But at least now when you've the intercounty season finished as it is in the split season, now you have you can go fully fully at it, and all you're thinking about is the club games, and it does work better."

I do think this year's system is a lot better, and that there's something in every game. You can lose, and you can come back from losing. We saw it ourselves with Donegal, and we came back. I think it's a better format. There's more to play for in every game.

"Yeah, definitely. It's as you said, you're not just playin matches almost for the sake of it, and there's a lot more at stake. Like you can lose a

game like we did, but then you have a harder road ahead. You will lose out a week's break. You'll have the last round, last qualifier round, and only a week break for the quarter-final. So there's a lot. There's a lot more at stake. It is a lot better, and you're not playing games for the sake of it. Like maybe last year's system, four in the group, but three were still in it after all the group games were played. So there was a bit more leeway, but now there's an element of risk in every game, and I'd say it's a lot better now."

"gaelic football is steeped in his bones"...

I'm not asking Paudie anything about the upcoming All Ireland Final. Frankly, in the unlikely event that I did have any insights, I wasn't going to be printing them. Mayo people can read just as well as Kerry people. If I had my way, I wouldn't even be telling them the time of throw-in.

I'm speaking to Paudie at Red Chair Recruitment, where he works as a Business Development Executive. It's a professional environment of quiet efficiency. In some ways, almost the complete opposite of a Kerry dressing room. But in the most practical sense of achieving a purpose, it's remarkably similar, and it's an environment that suits Paudie very well.

"Definitely. It's a great place to work. Obviously for me as a Kerry footballer it's great to be able to work in Killarney. There's a great buzz around all summer. But nearly all year, there's a crowd around Killarney, which is great, and it's great to see a town doing so well. There's a great working atmosphere here, just great people to work with, and they would never be giving out about games or looking for tickets or things like that. Almost all the talk would be about how to get jobs done or help people out, or just general banter. And that suits me perfectly."

"Essentially, I'm a business development executive in a recruitment agency. I go out to companies to introduce them to Red Chair, and explain how we can help their business. We always provide a great service, and any company we've worked with would tell you that. We pride ourselves on the service that we offer and the candidates that we can bring to companies, and always come to a fair agreement over fees and things like that as well."

We've all seen hard times for business in Ireland when we were growing up, and we like to think that we play a part in helping businesses to expand and improve, help them find the right people and the right fit. We're trying to just do our best for every company and get people that we think will suit the company. But it helps that there's a lot of people coming to Killarney and there's a lot of tourists, so there are jobs around Killarney. We work all around Ireland, and there are a lot of places in Kerry, not all of it, but a lot of Kerry is doing well and that's good for all of us. Tralee is doing well at the moment. There are towns up the country that might be struggling a bit, a lot of people having to leave the country for work and things like that. Thankfully, that doesn't seem to be happening too much in Kerry at the moment. If anything, we are seeing people who went abroad for work and picked up skills and we are seeing a lot of them looking to move back now, and we are able to link them with jobs. I suppose it might seem very different to playing football, but it's work I find really interesting and really fulfilling, and I love the fact that I am working with people who feel the same way. I actually think it helps me in playing with Kerry in many ways."

It's coming up towards All Ireland Final weekend. Not for the first time, it will be Kerry facing off against Mayo for the Sam Maguire. It's the pinnacle of every player's ambition, and there at the heart of it will be Kerry dynamo Paudie Clifford. But even from those vast heights, he can just look around and see the playing fields that he grew up and know, like he has always known, exactly how much it means to the people of Kerry. Like most people his age, he played a lot of sports and is an admirer of many more, but gaelic football is steeped in his bones.

"It is," he confirms quietly. "The likes of the County League is a great competition. There are seven divisions, with I think eleven teams in every division? And Jesus, like, there's quality players all through the divisions. Some are big areas and some are small areas and we talked about how some of them can sometimes be struggling, but almost everywhere is able to put out a team and an awful lot of them are very good teams. A great sign for Kerry in general, and I think it says a lot about how much gaelic football means to us. It just shows we're in a healthy position, and long may it continue."

Sadness in Killarney at the Passing of Caith Cronin

There was widespread sadness in Killarney this week following the death of much-loved businesswoman Caith Cronin, of Cronin's Butchers on High Street.

Mrs Cronin, née Kissane, of Ballydowney and formerly of Knocksartnett, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family.

For decades, Caith was a familiar and welcoming presence in the family business, where her warm personality and friendly smile endeared her to generations of customers.

Caith spent much of her life working in the High Street shop, answering the telephone, greeting customers and always making time for a chat. She will be fondly remembered and deeply missed by her family, friends, neighbours, loyal customers and all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

For many years, Cronin's Butchers has been synonymous with business life in Killarney. Established by her late husband Tom, the business became one of the town's best-known family enterprises and continues to flourish under the stewardship of their son, Denis. The



shop has long supplied hotels, restaurants and guesthouses throughout the area while continuing to serve the local community.

The Cronin family business remains a cornerstone of commercial life in Killarney and Caith played an integral role in its success, helping to build the warm and welcoming reputation for which it is so well known.

Predeceased by her devoted husband Tom and her siblings Michael, John and Bridie, Caith is survived by her children Denis, Riona, Patricia, James, Anthony, Will, Noel and Caroline, together with their spouses, her 22 cherished grandchildren, her brother-in-law Jim Cronin, sister-in-law Breda Tuomey, nieces, nephews and her wide circle of friends.

Her family will take comfort in knowing that Caith is now reunited with her beloved Tommy, together again in eternal peace.

Following Requiem Mass in St Mary's Cathedral on Tuesday morning at 10.30am, Caith was laid to rest afterwards in Aghadoe Cemetery.

Ar dheis Dé to raigh a hanam.

2-day summer fête in Killarney

to raise money for local Methodist Church and Adapt Kerry Women's Refuge in Tralee

The Methodist church in Killarney is hosting a summer fête on Friday 31 July and Saturday 1 August

The event, being held in the church at the bottom of Countess Road, has been organised to raise badly needed funds for the church and Adapt Kerry Women's Refuge in Tralee, which provides critical, trauma-informed support for women and children escaping domestic abuse and coercive control.

Stalls will be selling lots of goodies, including household items, plants, home-baking and good-as-new clothes. Refreshments will also be available.

The Methodist church on Countess Road has been a fixture of Killarney life since 1911, but Methodism has had a presence in Kerry since the 18th century, as explained by local minister, Rev. Alison Gallagher: 'Methodism actually arrived in County Kerry in 1790 when an Irish-speaking missionary, Charles Graham, began preaching in the region. By 1796, a small congregation formed in Killarney and in 1810, a 'preaching house' was opened on High Street.' She continued: 'the current stone-faced Gothic Revival church on Countess Road - near the Golden Gates entrance to Killarney House - was designed by architect George Francis Beckett and opened in 1911. Though emigration led to dwindling numbers in the mid-20th century with the church closing in the 1960s, the church



was revitalised and weekly services restored in 1998 after a long campaign organised by Rev. Kenneth Todd (serving in Cork city) with the help of Ed and Jean Ritchie, who lived on Mill Road. In 2005, an extension was opened and today, as well as being a centre of worship, our facilities are used by several local community groups.'

ADAPT Kerry's, Catherine Casey said the organisation was very appreciative of the support from the church and hoped the

event would be a success: 'our helpline, safe emergency accommodation and outreach services are central to what we do here in Kerry. We are delighted that the Rev. Gallagher and the Methodist church in Killarney is hosting this event.'

Event details: summer fête, Friday 31 August and Saturday 1 August, Methodist church, junction of Muckross and Countess roads, 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.



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Anne Lucey
looks at the positive news
happening in Killarney



Time to plant trees and wash the streets in this new climate

It may seem a contradiction in terms. We need concrete barbecue areas in the wild and we need trees in the towns: lots of trees. Tescos have banned the sale of the flimsy portable barbecues. But people will find other ways and barbecuing is now part of summer life. The solution? Safe barbie areas in the national park. And plenty of trees in the Tesco car park for shade.

We need more signage and more people on patrol in remote areas to ask them not to start fires. We also need more controlled burning. There was a stark warning from Councillor Johnny Healy-Rae on Monday. "A fire will start

in Cahersiveen and won't stop 'til it reaches the lakes of Killarney," he said. With no burning, there were no fire breaks, and he urged the Department of Housing to allow controlled burning until the end of March. In February there was very little to burn, was his logic.

The recent heatwave should prompt the local authority and the NPWS to come together and "tree scape" our streets and our car parks, especially our supermarket car parks. Fast growing trees please.

But it also highlights the need to wash our streets each early morning. Some of the streets are clearly suffering in the heat.

Readers of this column suggest the town council might look at what the Spanish resorts



Safe barbie areas could be created in the national park, like this one in Australia.

do - bring out the trucks to gently spray the streets and pavements every morning.

Killarney's Car Parks

If you are one of those regularly circling Killarney for a space to park el coche, you will be interested in the recent information wrung out of the council.

Around a year after putting in a Freedom of Information request, after the Green Lawn fight of a year ago, and the scrapping of the Aras Phádraig, a colleague and I got a reply.

First of all, there is no progress in the Green Lawn where 139 car spaces are meant to have been created. It was this 139 number of yet to be created, by the way, which scuttled plans for a multi-storey after the Office of the Planning Regulator intervened.

The council advised the OPR there were a total of 1,373 car park spaces in public car parks in Killarney as well as additional private and on street spaces and there was a recent consultation on 139 spaces.

Now what is interesting in the council reply is the lack of progress on the Green Lawn since its controversial go ahead by councillors a year ago.

"Negotiations are ongoing and have not concluded..."

Then there is the 134-space Cathedral Car Park and the question of ownership. And yes, the Council owns this "for many years". But the Church has covenants and a say or maybe to be more accurate a stay. News to many of us.

"Ownership has transferred to KCC but with covenants / restrictions on use. The council has been engaged with St Brendan's Trust for some time to renegotiate these covenants on use", the FOI reply said.

In other words the council can't line the cathedral car park, or redesign it.

Nor, interestingly can they impose parking charges because this too depends on the negotiations.

The 134-space Cathedral Car Park



Why Andy Burnham is right and it's the '80s we need to unravel

I have no great nostalgia for the 1980s. It was tough. We were all told to emigrate. The island wasn't big enough for us, the late Brian Lenihan Snr said on air. The population at the time was around 3.5 million.

There was plenty of local student summer work, the beat for the sugar factory in Mallow and the turf for the station in Cahersiveen, as well as the hotels in Killarney, and the UDC gardening schemes. Our own entrepreneurship. And the beginnings of a green agenda. With an economy trying to revive, there was the Killarney Arts Co-op.

But to get a teaching or any other "good" job you had to have serious pull - Labour or Fianna Fail if it was the VECs, (I suspect others now have the pull these days) Same with most public jobs. Small coteries of men ran the county and the country. You'd go to interviews to be savaged - and they were completely meaningless as the jobs were already gone.

To train as a nurse, you needed a GP or a nun to have a word. People went to England.

Hence the birth of the PDs to clean it up. I went to the Dessie and Mary show in 1986 in the Castle Heights Hotel. It was a packed house. People wanted change. But Elsinore wasn't cleaned up from within - it was "liberalised" from without. Thatcher / Regan economics in other words. There began a series of wrong turnings. We moved towards Boston, not Berlin. We globalised. GDP and FDI tripped off our globular tongues like a novena. We privatised and quangoed and semi-stated. And we centralised.

The end of this 40 year affair

with Thatherism? We have lost a generation; we have record immigration; the only trade unions are public sector. We have plethoras of public bodies and agencies. Public money is being squandered in front of our eyes. Before we can get to the end of the magic rainbow, the pot of gold has disappeared and the trail evaporated- buried in the quangos consultants.

I am with Andy Burnham : We need to go back to the 1980s and undo as much as we sensibly can. Bring back direct civil government and service control for the basics for health, the energy companies, shipping and airlines.

In The Financial Times, last weekend, Ireland was held up for failing its own young:

"How Ireland is leading the way" is how this country's shameful housing record is prefaced.

"Almost nothing matters as much in life as getting a roof over your head. But many countries are failing at this fundamental task. In Dublin high immigration and an influx of tech money have contributed to a 40 per cent jump in housing demand since 2011 while the number of homes has grown at only half the rate creating perhaps the worst housing shortage in the developed world," the FT thunders.

42 per cent of 25-34 year olds now live with their parents in Ireland - that's not a successful society, that's "the economy, stupid" to echo that early 90s era phrase. Or maybe it is the economy gone stupid.

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Outdoor Screening Draws Crowds to Killarney House



Movie in the Park...Summer in Killarney - Killarney's newest festival presented 'THE BIG MOVIE: Mamma Mia!'. The beloved film was played in the beautiful summer evening setting of Killarney House and Gardens in Killarney National Park. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Movie in the Park - Summer in Killarney - Killarney's newest festival presented 'THE BIG MOVIE: Mamma Mia!'. O'Sullivan Sound Systems together, Mari O'Connell, Joe McCarthy, Deirdre O'Sullivan, Aaron McCarthy, Kevin O'Sullivan, David McCarthy, Neilie O'Sullivan, Sean Flood. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Movie in the Park...Summer in Killarney - Killarney's newest festival presented 'THE BIG MOVIE: Mamma Mia!'. Joe McCarthy, Gavin O'Leary and Paul (Cookie) O'Sullivan, enjoying the evening. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

Hundreds of film lovers gathered in the picturesque surroundings of Killarney House and Gardens on Monday evening for a hugely successful outdoor screening of the feel-good musical Mamma Mia!.

The popular event, which formed part of the new Summer in Killarney Festival, attracted families, friends and visitors who enjoyed a memorable night under the stars against the stunning backdrop of Killarney National Park.

Early arrivals were entertained by a lively Summer DJ in the Park set from Spin South West, helping to create a vibrant festival atmosphere before the big screen lit up at 8.30pm.

With fine weather and a fantastic turnout, the open-air cinema proved to be one of the highlights of the summer calendar, showcasing Killarney House and Gardens as a unique venue for outdoor entertainment.

The screening was presented by Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, with the support of the National Parks and Wildlife Service and Heineken 0.0. Financial assistance was provided by Kerry County Council through the Community Support Fund 2026 and Fáilte Ireland's Festival and Participative Events Programme.



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TFI ANSEO PILOT IN KILLARNEY EXTENDED

The National Transport Authority (NTA), in partnership with TFI Local Link Kerry, has today announced the extension of the TFI Anseo pilot service in Killarney, enabling the innovative demand-responsive transport service to continue connecting people with the places and services that matter most to them.

The announcement comes one year after the launch of the first of three TFI Anseo pilot services in Achill on 15 July 2025 and 11 months after its launch in Killarney. Operated under the TFI Local Link network, the three pilot schemes have provided valuable insights into how demand-responsive transport can improve mobility in rural communities. With all three pilots operating within budget, the NTA is extending the Killarney service to continue building on its success and learning.

A final report from each of the pilots is expected in December 2026.

From journeys to work and college to GP appointments, shopping trips and social visits, TFI Anseo is becoming an increasingly important part of everyday life for people living in the communities it serves.

Since its launch on 11 August 2025, the Killarney service has supported over 82,000 passenger journeys, helping residents access employment, education, healthcare, retail and social

Minister for Transport Darragh O'Brien said:

"I am very pleased to see the TFI Anseo pilot service being extended following its highly successful first year.

"The sheer number of passenger journeys recorded shows that the local community have embraced this innovative service, which truly puts the passenger at the heart of the journey.

"Extending the pilot allows us to continue learning how to provide practical transport



solutions that encourage sustainable and inclusive travel." Alan O'Connell, General Manager of TFI Local Link Kerry, added:

"The response to TFI Anseo in Killarney has been hugely encouraging. We have seen people embrace the service because it offers a practical and convenient travel option that fits around their daily lives.

"The extension of the pilot is fantastic news for local communities. It means we can continue providing a service that helps people access essential services, employment, education and social opportunities while gathering valuable feedback that will help shape the future of rural transport in Ireland."

Funded through the Government's Climate Action Fund, TFI Anseo forms part of the National Transport Authority's Connecting Ireland Rural Mobility Plan, which aims to improve sustainable

transport options and connectivity for rural communities across the country.

Throughout the pilot, passenger feedback and local insights have played a central role in shaping and refining the service, ensuring it remains responsive to the needs of the communities it serves. Over the autumn months, the NTA will conduct further customer satisfaction to evaluate the passenger experience.

As the pilot continues, the NTA will work closely with local communities, operators and stakeholders to build on the lessons learned and help inform the future development of demand-responsive public transport services across Ireland.

Further information about TFI Anseo, including booking options and service details, is available at www.transportforireland.ie.

From Melbourne to Croke Park



Former Kerry development player Helena O'Sullivan is heading home from Australia after winning Allianz's "Coming Home for Match Day" competition, securing a trip back to Ireland for Kerry's All-Ireland Senior Football Championship final against Mayo on Sunday, July 26.

Originally from Kenmare, Helena now lives in Melbourne but remains deeply connected to Kerry football, having played throughout her youth and represented the Kerry development squad while in secondary school.

Her return home carries special significance, as it will give her the opportunity to meet her newborn nephew, Samuel, for the first time. Her brother and his wife recently welcomed their second son, and living more than 17,000 kilometres

away meant Helena had yet to meet the newest addition to the family.

As well as cheering on the Kingdom at Croke Park, Helena is looking forward to spending precious time with her family and reconnecting with home after years abroad.

Kerry head into the final seeking back-to-back Sam Maguire titles and hoping to complete the double for the first time since 2006-07. For Helena, who has supported the county from the other side of the world, the occasion will be a homecoming to remember.

The Allianz "Coming Home for Match Day" competition aims to reconnect Irish emigrants with their families and communities during the GAA championship season.

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"As far as the eye can see'...

The Story of the Bourn Vincent family of Muckcross House

With a stellar Killarney cast, the outstanding production written and directed by Noel Patrick O'Sullivan, was performed in the courtyard of Killarney House, Killarney National Park. The new captivating show saw full houses and standing ovations each night. The performance featured drama, poetry, song and dance, capturing the romance and challenges of the Bourn Vincent family of Muckcross House in the early 20th Century. The cast included, Narrator, Fiona Crowley, Poetry by Tim Buckley, read by Gearoid Murphy, William Bowers Bourn -Tim Landers, Agnes Moody - Orna Cleary-O'Shea, Maud Bourn Vincent, - Charlene Brosnan, Arthur Rose Vincent - Aidan Byrne, Micheál - Ger Lynch, Deirdre - Rosie Healy, Pádraig - Derry Healy, Tadgh - Pádraig Creedon, Berkeley Vincent - Rory Ward, Lady Kitty Ogilvy - Lucy Cronin, Rosie Vincent - Bella Brosnan, Billy Vincent - Noah Brosnan, Butler - Gearoid Murphy, Dancer - Heidi Burchill, Harpist - Teagan O'Sullivan.



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Photos: Valerie O'Sullivan



Bella Brosnan, behind the scenes before her performance in 'As far as the eye can see'... The Story of the Bourn Vincent family of Muckcross House.



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Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle Photographs Now Available Online

Killarney Camera Club has announced that thousands of photographs taken during this year's Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle are now available online, free of charge.

Cyclists who took part in the popular annual event can access the images by visiting the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle website and following the link on the homepage. Approximately 11,000 photographs, captured by members of Killarney Camera Club, are available to download and print.

The club has congratulated all those who participated in the cycle and helped raise vital funds for a number of worthy causes, including the main beneficiary charities: Ballinskelligs Inshore Rescue, Breakthrough Cancer Research, Brú Columbanus, Down Syndrome Kerry, the Jack and Jill Children's Foundation and the Kerry Hospice Foundation.

Killarney Camera Club member Seamus Long said the photographers had been stationed at key locations throughout the day.

"Our members photographed during the day, at the Start Line, the Finish Line and at the Medal Giving and Entertainment Area. There are approximately 11,000 photos available, so we hope there is a photo of most of the cyclists," he said.

"The photos are available, free of charge, to download and print. I encourage people to



share them with family and friends on social media. As always, we thoroughly enjoyed photographing and meeting the cyclists and their supporters."

Mr Long also thanked the organisers of the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle and the many volunteers

who assisted throughout the event.

"Thanks to the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle organisers for their support and to all the volunteers for their cooperation on the day," he added.

New Owners Confirm Acquisition of Killarney Brewing and Distilling Facility



The new owners of the Killarney Brewing and Distilling facility in Fossa, Spirit Capital, have confirmed that the acquisition of the landmark site has been completed.

Regarded as one of the region's most significant food, beverage and tourism assets, the facility has already benefited from substantial investment in its distillery and brewery

operations, visitor attractions, hospitality spaces and supporting infrastructure.

The acquiring group brings more than 200 years of distilling heritage and experience in the international premium spirits industry, including stewardship of some of the world's best-known heritage brands, as well as extensive expertise in hospitality,

brand development and premium beverage operations.

In a statement, a spokesperson for the new owners described the Fossa complex as "an exceptional site" and acknowledged its importance to Killarney, Kerry and the wider Irish food, drink and tourism sectors.

The company said its commitment to the facility is long term and pledged to preserve the value created by previous owners while bringing the site back into operation on a phased and carefully managed basis.

The immediate focus will be on completing essential transition work, including safety measures, compliance requirements, licensing, utilities, engineering and operational planning before activity resumes.

The new owners also indicated that they intend to work closely with local contractors, suppliers, professional advisers and other stakeholders as the project progresses. Rebuilding local employment opportunities and supporting the Killarney and Kerry brand will form a key part of their plans.

Drawing on its international experience, the group said its ambition is to develop a business that will contribute positively to the local economy through distilling, brewing, hospitality and visitor experiences.

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Killarney Rotary Club Welcomes District Governor on Official Visit

Killarney Rotary Club was honoured to welcome Rotary District Governor George Roche and his wife, Maeve, during their official visit to the club, marking an important occasion in the Rotary calendar and celebrating the club's commitment to serving the local community.

The visit provided members with an opportunity to showcase the work being undertaken in Killarney and to discuss plans for the year ahead as Rotary clubs across the district embrace this year's theme, Creating Lasting Impact.

Newly elected President of Killarney Rotary Club, Yolande Nieman, welcomed the District Governor and Maeve on behalf of the club.

"It was a pleasure to welcome George and Maeve to Killarney and to share the enthusiasm and dedication of our members," said Ms Nieman. "Rotary has a proud tradition of bringing people together to improve lives, both locally and internationally. As President, I am excited to lead our club in supporting this year's message of Creating Lasting Impact. Together, we want to continue delivering projects that strengthen our community, support local organisations, and create positive change that will be felt for years to come."

During the visit, District Governor George Roche commended the members of Killarney Rotary Club for their commitment to service and encouraged them to continue identifying opportunities where Rotary can make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

Killarney Rotary Club has a long history of supporting local charities, community groups, youth development initiatives, and international humanitarian projects. Under President Yolande Nieman's leadership, the club will continue to build on that legacy while developing new partnerships and initiatives that respond to the evolving needs of the Killarney community.

The club also extended its sincere thanks to District Governor George Roche and Maeve for their visit, encouragement, and continued support of Rotary clubs throughout the district.

Killarney Rotary Club welcomes new members who share a desire to give back to their community through friendship, leadership, and service. Anyone interested in learning more about the club may contact a member to discover how they can become part of Rotary's mission of creating lasting impact.



Killarney Rotary Club President Yolande Nieman, Rotary Ireland District Governor George Roche, Assistant Governor Ciara Irwin Foley. Second Row - Maeve Roche (DG's wife) and some of the members of Killarney Rotary Club Sherry O'Callaghan, Marie Kehoe O'Sullivan, Conor O'Leary, Grace O'Neill Third Row - Hanneke Nieman, Rayla Tadjimatova, Christina Higgins, Fourth Row - Barry Murphy, Eduard Schmidt Zorner & James Tarran.t

Killarney to Host Ireland's Largest-Ever Orienteering Festival



Killarney is preparing to welcome competitors from around the world for the largest orienteering event ever staged in Ireland.

Organised by Kerry Orienteers, the seven-day festival will run from Saturday, July 24, to Friday, July 31, attracting 2,000 competitors from 35 countries. Switzerland will provide the largest overseas contingent, while athletes from the

UK, Finland, France and Czechia will also be strongly represented. Participants range in age from under 10 to over 80.

The festival will begin with Ireland's first-ever indoor orienteering event at St Brendan's College on Saturday afternoon. Over the following five days, competitors will tackle the challenging mountain terrain around Glenflesk

and Kilgarvan, including Crohane Mountain and the Black Lakes area, before the week concludes with a street orienteering event through Killarney town centre.

Brendan O'Brien of Kerry Orienteers said organisers were delighted to welcome so many visitors to Killarney for the landmark event.

"This is the largest ever orienteering event in Ireland and we are thrilled that so many people will be experiencing the magic of Killarney and Ireland for the first time," he said.

Organisers estimate that the festival will generate more than 10,000 bed nights for the region, providing a significant boost to the local economy.

Orienteering combines physical endurance with map-reading and navigation skills, challenging competitors to find checkpoints across urban and mountainous landscapes using only a map and compass.

Members of the local community are also being encouraged to get involved, with opportunities to take part in the indoor event at St Brendan's College on July 24 and the town-centre event on July 31. No previous experience is necessary and participants of all ages are welcome.

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Killarney Chamber marks Arbutus Hotel's centenary in style at July luncheon

Killarney Chamber of Tourism & Commerce held its July luncheon at the Arbutus Hotel on Wednesday, 15th July, with members turning out in force for an afternoon of networking, good food and a celebration of one of the town's best-loved institutions as it marks 100 years in business.

As many will know, the Arbutus story goes back to 1926, when Tim Buckley and his wife Julia opened its doors on College Street, having saved the funds to buy the hotel Tim had long admired. A hundred years later, much of what Tim put in place is still there to see - his original Celtic Deco furniture and fittings remain throughout the hotel, a direct link back to the couple who started it all.

Guests heard members of the Buckley family reflect on that history and what a century of continuous family ownership means for the hotel and for Killarney, drawing warm applause from the room. Mayor of Killarney, Cllr John O'Donoghue, addressed Chamber members on the year ahead. He spoke of an exciting period for the town, and stressed the value of business networking events like this luncheon in bringing people together, and the importance of the Chamber, the Council and local businesses working together to build on it.

Chamber President Johnny McGuire said the luncheon was a fitting way to honour a business that has helped shape Killarney's reputation for hospitality for a hundred years. "The Arbutus is woven into the story of this town," he said. "To celebrate their centenary among our own members felt entirely right, and today's turnout shows the strength of the Chamber network here in Killarney."

Details of the Chamber's next event will be announced shortly and can be found at www.killarneychamber.ie.



Sean and Roisin Buckley (Arbutus Hotel) and Carol Dempsey (Arbutus Hotel and Killarney Chamber Vice-President) recalling the 100 year history of The Arbutus Hotel with John O'Donoghue (Mayor of Killarney /Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council) and Johnny McGuire (Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce President) at the Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce members luncheon in The Arbutus Hotel Killarney. Pictures: Eamonn Keogh



Pat O'Leary (Kerry Tourism Industry Federation), Mike Stack (Tricel), Tom Randles (Randles Hotel) and Adrian Neilan (Kerry Airport CEO).



Tommy Walsh (Orbitus), Deirdre Twomey (PTSB Bank), Pat Sheehan (Orbitus), Mary Doody (PTSB Bank) and Brian Miley (Gleneagle Group).



Carol Dempsey (Arbutus Hotel and Killarney Chamber Vice-President), Michelle O'Sullivan Darcy (O'Sullivan Darcy Engineering), Bernadette Randles (Dromhall Hotel) and Norma O'Regan (Killarney Chamber CEO) at the Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce members luncheon in The Arbutus Hotel Killarney.



Ger Flanagan and Jason Murphy, Boardwalk Coffee, with Aisling Crosbie (Killarney Outlook Editor) at the Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce members luncheon in The Arbutus Hotel Killarney.



Lucy Medes, Mike Walker, Rosie Soffer and Yulia Stadyk (FDC Group) at the Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce members luncheon in The Arbutus Hotel Killarney. Picture: Eamonn Keogh

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Motorists urged to leave the penalties and points to the players on the field at the Kerry v Mayo game

Kerry and Mayo County Councils join forces to remind supporters to make road safety their winning game plan ahead of All-Ireland final journeys.

Thousands of people will travel hundreds of kilometres by car, bus, train and plane to Croke Park, for the All-Ireland senior football final between Kerry and Mayo on Sunday July 26th. Motorists are being encouraged to leave the penalties and points to the players at the football game.

While Mayo and Kerry will be rivals on the day, both County Councils have teamed up for joint road safety message which kicked off with a GAA inspired road safety advert for local radio and social media. The advert portrays a footballer's speed and impact on the pitch but says the outcome can be a different kind of game for a person behind the wheel. Kerry and Mayo County Councils agree that road safety is a team effort. When everyone plays their part, people can arrive safely to enjoy the occasion and return home safely afterwards.

Kerry County Council's Road Safety Officer, Declan Keogh, said; "There will be a lot of excitement and distractions on the journeys to Croke Park. We are asking motorists to stay focused, keep their eye on the road and ensure everyone in the vehicle is wearing a seatbelt. Long journeys can be tiring for drivers, so short



Kerry and Mayo supporters' team up to promote road safety ahead of the All-Ireland Senior Football Final. L-R: Sgt Lynda Brosnan, Dan Pierce, Donnacha McSweeney, Meave Ryan, Joyce O'Boyle, Garda James Connolly. (Front) Michelle O'Halloran and Diarmuid Brennan.

Photo: Declan Keogh

breaks should be factored into the journey plan. Whether celebrating or commiserating after the game, drivers should never drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Staying safe on the road is the main goal".

Mayo County Council's Road Safety Officer, Frances Mitchell, said; "We encourage everyone to plan their journey carefully and to make road safety their highest priority. Allow sufficient travel time, drivers and passengers to wear

their seat belts, avoid distractions while driving, never drive while under the influence of drink or drugs and take regular breaks if travelling long distances. By making responsible choices on the road, we can all play our part in ensuring that everyone arrives safely to enjoy the occasion and returns home safely afterwards".

Oscar-winning actress Brenda Fricker remembered for her Kerry roots

Oscar-winning Irish actress Brenda Fricker, whose distinguished career spanned more than six decades on stage and screen, has died at the age of 81.

Although born in Dublin on February 17, 1945, Fricker had strong Kerry connections through her mother, Bina Murphy, who hailed from Gneeveguilla. Bina taught languages at Stratford College in Rathgar and met Brenda's father, Desmond Frederick Fricker, worked in the Department of Agriculture, and was a broadcaster with RTÉ and a journalist for The Irish Times.

Before becoming an actress, Brenda, at age 19 was assistant to the art editor of The Irish Times, with hopes of becoming a reporter.

Brenda Fricker, best known internationally for her acclaimed performances in My Left Foot and Home Alone 2: Lost in New York, made history in 1990 when she became the first Irish actress to win an Academy Award. She received



the Oscar for Best Supporting Actress for her portrayal of Bridget Fagan Brown in the 1989 film My Left Foot, a landmark achievement that helped shine a spotlight on Irish cinema around the world. Her career included memorable roles in more than 30 films and television productions, among them The Field,

A Time to Kill, Veronica Guerin, Inside I'm Dancing and Albert Nobbs. She also appeared in Tolka Row, Ireland's first television soap opera.

In recognition of her outstanding contribution to Irish film, Fricker was presented with the inaugural Maureen O'Hara Award at the Kerry Film Festival in 2008, an honour that acknowledged both her international success and her enduring connection to the county. Last year, in an interview with Brendan O'Connor on RTÉ Radio 1, she spoke candidly about the personal struggles detailed in her memoir, She Died Young: A Life in Fragments. She reflected on her battles with depression and alcoholism and the experiences that shaped her life and career.

Paying tribute following news of her death, President Catherine Connolly described Fricker's Oscar-winning achievement as a pivotal moment for Irish film.

"Brenda's historic achievement in

becoming the first Irish woman to win an acting Oscar, for her wonderful performance as Bridget Fagan Brown in My Left Foot, was one of the factors that led to the revitalisation of the Irish film industry and she has for decades served as a role model for Irish actors," she said.

The President said that Brenda Fricker left behind "a rich legacy of work on film, on screen and on stage" and would be remembered for her "humanity, humour and authenticity".

She also praised the courage she showed in speaking openly about the challenges she faced in her personal life, saying that her honesty had helped others facing difficulties of their own.

Brenda Fricker is survived by her family, friends and colleagues, both in Ireland and across the world.



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Killarney Chamber Brings Business Leaders Together with MEP Cynthia Ní Mhurchú



Pictured at the Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce roundtable discussion with MEP Cynthia Ní Mhurchú at the Government Offices, New Road, Killarney, are Carol Dempsey, Vice President, Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce; Johnny McGuire, President, Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce; MEP Cynthia Ní Mhurchú; Bernadette Randles; Breffni Ingerton; Finbarr Kennelly; Norma O'Regan, Conor Hennigan; Patrick O'Sullivan Greene; Pádraig Treacy; Adrian Neilan; Garrett Power; and Diarmuid Leen.

Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce welcomed MEP Cynthia Ní Mhurchú to Killarney on Tuesday, 21st July, for a roundtable discussion with Chamber Executive Committee members and local business leaders to discuss issues of strategic importance to the region's economy and tourism sector.

Held at the Government Offices on New Road, the meeting provided an opportunity for Chamber representatives to engage directly with the Ireland South MEP on a range of matters affecting businesses across Killarney and the wider region.

As a member of the European Parliament's Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO) Committee and the Transport and Tourism Committee, Cynthia Ní Mhurchú has responsibility for policy areas that are particularly relevant to Killarney's tourism-led economy. The discussion

focused on issues impacting local enterprise, tourism, regional connectivity and future economic development, while highlighting the importance of ensuring that the views of businesses in the South-West are represented at European level.

The roundtable reflected Killarney Chamber's ongoing commitment to engaging with elected representatives at local, national and European level to advocate for the interests of its members and the wider business community.

Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce thanked MEP Cynthia Ní Mhurchú for taking the time to meet with its Executive Committee and local business leaders, and looks forward to continued engagement on issues that support the sustainable growth and prosperity of Killarney and the wider region.

Killarney Racecourse Presents The SPIN Southwest Student Raceday



SPIN Southwest is teaming up with Killarney Racecourse for a Brand New Student Event in Kerry!

SPIN South West and Killarney Racecourse have officially announced a partnership to deliver Kerry's biggest Student Raceday of 2026 this Monday, October 5th.

Set in Ireland's most scenic racecourse, the back-to-college event promises unforgettable combination of horse racing, live entertainment and electric student atmosphere.

SPIN Southwest will be bringing their iconic SPIN House Party Stage to Killarney with some of the biggest DJs and some of the Biggest hits!

Killarney Racecourse will be organising dedicated buses operating directly from key locations across Kerry, Cork, and Limerick.

The renowned Gleneagle Group has joined as the Official Hospitality Partner, & will provide accommodation options for attendees.

Chris Davies, Sales & Marketing Manager from Killarney Racecourse has confirmed that ticket packages & transport & accommodation details will be announced in the coming weeks.

For all the updates, DJ announcements & more exciting details on the event, follow SPIN Southwest & Killarney Racecourse on socials.

Staff at Deo's Shop and Portmagee Post Office were pictured celebrating after it was announced that their store sold the winning €1 million ticket in Saturday's (18th July) Lotto Plus One draw.





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Killarney Valley AC athletes enjoyed international success in recent weeks, with Beibhinn O'Donoghue and Lauren McEvoy helping Team Ireland finish as the best overall nation at the FISEC Games in Budapest, Hungary.

Competing against some of Europe's top young athletes, Beibhinn O'Donoghue equalled her personal best in the 400m, clocking 62.40 seconds to finish 11th overall in sweltering conditions. The talented youngster, who also competes in the 400m hurdles, continues to develop at an impressive rate as she targets breaking the 60-second barrier in both events.

Lauren McEvoy also produced a series of strong performances, finishing fifth overall in the 100m hurdles in a personal best-equaling time of 14.90 seconds. She also placed seventh in the 100m in 12.44 seconds and helped Team Ireland secure silver in the 4x100m relay. Both athletes are key members of Killarney Valley AC's National League team, which currently sits third in the senior standings ahead of the final in August, underlining the high level at which the club's young athletes are competing.

Meanwhile, clubmate Sarah Leahy is chasing qualification for this year's European Championships as part of Ireland's national 4x100m relay squad. Ireland currently occupies one of the final qualifying positions, with Sweden and Slovenia also battling for a place.

Sarah lined out alongside Lucy Sleeman, Lauren Roy and Ciara Neville at last weekend's London Diamond League meeting in front of a sell-out crowd of 70,000 spectators. Although the quartet crossed the line in an Irish record time of 43.62 seconds, a false-start disqualification meant the result could not be officially recognised.

The Irish team remains hopeful of securing qualification and believes there is even more to come as they await confirmation of their place at the European Championships.

Sarah Leahy, left, is chasing qualification for this year's European Championships as part of Ireland's national 4x100m relay squad.



Ladies' Day regular celebrates milestone birthday at Killarney Races

Few racegoers embody the spirit of Ladies' Day at Killarney Races quite like Eileen O'Callaghan, affectionately known as "The Mrs", who this year marked a particularly special occasion.

Eileen, from The Faiite Hotel and her neighbour and close friend, Ita Looney, have never missed the glamour and excitement of Ladies' Day at Killarney Racecourse, making the annual outing a cherished tradition.

This year's celebrations were made all the more memorable as Eileen was preparing to celebrate her 90th birthday just days later. The milestone occasion added an extra sparkle to the festivities as the lifelong racing enthusiast enjoyed another unforgettable day at one of Kerry's most eagerly anticipated social events.

For Eileen and Ita, whose friendship has spanned many years, Ladies' Day remains a highlight of the summer calendar, combining fashion, fun and the unique atmosphere that makes Killarney's July Festival so special.

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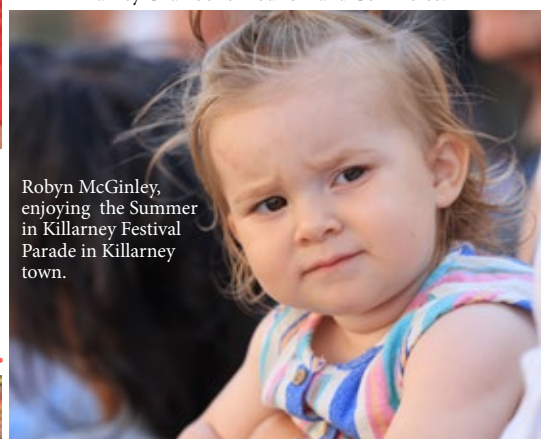
Ciara O'Carroll, in full character mode at the Summer in Killarney Festival Parade in Killarney town, curated by Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce.

Photos: Valerie O'Sullivan



President of Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce Johnny McGuire meeting Kara Newport, CEO and President, Filoli Country House in California, historical residence of William Bourn who was former owner of Muckcross House and Gardens, and whose gardens and house were inspired by Muckcross, also included is Vernon Newport. At the Summer in Killarney Festival Parade in Killarney town, curated by Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce.

Killarney Celebrates Summer In Style



Robyn McGinley, enjoying the Summer in Killarney Festival Parade in Killarney town.



Liz Galway, Tara Fleming, Mollie, Amber Galway, Paddy Fleming and Paudie Fleming, at the Summer in Killarney Festival Parade in Killarney town, curated by Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce.



Orlaith Coffey with her Grandson Kian Flaherty.



Dancers from the MBS Dance centre by Ukrainian choreographer Alina Maslak getting into the Michael Jackson vibe at the Summer in Killarney Festival Parade in Killarney town.



Eamon Mulvhill, Killorglin Pipe Band.



Midleton Concert Band, creating a colourful atmosphere at the Summer in Killarney Festival Parade in Killarney town.



The Edwards family, Shane, Josh, Sophia and Patricia, with friends John Doyle and his son Tomás.



Cathaoirleach Killarney Municipal District, Cllr John O'Donoghue with his daughter Stacey.



Vice-Chairperson Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, Carol Dempsey, Stewarding at the Summer in Killarney Festival Parade in Killarney town, curated by Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce.



Creating a colourful atmosphere at the Summer in Killarney Festival Parade in Killarney town.



Gleneagle Concert Band, creating a colourful atmosphere at the Summer in Killarney Festival Parade in Killarney town, curated by Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce.



Ladies from Killarney Valley Classic and Vintage Club, in full character mode.



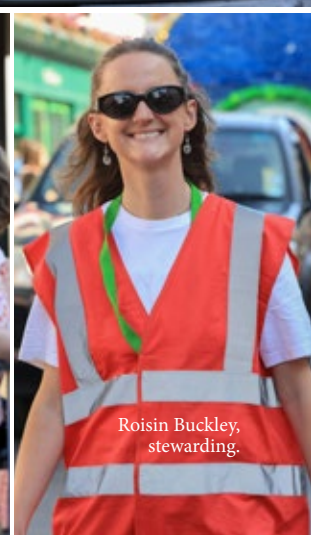
Jessie Buckleys Oscar - creating a colourful atmosphere at the Summer in Killarney Festival Parade in Killarney town.



Mairead Kerrisk, stewarding.



Patrick O'Sullivan-Greene, stewarding.



Roisin Buckley, stewarding.

Excitement Builds for 40TH KILGARVAN SHOW

Excitement is building in Kilgarvan as the community prepares to celebrate the 40th Annual Kilgarvan Agricultural Show on Sunday, August 2nd, 2026.

Founded in 1984, the show has grown into one of Kerry's best-known agricultural events, thanks to the dedication of volunteers, exhibitors, sponsors, and the local community. This special anniversary celebrates four decades of supporting agriculture, rural life, and local enterprise.

Taking place at 'Reilly Field, with gates opening at 11am, the show offers a full programme for all ages. Livestock competitions remain at its heart, showcasing top-quality cattle, sheep, and other animals from across the region.

The popular Home Industries section continues to attract entries in baking, preserves, crafts, photography, art, and floral displays, while the craft and food marquees will feature local artisan producers and businesses. Trade stands will also add to the lively atmosphere.

Fashion competitions, including Best Dressed Lady, Best Dressed Man, and Glamorous Grannies, promise plenty of style and entertainment. Families can enjoy the Children's Village, packed with activities and games, while demonstrations such as sheep shearing will showcase traditional rural skills.

Live music from the Michael Collins Band, from 2pm to 5pm, will keep visitors entertained throughout the afternoon. Special acknowledgements and celebrations will also mark the show's 40th



anniversary, recognising everyone who has helped make the event such a success.

Entries are now open across all sections, and applications for trade stands, food vendors, crafts, and exhibitors are being accepted. Early entry is encouraged due to strong demand.

Whether you're competing, exhibiting, trading, or simply enjoying a great family day out, the 40th Kilgarvan Agricultural Show promises something for everyone.



Pictured at the club house are Left Thomas Wharton and right John Howard (tractor owner) with members that worked on the tractor

Happy 80th Birthday "Fergie"

Killarney Valley Classic and Vintage Club had double cause for celebration at its annual club barbecue last Thursday evening as members marked the 80th anniversary of the iconic Ferguson tractor and celebrated success at a national restoration competition. Club members came together to honour their impressive second-place finish in the recent AXA Vintage Series Restoration Project competition. While restoring vintage machinery is nothing new for the club, this year's challenge saw members undertake the complete restoration of a 1953 Ferguson 20 tractor in just six months.

The project was a true team effort, with club members devoting countless hours behind the scenes to ensure the restoration was completed in time for judging. Their hard work and dedication paid off, earning the club national recognition.

The celebrations followed a memorable weekend in Wexford at the All-Ireland Vintage Show, where the restored Ferguson was exhibited alongside other competition entries. The display evoked memories of a Ferguson dealership courtyard from 80 years ago, highlighting the enduring legacy of a tractor that once played a vital role on farms across the country.

Today, Ferguson tractors have become highly sought-after collectors' items, fondly remembered by many who worked with them in the fields decades ago.

The restoration project also showcased the spirit and craftsmanship that define Killarney Valley Classic and Vintage Club. It offered a glimpse into the work undertaken by members during the winter months, particularly at the club's regular Thursday evening gatherings at Upper Lewis Road.



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International Trip caps off landmark season for Killarney Judo

A season that began with athletes earning places on provincial and national squads ended on the international stage last weekend as eight members of Killarney Judo Club travelled to Bath, England, for their first experience of international training.

The visit to the University of Bath's West of England International Training Camp marked the culmination of months of progress for the club. Throughout the year, Killarney judoka have hosted development competitions, claimed 25 medals at the Munster Closed Championships, represented Munster at the Interprovincial Championships, attended Irish National Development Squad training and continued their journey towards Black Belt grading.

The Bath trip brought those experiences together in one of Britain's leading high-performance sporting environments. Five families travelled with the team as the young athletes joined 120 judoka from across the United Kingdom for two days of intensive randori (sparring) and technical training. Club member Ciara Forde also competed against some of Britain's top judoka in the prestigious West of England competition.

For many of the Killarney players, it was their first opportunity to train alongside athletes from outside Ireland, providing valuable insight into the intensity, standards and culture of international judo. The visit also allowed members and their families to experience a purpose-built judo facility, reinforcing the club's long-term vision for a dedicated dojo at the Derreen Sports Project in Killarney.

Coach Tim Kelly believes the weekend represented another important step in the club's development.

"This camp gave our players the opportunity to test themselves in a challenging environment. Bath University has a proud history of producing Olympians, and we hope the experience inspires our young judoka to aim even higher."

The season has seen Killarney Judo Club continue to build opportunities for its members



Rian Horgan looking up to 4 time Olympian Kate Howey GB

beyond local competition. Alongside success on the competition mat, increasing numbers of athletes have progressed through the grading system, represented Munster and trained with Ireland's development and national squads, reflecting the club's growing emphasis on long-term athlete development

The club will now take a short summer break



Ciara Forde at the West of England Open

before returning on August 13 to begin preparations for three members who will attempt their Black Belt grading later this year. Children's classes resume on Monday, September 7, with new members welcome. For further information, contact Tim Kelly on 086 260 1591.

Kerry fan Callum Heaton from The Macademy Summer School in Killarney wears his county Kerry Colours. Photo: Don MacMonagle



Young Kerry fans, Faye Treham, James Sheahan, Will Spillane, Harry Holden, Daniel Sheahan and Nóinín Sheahan from The Macademy Summer School Killarney wear their Kerry Colours in support of their county in next Sunday's All-Ireland final against Mayo. Photo: Don MacMonagle



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KERRY LADIES CLAIM THEIR FINAL SPOT

Kerry 2-16 | Dublin 1-9

By Dan Kearney

The 2024 All Ireland champions Kerry dethroned holders Dublin with a comprehensive ten-point win at FBD Semple Stadium in Thurles in the TG4 All-Ireland senior championship semi-final. Kerry captain Síofra O'Shea scored 1-8 in a brilliant performance as her sidekick in the full forward line Jadyne Lucey struck 1-1.

Kerry lined out without the injured Anna Galvin but it made little difference early on as they raced into a 2-4 to 0-1 lead after just eight minutes with the breeze behind them.

O'Shea's punch over the bar in the second minute was responded to by Jodie Egan for Dublin but then Kerry took over.

The first goal came in the fifth minute from Lucey after an exchange of passes between Lucey and O'Shea eventually led to Danielle O'Leary setting up the corner forward to score. O'Shea punched over from the kick out and a minute later she finished to the top corner after she touched down a Ní Chonchúir long ball to herself and finished in style.

Kerry were rampant now and putting some serious heat on the Dublin kick out as they lined up five players across the top and further points followed from O'Shea (free) and Ní Chonchúir.

Dublin's Orlagh Nolan from a free and Aishling O'Connell exchanged points and further scores from Lucey, O'Shea and Kerry's fourth punched over point of the half pushed them 2-8 to 0-2 ahead with 20 minutes played.

Then came the Dublin fightback with a free from Nolan and a point from Kate Donaghy getting them moving. Then Nolan slotted home a penalty after she herself was fouled after a pass from Niamh Hetherton.

Nolan then added another point from a free following a Kerry three-up breach to cut the lead to 2-8 to 1-5 at the break.

O'Shea got Kerry off to the best possible start to the second half when she punched over within seconds of the throw-in and it really was all Kerry for the remainder of the second half as they outscored the Dubs by eight points to four.

O'Leary helped herself to a brace of points with Mary O'Connell also getting on the scoresheet as did substitute Leah McMahon, with O'Shea deadly accurate from placed balls.

Dublin responded with a brace from All-Ireland winning captain Carla Rowe, who was brought on at the break, while Niamh Hetherton and a splendid Kate Sullivan point reduced the margin but they never looked like catching Kerry who now march on to a repeat of the 2024 All-Ireland final against Galway on August 2.

The Kerry bench celebrate after the final whistle after the LGFA TG4 All-Ireland Senior Championship semi-final match between Dublin and Kerry at FBD Semple Stadium in Thurles, Tipperary.

Photo: Sam Barnes/Sportsfile



Síofra O'Shea of Kerry in action against Niamh Crowley of Dublin during the LGFA TG4 All-Ireland Senior Championship semi-final match between Dublin and Kerry at FBD Semple Stadium in Thurles, Tipperary.

Photo: Sam Barnes/Sportsfile



Scorers - Kerry: S O'Shea 1-8 (0-5f), J Lucey 1-1, D O'Leary 0-2, C Evans 0-1, A O'Connell 0-1, N Ní Chonchúir 0-1, M O'Connell 0-1, L McMahon 0-1.

Dublin: O Nolan 1-3 (1-0 pen, 0-3f), C Rowe 0-2 (1f), K Donaghy 0-1, J Egan 0-1, K Sullivan 0-1, N Hetherton 0-1.

KERRY: M Ellen Bolger; R Rahilly, D Kearney, E Lynch; A O'Connell, E Costello, A Dillane; M Mulvihill, M O'Connell; N Carmody, N Ní Chonchúir, C Evans; J Lucey, D O'Leary, S O'Shea. Subs: L McMahon for M Mulvihill 41, E McGlynn for N Carmody 48, E Ní Laighin for C

Evans 53, R Dwyer for J Lucey 55, K Brosnan for N Ní Chonchúir 55.

DUBLIN: A Shiels; N Crowley, L Magee, H Leahy; S McIntyre, H McGinnis, N Donlon; N Hetherton, K Donaghy; A Timothy, O Nolan, C O'Connor; L Grendon, J Egan, K Sullivan. Subs: C Rowe for L Grendon HT, E Kearney for K Donaghy 41, E Gribben for A Timothy 43, M Davoren for J Egan, R Hartnett for H Leahy both 46, A Nyhan for N Crowley 55 (temp).

Referee: Gus Chapman (Sligo).



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KILCUMMIN PARISH

Written by: Helen Moynihan

MESSAGE FROM FR. JIM LENIHAN

As I begin my ministry as the new Moderator of Kilcummin Parish, taking over from Fr. Kieran O'Brien, I would like to express my sincere thanks to him for his dedicated and faithful service to the people of Kilcummin since 2019. We wish him every blessing and happiness as he takes up his new responsibilities in Rathmore Parish. I would also like to thank Fr. Vitalis Barasa for his two years of generous ministry to the parish and wish him every blessing as he begins his new ministry as Parish Priest of Ballymacelligott Parish. At the same time, we warmly welcome Fr. Pat O'Donnell and Fr. Seán Murphy to the team of priests serving Kilcummin as part of the Killarney Pastoral Area. Together with Fr. Joe Begley, Fr. Noel Spring, and Fr. Pádraig Kennelly, we are committed to serving the people of Kilcummin and, with God's grace, continue building up His Kingdom among us.

CHANGES IN OUR PARISH

As we say farewell to Fr. Kieran and Fr. Vitalis we thank them sincerely for their dedicated service, kindness, and spiritual guidance during their time in our parish, we wish them every blessing, happiness and good health as they begin their new Ministries and we assure them of our prayers & gratitude. At the same time we extend a warm welcome to Fr. Pat O'Donnell and Fr. Sean Murphy who have joined the Pastoral Area Team. We look forward to their ministry among us, and pray that they will feel at home in Kilcummin. May God bless them as they begin this new chapter and may our Parish continue to grow in faith & friendship.

CHURCH EVENTS

New Cemetery Mass: Monday, 3rd of August at 7pm.

Old Kilcummin Graveyard Mass on Wednesday, 5th August at 7.30pm.

Masses can be viewed on webcam: <https://www.churchservices.tv/kilcummin>

COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT

A vacancy presently exists on the Kilcummin Rural Dev. C.E. Scheme for

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KILCUMMIN GAA

LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Monday 13th July 2026 for the Jackpot of €9,250. Numbers drawn were 10,12,13,15. Consolation prizes of €50 Brian Cahill, Noreen Scanlon, Gary O'Leary, Niamh Dwyer. Our next draw will be on Monday 28th July for Jackpot of €9,500 Thank you for your continued support.

MINOR GAME

Kilcummin produced a powerful second-half performance to defeat Ardfer by 4-12 to 1-14 in the Keane's SuperValu semi-final played in Kilcummin on Monday evening.

The result sees Kilcummin advance to the final, where they will face neighbours Firies in what promises to be a keenly contested local derby.

MASTERGEEHA FC

LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Friday, 17th July for the Jackpot of €9,200. Numbers drawn were 6, 8, 13, 20. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Tommy O'Connor c/o T. Ulick; Niall McNally online; Thresese Counihan online; Jack O'Leary, Milleen. Our next draw will be on Friday 24th July for Jackpot of €9,400.

GLENFLESK PARISH

Written by: Sean Daly

COMMUNITY GAMES

Huge congratulations to Ella Lowe who was part of the Kerry team that won the silver medal in the team event at the U16 Pitch & Putt National finals last weekend in Clara, Offaly. Congratulations also to Jacob O'Donoghue and Ryan O'Donoghue who were competing at the Regionals Athletics Finals last weekend in Templemore. Jacob won the silver medal in the U10 200m final and Ryan won the silver medal in the U14 800m final. Both Jacob and Ryan have now qualified for the National Athletics Finals in Carlow in August joining their younger brother Robbie, Dylan O'Connor and Kaylee Lynch who qualified straight from County in June.

FUNDRAISER QUIZ

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our U12 Quiz on Thursday evening. Your generosity and participation made it a fantastic success. Thank you to The Kerry Way Pub for hosting the event and for your hospitality, to Seamus Healy for taking great photos of the night, our Quiz Master Paul Favier, and to Seamus Moynihan for presenting the boys with their new gear. We sincerely appreciate everyone who donated prizes, attended, bought raffle tickets, and helped out on the night. We were blown away by the support, it means so much to this young team. Croke Park, here we come!



Tiernan Cronin and Michael O'Donoghue
Kerry South Development



Community Games Ella Lowe

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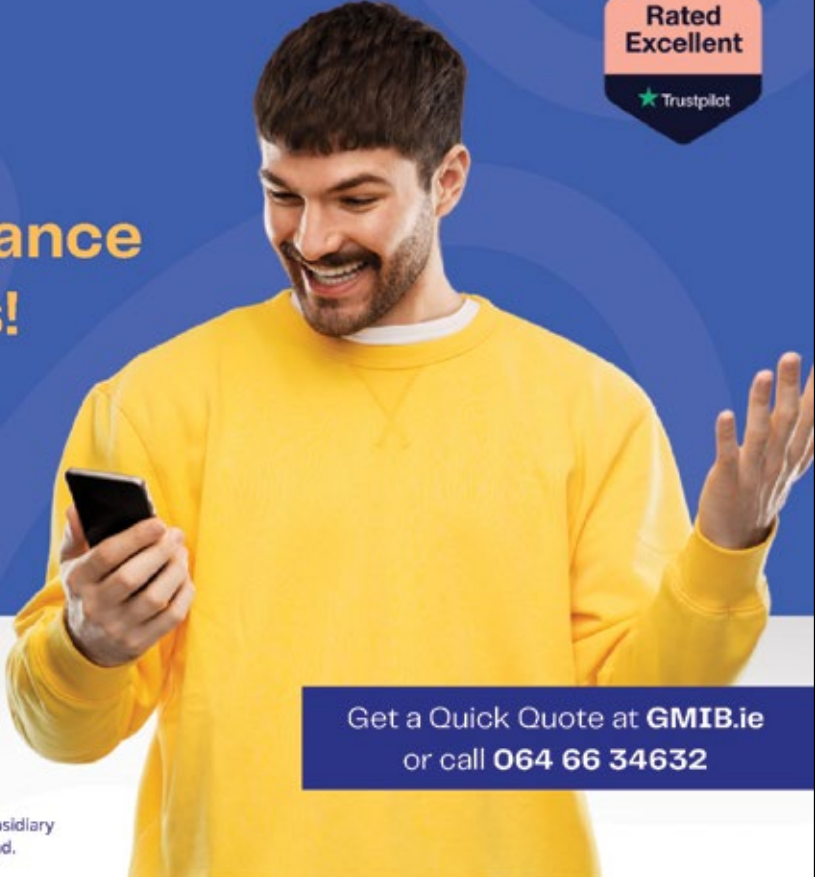
Well done to our Glenflesk boys, Micheal O'Donoghue and Tiernan Cronin, who lined out with the Kerry South U14's against Kildare last Saturday in Moorefield GAA Club. The lads played two games, and it was a fantastic achievement to see Tiernan captain the team in the first game and Micheal captain the side in the second. Well done lads.

Glenflesk U12 boys who received their new gear during their fundraising quiz.






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GNEEVEGUILLA ATHLETES CLUB

Our Club AGM will be held on Friday 31st July 2026 in Teach Failte at 8.15pm after our club lotto. If you would like to share some new fresh ideas or take on a position your input would be greatly appreciate. Be part of a progressive club that caters from U9 to O90 Boys & Girls Male & Female & Special Needs Athletes. Be there don't leave it to someone else.

LOTTO

No winner of last weeks Lotto, Jackpot for this coming Friday July 24th, €14,000 + Bonus draw for €1000

KERRY LADIES TEAM

Congratulations to Kerry Ladies team & management on a great victory over Dublin on Sunday last specially Rathmore's Daniel O'Leary, Mentor Nora O'Connor, Rathmore. They play in the All Ireland Final on 2nd August in Croke Park

ALL IRELAND

Best of luck to the Kerry team & management in this Sunday's All Ireland Final in Croke Park especially Paul Murphy & Shane Ryan

GOODBYE FR. PAT AND WELCOME FR. KIERAN O'BRIEN

Fr. Pat, we cannot thank you enough for the tireless energy you poured into our parish over the past 13 and a half years. You took such wonderful care of our 4 church buildings and grounds, ensuring our sacred spaces are welcoming, beautiful and secure for generations to come. Your work and care for the four corners of this parish will never be forgotten.

Thank You

Since we first heard of Fr. Pat's departure, the response from every corner of our parish has been phenomenal. The organising committee wishes to extend their deepest gratitude to everyone who made this whole community effort possible since the initial meeting in early June.

The Mass and Ceremony

A massive thank you to the Pastoral Council for organizing the entire process, and everyone who contributed to the beautiful Mass:

- Our dedicated altar servers and the stewards (both inside the church and outside managing parking)
- Our wonderful choir, readers, and Eucharistic ministers from all parts of the parish
- Our sacristan, Kathleen O'Connor, for her tireless work
- Fr. Jack Fitzgerald for serving as chief celebrant, and Fr. Joe Tarrant, Fr. Pat McCarthy and Fr. Mike O'Mahony for concelebrating with Fr. Pat.

Thank you to all the parishioners, schools, and community groups across Rathmore, Gneeveguilla, Knocknagree, and Shrone for your generous donations toward Fr. Pat's farewell gift. Every week, the parish newsletter kept us updated, and the support for every task was fantastic. A special mention goes to the sending in of photographs and the book of best wishes and memories at the back of the church.

The Farewell get together in Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra Gym

After the Mass, all were invited to Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra gym for some sweet sustenance and refreshments.

Thank you to the school for the use of their gym, to everyone who helped set it up, and to the fantastic bakers from all parts of the parish who provided the food.



Danielle O'Leary of Kerry celebrates with supporters after her side's victory in the LGFA TG4 All-Ireland Senior Championship semi-final match between Dublin and Kerry at FBD Semple Stadium in Thurles, Tipperary. Photo by Sam Barnes/Sportsfile

Overall, the immense support, selflessness, and generosity of spirit shown by the whole parish over the last few weeks have been nothing short of phenomenal. This massive outpouring of love and community effort did not happen by accident; it is a direct reflection of Fr. Pat himself, the profound impact he has had on our lives, and the deep esteem he holds in every corner of this parish. While we are deeply saddened to see him leave, we are profoundly grateful for the years of dedicated service, leadership, and true friendship he gave to Rathmore, Gneeveguilla, Knocknagree, and Shrone. He leaves behind a united parish that is much richer for having had him as our priest. As Fr. Pat steps into the next chapter of his ministry, he goes with our deepest gratitude, our prayers, and our very best wishes for health and happiness. Thank you, Fr. Pat, you will be dearly missed but not forgotten. God bless you.

Photographs of Farewell night for Fr. Pat

We are asking parishioners who took photos at the Farewell night for Fr. Pat to email them to rathmore@dioceseofkerry.ie

We would like to add them to the powerpoint of photographs for Fr. Pat and give them to him as

Welcome to Our New Parish Priest – Fr. Kieran O'Brien

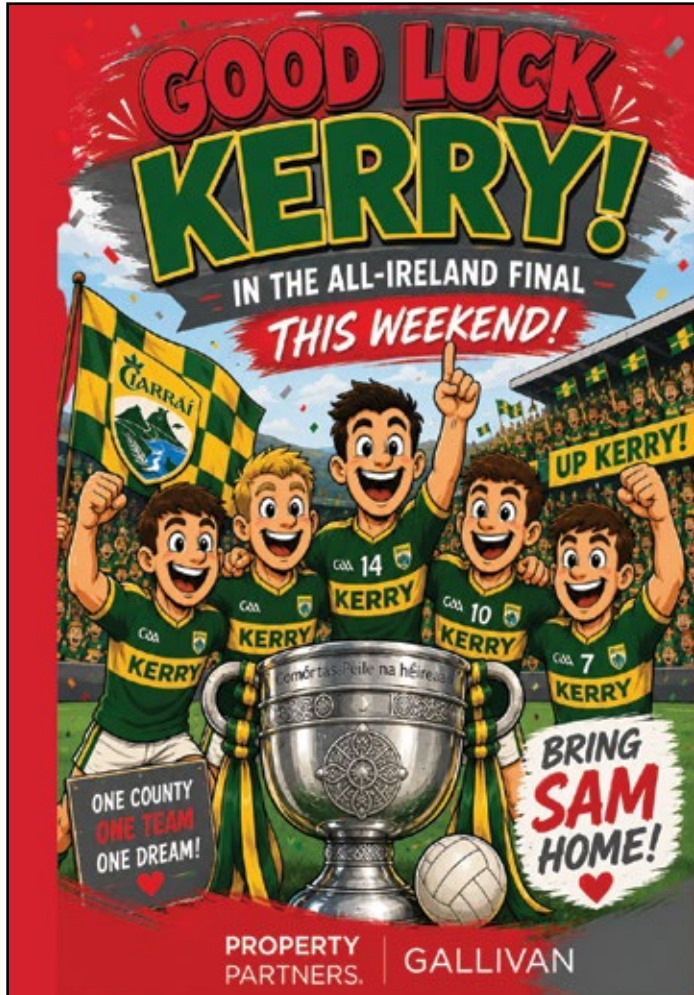
The parish community extends its warmest welcome to Fr. Kieran O'Brien, who begins his ministry with us this week. We are truly blessed to have him lead our parish family into this next chapter. We are excited to walk alongside him in faith, prayer, and service. Every new beginning brings fresh blessings, and we look forward to the unique gifts and spiritual guidance Fr. Kieran O'Brien will share with us. Parishioners are encouraged to introduce themselves over the coming weeks and help Fr. Kieran feel right at home in parish

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 evening

Young Kerry fans from The Macademy Summer School Killarney wear their Kerry Colours in support of Kerry in next Sunday's All-Ireland final against Mayo. Photo: Juno Hussey - macmonagle.com





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SPA PARISH

By Leanne Cronin



Volunteers of the Spa Swap Shop at the Academy last Weekend

SPA ACADEMY ICE CREAM FUN MORNING & KIT SWAP SHOP A GREAT SUCCESS

The Spa GAA Academy enjoyed another fantastic Annual Ice Cream Fun Morning last Saturday, with the popular event now in its third year. Held to mark the halfway point of the Academy season, the morning gave players, parents, coaches and members of the wider community the opportunity to come together and enjoy a social occasion. A new addition this year was the Spa Swap Shop, which proved a huge success, allowing families to exchange outgrown boots and Spa gear for larger sizes. Adding to the excitement, the Spa Senior Ladies called in with their Donal Curtin Cup Division 2 trophy following last week's victory, while club mascot Spark was, as always, a big hit with the young players. Thank you to club member John Fleming of Muckcross Creamery for providing the ice creams, and to all the volunteers who helped make the morning such an enjoyable occasion in the glorious Spa sunshine.

SPA U14S WIN MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

Spa U14s enjoyed a memorable day in Glenflesk last Saturday as they were crowned champions of the Eoin Moynihan/Maurice Mottie Memorial Tournament. Spa topped their group with impressive victories over Glenflesk, Ballyvourney and BK Plunketts before producing a determined comeback to defeat Aghinagh in the Cup semi-final. They then delivered an outstanding performance in the final, overcoming a strong Carbery Rangers side on a scoreline of 1-3 to 0-2 to claim the title. Captain Cian O'Donoghue accepted the Eoin Moynihan/Maurice Mottie Memorial Trophy on behalf of the team and was also named Player of the Tournament following an excellent day's performances. Congratulations to the players and management on a fantastic achievement, and sincere thanks to Glenflesk for the invitation and for hosting such a superbly organised tournament.

SPA U10 BOYS IMPRESS IN BEAUFORT

Spa U10 boys travelled to Beaufort last Wednesday evening for an enjoyable and competitive series of Go Games. The Spa squad travelled



Members of the Spa U8 Girl's Team who played against Gneeveguilla

in great numbers and produced a determined performance, with every player showing excellent effort, teamwork and commitment throughout the evening. It was particularly pleasing to see all of the boys getting plenty of possession, carrying the ball with confidence and linking up well with their teammates. The coaches were delighted with the attitude and work rate shown by the entire panel, who represented the club with great pride. A sincere thank you to Beaufort for their warm hospitality and for providing such a sporting and enjoyable evening for all involved.

SPA U8 GIRLS ENJOY HOME GO GAMES

Spa U8 girls were delighted to welcome Gneeveguilla to Spa last Wednesday evening for a fantastic evening of Go Games in beautiful sunshine. Great fun was had by all, with plenty of impressive skills, teamwork and determination on display throughout the games. A sincere thank you to Gneeveguilla for making the trip, and we look forward to returning the visit and meeting them on their home pitch in the near future.

OTHER CLUB NEWS

Congratulations to Aidan Hickey and Eoin Brosnan, who represented Kerry South U15s against a strong Laois side in Portlaoise last weekend. Best wishes also to the Kerry senior team as they prepare for Sunday's All-Ireland Final against Mayo, and safe travels to all Spa members making the journey to Croke Park. Looking ahead, our Senior Men will begin their Kerry Petroleum Senior Club Championship campaign on Friday, 7th August, when they face Dr Crokes in Fitzgerald Stadium at 7.00pm. Please note that all fixtures are subject to change, and any updates will be communicated closer to the time.

CLUB LOTTO

Spa Lotto 20/07/2026 Results. Numbers drawn: 5, 11, 23, 25. No jackpot winner. Lucky Dips €50 each: Teresa Baker, John Flynn, Geraldine Cronin, Sean Devane, Ian Moynihan.

Next week's draw will be on Monday 27 July for a jackpot of €9,300. Play online via www.spagaa.com/draws



Members of the Spa U6s with the Senior Ladies and Donal Curtin Cup last weekend



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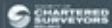


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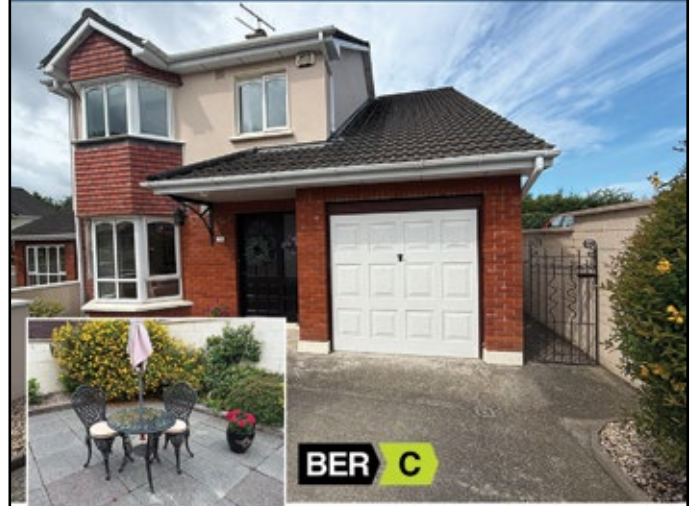
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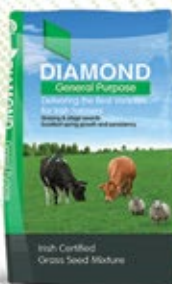
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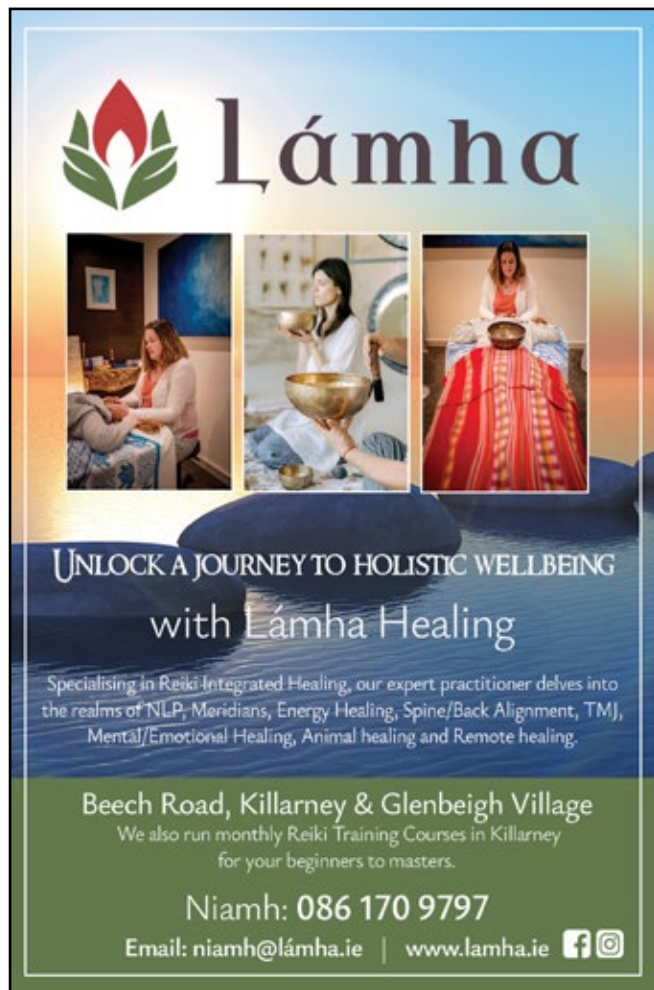
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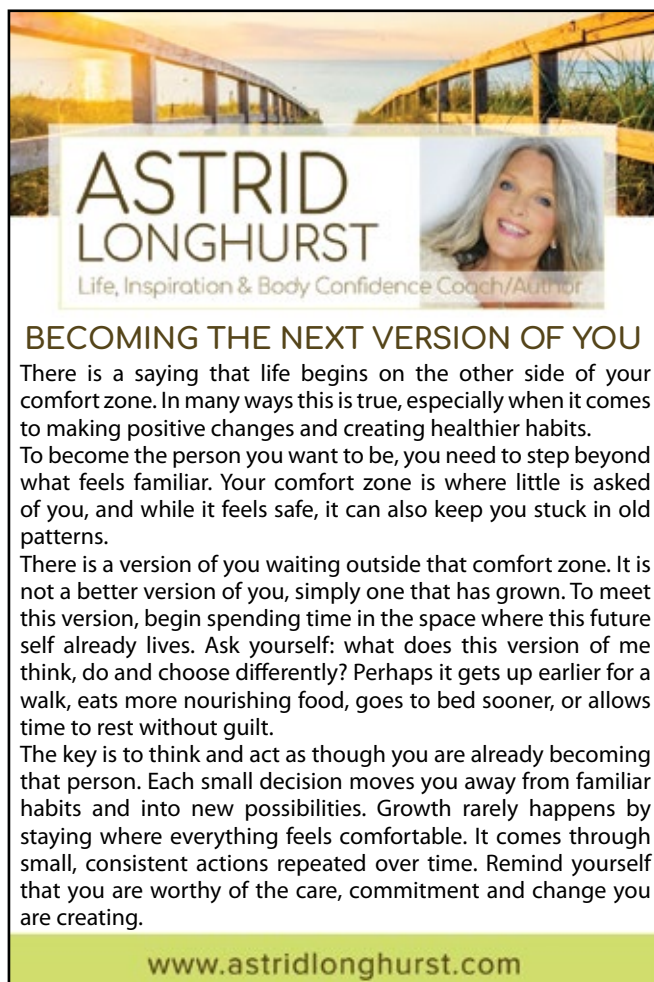
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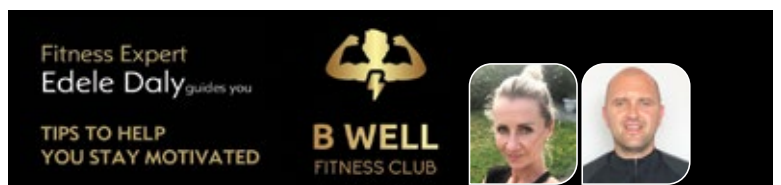
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- 2. Create a Relaxing Bedtime Routine:** Engage in calming activities before bed, such as reading, gentle stretching, or meditation. Avoid screens at least an hour before sleep, as blue light can interfere with melatonin production.
- 3. Optimize Your Sleep Environment:** Ensure your bedroom is cool, dark, and quiet. Invest in comfortable bedding and remove distractions to create an ideal space for restful sleep.
- 4. Limit Caffeine and Heavy Meals Before Bed:** Avoid caffeine late in the day and steer clear of large, spicy, or heavy meals close to bedtime. These can cause discomfort and disrupt your sleep cycle.
- 5. Stay Active During the Day:** Regular physical activity can help you fall asleep faster and enjoy deeper rest. Just try to finish workouts at least a few hours before bedtime to prevent overstimulation.

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County Championship Regatta at Flesk Valley

The crowds flocked to Castletlough Bay on beautiful Lough Lein in Killarney on Sunday last July 19th 2026, for the first county championship regatta of the year. The weather, the setting and the colour, provided the perfect backdrop for a memorable day of very competitive rowing.

Opening the event, the Mayor of Killarney John O'Donoghue welcomed the Kerry clubs to Killarney, including those from the other side of the lake, Fossa, Workmen and St. Brendan's, and wished them all a safe and successful day on the water. John noted the long-standing rowing tradition in Kerry and within the town of Killarney, and the role that the host club Flesk Valley has played in maintaining that tradition for over 100 years on the shores of Lough Lein.

Now in its fourth year, this regatta has become a highlight of the Kerry rowing calendar, renowned for the competitive rowing, the family-friendly atmosphere and the sunshine! The regatta serves as the first of two qualifying events for the All-Ireland Coastal Rowing Championships, that will be held this year in Bantry on the weekend of August 14-16.

Speaking after the event, Flesk Valley's chairman John Fleming expressed his satisfaction with the event. 'We couldn't have asked for better weather and there was a brilliant atmosphere on the shore all day. It's a lot of work for everyone in the club, but we get great help from our own members and supporters, and the Kerry Coastal Rowing Association led by Mary B Teahan, Johanna King and Máire Twiss'.

John thanked the Killarney Order of Malta for looking after everyone with their customary professionalism and good humour, and Fossa Rowing Club for the use of their launch and help dismantling the course. John also expressed his gratitude to the Killarney Credit Union, Leanes Tool Hire and Hegarty's of Castletlough for their support.

Finally, John noted the importance of the cooperation the club receives from the Killarney National Park and thanked the staff of the NPWS for their support and advice in hosting the event.

Next up for the Kerry clubs is a trip to another beautiful venue, Valentia Island on next Saturday July 25th, for the second county championship regatta.



Members of Flesk Valley Rowing Club at the Kerry County Coastal Rowing Championships took place on Lough Lein, Killarney National Park on Sunday afternoon.



The ladies team at Kerry County Coastal Rowing Championships took place on Lough Lein, Killarney National Park on Sunday afternoon.



Peter Burke, left and Colm Ó Súilleabháin, Members of Flesk Valley Rowing Club, at round three of the Kerry County Coastal Rowing Championships took place on Lough Lein, Killarney National Park on Sunday afternoon. They were organised by the Flesk Valley Rowing Club in conjunction with Kerry Coastal Rowing Association.

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Jennifer Rae, left and Bláthnaid O'Connell, members of Flesk Rowing Club, competing in round three of the Kerry County Coastal Rowing Championships took place on Lough Lein, Killarney National Park on Sunday afternoon.

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Members of Fossa Rowing Club, at round three of the Kerry County Coastal Rowing Championships took place on Lough Lein, Killarney National Park on Sunday afternoon. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Members of Flesk Valley Rowing Club, from left, Therese Counihan, Fiona Crowley, Catherine Fleming, Martina Heffernan, helping out at round three of the Kerry County Coastal Rowing Championships on Sunday afternoon.

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Raymond Coffey, watching his lifelong Rowing Club Fossa, competing in round three of the Kerry County Coastal Rowing Championships took place on Lough Lein, Killarney National Park on Sunday afternoon. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan/



The ladies behind the tannoy, Mary B Teahan, left and Johanna King, at round three of the Kerry County Coastal Rowing Championships took place on Lough Lein, Killarney National Park on Sunday afternoon. They were organised by the Flesk Valley Rowing Club in conjunction with Kerry Coastal Rowing Association.

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Workmen's Rowing Club members cooling down, competing in round three of the Kerry County Coastal Rowing Championships took place on Lough Lein, Killarney National Park on Sunday afternoon. They were organised by the Flesk Valley Rowing Club in conjunction with Kerry Coastal Rowing Association. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

CALL FOR ANNUAL “PASSPORT DAY

At the recent meeting of Killarney Municipal District, Cllr. John O'Donoghue has asked the council to write to the Minister for Foreign Affairs & Trade and ask that her department would consider setting up an annual passport renewal campaign to compliment the reminders they already issue. On the 'Passport Day' media could be flooded with advertisements asking everyone to check the expiry date on their passports and renew if necessary. This might help alleviate much of the unnecessary panic people experience when they forget to renew in time. Like many of my fellow councillors here, being contacted by people in trouble with getting a passport is a frequent part of the job. That is no problem, we are always happy to help anyone in any way we can. While some are unavoidable, such as delays getting 1st time passports,

passports for children or people submitting the documentation incorrectly, and those things will always happen, often it is a case where people don't realise until they are about to go on holidays, that their passport either has expired, or is about to expire. Or in other cases they can't travel because some countries don't permit entry on passports that will expire within 6 months. "I'm asking that we write to the minister and request that a date be picked where they would have a 'Passport Day' where the media is blitzed with advertisements asking everyone in the country, regardless of when they plan on travelling abroad, to check the date on their passport and send it off for renewal if required. I feel it would be money very well spent and hope I'll receive the support of my colleagues", he said.

UPDATE ON NEW RURAL PLANNING GUIDELINES REQUESTED

Cathaoirleach of Killarney Municipal District, Cllr. John O'Donoghue has called on his colleagues at Kerry County Council to request an update on how the new rural planning guidelines will affect Kerry and the Council's interpretation of same. These new planning guidelines will affect Kerry more than most counties so it is vital we receive clarity as soon as possible. My own feelings on rural planning are well versed at this stage. Within our own MD in Killarney, house building is very hamstrung by the fact that we have 3 National Roads on which housebuilding is curtailed, as well as our magnificent National Park. Under the current guidelines, housebuilding is difficult in the countryside, and buying in Killarney is almost impossible unless you are very wealthy. The reality in Killarney is that unless you qualify for social housing, or are very wealthy, you can't buy within the town and you can't build in the countryside unless you fit a vary specific metric leaving you with nowhere to go. I'm not suggesting we have a free for all, but some easing in the guidelines would be very welcome. I'm requesting that as soon as the Council feel they are in a position to do so, that we immediately receive an update on what it will mean for us, and so we can have an input into its interpretation.

INCREASE IN FUNDING WELCOMED

Danny Healy Rae, TD has welvomed the news of an increase of €50,000 funding for the social farming programme through The South Kerry Development Partnership. In October last year, I brought up a deputation from the group to the Agricultural committee where we made a case to Minister Martin Heydon who acceded to the request and has increased the funding from €100,000 to €150,000. This is very necessary as massive work is being done by South Kerry Development Partnership in conjunction with farmers who carry out the social farming programme for boys and girls with intellectual and physical disabilities.

CALL FOR URGENT REVIEW OF FIRST HOME SCHEME AS JUST SIX KERRY BUYERS BENEFIT SINCE 2022

Fianna Fáil Councillor Tommy Cahill has called for an urgent review of the First Home Scheme after revealing that just six purchasers in Kerry have drawn down funding since the scheme was introduced in 2022. Cllr. Cahill brought a motion before the July meeting of Kerry County Council calling on the local authority to write to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage requesting an urgent review of the scheme and changes to ensure it better reflects the realities of counties like Kerry. Speaking at the meeting, Cllr. Cahill said the figures showed the scheme was failing to deliver for first-time buyers in the county. "The figures we have seen for Kerry are deeply concerning. The First Home Scheme was introduced with the right objective – to help first-time buyers bridge the affordability gap and get onto the property ladder. While the principle of the scheme is sound, it is simply not working in Kerry." "Since the scheme was introduced in 2022, only 18 applicants in Kerry have been approved, and just six purchasers have actually drawn down funding. That compares with thousands of approvals nationally. That tells us one thing



very clearly, the problem is not a lack of demand. Young people in Kerry desperately want to own their own home. The problem is that the scheme has not been designed around the realities of counties like ours." "Construction costs in Kerry are high and we have a somewhat limited supply of housing. We know that the median asking price for a new-build home in Kerry is now above the scheme's current price ceiling. As a result, many first-time buyers are excluded before they even begin the application process. The Government's decision to increase the price ceiling in Kerry was a welcome step but the latest figures clearly show that it has not gone far enough," he added.

"As Chair of the Housing SPC in Kerry, I regularly meet young people who are working hard, saving and doing everything that is asked of them. They have mortgage approval, they have deposits, but they still cannot bridge the final gap because of the cost of building or buying a new home in Kerry." "We cannot continue with a one-size-fits-all approach to housing supports. What works in areas with large housing developments does not necessarily work in rural counties where private development is more limited and construction costs are significantly higher. This is not about criticising the scheme. It is about improving it so that it actually delivers for the people it was intended to help." Cahill concluded, "If we are serious about retaining young couples and families, supporting our rural areas and giving first-time buyers a fair chance, then the First Home Scheme must reflect the reality on the ground in Kerry. I am asking the Minister to urgently review and adapt the scheme so that it works for County Kerry and gives local first-time buyers the opportunity they deserve."



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KERRY FC ON TOP IN DAVID V GOLIATH CLASH

Kerry FC 2-2 Shelbourne FC
Kerry FC win 6-5 on Penalties

By David Moriarty

The summer sun has well and truly arrived in the Kingdom over the past fortnight, but the focus now switches to the magic of the FAI Cup as Kerry FC prepare for a huge night under the lights at Mounthawk Park. For the first time in the club's history, Shelbourne made the trip to Tralee for a highly anticipated clash between the Kingdom and Premier Division opposition.

Kerry came into the tie with plenty of confidence after an impressive spell of league form, collecting three wins and a draw from their last five outings. Despite fighting back from a goal behind to take the lead late on against Wexford FC last Friday, Colin Healy's side were forced to settle for a point after a late equaliser. This result denied them the chance to enter the Cup break sitting inside the playoff positions.

Standing in their way is a Shelbourne side full of quality and experience, with the Dublin club aiming to continue their push towards another European campaign. John Russell takes charge of the visitors for the first time in Tralee, returning to the ground where his Sligo Rovers side suffered a remarkable FAI Cup collapse last season after surrendering a three-goal advantage.

The history books show the size of the challenge ahead, but Kerry FC know better than most that the Cup can create unforgettable moments. From pushing Drogheda United close in 2023, to taking Bohemians all the way to penalties and completing the famous comeback against Sligo Rovers last year, the Kingdom have already shown they can rise to the occasion.

It was a sell-out crowd at Mounthawk Park as Kerry looked to create another memorable Cup night and produce a major upset against one of the country's top sides. As always in the FAI Cup, anything can happen.

Kerry FC made a confident start against the Premier Division visitors, with the home support creating a superb atmosphere from kick-off at Mounthawk Park. The first opportunity of the evening arrived in the third minute when Cian Bargary tested Finn Moylan, but the Shelbourne goalkeeper was equal to the effort and gathered comfortably. The opening exchanges were closely contested, with both teams enjoying similar spells of possession but struggling to create clear-cut opportunities. In the twentieth minute, the game remained finely balanced, reflecting the disciplined approach of both sides in a competitive cup encounter.

Shelbourne picked up the first booking of the contest in the twenty-fifth minute when James Norris was shown a yellow card after fouling Daniel Okwute in a dangerous area. Cian Brosnan stepped up to take the resulting free kick, but his effort failed to trouble Moylan. Kerry continued to grow into the game and almost found the breakthrough in the thirtieth minute. Brosnan found space inside the area but saw his shot

Cian Murphy in action from the Kerry FC V Shelbourne FC match. Photo: Konrad Pytlowski



drift narrowly wide of the right-hand post. At the opposite end, the hosts showed their defensive resilience two minutes later. Rodrigo Freitas looked set to score from inside the penalty area before captain Niall Brookwell produced a superb block to deny the Shelbourne attacker.

The visitors collected another yellow card in the thirty-seventh minute when Milan Mbeng entered the referee's notebook. Kerry's Ewan Lee was cautioned in the forty-third minute before Shelbourne's Jack Henry-Francis also received a booking just before the interval.

Despite several promising moments at either end, neither goalkeeper was seriously overworked, and the sides went into the dressing rooms level after a disciplined and hard-fought opening 45 minutes. Shelbourne's hopes suffered a major setback almost immediately after the restart. Odhran Casey was booked in the forty-sixth minute before receiving a second yellow card and subsequent red card in the fifty-second minute, reducing the Premier Division side to ten men.

Kerry nearly made their numerical advantage count straight away. Following the resulting set-piece, Cian Murphy rose inside the six-yard box and struck the post, with Shelbourne surviving a major scare.

Sean McGrath was introduced in the fifty-seventh minute in place of Cian Brosnan as Kerry looked to increase the pressure. Moments later, Sean O'Connell delivered an inviting free kick that Brookwell met, but the captain could not guide his effort on target.

Despite being down to ten men, it was Shelbourne who broke the deadlock in the sixtieth minute when Daniel Kelly found the back of the net to put the visitors ahead.

Kerry responded positively. Murphy was shown a yellow card in the sixty-second minute before Ewan Lee came close two minutes later with an ambitious strike from outside the area that curled just over the crossbar. Matthew Britton replaced Samuel Aladesanusi in the seventieth minute and immediately made an impact, seeing a deflected effort turned behind for a corner. Kerry continued to press from the resulting set-pieces, although another dangerous delivery drifted beyond everyone and over the crossbar.

The home side's persistence was finally rewarded extraordinarily in the seventy-seventh minute. A cross into the Shelbourne penalty area was spilt by Moylan, and the attempted clearance struck Sean O'Connell before looping into the net to bring Kerry level and spark jubilant celebrations around Mounthawk Park.

Remarkably, Kerry completed the turnaround just a minute later. Straight from the restart, Shelbourne played the ball back to Moylan, whose attempted clearance was charged down brilliantly by Cian Murphy. The striker reacted quickest to the loose ball before calmly finishing into the empty net to hand the Kingdom a stunning 2-1 advantage.

Luke Palmer replaced Cian Bargary in the eighty-first minute as Kerry looked to see out the contest. The home side defended magnificently throughout the closing stages, throwing bodies on the line to protect their lead.

However, with six minutes of added time signalled, Shelbourne found a dramatic equaliser. In the ninety-fourth minute, Jack Henry-Francis' deflected strike made it 2-2 and forced the tie into extra time.

Neither side could find a decisive breakthrough during the additional 30 minutes. Vince Borden headed a glorious opportunity wide in the one hundred and fourth minute before Harry Halwax produced two magnificent saves four minutes later to keep Kerry level. Luke Palmer was then denied by Moylan in the one hundred and tenth minute, while Colin Healy replaced Daniel Okwute shortly afterwards. James Roche received a late yellow card, but the contest remained deadlocked after 120 enthralling minutes.

The tie was ultimately decided by penalties. After Kerry missed their opening two spot-kicks, Sean McGrath, Sean O'Connell, Colin Healy, Ewan Lee, Niall Brookwell and Vince Borden all converted under immense pressure. At the other end, Halwax delivered a heroic performance, producing three crucial saves, including the decisive stop to deny Sean Gannon, as Kerry secured a remarkable 6-5 shootout victory and a famous place in the next round of the Club Orange Men's FAI Cup. Yet another special cup night in Tralee as Kerry FC are now eight games unbeaten at home and look to continue that going into next week's fixture against Finn Harps in Mounthawk Park.

Kerry FC Team: Harry Halwax; Sean O'Connell (GOAL '77), Cian Murphy (GOAL '78), Daniel Okwute, Jonas Häkkinen, Cian Brosnan, Samuel Aladesanusi, Vince Borden, Niall Brookwell (C), Ewan Lee, Cian Bargary.

Subs Used: Sean McGrath, Luke Palmer, Matthew Britton, Colin Healy

Shelbourne FC Team: Finn Moylan; Kameron Ledwidge (C), Milan Mbeng, Odhran Casey (RED CARD '52), James Norris, Alistair Coote, Evan Caffrey, Jack Henry-Francis (GOAL '94), Daniel Kelly (GOAL '60), Rodrigo Freitas, William Jarvis.

Subs Used: Sean Gannon, Samuel Bone, Sean Moore, Patrick Barrett, Daniel Ring, James Roche.

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KILLARNEY BRIDGE CLUB**RESULTS MONDAY 20TH JULY**

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2nd: Ger McSweeney and Maureen Culloty

3rd: Hugh O'Connell and Eileen Brosnan

East/West

1st: Anne Clerkin and Maura B Moynihan

2nd: Imelda Healy and Maura Horan

3rd: Mary Howard and Betty Dennehy

Congratulations to all the winners.

SUMMER BRIDGE continues on Mondays at The Monastery School New Road at 7pm. All are welcome.**FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB****RESULTS FOR 09TH JULY**

1st: President Michael McHugh & Anne Looney

2nd: Ursula Daly & Ciaran Broadbery

3rd: Horst Rosler & Marie O'Sullivan Kenmare

RESULTS FOR 16TH JULY

1st: Marie Moloney & Joan Lenihan

2nd: Phyllis O'Regan & Pauline Lyne

3rd: President Michael McHugh & Anne Looney

Well done everyone.

SUMMER BRIDGE continues every Thursday morning at 10am at The Castlerosse Hotel. All are very welcome.**KERRY RACING NEWS**

Oisin Murphy made a winning debut at his local track when partnering Joseph O'Brien's 1/5 favourite Celtic Motif to win the eight-furlong fillies' maiden at Killarney on Tuesday. She made every yard of the running and coasted to a six-length win over Ken Condon's 7/1 chance Taj Crown. The multiple British champion jockey landed a second success when on the Michael O'Callaghan-trained 3/1 chance Saga Gaga in the 11-furlong fillies' handicap. She led inside the final 100 yards to beat the Richrd O'Brien-trained Spanish Temptress by a length and three-parts.

Phillip Enright and Charles Byrnes joined forces to win the two and a half-mile mares' hurdle at Killarney on Thursday in the colours of the Top Of The Hill Syndicate. The 12/1 chance came with a late run and collared Willie Mullins' 5/6 favourite Murcia close to the finish to win by half a length.

Local trainer David O'Sullivan saddled the 11/2 chance Cullenwaine to win the second division of the near three-mile handicap chase at Killarney on Friday. Owned by the Larrys Dreamers Syndicate, the Shane O'Callaghan-ridden eight-year-old was well on top as he led before the third-last fence to beat the Eric McNamara-trained Kilkee Bay, a 5/1 shot, by all of 15 lengths.

Oisin Murphy and trainer Michael O'Callaghan both added to their wins at Killarney earlier in the week as the two-year-old Celeron scored an impressive win in the six-furlong Group 2 Gain Railway Stakes for the New Morning Syndicate at the Curragh on Saturday. The 7/2 chance raced clear inside the final furlong and won by an easy three lengths from the Robson De Aguiar-trained 17/2 shot Tribeca, and could now be tried over an extra furlong in the National Stakes at Irish Champions Festival at

**Killarney Swimming Club**

Pictured are: Kate Roche, Evanne O'Mahony, Maria Mannix, Timur Loi, St John Lynch, Evan Kane, Antoni Waberski Coach, Brid Kissane, Hayley Walker, Caoimhe Casey, Aideen Casey, Lauren Kiely and Barbara Retzker



Gary Arthur claimed the gold medal in the U12 100m sprint.

the Curragh in September.

KILLARNEY VALLEY ATHLETIC CLUB**KILLARNEY VALLEY AC ATHLETES SHINE AT MUNSTER B CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Killarney Valley AC enjoyed an excellent day at the Munster B Juvenile Championships in Templemore, with the club producing a series of outstanding performances and returning home with an impressive medal haul.

The club celebrated five Munster champions as Gary Arthur (U12 60m), Dylan O'Connor (U11 60m), Kiley Biggins (U14 long jump), Finian Swarbrick (U14 high jump) and Bríd O'Connor (U15 shot put) all claimed gold medals. Biggins also added a bronze medal in the U14 80m sprint.

There were several other strong performances from Killarney Valley athletes, with Jane Byrne finishing fifth in the U15 100m and sixth in the U15 long jump, Bríd O'Connor placing fourth in the U15 long jump, Lauren O'Sullivan taking fifth in the U11 600m, and Finian Swarbrick finishing seventh in the U14 80m sprint.

Congratulations to the all athletes on their efforts, with the results reflecting their dedication and the assistance of coaches and families as Killarney Valley AC continues to enjoy success at provincial level.



Kylie Biggins, Elsie O'Doherty and Beibhinn O'Donnell representing Spa Muckcross Community Games

Please email the club on killarneyvalleyac@gmail.com if you would like to join the club.

KILLARNEY SWIMMING CLUB

The Club's Junior and Development Squads took part in an end of year swimathon event at the Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre. This was a novelty fundraiser event with the swimmers challenging themselves to collectively swim 30km on the day - which they did with gusto and ease! These young swimmers also raised a mind blowing €2900 towards club activities and the purchase of club equipment. Thanks to all the swimmers, their parents, friends and sponsors. It is an incredible result!

SPA MUCKCROSS EXEL AT REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to the Spa Muckcross athletes who represented Kerry and competed at the Cairn Community Games Regional Track Athletics Finals in Tullamore at the weekend. Gary Arthur claimed the gold medal in the U12 100m sprint. Kiley Biggins took home the silver medal in the U14 200m and Elsie O'Doherty also took the silver in the U16 200m. Beibhinn



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FOSSA ROWING CLUB

FLESK VALLEY COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

A fantastic day was had by all our crews at Flesk Valley last Sunday, the 19th of July, for the Kerry Coastal Rowing County Championships. Our U12 girls crew were the stars of the day winning gold with our Prevet ladies, Junior ladies and Novice men winning silver along with our Junior men finishing third in their race.

A fantastic day for one and all and a huge thanks to all at Flesk Valley for a fantastic day! A huge thank you to all our rowers, coxes and coaches as well as our super, vocal supporters.

Next Saturday we head to Valentia for the next regatta on the calendar.



Members of Fossa Rowing Club pictured at Kerry Coastal Rowing County Championships.

A Legion of Memories Created at Johnny Culloty Park

A pictorial look at the Annual Killarney Legion U10 Girls Blitz which took place at Johnny Culloty park at the weekend with many neighbouring club teams involved





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 2nd: Mike O Keffe 67 (13)

Division 3

1st: Larry Daly 69 (19)
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 Runner Up: Mary Tobin 36 points (21)

Division 3 (20.0 to 54.0)

Winner: Breda Sheerin 44 points (31) last 9 holes
 Runner Up: Angela Kelliher 44 points (31)

WINNER OF 13 HOLE STABLEFORD COMPETITION

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CASTLEROSSE GOLF CLUB - LADIES

MIXED SCRAMBLE 14TH JULY, RESULTS

1st: Simon Coffee, Noreen O'Sullivan, Vivian Buckley (35) net 25.8
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Ross Ladies Golf Club at the Scramble on Saturday very kindly sponsored by Liam Hickey Farm Machinery Ltd.



to the semi finals: Barbara O'Shea virus Gina O'Shea and Lesley Sugrue virus Finola Geary, the very best of luck to the ladies.

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Our annual Play in Pink Golf Day will take part on the 25th July, in support of breast cancer research. We invite members and friends to come along, enjoy a great day of golf, and support this worthy cause. Every contribution will help fund vital breast cancer research and make a difference to those affected by the disease.

Format: Mixed Scramble, handicaps capped at 40. Time: draw at 10am, shotgun start at 10.30am – sign up on BRS. We look forward to seeing everyone on the day and thank all our sponsors and supporters for their generosity.

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ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB

SATURDAY 18TH JULY 2026, RESULTS OF SCRAMBLE

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Well done to everyone who attended Ross Golf Club 9-hole scramble very kindly sponsored by Liam Hickey Farm Machinery Ltd. A great day was had by all with beautiful weather and course conditions.

1st: Kaye Cremin, Kitty O'Grady & Doreen Brosnan 27 points

2nd: Ailish Mulcahy, Mary B O'Sullivan & Susie Conway 27 4/7 points

3rd: Lady Captain Elaine Casey, Maureen Beecher Crowley, Dora Campbell & Susan Shorten 28 5/9 points.

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BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB - LADIES

The Ladies of Beaufort Golf Club travelled all the ways to Ceann Sibeal Golf Club to participate in the annual exchange day.

With breathing views of the Atlantic Ocean, the Basket Islands and the rugged coastline of the Wild Atlantic Way it made the golfers simply enjoy the day even more with the wonderful rays of sunshine enhancing their day. The fact that there was 18 holes to be played on the charming course of challenging fairways, winding streams and fast lively greens, that even to quote Darth Vader and Yoda, who were seen on the way to the golf course, as one tried to control their putts on the greens "Don't fail me again, Admiral", left many a lady adding more strokes to their scorecard. And as Yoda would say to many a lady signing her scorecard "Much to learn, you still have" and yet so true, all the more reason that the Beaufort Ladies are looking forward to their return trip back to the West again in 2027. Lady Captain Mary was delighted to see so many ladies make the trip and enjoy the kind hospitality that they all received.

18 HOLE STABLEFORD COMPETITION EXCHANGE DAY PLAYED AT CEANN SIBEAAL GOLF CLUB SUNDAY 19TH JULY

The competition was sponsored by Ladies Club.

1st: Noeleen MacKessy (25) 32 pts

2nd: Colleen Coffey (20) 29 pts

3rd: Maura Kennedy (36) 29 pts

BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB - MEN'S

MEN'S COMPETITION, SUNDAY 19 JULY EXCHANGE DAY AT CEANN SIBEAAL GC

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MUNSTER STROKEPLAY

Two titles and two silver medals came the club's way on home turf last weekend as our Club Secretary Damien Fleming and Ciara Lowe's achievements took pride of place on Sunday. Damien won the Senior Mens event for a second time with a score of 26 under par, overcoming a moment of worry at the 12th hole in the final round for a four stroke victory as Ciara completed a seven-shot turnaround in the Intermediate Ladies event coming from three behind at the halfway stage to win by four as there were two silver medals for the club on Saturday. Dan Broderick came second to Listowel's Ajay Barrett in the Intermediate Mens event as James Foley produced a great final round in the Junior Mens event to finish second in that event. A massive thanks to our Grounds Committee for their efforts over the last month or so, especially in the midst of the heatwave to present the course in the condition it was as we also thank Shirley and Helena for looking after all the catering over the weekend. Our thanks also to Dr Crokes and Fitzgerald Stadium for providing us with extra car parking facilities over the weekend.

COMMUNITY GAMES

Well done to both Aodhan O'Halloran and Ella Lowe on their involvement in the Kerry successes at the National Finals in Erry in Offaly last Saturday.

NATIONAL STROKEPLAY QUALIFIERS

Best Wishes to those from the club heading to Listowel on Friday evening for the Intermediate and Junior Qualifiers and best wishes also to John McGrath in heading to Cunnigar in Dungarvan on Sunday for the Regional Senior Qualifying event. A reminder that dress code is in force for these events.

KERRY INTER-COUNTY TEAMS



Deerpark Pitch & Putt Club Members Damien Fleming (right, Senior Mens Winner) and Ciara Lowe (left, Intermediate Ladies winner) pictured with U16 Captain Ben O'Sullivan (centre) after their wins in the Munster Strokeplay Championships on home turf last Sunday.

Best Wishes to those who are taking part in the concluding trials for the Intermediate and Junior Mens sides in Riverdale in Nenagh on Saturday.

MUNSTER U16 STROKEPLAY AND INTER-COUNTY

Best Wishes to our club members heading to this event in ESB in Cork this weekend as well as those that are also representing Kerry in the two Inter-County teams.

RICKY KELLY

We look forward to welcoming everyone in Killarney again for our Ricky Kelly Memorial event (sponsored by the Tatler Jack Bar) over the August Bank Holiday Weekend. Full details



Beaufort Golf Club Lady Captain Mary Garvey presenting first prize in the Astellas sponsored Ladies Open Day to the winner Pauline Aherne.

will be available on our Facebook page. The presentation of prizes will take place on the Sunday evening at the Club Barbeque.

CHAIRMAN'S PRIZE

Sean Kelly's re-arranged prize will take place on Friday evening August 28th we asked everyone to note.

SUNDAY DRAWS

These resume this Sunday (July 26th) at the usual times of 9am and 10.45am.

BEST WISHES

Our best wishes to David Clifford and the Kerry Senior Football team in the All-Ireland SFC Final on Sunday.

SOCCER NEWS

KILLARNEY CELTIC

CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 1,2,6,25 . No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winner received €150. Next jackpot €11,600 on Monday July 27th. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through Clubzap.

COACHES WANTED FOR THE UPCOMING 2026/27 SEASON

Positions available across all age groups from Academy to Senior Teams. If interested please contact Mike Lyne 086 083 6356.

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LOTTO

No.s 13, 14, 22, 24. No winner of the Jackpot. 5 x €25: Daniel O Sullivan, Farranfore. Louise O Sullivan, Firies. Shane Galvin, Scartaglin. David Bambury, Dingle & Michael O Sullivan, Firies. Next draw for a jackpot of €2800 will take place on wednesday next, 29th July at Henderson's Bar, Firies. Tickets available from committee



members ,Sheehans Filling station, Farranfore. Spar & Hendersons, shops & Butlers Bar, Firies. Thanks to all who support & help out with the club lotto.

KERRY FC

A magical night at Mounthawk Park, Tralee last weekend when Kerry FC defeated Premier Division Club Shelbourne FC in the 2nd round of

the club orange Mens FAI Cup on a 6-5 result on penalties after the game finished 2-2 after 120 minutes.Its back to league action on this Friday 24th with a 745pm home game v Finn Harps with Kerry four points ahead of the Donegal outfit on the Table.

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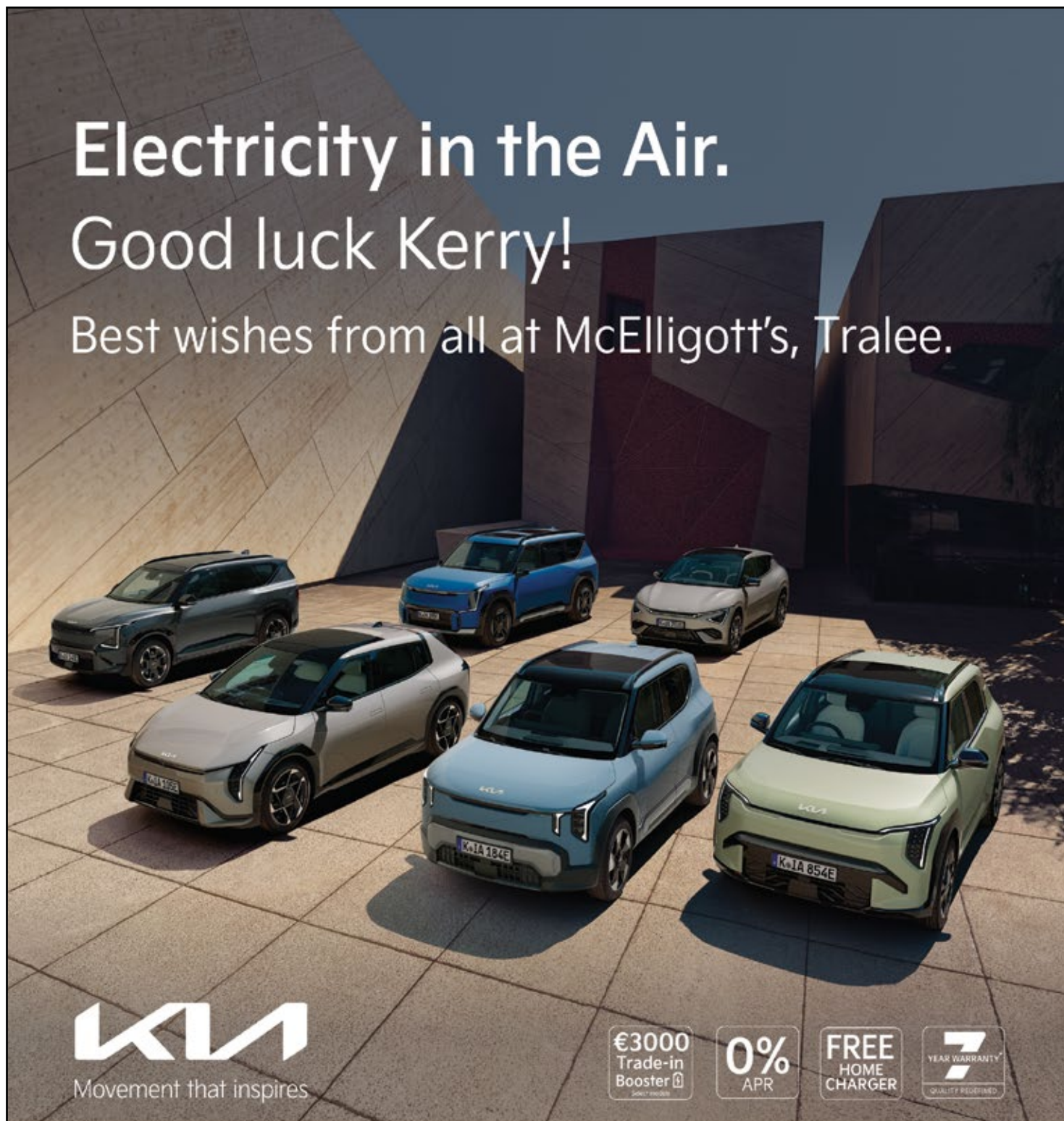
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Style and Spectacle

Take Centre Stage at Killarney July Festival

Niamh Lordan from Listowel Co Kerry and now living in Cork was the winner of the style stakes at the Lee Strand Best Dressed at the Killarney Races on Friday, 17th of July, 2026. and Tariq Anwar from Dublin won the Lee Strand Best Dressed Gent. Also pictured were Judges Niamh de Brún-Reid and TJ Reid who selected ten lady finalists and ten gent finalists from the thousands of women and men who attended the Lee Strand Best Dressed 2026.

Photo: Domnick Walsh

Killarney Racecourse was awash with colour, glamour and style last week as thousands of racegoers gathered for the annual July Festival, with Ladies Day once again proving one of the highlights of the five-day event.

The festival attracted increased attendances across all five days, with visitors enjoying top-class racing, stunning fashion displays and a lively entertainment programme at one of Ireland's most scenic racecourses.

Ladies Day brought a spectacular showcase of style, with racegoers embracing the occasion with elegant outfits, eye-catching headpieces

and creative fashion choices. The atmosphere around the track was enhanced by the sunshine, music and the excitement of a major summer social occasion in the heart of Kerry.

The festival also welcomed a host of familiar faces, sponsors and racing enthusiasts, with the combination of competitive racing and off-track entertainment making it a memorable week for visitors and locals alike.

A special moment for home supporters came on Tuesday evening when Killarney native and five-time British Champion Jockey Oisín Murphy returned to his local track and delighted the

crowd by riding a winning double.

Away from the racing action, Racing TV presenter Frankie Foster added to the festival atmosphere with his Raceday channel coverage, capturing the unique spirit of Killarney and sharing the famous mountain and lake backdrop with audiences online.

With a mix of fashion, sport and entertainment, the July Festival once again highlighted Killarney Racecourse as one of the country's premier summer racing destinations.



Jockey Wayne Lordan gets a to meet Kerry Rose Caoimhe Lynch and Tipperary Rose Fiona Kennedy with Galway Rose Jodie Kenny, Clare Rose Meabh Holland and Waterford Rose Cara Comerford. Healy Racing.





LEGION GAA

LOTTO

Lotto Numbers: 15, 20, 24, 27. Bonus 17. Lucky Dips: Aidan Doyle, David Murphy, Louise Sheahan

BEST OF LUCK

The club wishes the Kerry senior team the best of luck in this Sundays All Ireland final. Physio Kieran Slattery and goal keeping coach Brian Kelly are part of the back room team

U10 GIRLS BLITZ

It was a hive of activity in Johnny Culloty Park last Saturday where we held out 4th annual u10 girls blitz. We welcomed teams from Dr Crokes, Spa, Kilcummin, Glenflesk, Scartaglen and Currow. Thank you to all our neighbouring clubs for supporting our blitz and our giant bake sale and we look forward to welcoming you all back again next year. A great day was had under the care of Ted Healy, Eamon Maguire and their band of helpers who all volunteered their time to make the day a huge success.

U16 BOYS

U16 County League Div 9 Rd 5

Killarney Legion 6-13 Listowel Emmets 4-17

Our U16B Team travelled to Listowel to take on the locals in Round 5 of the County League. The game was played as a 13 a side contest. The teams were level at half time with a score of 3-6 to 2-9. The boys produced a fantastic second half to emerge with a 2 point win. Well done to all the boys on a tremendous effort from start to finish.

U23 LADIES

Well done to our u23 ladies who won both games this evening with 2 great performances

Game 1: Legion 2-10 ISG 1-02

A Devlin 1-01, S O Shea 1-01, E O Shea 0-02, C O Grady 0-02, O McGillicuddy 0-02, E Brosnan 0-01, K Moynihan 0-01

Game 2: Legion 4-04 Beaufort 2-08

A Devlin 2-01, O McGillicuddy 1-00, S O Shea 1-00, C O Grady 0-01, K Moynihan 0-01, E O Shea 0-01

U12 BOYS

East Kerry U12 Division 1 – Round 3

Our U12 boys travelled to Fossa this evening for Round 3 of the East Kerry League, with mixed fortunes for our two teams.

Our younger team produced a superb performance, showing great energy, teamwork and skill to record a well-deserved win. It's great to see the progress the boys are making each week.

Our older team came up against a very strong Fossa side and, despite some excellent individual displays, couldn't match their intensity on the evening. There are plenty of lessons to take as we look ahead to Phase 2 of the league in a few weeks.

MINOR BOYS

Minor county league division 1 semi final

Listry 1-12 Legion 2-06

Our minor boys traveled to Listry to take on the hosts in the county league semi final.

This was our third meeting this year and this game was another tight affair.

On a warm evening for football both defences were on top in the first quarter and we led by 0-2 to 0-1.

We finished the first half stronger and with a Cian Hegarty goal we led 1-04 to 0-02 at 1/2 time.

We had some poor turnovers early in the second half which gave Listry possession and they scored 0-06 without reply.

We got some possession of our own and worked 2 points and then a Dara Horan goal gave us a 2-06 to 0-10 lead with a few minutes to go.

Unfortunately a high ball kicked into our full back line fell to a Listry player who scored a goal to give the initiative back to Listry.

They followed with 2 more points to give them a 3 point lead.

The lads battled hard for the goal to draw the game but it didn't fall our way.

The lads battled really hard for the entire game. The bounce of the ball is just not going our way in the tight games.

We're in county championship action in a couple of weeks and there's still an east Kerry championship to be played.

SYMPATHIES

The club extends its deepest sympathies to the Cronin Family on the sad passing of their mother Caith. A number of Caith's grandchildren are active members of the club. Our thoughts and prayers are with them at this time. May she rest in peace.

EAST KERRY

U14 COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP QUARTER FINAL

East Kerry 3-11 Ballyheigue 3-08.

ALL IRELAND FINAL

Good luck to the Kerry team in Sunday's All Ireland Final, from all at East Kerry GAA

ALL IRELAND SEMI FINAL

Congratulations to the Kerry ladies' team on reaching the All Ireland Final.

MUNSTER U11 ACTIVITY DAYS

East Kerry clubs were well represented in Fitzgerald Stadium at Munster U11 Activity Days. The format was groups of four teams on the day. Players got three games mixing with teams all over the province giving all players and management teams great match day experience. The standard of football was superb with great credit due to all club coaches in the East Kerry Division for coaching the players to such good levels. Every player got lots of game time with a tour of the superb Fitzgerald Stadium Grounds included on the day. Thanks to all clubs for supporting Vince Cooper East Kerry GDC in completing the well run event.

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

Kerry South U14/U15/U16 teams were all in action over the weekend. Kerry South U14 teams played Kildare U14 in Moorefield. The standard was excellent with all players enjoying the match day experience. Kerry South U15 played Laois U15 in Laois Centre of Excellence. Laois proved the stonger outfit defeating Kerry South U15 in a high scoring match. Kerry South U16 played Kildare U16 in Hawkfield. Two well balanced teams produced a superb match with nothing to separate the sides at full time. Thanks to all the Kerry South management groups and players for performing so well on the day. Great credit due to the large support base at all three venues supporting these young players on the field of play.

EOIN MOYNIHAN/MAURICE MOTTIE BLITZ

Glenflesk GAA Club Grounds were busy last Saturday for the U14 Memorial Tournament. Eight teams took part on the day. It was great to see teams playing from the Kerry/Cork border on the day. Matches were 13 aside. Great credit due to match referees on the day Evan Horan, Pdraig O Sullivan and Brendan Brosnan (Glenflesk). The standard of football was superb with all teams showing great passages of football at the well-attended event. Spa defeated Carberry Rangers in the Cup Final. Sliabh Luachra Gaels beat Fossa in the Shield.

CONDOLENCES

Sympathies from all at East Kerry GAA to the families of Mary Looney (née Spillane) Ross Road, Killarney, Kerry on her recent death.

O'Donoghue Brothers to Represent Kerry at Community Games

Three brothers from Glenflesk will proudly represent Kerry at the National Community Games Finals in Carlow this August following a series of impressive performances at county and regional level.

Robbie, Ryan and Jacob O'Donoghue, sons of Marlene and Ger O'Donoghue, have all secured their places at the prestigious national event, marking a proud achievement for both their family and the Glenflesk community.

Youngest of the trio, Robbie, qualified directly from the Kerry County Finals after claiming gold in the boys' under-eight 80 metres event. His brothers Ryan and Jacob also enjoyed success at county level, both winning silver medals and progressing to the Regional Finals in Templemore on Saturday. Ryan delivered a strong performance in the boys'

under-14 800 metres, while Jacob impressed in the under-10 200 metres, with both athletes finishing second in their respective races to book their places in Carlow.

The O'Donoghue brothers will be joined by fellow Glenflesk athletes Dylan O'Connor, who qualified in the boys' under-10 100 metres, and Kaylee Lynch in the girls' under-10 100 metres.

It is a remarkable achievement for Glenflesk Community Games to have five young athletes representing the area at the National Community Games Finals. Congratulations have been extended to all of the competitors, their families and coaches, with the community wishing them every success when they compete in Carlow next month.





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A photograph of a Kerry footballer in a green jersey, running on a field. The text "Best of luck TO THE KERRY TEAM & Management in the All-Ireland Final on Sunday." is overlaid on the image. The text "Up the Kingdom!" is also present, along with the names "FROM MAURA, DANNY AND JOHNNY HEALY-RAE". The Clarraí logo is in the bottom left corner. Three portraits of Maura, Danny, and Johnny Healy-Rae are in the bottom right corner. The email addresses "danny.healyrae@oireachtas.ie", "johnnyhealyrae@gmail.com", and "maurahealyrae@gmail.com" are listed at the bottom.

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Kerry Mayo

Previous Championship Meetings

**MAY 7TH, 1905,
ALL IRELAND SEMI-FINAL:
KERRY 2-7 MAYO 0-4**

I don't know a huge amount about it. It was played in Limerick's Market Field. There were a few anomalies that would be head-scratchers now but were reasonably common back then. For one thing, it was still the 1903 Championship. Moreover, Galway had been awarded the 1903 Connaught title after Mayo lodged an objection after losing to Roscommon in the Connaught semi-final, only for Roscommon to object in their turn (honestly, this was standard practice back then). So why was it Mayo who faced Kerry in the All Ireland semi-final instead of Galway? Because Mayo had gone to beat Roscommon in the 1904 Connaught Championship in the interim. As regards the game, it was apparently a comfortable victory for Kerry, and Dick Fitzgerald was one of the goalscorers. Kerry, of course, would go on to face Kildare and win a three game saga against the Lilywhites. They still had to beat London Hibernians in the 'Away Final' and did so in spite of a very familiar name in midfield for the Londoners, a certain Sam Maguire.

**FEBRUARY 14TH, 1909,
ALL IRELAND SEMI-FINAL,
KERRY 2-4 MAYO 0-1**

Again, the date is a little misleading, but it was just the one year out this time; it was the 1908 championship. It was comfortable again for Kerry. Dick Fitzgerald kicked 1-1 on this



occasion, with his Dr. Crokes' team-mate Con 'Hundred Battles' Murphy getting the other. Again Kerry went on to win the All Ireland, beating Louth.

**NOVEMBER 21ST, 1909,
ALL IRELAND SEMI-FINAL,
KERRY 2-12 MAYO 0-6**

Yes, we played Mayo twice in one year in the championship without going to a replay. The schedule was getting more organised now. In fact, the 1909 All Ireland Hurling Final actually took place in 1909, imagine that! Mayo actually put up a good battle in the first half, trailing by 1-6 to 0-5 at the break. However, Kerry took over completely, winning the second half by 1-6 to 0-1. Kerry were supposed to play Louth in the Final, but objected to the treatment by the railway, no special trains and excessive fares (apparently rugby teams were treated much better, causing resentment). Louth were awarded the final but weren't given medals – without the revenue from a final, the GAA couldn't afford them. Messy all round, in fairness, and Louth didn't make a lot of friends. To be fair, neither did we.

**AUGUST 21ST, 1910, ALL IRELAND
SEMI-FINAL
KERRY 1-7 MAYO 0-4**

Jack Skinner of Dr. Crokes put his name to 1-4 while Dick Fitzgerald kicked two points in Tuam.

**DECEMBER 7TH, 1924,
ALL IRELAND SEMI-FINAL,
KERRY 1-4 MAYO 0-1**

This was the first time the two teams met in Croke Park, but it had a similar result to their previous meetings. This was the year that a number of suspected IRA members were released from internment in the Curragh

and won back their Kerry jerseys in a famous challenge game in February. Kerry actually played the 1923 All Ireland Final after the 1924 Munster Final, losing to Dublin. John Joe Sheehy, who was on the run, emerged from the crowd to play in that Munster Final under a truce brokered with Free State captain Con Brosnan, a great gesture in a hard time that would later be reciprocated when staunch republican Joe Barrett insisted on nominating Brosnan for the Kerry captaincy ahead of himself. The best stories are ever actually from the field of play. The reigning champions had already booked their berth in the 1924 All Ireland Final by beating Cavan – Dick Fitzgerald refereed that game.

The Connaught Final had gone to a replay after Mayo and Galway drew 0-1 apiece. It wasn't exactly a good omen, and that was as much as they could muster against Kerry. Mick Mulderrig got their lone point; beside him on the field was Seán Lavan, widely credited with inventing the solo while playing with UCD. John Joe Sheehy and Bill Landers had 0-2 apiece for Kerry, with Jackie Ryan getting the goal. The All Ireland Final had numbered jerseys, match programmes, a 'scoreboard', and a star performance from Con Brosnan as Kerry beat Dublin.

**AUGUST 18TH, 1929,
ALL IRELAND SEMI-FINAL,
KERRY 3-8 MAYO 1-1**

This one was played in Roscommon. Kildare were the reigning All Ireland champions, having picked up a new cup named after Sam Maguire just the previous year. Everybody could see that Kerry were coming, though. Miko Doyle kicked 1-4, with John Joe Sheehy and Micheál Ó Ruairc (the popular Tralee schoolteacher would go on to become County Secretary) getting the other goals. Inevitably, it was Kildare in the final, but Kerry, who were mourning the recent passing of Austin Stack, were in no mood to be beaten. In fact, they would lose another championship game until bowing out to Cavan in the 1933 All Ireland semi-final.

**AUGUST 24TH, 1930,
ALL IRELAND SEMI-FINAL,
KERRY 1-9 MAYO 0-4**

This one, played in Roscommon, was tighter than the scoreline makes it sound. Kerry had a real ace, though, in John Joe Sheehy, who kicked 1-5. Ger Courell, who would win All Irelands with Mayo as both a player and a trainer ('manager' was an unknown concept until the seventies) kicked two points himself and would probably have done more damage with a better supply.

David Clifford in action for Kerry v Mayo in Fitzgerald Stadium in 2019.
Photo: Tatyana McGough, Fitzgerald Stadium PR (File Photo)



Action from the Kerry v Mayo in Fitzgerald Stadium in 2019. Photo: Tatyana McGough, Fitzgerald Stadium PR (File Photo)



AUGUST 30TH, 1931, ALL IRELAND SEMI-FINAL KERRY 1-6 MAYO 1-4

Another very tight battle in Tuam. Courell again had two points. John Culkin, Mayo's goalscorer, would captain them to the All Ireland Junior title of 1933, Mayo's first ever All Ireland win. Jackie Ryan had 1-1 for Kerry from full forward.

SEPTEMBER 25TH, 1932, ALL IRELAND FINAL, KERRY 2-7 MAYO 2-4

Bill Landers came off the bench to join his brothers John Joe and Tim – the game was christened the 'Landers Limited Final'

afterwards. Mayo had a strong start and led by 0-3 to 0-0, but a superb goal from Miko Doyle restored parity. Ger Courell's goal meant that Mayo led by 1-4 to 1-1 at half-time, but Tim Landers opened the second half with a goal and good shooting by Jackie Ryan (0-4) helped pull Kerry clear, although they still had to withstand a late Mayo rally.

SEPTEMBER 9TH, 1936 ALL IRELAND SEMI-FINAL, MAYO 1-5 KERRY 0-6

At last, over three decades since their first meeting, Mayo finally recorded a victory over Kerry. In fairness, it was not unheralded – Mayo had already beaten Kerry in a challenge game

to open a brand new stadium in Killarney named after the late Dick Fitzgerald. Kerry had withdrawn from the 1935 championship after a number of arrests at a blueshirt rally in Tralee, and they did appear a little bit rusty the following year. They struggled a bit to get past Tipperary by four points and were even worse but got away with it against a misfiring Clare. Mayo were made of sterner steel and had waited long enough. It sounds as if even a Kerry in top gear wouldn't have stayed with them on a day like this. There was a touch of luck about Patsy Flannery's goal, his long distance effort deceiving everyone in a crowded square and dipping into the net. But George Ormsby at centre back, Tom Burke, Paddy Quinn, captain Dick Hearn, Paddy Munnely, Billy Mongey, Purty Kelly, Seamus O'Malley...up front, you had Gerard Courell and beside him arguably the greatest of them all, Paddy Molclair. No, as good as Kerry were (and they were) they weren't stopping this Mayo team. When it came to the final, nor could Cavan, led by Bill Delaney and his brothers, and Mayo lifted the Sam Maguire for the first time.

AUGUST 13TH 1939, ALL IRELAND SEMI-FINAL, KERRY 0-4 MAYO 0-4

Mayo were dominating the National League as no team ever had or has since. They beat Kerry by 3-3 to 1-3 in the league and then 1-6 to 0-6 to secure a sixth title on the trot. But league and championship are very different animals. Mayo defeated All Ireland champions Galway in the Connaught Final but when it came to Kerry in Croke Park, neither side could summon the scores to match the quality of play. Seán Brosnan notched a brace for Kerry, with Charlie O'Sullivan and Murt Kelly also on the scoreboard, but Tom Hoban (0-2, 1f), Patsy Flannery, and Jack Carney were on target for Mayo and the sides finished level.

SEPTEMBER 10TH, 1939, ALL IRELAND SEMI-FINAL REPLAY, KERRY 3-8 MAYO 1-4

Kerry were a different animal in the replay. Dan Spring struck for two goals from full forward and Charlie O'Sullivan beside him had 1-1 as Kerry dominated proceedings before advancing to defeat Meath in a final where Kerry famously wore the Dingle red and white to avoid a colour clash.

AUGUST 29TH, 1948, ALL IRELAND SEMI-FINAL, MAYO 0-13 KERRY 0-3

A year on from the Polo Grounds Final in New York, Kerry just couldn't stay with a vibrant Mayo. Names like Paddy Prendergast, Seán Flanagan, and Eamonn Mongey were starting to appear on the teamsheet, while Tom Langan and Peter Solan shared 0-6 between them. For a well beaten Kerry, Tom Gega O'Connor had 0-2 and Eddie Dowling had a point, but to no avail. Mayo were excellent and were fancied to dethrone reigning champions Cavan in the final, but lost out by a single point in a game

where many neutrals felt that the referee had inadvertently blown up several minutes early.

AUGUST 12TH, 1951, ALL IRELAND SEMI-FINAL, MAYO 2-4 KERRY 1-5

Kerry were leading by 1-5 to 0-4 with just minutes on the clock, Paddy Godley with the goal. Then came disaster as Eamonn Mongey, a colossus all day in midfield beside John McAndrew, made a great interception and picked out Tom Langan for a goal. Mayo quickly added a point just before the final whistle to take the game to a replay.

SEPTEMBER 15TH, 1951, ALL IRELAND SEMI-FINAL REPLAY, MAYO 2-4 KERRY 1-5

It was close. Kerry actually gave a great account of themselves, Eddie Dowling with 1-1 from centre forward, but this Mayo side were one of the greatest teams of all time and showed why. The Flanagan brothers Seán and Mick both found the net and, while Kerry did lay siege during a lengthy injury time, they could find no way past the great Paddy Prendergast at full back (one of the great gentlemen of the game, he lived in Tralee for years afterwards and was justifiably hugely popular. I first met him at a minor challenge match between Kerry and Mayo in Currow in 2012, a U17 four team tournament, and had the pleasure of meeting him many times afterwards). Mayo went on to beat Meath in the All Ireland Final. If you had said at the time that it would be their last All Ireland senior triumph for many a long day, no-one would have believed you.

AUGUST 10TH, 1969, ALL IRELAND SEMI-FINAL, KERRY 0-14 MAYO 1-10

It was an absolute thriller all the way. Mick O'Dwyer and Mick O'Connell had been coaxed out of retirement a year earlier, team captain Johnny Ulloty had been convinced to don the keeper's jersey again. All three were magnificent, O'Dwyer with 0-5 and O'Connell with 0-3. Des Griffith goalied for Mayo with ten minutes left and they pushed hard for an equaliser. PJ Loftus struck a mighty effort in the dying seconds; it just curled the wrong side of the post and Kerry could breathe a sigh of relief. Johnny Culloty would go on to lift the Sam Maguire; he would also win County hurling and football medals this year.

AUGUST 9TH, 1981, ALL IRELAND SEMI-FINAL, KERRY 2-19 MAYO 1-6

One of them is considered among the greatest teams ever, and it isn't Mayo. The first half was tight enough, with Willie Joe Padden and Jimmy Bourke as good as anybody on the field. Goals from Eoin 'Bomber' Liston and Ger Power meant that Kerry were ahead by 2-7 to 1-6 at that stage, though, and Mayo couldn't handle Kerry's speed in the second half. Mikey Sheehy had 0-6, while Ogie Moran, Pat Spillane, and

John Egan kicked 0-3 apiece.

AUGUST 11TH, 1996, MAYO 2-13 KERRY 1-10

Kerry, with Páidí Ó Sé at the helm, were whispering about a 'famine'. We hadn't won an All Ireland since 1986 – to say that the Mayo fans must have been mystified by Kerry supporters is putting it mildly. On reflection, we weren't exactly short of a sense of self-importance on the terraces, and it probably didn't do a young team back-boned by successful U21 players any favours. It was one of those days where very little went right for Kerry. Mayo, with John Casey sparkling at full forward, were that little bit faster and sharper all through. Maurice Fitzgerald kicked 0-8 for Kerry, but it's fair to say that there was a huge element of luck about Seán Burke's goal. But when James Horan's speculative long ball awkwardly hopped over Declan O'Keefe's head and into the net, it was game over. Mayo were favourites going into a rambunctious final against Meath, but the sending off of talismanic Liam McHale (he was unlucky – but five more from either side could have walked alongside himself and Colm Coyle) saw their challenge peter out and the Royals prevail.

SEPTEMBER 28TH, 199, ALL IRELAND FINAL, KERRY 0-13 MAYO 1-7

They call it the Maurice Fitzgerald Final, and with good reason. Has any one player dominated a final to that extent? Seán Murphy in 1959, Seamus Moynihan in 2000, Seán Cavanagh in 2008, David Clifford in 2022....I'd still have Maurice in Fitzgerald in 1997 over any of them. He would finish with 0-9 despite a collision with Bill O'Shea after a quarter of an hour that saw the Laune Rangers man come off injured. Mayo had lost Dermot Flanagan by then and a series of positional switches didn't help their cause, but there was no stopping Kerry or Maurice anyway.

SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2004, ALL IRELAND FINAL, KERRY 1-20 MAYO 2-9

Kerry were without the injured Darragh Ó Sé and Seamus Moynihan and coughed up an early goal to Alan Dillon. It made no real difference. Jack O'Connor's Kerry simply outplayed Mayo in all aspects of the game. Dara Ó Cinnéide was gathering from targetman John Crowley and slotting everything. Colm Cooper jinked through for possibly his best ever goal – no small thing to say. By half-time Kerry led by 1-12 to 1-4 and the tide never looked like turning after that. Ó Cinnéide would finish with 0-8, while Colm Cooper had 1-5.

SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2006, ALL IRELAND FINAL, KERRY 4-15 MAYO 3-5

Mayo had pulled off a brilliant comeback against Dublin and were entitled to feel hopeful heading to Croke Park. It was a false dawn. The

game was over almost as soon as it began. Declan O'Sullivan raced in to goal early on. Kieran Donaghy added another. Kerry had 2-4 on board before Mayo got started at all. Kevin O'Neill goalied but Colm Cooper replied. Pat Harte and Kevin O'Neill goalied for Mayo, but it only managed a semblance of respectability. Kerry had Aidan O'Mahony to lock down the dangerous Ciarán McDonald; Mayo had no-one to stop the Kerry forwards. Eoin Brosnan wrapped things up with a fourth goal, but it was over as a contest by then anyway.

AUGUST 21ST, 2011, ALL IRELAND SEMI-FINAL, KERRY 1-20 MAYO 1-11

Darran O'Sullivan was narrowly wide with one goal effort in the opening minute and denied by a great Rob Hennelly save soon after, while Colm Cooper hit the post. Mayo led by 0-5 to 0-3 in a good contest but Kerry hit five points on the trot before the break. Kerry began to pull away. Cillian O'Connor gave Mayo hoppe, drilling home a rebound after a good initial save by Brendan Kealy, but Colm Cooper replied in kind two minutes later and Kerry finished strongly. Then came Dublin, and that late Stephen Cluxton free that would kickstart an era....let's move on.

AUGUST 24TH, 2014, ALL IRELAND SEMI-FINAL KERRY 1-16 MAYO 1-16

It was a brilliant game. Mayo had us on the rack; I still feel that Kerry needed everything they had plus the bit of luck to get out of that one with a draw. Kerry looked good at half-time, leading by 0-9 to 0-5, while Mayo had Lee Keegan red carded. But Cillian O'Connor was in top gear, with the O'Shea brothers, Colm Boyle, and Donal Vaughan driving forward repeatedly. It was nip and tuck all through a pulsating second half. Cillian O'Connor slotted a penalty with ten minutes left. Four points down with just minutes left on the clock, Kieran Donaghy plucked a ball out of the sky to set up James O'Donoghue for a goal and Kieran O'Leary showed nerves of steel to kick a brilliant equaliser.

AUGUST 30TH, 2014, ALL IRELAND SEMI-FINAL REPLAY, KERRY 3-16 MAYO 3-13

Cillian O'Connor cwon and converted an early penalty and added another 1-2 from play to put Mayo firmly in the driving seat. Kerry rallied, Kieran Donaghy with a goal, and had the gap down to three, 2-5 to 1-5, at the break. Aidan O'Shea and Cillian O'Connor had accidentally clashed heads by then, neither was quite the same force after it. Alan Freeman opened the second half scoring but Kerry reeled off 1-3, James O'Donoghue with a penalty, to lead by two. Back came Mayo, Andy Moran with a goal. James O'Donoghue slotted another penalty. But Mayo came back to draw level. In fact, Rob Hennelly had a late free to win it, but it just barely tailed off. Mayo went two points up early

ijn extra-time, but two Barry John Keane frees had the sides level and a superb brace from Jonathan Lyne and another from Paul Geaney were enough to see Kerry through to the final, barely. They would go on to eke out a narrow win over Donegal.

**AUGUST 20TH, 2017,
ALL IRELAND SEMI-FINAL,
KERRY 2-14 MAYO 2-14**

Andy Moran struck for an early goal but Stephen O'Brien replied in kind soon after. With Andy Moran pivotal, Mayo struck for 1-3 on the trot, Colm Boyle with the goal. However, three Paul Geaney frees and a Kieran DoOnaghy point had the teams level at the break, 2-6 to 1-9. Mayo kicked three early second half points, but Johnny Buckley goaled for Kerry after David Moran's effort was saved. It was point for point after that, great football. Cillian O'Connor nudged Kerry in front. Barry John Keane equalised. Paul Murphy, who had a superb game against Lee Keegan, stole up for a point. Paddy Durcan hit a great equaliser. Bryan Sheehan had one late long distance free to win it, but Aidan O'Shea rose high to claim it and secure the draw.

**AUGUST 26TH, 2017,
ALL IRELAND SEMI-FINAL,
MAYO 2-16 KERRY 0-17**

Mayo dominated play from the start and Diarmuid O'Connor's fisted goal plus his older brother's frees had Mayo in front by 1-8 to 0-6 at the break, Paul Geaney with 0-4 already for Kerry. Andy Moran exchanged a one-two with Cillian O'Connor before fisting a goal on the restart. Kerry battled hard and managed to get the back down to four points, but Mayo responded with three more and ran out comfortable winners in the finish.

**JULY 14TH, 2019, GROUP STAGE,
KERRY 1-22 MAYO 0-15**

After a tight enough opening ten minutes, Kerry's press on Mayo started paying real dividends, especially for Seán O'Shea and David Clifford. They shared nine first half points between them and that was also the gap at the break, Kerry leading by 0-15 to 0-6. In the 54th minute Cillian O'Connor became the championship all-time top scorer, but Stephen O'Brien set up Paul Geaney for a goal soon after. Shane Ryan saved a Mayo penalty as Kerry wrapped up a convincing win.

**JUNE 26TH, 2022,
ALL IRELAND QUARTER-FINAL,
KERRY 1-18 MAYO 0-13**

It was a harder battle than the scoreline makes it look. It was point for point for a lot of the first half, attacking forays by Gavin White and Tom O'Sullivan prominent. Mayo led by a point after 22 minutes before Stephen O'Brien set up David Clifford for a goal. At half-time Kerry led by 1-7 to 0-9. The third quarter was a tight affair as well. Kerry still led by just one at that stage, and could well have been behind if Mayo



*James O'Donoghue in action for Kerry v Mayo in Fitzgerald Stadium in 2019.
Photo: Tatyana McGough, Fitzgerald Stadium PR (File Photo)*



*David Moran in action for Kerry v Mayo in Fitzgerald Stadium in 2019.
Photo: Tatyana McGough, Fitzgerald Stadium PR (File Photo)*

had been more clinical with their chances. However, the fourth quarter belonged to Kerry after a four point burst gave them a cushion and with Mayo scrambling to push for scores, Kerry neatly sniped through the gaps to end up with a slightly flattering winning margin.

**MAY 20TH, 2023, GROUP STAGE,
MAYO 1-19 KERRY 0-17**

The Fitzgerald Stadium. Fortress Killarney. Kerry hadn't lost a championship game there since 2012, and weren't expected to lose this one either. But in truth, Kerry never looked like matching Mayo for pace and power. Matthew

Ruane got the man of the match award, but Shane Ryan with a string of brilliant saves must have been a contender. He was unquestionably the reason why the margin was kept vdown to just five points. In fairness, Colm Reape was busy as well at the other end, but Kerry never looked like potential winners. A tough day; we've given Mayo plenty of them. With the wisdom of hindsight, of course, it would transpire that this was the zenith of Mayo's year and Kerry's nadir; Jack O'Connor's team were only building for the road ahead.



Action from the Kerry V Dublin All Ireland Football Semi Final.
Photo: Konrad Pytlowski



High jump.... Action from the Kerry V Dublin All Ireland Football Semi Final.
Photo: Konrad Pytlowski

LADIES INTO ALL IRELAND FINAL

All Ireland Semi-Final: Kerry 2-16 Dublin 1-9

Kerry had to line out without the injured Anna Galvin, but it made little difference as they blitzed the reigning All Ireland champions from the start and had an almost unassailable lead built up by the end of the first quarter. Siofra O'Shea neatly fisted over the opening score – the Kerry captain was practically unmarkable here. Jodi Egan replied for Dublin, but Kerry were building a head of steam. A good interchange of passes finally saw Danielle O'Leary lay off to Jady Lucey, who struck an absolute rocket to the net. Don't mind Harry Kane; this was a real quality strike. Straight from the kick-out Kerry won possession and O'Shea fisted over again to double her tally. She cleverly touched down a Niamh Ní Chonchúir pass to herself, wrongfooting the defender, before stroking home Kerry's second goal. She added a free and Ní Chonchúir pointed from play. Dublin were trying to man-mark, but the movement and interplay of the Kerry forwards simply had them bamboozled; there wasn't any one single threat that they could focus on.

Orlagh Nolan did point a Dublin free, but Aishling O'Connell drove forward in her trademark style to reply. Jady Lucey split the posts, Siofra O'Shea tucked away another free, and when Caoimhe Evans fisted over, the scoreboard read 2-8 to 0-2 in Kerry's favour.

In fairness to Dublin, they were never surrendering their crown that easily. Orlagh Nolan pointed another free. They were getting their hands on some ball now and running at Kerry. Kate Donaghy kicked a fine score. Referee Gus Chapman awarded Dublin a penalty – I honestly thought maybe it was a little harsh – and Nolan struck it low to the right past Mary Ellen Bolger and into the net. A good penalty. Nolan closed out the first half with another free to leave it 2-8 to 1-5 at half-time. Still not great for Dublin, but a much better view than earlier on. Dublin had good reason to feel hopeful facing into the second half; they have come back from deficits against Kerry before.

Not this Kerry team, though. Once again Kerry came storming out of the starting blocks. Siofra O'Shea fisted over from the throw-in. Danielle O'Leary fired over. Two frees from Siofra made it 2-12 to 1-5 and it was already clear that there were going to be new holders of the Brendan Martin Cup this year. Mary O'Connell split the posts. Orlagh Nolan interrupted Kerry's scoring sequence with a free but Danielle O'Leary immediately replied. Kate Sullivan struck next for Dublin – an absolutely top quality score – but Siofra O'Shea nullified that with a free. It was all fairly academic now, both sides more or less just playing to the final whistle. Leah McMahon fisted over a nice point. Carla Rowe and Niamh Hetherton put a bit of respectability on the scoreboard, but it's Kerry who advance to meet Galway in the All Ireland Final, a repeat of the 2024 Final – and hopefully with a similar result!

Kerry: Mary Ellen Bolger, Roisín Rahilly, Deirdre Kearney, Eilís Lynch, Aishling O'Connell (0-1), Emma Costello, Aoife Dillane, Mikaela Mulvihill, Mary O'Connell (0-1), Niamh Carmody, Niamh Ní Chonchúir (0-1), Caoimhe Evans (0-1), Jady Lucey (1-1), Danielle O'Leary (0-2), Siofra O'Shea (1-8, 5f). Subs: Leah McMahon 0-1 (for Mikaela Mulvihill, 41 mins), Erica McGlynn (for Niamh Carmody, 48 mins), Eilís Ní Laighin (for Caoimhe Evans, 53 mins), Rachel Dwyer (for Jady Lucey, 55 mins), Kate Brosnan (for Niamh Ní Chonchúir, 55 mins).

Dublin: Abby Shiels, Niamh Crowley, Lauren Magee, Hannah Leahy, Sophie McIntyre, Hannah McGinnis, Niamh Donlon, Niamh Hetherton (0-1), Kate Donaghy (0-1), Annabelle Timothy, Orlagh Nolan (1-3, 1-0 pen, 3f), Caoimhe O'Connor, Laura Grendon, Jodi Egan (0-1), Kate Sullivan (0-1). Subs: Carla Rowe 0-2, 1f (for Laura Grendon, half-time), Elsa Kearney (for Kate Donaghy, 41 mins), Ellen Gribben (for Annabelle Timothy, 43 mins), Michelle Davoren (for Jodi Egan, 46 mins), Rachel Hartnett (for Hannah Leahy, 46 mins), Ashling Nyhan (for Niamh Crowley, bs, 55 – 60 mins).

Referee: Gus Chapman (Sligo).

KERRY CAMOGIE CAMPAIGN ENDS AT THE HANDS OF LAOIS

All Ireland Intermediate Semi-Final: Laois 1-17 Kerry 2-7

Kerry camogie lost out to Kilkenny in the All Ireland semi-final two years ago. Last year they reached the final, only to lose out to Offaly. Understandably hopes were high when they set out for Glenisk O'Connor Park in Tullamore last Saturday, but it wasn't to be. Kerry made blistering starts to both halves, but couldn't sustain the momentum and in the end it was Laois who produced the big guns over the hour to stake their place in the final, leaving Kerry empty-handed after a great campaign.

Kerry actually made the perfect start. Laois had the first attack, but Niamh Leen got there ahead of the dangerous Amiee Collier and sent a great ball down to Amy O'Sullivan. The speedster neatly took it in her stride and clipped it inside, where Jackie Horgan reacted brilliantly to reach high and cleverly flick it past the advancing Aedin Lowry and into the net. Kerry won the puck-out and Patrice Diggin steadied herself before firing over the bar. Amy O'Sullivan spun and shot smoothly off her left. Laois were beginning to settle a bit, sending in a great ball to Gráinne Delaney, but Kerry's well-marshalled defence simply closed down all the options and forced a turnover. At the other end Kerry had another sniff of goal, but this time it was Lowry who won the footrace to clear her line. However, a brilliant free by Patrice Diggin appeared to have Kerry firmly in the driving seat and leading by 1-3 to no score.

Unfortunately, it all just started to go wrong from there. Kerry were still putting great pressure on Laois, so much so that they forced three wides in succession, but Laois were beginning to find their rhythm. Kristen Keenan did well to find Gráinne Delaney to fire over their opening score. Susie Delaney found Kaylee O'Keeffe in space – her point blank effort at goal somehow spun out wide past the post. A real let-off. O'Keeffe quickly made up

for it with a point, though, and Aimee Collier was on hand to fire over another after Gráinne Delaney was dispossessed. Laois had a firm grip now and, with Clodagh Tynan and Racheal Deegan imperious in defence, the traffic was only flowing in one direction. Grainne Delaney notched her second point. Sarah Creagh added an absolute beauty while playing advantage. Level pegging now, and that big early Kerry lead was a rapidly fading memory.

Patrice Diggin won and converted a free for Kerry's first score in twenty minutes. Aimee Collier replied in kind, though, after Kristen Keenan was fouled, and Clodagh Tynan boomed over a massive long range free herself to close out the first half scoring with Laois narrowly in front.

Half-time Laois 0-8 Kerry 1-4

The second half started with a complete replica of the first. This time it was Kate Lynch who find herself with just enough space to unleash a thunderbolt into the top left corner of the net and Kerry were back in front. Amy O'Sullivan almost got in for another chance, but a brilliant bit of defending by Aoife Finlay saw the sliotar travel up the field in Glenisk O'Connor Park for Catherine Kirby to split the posts. Patrice Diggin hit the post with a long range effort after good work by Aoife Behan, but soon raised a white flag with a closer effort. Again Laois were getting to grips with things, though, Gráinne Delaney winning a free for Aimee Collier. A great interception by Patrice saw Roisín Quinn set up Jackie Horgan for a great point, and a foul on Amy O'Sullivan saw Patrice Diggin put Kerry three in front, 2-7 to 0-10.

Little did we know it at the time, but that was to be Kerry's last score. Laois rose in impressive style and completely dominated the last quarter. Kerry struggled badly to hold any possession in the Laois half of the field. Kerry's defence did really well overall, with the likes of Sara Murphy and Niamh Leen standing out, but any ball that was cleared was just coming back straight away. Jade Bergin, Gráinne Delaney, and Amy Lacey won frees for Aimee Collier to draw the sides level. Her fourth on the trot put the Leinster side in front before she set up Sarah Creagh for another. She converted a'45 conceded under pressure and now it was Laois who were a goal in front. Kaylee O'Keeffe fired over the insurance point. Just before the final whistle, as if to salt the wound, Gráinne Delaney set up substitute Eimear Hassett for a goal with her first touch to clinch what was an emphatic victory in the end. A tough way for Kerry's campaign to end, but it's Laois who go on to meet Antrim in the All Ireland Intermediate Final.

COUNTY HURLING SEMI-FINALS

Abbeydorney 3-15 Ballyduff 1-16

I'll be honest, even if I know it isn't going to be a particularly popular opinion. This year's County Hurling Championship has just not ignited. Plenty of heart and passion, but no real drama as yet. I have no explanation, but players look a



Jubilation at as the final whistle blows.... Photo: Konrad Pytlowski

bit tired to me. Are things a bit too squeezed? Look, I don't know, it's above my pay grade.

This was the game I was really hoping would highlight everything good about Kerry hurling. Abbeydorney, after a long, long wait for the Nelus Flynn Cup, were on course to have it for a third year in a row. Standing in their way were a Ballyduff outfit who had some really talented young guns joining seasoned campaigners like Adam Segal, Jack Goulding, and, of course, Podge Boyle.

It was quickly obvious that Abbeydorney had too much raw power. They had an instant goal from a long distance free chalked off because a player got a touch but was inside the square (let us all be grateful that RTE pundits weren't around to make a meal out of it). That set the tone. Adam Maunsell latched onto Jamesie O'Connor's long ball and fired it home. Mind you, Jason Fealy had to be on his toes twice to save from the lively Jack Goulding. It was nip and tuck for a while but four points on the trot saw Abbeydorney pull clear. However, a great goal by Podge Boyle brought it back to 1-9 to 1-6. At that stage I thought we were in for a thriller. The pragmatists of Abbeydorney didn't agree with me. Oisín Maunsell set up county team-mate Michael Slattery for a goal. In injury time, Michael O'Leary finally got away from Eoin Ross (a superb marking job on the most dangerous forward in the county) and found Jack Sheehan, who set up Niall O'Mahony for a third goal. 3-10 to 1-7 at half-time.

Ballyduff re-emerged in determined mood. Young Evan Boyle and John Curtin both impressed off the bench and, with Jack Goulding in top form, they gradually whittled the lead back down to three. Abbeydorney desperately needed a score. Once again, it was the full back man of the match who stepped up, Jamesie O'Connor steering a beauty between the posts. That settled the nerves and Maunsell and Michael Slattery added minors to keep Ballyduff at bay. I think the challengers might rue this one; they coughed up too much in the dying minutes of the first half and had too many wides over the hour. For Abbeydorney, history is almost within their grasp.

St. Brendans 5-18 Causeway 1-15

St. Brendans have lorded the Kerry U21 Hurling Championship for the past two years. For further evidence, you can also check who are the reigning U21 Football Champions. And I know St. Brendans the divisional side isn't the same as St. Brendans the club, but there's an awful lot of names in common in those teamsheets. It's not all young lads either, Gavin Raggett, Eric Leen, Darren Delaney, Daithí Griffin....

I considered this one to be 50/50. Causeway can rattle anybody on any given day, Jason Leahy, Brandon Barrett, Jason Diggins, Keith Carmody, Muiris Delaney, Dan Goggin.... I thought this game might well come down to shooting accuracy. Both sides would create, but which side would execute?

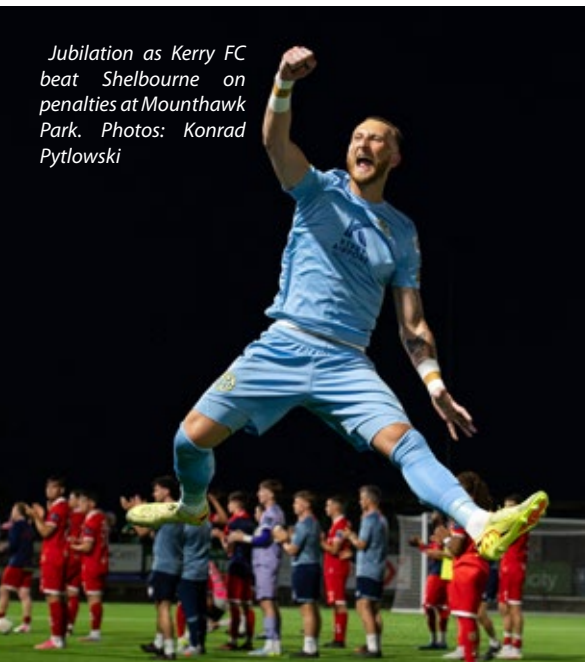
That wasn't far wrong in a really good first half, both sides taking great scores. Causeway eked out a 0-8 to 0-6 lead and then struck for goal, Gearóid O'Mahony with an excellent one-handed finish. Five points clear. Back came Brendans, Seanie Brosnan and Fionán Egan with points before Egan set up Gearóid Sheehan for a goal. 1-8 apiece and just a few minutes to the break.

Some couple of minutes, though! When the whistle finally sounded, Causeway led by 1-13 to 1-10. Seven points in less than six minutes – lads, that's hurling!

It felt like we were about to witness a magnificent second half. Except that St. Brendans hammered in goals from Odhran Ferris and Fionán Egan. Ferris was denied a second by a brilliant save, but Egan fired home a penalty. Gearóid Sheehan extended their lead to 5-11 to 1-13. Causeway kept battling, but it was always a losing cause after that.

Experienced champions Abbeydorney to face rising young guns St. Brendans in the County Final. I don't know. St. Brendans are very, very good. But we watched talented young guns run up against one of the most experienced teams out there last Sunday in Croke park. Let's be honest about it, not exactly the best of entertainment.

Jubilant as Kerry FC beat Shelbourne on penalties at Mounthawk Park. Photos: Konrad Pytlowski



Kerry FC Celebrate after their victory of Sherbourne FC



I was going to write a piece about the All Ireland Hurling Final. Then I watched it, so no, that won't be happening. No offence to what must be acknowledged as the greatest hurling team of all time....Cian Lynch, Gearóid Hegarty, in all fairness what can you do? No offence to a young Galway side who have been a revelation all year, either. They will definitely see Croke Park again. But on this occasion? After five minutes, it wasn't a case of 'which team?'; it was a case of 'how much?'

KERRY FC SHOCK SHELBOURNE TO ADVANCE

FAI Cup Second Round:
Kerry FC 2 Shelbourne 2

Kerry win 6-5 on penalties

They might not be giants but they are definitely building a reputation as giant-killers. After a brilliant run to the semi-finals last year, Kerry FC pulled off another shock as fifth place Premier side Shelbourne were rocked on their heels by eighth placed Division One side Kerry FC in Mounthawk Park. This wasn't any fluke, either, Kerry could well have won it in play before the penalty shootout.

You have to spare a thought for the hapless John Russell. Last year his Sligo Rovers team were 3-0 up on Kerry FC and well on their way to a semi-final. Then Kerry rallied, made it 3-3, and somehow pipped the famous bit o' red. This year he brought the seven times cup winners from Dublin down to Tralee and, after a slow burn of a first half where both sides were as focussed on avoiding errors as full-bloodedly pursuing chances, his team went 1-0 up with half an hour left on the clock, Daniel Kelly pouncing on a loose ball in the square to poke home after Halwax had made a good initial save. Shelbourne were already down to ten men at that stage, Odhran Casey

having picked up a second yellow card – look, a clear pulldown, and I thought there was a real argument for denying a clear goal-scoring opportunity.

Down a goal, Kerry FC upped their game. It quickly paid dividends. Shelbourne had been forced to field their third choice goalkeeper and the night turned into a bit of a nightmare for the unfortunate Finn Moylan. It happens; every keeper, in fact every player, has a day like this, but not often on an occasion like this or with such unfortunate consequences. Kerry's first goal arrived in circumstances so peculiar I had to glance down at the teamsheet to make sure that Rowan Atkinson wasn't playing. If ever Mr. Bean was to score a goal...

Moylan got his fingertips to a Cian Bargery cross but couldn't hold it. Defender Kaeron Ledwidge stooped to head it clear -that's savage tricky when you are facing the goal and you know there are players lurking. Sure enough, he ended up heading it in off Seán O'Connell. You could argue that it was a piece of instinctive genius by Seán O'Connell. You could also surmise, probably more accurately, that he didn't actually know much about it. What I will say is that he made the effort to get pressure on in the danger area; it's the best way to always give you some chance of a reward.

Things went from bad to worse for Finn Moylan. Shelbourne tipped the ball off and sent it back to him. He dithered just a fraction too long – to be fair, he hadn't initially realised that Kerry had cover on the left wing. Cian Murphy was already racing in and just got there in time to block his clearance, follow up, and turn it in. Again, you'd have to admit that it was a goalkeeping error rather than any brilliance by the striker, but again Murphy had put in the hard yards. Ninety nine times you'll do it and get no reward. That's why the top players do it a hundred times out of a hundred; it only has to work once.

It was Shelbourne's turn to seek an equaliser, but Kerry held firm. Then, in the fourth minute of injury time, a good cross into the Kerry square was headed skywards and Henry Francis swung a boot at it. A wicked deflection was enough to

take it past the keeper and into the goal.

Both sides had good chances in extra-time but neither could break the deadlock, so it was down to the dreaded penalty shootout.

I'm not going through them one by one. I hate them, truth be told. Personally I'd prefer a coin toss; leave no lad coming away feeling that he has let his team down. But it is what it is. Moylan, after a nightmare game, brilliantly saved Kerry's first two efforts. I'm glad for him, I really am. But even then, he wasn't the best keeper on the pitch. With Shels 2-0 up and having a foot already planted in the next round, it was Harry Halwax's turn to step up as hero. Three spellbinding saves on the trot and Kerry were right back in it, eventually winning out by 6-5.

Kerry FC: Harry Halwax, Cian Bargery, Jonas Hakkinen, Samuel Aladesanusi, Sean O'Connell, Vincent Borden, Niall Brookwell, Ewan Lee, Daniel Okwute, Cian Brosnan, Cian Murphy. Subs: Seán McGrath (for Cian Brosnan, 58 mins), Matthew Britton (for Samuel Aladesanusi, 71 mins), Luke Palmer (for Cian Bargery, 82 mins), Colin Healy (for Daniel Okwute, 112 mins)

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The Comic Heroes range is available only while current stocks last, so early booking is recommended. Even more exciting characters and new painting options are scheduled to arrive this August, giving returning visitors even more reasons to come back.

Located in Kilnamartyra, near Macroom, County Cork, the Toy Soldier Factory has become one of West Cork's most unique indoor attractions, combining creativity, craftsmanship and hands-on fun. The new Comic Heroes workshop joins the factory's growing range of painting experiences, offering something a little different for fans of manga, anime and collectible miniatures.

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Welcome back dear student, God's blessings on our wonderful Kerry Team and supporters - praying for a great outcome on Sunday, and a safe and joyous day for all. We appreciate the blood, sweat and tears that has brought these mighty footballers to this day. Their faithful endurance is admirable. Training in all weathers, they kept showing up, regardless of circumstances. Life throws curveballs at us all. Sometimes people feel hopeless or weak. This is when the enemy really puts on the pressure to give up - that all is lost. But Satan is a liar and a thief! (John 8:44; John 10:10) We must learn to identify his voice and refuse to listen. Jesus said, 'My sheep hear My voice and they follow Me' (John 10:27).

The apostle Paul wrote of how athletes train and run to win the race. "Don't you realise that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win!" (1 Corinthians 9:24 NLT). In sport nowadays they use earpieces. The competitor listens to the voice of their coach - they know that voice well. He or she has been encouraging them, chastising them, and navigating them onto success through days and nights - aiming towards the moment of the test. When the athlete hears that voice, they recognise relationship. This is the key; trusting what that voice is telling them to do. Some folks struggle because they hear voices in their heads. This is where the battle is fought - it's spiritual warfare. The battle is won by realising you don't have to pay attention to everything you hear. You must filter and throw out the negative, repetitive, and destructive voices, and replace it by listening to the voice of the Good Shepherd - the Lord Jesus (3 John verse 2). Your soul area is your mind, your will and your emotions. When you get to know Jesus, He encourages you, He chastises you because He loves you and He shows you the way to success as you pay attention to His Words (Proverbs 4:20-23).

It's Salvation of your spirit, soul, and body. This is why Bible study is vital. It's not like a tablet you take for a week until the ailment clears up. It's a lifestyle - real relationship. Jesus will walk with you through every season - He never changes (Hebrews 13:8). God is for you friend. He is with you - He will never leave or abandon you (Psalm 27). The enemy may have caused you trouble and pain in the past, but that doesn't have to be the story of your future. God has good plans for your life: to give you a bright future - but you must seek Him (Jeremiah 29:11-14). Pray and ask the Lord Jesus to reveal Himself to you, and to teach you how to follow His voice, and renounce the stranger's lying voice.

Recently at church we sang One Day At A Time, and the words 'yesterday's gone, sweet Jesus' really ministered to me. How wonderful it would be if people could realise that yesterday is gone. That life is short, and that God is good, and the devil is a liar; and we don't have to waste another moment listening to his lies! Instead, we can face forward with Hope - focussing on the voice of the One Who created us and loves us. He is shouting - 'run! Run to win!' Amen.

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(repeat three times)

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3RD ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
TONY LAWLOR



BALLYSPILLANE, KILLARNEY,
CO. KERRY
WHO PASSED AWAY ON THE
28TH JULY 2023.

*When God held out his precious hand
To take you from your pain
You stretched your weary hand right back
As he softly called your name.*

*"Come home with me", he quietly said
"Your pain will leave you soon
Just close your eyes and take my hand
We'll quietly leave the room".*

Always loved and missed by your wife
Agnes, sons Tom and Nicky,
daughter-in-law Corinna, granddaughter
Riley and Nicky's partner Frankie.

Anniversary Mass for Tony on
Wednesday, the 29th July at 6.15pm
in St. Mary's Cathedral, Killarney.

2ND ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
DONAL CRONIN



CURRAGH, AGHADOE,
KILLARNEY. CO. KERRY.
WHO PASSED AWAY
27TH JULY 2024.

*Dad, two years have passed since
you went away,
Yet in our hearts, you live each day.
Your guiding hand, your caring smile,
Are missed beyond all words and while.*

*Not a day goes by without a thought of you,
Of all the love and kindness you gave so true.
Though we cannot see you,
we know you're near,*

Forever loved, forever dear.

Lovingly Remembered Eileen, Elaine,
Adrian, Darren, Shane and Annie.

*Granddad
My tiny hands you never got to hold,
But Heaven knows the love you
would have shown.*

Love Danny.

Donals 2nd year anniversary Mass
will be this Friday, 24th July at 7.30pm
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