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A Note from the EDITOR



All roads lead to Croke Park this Sunday as the Kerry Senior Football Team gear up for the All Ireland Football final against Donegal in their bid for national glory. The Kingdom is abuzz with anticipation, and in this week's Killarney Outlook, our sports columnist Jimmy O'Sullivan Darcy gives his expert take on the match that has the whole county talking. Whether you're travelling to Dublin or watching from home, it promises to be a game to remember.

Killarney Valley AC are on a high following international success for three of their athletes, a local writer prepares to take to the stage at the world-famous Edinburgh Fringe Festival, and Killarney Races delivered all the glamour with another dazzling Ladies Day.

Flesk Fest brought music, laughter and community spirit to Glenflesk thanks to the hard work of the local GAA club and the popular Killarney Markets are also set to return for the August Bank Holiday weekend, perfect for those in search of local treasures and tasty treats.

Firies GAA Club paid a heartfelt tribute to the late Donie Mac, Spa GAA hosted a Sam Maguire-themed arts and crafts academy for young fans, and the Legion grounds in Dieren were buzzing with energy for a fantastic Under 8 blitz.

Kilcummin CCE had lots to celebrate at the Munster Fleadh, Killarney Tidy Towns continue their vital work to keep our town looking good and students from Milltown's Presentation Secondary School enjoyed a touch of red-carpet glamour at their eagerly awaited Debs ball.

Best of luck to the Kerry team on Sunday from all of us here at The Killarney Outlook, and if you're heading to the capital, travel safe and cheer loud!

Aisling Crosbie



Mortimer O'Shea has captured St. Mary's Cathedral perfectly with the full moon in the background.

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Killarney Brewing & Distilling Company Confirms Unsuccessful Conclusion of Examinership Process

Killarney Brewing Company has confirmed that the examinership process has now concluded. Unfortunately, despite the best efforts of all involved, the process did not result in a successful investment outcome.

Like many in the drinks manufacturing industry, KBD has faced significant and sustained challenges in recent years, stemming from the lasting effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, delays in opening our state-of-the-art distillery in Fossa, global supply chain disruptions, rising input costs, and ongoing geopolitical and trading pressures. More recently, high tariffs on Irish whiskey exports to the US and wider economic uncertainty have further impacted the business.

Earlier this year, the company had reached a preliminary agreement to merge with a US-based strategic partner, but the partner ultimately



chose not to proceed. In response, KBD entered the examinership process in the hope of securing new investment to protect jobs and stabilise operations for the long term. Despite tireless efforts, no suitable investor was secured within the timeframe set out by the court.

The company would like to express its sincere and heartfelt thanks to our exceptional employees, whose dedication, resilience, and passion never wavered throughout this incredibly difficult time.

We are also deeply grateful to our shareholders and wider investment community for their support and belief in our vision, and to our loyal customers, partners, and the local community in Killarney who have stood by us at every turn.

We remain proud of what we've built together and the craft, care, and creativity that defined our journey.

Kerry Getting Support from the Top of the World



Christopher Dennehy pictured on a recent work trip to Eureka, Nunavut, with his Kerry Jersey

Kerry's push for All-Ireland glory is drawing support from far and wide, including one of the most remote corners of the planet.

Christopher Dennehy, a native of Kilbrean just outside Killarney, is currently living in Cambridge, Ontario, Canada. While on a recent work trip to Eureka, Nunavut, the third-northernmost permanent research community in the world, Christopher proudly shared a photo of himself holding up a Kerry Jersey showing that even in the frozen Arctic, the spirit of Kerry football is alive and well.

"I'm really looking forward to the big match," Christopher told Killarney Outlook.

Originally from Killarney, Christopher grew up in Kilbrean and attended Kilcummin National School before moving on to Killarney Community College. Like many young people in the area, sport played a big part in his youth, he even played a bit of rugby with Killarney Rugby Club growing up.

Now based in Canada, Christopher still carries his Kerry roots with pride and says he'll be cheering on the Kingdom from thousands of miles away. As the Kingdom prepares to face Donegal, Kerry fans near and far, even those in the Arctic Circle, will be rallying behind their team who face Donegal in Croke Park on Sunday.

KPFA Community Hub at The Reeks Rallies Behind the Kingdom

The Kerry Parents and Friends Association (KPFA) Community Hub at The Reeks brought the full force of their support to Cleeny Roundabout this week, proudly cheering on the Kerry team ahead of their big match.

The scene was a sea of green and gold as the people supported by the Hub, along with staff and volunteers, waved flags and donned headbands, all generously donated by local stallholder Sarah, who runs the hats, flags, and headbands stall in the run up to the match.

Her thoughtful donation ensured that every individual supported by KPFA could fully take part in the celebrations. "It means so much to everyone here to be involved and show our pride in our county team," said a representative from the Hub. "Thank you, Sarah, for your kindness and community spirit."

Ciarraí Abú!



Service users at Kerry Parents and Friends Association (KPFA) Community Hub at The Reeks getting behind the Kerry Team.



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SADNESS AT THE PASSING OF SEAMUS O'SULLIVAN DARCY

There is widespread sadness in Killarney following the passing of Seamus O'Sullivan Darcy, a highly respected and much-loved member of the local community.

Seamus passed away peacefully in the company of his loving family. He will be remembered as a great community man and a dedicated friend and long-serving committee member of the Fitzgerald Stadium Committee. His contributions to Killarney life, both professionally through O'Sullivan Darcy Engineering and personally through his community work, left a lasting impact on those who knew him.

Beloved husband of Mary, Seamus was the dearly loved father of James, Gerardine, Seán, Laura, Martina, Michelle, Padraig, Olive and Aisling. He will be deeply missed by his loving family, sons-in-law James Lyne, Tom Byrne and JB Harrington,

daughter-in-law Anne Marie, and cousin Esther Cronin.

He was a much-loved Grandad to Sean, Eric and Aoife, Harry, Gráinne and Sinéad, Liam, Jack and his partner Lauren, Aedan and his wife Muireann, Jason and his partner Emma, and Shane and his partner Sinéad. He was also the proud great-grandfather of Aoibhe, Ayla, Raya, Ruby, Darcy May, Greyson, and the late baby Jamie Patrick.

Seamus is also mourned by his sisters-in-law Cáit O'Sullivan Darcy and Bernie Lenihan, his nieces, nephews, relatives, neighbours, many dear friends, and the staff and residents of Our Lady of Lourdes Care Facility, Kilcummin. He was predeceased by his parents Jimmy and Molly, and his siblings John, Maureen, Joan, Paddy, Catherine and Thomas.

Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a Anam.

LOCAL INSURANCE BROKER invited to join national committee

LOCAL INSURANCE BROKER JOHN HEALY OF HEALY INSURANCES HAS BEEN INVITED TO JOIN THE GENERAL INSURANCE COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE BODY, BROKERS IRELAND.

Commenting on the appointment John said "I am delighted to join the committee and hopefully my 26 years of experience in the Insurance industry will allow me to offer valuable insights and assistance to Brokers Ireland. We have held a number of progressive meetings so far including a recent meeting with the Department of Finance on the Insurance reform developments"

Hazel Rock, Brokers Ireland's Head of Insurance Services said "We are delighted to have John on board, the committee has already brought great insight with constructive dialogue translating into action on key issues"

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Stunning Image Captures 2nd Place for Mary

In last weeks Killarney Outlook, we published Elizabeth Brownes photograph 'Tory Lighthouse at dawn' winner in both the Unrestricted and Novice categories.

This week we publish Mary O Sullivans picture titled 'Flower' the runner up in the Novice category. Mary has captured a visually appealing photograph of Hypericum "Red Berry" also known as St Johns wort. Vibrant colourful and contrasting flowers evoke positive emotions joy and tranquility. Hypericum represents protection and rebirth and is associated with cheerfulness and inspiration!

Well captured Mary!

Here are the top three places in the Novice Category

1st place: Elizabeth Browne 'Tory Lighthouse at Dawn'

2nd place: Mary O Sullivan 'Flower'

3rd place: Eamon Fleming 'Rajasthan Man'

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Astrid Longhurst

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A proud chapter in the club's growing legacy...

Double Joy for Killarney Valley at London Diamond League and SIAB International

It was a day of double celebration for Killarney Valley Athletic Club as two of their athletes delivered outstanding performances on the international stage, one at the prestigious London Diamond League where Sarah Leahy set a new Irish 4 x 100 record and the other at the SIAB Schools' International where Babatunde Smith of Killarney valley ac and Killarney community has won the bronze medal and has set a new PB (personal best) of 1.89m.

Sprint sensation Sarah Leahy created history today as part of the Irish women's 4x100m relay team, setting a new national record of 43.73 seconds. The team, which included Lauren Roy, Ciara Neville, and Sarah Lavin alongside Leahy, delivered a thrilling performance at London's iconic City Stadium, a venue that once hosted the Olympic Games and World Athletics Championships.

Sarah, known for her explosive starts, took the first leg, lining up against global stars such as Shericka Jackson and Dina Asher-Smith. The double national indoor 60m champion from Killarney set the tone with a world-class opening leg, helping Ireland make a historic mark on the sprinting stage.

Sarah has found the experience today very emotional in the full sell-out crowd in the London city stadium and the girls have received admiration from across Ireland, none more so than from Sarah's home club, where members of Killarney Valley AC are bursting with pride at Sarah's remarkable achievement.

Meanwhile, another Killarney Valley athlete shone brightly. Babatunde Smith, a rising star



Sarah Leahy Right with her teammates after breaking the National Record in the 4 x 100 Relay.

from Killarney Community College, claimed a bronze medal in the high jump at the SIAB Schools' International, setting a new personal best of 1.89m.

Babatunde has already made a name for himself this year, winning the All-Ireland U16 High Jump title and capturing gold at the prestigious Tailteann Games. Last weekend's international podium finish is a significant step forward in what promises to be a very bright



Babatunde Smith (right) of Killarney valley ac and Killarney community has won the bronze medal and has set a new PB (personal best) of 1.89m

future for the young athlete.

Killarney Valley AC hailed both performances as a landmark moment for the club and the wider Kerry athletics community.

With one athlete rewriting Irish records and another making waves on the schools' international stage, today marked a proud chapter in the club's growing legacy.

EDINBURGH BOUND! LOCAL TALENT HEADING TO THE WORLD'S LARGEST ARTS FESTIVAL WITH NEW PLAY 'SECONDS'

Gneeveguilla-based writer Ciara O'Grady is set to make her Edinburgh Festival Fringe debut this August with her powerful new play SECONDS. Featuring performances by Harriet McGuigan and Eilís Gleeson, the production will run for two weeks as part of the world-renowned festival, which each year transforms Scotland's capital into a global stage for groundbreaking theatre, comedy, and performance.

The play delves into the complexities of heartache, loneliness, and the possibility of redemption through the parallel stories of two women navigating new beginnings.

SECONDS introduces us to Sandra, a first-time mother whose romantic vision of motherhood is quickly unravelling. She is nursing a newborn, and a secret.

Meanwhile Jenny is nursing a broken heart, reeling from a love that was meant to last



forever. She stumbles through the day-to-day reality of being single again one gut-punching

realisation at a time.

Told with raw honesty and unexpected humour, the play follows both women as they each come to terms with the cards life has dealt them unaware that their stories are connected. July previews of the play in The White Raven, Rathmore and West End House Killarney sold out but there will be a performance of the piece in Ivy Leaf Theatre, Castleisland on Friday September 19th as part of Kerry County Council's programme for Culture Night. Tickets are free but must be reserved here www.bit.ly/3luFTsV

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Hats, Heels, High Stakes: *A Stunning Ladies Day at the Races*



Serena Deleaney from Killarney, winner of the style stakes at the Lee Strand Best Dressed at the Killarney Races on Friday, 18th of July, 2025. The Best Dressed Lady won a trip for two to the capital of style Paris and a specially commissioned vase. Ted Lordan from Cork won the Lee Strand Best Dressed Gent. The Best Dressed Gent won a Trip to Milan for two and a specially commissioned crystal decanter.

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Judges Glenda Gilson and Rob MacNaughton, selected ten lady finalists and ten gent finalists from the thousands of women and men who attended the Lee Strand Best Dressed 2025. .



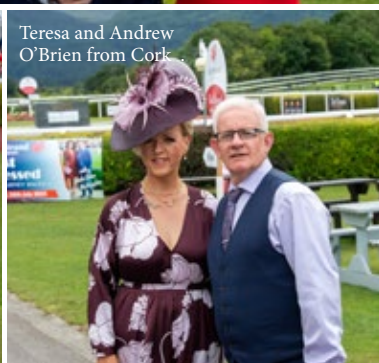
Emma Shields Kerry , Jack Kelleher Cork and Misha Richardson Cork



The style stakes at the Lee Strand Best Dressed at the Killarney Races on Friday, 18th of July, 2025.



Serena Deleaney from Killarney, winner of the style stakes.



Teresa and Andrew O'Brien from Cork .



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Anne Lucey
looks at the positive news
happening in Killarney



ELECTORAL SYSTEM NEEDS TIGHTENING IN KERRY



Kenmare is hitting headlines after Seanad privilege was used to raise a case of voter impersonation, during the last Local and European elections.

A garda investigation got underway on June 07th 2024, polling day, after a machine driver from Cahersiveen was suspected to have voted in a polling booth in Kenmare. Polling staff, election workers for Fine Gael and Independents who spotted him gave statements to Gardai in Kenmare, a file was sent to Dublin and the office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (the DPP) directed prosecution.

The machine driver who is in full time employment pleaded guilty, voting cards were left in a tractor and he was given one and "asked by somebody" to vote for a candidate when he was at a low ebb personally, and he was never interviewed by gardai, Kenmare District Court was told. That's all we know.

But the country is talking about it now after it was raised under privilege in the Seanad by Fine Gael.

"Every dog and devil" knew the machine driver was employed by a Healy-Rae company, for years, yet "unusually" his employer was not disclosed in court, Senator Mike Kennelly said. Mike is like a dog with a bone on the subject and wants an investigation.

More broadly, voter impersonation cases very rarely come before courts. So why was there such little watch over this highly unusual case in Kenmare?

We have all kinds of sanctimonious statements from the electoral commission about the importance of voting etc. Yet when push comes to shove, a rare case of voter impersonation was put in with the motoring offences!

No offence to the District court presenters Kerry, who are all very capable, but I would have expected the DPP would insist on the big

wigs, State barristers and such to present such a rare case concerning fraud in our electoral system, the heart of democracy.

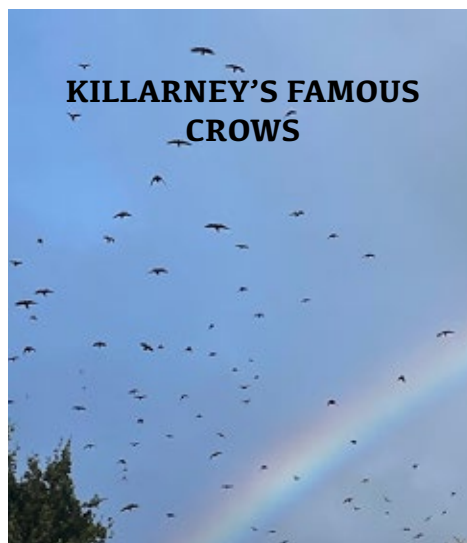
There must surely now be pressure on a second, separate electoral Kerry case, stagnating in the system involving voter registration irregularity, this time in Killarney.

Before the local elections of 2019, hundreds of registration forms for the supplementary registrar without the voters being present were stamped by a garda in Killarney. Allegedly.

The Garda Ombudsman conducted "a public interest" investigation. A file was sent to the DPP. And there it rests. Unless of course it has been dealt with among the parking fines! Politicians and the authorities might need to sit up a bit.

The powers in Dublin especially seem to believe we are all very nice people in Kerry; Much too nice to engage in skulduggery. And on the very rare occasion we do, it is not to be taken too seriously. We're not feeling ourselves, that's all there is to it. Voting cards found in tractors to cheer us up is entirely to be expected.

Danny Healy-Rae and his family are not commenting on what was said by Senator Kennelly under Senate privilege. That is their privilege.



Crows in Killarney are nothing new. But a crowding of several "murders of crows" last

week in Killarney saw plenty of pictures on social media. I took my own shot by the Beech road car park. The ornithologist Ed Carty told me crows love Killarney because they have good feeding there and message each other. It is likely the crow telegraph shared something juicy on the evening in question and like lions in the Serengeti Park they flocked to Killarney town centre.

Young crows have left the nest now and this adds to their numbers in Killarney. Tralee has crows too but they are not as visible because they tend to gather in Ballyseedy, so they are not as remarked upon, Ed says.

In November 2002 an attempt was launched to control the numbers of crows in Killarney.

The then great Page two of the Irish Times - alas no longer - which focused on regional reports, ran a report from me from Killarney Town Council.

The council had asked Dúchas, the heritage service, to implement a programme immediately to control the number of Corvidae in Killarney National Park. The council believed the caw of the crow had ousted the call of the songbird. Grey crows, magpies, rooks and Corvidae of all description had proliferated recently in the park.

Cllr Pat F. O'Connor, who tabled the motion, believed the large number of Corvidae has led to "a marked absence of birdsong" in the park. To remedy the situation, he wanted their numbers controlled.

"I remember one lamentable occasion when I rose early to hear the dawn chorus only to be greeted by the odd chirp and tweet, which disappeared completely as one travelled away from Muckcross House," said Cllr O'Connor. There was, he claimed, a direct link between the absence of songbirds and the large number of Corvidae in the park. Dúchas said horse dung studded with oats and corn was a key draw for the crows.

I am not sure if anything was done by Dúchas which has changed its name to the NPWS. Horse nappies were introduced in the meantime. However there seems little inspection of these devices and the dung is back on the roads of the park and the highways. Certainly we again have plenty of crows.

THE DREAM OF THE SOUTH KERRY GREENWAY

The South Kerry Greenway rumbles, or should I say grumbles along eleven years after being launched. Money is pouring into this ambitious project on which the expectations of south Kerry are being hung.

It is plagued with difficulties, not least the disturbance to landowners despite the Compulsory Purchase Order out on all lands, and despite the brave face being put on the project promoters and politicians.

A meeting is to take place with some of the most grievously affected landowners this week.


But going through farmland is now just one obstacle. Just 8 km or a quarter of the tarred path is under construction. Estimated costs have

soared from the initial five million euro.

Over 22 million euro has been allocated by the T II and this is just over the past four years.

Money is only some of it. The next stage, the spectacular Glinsk viaduct and the Drung Hill Tunnels is peppered with "engineering challenges".

That 73-ft Victorian viaduct on which Minister Alan Kelly launched the national greenway strategy in 2014 is not at all as stable as first thought. Alas, I have been to this movie before. With the Jeanie Johnston ship. A council project that got completely out of hand. I hope I will be proved wrong. But the same signs are there as there were with the dream of Jeanie - unanticipated difficulty; a project that is far too ambitious for a local authority, money being poured into it. And a far too brave face being put on all of it.




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Junior Ranger+ Programme

Killarney National Park Education Centre are delighted to announce details of their forthcoming Junior Ranger+ Programme which commences on Saturday 16th August 2025 at Muckross School House, Killarney National Park. The programme is geared for 14 to 17 year olds on one Saturday each month from August 2025 until Dec 2025, from 10.00am until 3.30pm (subject to change)

Junior Rangers+ activities will be an advancement of those that we have already covered in the regular Junior Ranger Camps.

This programme will discover ways of conserving flora, fauna and habitats within the National Park, exploring new areas of the National Park and importantly making new friends.

Other activities will include, map-reading, navigation, hikes and boat trips, the importance of footpath maintenance, invasive species management and ecological surveys.

The dates of the programme are August 16th September 13th October 11th November 8th December 13th

Places on Junior Rangers+ are strictly limited. For further information or would like to sign up, please email us on fieldstudiesandnaturecamps@gmail.com.



Up close and Personal - Killarney National Park Education Centre are delighted to announce details of their forthcoming Junior Ranger+ Programme. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Killarney Camera Club Shares Free Photos of Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle

The Killarney Camera Club is delighted to inform Killarney Outlook readers that photographs from this year's Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle are now available online free of charge. Participants and supporters can view and download the images by visiting the official website – www.ringofkerrycycle.ie – and following the link on the homepage.

The club has acknowledged all the incredible cyclists who took part and helped raise vital funds for this year's beneficiary charities:

Breakthrough Cancer Research, Brú Columbanus, Focus Ireland, Irish Kidney Association, Jack and Jill Children's Foundation, Kerry Hospice Foundation, Kerry Parents & Friends Association, Recovery Haven Kerry, and Social Action Group Rathmore.

"We had 19 members photographing throughout the day, at the Start Line, Coomakista, the Finish Line, and the Medal Giving and Entertainment Area. There are approximately 13,000 photos available, so we hope most cyclists will find themselves captured in action. The photos can be downloaded and printed at no cost. We encourage everyone to share them with family and friends on social media", Seamus Long from the Killarney Camera Club told Killarney Outlook.

"As in previous years, we thoroughly enjoyed photographing and meeting the cyclists and their supporters. Many thanks to the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle organisers for their continued support, and to all the volunteers for their cooperation on the day", Seamus added.



A selection of the free photos from Killarney Camera Club available to download.





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PUCK FAIR Successful Appeal



Local TD Michael Cahill has welcomed the fact that all arrangements around Puck Fair 2025 will remain the same as usual, following the success in the Circuit Court appeal against the proposed reduction in pub opening hours. The Fianna Fáil Spokesperson on Tourism had previously said that Puck Fair remains a family event, due to the fantastic work put in by the local organising committee in conjunction with An Garda Síochána. "I am glad that common sense has prevailed and that the status quo of 3am closing will continue in regard to Puck Fair. This is a unique event,

enjoyed for 3 days annually by people from all over the world. It is over 400 years old and like the saying goes, 'If it ain't broke, don't fix it'" stated Deputy Cahill.

"In this fantastic part of Kerry, where I come from, people set their calendars by Puck. All other events happen either before or after Puck, that is the importance of it. Puck Fair has always been a safe, well conducted festival, where locals and visitors alike celebrate and relax" said the Mid-Kerry man.

"I recently had the honour of launching Puck Fair 2025 and I and all my family, neighbours, friends and supporters are looking forward to a very special festival this year. Come along and enjoy all the fun of the fair, Puck Fair, August 10th, 11th & 12th" added Michael Cahill TD, Fianna Fáil Spokesperson on Tourism.

Killarney Tidy Towns Volunteers Prepare for All-Ireland Weekend



Killarney Tidy Towns volunteers were out in force this week, hard at work tidying up the railway car park in preparation for the busy All-Ireland weekend ahead. With a large number of Kerry supporters expected to use the train services to the capital, the volunteers has been making sure the town looks its best for fans and tourists alike.

Due to the upcoming homecoming which is planned for Monday evening and the Aghadoe Mass on Tuesday evening, next week's community meitheal will take place on Wednesday evening instead of the usual schedule.

The Killarney Tidy Towns committee would also like to extend their heartfelt best wishes to the Kerry team: Ciarraí Abú! Best of luck from all of us at Killarney Tidy Towns.

Letter to the Editor

A Chara,

I just read Anne Lucey's piece in last week's issue of Killarney Outlook. I'd make the following observations:

1. Many people outside Killarney (and Kerry) are horrified that the town hosts a 4 July parade given the USA's support for the genocide in Palestine;
2. If people are encouraged to visit the town to support the parade, why shouldn't people be permitted to visit the town to participate in the counter-protest?
3. If people are upset that folk from Macroom came to Killarney to participate in the counter-protest, then why should a band or organisation from Millstreet participate in the parade? By the article's logic, only people from Killarney should be involved;
4. The protestors were vocal throughout the parade, not just when 'children performers passed'. Focusing on this aspect is sensationalist and incorrect; it also neglects to acknowledge that there were many children participating in the counter-protest too

5. Just as visitors to the town watched the parade, visitors to the town – who weren't aware of the parade nor the counter-protest – also participated in the counter-protest. I spoke with several people who took part in this counter-protest and were aghast that Killarney was hosting this 'American' event;
6. There was no mention in any of the Cathaoirleach's comments – nor in Anne Lucey's piece – regarding the verbal and physical intimidation aimed at the counter-protest. The only violence during the protest came from pro-Israeli supporters, primarily US citizens and drunk Englishmen, several of whom assaulted people at the end of the event. Why were you silent about that?
7. No-one can say they are 'anti-war' yet support such an event when the foreign country partner (USA) is central to the genocide.

Be reassured that if the genocide in Palestine hasn't ended by July 2026, the counter-protest will probably be ten times the size of what it was this year. Outside the Killarney tourism bubble, many Irish people are shocked that

the town hosts this event. History will not be kind to anyone who continues to support this parade.

When you worry about falling tourism numbers, rather than blame the presence of refugees and asylum seekers, you might focus on more tangible problems, namely chronic town centre traffic congestion, the inability of Kerry County Council to tackle illegal parking, a lack of public transport, inadequate cycling and pedestrian infrastructure, and the unsustainable price gouging that many restaurants and pubs are now engaging in.

I would encourage the Cathaoirleach to focus his energies on those immediate issues, rather than focus on people who participated in a legal, peaceful counter-protest.

Yours sincerely,

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Set against the breathtaking backdrop of one of Ireland's most prestigious racecourses, Café du Parc's pop-up bar quickly became a showstopper. The pop-up bar, dressed in lush greens, was the perfect mix of style, while giving racegoers an experience of something special.

Guests were treated to an exclusive selection of Veuve Clicquot champagne, alongside signature cocktails like the Espresso Royale and Golden Saddle, each crafted with premium whiskey and expertly blended spirits.

Among the attendees were the Best Dressed judges, including Irish TV personality Glenda Gilson and her husband, Rob Naughton. Their discerning eyes were tasked with selecting the most fashion-forward racegoers of the day.

The excitement didn't stop with the races. As the day transitioned into night, the celebrations continued at Killarney's renowned day-to-night hotspot.

The bustling venue provided the perfect setting for a seamless continuation of the day's festivities, as more bubbles, bites, and pulsating beats kept the energy high, with live performances by saxophonist Abraham Ferreira, percussionist Darragh O'Rourke, followed by DJ Steven Howard's beats, setting the stage for an epic finale.



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Returns for 20th Anniversary Summer Concert Series

Spraoi Chiarraí, Kerry's renowned youth traditional arts collective, celebrates its 20th year with a series of free live summer concerts in Killarney. Showcasing talented young musicians, singers, dancers, and storytellers from across Co. Kerry, the concerts provide valuable experience in high-profile settings.

Concert Schedule:

- St. Mary's Church of Ireland (Indoor, 8pm): July 26, Aug 2, Aug 23
- Killarney House (Outdoor, 2pm): Aug 16

The next concert takes place on Saturday, July 26 at 8pm in St. Mary's Church of Ireland, featuring accordionist Eoin Foley (Kilcummin), fiddler Orla O'Hanlon (Boherbue), and director Tim O'Shea.

Audiences can expect Irish harp, fiddle, accordion, uilleann pipes, storytelling, and set dancing. The events are family-friendly and completely free, thanks to generous support from Kerry County Council, Killarney Chamber of Tourism & Commerce, Kerry Gems Publishing, and others.



Launch of the 15th Annual Ballymac Vintage Club Classic Car & Honda 50 Run



(L-R): Tim Collins, George Glover, Patrick Crean (Principal Scoil Nuachabhail), Paul Horan, Mary Lynch, Tom Horan, Kian O'Connor, Brian Glover (BG Motors Killarney), Joan Glover.

The Ballymac Vintage Club will host its 15th Annual Classic Car & Honda 50 Run on Sunday, 3rd August 2025, at O' Riada's Bar, Ballymacelligott. The day kicks off at 9:00am with Cars & Coffee, before engines roar to life for the scenic run departing at 11:15am.

This year's event holds special significance as it is dedicated to the memory of Lucy Breen, one of the founding members of the run, remembered fondly in the vintage car community across Kerry and Cork, often seen behind the wheel of her iconic yellow 1973 Rover 2000.

As always, the event continues its tradition of giving back, with proceeds going to two deserving local causes: Tralee Community Hospital and Scoil Nuachabháil.

Lucy received outstanding care from the compassionate team at Tralee Community Hospital. Their kindness and dedication meant so much to Lucy and her family, and we are proud to give back to this vital local

facility in her honour.

Scoil Nuachabhail is a local National School located just down the road from our event start.

This year we have also setup an online fundraiser for those who would like to donate but maybe can't make it on the day. All proceeds from the online fundraiser will go directly to Tralee Community Hospital <https://www.gofundme.com/f/tralee-community-hospital-ballymac-vintage-club-fundraiser>

As always, events of this scale are impossible without the generous support of our sponsors, and we'd like to thank our main sponsors: Brownes Agri, Steel & Builder Providers; BG Motors Killarney; O Riadas Bar Ballymacelligott

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CLLR. CALLS FOR ALL GAA GAMES TO BE AIRED FREE



At this week's Kerry County Council meeting, Cllr. John O'Donoghue raised the issue of GAA Games on TV. Cllr. O'Donoghue believes that all games should be aired free on terrestrial TV and asked members to Kerry County Council to write to the GAA Executive.

Here is what he had to say:

That we would write to the Gaa executive and ask that they review their policy of showing games behind a pay wall online, as this is contrary to the amateur ethos of the organisation.

While the Gaa have always had a streaming service in place through Gaa Go, of particular benefit to those overseas and providing a very valuable service, this year they have ramped things up considerably through Gaa+. Where as previously I took little notice of games being streamed online as it was generally a game that would not otherwise have been broadcast and afforded fans from those counties a chance to watch a game they may not otherwise have been able to see, this year there has huge shift in their business model with some games being deliberately withheld from tv broadcast in order to stream them online. The Gaa have admitted as much and this new departure is very troubling. A very strong argument can be made that pay per view Gaelic games is in direct contravention of the amateur ethos of the game, and I certainly imagine that

those visionaries who met in Hayes Hotel on November 1st 1884 to set up CLG in order to promote Irish games, the Irish language and Irish Culture would find it difficult to reconcile their vision for the Association with the current model. I do however accept that the answer from Croke Park will most likely be that it costs money to run the Gaa and this is a funding stream they cannot do without. If that is the case, I at the very least ask that they would consider approaching terrestrial broadcasters e.g. RTE to work something out where people could pay a fee and the games would then be made available either on a dedicated channel or RTE News. Currently many older people have said to me that while they are not happy paying to watch games, they would begrudgingly do so except that they do not have the IT skills to put the game playing on a device even if they have paid the subscription. This is grossly unfair as the people who are too elderly to attend games are being excluded from watching them online due to a lack of technological knowhow. These same people are very often the same ones that gave a lifetime of service to the Gaa and we cannot leave behind now. It is not right and I hope my colleagues will support my motion.

CALL FOR FREE BOWEL SCREENING FOR OVER 70'S

• Further to a previous Notice of Motion I brought and given the favourable response I received from the then Minister, that we would write to the Minister for Health to ask when free bowel screening for over 70s will commence. This is a very straightforward NOM. Previously I received a very favourable response from the then Minister regarding the roll out of free bowel screening for over 70s and I am now wondering when it will begin. This is the second most common form of cancer in men, and the third most common in women. It is the second leading cause of cancer related deaths world wide which is a shame as I believe it is also one of the most easily diagnosed, once a test is done. It is also reasonably treatable provided it is diagnosed in the early stage of the disease. The difficulty is that symptoms do not present until the latter stages of the disease and by then treatment is much more difficult. I believe that through the test, it can actually be identified in advance of it appearing at all i.e. they can tell you that you are quite likely to get it in the future, and given that it causes just over 1000 deaths in Ireland each year, it is imperative that all the most at risk groups can avail of free tests. The over 70's are in this category and I hope that the service will be extended to them before long.



The Countdown to PUCK FAIR 2025 is on!

*Ireland's oldest gathering festival returns,
with a bumper programme of events for all ages!*

Killorglin has celebrated the launch of Puck Fair 2025 officially starting the countdown to Ireland's oldest recorded festival. Puck Fair, which runs annually on August 10th, 11th and 12th, can trace its roots back to the ancient Pagan festival of Lughnasa.

Among the most well-known traditions of the festival is the crowning of a mountain goat as 'King Puck' each year, his coronation being officiated by the Queen of Puck, a local schoolgirl. Each year the festival also plays host to bumper line up of musical acts and family fun activities – all of which are free to the public.

Speaking at the festival's launch, newly elected Kerry TD, Michael Cahill said that he is absolutely delighted to launch Puck Fair 2025. "Puck Fair is a historic, family friendly event which is central to the lives of all of those who are fortunate to live in its hinterland. The amount of joy that it has brought into so many lives is immeasurable" stated Deputy Cahill. Robyn O'Shea, pupil at Scoil Réalt na Mara in neighbouring Cromane has been crowned as the Queen of this year's Festival. Robyn has a longstanding connection with the festival and said that she was honoured to be selected as this year's queen.

This year's festival will also include a fantastic lineup of Irish talent, with musical acts and performances which will cater to audiences of all tastes and ages. Headline acts for this year's festival, which are all free to attend, include the supercharged musical act, The Fogues, the Celtic Irish Rock group Erin's Fury, the long established South West of Ireland Group Truly Diverse, and Jack Keogh.

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McElligotts Kia announce sustainability partnership with Rose of Tralee International Festival

McElligotts Kia will return as official vehicle sponsor of the 2025 International Rose of Tralee Festival. Now in the eighth year of their festival partnership, McElligotts of Tralee will debut a fully electric (EV) fleet promoting a new sustainability partnership. Not only will the EV fleet provide emission free towing assistance, but some vehicles will be used to power related festival events thanks to Vehicle-to-load (V2L) technology, eliminating the need for industrial generators.

A total of nine electric vehicles, each equipped with towing systems, will lead the Rose Parade as part of Féile Thrá Lí on Friday, August 16th. & again on Sunday 17th August. In addition to this, one of the many events taking place is a Yoga Retreat at Tralee Wetlands. McElligotts will use their fleet of Kia EV's to power this event using Vehicle-to-load (V2L) technology.

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Speaking about the partnership Declan O'Hara, Dealer Principal at McElligotts Tralee commented:

"We are delighted to be sponsoring the Rose of Tralee International Festival again this year. We are seeing more and more drivers in Kerry moving to EVs so the timing was perfect for us to move to a fully electric rose partnership. Not only are these vehicles perfect for towing floats with towing capacities of up to 2.5ton, but they also allow us to power other events taking place in Tralee over across the festival dates using Vehicle-to-Load (V2L) technology.

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Steve Cronly, Director of Operations at the Rose of Tralee International Festival, added:

"We have a fantastic partner in McElligotts Kia and we're delighted to embark on this new sustainability partnership with them. As an organisation, we're mindful of our environmental responsibilities and impact. We all have a role to play in creating a sustainable future, so collaborating on initiatives like this is really important. We look forward to hitting the road with McElligott's EV fleet this year and showcasing



Pictured at the announcement that McElligott's KIA Tralee will once again support the annual Rose of Tralee Festival for the 8th successive year from August 15th-19th with their KIA electric vehicles are, Rose of Tralee contestants, Katie Ryan, Carlow, Laura Daly, Kerry, Celine O'Meara UAE, Cliona O'Leary, Wexford, with Rose Escorts, Aidan Treanor, Jordan Lynam, Andy Rogers and Patrick Murray and on right, Declan O'Hara, Managing Director, McElligott's KIA, Tralee, Anthony O'Gara, CEO, Rose of Tralee Festival and Steve Cronly, Director of Operations, Rose of Tralee Festival.

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Spa GAA Club Celebrates County Pride Ahead of All-Ireland Final



Spa GAA Club had a morning to remember at the Spa Academy last Saturday, as anticipation continues to build ahead of this weekend's All-Ireland Final.

In a heartwarming show of county pride, Spa blue was swapped for the green and gold of Kerry. The Academy grounds were buzzing with excitement as children took part in Sam Maguire-themed arts and crafts. From handcrafted trophies to colourful banners, their brilliant efforts were matched by heartfelt good luck messages for the Kerry senior team.

Adding to the festive atmosphere, the much-loved Muckross Creamery was on site, treating everyone to delicious ice cream. The fun didn't stop there, Spark, the club's cheerful mascot, made a special appearance, delighting the children and keeping spirits high throughout the event.

It was a fantastic morning filled with fun, colour, and county pride and a great send-off as the community rallies behind the Kingdom.

Best wishes to the Kerry senior team and management for the All-Ireland Final. Safe travels to all supporters heading to Croke Park this weekend!



The Laune Bar Reopens

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Familiar Charm*

The Laune Bar is back! Welcomed by the new owners, the O'Donoghue Ring Collection, former proprietors Kathleen and Terry Cummins made a special return to the beloved pub on New Street. After a bit of hammerin' and paintin', the doors have reopened, and while there's a fresh coat of paint, the heart of The Laune remains unchanged.

Dating back to the 1970s, The Laune Bar is steeped in local history. Its cozy bar, soft lighting, and walls adorned with John B. Keane memorabilia and tributes to Kerry legends, Pat Spillane, "The Bomber," and Páidí Ó Sé, continue to tell the story of a true Killarney institution.

The Laune is known for its lively atmosphere and creamy pints. Guests can look forward to regular live traditional music sessions and that unmistakable Killarney welcome that makes everyone feel at home.



Previous owners Terry and Kathleen Cummins.



Kathleen Cummins and Gemma Ring



Dave and Tara O'Donoghue



Niall O'Donoghue, Kevin O'Sullivan, Ganesen Ramasamy, Manmohan Singh and Micheál O'Donoghue



Musicians Dean and Brandon Griffin perform at the opening of The Laune

Locals enjoying the opening of The Laune on New Street

Minister Norma Foley Turns the Sod on New Home in Killorglin

Work Starts on New Home for Four Residents at St John of God Kerry Services

The official sod turning has taken place today of a new residential facility in Killorglin for St John of God Housing Association (SJOG HA). The house on completion will serve as a permanent home for four people living with intellectual disabilities from St. John of God Community Services – Kerry (SJOGCS Kerry). Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Kerry TD, Norma Foley was present today to officially mark the start of the works on the new home.

The four residents who are currently living in Saint Mary of the Angels, will move to their own home in Killorglin in early 2026.

The three bedroomed house, will undergo extensive renovations, including the addition of a bedroom, to meet the individual needs of its residents and allow for greater accessibility and privacy. The purchase of the house and the renovations are being carried out with the support of Kerry County Council and the HSE, with approval from the Department of Housing. Work will be carried out by Teddy Walsh Construction.

The new residential facility will be staffed by a dedicated team from SJOGCS Kerry to ensure the residents' needs are fully met, whilst also providing them with the opportunity to live as independently as possible.



Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and TD for Kerry Norma Foley turning the sod of home in Killorglin for Saint John of God Community Services on Friday, along with front: Fr Derek O'Connell, Hannah Cahillane resident; back from l-r: Cllr Tommy Cahill, Katie Keane Person in Charge, Nicholas O'Sullivan operations manager, Teddy Walsh builder, Killian O'Dowd Project Manager, Liam Healy Director of Operations, Cllr Michael Cahill, Claire O'Dwyer Regional Director, Brian McCarthy Senior Development Officer Cllr Podge Foley

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AENOVA ANNOUNCES MAJOR EXPANSION OF KILLORGLIN FACILITY

Aenova, a leading pharmaceutical Contract Development & Manufacturing Organisation (CDMO), has announced a significant expansion of their Killorglin facility (Temmler Ireland Ltd.) enabling the company to develop innovative drug delivery systems in the future. This programme represents an ambitious expansion programme for the development capabilities at the Killorglin site. It will place the Aenova site in Ireland at the centre of the company's development capabilities in particle engineering, focusing on spray-dried amorphous solid dispersions and inhalation powders. This strategic investment aims to improving bioavailability of poorly soluble drugs, which constitute approximately 80 % of compounds in global research pipelines.

This project is supported by the Irish Government through IDA Ireland.

Established in 1972 as Klinge Pharma, Aenova employs approximately 70 people directly at its Killorglin facility, along with many other downstream positions in their many service providers. In 2007, Temmler Pharma took over the Killorglin site and in 2012, Temmler Pharma was acquired by Aenova Group, a leading European CDMO company in the pharmaceutical and nutraceutical industries.



Pictured from L-R at the announcement of Aenova of a significant expansion of its Killorglin facility are Mr. Florent Bordet, CSO, Aenova; Michael Lohan, CEO IDA Ireland; Minister Norma Foley TD and Aidan Spillane, Site Director looking in part of the new expansion.

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9th Annual Valentia Lecture, “Ireland’s place in the World of 2040”



At the 9th Annual Valentia Lecture at the historical Valentia Island transatlantic Cable Station on the Island. The theme of this years lecture is “Ireland’s Place in the World of 2040” Minister of State, Michael Healy Rae, T.D., addressing the audience.
Photos: Valerie O’Sullivan

Pictured from left: Seán Páircéir, Brown Brothers Harriman, Mary-Rose Stafford, Valentia Cable Station Foundation, Lara Páircéir, entrepreneur, Business Man, Denis O’Brien, Leonard Hobbs, Chairman Valentia Cable Station Foundation, and James Maloney, MP at the House of Commons in Canada.

The story of the world’s first transatlantic cable which resulted in the first ever message to be transmitted across an ocean, is an inspiring one. In 1858 the first ever message was sent from Valentia Island in County Kerry to Hearts Content in Newfoundland in which Queen Victoria sent a note of congratulations to President Buchanan of the United States. The 98-word message took 16 hours to transmit, and the President’s response of 143 words was sent in just 10 hours. Improvements in the cable technology meant that when the next successful cable was laid in 1866, messages could be sent in minutes. This year, keynote speakers spoke on a range of perspectives from history to arts & media to politics & society to technology & business.

Speakers include historian Professor Jane Ohlmeyer of Trinity College Dublin, journalist Mick Clifford, Minister of State, Michael Healy Rae and businessman Denis O’ Brien. Each of the presentations will be followed by a panel discussion with 4 of Ireland’s future leaders, all in their 30’s, the same age as Cyrus Field, the entrepreneur who transformed the world when he led the transatlantic cable project in the late 1800s. Over 30 of these young leaders will participate from the world of business, politics, academia, media, government, arts and sport in which they will be asked to reflect on the Ireland of today and to share their vision for Ireland in 2040 and its place in a globally interconnected world. Irish Ambassador to Canada, John

Concannon, was accompanied on his visit by James Maloney, MP at the House of Commons in Canada. The Canadian Embassy in Dublin represented by the Head of Political and Public Affairs, Mr David Kyffin. As well as the cultural and heritage links between Canada and Ireland, will also be exploring the research collaborations, with presentations from Maynooth University, University College Cork, Munster Technological University and Memorial University in Newfoundland.

We welcomed a team from the Connect Centre at Trinity College Dublin who are showcasing their mobile engagement unit whose aim is to bring quantum technologies to life, while promoting the power of quantum communication for the general public. With thought-provoking questions, it invites curiosity on the road. Inside, it features accessible posters and hands-on demos.

Major boost to women’s football in the Kingdom as Kerry FC introduce a Women’s Under 19 League of Ireland team for 2026

Kerry Football Club is delighted to announce that we are extending our Academy structure by adding a 6th Kerry FC team from the 2026 season. The Kingdom have been granted a license to enter a second women’s team into the EA Sports League of Ireland Academy, adding to the club’s current women’s team at under 17 level as well as our 4 men’s underage sides at Under 14, 15, 17 and 20.

Kerry FC introduced the first women’s League of Ireland team in late 2023, with the club’s Women’s Under 17 side entering the EA Sports League of Ireland Academy in 2024. It was an impressive inaugural season, with the Kingdom finishing 2nd in the league phase, an excellent achievement. The team has grown



from strength to strength under the fantastic guidance of all the coaching staff. It’s another major step in the club’s future plans, and the development of women’s football in Kerry has

taken another huge step forward. Expressions of interest for our Women’s Under 19 side will open soon, and we look forward to continuing the future growth of Women’s football in the Kingdom

at League of Ireland level.

Speaking on the announcement, Kerry Football Club CEO Billy Dennehy said, “It gives us great pride to introduce a women’s under-19 team here at Kerry Football Club for the 2026 season. It has always been our strategic vision to further develop the game for both the girls and boys of Kerry and the wider region. We hope adding a sixth team to the Kerry FC Academy plays a part in giving the players an option to continue the player pathway from the exceptional work that grassroots clubs provide into the League of Ireland Academy, where players can strive to compete at the highest level for their specific age groups.



FÉILE NA LAOCH 2025

—31Ú IÚIL - 3Ú LÚNASA—



Déardaoin, 31ú Iúil Thursday, 31st July

19:00 Tógaint an Tine agus Paráid ón Draighean go Cúil Aodha

Taking of Fire and Parade from Ó Riada's house to Cúil Aodha

Lasadh Lóchrann & Oscailt na Féile 2025

Lighting of Torch & Opening of Festival

20:30 Cruinniú agus Paráid ó Chúil Aodha go Páirc na Laoch

Gathering and Parade from Cúil Aodha to the Field of Heroes.

Le Banna Pib Chuilinn Uí Chaoimh / With Cullen Pipe Band.

21:00 Lónadh an Damhach Diamhrach

Filling of "An Damhach Diamhrach"

Le na Críonnaigh / With the Elders.

21:20 An Aeríocht - Páirc na Laoch

Coirm ilghnéitheach thar oíche le seachtar Laoch ós na disciplín seo a leanas:

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05:50 Eirí Gréine / Sunrise

Ceol Fhoireann an Phobal ag seinnt Mise Éire

Volunteers People's Orchestra performing "Mise Éire".

06:00 Teacht na Laochra Spóirt

The Coming of the Sporting Heroes.

07:00 Omós don Capall / Honouring of the Horse



Dé hAoine, 1ú Lúnasa Friday, 1st August

14:00 Oscailt Oifigiúil Halla na Laoch - Áras Éamonn Mac Suibhne

Official Opening of the Hall of Heroes - Áras Éamonn Mac Suibhne

Cruinniú Forum na Laoch

The Heroes Forum

Faol chathaoirleacht an phríomh fhille / Chaired by the Chief Poet.

19:00 Beannú Seán Ó Riada Chun Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann - Áras Éamonn Mac Suibhne

Concert with many branches of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann as they celebrate the life of Seán Ó Riada.

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Seisiúin Ceoil sna Táirní Áitiúla

Music Sessions in Local Pubs and Venues



Dé Sathairn, 2ú Lúnasa Saturday, 2nd August

10:00 Forum na Cláirsí & na Pib - An Muileann, Baile Mhúirne

Harp and Pipes Forums - The Mills Inn, Ballyvourney

Bailiú na n-Oilthireachtaí - Áras Éamonn Mac Suibhne

Gathering for the Pilgrimage walks - Áras Éamonn Mac Suibhne

11:00 Oscailt Slí na hEalaíona - Scoil Chúil Aodha

Opening of The Way of the Arts - Scoil Chúil Aodha

Dé Sathairn, 2ú Lúnasa Saturday, 2nd August (Continued)

20:00 An Coirm Órga - Áras Éamonn Mac Suibhne

The Gold Concert in the Hall of Heroes - Áras Éamonn Mac Suibhne

Iar-bhuaitheoirí Corn Uí Riada ag Oireachtas na Gaeilge agus Bonn Óir Seán Ó Riada Past winners of the Oireachtas Corn Uí Riada and the Seán Ó Riada Gold Medal Le craoladh ar Raidió na Gaeltachta is ag sruthú ar-líne / Broadcast on Raidió na Gaeltachta and streaming online.

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Music Sessions in Local Pubs and Venues



Dé Domhnaigh, 3ú Lúnasa Sunday, 3rd August

11:00 Lá Spriodálta / Spiritual Day

Aifreann Cuimhneacháin i Séipéal Cúil Aodha le Cór Cúil Aodha & Ceoltóirí.

Commemorative Mass in Cúil Aodha Church with Cór Cúil Aodha & Musicians.

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14:00 Dóchas - Solas Críost - Séipéal Chúil Aodha

Tuadmh doimhin i gceol, gníomh agus téacs spriodáltha mar ar féidir le pobail eile samplaí de phobail ag gúí d'fháil dóibh féin in am gann-tanas sagart.

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The grounds of Killarney Legion GAA Club were buzzing with energy and excitement on Saturday morning as the club hosted its annual Under-8 Blitz in Direen.

The event was a tremendous success, with young footballers from clubs across Kerry taking part in a morning filled with fun, teamwork, and sporting spirit.

A special word of thanks goes to Justin Healy and his team, whose efforts helped ensure the smooth running of the blitz. Their organisation and commitment played a key role in creating a positive and memorable experience for all involved.

Off the field, the community spirit was just as strong. Thanks to all the volunteers who contributed to the cake sale and to everyone who baked and donated the delicious buns and cakes on the day.

Well done to all the young players, coaches, and supporters!

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Killarney Legion Hosts Successful U8 Blitz in Direen



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Picture This....

The Week Through
the Eye of the Lens



Tralee will again come alive with the spectacular third edition of the Féile Thrá Lí Street Fest, which returns to the Town from August 15th to August 19th, 2025. This year, the event will bring the best of Music, family entertainment, and craic as the festival promises an unforgettable experience for all ages, coinciding with the renowned Rose of Tralee International Festival, ensuring an unmissable event for locals and visitors alike. Pictured at the launch in Tralee's town park were : L-R : PJ O'Connor, Ballygarry Hotel, Eamon Cunninham KCC, Mark Sullivan, Rose Hotel, Aidan Turner, Turners Tralee, John McElligott, Sean O'gs Tralee, Niamh O'Sullivan KCC. Front: Cllr Terry O'Brien, Mayor of Tralee and Alyssa Kisslosky, actor. Photo By : Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD



Pictured on their annual trip to Ladies Day at Killarney Races, College Street Ladies, Ina Looney and Eileen O'Callaghan



Topic of conversation... RTE's Brenda Donohue, is travelling Ireland at the moment. She based herself in Hegarty's on the Muckcross Road on Friday and chatted and recorded locals who dropped in during the day, from left, Dodo Hegarty, Denis Geaney, Mike Murphy, Jack McCarthy, Kevin O'Sullivan and Haulie Fitzpatrick. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Lots of fun at Flesk Fest.
Photo: Seamus Healy



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Killarney Markets

Set to Return This August

The popular Killarney Markets will make their return on Sunday, 3rd August, and will run from 12 PM to 4 PM in the courtyard of the Arbutus Hotel. The markets are scheduled to take place every Sunday throughout August, with the exception of this Sunday, July 27th, as organisers take a short break in support of the All-Ireland Final. Organisers say they are delighted to be establishing a regular creative space in the heart of Killarney, providing a platform for local makers, artists, and crafters to showcase their work. Visitors can expect a lively and welcoming atmosphere, filled with unique handmade goods, original artworks, and a strong sense of community spirit. The markets offer an ideal opportunity to support local talent while enjoying a leisurely Sunday afternoon in one of Killarney's most charming locations.



Back left Trainer- Tom Leslie, Kate Cronin, Aisling Doyle, Elaine O Leary, Katy Regan, Ann Marie O Sullivan, Aine O Callaghan, Pauline Herlihy, Catriona McGuire, Ann Marie O Leary, Catriona Doolan, front Marguerite Healy, Máire O Mahoney and Ruth Murphy.

Kilcummin Mothers & Others Shine at Flesk Festival Blitz

A huge well done to the Kilcummin GAA Mothers & Others team who took part in the Flesk Festival Blitz on Saturday. Despite the bad weather, spirits remained high throughout the day. Sincere thanks to the Glenflesk Mothers & Others team and their management for hosting such a fantastic event. The warm welcome, lively music, and strong sense of community made for a truly memorable experience.

The Kilcummin ladies proudly represented their club, embracing the spirit of the Gaelic4Mothers & Others initiative, meeting new people, enjoying the game, and having fun both on and off the pitch.

Special thanks to team trainer Tom Leslie for his continued dedication and support, which is always greatly appreciated.

The team now takes a well-earned summer break and will return to training in early September. New members are always welcome. If you're interested in joining for fun, fitness, and football, contact Ann-Marie on 087 904 7274.



Kilcummin Mothers & Others enjoying FleskFest after their blitz.



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Cllr. Cahill Highlights Urgent Rural Housing Needs at July Council Meeting

Fianna Fáil councillor Tommy Cahill, the youngest member of Kerry County Council, has called on the local authority to urgently explore new measures to support individuals and families facing housing challenges in areas designated as Rural Areas Under Urban Influence.

At the July Full Council Meeting, held on Monday, Cllr. Cahill tabled a motion asking, "What can Kerry County Council do to help address the housing crisis in areas designated a Rural Area Under Urban Influence? There are people who clearly demonstrate a rural housing need in these areas and are in need of housing."

In response, the Council pointed to the framework of the National Planning Framework (NPF) and current County Development Plan policies, which focus on sustainable growth through the delivery of housing in key urban centres. While reaffirming a commitment to rural development, the Planning Department acknowledged the importance of balancing growth with national guidelines. They also noted that ongoing updates to the Municipal District Settlement Plans aim to ensure sufficient zoning to meet housing targets.

Cllr. Cahill welcomed the reply but stressed that more must be done to ensure that local people with genuine rural housing needs are not left behind.

"We have families who've lived in these communities for generations, who want to build a home and raise their children where they grew up. Right now, the system doesn't adequately reflect their needs. I brought this motion forward to shine a light on their struggles and push for more flexibility in how housing policy is implemented in rural Kerry," said Cllr. Cahill.

He continued, "We must find the balance between national policy and

local reality. If we want our rural communities to survive and thrive, we need to give people a real chance to live there. We must ensure that the new legislation does not solely focus on cities but also on areas designated as rural areas under urban influence."

Cllr. Cahill, who has quickly built a reputation as a passionate advocate for young people and rural development, has pledged to continue working with Council officials and his colleagues to bring forward practical solutions.



Flesk Fest '25

A Fantastic Success!

Glenflesk GAA Club's main fundraiser of the year, Flesk Fest '25, took place last weekend at Barraduff Community Field, and proved to be an outstanding success from start to finish.

The club extends a heartfelt thank you to the incredible volunteers who gave so generously of their time, talents, and energy - not just over the weekend, but throughout the weeks of planning and preparation. Their dedication was central to making the festival such a memorable event.

Sincere gratitude also goes out to everyone who attended, supported, and contributed raffle prizes. The community's generosity and spirit of support truly brought the event to life.

A special thanks is due to the Barraduff Community Field Organisation for their continued cooperation and use of the fantastic venue.

Flesk Fest '25 was more than just a fundraiser, it was a wonderful celebration of community pride and club spirit. We look forward to building on this success for years to come.

Photos: Seamus Healy





FIRIES GAA'S DAY FOR DONIE MAC

After a hugely successful few days on the fairways of Maine Valley Members Golf Club, Firies GAA was proud to host the weekend's prize-giving ceremony last Saturday evening in Henderson's of Firies. The event was held in memory of the late Donie McCarthy, whose legacy remains a cornerstone of the club's history.

More than sixty teams took part in the Golf Classic, coming together not just to compete, but to celebrate Donie's lasting impact on Firies GAA. Throughout the weekend, stories were shared, recounting memorable victories, the occasional hard-fought loss, and most importantly, reflecting on the people like Donie who helped shape the club's journey. Many fondly mentioned how proud Donie would be to see the recent opening of the club's new juvenile training pitch in Ballinvarrig, a milestone he would have cherished.

Donie's wife, Bernie McCarthy, and their daughters continue to take great pride in this annual occasion, where his dedication to the club is remembered with warmth and respect. Bernie presented the prizes to the winning teams, with the top award being retained for a second consecutive year by Michael O'Sullivan, captain along with Dan Egan, David McAllister & John O'Driscoll.

Event committee members Michael Quirke and Morgan McMahon extended their sincere thanks to everyone who supported the event. A special acknowledgment was given to L&M Construction, New York, for their generous sponsorship, which played a key role in the success of the Golf Classic. Appreciation was also extended to those teams who participated, donated spot prizes, sponsored tee boxes, purchased raffle tickets, the local businesses who helped sell raffle tickets, the Maine Valley Members Golf Club, Frances and Johnny Henderson of Henderson's, and the hardworking events committee.

It was a true community effort, honouring a man who gave so much to his club.



Bernie McCarthy along with the Firies GAA clubs members



The McCarthy Family at the Prize Giving

Ted's Opel Vauxhall Run 2025: Celebrating 18 Years on the Road

Now in its 18th year, Ted's Opel Vauxhall Run has become one of Ireland's biggest and most anticipated gatherings for Opel and Vauxhall enthusiasts. Taking place on Saturday, 9th August 2025, the event continues its tradition in the Cork/Kerry region but draws a passionate crowd from all across the country, bringing together classic car lovers, proud owners, and curious spectators for a truly memorable day on the road.

In 2025 we are once again returning to the Mills Inn, Ballyvourney, Co. Cork. as our base. Accommodation:- The Mills Inn, 026 45237, Weston House B&B, across the road from the Mills Inn, call 026 45097.

Registration on Saturday morning from 9am with a fee of €20 per car. Each car will receive a starter pack. The first Award of the day will be presented at 10am and the cars will depart at 11am. The route will take in some of the fantastic scenery of the Cork/Kerry border region travelling through Loo bridge, Kilgarvan, Kenmare, Caha Pass, Glengarriff

with a midway stop at Cronin's Service station Ballylickey. We will then continue through Kealkill, Ballingeary, Inchigeela, Toons Bridge and returning to the Mills Inn for the Prizegiving and a BBQ. There are an array of Perpetual and Special Awards on offer, some of which some will be presented during the day. There will be a raffle and numerous Spot prizes. This year we are again delighted to have the continued support of Opel Ireland and Cartell.ie. and Casey Caravan Services.

Our association with the Dogs for the Disabled Charity began before our first run in 2008 and it is our aim to continue to fundraise for them well into the future.

All Opel/ Vauxhall / Bedford / GM vehicles are welcome regardless of age, old and new. We hope to see you all on the weekend of the 9th August, Call to the Mills Inn to see us or come out and give us a wave even if you don't have a vehicle to join us.

Further information call Ted:- 086 3256751 or Denis:- 086 3562905 or follow the event on Facebook.



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KILCUMMIN COMHALTAS

Shine at Munster Fleadh 2025

Kilcummin CCE enjoyed a hugely successful week at the Munster Fleadh Cheoil held at the MTU campus in Cork from July 12 - 19, 2025.

Dancing Successes:

Kilcummin had strong representation across all age groups.

The U12 Ladies Set Team Ella won their competition, becoming Munster Champions.

The U12 Mixed Set Team Colm placed 2nd and will also compete at Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann in Wexford this August.

The U15 Mixed Set placed 3rd, while the U18 Ladies Set and Over 18s Mixed Half Set were both crowned Munster Champions.

The Over 35s Mixed Set and Over 18s Full Mixed Set both placed 2nd.

The Over 18s Full Ladies Set took 1st place, adding to the celebrations.

Music & Singing Achievements:

Eoin Foley placed 1st in the 12-15 Button Accordion and 2nd in the Melodeon.

Colm Fleming was crowned U12 Melodeon Champion and placed 2nd in the Accordion.

Michael Healy won the 15-18 Melodeon.

Sean Butler placed 2nd in the 15-18 Mouth Organ. Brynn McCarthy took 2nd in Irish singing and 3rd in English singing.

The U12 Trio (Colm Fleming, Aoibhinn O'Connor, and Leigh Brosnan) placed 3rd.

Well done to all participants and congratulations to those heading to the All-Ireland Fleadh in Wexford! Huge thanks to trainers, coaches, and musicians for their continued dedication.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir!



Kilcummin under 12 Ladies set who were crowned Munster Champions and will be representing Kilcummin CCE at Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann in Wexford in August. Ann-Marie O'Sullivan, Sadie Sugrue, Siún O'Callaghan, Ava O'Sullivan, Elena O'Riordan, Faye O'Connor, Aine Enright, Ella Lawlor and trainer Adrian Moriarty.



Brynn McCarthy who placed 2nd in the Irish singing competition and 3rd in the English singing and will continue to Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann in Wexford in early August.



Team Donnacha u12 mixed set who danced superbly at the Munster Fleadh held in Cork last week.



Kilcummin CCE over 35's mixed set who were placed second at the Munster Fleadh recently - Annmarie Hickey, Marie O'Callaghan, Mags Twomey, Marie O'Donovan. Back row; Adrian Moriarty, David O'Riordan, Philip O'Connor, Timmy Lane



Eoin Foley who placed 2nd in the 12-15 Melodeon & 12-15 button accordion where he placed first and was crowned Munster Champion.



Kilcummin CCE's under 12 mixed set who placed 2nd at the Munster Fleadh and will be representing Kilcummin CCE at Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann in Wexford in August - Charlie J Kelleher, Colm Fleming, Ian Condon, Michael O'Connor, Ella Lawlor, Ava O'Sullivan Aine Enright, Elena O'Riordan



The over 18's mixed half set who were crowned Munster champions at the Munster Fleadh recently - Half Set Adrian Moriarty (Trainer), Conor Coffey, Mary Murphy, Aislinn O'Donovan, Natan Counihan, John Moriarty



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RATHMORE | GNEEVEGUILLA PARISH

By Michael O'Mahony

SHARE THE BUCKET

Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group reminds you that Share the Bucket takes place weekly. The draw is every Friday evening in Teach Fáilte @ 8.30pm and can be viewed live on our Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook Page. This week's jackpot was €204 and the winner was Hanorah Hurley. Tickets cost €2 each or 3 for €5. They are available at Teach Fáilte and can be bought online at <https://tinyurl.com/y2ade5om> or in local businesses where you see the Green Share the bucket.

Your support is greatly supported and all funds will go towards our new proposed community facility. We would like to thank our local businesses, shops and pubs who continue to support our project and thanks too to everybody who purchases tickets every week.

SYMPATHIES To Denis, Connie Vincent, Bridget, Kate, Noreen and Chris, O'Mahony & families on the death of their brother Gerard O'Mahony (Umeraboy, Knocknagree, and Derragh Cullen.) His great friend Mossie & neighbours. Gerards funeral took place on Friday 4th July in Knocknagree. To Bernie O'Leary on the death of her son, Donie O'Leary, Ard Mhuire, Rathmore to his sisters Marie, Breda, and Finola & families & friends. Donie's funeral took place in Rathmore on Monday 7th July. May they rest in peace

UP FOR THE MATCH

Rathmore GAA club club rooms Rathbeg has been selected as a venue for RTE 'Up For The Match' which will be shown on RTE this Saturday night on the eve of the All Ireland Final. This is a huge honour for club

BEST OF LUCK to Shane Ryan & Paul Murphy, the Kerry team, management & County Board on Sunday in the All Ireland Final against Donegal in Croke park

RATHMORE LADIES FOOTBALL

Hard luck on Daniel O'Leary & Nora O'Connor part of the Kerry Ladies on their Defeat over Meath on Saturday evening last in all Ireland semi final

A HUGE THANK YOU FROM THE SOCIAL ACTION GROUP RATHMORE

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our incredible cyclists, dedicated volunteers, and everyone who supported our Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle fundraisers. Your generosity, time, and effort are truly appreciated and make a real difference. We're so grateful for your continued support. There's still time to donate to our cyclists' fundraisers on www.idonate.ie/event/rokcc2025-rsag or Every contribution helps and is greatly appreciated.

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Surprise gifts picked at random from those who donate and send on photos. Our club is fundraising to cover the costs of running the club to provide training equipment to enhance our sessions and general costs of running our club including referees fees, first aid and physiotherapists for our Adult Team. Please support if you can by participating by sending on your photos from anywhere in the world and donating.

THANK YOU

Thank you to our Junior Player and Cork Senior Footballer Katie Horgan for visiting training last Wednesday night and for helping with the coaching, all the players were thrilled to meet Katie and be coached by her on the night. Katie is the first player ever from our Club to play Senior for Cork.

TRAINING AND GAMES

Training and games continue over the Summer with plenty opportunities for game time due to a great selection of Summer Leagues entered.

Adult Championship is all to play for as well, this kicks off in August and is preceded by the North Cork Junior League.

New players welcome from age 4 to adult, please call Catherine on 083 3498778 if you would like to enquire about joining our club. Knocknagree U8 team recently took part in a blitz in Newmarket

Thanks to Denis Brosnan Plastering Services for sponsoring our jerseys. Our U13 Team playing in the U13 Summer League at the moment

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



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LISTRY PARISH

Written by: Colette Leslie

LOTTO

Jackpot €10,750. Numbers Drawn 02,17,18,27. Not Won. €100 Tom Neville, Faha. €50 Dan Dwyer, Ballytrasna. €50 Noel Kennedy, Ballymalis (online). €25 Caroline Burke, Lisivane East (online). €25 Shane Burke, Sydney

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KERRY

Best of luck to Ruairi Murphy and the Kerry team and Management who play Donegal in the All Ireland Final this Sunday.

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BEAUFORT PARISH

By Bridget Hartnett

FIXTURES

Beaufort senior men will play Gneeveguilla on Sunday, 10th August at 4pm in round 1, Intermediate football championship

LOTTO

There was no winner of Beaufort G.A.A. Club lotto jackpot of 6,800 on Sunday, 20th July. Numbers: 2, 10, 11, 16. Consolation Prizes: €80 N. & D. Ashe c/o Melvin's, €50 Aisling O'Sullivan, Coolcumisk, Daniel O'Sullivan, online, Eileen Joy, Tullig. The next draw for a jackpot of €7,000 will be on Sunday, 3rd August. Tickets are €2 each, 3 for €5. A yearly ticket for all 26 draws is €50. They are available from usual sellers and online at www.beaufortgaa.com. Thank you for supporting our lotto.

SPORTS PREDICTION QUIZ

End of June results are as follows. There are seven participants on 41 points

at the end of June. They are Gerard Foley, Tomas Foley, Isobel O'Shea, Kieran Coffey, Fiadh and Isabelle, Tom O'Brien and Pat Hartnett.

CONGRATULATIONS to Lily Riordan and Kerry U16 team and management who are All Ireland U16A football champions having defeated Mayo in the final. Lily was also presented with the Player of the match award.

HARD LUCK to Fay O'Donoghue and the Kerry Ladies senior team and management who did not reach the All Ireland final, having been defeated by Meath in the semi-final.

GOOD LUCK to Mike Breen, Seán O'Brien, the Kerry senior football team and management in the All Ireland senior football final against Donegal on Sunday, 27th July at 3.30pm in Croke Park.

SPA PARISH

By Leanne Cronin

LEE STRAND U14 COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIV 6 FINAL

Spa 5-22 Kenmare Shamrocks 0-13

Our u14s produced a wonderful performance in their county league final against a spirited Kenmare side. Conditions weren't ideal for good football on a blustery evening in Spa, but our boys coped well to put their best foot forward.

A strong start was key to controlling this contest, an early brace of goals from Torin Lyne and Noah Murphy in the 4th and 6th minutes settled any nerves. Pressure placed on the Kenmare kickouts continued to produce good scoring opportunities for Spa, with Maks Wesolowski crucial to the midfield dominance, and points coming from Eric Corcoran and Jack Glesson stretched out our advantage before Eric finished a good team move for our third goal of the evening. Kenmare posed a threat with some strong runners, and 2 good scores halfway through the first period kept them in touch before Aidan Hickey managed to break through the Kenmare defence for our fourth goal with a nice finish to the left corner of the net. Nathan Jordon followed with a well taken score on his left leg. Spa were on top in most areas now and a great move from back to front, started and finished by James Brosnan, saw us take a comfortable half time lead.

Kenmare to their credit never gave in, and dominated large periods of the second half, with two of the first three scores of the second period going the red and black teams way. Crucially for Spa though, goal chances were hard to come by for Kenmare, Sam O'Shea and Eoin Brosnan leading a strong defensive performance. At the other end, Eric Corcoran managed to break through once more and an emphatic finish to the roof of the net brought up our fifth goal. Eric, along with Aidan Hickey and Torin Lyne managed to keep the scoreboard ticking over when chances presented. Kenmare, who spent large spells of the 2nd half in control, were beginning to find their shooting boots, and some nice teams scores were just rewards for the effort they put in. Jack Kissane at the other end got a good score before it was left to Torin Lyne to kick the final score of a good team performance after an excellent interception.

Hard luck to Kenmare who showed plenty of ability throughout the match, and no doubt they will be back competing for silverware in the not too distant future.

SENIOR LADIES

Our Spa Senior Ladies travelled to Abbeydorney for round 3 in division 4 of the Corrib Oil Senior Club League. Despite missing a good few players to injury & illness Spa had a great start with the majority of possession. There was wides on both sides with Spa frustratingly missing a few score-able frees but still finished the first half with a good lead 1-05 to 0-02.

Abbeydorney came out in the second half now with the wind at their back determined to reduce Spa's lead and they did just that with some strong and fast attacks. Again Spa will rue their wides and maybe poor decision makings in the second half. Niamh Quinn was a huge impact sub for



Louis O'Connor, son of Norrita Cronin and Philip O'Connor is all set for Sunday's All Ireland Final

Abbeydorney and her speed troubled Spa's strong defence. Abbeydorney reduced the gap while also keeping Spa scoreless in the second half which led to a very exciting finish with Spa one point up with two minutes to go, they tried to hold possession but Abbeydorney turned it over and ran at the Spa backs to score the equaliser in the final minute. Final score was 1-05 to 0-08. Spa now qualify for the league final against Clounmacon/Moyane, time, date and neutral venue is yet tbc.

SPA ACADEMY

We had a very special morning at the Spa Academy last Saturday as the excitement is building ahead of this weekends All Ireland Final. Spa Blue was swapped for Kerry colours. The children were challenged to create Sam Maguire-inspired arts and crafts — and they didn't disappoint! There were brilliant homemade efforts on show, along with some fantastic good luck messages for the Kerry team.

The ever-popular Muckross Creamery was on hand with ice cream for everyone to enjoy, and we even had a visit from our loveable mascot, Spark, who kept the children entertained from start to finish.

A brilliant morning full of fun, colour, and county pride!

BEST WISHES TO THE KERRY SENIORS AND MANAGEMENT and safe travels to all lucky enough to be in Croke Park this weekend

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KILCUMMIN PARISH

Written by: Helen Moynihan

KILCUMMIN CCE

SET DANCING

Great success was enjoyed by our branch at Fleadh Cheoil na Mumhan this past week in MTU Cork with many Munster medals won by our members and strong representation from the branch now heading to Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann in Wexford from August 3rd to 10th. In set dancing our U12 full set ladies Team Ella were crowned Munster Champions and our U12 full set mixed Team Colm were 2nd with both sets now heading to Wexford. Team Chloe and Team Donnacha also danced superbly in these competitions and were unlucky not to place. Our U15 full set mixed Team Shane were 3rd in what was a very competitive competition and headed home with a Munster medal. Our U18 full set ladies Team Abbie were also crowned Munster Champions as were our Over 18 full set ladies Team Adrian. Team Mary also danced superbly in this competition and will be back again in the future. In the Over 18 mixed half sets, Team Conor are Munster Champions and while Team Aaron gave a fantastic performance they were unlucky to lose out on the day. Finally our Over 18 full set mixed and our Over 35 full set mixed were both placed 2nd and head to Wexford also. Many thanks to the Moriarty School of Dancing for their work with our sets and to the musicians who played for our set dancers throughout the week.

SINGING

In singing Brynn McCarthy placed 2nd in the U12 Ladies Irish and 3rd in the U12 Ladies English competitions which saw her come home with two Munster medals and head to Wexford in the Irish competition. Mary O'Connor gave a superb performance in the 15-18 Ladies English competition but unfortunately it wasn't her day and Mary will no doubt be back again.

MUSIC

In music Colm Fleming had a superb day on Friday in U12 competitions. He is Munster Champion in U12 Melodeon and was placed 2nd in the U12 Button Accordion and heads to Wexford for both competitions. Our U12 Trio of Colm Fleming, Aoibhinn O'Connor and Leah Brosnan were placed 3rd and brought Munster medals home. Aoibhinn also competed very well in two U12 Fiddle competitions.

Eoin Foley, no stranger to these competitions demonstrated his pedigree when he placed 1st and is Munster Champion in Button Accordion aged 12 - 15 and Eoin also placed 2nd in the 12-15 Melodeon and will compete in both competitions in Wexford.

Sean Bulter took up the mantle to represent the branch in the 15-18 Mouth Organ competition and came 2nd which secured safe passage to Wexford.

Michael Healy, a Fleadh stalwart at this stage, competed in the 15-18 Melodeon and was crowned Munster Champion for his fine performance. Sean Butler also competed very strongly here and was placed 2nd which will see him progress to Wexford in this competition also. Furthermore, Sean also placed 3rd in the Button Accordion aged 15 - 18.

The branch is very grateful to all of our competitors, their mentors, families and supporters for their time and dedication and great support and we look forward to travelling to Wexford in three weeks' time to cheer on those lucky enough to have progressed from a very competitive series of Munster competitions.

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KILCUMMIN LOOKING GOOD

Kilcummin Looking Good website is now live and can be viewed at www.kilcumminlookinggood.com. The website has all the up to date information of what the group are involved in and also a wealth of information on the history of Kilcummin, complementing the information sign located in Kilcummin Village. If you have a contribution for the website please contact a member of Kilcummin Looking Good.

KILCUMMIN GAA NOTES By Donal Barry PRO

SUMMER CAMP

The Kilcummin GAA Summer Gaelic Football Camp for Boys & Girls summer camp will take place from Tuesday 5th August to Friday 8th

August, 10am to 1pm and is aimed at children aged 5 to 12 years. The camp will incorporate a wide range of Gaelic Football activities, providing children with learning experiences in an environment of Fun & Enjoyment. Players are divided into various groups according to age & ability. Please contact Julieann on 087 9106421 if you have any queries and/or to register. Places are limited so book early to guarantee a place.

UNDER 12 BOYS

Kilcummin welcomed Kenmare to Kilcummin for the 1st Round of the East Region U12 league, and both our Green and Red teams delivered fantastic performances, securing wins by a few points. The Green Team saw Kyle Morrissey make his first appearance in goal, putting in a strong performance with excellent kick outs. The defence of Luke, Ryan, Daniel, David and Paddy battled hard all night. Dylan and Rowan in the middle of the field worked tirelessly and upfront, Jack, Josh, Thomas and Warren were full of running and caused havoc all night. Meanwhile, the Red Team produced a superb all-round display, controlling the game from start to finish with great teamwork in a well-earned victory. The first half saw Kilcummin set the tone early with some fine scores from multiple players. A dominant midfield and solid defence helped build a strong lead by halftime. Kenmare regrouped after the break, fighting back with some excellent goals, but Kilcummin held firm to secure the win. A big thanks to John and Cormac for refereeing and to Kenmare for a competitive but sporting game.

UNDER 13 LADIES FOOTBALL

Well done to our players Emma Coffey, Aoibhinn O'Leary & Isla Cronin who played with Kerry U13 PDP in 3 blitz games in Co Laois on Saturday.

ALL IRELAND KERRY U16

Congratulations to Sadbh O'Halloran and her Kerry U16 teammates on their fantastic All Ireland win in the All-Ireland Under 16A Final in which they defeated Mayo on Wednesday evening. Great to see an All-Ireland medal heading to the club and a due reward for all of Sadbh's hard work and dedication.

UNDER 14 BOYS

It was a tough opener for the under 14 boys A team in the first round of the East Kerry league when they suffered a 5-17 to 4-3 loss to Legion.

UNDER 16 BOYS

Despite a 3-17 to 3-16 loss in their final round game to Listry our Under 16's have qualified for the Division 1 county semi-final where they are drawn to play Na Gaeil. Goals by Daragh Keane, Oran Lynch and Dean Moynihan had pushed the team into a six-point lead with time almost up but late goals by the visitors edged a highly entertaining contest.

MOTHERS AND OTHERS

Well done to our Mothers & Others team who took part in the Flesk Festival on Saturday! A heartfelt thank you to the Glenflesk Mothers & Others team and management for hosting such a fantastic blitz. Our ladies did Kilcummin GAA Club proud, representing all that's great about Gaelic4Mothers & Others — meeting new people, enjoying the game, and having fun together. This is what it's all about! A special thank you to Tom Leslie, whose ongoing support and valuable guidance are always appreciated. Our Mothers & Others team now heads into a well-earned summer break and will return to training in early September. New members are always welcome! If you're interested in joining for fun, fitness, and football, contact Ann-Marie on 087 904 7274.

GAA LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Monday 14th July for the Jackpot of €2,750 Numbers drawn were 08, 21, 28, 30. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Diarmuid McCarthy, Varsha c/o Our Lady of Lourdes, Killian O'Gorman, and Pdraig O'Connor. Our next draw will be on Tuesday 29th July for Jackpot of €3,000.

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LOTTO

There was no winner on Friday 18th July 2025 of the Jackpot €9,000. Numbers drawn were 11, 12, 13, 28. Consolation prizes of €50 went to the Kelly Family, Ethan O'Sullivan, Mary McGillicuddy, Una O'Leary. The next draw will be on Friday 25th July for Jackpot of €9,200.

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Siro and Ivertec Partner to deliver 10 gigabit fibre broadband connectivity to Kerry businesses

Fibre broadband network operator, SIRO, and Kerry and Munster broadband retailer, Ivertec, have announced the rollout of a 10 Gigabit broadband service in Killarney. SIRO's first 10 Gigabit connection in the region.

The service is designed to enhance Ivertec's existing fibre broadband offering to its significant business customer base. The 10 Gigabit service allows Ivertec to offer Dedicated Internet Access (DIA) services and improved capacity to local businesses, particularly those in the hospitality and retail sectors, where the need for fast and reliable connectivity is essential.

Critically, the circuit also serves as a resilient backup route for Ivertec's national network. This means that if an issue occurs on the network, there is a back-up connection in place to ensure that end user businesses do not experience disruption.

The foundation underpinning Ivertec expanded offering to Kerry and Munster businesses is SIRO's 100% fibre network, delivering symmetrical speeds. The latter means that businesses can enjoy the same level of upload and download speeds, which can be essential for business-critical operations such as video



(Left to right) Aoife O'Reilly, Head of Enterprise, SIRO and Catherine Coffey, Marketing Manager, Ivertec marking the launch of a new 10Gb circuit in Killarney, supporting enhanced broadband connectivity across the region.

conferencing or uploading data to the Cloud. 10 Gigabit fibre broadband will not only allow Ivertec to meet the needs of its customers today but will also ensure that they can seamlessly

continue to provide greater bandwidth and speeds to local businesses, as the latter's data demands grow into the future.

Jack and Jill Charity Boutique Tralee Goes JAM Friendly

The Jack and Jill Children's Foundation is proud to announce that its Tralee Charity Boutique is now officially JAM friendly, following the successful completion of JAM (Just A Minute) training by all staff members across the organisation, including Shop Managers, Nurses, office staff and the family support team.

The JAM Card initiative, developed by the social enterprise NOW Group, allows people with a learning difficulty, autism or communication barrier to discreetly and easily communicate their need for 'Just A Minute' of patience and understanding when in a public setting.

By becoming JAM Card friendly, Jack and Jill is reinforcing its commitment to making its stores and the wider organisation as inclusive and welcoming as possible for everyone in the community.

"We're really proud to have achieved JAM accreditation across all our Jack and Jill Charity Boutiques," said Stacey Bohanna, Head of Retail and Compliance at the Jack and Jill Children's Foundation.

"This training helps ensure our shops are safe, supportive spaces where all customers feel understood and valued. It's a small step that makes a big difference and it reflects our wider commitment to accessibility, inclusion and community care."



Etain Usher, Shop Manager at the Tralee Jack and Jill Charity Boutique.

The Tralee boutique is part of a nationwide network of Jack and Jill Charity Boutiques that help fund vital in-home nursing care and respite support for children with complex medical needs. Currently, Jack and Jill supports 12 children in Kerry and has supported 95 children in the county since the charity was

founded in 1997.

Jack and Jill relies on public support, including funds raised through its Charity Boutiques to deliver this critical care model which is often described as a lifeline for the families its supports.

Jack and Jill is a nationwide charity that funds and provides up to 100 hours per month of in-home nursing care and respite support to families caring for children, up to the age of six, with severe learning disability often associated with complex medical needs.

Typically, these children may be tube fed, oxygen dependent, may not sleep, take seizures, need a lot of medication and require around-the-clock care. Understandably, their parents can be exhausted and need a break, which is where Jack and Jill comes in. Jack and Jill's service operates seven days a week, with no means test, no red tape and no waiting list. Another key part of the service is end-of-life-care for all children up to the age six, irrespective of diagnosis, empowering parents to take their child home to die at this most difficult time.

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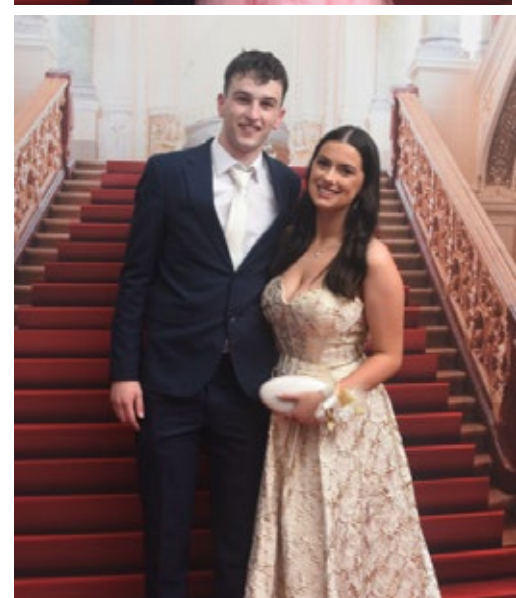
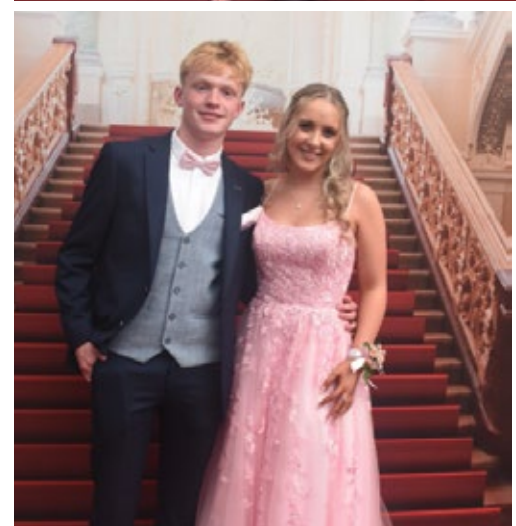
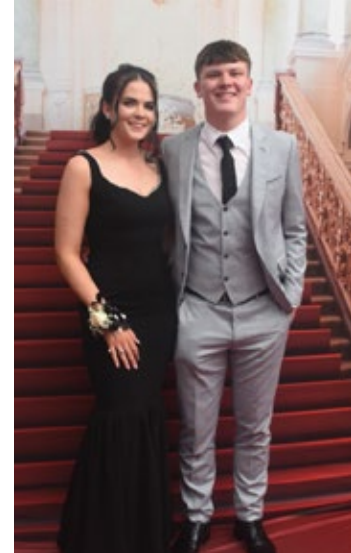
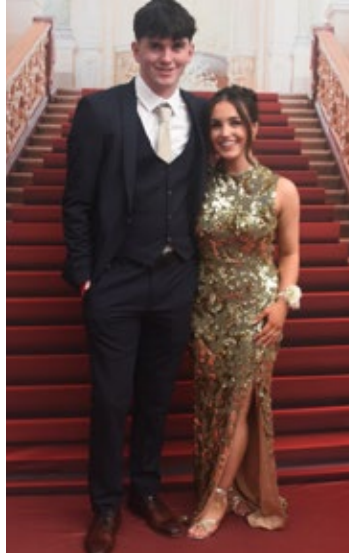
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Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to Section 75 of the Roads Act 1993, and the Temporary Closing of Roads Regulations 1994, Kerry County Council **has decided** to close to public traffic the following streets / car parks in order to facilitate the Homecoming of the Kerry Men's Senior Football Team.

Tralee:

Denny Street, Tralee.

The Kerry Team will travel by bus, down Boherbee and Castle Street, before arriving on stage at the Ashe Hall on Denny Street, Tralee at around 6.00 p.m. on Monday, 28 th July 2025.

Kerry County Council will close Denny Street, The Mall & Ivy Terrace to traffic from 4.00 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. on Monday, 28 th July 2025. There will be no parking on Denny Street from Park Lane to Ashe Hall from 8.00 a.m. on Monday, 28 th July 2025.

All parked cars should be removed from Denny Street and around Ashe Hall by 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 28th July 2025. Any cars left parked on Denny Street after 2.30 p.m. will be at risk of being removed.

Killarney:

College Street, Killarney and The Glebe Carpark, Killarney.

The Kerry Team will travel by bus, down Lewis Road and College Street, before arriving on stage at the Glebe Carpark, Killarney between 7.00 p.m. and 9.00 p.m. on Monday, 28 th July 2025.

Kerry County Council will close College Street to traffic from 4.30 p.m. to 11.00 p.m. on Monday, 28 th July 2025. There will be no parking on either side of College Street from the junction with Fairhill to Plunkett Street from 4.30 p.m. on Monday, 28 th July 2025.

All parked cars should be removed from the Glebe Carpark by 7.00 a.m. on Monday, 28 th July 2025. Any cars left parked in the Glebe Carpark after 7.00 a.m. will be at risk of being removed.

Local Access will be provided for Emergency Services. Traffic diversions will be in place. Kerry County Council regrets any inconvenience caused.

Pádraig Corkery
Senior Executive Officer,
Corporate Affairs.



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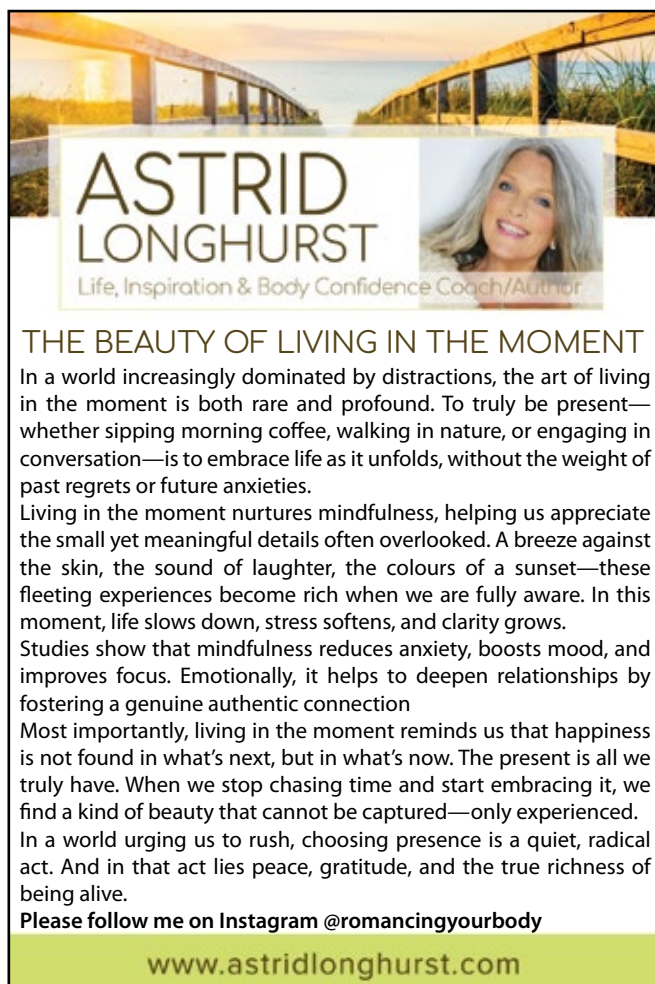
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Life, Inspiration & Body Confidence Coach/Author

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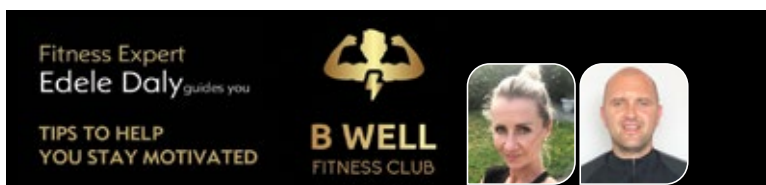


in your pores allowing it to shed more naturally. Dry body brushing will help shed the outer layer of dry rough skin and stimulates new cell turnover. This skin condition is genetic and can get worse during puberty or pregnancy but you can control it by exfoliating and moisturising with your bodyoil daily and it should disappear.

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Q1: Is lifting weights really beneficial for women, or will it make me bulky?

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Q2: I'm new to the gym. Where should I start with weight training?

A: Start with the basics! Focus on bodyweight movements like squats, lunges, push-ups, and planks to build a foundation. Then, add light weights with proper form. Machines can be less intimidating and help you learn safe movement patterns. Don't be afraid to ask staff for help or consider a few sessions with a personal trainer to build confidence.

Q3: How often should women lift weights?

A: Aim for 2–3 strength training sessions per week. This gives your muscles time to recover while still promoting progress. Even 30-minute workouts can be effective if you're consistent. Combine strength work with walking, light cardio, or flexibility sessions for a well-rounded routine.

Q4: Is strength training safe during different life stages (like pregnancy or menopause)?

A: Yes—when done appropriately. During pregnancy, many women continue lifting with modified routines, focusing on safety and core stability. After childbirth and during menopause, strength training becomes even more important to maintain bone density, muscle mass, and balance. Always check with a doctor and work with professionals trained in women's fitness.

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COLOUR VISION DEFICIENCY

Most people with a colour vision deficiency (CVD) are able to see things as clearly as other people but they have difficulty distinguishing between some colours. This may have an impact upon a child's performance at school or on the sports field and can also affect career options, for example becoming an electrician or a pilot. As most people with a colour vision deficiency can see some colours. There are some people who are unable to see any colour at all, but this is very rare.

In the normal eye there are three different types of cones. Some cones are best at capturing long wavelength (red) light. Others catch medium wavelength (green) light, while other cones respond best to short wavelength (blue) light. The signals from these cones are sent to the brain where they are perceived as colour. People with CVD are born with one or more cone types absent or different. Most people with CVD are red/green deficient, which means they mix up all colours with some red or green in them. For example, a red/green CVD person will confuse blue and purple because they can't 'see' the red element in purple. This is more severe in some forms of CVD than in others.

Who is affected by colour vision deficiency?
Colour vision may be affected

by some eye diseases, but the most common cause of CVD is genetic. The gene for this is transmitted on the X chromosome (from your mother) and so it mainly affects men and boys, with around 8% of males and 0.5% of females having CVD. There are around 3 million people in the UK with some kind of CVD.

What are the symptoms of colour blindness?

If someone has CVD they may have difficulties distinguishing between different types of food – for example mistaking chocolate sauce for ketchup. It may also be very hard to get a child with CVD to try green vegetables as they will look unappetising. Older children may confuse the red and green lights on their games console. If you have any concerns about your child's vision, a sight test is recommended.

How do you treat colour vision deficiency?

There is currently no cure for genetic CVD. Your optometrist may suggest using colour filters on your glasses, or coloured contact lenses. People with illnesses that have led to CVD, may find that their vision returns to normal when their illness has been treated.

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KILLARNEY SWIMMING CLUB

Killarney Swimming Club members Ella Cremin, Cathal Mackey and Cathal Larkin are ready to compete at the 2025 Irish Summer National Youth & Senior Championships this week.

The Sport Ireland National Aquatic Centre, Dublin will host the Irish Summer National Youth & Senior Championships where the top swimmers in the country aged 15 and over will compete for the title of Irish Youth/Senior Champion. Competition takes place over 5 days, Wednesday 23rd July - Sunday 27th July.

Cathal, Ella & Cathal have been training alongside Kingdom Swimming Club in Tralee for the past eight weeks in preparation for the event. This targeted training has involved daily pool sessions, a gym programme and practice sessions at UL. The swimmers are led by their Head Coach Sean Farndon and Kingdom Coaches Ger McDonnell and Spela Cvar. The club would like to thank Kingdom for all of their support during this training. Having the two clubs come together and support each other has been of huge benefit to the swimmers. This is the highest number of swimmers the club has had at the Youth & Senior Nationals. We wish our swimmers and the Kingdom Swimmers the very best of luck this weekend as they compete at the top level in the country.

WORKMAN'S ROWING CLUB

LOOKING AHEAD

Valentia County Championships Race – Saturday, 26th July 2025

As summer reaches its height and the sun takes centre stage, we're excited to attend the annual Valentia County Championships Race, taking



Pictured are Cathal Mackey, Ella Cremin, Cathal Larkin and Head Coach Sean Farndon.

place on Saturday, 26th July 2025 on beautiful Valentia Island

Preparations are well underway — our crews and management team are in full swing, fine-tuning boats and sharpening their skills for what promises to be a fantastic day of racing and celebration.

Coastal rowing will be on full display throughout the weekend, adding even more colour and excitement to the annual festivities on Valentia Island.

We're looking forward to enjoying the sunshine(hopefully) and soaking in the electric atmosphere of one of the highlights of our summer rowing calendar in Kerry.

Best of luck to all our crews on the day – see you on Valentia Island.

ONGOING TRAINING

Regular training sessions continue as scheduled throughout the week. Consistency and

teamwork in training remain key — keep showing up, pushing forward, and supporting one another.

BEST OF LUCK THIS WEEKEND TO KERRY

Best wishes to Kerry Senior Football team this weekend in Croke Park. A huge shout-out and best wishes to Michael Burns & Dara Moynihan Kerry Abú!

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



Glenflesk Gaelic for Mothers & Others team received a new set of jerseys generously sponsored by Mary Cahill of Happy Hearts Childcare Ltd ahead of the Flesk Flesk G4M&O's tournament last weekend. The jerseys were presented to the team by Mary's daughter Ali.

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SHOCK AT THE CLOSURE OF KILLARNEY BREWERY



The news that Killarney Brewing and Distilling Company is to cease operations came as a great shock and was greeted with sadness throughout Kerry, according to Fianna Fáil TD, Michael Cahill. With the loss of 50 jobs and uncertainty around local investment in barrels of Killarney Whiskey, the effect on the local economy will be devastating for some people. "Killarney Brewing and Distillery Company is iconic in Kerry, with its locally produced beers

and spirits being a great attraction in local bars and restaurants. I will be looking for all avenues of rescue to be investigated, to ensure that this amazing project can continue to operate and flourish into the future" stated Deputy Cahill. "The imposition of tariffs by President Donald Trump could not have come at a worse time, as I believe the success of this fantastic project could depend on the volume of exports of Killarney Whiskey to the United States. The

brand name of Killarney was vital too, as it carries quite a lot of weight in the USA, but nobody could have foreseen the tariffs, which make for nervous investors" said the Kerry Teachta Dála. "I would be honoured to make myself available to facilitate meetings of all and any stakeholders involved. We need to work fast and smart here, if we are to pull this back from the brink" added Michael Cahill TD.

GNEEVEGUILLA GRAVEYARD



In response to representations made by Fianna Fáil's Spokesperson for Older People, Michael Cahill TD, Kerry County Council advise that they have made a number of approaches to landowners in Gneeveguilla, who have land suitable for use as a Graveyard, but they advise that those holdings are not for sale. Other nearby parcels of land are unsuitable for such use, due to rock and groundwater levels.

"This is very unsettling for residents of Gneeveguilla and its surrounding area, as it could mean that land suitable for graveyard use may have to be sourced at a different location, possibly outside the Parish than at the present location on the grounds of the Church of the Holy Rosary" stated the Kerry Teachta Dála.

"There is growing concern in Gneeveguilla that loved ones may have to be buried outside the Parish. It is absolutely crucial

that land is sourced in or around the village for a Burial Ground and in that context I am calling on Kerry County Council and the new Chief Executive, Fearghal Reidy to make every effort to acquire a half acre plot of land" stated Deputy Cahill.

"Equally so, I am calling on any landowner who may have suitable lands in Gneeveguilla to make contact with either Peter Bradley in the Burial Ground Department in Kerry County Council or to contact me directly if they so wish" said the Fianna Fáil man.

"The minimum depth for a burial without encountering groundwater or rock is to a depth of 2.65 meters and this limits the options open to the Council in Gneeveguilla. Should any potentially suitable land for a Burial Ground come available for consideration, then the Council will carryout further assessments on the land" said Deputy Cahill.

"This issue arose not that long ago in Beaufort also and thankfully I was able to facilitate meetings between the stakeholders involved, eventually bringing a positive solution. I can assure the people of Gneeveguilla that I am at their disposal, to act as an intermediary or facilitator on their behalf, on what is an extremely anxious issue" added Michael Cahill TD.

Cahills Welcome Confirmed Kerry All-Ireland Day Trains – Full Schedule Announced

Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry Michael Cahill and Kerry County Councillor Tommy Cahill have today warmly welcomed the official confirmation of the special train services for Kerry GAA supporters travelling to and from Dublin for the All-Ireland Football Final on Sunday, July 27th.

Following strong representations to Iarnród Éireann in recent weeks, the Cahills are delighted to announce the full list of special services, which will provide a crucial transport lifeline for fans eager to support the Kingdom in their clash with Donegal at Croke Park.

The confirmed train schedule is as follows:

Morning Services – Kerry to Dublin (Heuston):

06:40 – Tralee to Heuston

07:10 – Tralee to Heuston

08:20 – Killarney to Heuston

09:15 – Killarney to Heuston

Evening Return Services – Dublin (Heuston) to Kerry:

19:05 – Heuston to Tralee

19:20 – Heuston to Tralee

19:50 – Heuston to Killarney

20:10 – Heuston to Tralee

20:50 – Heuston to Tralee

"These additional services are a huge boost for Kerry fans and we're thrilled to see our efforts deliver such a comprehensive transport solution," said Deputy Michael Cahill. "It's a great day for Kerry and for everyone planning their journey to support the team."



"We want to thank Iarnród Éireann once again for responding to the call and delivering for Kerry supporters," added Councillor Tommy Cahill. "This is exactly the kind of cooperation we need between public representatives and public bodies to support community needs."

"These services will sell out fast," Deputy Cahill warned. "So we're urging all supporters to act quickly when bookings open tomorrow (Monday 21st). Let's get the Kingdom's supporters to Croke Park safely and in huge numbers".

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Cost of Running a Car in Ireland Hits €10,373 in 2025



New analysis by OUTsurance Ireland has revealed that Irish motorists can expect to spend an average of €10,373 annually to keep an average petrol or diesel car on the road in 2025, highlighting the growing burden on car owners.

From maintenance and depreciation to fuel and parking, the cost of running a car now equates to €864 per month or approximately €28 per day. Using Ireland's most popular car - the Hyundai Tucson - as a benchmark, OUTsurance's experts have compiled analysis to give the public a clear and comprehensive view of the real costs associated with motoring.

Key Factors Driving the Cost of Car Ownership

Fuel (€1,560/year)

Fuel remains a significant outlay for most drivers, especially amid ongoing price fluctuations. Based on SEAI data, fuel costs €10.40 per 100km at a price of €1.76 per litre for petrol or €8.60 per 100km based on a cost of €1.68 per litre for diesel as of July 2025. For a 1.6L Hyundai Tucson travelling 15,000km annually, this translates to approximately €1,560 a year.

Insurance (€616/year)

According to the Central Bank's 2024 National Claims Information Database, the average car insurance premium in Ireland sits at €616. OUTsurance encourages consumers to shop around, with many of their car insurance customers reporting an average saving of €97 on renewals.

Depreciation (€6,274/year)

The steepest cost comes from depreciation. A 2024 Hyundai Tucson valued at €40,000 will have depreciated by approximately €6,274 over the course of this year, based on standard valuation tools.

Motor Tax (€435/year)

Tax costs depend on vehicle emissions. With a range of 141–187 g/km for the Hyundai Tucson, motor tax is estimated at €435 annually.

NCT Testing (€60/year)

Routine testing is a legal requirement. At €60 per test, most cars under 10 years old are tested every two years, averaging €30 per annum. Retests incur a €40 fee if needed.

Maintenance & Servicing (€736/year)

Annual upkeep, from regular servicing (€249) to unforeseen costs such as replacing tyres and general maintenance like car washes, totals €736 per year on average. OUTsurance's experts have highlighted how regular upkeep and careful driving on the roads can save motorists money in this regard.

Tolls (€208/year)

Frequent motorway users will spend approximately €208 annually on tolls, assuming 80 trips at an average cost of €2.60 each. With toll costs ranging from €1.70 to €3.50 depending on when a driver is travelling and which toll road they use, motorists could pay at least €208 annually on average. Careful route planning can help to avoid tolls in some instances.

Parking (€484/year)

Across Ireland, parking costs range from €1.20 to €5 per hour, depending on the location. As a result, the average motorist can pay for parking for around 156 hours in a year, equating to €484 annually.

New RSA Report Highlights Stark Risks for Motorcyclists on Irish Roads

Report shows 105 motorcyclists killed and 884 seriously injured between 2020 and 2024

The Road Safety Authority (RSA) has published a sobering new report highlighting the significant risks facing motorcyclists on Irish roads. The Motorcyclist Spotlight Report: Fatalities and Serious Injuries, 2020 to 2024 reveals that 105 motorcyclists lost their lives and 884 were seriously injured during the five-year period, accounting for 14% of all road fatalities and 12% of serious injuries.

Based on Irish collision data, the report shows that young to middle-aged men remain the most vulnerable, with 65% of motorcyclist fatalities aged 16–45 and 100% of fatalities being male. The majority of serious injuries were male (93%) and 82% were aged 16–55.

Key findings from the report indicate that between 2020 and 2024:

An average of 21 motorcyclist fatalities and 177 serious injuries per year.

40% of fatalities occurred between 1pm and 5pm, with another 10% between 8pm and 9pm.

Half of all motorcyclist fatalities took place at the weekend (Saturday–Sunday).

74% of motorcyclist deaths occurred on rural roads, with Dublin and Cork accounting for the highest numbers of both fatalities and serious injuries.

27% of deaths happened at junctions and 63% involved collisions with other vehicles – the other vehicles most commonly being cars (59%) and light goods vehicles (13%).

Serious injuries peaked between May and September, particularly in June (13%).

Two thirds of serious injuries occurred between 12pm and 8pm, with Sunday the most dangerous day (22%).

Failure to observe was identified as the most common contributory action in multi-vehicle collisions resulting in serious injuries.

The RSA is calling on all road users to increase vigilance, particularly during the summer months when serious motorcyclist injuries typically rise.

Ms. O'Connor added: "We must act now to reverse these figures. We all have a part to play in protecting the most vulnerable on our roads. We're urging drivers to take a second look before pulling out or turning – this is a life-saver look and we all need to build it into our every trip. We also need for motorcyclists to prioritise safe riding at all times."



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REIGNING CHAMPIONS DEFEATED IN ALL IRELAND SEMI FINAL

Meath 2-12 | Kerry 1-9

By Daire Walsh

Kerrie Cole and Sarah Wall struck goals in either half at Glenisk O'Connor Park in Tullamore on Saturday as Meath booked a return to the TG4 All-Ireland senior football championship final for the first time since 2022 by dethroning reigning champions Kerry.

Although their opponents raced two points clear in the early moments with unanswered efforts from Siofra O'Shea (free) and Anna Galvin, a Meath side that were buoyed by an excellent knockout triumph at home to Tipperary 13 days earlier subsequently edged in front with three scores on the bounce from Marion Farrelly, Emma Duggan and Ciara Smyth.

While a fine point from play by O'Shea had Kerry back on level terms, Meath rocked their Munster rivals on 18 minutes when Cole cut in from the right and smashed an unstoppable shot into the opposition net via the underside off the crossbar.

After Duggan converted a close-range Meath free, Niamh Ní Chonchúir chipped in with a much-needed brace for a Kerry side that spurned a number of scoring opportunities in the opening period. Traded points between Farrelly and O'Shea ensured the Royals brought a 1-5 to 0-6 cushion into the interval, but the Kingdom turned the game on its head when Rathmore attacker Danielle O'Leary bagged a superb goal within two minutes of the resumption.

However, Meath didn't panic and they squeezed back into the ascendancy with points from Duggan and Aoibhin Cleary. Although O'Shea and Caoimhe Evans split the uprights for Kerry in a tense third-quarter, these scores arrived either side of an expertly-taken Meath goal by marauding defender Sarah Wall — whose sister Vikki got through a lot of hard work for the Royals — after 40 minutes.

Smyth and influential Kerry ace O'Shea added further points for their respective outfits as the second half progressed, but Meath were on the brink of victory when former team captain Shauna Ennis and current skipper Cleary registered quickfire scores to leave their side four ahead inside the closing 10 minutes.

The influential Duggan added a two-point salvo as the final whistle approached to make sure Kerry were kept at bay and the Royals — Brendan Martin Cup champions in 2021 and 2022 — can now look forward to a showpiece affair against the winners of today's other semi-final between Dublin and Galway at Croke Park on August 3.

Niamh Carmody of Kerry in action against Sarah Wall of Meath during the TG4 All-Ireland Ladies Football Senior Championship semi-final match between Meath and Kerry at Glenisk O'Connor Park in Tullamore, Offaly.

Photo: Piaras Ó Midheach/
Sportsfile



Scorers – Meath: E Duggan 0-5 (4f), S Wall, K Cole 1-0 each, A Cleary, M Farrelly, C Smyth 0-2 each, S Ennis 0-1.

Kerry: S O'Shea 0-5 (4f), D O'Leary 1-0, N Ní Chonchúir 0-2, A Galvin, C Evans 0-1 each.

MEATH: R Murray; A Sheridan, MK Lynch, K Newe; A Cleary, S Wall, K Kealy; O Sheehy, M Farrelly; M Thynne, N Gallogly, C Smyth; E Duggan, V Wall, K Cole. Subs: S Ennis for Newe (32), K Birmingham for Sheehy (40), N McEntee for Cole (57).

KERRY: ME Bolger; E Lynch, D Kearney, C Lynch; A O'Connell, E Costello, A Dillane; M O'Connell, A Galvin; N Carmody, N Ní Chonchúir, C Evans; J Lucey, S O'Shea, D O'Leary. Subs: R Dwyer for Lucey (37), R Rahilly for Kearney (39), K Enright for Galvin (50), F O'Donoghue for O'Connell (52), N Quinn for Dillane (53).

Referee: Maggie Farrelly (Cavan).





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BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB (LADIES)

EILEEN MURPHY GREENSOMES

Grainne McShortall & Maeve Quirke were the winners and will represent Beaufort in the Regional Final at Cork GC on 1st September.

EXCHANGE DAY AT CEANN SIBEAL 20TH JULY. 18 HOLE STABLEFORD, SPONSORED BY THE LADIES; CLUB.

1st: Marie Flood (23) 30 points (B3)

2nd: Colleen Coffey (20) 30 points

3rd: Joan O'Sullivan (25) 28 points

NEXT WEEKENDS COMPETITION FOR LADIES, 26TH/27TH JULY, will be 18 hole Stroke Play (Golfer of the Year Round 4). Sponsored by Daybreak, Beaufort.

THE OPEN DAY AT BEAUFORT GC will be held on Monday 4th August, 4 ball better ball, separate competitions for men and women. Sponsored by Killeen House Hotel (ladies) and Killarney Park Hotel (men).

BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB

RESULTS FROM COMPETITION 26/270TH JULY - CEANN SIBEAL EXCHANGE DAY SPONSORED BY DINGLE SKELLIG HOTEL

White tees;

1st: Ciaran Kennedy (18) 40 points

2nd: Thomas Cosgrove (19) 34 points (last 3 holes)

Yellow tees;

1st: Brian White (19) 34 points

2nd: Manjit Gill (16) 31 points. (last 9 holes).

COMPETITION 26/27TH JULY STABLEFORD sponsored by EBS Castleisland and Killarney.

KILLARNEY GOLF & FISHING CLUB (LADIES)

MIXED FOURSOME KINDLY SPONSORED BY MURPHY'S BAR & TOWNHOUSE 18TH JULY 2025 ON MAHONY'S POINT

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2nd: Mary Looney & Paddy Looney, (25) 42pts

3rd: Patricia Walsh & Tony Walsh, (27) 39pts

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2nd: Katie O'Connell (19) 44 pts

3rd: Mary Looney (22) 43 pts

4th: Marie O'Brien (17) 43 pts

5th: Isabelle Roberts (8) 40 pts

6th: Geraldine Collins (20) 40 pts

7th: Mary O'Rourke (24) 39 pts

8th: Catherine Walsh (33) 39 pts

9th: Patricia Walsh (29) 37 pts

Longest Drive on Hole 11th: Alicia Burke

Nearest the Pin on Hole 18th: Annette McNeice

13 Hole Winner: Mary Treacy (28) 26 pts

NEXT FIXTURE will be Hayes Cup kindly sponsored by O'Brien Coffey McSweeney

GOY PRIZE 18 HOLE SINGLE STROKE & 11 HOLE STABLEFORD played on Killeen Course on 26th & 27th July 2025.



Ross Ladies Golf Club Noreen Moore team who won against Parknasilla. Pictured from left to right Bridie Brosnan, Kitty O'Grady, Breda O'Farrell, Jennifer Nash, Emer Coffey, Brenda Kelliher, Lady Captain Elaine Casey, Betty O'Farrell, Therese O'Keeffe, Noreen O'Mahony and Mona Looney

ROSS GC (GENTS)

RESULTS

ON JULY 19TH AND 20TH, OUR LADY CAPTAIN, MS ELAINE CASEY HELD HER CAPTAIN'S PRIZE TO THE GENTS CLUB.

The winners were :-

1st: Barry O'Grady 37 (12)

2nd: Gerard Murphy 37 (22)

Division 1 (PH 0-12)

1st: Dan Cronin 36 (10)

2nd: Alan Flynn 35 (6)

Division 2 (PH 13-20)

1st: Michael J O'Sullivan 37 (14)

2nd: Johnny Brosnan 33 (13)

Division 3 (PH 21+)

1st: Denis O'Riordan 34 (30)

2nd: Mark O'Donoghue 33 (22)

ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB

NOREEN MOORE COMPETITION

Congratulations to the Ross Golf Club Noreen Moore team who had a great win against Parknasilla Golf Club in Parknasilla. Well done to Manager Noreen O'Mahony.

COMPETITIONS

Captain Peter Wickham's prize to the Ladies, Saturday 26th July 2025. Enter via the BRS App.

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS MEET & PLAY

Meet and play every Wednesday morning. Meet in the Club House 10.00am tee off 10.30am. Enter via the BRS App. All Members welcome.

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KERRY PITCH & PUTT CLUB

EUROPEAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Deerpark's Damien Fleming added another honour to his already glittering Pitch & Putt career last weekend as he was a member of the Irish Mens Pitch & Putt team that retained the European Team Championships in Lucan in Dublin in convincing fashion.

Ireland were the defending champions from the event last held in 2018 as home advantage was made more that count during the three days of play. The initial Strokeplay round to decide the order of the nine nationals involved saw Ireland

finish 21 shots ahead of Great Britain in topping the standings as they ended up in an initial group with Switzerland and Galicia. They had 6-0 wins in both encounters as Damien defeated the Swiss' Giovanni Volentik 3&2 and Galicia's David Rodriguez 4&3 in his two matches.

Those wins meant Ireland went into a Championship Group with the other two group winners Catalonia and Great Britain as Damien partnered with Limerick's Kieran Earls in the Doubles. They defeated Catalan pair Marc Lloret & Alex Albinana 4&3 with Damien subsequently beating Lloret 4&3 in the Singles match. Ireland had a 8-1 win overall against the Catalans as victory in Sunday morning's game against Great Britain would assure them of the title. It was flawless in Ireland winning 9-0 as Fleming combined with Earls again for a 2&1 win over Liam Malone & Steve Deeble in the Doubles as Damien then had a 3&2 win over John Deeble in the Singles to complete his tournament.

The win follows on from Damien's Irish World Cup win last autumn as the specific win itself last weekend was 20 years after Damien's Deerpark club-mate Derry McCarthy captained Ireland to victory in this event in Holland. The County Board congratulates Damien and the Irish team on their victory along with the Irish Ladies side who also won their event.

ARDNACRUSHA SCRATCH CUP

Elsewhere last Saturday at the Ardnacrusha Scratch Cup saw Deerpark's Eileen McCarthy (Gross) and Tralee's Charlotte Blake (Nett) win the two Ladies prizes in the competition.

COUNTY U16 BOYS STROKEPLAY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Closer to home the County U16 Boys Strokeplay Championships took place on Tuesday July 15th last in Tralee with the overall title requiring a nine-hole playoff to decide the outcome after both Deerpark's Fionn McMonagle and Tralee's Tommy Murray tied on 116. Fionn was victorious by five shots in the extra holes in claiming the overall title from Tommy as the 13-15 section was dominated by Listowel with Ruairi Turbinski winning by four shots from his club-mate Mason Sheehy Elston on a score of 119.

The 8-12 section was won by Deerpark's Aodhan O'Halloran meanwhile on 118 with Joey Blake from the host club second on 127. The County Strokeplay was also the event that saw confirmation of the three Kerry teams that will

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represent the county in the Munster U16 Singles & Inter-County Championships in Crosshaven in Cork this Saturday.

Gold Team

Aodhan O'Halloran (Deerpark)
Fionn McMonagle (Deerpark)
Mason Sheehy Elston (Listowel)
Thomas Keane (Listowel)

Green Team

Fionn O'Callaghan (Deerpark)
Tommy Daly (Listowel)
Thomas O'Sullivan (Deerpark)
Diarmuid Lyons (Listowel)

White Team

Daniel Quinlan (Deerpark)
Sean Stack (Listowel)
Ruairi Turbinski (Listowel)
Joey Blake (Tralee)

Well done to all those who qualified and best wishes to them and the other Kerry players taking part in Crosshaven this Saturday.

NATIONAL STROKEPLAY QUALIFIERS

this Friday sees the National Strokeplay Qualifiers take place in Tralee as they have been brought forward in order to avoid a clash with the All-Ireland Football Final on Sunday.

DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB

EUROPEAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

A flawless performance from Damien Fleming on top of a near flawless display from the Irish Mens team in general as they retained the European Team Title for the country in the first staging of the event in seven years in Lucan in Dublin. Damien won all his matches through the weekend as Ireland finished top of the pile ahead of both Catalonia and Great Britain in the Championship section. The club congratulates Damien on adding to his World Cup medal from last year ahead of a big month on the Singles front for him now.

U16 BOYS COUNTY STROKEPLAY & INTER-COUNTY TEAMS

Congratulations to Fionn McMonagle on his victory in the County U16 Boys Strokeplay in Tralee on Tuesday July 15th last after a nine-hole playoff. Congrats also to Aodhan O'Halloran on winning the Boys 8-12 section as both Fionn and Aodhan have qualified for the Kerry 'Gold' U16 Team this year. Thomas O'Sullivan and Fionn O'Callaghan are our representatives on the 'Green' team meanwhile with Daniel Quinlan

making the 'White' team. We wish them well in presenting both club and county this Saturday at the Munster Championships in Crosshaven in Cork.

ARDNACRUSHA SCRATCH CUP

Congratulations to Eileen McCarthy on winning the Ladies Gross prize at this event last Saturday.

SUNDAY DRAWS

Two Ball Betterball- Nett: Bobby Kelly & Aidan O'Keefe 41½ and Gross: Gearoid Cronin & Bobby Kelly 49.

SUMMER SERIES IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE FLESK RESTAURANT

Wednesday July 16th Results- Winners: Brian McCarthy, Alan O'Sullivan, Fionn O'Callaghan & Fionn Culloty, Runners-Up: Bobby Kelly, Shane Morrissey, Seb Meehan & Ronan Browne.

U16 CLUB COMPETITION

Wednesday July 16th- First Nett: Daniel Quinlan 37 (B9), Gross: Fionn McMonagle 53, Second Nett: Liam Lyne 37.

NATIONAL STROKEPLAY QUALIFIERS

Best Wishes to those heading to Tralee on Friday evening (July 25th) for these. Please note they have been brought forward in order to avoid a clash with the All-Ireland Football Final on Sunday.



Deerpark's Damien Fleming pictured with his parents Maureen and Tadghie after being a part of the Irish Mens team that won the European Team Championships in Lucan in Dublin last weekend.



Pictured at the presentation of prizes for the County U16 Boys Pitch & Putt Strokeplay Championships in Tralee on Tuesday July 15th last were L to R: Joey Blake (Tralee, 8-12 Runner-Up), Ruairi Turbinski (Listowel, 13-15 Winner), Tommy Murray (Tralee, Overall Runner-Up), Fionn McMonagle (Deerpark, Overall Winner), Mason Sheehy Elston (Listowel, 13-15 Runner-Up) and Aodhan O'Halloran (Deerpark, 8-12 Winner).

Killarney Valley AC's Oisín Lynch Selected for Irish U20 European Championship Team

Oisín Lynch of Killarney Valley AC has been named to the Irish U20 team for the upcoming European Athletics Championships, which will take place in Tampere, Finland from August 7th to 10th.

The 800m athlete secured his spot on the national team after running the qualifying standard of 1:48 on two separate occasions in recent weeks. This marks Lynch's third international call-up, confirming his rising status in Irish middle-distance running. Currently on an athletics scholarship at Adams State University in Colorado, USA, Oisín has just completed a strong first year, balancing college commitments with a demanding summer racing schedule across both Ireland and Europe. The European Championships had been his primary focus this season, and his selection is a reflection


of months of disciplined training and top-level performances.

"This result is a testament to his relentless work ethic and consistency at the highest level," Jerh Griffith from Killarney Valley AC said.


Oisín's selection adds to what has already been a landmark year for Killarney Valley AC, as he becomes the third athlete from the club to earn international honours in 2025. He joins teammates Sarah Leahy and Babatunde Smith in representing Ireland on the international stage, a proud achievement for the club and the local athletics community. Oisín will return to Adams State before the end of August to begin his second year, bringing with him the experience and momentum of another major championship appearance.




Oisín Lynch of Killarney Valley AC



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AGM

The following officers were elected at the recent club AGM. Presidents: Fr Padraig Kennelly, Sean Murphy & Donal Groves. Chairman: Danny Cronin. Vice Chairman: Alan Finn.

Secretary: John Kelly. Schoolboy/Girl secretary: Anthony Mckenna. Treasurers: Stephen o'Brien & Donal Groves. PRO: Alan Finn & Miriam o'Donoghue. Club Registrar: Ger Fitzgerald. Child Protection officers: Miriam o'Donoghue & Edele Greensmyth. Committee: above plus John Joe Dowd, Dan Quilter, Dave Kelly, Maurice o'Donoghue, Jerry Fitzgerald, Tim Teahan, Eileen Quilter, Donal o'Donoghue, Tim Fitzgerald, Dan Cooper & Owen Nealon.

50TH CELEBRATIONS

The club will mark the 50th anniversary of the club on Sunday 24th August at Murt Scott Park with a day of Football, Fun & Food. All welcome.

KILLARNEY CELTIC

CADBURY KICK FIT in association with the FAI continues on Wednesdays at Killarney Celtic. Starting time is 7pm and the training runs for 1 hour until 8pm. It is open to women over 18 years of age and all levels of ability.

CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 4, 15, 16, 23. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €150. Next jackpot €7,000 on Tuesday July 29th. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through clubzap.



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VICTORY FOR KERRY OVER ATHLONE TOWN

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REPORT: David Moriarty

On Friday evening, Kerry FC embarked on their third year in the Sports Direct Men's FAI Cup as they took on Athlone Town in Mounthawk Park. The cup game week was a well-needed break for Kerry FC from the league, as they had lost four straight games and were in dire need of a boost to their current form.

For Athlone Town, their form has not been much better. The Midlands side have not won a game since the ninth of May and would be desperate to change their fortunes around in the FAI Cup. Kerry were given a huge boost in their attacking threat last Saturday evening in Longford as new striker Robbie Cleary got off the mark in his debut. Cleary looked to start his first home game on Friday evening against Athlone, and it was certain he would be given a great reception by the Mounthawk Park faithful in a must-win game for the Kingdom.

The first opportunity for Athlone Town came in close range for Gideon Tetteh. He got the ball in a dangerous area from Kyle O'Connor and was in a brilliant position to score, but skied his chance from an opportunity that really should have been taken.

The next chance in the game came to the visitors once again. A few intricate passes led to a well-struck pass across the six-yard box from Athlone, but Mathyas Randriamamy saved it. Kerry were conceding chances but had not managed to get many of their own inside the opening twenty minutes. Martin Scally was the next to have a shot on goal as his long-range effort outside the area was moving a lot in the air but went over the crossbar to the relief of the home support.

Daniel Okwute had Kerry FC's first big chance of the evening on the half-hour mark when his shot/cross was very close to finding the back of the net, but it went just wide. It was much better from the Kingdom as they tried to turn the screw in the game.

In the final attack of the half, an Arran Healy shot on the edge of the area went just over the crossbar. Healy felt like it should have been a corner and got a yellow card for his protests. Kerry finished the first half well as they hoped to bring the same intensity into the second forty-five.

At the beginning of the second half, it was much of the same story as the first half. Both sides were doing well going forward, but little to no end product on either side. That would change, however, in the fifty-fifth minute when Jason Folarin Oyenuga, who was electric for the visitors all night, cut in on the left-hand side and took a shot on goal. Oyenuga's shot was timid and still managed to make its way past Mathyas Randriamamy, putting the away side in the lead. Five minutes later, Kerry FC had their biggest



Robbie Cleary got off the mark in his debut game with Kerry FC

opportunity of the evening as Robbie Cleary was bearing down on goal. His shot was saved by Lee Axworthy Duggan, and he was still scrambling, but it was eventually cleared by Athlone Town. Everyone in Mounthawk Park was left scratching their heads as to how the ball stayed out.

Kerry FC were coming back into the game well and had another big chance of a leveller in the sixty-ninth minute. Daniel Okwute did superbly to get away from his marker on the left-hand side and gave a low, hard cross across the six-yard box, but Dylan Hand was there to keep the danger at bay in a huge moment of fear for the leaders.

Dean Williams had the chance to put the game beyond doubt for Athlone Town as a pass into the six-yard box from Gideon Tetteh found Williams, whose shot was saved superbly by Mathyas Randriamamy. As time passed on, Kerry FC needed something to turn the tide of the game and get themselves back in the tie.

Kerry FC were pushing for the equaliser with consecutive corners in quick succession, but on each occasion, they were being cleared convincingly by Athlone Town. Carl Mujaguzi came close to that all-needed equaliser in the ninety-second minute, but he headed over the crossbar off the back of a Joe Adams corner.

In the final minutes of the game, Kerry FC kept pressing and won themselves a free kick twenty-five yards from goal. Joe Adams stepped up and stuck the effort into the top right corner, bringing the game to extra time. A goal that Kerry FC really deserved in the overall grand scheme of the game, as they pushed for a winner after the ninety. And as fast as you could imagine, after the restart, Kerry FC were in the lead. A brilliant

run from Daniel Okwute on the right wing led to a thumping pass across the six-yard box, and, unlike earlier in the game, there was someone this time to get on the end of it, and it was Kennedy Amechi who put the Kingdom in the lead for the first time on the night.

Kerry FC from then on out were by far the better side and played the remainder of extra time with pure class and saw out extra time to advance into the third round of the Sports Direct Men's FAI Cup. An unbelievable display of grit by this Kerry FC side, who have shown their vulnerabilities at times, but on the night, they showed how much of an unbreakable spirit they continue to have. They will want to keep the momentum going as they now put their focus on next Friday evening when they take on UCD AFC in Mounthawk Park as we return to league action.

KERRY FC TEAM: 30. Mathyas Randriamamy, 15. Kevin Williams, 18. Samuel Aladesanusi, 28. Niall Brookwell, 5. Chris McQueen, 11. Daniel Okwute, 6. Carl Mujaguzi, 8. Ronan Teahan, 35. Arran Healy, 7. Sean McGrath (C), 14. Robbie Cleary.

SUBS: Darragh Foley, Cian Brosnan, Abel Alabi, Finn Barrett, Sean O'Connell, Alex Dunne, Joe Adams (GOAL '96), Kennedy Amechi (GOAL AET '91)

ATHLONE TOWN TEAM: 99. Lee Axworthy Duggan, 3. Kyle O'Connor, 5. Dylan Hand, 6. Jason Folarin Oyenuga (GOAL '55), 8. Martin Scally, 9. Dean Williams, 12. Cole Omorehiomwan, 15. Ben Feeney, 24. Gideon Tetteh, 26. Billy Gilmore, 29. Reece Webb.

SUBS: Andrew Stuart Trainor, Daniel McKenna, Eoin Sheeran, Kyle Robinson, Noe Baba, Oisín Duffy, Will Smith, Adam Lennon.



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The 2025 Championship has ushered in a new era for Gaelic Football, largely thanks to the Football Review Committee's rule enhancements. These changes have brought a season of intense, high-scoring matches, making the games thrillingly unpredictable. All eyes are now on the final, a clash between Kerry and Donegal that promises to excite fans and pundits alike, with no clear favourite emerging from their contrasting styles. This season has been a record-breaker: Donegal have already secured a record nine Championship wins and are on the cusp of breaking the all-time single-season points record having amassed an astonishing 268 points in just nine games. Amidst this season of change, Kerry now seek to add a sense of tradition, aiming for their

39th All-Ireland title to further cement their legendary status.

Donegal and Kerry will meet for a second time in the GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship final on Sunday. The Kingdom were victorious in 2014 when they halted Donegal's dreams of a second Sam Maguire in three years. Kerry last lifted Sam in 2022, but their most recent memory of the final is defeat in 2023 to Dublin. Meanwhile, Tír Chonaill last tasted All-Ireland success in 2012, led by the familiar faces of Jim McGuinness and Michael Murphy.

Both teams took the scenic route to the final, playing the preliminary quarter-final on the way to Croke Park. Interestingly both teams lost in the group stages of the Championship to each other's semi-final opponents. Tyrone overturned Donegal in round 1 but David Clifford and company had no issues dispatching the Red Hand the first semi-final as Joe O'Connor starred from midfield, solidifying his All-Star credentials. Earlier in the Championship Meath shocked Kerry in Tullamore, but Donegal were ruthless in attack winning by a 20-point margin in the second semi-final.

As the season draws to a close, AIB is proud to celebrate the dedication of GAA volunteers once more through the Volunteer VIP competition, returning for a third year, which will culminate in a truly 'money-can't-buy' experience on All-Ireland Final Sunday. Deserving GAA volunteers will embark on an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of Croke Park on Sunday morning, culminating in coveted

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AIB CEO, Colin Hunt said: "AIB is immensely proud to continue sponsoring what has been a historic and record breaking year for intercounty football. This season, defined by its unpredictability, has kept supporters gripped, sparking conversations nationwide about the thrilling new era of our game. This weekend's All-Ireland final promises to showcase the incredible talent and passion that the GAA consistently produces. But beyond the spectacle of the game, it's the vibrant community and the tireless dedication of volunteers that truly make these competitions special. To all those who give so much, we extend our sincerest thanks, and we wish the very best of luck to both Donegal and Kerry as they compete for the Sam Maguire."

Uachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael, Jarlath Burns said: "AIB's steadfast support for the GAA, from the grassroots club level right through to the inter-county game, is commendable and deeply valued. This season has been one of unprecedented excitement and competitiveness, a testament to the thrilling new era of Gaelic Football. As we look forward to what promises to be a magnificent All-Ireland final, a fitting end to a remarkable Championship, I would like to wish the players, management, and fans of both counties the very best of luck."





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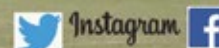
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All Ireland Final Preview



DONEGAL

Ever since the return of Jimmy McGuinness, Donegal have been on every radar when it comes to contenders for Sam Maguire. McGuinness

is arguably the most iconic individual in the modern era of gaelic games. Back in the late nineties, he arrived in Tralee as part of a star-studded Tralee RTC team – Seamus Moynihan, Pádraig Joyce, Michael Cloherty, Barry O'Shea, Mike Frank Russell, Jack Ferriter, Michael Donnellan....

Bearded, long-haired McGuinness had the look of a celtic warrior out of a Jim Fitzpatrick painting. He also had an All Ireland medal, having been on the Donegal panel in 1992 as a teenager when they won their first ever All Ireland. The likes of Martin McHugh, the Boyles, Brendan Devenney, and Anthony Molloy were household names. McGuinness was quietly soaking it all up. By the mid-noughties he cut a more sombre, mature figure as he quietly masterminded underage success for Donegal, having furthered his sports education and broadened his already formidable knowledge. Donegal, where fishing, small farming, and emigration constituted the vast majority of employment prospects, always had great sporting people, but no illustrious sporting history of its own. McGuinness certainly didn't rewrite that script on his own, far from it, but he helped lay down the battle plans. In 2010 they agonisingly lost to Dublin in the U21 All Ireland Final when the team captain blasted a late penalty off the crossbar. That would have broken a lot of previous Donegal teams. This one followed McGuinness into senior ranks and two years later that U21 captain, Michael Murphy, was Footballer of the Year and Jimmy McGuinness's Donegal were All Ireland champions for the second time.

There nearly came a third in 2014, but Kerry were standing in their way and prevailed. McGuinness left to take up a professional role with Glasgow Celtic and worked as a soccer coach for a number of years. In his absence Donegal continued to produce great young footballers. By the time he returned to the helm, Donegal were ready to follow their messiah to



Kerry last played Donegal in the League in February 2025: Photos: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans.

the promised land again and they look as if they have footballers capable of doing it. One of the most influential has been that self-same Michael Murphy, who came out of retirement for one more push. It's been the longest championship campaign in GAA history, with no less than ten games under their belt already. Donegal have lost one match in a group stage. They have looked better the longer the campaign has gone on. Now they stand one game away from history. Standing in their way? Once again, it's Kerry.

National League

Round 1: Donegal 0-20 Dublin 0-16
Round 2: Kerry 1-18 Donegal 0-23
Round 3: Donegal 0-21 Armagh 1-10
Round 4: Galway 0-21 Donegal 0-14
Round 5: Donegal 1-22 Derry 1-19
Round 6: Donegal 0-19 Tyrone 0-25
Round 7: Mayo 1-18 Donegal 1-16

Ulster Championship

Preliminary Round:
Donegal 1-25 Derry 1-15

Quarter-Final:

Donegal 0-23 Monaghan 0-21

Semi-Final:

Donegal 1-19 Down 0-16

Final:

Donegal 2-23 Armagh 0-28

Group Stage

Donegal 0-20 Tyrone 2-17
Donegal 3-26 Cavan 1-13
Donegal 0-19 Mayo 1-15

Preliminary Quarter-Final:

Donegal 2-22 Louth 0-12

Quarter-Final:

Donegal 1-26 Monaghan 1-20

Semi-Final:

Donegal 3-26 Meath 0-15

Donegal set out their stall early by comfortably seeing off Dublin's second half fightback in Ballybofey to open their National League



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campaign with a big win, even without Michael Murphy. They followed up with an even more impressive scalp – Kerry in Killarney. There couldn't be any complaints, either. Donegal were the better side all through. Kerry did rally impressively near the finish, but Donegal hit the last score for a deserved victory. Again, that was without Murphy, while Michael Langan had withdrawn from the action after just four minutes.

Michael Murphy was back to face Armagh. Were the All Ireland finalists being a bit cagey about showing their full hand to Ulster opponents? Maybe, maybe not. It certainly wasn't vintage Armagh, but it's doubtful whether they could have lived with Donegal's raking pace and accuracy on the day as the home side racked up a comfortable win.

Donegal were missing Murphy, McBrearty, and McHugh against Galway and it told, as did the shooting form of Shane Walsh for the winners as last year's All Ireland finalists racked up Donegal's first defeat. Next up was another Ulster derby, this time against Derry. Donegal were outplayed for the most part, even if Michael Murphy's introduction at half-time did help matters, and trailed by 1-19 to 0-15 with twelve minutes left. However, Donegal fired the engines at that point while Derry lost the influential Brendan Rogers. That last ten minutes made a lot of people sit up, as Donegal racked up 1-7 without reply to accelerate past their local rivals with formidable ease in the finish.

At this stage Donegal looked well on their way

to a National League Final and Tyrone looked bound for Division Two. Jimmy McGuinness had pointed out with straightforward honesty that Donegal were not all that interested in playing another game, even a final, so close to the start of the Ulster Championship. Whether that played a part is hard to tell, but it is worth mentioning that Jimmy McGuinness has never lost a competitive Donegal game in Ballybofey – and still hasn't, this game was played in Letterkenny. Tyrone, battling for survival, were at full strength. Donegal were...not, and this result was not considered the surprise it might seem at first glance. Donegal's final game, against relegation-threatened Mayo, was a real rollercoaster. Donegal had quickly wiped out Mayo's four point half-time lead. Mayo responded with five unanswered points on the trot, only for Donegal to do likewise. Mayo led by two with six minutes left. Dara Ó Baoill had a penalty saved and Hugh McFadden hit the post with a goal attempt. Odhran Doherty pointed to leave one between them. A late point for Ryan O'Donoghue meant that Mayo, who had been staring relegation in the face just minutes before, would face Kerry in the National League Final, while Donegal could look back with real satisfaction on their own campaign.

Donegal opened their Ulster Championship with a preliminary match against Derry. Preliminary or not, this was straight knockout. Shaun Patton had to save an early Shane McGuigan penalty but Donegal's running game, coupled with the shooting accuracy of Dara Ó Baoill and Paddy McBrearty, saw them

open up a six point gap. Dan Higgins did goal for Derry, but Ó Baoill replied and Donegal led by 1-12 to 1-5 at the break. Derry did hit back early in the second half but Donegal always had enough firepower to see off the challenge. Monaghan might not have won Ulster in a decade (they lost by a point to Tyrone in 2021) but they are always there or thereabouts and showed it again by putting Donegal to the pin of their collar. Donegal looked comfortable from early on and led by 0-14 to 0-8 at half-time, even before ringing on All Star Oisín Gallen. Monaghan, thanks to some terrific two point shooting, got right back into it in the second half and made it tight but an outstanding Michael Langan with four points and Finbarr Roarty with an important kick managed to keep Donegal in front and they still had two points to spare at the final whistle.

Donegal were hot favourites against Down in the semi-final and soon lived up to that billing. Donegal were slightly lucky as Down botched a goal chance, but what happened next is worth noting. Shaun Patton launched the ball out, Oisín Gallen on the run laid off to Michael Langan, who in turn found Paddy McBrearty for the goal. I emphasize the rapid build-up because that is trademark Donegal and any team facing them would be well advised to take note of that instant and deadly riposte. That's what Donegal do, and it was no surprise as Donegal won out by 1-19 to 0-16.

It's fair to say that Armagh v Donegal, a repeat of last year's Ulster Final, was always likely to stir the blood. And the game lived up to all the hype,

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That set up an enthralling final group game against Mayo. First round defeats for both sides meant that the likelihood was that this was going to be the last game of the 2025 championship for one or the other. Donegal made a strong start and, while Mayo hit back with three points during Peadar Mogan's black card absence, the Ulster champions were full value for a 0-9 to 0-6 half-time lead. David McBrien's goal in the second half gave Mayo a lead of 1-12 to 0-13, but Dara Ó Baoill equalised with a two pointer. It was nip and tuck from then on, with Shaun Patton making a great save

Meath were the story of the year so far and there was huge support for the Royals in Croke Park for the semi-final. They had established a reputation as two point shooters as they beat Dublin, Kerry, and Galway along the way. A focussed Donegal side were an entirely different proposition, though, and Meath found it very hard from early on to get that two point game going as they were forced to shoot from awkward angles or under pressure, coughing

Michael Murphy is the best footballer of his generation for me and the epicentre of Donegal's attack. He is also Donegal's trouble-shooter. It was particularly noticeable in the maelstrom of that Ulster Final, for example, that



Action from Kerry V Donegal in the National League. Photos: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans.



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Murphy was their go-to man and won almost every ball that came his way (including one absolutely phenomenal catch that reminded of the NFL's famous 'hail mary'). In a game where possession was paramount, he was the difference. Always good for scores himself (he is Donegal's top scorer), he is a focal point of attention and brings the likes of the O'Donnells, Daire Ó Baoill, and Ciarán Thompson into play. Donegal are a running team but, most importantly, they almost never miss. Give the likes of Oisín Gallen (1-23) an opportunity and it's already all over. Add in the likes of Caolán McGonagle, Jamie Brennan, Jason McGee, Stephen McMenamin, Odhrán McFadden-Ferry.....any of those players can be thrown straight into the mixer and fit in seamlessly.

KERRY



By any standards, Kerry would have to be considered among the aristocrats of gaelic football. Not only have we won the most All Ireland Finals, we have also lost the most finals.

The underlying truth is that we could easily attach caveats to that – Munster has also six teams, and five of them would consider hurling by far the most predominant sport. Cork have always been a formidable obstacle, but they were often our only obstacle en route to an All Ireland semi-final. With Munster seeded, four games often sufficed to bring Sam Maguire back to the McGillicuddy Reeks. Four games, every one of them a ferocious battle, would just about get an Ulster team to their provincial final.

From the days when Dublin-educated teachers brought the Davin brothers codified version of the old game of caid to Kerry and to JP 'Champion' O'Sullivan and his Laune Rangers rugby team in Killorglin, to crowds gathering around the telegraph office in Tralee to hear ticker-tape updates of All Ireland Finals in Jones' Rd. while the kids played codball with papiér mache 'footballs' in Rock St. And dreamed of rising like Pat 'Aeroplane' O'Shea, to the more disciplined game promoted by the likes of Dick Fitzgerald, political opponents Con Brosnan and John Joe Sheehy, Paddy Kennedy rising one-handed for the ball to the approval of the Champion's son, John Joe's sons in turn donning the green and gold....agile Johnny Culloty, Tom Long,, and the quiet-spoken greatest of them all, Dwyer with his shark's smile moving from player to manager with ease....

Anyone is free to impose any caveats they want. Larry Stanley was one of the greatest footballers of all time. He had to prove it against Kerry. The 'Boy Wonder' Tommy Murphy – you will often see pundits compile lists of contenders for the 'greatest of all time', if the Louth footballer's name isn't on it, you can safely ignore any such article – needed no telling about Kerry football. Maurice Hayes was a giant on fields far removed and more important than football,

but he transformed his beloved Down team's fortunes at the start and brought Sam Maguire across the border by beating Kerry, they did it three times in a decade, so did that great Galway team, the heirs of Purcell and Stockwell. Football took a more professional approach in the seventies. Heffernan, who had been part of Dublin's fifties revival with St. Vincents, helmed that revolution at Jimmy Gray's request. Mick O'Dwyer's team of bachelors rose eagerly to that challenge. By the eighties they reigned supreme. Kerry hit upon a fallow period by our own standards, a mere eleven years. Maurice Fitzgerald was heralded as the best footballer to never win an All Ireland under Maurice decided he had had enough of that and wrote himself into legend. Páidí, like his beloved Dwyer before him, moved from player to manager with equal success. His nephews never hurt the cause either, nor did a red-haired dynamo at corner forward. He had followed Mikey Sheehy as a magician with the scoreboard, We thought we would never see the likes again. Even as Colm Cooper was stepping away, Kerry's first successful minor manager in twenty years was regretting that a new rule meant that he could not bring in a U16 player to the minor panel for the following year's campaign. That was 2015. The U16 player was a young lad named David Clifford. The manager was Jack O'Connor, who already had All Irelands under his belt. Kerry football.

We are knocking at that door once again. Do you really have to ask yourself why?

Jimmy McGuinness is one of the most admired managers of the modern era, and fully deservedly so. But I think that people outside of Kerry, and maybe a few inside it, tend to forget that only Jim Gavin has a better record than Jack O'Connor, and it's the Dromid man who has done it at all grades. You are going all the way back to the early nineties when himself and the great George Dennis masterminded Vocational Schools All Irelands.

Kerry have been close to All Irelands over the past decade. Close, but not close enough, with the exception of that 2022 win. They were caught by a Dublin surge in 2023 and succumbed to Armagh's pace and power

after looking the better side for the earlier part of last year's semi-final. This year they had their mettle tested early on by Cork and were widely written off after being so comprehensively beaten by Meath. Easy to be wise after an event, but that defeat in particular seemed to kick-start Kerry. Certainly the players knew that they were better than that display (a number of them have openly acknowledged it), and they have been gathering a head of steam ever since.

Shane Ryan has been up among the best goalkeepers in the country over the past while and has pulled off some stunning saves already this year, e.g. against Darragh Canavan v Tyrone. Jason Foley is one of Kerry's guaranteed All Stars already – I expect Donegal to try to pull him out of position; I'd be delighted if they decided to put Michael Murphy in there as a challenge, I think Jason would love that. With Tom O'Sullivan dealing with injury along the way, Dylan Casey has really stepped up this year, while Paul Murphy's calm experience and reliability will see him assigned to one of the big threats. Mike Breen looks likely to resume his role at number six – he has really stamped his mark this year and gets the nofd ahead of Tadhg Morley. Outside him both Gavin White and Brian Ó Beaglaíoch are at least as much threats as deterrents.

Midfield is a key battleground and with Diarmuid O'Connor's shoulder injury and then Barry Dan O'Sullivan, having just nailed down a place, limping off, Kerry were very much expected to struggle in this area. Joe O'Connor, for my money, has been sensational this year (I would have him just ahead of Donegal's Langan) and in Footballer of Year territory. Much more significantly, though, Seán O'Brien and Mark O'Shea have really seized their chance. From fringe panel players, both have earned starting jerseys. I was initially sceptical of Graham O'Sullivan moving from defence to wing forward – it's an experiment I have seen often and usually costs you a quality defender with out adding much to the middle third. This one is an exception, Graham has taken to the role with ease and is not only key to the middle





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third but also comes up with a score or two in every game.

In scoring terms, Seán O'Shea is an absolute nightmare for teams because of his effectiveness both inside and outside him. He sliced a good Armagh defence to ribbons with his movement even before his long range accuracy really came into play. If you target him, you leave yourself open inside – Tyrone concentrated on Seáníe, and I'd say poor Pádraig Hampsey wasn't exactly thankful afterwards. Kerry are a kicking team for the most part, whereas Donegal rely on ball-carrying for the most part. If Michael Murphy is the kicking exception with Donegal, Paudie Clifford is most definitely the ball-carrying exception for Kerry, and he is the one player that can open up their defence. Dylan Geaney is very good – really good, I think he's very under-rated at the art – of creating space with his movement. Possibly even better than his more illustrious cousin, and that's no small saying. Paul Geaney was superb in winning his first All Ireland against Donegal and a fully fit Paul would be a massive asset for Kerry. He's a deadly threat in his own right, an excellent ball-winner, and adept at drawing attention and opening space himself. That space, of course, is always intended for one man. David Clifford is simply a phenomenon and you build your tactics, whether offensively or defensively, around a talent like this. Can Kerry bring him into play? That's not the question. Can Tyrone keep him out of the play? No team has succeeded in that over seventy minutes. That said, this will be a high-scoring All Ireland. Donegal are admirably clinical with every chance, while Kerry have some spectacular shooters and a penchant for creating goal chances (slightly less of a penchant, so far, for converting them, but hopefully this is the day for that). I'd always be bringing Micheál Burn's dynamism (he's unlucky not to start) and Killian Spillane's guaranteed score-getting into play, while Kerry have options like Tony Brosnan, Conor Geaney, and Dara Moynihan to call on. It will be a high paced game. Donegal are ferociously fit. They will be sprinting at the finish and we will have to match them. Goals will be crucial and, as good as Donegal are at finishing them, I think Kerry are that little bit more dangerous in that regard with the likes of Joe O'Connor breaking the line and David Clifford hunting. In terms of points Donegal will pick off scores at pace, but I think that Kerry could profit a lot by getting pressure on the likes of Langan, Thompson, and Ó Baoill for the two point shots.

It's going to be a very close, intense game, and I expect it to be in the mixer right up to the final whistle. I'm tempting fate I know, but I like the look of this Kerry team. Will the injuries finally prove too much for us? I actually think they have made us stronger. By five o'clock next Sunday, we'll all know whether I am right or wrong. Either way, it's going to be a rollercoaster ride.

National League

Round 1: Derry 1-24 Kerry 5-15

Round 2: Kerry 1-18 Donegal 0-23 (Saturday, February 8th)

Round 3: Kerry 1-15 Dublin 0-19

Round 4: Tyrone 2-13 Kerry 3-13

Round 5: Mayo 0-21 Kerry 1-16

Round 6: Kerry 2-21 Armagh 0-17

Round 7: Galway 2-19 Kerry 3-24

Final: Kerry 1-18 Mayo 1-12

Munster Championship

Semi-Final: Kerry 3-21 Cork 1-25

Final: Kerry 4-20 Clare 0-21

Group Stage

Round One: Kerry 3-18 Roscommon 0-17

Group Two: Kerry 1-28 Cork 0-20

Round Three: Meath 1-22 Kerry 0-16

Preliminary Quarter-Final:

Kerry 3-20 Cavan 1-17

Quarter-Final:

Kerry 0-32 Armagh 1-21

Semi-Final:

Kerry 1-20 Tyrone 0-17

Kerry had some blips in the National League. After a five-goal opener against Derry, Kerry were badly caught in the second quarter of a weather-delayed second round against Donegal to trail by four at the break in the Fitzgerald Stadium. Kerry did improve in the second half and Diarmuid O'Connor's 62nd minute goal made it look as though Kerry might get a share of the spoils. However Donegal finished strongly to win by two points and fully deserved it.

More worrying was Kerry's second half collapse against Dublin. A one point defeat in testing weather conditions, even at home, might not sound like too much, but a different picture is painted with the realisation that Kerry had led by 1-12 to 0-4 at the break. Yes, Dublin did have that very strong second half wind, but were left with questions after being so comprehensively outplayed in that second half.

It also has to be pointed out that the likes of Donegal, Armagh, and Galway had at least one eye on upcoming provincial championship games when it came to the latter rounds and in the case of the Ulster teams at least, were not exactly subtle about their lack of interest in contesting a National League Final – given the tightness of current schedule of games, they can hardly be blamed. Kerry qualified for the League Final, something that had looked unlikely with three games to go, and the fact of a first round bye in the Munster Championship may not have hurt their chances in doing so. Nonetheless Kerry did qualify for that League Final and were hugely impressive in outplaying a very good Mayo side on the day. Much was made at the time of Jack O'Connor's previous record of following up on National League titles by annexing Sam Maguire. Personally, I think that the best league side in the country being among the leading contenders for the championship is pretty much the exact opposite of a statistical anomaly and requires no superstition. Nevertheless Kerry could face into the championship with confidence and with silverware already in the cupboard.

Cork in the Munster Final. The general consensus

(and my own opinion) was that while Cork were a decent side, a fairly nondescript Division Two campaign hadn't shown any particular danger signs. How wrong we all were – Cork were absolutely magnificent in a thunderous battle. I may have an obvious bias as a Kerry supporter, but I honestly thought and still think that was one of the best championship contests of the year. With the likes of Brian O'Driscoll, Ian Maguire, Seán McDonnell, and Paul Walsh driving them forward, a fearless Cork took the game to Kerry and there was very little between the sides all through a rip-roaring contest until Joe O'Connor drove through for what must be a goal of the year contender that finally secured a hard-won Kerry victory.

Little enough need be said about the Munster Final itself. Clare did their best, but in truth Kerry never had to reach for second gear. They led by 4-10 to 0-7 at the break and the result was beyond any doubt long before the final whistle.

Kerry were drawn in the group stage against Roscommon, Cork, and Meath. It wasn't seen as a particularly challenging draw for Kerry, who would not be meeting any Division One opposition until the knock-out stages.

That general opinion appeared to be confirmed as Kerry saw off Roscommon by 3-18 to 0-17 in Killarney. Roscommon had put it up to Kerry in a tight enough first half but Kerry had still pulled five points clear by the break and second half goals from David Clifford, Paul Geaney, and Gavin White made for a comfortable finish.

Cork were up next and the memory of that cracking Munster semi-final added a lot of interest to the build-up to the match in Páirc Uí Caíomh. While the game didn't quite match the quality of that earlier encounter, it wasn't far off it in standard either. However, injuries – and Kerry were already down a few players – really began to be felt. By half-time Kerry had lost Barry Dan O'Sullivan, Paudie Clifford, and Paul Geaney, as well as facing a three point deficit and losing Joe O'Connor for the start of the second half to a black card. Cork actually opened the second half scoring, but Kerry looked a far more purposeful side now with subs like Mark O'Shea and Killian Spillane slotting in seamlessly and their greater scoring power soon saw them take control and run out comfortable winners, albeit with those injuries having ramifications for the future.

Meath were already one of the big stories of the year after seeing off raging hot favourites Dublin in the Leinster semi-final. They had capitulated to Louth in the Leinster Final itself (prompting stories of the notorious final between the two sides in 2010). The Tailteann Cup winners of two years ago were a much more formidable outfit than in recent years, but still underdogs against the Kingdom. Except that nobody told them.

It's fair to say that a hungry Meath totally outplayed a listless Kerry side. We were second to every ball. With Seán O'Shea and Brian Ó Beaglaíoch joining the big injury list, Kerry could point to injuries as something of an excuse. To their credit, they didn't; the performance simply wasn't good enough and Kerry players and management were open



in acknowledging that. But, considering that Kerry had still not met top tier opposition, the manner of that 1-22 to 0-16 defeat (especially one solitary two pointer) sowed real doubts about Kerry's All Ireland credentials.

That defeat meant that Kerry would miss out on the week's break, badly wanted with those injuries, and have to play in a preliminary quarter-final. To say that being drawn against the reigning All Ireland champions, an Armagh side who had given Kerry a hard lesson in last year's All Ireland semi-final, was a further blow to public morale is an understatement. The general consensus was that a Kerry side who had been soundly beaten by Meath and without several top players were not going to stay with a formidable Armagh, especially given the depth of their bench and paucity of ours.

Faced with a hand like that, a team can rise or fold. Kerry rose. Seán O'Shea was absolutely incandescent, scorching repeatedly through Armagh's defence, Joe O'Connor continued his player of the year form, captain Gavin White was a driving force, but it was the displays of less heralded players like Dylan Casey, Seán O'Brien, Mark O'Shea, and a dynamic Graham O'Sullivan that really showcased Kerry's championship credentials. Armagh led by a point at the break and actually led by five points early in the second half. But Kerry were treading water rather than foundering, and they really unleashed their firepower in a fifteen minute spell where they clocked up a whopping fourteen points. I will venture to say that it was close to football perfection in terms of synchronicity and execution; I don't believe that any team could have stayed with them in that period.

Kerry faced a Tyrone side who had outlasted Dublin in a poor enough contest in the quarter-final. Much of the pre-match build-up revolved around the previous history between the teams, particularly in the noughties. Too much so, I felt; I doubt if said history meant all that much in two ambitious training camps. As it was, Darragh Canavan did prove a huge handful for Kerry, but Tyrone had few enough scoring threats without him. They cleaned Kerry out on their early kick-outs and opened a 0-5 to 0-2 lead, but Kerry and David Clifford soon asserted themselves. Clifford scored the game's only goal to give Kerry a 1-9 to 0-9 half-time lead on his way to a personal tally of 1-9 for the game. It says a lot that the man of the match award was given instead to Kerry's powerhouse Joe O'Connor. Both of them must have their name on All Stars already – it's not All Star awards that either of them are looking for, though. Once again it was in the second half that Kerry really blossomed (it definitely appears to be a trend with this team), reeling off nine unanswered points on the trot in the third quarter. It was always comfortable after that. In fact, Kerry could have scored five goals on another day – Naill Morgan was superb in the Tyrone goal while Kerry left some good chances behind them. It doesn't matter. You can follow a team's form and draw your own conclusions, but neither Jack O'Connor nor

Jimmy McGuinness needs to be told an All Ireland Final is a game that takes on a life and a narrative of its own.

2014 ALL IRELAND SENIOR FINAL

Kerry 2-9 Donegal 0-12

The only time that Kerry and Donegal contested the Sam Maguire prior to this year was back in 2014. It had been an interesting championship, with all four provincial winners prevailing in the quarter-finals to reach the last four.

Kerry faced Mayo and things looked good at half-time as Kerry led by four, while Mayo had lost the influential Lee Keegan to a red card. However, Mayo fought back in the second half and went ahead through Cillian O'Connor's 59th minute penalty. Kieran Donaghy was hugely influential on his introduction and a late point by Kieran O'Leary secured a draw. The replay, unusually, was scheduled for the Gaelic Grounds and was arguably the best game of the championship. Mayo made the better start, Cillian O'Connor slotting a penalty and adding a goal from play soon after to help Mayo into a seven point lead. Kerry rallied to trim it back to 2-5 to 1-5 at the break, Kieran Donaghy with Kerry's goal. Mayo opened the second half scoring, but Kerry rallied to notch 1-3 on the trot, with James O'Donoghue coolly slotting a penalty.

Michael Murphy, Ryan McHugh, Paddy McBrearty, and Hugh McFadden remain from that Donegal panel, while Paul Geaney is the only current player from the Kerry panel that day. It has to be said that an accidental clash of heads between Aidan O'Shea and Cillian O'Connor didn't hurt Kerry's cause, with O'Connor having to go off and Aidan O'Shea far less influential on his resumption. Andy Moran pounced for an opportunistic Mayo goal to make it 3-7 to 2-9. The sides traded scores, with Mayo still a point in front when the outstanding James O'Donoghue scored his second penalty and Kerry just about prevailed in a thrilling finale.

On the other side reigning All Ireland, National League, and Leinster champions Dublin were red hot favourites against a fairly defensive Donegal, and showed why by opening up a 0-8 to 0-3 lead through Paul Flynn and Diarmuid Connolly. However, Donegal rallied, and Ryan McHugh's goal gave them a 1-8 to 0-10 half-time lead. A second McHugh goal on the restart really put the wind in their sails and, just as it seemed Dublin were finally getting to grips with this attacking Donegal side, Colm McFadden struck for goal number three. It could have been more but for the brilliance of Stephen Cluxton on the day. Dublin appeared rattled; certainly, they kicked too many wides as Dublin ran out winners on a 3-14 to 0-17 scoreline. It was manager Jim Gavin's first championship defeat as with Dublin – incredibly, it would be his only one.

The 2014 Final was not a classic of its kind, not by any stretch of the imagination. Some said it was the worst final since 1962 – Kerry had



The O'Mahony's In Muckcross have pulled out all the stops to support Kerry this weekend.

won that one as well, seeing off Roscommon thanks to Garry McMahon's first minute goal. You can argue that history repeated itself, Paul Geaney goaling right at the start. Jimmy McGuinness had perfected the blanket defence approach pioneered successfully by Mickey Harte, frustrating teams by flooding the defence to force turnovers and then relying of fast-breaking counter-attacks to pick off teams. It was never pretty (in fact, it would lead to such abysmal spectacles that eventually the GAA would establish a committee under Jim Gavin to reform the playing rules for this year's championship) but it was effective. Kerry manager Eamonn Fitzmaurice was a purist of the game but unafraid of pragmatism either, and he countered like for like, playing defensively and refusing to be enticed into Donegal's swarm defence. It made for a tense, tit for tat game that was deadlocked at 1-3 to 0-6 by the break. It saided like that all through, with Kerry just about holding a one point lead. In the 50th minute Donegal finally made one small error. An insignificant moment in the vast majority of games, but an All Ireland Final with one Kieran Donaghy on high alert? There was a reason they called him 'star' (actually, it was to do with a jacket logo, but who could resist a line like that?) and Kerry had their second goal. Donegal resounded with three points, Kerry notched two more, still Donegal came back to trim the gap.....in a frantic finish, with just seconds on the clock, Colm McFadden's rocket came back off the butt of the post to leave Kerry victorious on a 2-9 to 0-12 scoreline. Will history repeat itself? We would gladly take it, but with the new rules, whichever team wins on this occasion will have to do so by attacking.

2014 ALL IRELAND MINOR FINAL

Unusually, the same two counties faced off in the All Ireland Minor Final, the curtain-raiser to the main event. On the Kerry side that day were Shane Ryan, Brian Ó Beaglaíoch, Tom O'Sullivan, Barry Dan O'Sullivan, Micheál Burns, Killian Spillane, and Jason Foley. Stephen McMenamin, Eoghan Ban Gallagher, and Caolan McGonigle lined out for Donegal that day.

KILLARNEY LEGION GAA CLUB

U8 BLITZ

We held our annual U8 blitz in Direen on Saturday morning which was a huge success. We were delighted to welcome teams from Cromane to Scartaglin and a big thanks to Justin Healy and Co. for a great morning. Thanks to all the helpers for the cake sale and all the people who baked the beautiful buns and cakes.

U14 BOYS

We came out flying in the first half of this U14 East Kerry league game against Kilcummin, played on Tuesday evening in Direen. We racked up an impressive first half total of 4-08 open up a commanding lead by half time. The intensity, movement, and finishing continued in the second half and despite both sides missing a few bodies, we took full advantage and didn't take their foot off the pedal. By the final whistle, the scoreboard read 5-17 to 4-03, to record an opening round win. A well-deserved victory built on a strong foundation early in the match. Credit to Kilcummin for battling and thanks to referee Evan Horan for officiating.

U16 BOYS

A very busy week for our U16 boys teams. On Tuesday night there was a dramatic win in Round 4 of Division 1 of the County League which kept hopes of a place in the semi-final alive. We played with the wind in the first half, but Listry dominated and deservedly led 1-5 to 0-6 at half time. We started the second half well and brought the game level. However, Listry pounced for two goals in quick succession to lead by six with 15 mins to go. The boys responded well and scored three points followed by a brilliant goal by Samuel Scroope to level the game again. Once more, Listry struck for a goal. The drama didn't finish there. We narrowed the gap to two, and with the last move of the game, the boys moved the ball from our own goal all the way up the field where Cian Hegarty finished the ball to the net. Well done to the boys for crafting out the win at the death against a very good Listry team. Thanks to Evan Horan for excellent officiating and so all roads led to Tralee on Thursday for our last group game against John Mitchels.

The boys dominated the game from the start against a John Mitchels team missing a few key players. After a strong first half performance, we led 3-11 to 1-7. The boys continued to play well in the second half and ran out good winners.

The team has recovered well after losing their first round game and, in winning the last 4 games, have qualified for the semi-final, which are due to be played next Thursday.

Our U16B Team hosted Listowel Emmets in Round 4 of the Division 9 of the County League on Friday evening. It turned out to be an excellent encounter between 2 evenly matched teams. Thanks to some well worked scores we led by 0-7 to 1-2 at half time. The game remained close throughout the second half and the teams were level with a few mins to go. The boys found the bit extra needed to kick the winning score and won out by a single point. A great team victory where everyone played their part. Thanks to Listowel Emmets players and management

for a brilliant game and to Tim O'Donoghue for top class officiating. Our last group game is against Scartaglin next Tuesday. Final Score Killarney Legion 0-16 Listowel Emmets 3-6.

MINOR BOYS

A disappointing end to the group stages of the County League Division 1 which have been generally quiet positive but there was a lack of intensity in the defensive phase, a lack of breaking ball winning ability from kickouts and a lack of efficiency in front of goal at crucial moments which proved costly. The lads will be on action in a semi final in two weeks time so plenty to work on in the meantime.

Well done to the amalgamated South Kerry team on their first win. Final score Killarney Legion 4-13 Na Fianna 3-19.

SENIOR LADIES

Our senior ladies travelled to Tralee on Monday evening to take on Kerins O Rahillys in Round 2 of the Corrib Oil League. On a very wet and windy evening, it was the home team who started the better and led at half time 3-06 to 0-4 with some well taken goals. We mounted a spirited comeback in the second half to close the deficit only for the hosts to get two further goals to settle the contest. Final score Kerins O Rahillys 5-10 Killarney Legion 2-09. The game marked Kiera Moynihans' senior debut, where she kicked a point and saw the return to action of Orianne McGillycuddy after illness and Lauren Carey after injury.

KERRY LADIES

Congratulations to the Kerry U16 Ladies team, who captured the All Ireland title on Wednesday night in Nenagh, defeating Mayo on a scoreline of 4-17 to 0-5. Our own Sophie O Shea was amongst the panel.

U18 LADIES

Well done to our U18 girls who took part in the second of the Super Touch (9-a-side) competition on Thursday evening in Fossa.

After a slow start in the first game against Fossa, the girls really grew into it and hit their stride in the second match — putting in a serious performance to come out 8-point winners against MKL. It was great to see the girls enjoying their football and showing such teamwork and energy throughout.

ALL IRELAND FINAL

We wish Darragh Lyne and the Kerry panel the very best of luck in this Sundays All Ireland Final in Croke Park. Jimmy McGuinness Donegal provide the opposition for what promises to be an epic battle.

LOTTO

Results Monday July 14th. Numbers were 14,18,19,20. Bonus No 6. No jackpot winner. Match 3s / Lucky Dips: 1. Kathleen Weber 2. Kay Murphy 3. Brian O Shea

EAST KERRY

EAST KERRY LEAGUE ROUND 2 RESULTS

Division 1

Kilcummin 0-09 Rathmore 2-07

Division 2

Spa 1-11 Listry 4-11

Firies 3-18 Currow 1-18

EAST KERRY JUNIOR LEAGUE DIVISION 1 FINAL

Division 1 (13/15 a side)

Final – Tuesday 29th July @ 7:30pm

If Kerry win All Ireland Final, game to be played Wednesday 30th.

Extra Time if necessary – result on the day

Division 2 (13/15 a side)

Round 4 – Tuesday 29th July @ 7:30pm

Currow V Listry

Gneeveguilla V Spa

Firies bye

EAST REGION U14 LEAGUE

Division 1

Killarney Legion 5-17 Kilcummin 4-03

Division 2

Currow 5-23 Kilgarvan 2-12

Glenflesk 5-29 Listry 1-04

Division 4

Spa B 5-13 Rathmore B 5-09

ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIP

Best of luck to the Kerry team in the 2025 All Ireland Final, from all in the East Kerry Board.

FOSSA GAA

LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 20/07/2025 for a jackpot of €11,700 were 2, 5, 12, 23. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Emer Hallissey, Teresa Kelly, Mike and Marie, Timmy Foley, Anna Johansen.

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

<https://fossagaa.clubforce.com/products/lotto/fossa-gaa-club-lotto>

MINOR COUNTY LEAGUE

Our minors produced a real gritty performance with a win away to Annascaul/Lispole on Monday evening. This game was played in atrocious conditions with a gale force wind and driving rain for the most part. Fossa played with the elements in the first half and Fionn Doyle landed a two pointer which was quickly followed by a point from Cathal Breen inside the opening two minutes. The wind proved tricky for both sides and it took a while for Fossa to get to grips with it, they enjoyed the lions share of possession around the middle third through Mark Kennelly and Ryan Brady while Jack Spillane dealt with any danger in defence. Scores from Shay McCormick, Harry O'Connor, Karl James O'Neill and a brace from Dylan O'Meara left Fossa ahead 0-11 to 0-2 at the break. Playing into the wind and rain in the second half, this team really showed their true spirit, Cathal Breen kicked the first score of the half and then David Butler kicked a fantastic point after a lung bursting run forward. Cathal Breen added another in the 10th



Fun, games and getting behind the Kerry Team at Spa Academy

minute before Annascaul/ Lispole got their first of the half. The home side kicked the next five points without reply and they scored a goal in the 20th minute but Fossa never panicked. Dara Whelton pulled off a great save and was getting great distance into his kickouts which was admirable given the conditions, they defended with great tenacity without giving away frees, the midfield fought and won lots of ball and the forwards worked their socks off. Harry O'Connor kicked a free to put Fossa four ahead in the 23rd minute, Annascaul/Lispole got their second goal in the 25th minute but again, Dylan O'Meara put two between the sides with time running out. The home side pulled a point back and got a free for a two pointer which would have won them the game but they missed it. It would have been harsh for Fossa to have lost it as their performance deserved the win and it finished Fossa 0-16, Annascaul/ Lispole 2-09.

CORRIB OIL SENIOR LEAGUE - ROUND 2

Kilcummin visited Fossa in the 2nd round of the Senior League. After a defeat by the minimum margin last week a good result was needed. However, a shaky start saw the visitors race into an early lead and Fossa, while creating the chances struggled to convert. After a few settling scores the shooting improved and from these many chances Fossa went in at the break up 2-08 to 1-04. An equally tough 2nd half followed and while the scores were again slow to come Fossa kept up the work rate, created the chances and converted enough to always keep the visitors at bay. Fossa ran out ready eventual winners 4-14 v 2-07. A great result in the middle of peak holiday season. Well done to all involved this evening. Next up Rd 3 and a trip to Ballymac.

U16 BOYS VS NA FIANNA - RD4 COUNTY LEAGUE

Fossa travelled to Templehoe to take on Na Fianna in their penultimate Division 5 county league fixture. Fossa made the brighter start, registering the opening two points of the game through Eoin Bennett and Mikey Moroney. Na Fianna responded in kind with two points of their own to level proceedings. Oisín Cryan and Sam O'Leary impressed in defence with composed and consistent performances. A well-taken point by James O'Meara was soon followed by a superb goal from Ross O'Gorman. The teams then traded two points apiece, before Na Fianna found the net themselves and quickly added a point to level the game once again. Further points from both sides saw the teams head into the break tied at 1-6 apiece.

Na Fianna edged in front early in the second half with a point, but Fossa responded with determination. Donnacha Vaughan struck for a crucial goal and Luke Clancy added a point before following up with an impressive two-pointer, extending Fossa's lead to five. Na Fianna clawed back two points to reduce the gap to three and threatened a goal, only to be denied by an excellent save from the ever-reliable Dara Whelton in goal. The teams exchanged scores again, with Ben O'Sullivan on target for Fossa, Luke Clancy and Donnacha Vaughan began to take control in midfield, driving Fossa forward as they notched an unanswered 1-4, the goal coming from Eoin Bennett. Na Fianna managed a late consolation point, leaving the final score at



Congratulations to six of St. Brigid's Presentation students from left Naoise O'Connor, Kelsey Cummins, Megan O'Reilly, Tara O'Sullivan, Sophie O'Shea and Annie Brosnan who proudly represented Kerry in the All-Ireland U16 Football Final at McDonagh Park in Nenagh Wednesday night!

In an outstanding display of teamwork, skill, and determination, Kerry powered to victory with a final score of Kerry 4-17 – 0-5 Mayo! Well done to the All Ireland Champions!!

3-14 to 1-11 in Fossa's favour.

It was a hard-earned away win against a strong Na Fianna outfit. Fossa now look ahead to their final league game of the week, facing St Pats/ Castlegregory on Thursday night.

U16 BOYS RD-5 COUNTY LEAGUE.

Fossa hosted St Pats/Castlegregory in the final game of the Division 5A County League. Both teams traded two scores apiece in the opening ten minutes, with Fossa's points coming from James O'Meara and Morgan O'Brien. The Fossa boys then enjoyed a strong spell, with Ross O'Gorman finding the net and James O'Meara adding a point.

St Pats/Castlegregory responded impressively, hitting four unanswered points to level the game. To their credit, Fossa regrouped well and registered three points through James O'Meara (2) and Luke Clancy. That left Fossa leading 1-6 to 0-6 at the break.

Luke Clancy and Donnacha Vaughan were excelling in midfield, while Charlie Griffin and Paddy Myers worked tirelessly to keep things solid at the back. Up front, James O'Meara and Eoin Bennett were proving a constant threat to the SPC defence. On the restart, Luke Clancy opened the scoring for Fossa. However, SPC then struck for a breakaway goal, reducing the deficit to just one. The Fossa lads responded well once more, with points from Luke Clancy, Johnny Myers, and James O'Meara pushing them four ahead. However SPC weren't done yet and hit back with two quickfire goals, suddenly turning the tide and leaving Fossa chasing the game.

A point from Mikey Moroney brought it back to a one-point game, but SPC added two more to stretch their lead to three. James O'Meara narrowed the gap to two, and in a dramatic finish, Fossa created several goal chances, the best of which unfortunately struck the crossbar. In the end, SPC held on to win 3-8 to 1-12.

It was a tough night for the boys, especially coming off the second game in three days. Best of luck to St Pats/Castlegregory in the rest of their County League campaign, and a big thank you to referee Ger O'Connor. Despite the result, the Fossa boys finish second in the group and

have now qualified for a Division 5 semi-final next week.

U-16 GIRLS

Well done to our Arcon Contracting Ltd sponsored U16 girls who had their first game in Div 3 of the Quilter Insulation Ltd Kerry LGFA U16 Co League.

Playing with a strong wind in the first half, our girls kicked some fine scores and went in at half time with a lead. Kilcummin came back strong in the second half but a solid defensive display by our girls backed up by serious work from our midfielders and forwards helped us secure the win. Our next game is home to Na Gael on Thursday July 31st.

CONGRATULATIONS

Massive congratulations to Tara O'Sullivan, Naoise O'Connor and Kelsey Cummins who won the All-Ireland U-16 A final with Kerry on Wednesday evening when they defeated Mayo in Nenagh by a resounding 4-17 to 0-5. Well done girls.

DR. CROKES

LOTTO took place July 21st. Numbers drawn were 3, 4, 24, 26. Jackpot of €9,500 was NOT WON. 4 patrons matched 3 numbers and receive €100 each. Jackpot for draw on July 28th will be €9,800. Play online by following the link below and follow instructions attached https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=734#Anchor (https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=734#Anchor)

BINGO

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

BEST OF LUCK to Gavin, Micheal, Tony, Shane, Mark, Evan and the Kerry Senior Football team in the All Ireland Football Final.

CONDOLENCES to the family of Seamus O'Sullivan Darcy. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a ainm.

NOTES

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KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL STOPPING HOUSE BUILDING IN KERRY

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

“ERRATIC
PLANNING
DECISIONS
WITHOUT
CONSEQUENCES
FOR
KERRY COUNTY
COUNCIL”

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

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

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

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



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



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

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



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

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You can also give your hedges a final trim until next years they will be very little growth from now on,

Don't go too hard especially with coniferous hedges as that would leaving them with dead looking patches for the winter.

Also the time is right to dead head your roses as this will keep them flowering into early Autumn. Roses that aren't looking too good now and have lost some of their foliage can be cut back a bit further to encourage new growth.



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A TALE OF INTREPID TRIUMPH

By Nicky Barry

That Cork folk are a hardy lot, no one can deny,
And so it is unusual, to see a rebel cry,
But on Sunday night I met a man, in a state of shock,
Who still could not believe, they hadn't won the cup.
He found it really hard to talk, with tears in his eyes,
For he had bet a fortune, that Cork would win the prize.
He could not see them beaten, by a Tipperary team,
Whom Cork had beaten twice this year, without raising steam.
And they had beaten Limerick too, in a penalty shoot-out,
And so were unbeatable; of that he had no doubt.
But the men from Slievenamon, are made of real stern stuff,
And of those pesky rebels, they had quite enough.
They tore into them from the start, like hurlers possessed,
For they were on a mission, to prove that they were best.
But still and all at half-time, they were six points behind,
And Cork folk had their chests out, for their lads were sublime,
But when the game re-started, the Tipp men all dug deep,
And the flying Leesiders, simply went to sleep.
Despite being red hot favourites, and the punters' bankers,
They crumpled on the Croke sward, like red leaderless lancers!





A Word of Victory



"And behold, a woman having a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, she was bent over and not able to lift herself up...." (Luke 13:11).

Welcome back dear student, multitudes are battling various diseases and infirmity. Sickness is a lonely place. People hope for help from medicine, and we thank God for nurses and doctors, but man has only so much help to offer - sometimes they have no answers or treatments. People struggle on as best they can. The lady in the Scripture above was doing that. There was no help for her, she was resigned to becoming weaker and weaker. Then one day she met Jesus. He spotted her in the synagogue and called her. What was she expecting to happen? She was bent over, crippled in her body. Many probably sympathised with her at her misfortune. Eighteen years is a long time to suffer. Perhaps she had tried various treatments, but now she was unable to lift herself up at all. This picture symbolises what conditions do to individuals and families. Sickness, disease, and infirmity bring oppression – the person's life, mind and expectations can be utterly pressed down. Everything circles around this trial. It's exhausting. They talk about lifting weights, but for someone enduring sickness - they're heavy lifting all the time. And it's easy to get tired and fed up. The Lord Jesus announced: "...dear woman you are loosed and healed of your infirmity!" Jesus cast out the demon that had attached itself to her creating the disease. How she rejoiced afterwards! This is a key missing factor nowadays - there is a root cause of infirmity and sickness. "And you know how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with Power Who went around doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil for God was with Him" (Acts 10:38).

Make no mistake friend, we have an enemy – Satan, and his agenda is to "steal, kill and destroy" (John 10:10; 2 Peter 5:8). Jesus exposed this and explained that God's will is that those who believe in Him live a full life, abundantly blessed. The Word teaches us that this is why Jesus came "to destroy the works of the devil" (1 John 3:8). The Lord described healing and deliverance as '...the children's bread' (Matthew 15:26; Mark 7:27). John declares that those who believe in Jesus become children of God (John 1:12). So therefore, if you believe in your heart that God's Son Jesus gave His life for your sins, and you repent and ask Him to come into your life, confessing Him as Lord and Saviour, and live for Him in obedience to His Word, you now are a child of God. "For His Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. And since we are His children, we are His heirs" (Romans 8:16-17). This qualifies you for all the blessings of inheritance that Jesus paid for with His Body and His Blood (1 Peter 2:24). If a loved one left you a valuable inheritance, would you accept it? Jesus doesn't push Himself upon anyone but longs that we would open the door of our hearts to let Him come in to dwell with and bless us (Revelation 3:20; John 15:4-7).

Everywhere He went Jesus healed people (Matthew 15:30; Luke 4:36-40). There were no hospitals back then. One woman had spent all she had to try and be healed (Mark 5:25-34). She had been bleeding for twelve years, and no one could help her. She was left poor and weak. But she heard about Jesus - sought Him out and was healed and made whole! Seek God's Word and ask Him to reveal the Truth. We pray for the sick at our Bible meetings, details below.

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 Please spread the word to those living away who might like to attend

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KILLARNEY SOCCER MEMORIES CAFÉ; Support for people living with dementia and their families. Thank you to all who attended last month. Our second monthly meeting is on Saturday next, 26th July 11am – 1pm, at the Day Centre of Cluid Housing, Cill na Darrach V93 VXY8 (beside Killarney Nursing Home, Rock Rd.) Please follow us on Facebook for updates and a video of where to find us at: [https:// www.facebook.com/share/19Bu6gJqo1/?mibextid=wwXlfr](https://www.facebook.com/share/19Bu6gJqo1/?mibextid=wwXlfr)

A PRAYER FOR OUR DECEASED LOVED ONES

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Dear Lord,
 Thank you for our loved ones
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 Watch over them and protect them,
 and bring them to the fulness of eternal joy where we hope one day
 to be united with them in your presence forever. Amen.

ON PASSING A GRAVEYARD

May perpetual light shine upon the faces of all who rest here.
 May the lives they lived unfold further in spirit.
 May all their past travail find ease in the kindness of clay.
 May the remembering earth mind every memory they brought. May the rains from the heavens fall gently upon them.
 May the wildflowers and grasses whisper their wishes into light. May we reverence the village of presence in the stillness of this silent

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*On your first anniversary Donal,
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*When god was making husbands as far
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especially for me, He made a perfect
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more love and affection than you could ever
wish to find, he gave my darling husband a
heart of solid gold, he gave me wonderful
memories only my heart can hold.
He was someone I could talk to that no one
can replace, he was someone I could laugh
with till tears fell down my face. Next time we
meet will be at heavens door, when I see you
standing there, I won't cry anymore.
I will put my arms around you and kiss your
smiling face, then the pieces of my broken
heart will fall back into place.*

Loved beyond words, and Missed
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Your loving wife Eileen XxX

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One Year Without You, Dad

*One year has passed Dad, and still we find,
Your love lives on, your heart entwined
In all we do, in all we see,
You're part of every breath beneath.*

*Your chair sits quiet, your voice is still,
But in our hearts, you always will
Be near in thought, in word, in prayer,
A father's love beyond compare.*

*We miss your laugh, your steady hand,
The way you'd listen Dad and understand.
Through tears and smiles, we honour you.
The life you lived, the love you knew.*

*Though time sadly moves on,
we hold you dear,
Your spirit strong, forever near.*

*A devoted dad, our guiding light,
Still loved, still missed, day and night.*

*On earth you toiled, in Heaven you rest,
God bless you Dad you were one of the best.*

Forever loved and dearly missed Elaine,
Adrian and Darren. XxX

*Not bound by blood, but love ran deep,
Donal gave us memories we'll always keep.
Someone special, strong and kind,
A rare and steady heart, so hard to find.*

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*"Your love, kindness and laughter will live
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You had a heart of gold,
You left so many memories
That we will always hold.
Our thoughts are always with you Paudie.*

Lovingly remembered by Mom, Dad,
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THINKING OF OUR
DEAR FRIEND
EUGE CARTON

ON HIS ANNIVERSARY



*The ones we love don't go away
they ride beside us every day*

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motorbike friends

NOVENA TO THE
SACRED HEART

Dear Heart of Jesus in the past I have asked
many favours. This time I ask you this
special one, (mention favour).

Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it
within your heart where your Father sees
it. Then in his merciful eyes it will become
your favour not mine.

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

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